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Today's weather

DUTLOOK

Clear skies tonight

Clear with lows 42 to 46, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

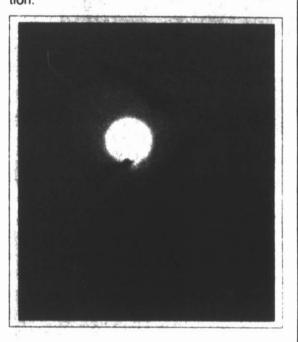
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with highs 80 to 85, south winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night: Mostly clear, lows 45 to 50.

 Extended forecast Thursday: Sunny, highs in the lower

Friday: Mostly clear, lows near 50, highs 80 to 85.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows in the upper 40s, highs near 80.
• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 68; low, 42; no precipita-



High pressure back; rain out of forecast

With high pressure once again in control of Texas weather, a slow warming trend is developing from near-record lows and moisture is out of the forecast.

Some fog shrouded parts of North Texas early today. Otherwise, skies were mostly clear to partly cloudy around the state. Early-morning temperatures ranged from

the lower 30s in the Panhandle to lower 60s in South Texas. It was 33 degrees at Dalhart, 42 at

Junction, 56 at El Paso and 64 at Port Isabel and McAllen. Wind chills dropped to the 20s in some

parts of the Panhandle with brisk winds. Winds were mostly northerly and northwesterly at 10 to 20 mph in the west, and

variable at less than 10 mph elsewhere. Through midweek, sunny and mild conditions were expected across most of the state. Highs should be in the 60s to upper 90s along the Rio Grande, with mid-60s to mid-70s in the mountains.

upper 30s in the Hill Country to low 60s along the South Texas coast.

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor The only thing missing was the public.

The hospital district directors conducted a public hearing at noon Monday in the board room of Hereford Regional Medical Center to give the public a chance to voice opinion.

If the members of the public have an opinion on the proposed tax rate, they kept those opinions to themselves, because no one attended the public hearing.

The hospital district is proposing a tax rate of 23.1 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of 1.98 cents.

The effective is 20.57 cents, while the rollback rate is 23.12 cents. The effective tax rate is the rate required to generate the same amount of revenue as the current level. If the rollback rate is exceeded, the taxpayers could petition for an election to decide if the level is allowed to stand.

The hospital district must conduct the public hearing because the proposed tax rate is more than 3 percent above the notice and hearing limit of 21.18 cents

The average taxable value of a residence within the hospital district has been pegged at \$46,902, up from \$46,013 this year. If the

PUBLIC(LESS) HEARING

■ Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors were available Monday to hear taxpayer comments about the proposed tax rate for the new budget year — but no members of the public showed up

> 23.1-cent rate goes into effect, the tax bill for the average residential property would be \$108.34, up from \$97.18 this year.

The proposed rate would generate \$1,339,186, up \$114,776 over the current year. The tax rate actually provides revenue for two areas - 20.83 cents provides maintenance/operations funding, while 2.27 cents is

for debt service. The maintenance/operations levy will generate \$1,207,587, while the debt service levy

will provide \$133,600. The board will meet at noon Thursday to

Chamber

has busy

week ahead

It will be a busy week for the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber will hold a business mixer at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the park adjacent to the John Pitman Mu-

The mixer will be sponsored by Buck's

Pizza and the Mark Andrews Agency.

Following the mixer, the chamber will hold its annual "after dark" solf tourne.

course at 8:30 p.m. or after it gets dar Participants should bring a flashli

to guide their carts. The entry fee is \$30 per person and golfers will be paired up

There also will be mystery prizes for the second-place and next-to-last teams. The chamber will hold its fall Tu

Lunch" at noon Friday at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. The

sponsor is Ken Branum of Branum's

Restaurant, which will serve the meal

register at the chamber office, 701 N

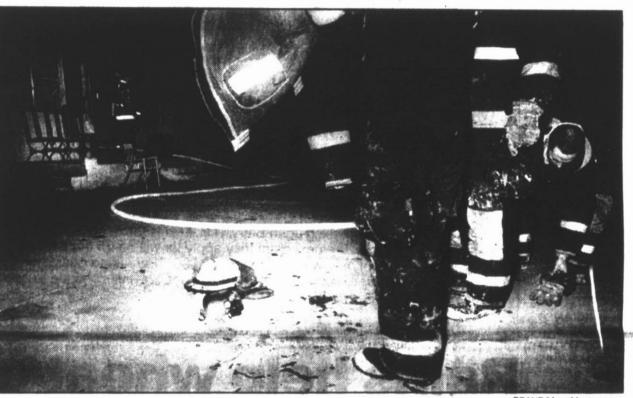
The cost of the meal is \$6. Ple

nicipal Golf Course pro shop.

cams. The win

ceive \$50 in merchandise.

adopt the tax rate.



Shucking gear — A Hereford volunteer firefighter shucks gear after a fire at 501 Blevins was extinguished. The Monday morning blaze was apparently started by a short in a waterbed heater.

The damage to the residence is estimated to be about \$15,000. No one was injured in the blaze.

County gets approval to combine precincts

By Donald Cooper

David Ruland can throw away the election

cast ballots at Hereford Junior High School, the Precinct 3 polling station.

Ruland requested expedited consideration of the Nov. 7 general election.



■ In wake of Firestone recall, automakers push for tire-pressure sensors

DETROIT (AP) - While most modern cars and trucks have electronic sensors to detect everything from oil quality to changes in vehicle direction, checking the air pressure in tires remains a manual chore.

But in the wake of the uproar over recalled Firestone tires, automakers are researching ways to add tire pressure monitoring systems. A few already sell models with a basic monitor that warns if pressure falls

DaimlerChrysler AG, are testing a system that would automatically keep tires inflated to a certain pressure and alert drivers to a slow leak. Suppliers say they're getting more calls for such devices, as automakers try to answer a newfound awareness of tire prob-

cheap," said David Champion, director of automotive testing for Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of-Consumer Reports magazine. "I think to have a pressure sensor that warns you when tire pressures are low .. that would be a great benefit to consum-

Tire pressure has become a focal point in the debate over Firestone tire failures linked to 101 deaths and 400 injuries. Critics have accused Ford of setting the tire pressure for the Firestones used on the Explorer wport utility vehicle too low, especially given that tires often run a few pounds per square inch

Ford President and CEO Jacques Nasser has promised Congress that the automaker would speed development of tire sensor systems. The only system Ford sells is a \$640 option on Lincoln Continental sedans equipped with run-flat tires.

drugs?" said the retired steelworker, rubbing his sore joint.

In bars and diners, supermarkets and country stores, at malls and on Main Streets "This is the deciding issue for me," said

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the consolidation because of preparations for kits and ballots for Precinct 3. The Deaf Smith County clerk got word Monday that His office sent ballots to the Lows overnight were expected in the printer. Because he had not the U.S. Justice Department is giving the county the goreceived a response from the Justice Department, Ruland ahead to consolidate voting had 60 ballots printed for Precincts 3 and 8. Precinct 8 and also requested In July, Ruland filed a election judge packets for the precinct — just in case. preclearance report with the Justice Department seeking **Herd moves** approval for a proposed to In April, the Deaf Smith County Commission authocombine Precincts 3 and 8. rized Ruland to proceed with Precinct 8 is in the sparsely the consolidation of the two up in to 4th populated western portion of precincts. A public hearing the county and the number of was held June 13 at Walcott registered voters has dropped **Deaf Smith** County Clerk David School, with no one from to 59, with fewer than 25 Ruland requested feds' OK to Precinct 8 appearing to comcasting ballots in elections. combine two voting precincts. ment. The commissioners In the preclearance report, voted June 26 to consolidate Ruland contended the expense of opening the Precinct 8 polling place in Precincts 3 and 8. too low. Precinct 8 has been losing voters steadily Others, including Ford Motor Co. and Walcott School cannot be justified by the normal turnout. With the Justice Department for the past several years. In 1990, the precinct had 84 registered voters, a total that has signing off on the consolidation of the two precincts, the former Precinct 8 voters will dropped to 59 now. Health care is top issue lems among consumers. "The technology's there, and it's relatively By Ron Fournier AP Political Writer WEST MIDDLESEX, Pa. -Norman Clark hunches over a beer, watching foam dribble down the bottle and into a pile of quarters — six will buy his next serving. "You know why I 1. WichitaFalls (15) wear this bracelet?" he asks a 2. Stephenville (4) across three Great Lakes states, voters shared stranger caught eyeing the copper band similar stories. It is clear from more than four 3. SanMarcos 147 "I wear it because I can't afford my pills." 137 dozen interviews last week that the issue has 4. Hereford (1) Clark thinks the bracelet will ease arthritis 113 outpaced others in the campaign battlegrounds Brownwood in his wrist. He bought it after using all the of Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. 6. Wolfforth Frenship free drug samples his doctor would give him. lower than recommended. 85 This could be good news for Democrat Al 7. Highland Park after the pharmacist charged \$175 to fill his 57 Gore, whose party holds the upper hand in 3-0 Nederland first prescription, after his wrist painfully 35 polls on health care. Republican rival George 9. Ennis swelled. "Who ... can afford that much for W. Bush hopes to erase that edge. 10. Port Arthur Lincoln

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School news

Administration

Hereford Independent School District's special education department will present a video explaining the ARD Committee Decision-making Process for the Texas Assessment Program (Grades 3-8) at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 on Hereford Cablevision

The same video will be offered for public viewing at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 in the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

District

All campuses will dismiss classes one hour early on Friday to facilitate transportation to the Borger football game.

Hereford High School

The college night program will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the HISD administration building. More than 30 colleges will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity for junior and senior students and parents to visit with the college representatives and pick up applications and scholarship information.

Homecoming dress up days will be Oct. 2-6. Monday - Drive Harvesters Crazy, dress crazy

Tuesday - Make war, not peace on the Harvesters, hippy day

Wednesday - Round up the Harvesters, cowboy day Thursday - Put the Harvesters to sleep, pajama day

Friday - Herd upon a Time, dress for your class float.

Hereford Junior High

Open house will be at 7 p.m. Thursday. Parents will be able to pick up report cards at that time.

Aikman

Aikman School's Celebration of Success programs for the first six weeks will be Thursday. Staff will review the accountability report.

Third grade program will be 12:45-1:30 p.m. First grade program will be 1:30-2:15 p.m. Second grade program will be 2:15-3 p.m.

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News digest

Car wash killing trial continues

DALLAS (AP) — The trial of a suburban Dallas man accused of killing two former co-workers at a car wash began with testimony from an employee who found the bloodied bodies of his colleagues in the lobby March 20.

"They were all lying, face down I believe, in a pool of blood," said Jason Shields, 21. "They were still trying to breathe."
Standing nearby, Shields said, was Robert Wayne Harris.

Testimony is scheduled to resume Tuesday in the capital murder trial of Harris, who is accused of fatally shooting Mi-T-Fine Car Wash cashier Rhoda Wheeler, 45, and assistant

manager Augustin Villasenor, 36. Also killed were Villasenor's brother, Benjamin Villasenor, 32, Roberto Jimenez Jr., 15, and 48-year-old car wash manager

Dennis Lee. Octavio Ramos, 36, was critically wounded. Harris was not charged in those deaths, but separately, he has been charged with the unrelated slaying of an Irving

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for the 28-yearold defendant, who was fired from the Irving car wash a few

days before the killings. Shields told jurors that Harris directed him to three more bodies in the office of the car wash. Harris then reached for a knife on a bookshelf, Shields said. Shields said he became

scared and ran to a nearby doughnut shop to call 911. Harris, who has confessed to police, his brother and at least one television reporter, pleaded innocent at the start of the

Elsewhere:

HOUSTON SMOG: On its last day to collect public comment on how to improve the air in Texas, the state's environmental agency heard from groups opposed to a plan to require new equipment on residential and commerical air conditioners. ... HISPANIC EDUCATION: Six years ago, President Clinton appointed a panel to look at the progress of education of Hispanics. In a report to be released Monday afternoon, the commission says Hispanics have made progress over the years, but resolving the achievement gap of Hispanic Americans, because of their fast growth, will require quantum leaps, not small improvements. POOR STUDENTS: Texas' accountability system can be a catalyst to improving the education of poor and minority students, according to a joint study by the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

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Obituaries

ELLA RAY CARTER

Sept. 23, 2000 WAKA - Services for Ella Ray Carter, 85, of Waka were Monday in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Balko, Okla., with Rev. Carol Coulter officiating. Memorial services were at the Waka Church of Brethen under the directions of Boxwell Brothers of Perryton.

Mrs. Carter died Saturday.

She was born in Clarendon and had lived in the area since 1915. She worked for the United States Post Office and was Postmistress at the Waka Post Office from 1963 to 1978.

She married Howard Carter in 1934 at Stratford. Survivors include a son, Howard Carter of Colorado Springs, Colo; a daughter, Cleta Weemes of Hereford; one brother. Kenneth Kutch of St. Augustine, Fla.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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Make-a-wish mon



Modern technology -- The Hereford Regional Medical Center is the proud recipient of a special neonatal through adult vital signs monitor, which is a recent aquisition through the Make-A-Wish Foundation grant program. On hand for the monitor's unpacking were HRMC administrator James Taylor, Dr. Howard Johnson, and director of nursing John Berry, R.N. This is the second piece of equipment the hospital has received from the foundation. The next grant they apply for will be for the aquisition of a new port-crib for premature babies. The new monitor is valued at about \$8,500. There is no guarantee the hospital will receive the needed items, but Berry said as long as they have a chance he will continue to apply for new equipement grants.

Rains help wheat crop

Drought remains long-way from over

DALLAS (AP) - Soaking rains in parts of North and Central Texas have created a short-term greening effect to the parched landscape and given a timely boost to the winter wheat crop.

"Whatever vegetation is out there sucked it up real quick," Mark Fox, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth, Texas, said Monday.

While the drought is far from over, Allen Spelce, director of communications for the Texas Department of Agriculture, said Sunday's rains are "going to help the winter wheat crop that is going in about now.

If the state doesn't get a lot

more rain, farmers and ranchers may suffer another \$400 million in damage in addition to the \$595 worth of damage already suffered this year.

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused more than \$5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, Spelce said, and this year's record dry spell has worsened conditions.

Last year, the drought led to losses of \$223 million. The Agriculture Department won't revise this year's estimate until later in the fall, Spelce

The recent rain "wet the ground a little bit - the first few layers - but it didn't really fill up any reservoirs," Fox said. "And that's what we need."

The rains were triggered by until the weekend.

a cold front that moved south through the state Sunday morning and afternoon.

Rain fell in varying amounts with some places, such as Denison and Hamilton, receiving about 2 inches. Most areas received less than an inch, Fox said.

The front also ushered substantially lower temperatures and provided some relief of temperatures at 90 degrees or higher.

North Texas residents awoke to sweater weather. The low was 48 Monday morning, and the high was expected to be about 70.

That small amount of rain "just doesn't do much. But it brings smiles to some faces," Fox said.

No more rainfall is expected

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Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn by the Texas Lottery on Monday: 9-13-23-36-38

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Lotto Texas The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 8-9-15-36-39-53

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 22-25, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT **Arrests**

- A 43-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of North Lawton and charged with public intoxication.

 A 25-year-old man was ar-* rested in the 300 block of Avenue D and charged with driving while intoxicated.

An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of North Main and charged with numerous traffic violations.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested on West Highway 60 and charged as a minor driving under the influence of alcohol.

 A 44-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue H and charged with traffic warrants.

-- A fight disturbance call in the 400 block of Avenue H resulted in the arrest of a 39year-old man charged with public intoxication; a 36-year-old man charged with public intoxication and false ID to a police officer; a 38-year-old woman was

arrested and charged with false ID to a peace officer; and a 22 vear-old woman was charged with public intoxication and assault.

- A 33-year-old woman was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee and charged with traffic warrants.

Incidents - The theft of \$8.01 worth of

gas was reported from a business in the 700 block of West First Street. Two suspects have been named. - A bicycle was stolen from

the 300 block of West Fifth. A criminal mischief causing approximately \$1500 damage

was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. A theft was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

Lost property was reported in the 600 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

- An assault was reported in the 900 block of Avenue K. A forgery was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile

Avenue. - The theft of a blue Mongoose bike, valued at \$210. was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth.

- An injury to a child was reported by personnel from Northwest Texas Hospital. A 3year-old child sustained a broken leg sometime Thursday. The incident reportedly happened in the 700 block of Thunderbird.

 A bicycle theft was reported stolen from the 100 block of Avenue F.

Criminal mischief causing approximately \$200 damage was reported from a resident in the 400 block of Avenue J. Two storm windows were broken. - A vehicle's windows were

shot with a BB gun, in the 300 block of Western. Damage is estimated at \$200. - Domestic assault was re-

ported in the 400 block of George An aggravated sexual as-

sault of a child was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. - The burglary of a motor

vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Stadium drive. An unattended child was

found in the 400 block of Avenue B.

A criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East First.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Sept. 22

9:24 p.m. Firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at 316 Avenue J Sept. 23

- 6:35 p.m. Firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 400 block of Avenue G. Sept. 24

5:31 a.m. Firefighters responded to an electrical pole fire caused by a short circuit due to moisture, a half-mile east on Road 7.

- 2:56 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 501 Blevins. The fire is believed to have started when a water bed heater shorted out. Damage is estimated at \$15,000. No injuries were reported.

- 11:19 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue 3 miles east on Highway 60. One person was transported to Hereford Regional Medical

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- 12:34 a.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire 12 miles east on Highway 60. A passing train sparked the rail-road right-of-way.

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Membership Time



Friends of the Library board members met Monday to discuss the annual membership drive and book sale. The membership drive is underway and yearly membership fees are \$3 for an individual, \$6 for a family and \$10 for a business. Those with a membership in Friends of the Library will have first choice when the annual book sale is held Jan. 12-13. Membership dues may be paid at the Deaf Smith County Library or to any member of the board.

Yearbook committee hosts L'Allegra Club

For the opening meeting of the club year, the yearbook committee of Jody Skiles, Jana Trotter, Diana Griffin and Hilda Perales, hosted members of L'Allegra Study Club Menke, assistant treasurer; for a formal governet lands at the Weisberg histories and the club year, the yearbook Sylvia Khuri, recording secretary; Suzanne Smith, corresponding secretary; Mary Janet Bricker, treasurer; Shelley Menke, assistant treasurer; for a formal gourmet lunch at the Hereford Country Club on Sept. 21.

Skiles, vice president, discussed the programs that she and her committee have planned for the club year.

Officers for the coming year

Menke, assistant treasurer; Jan Weishaar; historian and

Judy Wall, parliamentarian.

Members present for the meeting were Karen Payne, Barbara Kerr, Patsy Hoffman, Diane Hoelscher, Kitty Gault, Bricker, Clarke, Griffin, Khuri, Menke, Perales, Skiles, Smith, are Melissa Clarke, president; Trotter, Wall and Weishaar.

La Plata Study Club meeting opens year

La Plata Study Club met recently for its opening meeting of the year in Ludie Greeson's back yard with the yearbook committee of Lois Matchett, Mary Beth Powell and Nelda Fortenberry as host-

Yearbooks were distributed and summer activities were related and discussed by members present.

Programs for the year were announced and they will include various travels to be

presented by the members. Sandwiches, chips, fruit and brownies were served to those present including Audine Dettmann, Peggie Fox, Mildred Fuhrmann, Betty Mercer, Dorothy Mercer, Mary Helen Miller, Yvonne Simpson, Clora Smith, Betty Taylor, Fortenberry, Greeson, Matchett

and Powell. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mildred Fuhrmann.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



am a single, 35-year-old woman. My sister "Charlotte" and my mother do not get

along very well. This has been an ongoing problem for as far back as I can remember.

Charlotte's son is getting married soon, and she has asked me to stick to Mom like glue during and after the wedding to make sure Mom doesn't cause any trouble. She has a tendency to talk too much, and has had run-ins with other family members. The prospect of spending the entire evening glued to my mother is depressing. She is a royal pain in the you-knowwhat, and I would not enjoy the festivities at all.

I am beginning to think of excuses to avoid going to the wedding, even though Charlotte would never forgive me. Do you have any suggestions? - Pigtail Petunia in the Mid-

Dear Petunia: There is no way you can ditch the wedding without causing lifelong hard feelings, so deep-six the thought. I don't see how sticking to your mother like glue is going to make her behave any better, but do it because your sister asked you to.

If you have some nieces or nephews who might give you periodic relief (for maybe \$5), enlist their services, and have

a little fun. Dear Ann Landers: Thank Fuming in Ohio," whose son was denied proper care by his HMO. I know you probably took a lot of flak for what seemed to be an insensitive response, but you were absolutely right, and I felt the need to tell you so.

I am a nurse case manager, and I deal with problems like that every day. There is an incorrect perception in this country that if you have insurance, it ought to pay for everything. This simply is not true. All insurance plans have limitations on what they will cover, and consumers should check their policies before they make assumptions about the care they will receive.

"Fuming," along with her physician, should have insisted on proceeding in the best in-terest of her child. That would have meant keeping the child in the hospital until he recovered, and then suing the HMO in order to be reimbursed, as you suggested. It can be costly and difficult, but sometimes, it is the only way to get the needed result. It's a shame such extreme measures are necessary, but unfortunately, that's the way it is, and people need to be aware of it.

ciate the support. It helps to make up for the clobbering I received for my "insensitive"

response. I urge my readers to check with their HMOs or their docyou for your response to "Still tors if there is any question about what your medical insurance policy will cover. In some cases, you may be surprised to learn that it covers more than you thought.

Dear Ann Landers: After 20 years of marriage, my husband told me he wanted out. We were divorced last year. He will be marrying his girlfriend soon.

Here's the problem. My exhusband wants our 12-year-old daughter to be a bridesmaid at his wedding. I object because I feel it is not in good taste. My daughter is fairly friendly with her father's fiancee, but they are not close. I believe my ex-husband wants our daughter in his wedding so family members and friends will think she is pleased with his new marriage. What do you say, Ann? — Unsure in Nevada

Dear Unsure: A 12-yearold bridesmaid at her divorced father's wedding? Sorry, it hits a sour note with me, and surely would with others. Say

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns. visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN Managing in New Jersey

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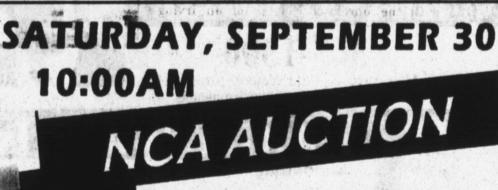
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Screenings offered by TPMHMR, WTAMU on National Depression Screening Day

This National Depression Screening Day, Oct. 5, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR), in conjunction with West Texas &M University, is offering a free program that will educate older adults about depression and give them the opportunity to test themselves for the ill-

Local seniors can take the first step toward getting help or can just check their emotional health by attending the free, anonymous screening offered at Amarillo Citizens Association, 1217 S. Tyler, Room 115, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This testing is open to the public - regardless of age.

West Texas A&M University will also be conducting screenings at the Virgil Henson Activity Center, Room 211, at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Again, the screenings are open to the public and any individual questioning whether they are suffering from depression is welcome to attend.

Participants will have the opportunity to complete a written screening test, hear an educational presentation, and talk individually with a mental health professional.

More than 2 million of the 34 million Americans age 65 and older suffer from some form of depression; however, depression is not a normal part of aging. Depression is a medical condition that involves feelings of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, and hopelessness and can interfere significantly with an individual's ability to function. Unlike the blues or grief, de-

pression persists and is not relieved by good news, the passing of time or by supportive friends or family.

Older Americans regularly learn their cholesterol numbers and blood pressure, but they rarely consider being tested for depression. This is unfortunate because many older Americans with physical illness such as heart disease, Alzheimer's and cancer, are at greater risk for developing depression.

In addition, seniors with depression have a higher risk of developing other physical illnesses. One recent study revealed that chronically depressed seniors have an 88 percent higher risk of contracting all forms of cancer than do seniors not suffering from depression.

Walls discusses library services for Wyche FCE Club meeting

Rebecca Walls, Deaf Smith County librarian, was guest speaker at the recent meeting of Wyche Family Community Education Club held in the Hereford Community Center.

Walls presented a program on the many services offered by the county library.

meeting in Odessa, reported that the organization will have a name change as it is no longer associated with the national organization. The name selected at the state meeting was "Texas

Jo Lee, club president, presided at the business meeting.

Lee, who attended the State

Following the business meeting, refreshments were served to the guest Walls and members Mary Lou Aven, Roxie Cosper, Dorma Kirby, Audrey Rusher, Carol Sartain and Lee.

Hereford resident Scott Shaw was recently named as a member of the 2000-2001 Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir.
The Concert Choir will partici-

pate in many events this year including performances across the sate, as well as various concerts held on campus.

The choir is under the direction of Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, dean of the School of Music.

Rachel Wilks of Hereford was

nated as members of the Hardin-

nated as members of the Hardin-Simmons University 2000-2001
University Queen's Court.

The field of nominees will be narrowed to five by a vote of the student body. On Oct. 16, the student body will vote again for one woman to be named University Queen. The results will be announced during HSU's Homecoming weekend Oct. 20-22.

The Phi Eta chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority at Texas

Tech University is proud to announce Toni Eicke of Hereford High School as one of their 63 new members.
Bid Day was held Aug. 25. Over

the next two months, the new members will have the opportunity to take advantage of the many activities and traditions Tri Delta has to offer.

New members will be presented to the chapter, accompanied by their parents, on Nov. 11. They will also have an initiation, which will be held at an undisclosed date.

Octoberfest - Get in the Game' is planned at Lake Brownwood

People aged 50 and over are invited to experience autumn "Deep in the Heart of Texas" during the annual Octoberfest Oct. 16-19 at Lake Brownwood, according to Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service,

Octoberfest is offered for men and women who enjoy a variety of craft, educational and outdoor activities. Hands-on learning

opportunities will feature holiday crafts, dancing and other projects. Other educational topics focus on horticulture, photography, nutri-tion, finances and other current interests.

Participants will have the chance to go boat riding and fishing on Lake Brownwood. Other recreation will include tennis, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, cards and table games. Fun and educational tours will also be

offered during the week.

"Octoberfest - Get in the Game" will be the featured theme for the week. A variety of game shows and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

Registration for Octoberfest will be limited to 165. Interested persons are asked to CONTACT THE LOCAL Extension office at 364-3573 for further information.

Acton gives program for La Afflatus Club

Kathryn Acton gave the program at the Sept. 19 meeting of La Afflatus Estudio Club at King's Manor with hostess Della Stagner.

Acton, sister of club member Alberta Higgins, shared pictures and gave a day to day report on what they saw and did on their trip to England this summer.

Vice president Higgins presided at the business meeting.

A memorial was given in honor of deceased member Genevieve Veigel who served as

president from 1944-1946.

Debra Buck served refreshments to the guest Acton and to members Leola Cook, Virginia Curtsinger, Aileen Montgomery, Roxie Phipps, Higgins and Stagner.



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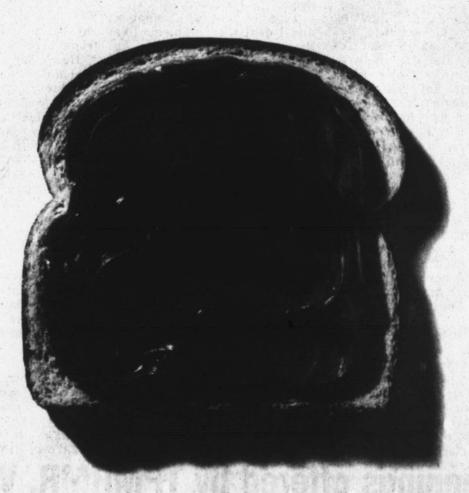
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Lady Herd cools Dumas

The Hereford High School volleyball team took care of Dumas High School 15-1, 15-3 to win on Saturday.

win on Saturday.
The team takes sole possession of first place in district 3-4A

sion of first and hosts Canyon High at 7 p.m. this evening.

p.m. this evening.

Leading the team Saturday was junior Michelle Bernhardt



with seven

kills.
Sophomore Catherine Beville led the team in setting with 26 successful sets.

Netters lose to Dumas, host Canyon today

The Whiteface tennis team fell to Dumas Saturday 17-1. The team's only point came off a two set victory by senior

netter Ivory Isaacson 6-2,6-0.
The team is at home this afternoon against Canyon High at 4 p.m.





COURTESY PHOTO

Bull rider—Fourteen-year-old former Hereford resident Caleb Pietsek competes in Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo.

■ Caleb Pietsek faces tough challenge in bull riding at the 56th Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo

Special to the Brand

Fourteen-year-old Caleb Pietsek has been competing in rodeos for about four years, but he was still happy when he found out he placed first in junior bull riding at the 56th Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo. The nationally known rodeo is held at Boys Ranch, located 36 miles northwest of Amarillo each Labor Day weekend.

Pietsek, formerly of Hereford, was one of about 100

Rodeo Champ

children from Boys. Ranch, competed in the event, which Girlstown, U.S.A. and 'Cal attracts nearly 10,000 visitors. Farley's Family Program who seach year from all over the

United States.

Pietsek credits practice and advice from a Boys Ranch graduate who came back to help at the rodeo for his success.

"I would get my mind off riding, and he would get me back on focus," Pietsek said. "As soon as I got off the bull I went and hugged him. He helped me so much."

His goal for next year's rodeo is to move up to riding senior bulls for a "little more of a challenge."

In fact, the challenge is what got him interested in rodeo.

"I think a bull is the hard-

AP rankings

Class 5A

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3.Katy 3-0 158 4
4.AldineEisenhower 3-0 143 5
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Class 4A

1.WichitaFalls(15) 4-0 182 3
2.Stephenville(4) 2-1 176 2
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4.Hereford(1) 2-1 137 7

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1, Mercedes 1.
Class 3A

Also receiving votes: Tex. Liberty Eylau 18, La Grange 17, China Spring 16, Madisonville 16, Commerce 15, Daingerfield 15, Gonzales 6, Crandall 4, Marlin 4, Muleshoe 4, Barber's Hill 3, Hamshire-Fannett 2.

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2.Celina(2) 4-0 181 2

3.Refugio 3-0 153 3

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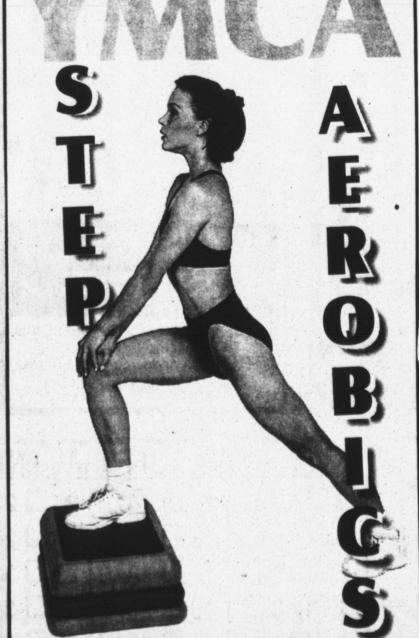
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6. Celeste 3-0 103 6
7. Rankin 4-0 95 7
8. Bremond 3-0 57 8
9. Wortham 3-1 30 9
10. Roscoe 4-0 22 10

Also receiving votes: Windthorst 13, Charlotte 8, Nazareth 6, Burton 2, High Island 2, Mildred 2, Wheeler 2

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Hereford High senior quarterback Cody Hodges was named the Amarillo Globe-News Player of the Week.

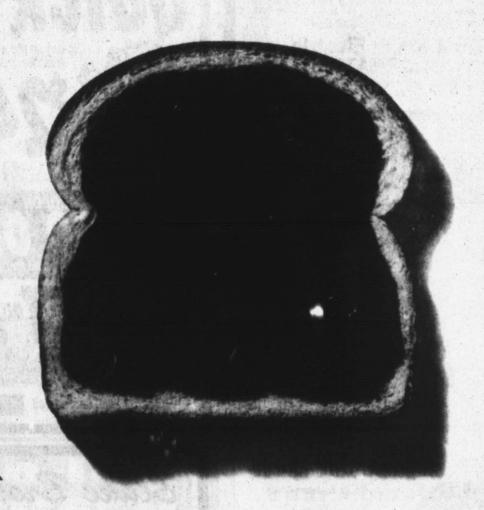
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Frenship.
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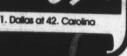
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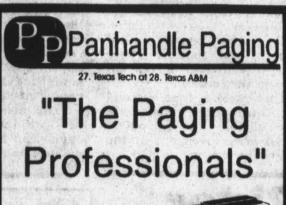
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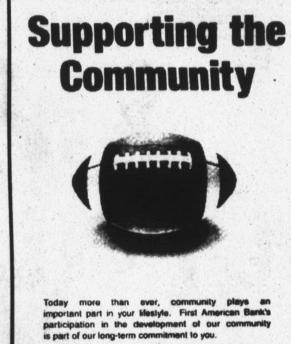
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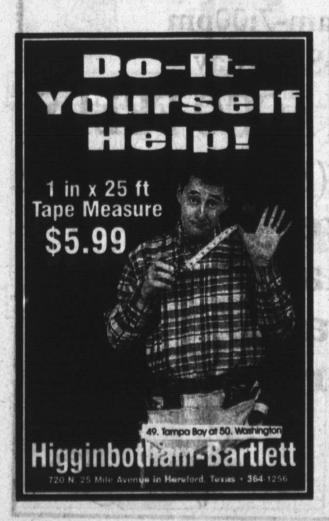
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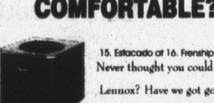


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Colts trample Jacksonville, 43

Manning throws for franchise record 440 yards

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Terrence Wilkins, the smallest player on the Indianapolis Colts, looked gigantic on the football field to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The 5-foot-7 Wilkins played for the first time since suffering a concussion on Aug. 12, and had a career-high nine receptions and 148 yards as the Colts beat Jacksonville 43-14 on Monday night.

"It was good to have him back," said Peyton Manning, who passed for a franchiserecord 440 yards and threw for four touchdowns. Meanwhile, a defense that had been criticized for having just one sack and one turnover in its first two games, held Jacksonville scoreless and to a net of 52 yards in the second half.

"We showed up for work today," linebacker Cornelius Bennett said. "I said two weeks ago, that was what was missing — getting turnovers and giving the ball to the offense in great position.

"I told the guys before the

CO-ED WINNERS

game it was time to pay some bills. We're all overdue and we went out and paid those

bills." The Colts sacked Mark Brunell five times for 40 yards, including one that re-sulted in a safety, and pressured him on nearly every

"We needed this," safety Jason Belser said. "We wanted to come out and make a statement."

Manning had all the time he needed nearly all night, completing 23 of 36 passes without an interception or a sack. He spread the ball

around to six receivers with Wilkins, Ken Dilger, Jerome Pathon and Marvin Harrison each catching a TD pass. Indianapolis (2-1) sent Jacksonville (2-2) home with the thirdworst loss in its six-year his-

"When we play smart, and we play physical, and we play

Weishaar

This week's Hereford Brand Football Contest winner was Ron Weishaar.

Weishaar missed only two games in the contest.

Second place went to Jan Weishaar who missed only three games.

Ruth Loerwald placed third missing only four games and picked Hereford to win in the tie-breaker.

One other person missed four in the contest. There also were a total of 122 entries in the contest.

This week's first, second and third place winners are now eligible for the \$1000 grand prize given out at the end of the season.

for 60 minutes, we're a good team," said Belser, remembering that Indianapolis allowed Oakland to overcome a 21-point deficit for a 38-31 victory in its last game.

"Our coaches told us w couldn't give them any big plays," Belser said. "When they win, and are successful, they get big chunks of yards on a lot of plays."

Rider

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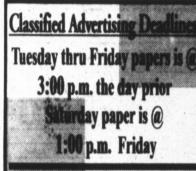
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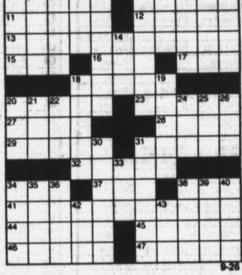
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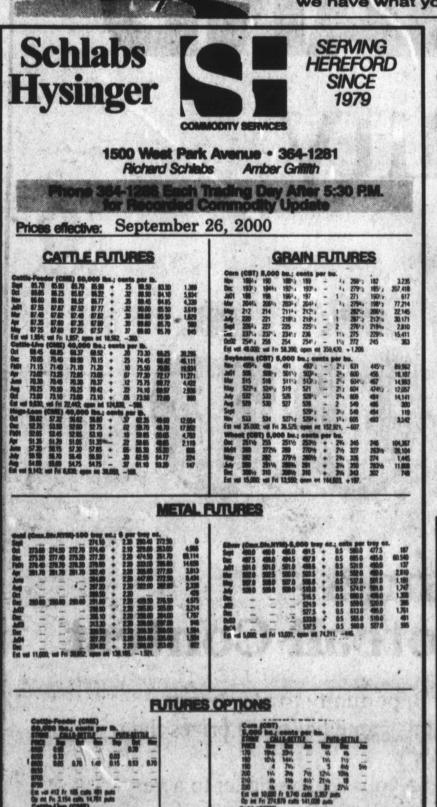
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The Hereford Regional Medical Center conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **Hereford Regional Medical Center** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 12.3 percent on September 25, 2000 at 12:00 PM. The Hereford Regional Medical Center is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 28, 2000, at 12:00 PM at Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd Street, Hereford, Texas.





Consumers' confidence posts gain

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence rose more strongly than expected in September, which could bode well for holiday retail sales.

The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index now stands at 141.9, up slightly from the revised 140.8 reported in August but down considerably from the record 144.7 registered in January and May. The index came in slightly above the 141.5 that Wall Street analysts were ex-

The Conference Board index, based on a monthly survey of some 5,000 U.S. households, is closely watched because consumer spending acthe nation's economic activity. The index compares results to its base year, 1985.



ocratic running mates Al Gore (left) and Joe Lieberman appear a recent rally. Gore fielded questions from University of Michigan students, while Lieberman prepares to discuss Medicare with New Jersev senior citizens.

DEMOCRATS

Gore seeking to engage young voters on issues with appearance on MTV program

MIAMI (AP) - "Boxers or briefs" is so yester- save and strengthen Medicare not just for our day, so Bill Clinton. For Al Gore, MTV is the place to talk Medicare.

The Democratic presidential candidate, fielding questions Tuesday on the hip cable channel's "Choose or Lose" program, wanted to engage young voters on issues — not in frivolity, said spokesman Chris Lehane.

"These will be very serious questions," he

Before heading to Ann Arbor to tape the MTV forum at the University of Michigan — to be broadcast this evening — Gore warmed up with questions from students at another Michigan school, Wayne State University, on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Asked how he would fix failing schools without using the vouchers proposed by Republican candidate George W. Bush, Gore said, "Under my plan, a failing school would be shut down and then reopened under a new principal with a full review of all the faculty and a turnaround team sent in to put that school on the right

He derided Bush's proposal as a plan to cut a failing school's money and then give "little tiny bits to parents, not nearly enough to pay the

tuition at a private school." Gore previewed his intergenerational pitch on Medicare Monday in Florida. There, he told seniors and baby boomers he would fight "to

parents' generation but for generations to come." Clinton's famous indulgence in 1994 of an

MTV audience question about his preference in underwear ("usually briefs") may now be passe to the Gore campaign, but the long-deposed

Newt Gingrich remains fair game.

As Gore ratchets up his rhetoric on Medicare this week, the vice president is trying to resurrect the bogeyman he and Clinton used with great success in 1996 to beat back then-GOP nominee Bob Dole.

Bush supported the "the Newt Gingrich plan that former Speaker Gingrich said would cause Medicare to wither on the vine," Gore charged Tuesday. "I fought against that plan even when Newt Gingrich shut the government down twice.

Gore began the pitch Monday in a round of TV network and newspaper interviews. He compared Bush's idea of Medicare reform to the former House speaker's 1995 balanced budget proposal, which would have cut the growth of Medicare spending by \$270 billion over seven rears. In this campaign, Bush is proposing broad tax cuts, which Gore maintains will drain the surplus Medicare currently enjoys.

The Gore campaign pointed reporters to a 1995 interview that Bush, the Texas governor, gave an Austin TV station, in which he endorsed the GOP budget and asserted "elderly people will not suffer as a result of this plan."

Lieberman touts Gore's Medicare proposal to senior citizens in bid to solidify N.J. edge

PARSIPPANY, N.J. (AP) — Joseph Lieberman 934,000 beneficiaries to switch HMO plans. was taking Al Gore's Medicare package to senior citizens and his ideas about the economy to union brick layers in hopes of solidifying the Democratic presidential ticket's lead in New

The state, worth 15 electoral votes, favors the Gore-Lieberman ticket, polls show. Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, was visiting the Union Township Senior Citizen Center today to discuss Medicare.

Gore says he would spend \$338 billion over 14 years to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, the federal health care program serv-

ing 39 million elderly and disabled Americans.

The \$198 billion Medicare plan of Republican presidential rival George W. Bush would give states \$48 billion to provide prescription drug coverage while he implements a market-based

approach on the national level.

In Florida on Monday, Gore unveiled "Medicare at the Crossroads," a compilation of his previously announced proposals. He also released new detail on how he would stabilize HMO participation in Medicare so that older Americans choosing managed care over traditional Medicare fee-for-service plan would have reliable coverage.

For 2001, 65 managed-care providers already have notified the government that they will drop out of Medicare. This will require an estimated

Gore proposes doubling to two years the minimum requirement for HMOs contracting with the government to provide health care to the elderly and disabled in Medicare.

He also would double the penalty for HMOs that drop patients, barring them from rejoining Medicare for two years. And, he was proposing to authorize the secretary of health and human services to ban permanently HMOs that prove to be "cherry picking" healthy beneficiaries.

Lieberman also was expressing support for union labor before brick layers in Atlantic City.

On Monday, Lieberman detoured from the vice presidential campaign trail, returning home to Connecticut to campaign for his Senate seat. State law allows the three-term incumbent to compete for both offices at the same time. But a recent poll showed Connecticut voters evenly split over whether he should do so, with 46 percent disapproving and 45 percent approving.

"I understand this is an unusual situation," Lieberman told reporters. "In a sense, I and my extended family in Connecticut, that is the people of Connecticut, have agreed to disagree."

He noted that the same poll showed Connecticut voters giving him a lofty approval rating of 80 percent. He also holds a wide lead over his Senate challenger, Waterbury Mayor Philip Giordano.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's; etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Richard Kelly, 49, of Detroit.

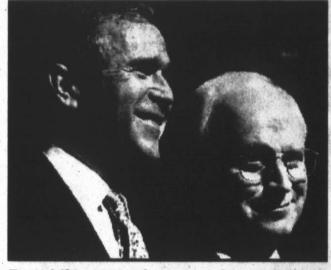
Bush and Gore are in a close, volatile race that both campaigns believe will be determined in this region and by voters who are not tied to either major party. Republicans plan to sharply reduce expenditures in Illinois, a sign that Gore may have wrapped the state up, but the race is competitive elsewhere in the Midwest. Swing voters are just starting to pay attention.

"I'm waiting for the debates," said Toni Posatiere, who stopped

outside a Parma, Ohio, doughnut shop to talk politics. Many swing voters have changed their views and could swing back again. "I think I'm pushing more and more towards Gore. I know more about Bush now, and don't like everything I know," said Bessie Mae Swisher of Bloomsburg, Pa., who five months ago told The Associated Press she was leaning toward Bush.

Most said their financial lives are better after eight years of the Clinton-Gore administration, but many must work harder to stay ahead. They still worry about the future.

They want lower taxes, but not if tax cuts hurt the economy. They want better schools, but not if they lose local control. They want Social Security protected, but not if benefits are reduced. They want lower gas prices, but suspect the administration is playing politics by dipping into emergency oil reserves.



Republican running mates George W. Bush (left) and Dick Cheney are attacking Democratic rival Al Gore over education and his financial ties to an oil company.

REPUBLICANS: Bush focuses on education, raises cash on swing through California

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — George W. Bush is blaming the Clinton-Gore administration for an "education recession" in the public schools as he seeks votes from women and undecided voters. In a new TV ad, he promises to raise expectations.

"Fifty-eight percent of fourth grade kids in our low-income schools can't read," an announcer says in the new commercial. "There's an education recession in America."

Education was the centerpiece of Bush's three-day West Coast swing, and he planned school appearances in California on Tuesday and Wednesday to promote his agenda.

The Republican presidential pomines also

The Republican presidential nominee also scheduled two fund-raisers Tuesday that

\$1 million and \$2 million for national and state parties.

To press his argument that math and science education have slipped under President Clinton and Vice President Gore, Bush was visiting a public high school on the edge of Silicon Valley. On math and science tests, American students trail those in most other industrialized nations, he said.

His campaign began distributing a 16-page pamphlet called "Ending the Education Recession." And the new Bush ad echoes the message of a spot just released by the Republican National Committee, which is now airing in 17 battleground states.

In the latest commercial, Bush promises to press for stricter accountability and a "teacher protection act," which would shield teachers from lawsuits when they enforce classroom

rules.

"If we really want to make sure no child gets left behind in America, we need the courage to raise standards," Bush says.

The ad campaign reflects Bush's message on the stump. On Monday, in Beaverton, Ore., Bush said that Gore has "defended the status quo and has resisted real reform."

Bush said that while the economy is fundamentally sound, reading, math and science scores of American students first declined and since have stagnated.

■ Cheney talking up Bush's tax-reduction plan while swiping at Gore's ties to an oil company

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich.

(AP) — Dick Cheney is talking up George W. Bush's tax cut plan while attacking Vice President Al Gore over his financial ties to an oil company.

Cheney said Gore has a conflict of interest because he advocated keeping a moratorium on royalties U.S. companies would have to pay to drill for natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico

— a measure that would benefit Occidental Petroleum

A Gore family trust has holdings in Occidental stock. Cheney said Gore should recuse himself from energy policy decisions or have the family trust divest the stock. Cheney himself has been accused by Democrats of a conflict of interest for advocating domestic oil exploration that could benefit a company he ran and in which he owns stock.

The Gore campaign said Cheney was just trying to divert attention from his own

he stands on vouchers, he didn't outline Bush's proposal as he had in other speeches and as Bush often does when speaking in schools. Cheney said states should be left free to choose whether to adopt vouchers.

ties to big oil and asserted that Gore has no control over the trust's investments.

Cheney was asked about Bush's plan to administer tests as a means to measure whether schools are doing a good job educating children.

Schools that don't measure up would lose federal funding. Bush wants to redirect the money to parents, who would get \$1,500 in federal money to send their kids to private schools or hire tutors.

The proposal, similar to voucher systems under consideration in some states, is criticized by some who say it m o n e y
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When Cheney was asked about where he stands on vouchers, he didn't outline Bush's proposal as he had in other speeches and as Bush often does when speaking in schools. Cheney said states should be left free to choose whether to adopt vouchers.

"That is your decision to make," said Cheney.

Vouchers are a politically sensitive topic in Michigan, where voters will decide in November whether to approve a plan to let seven school districts with poor academic

track records use half their state per-pupil funding — or \$3,300 — for private school

Some prominent Republicans in the state support the proposal, while others, including GOP Gov. John Engler, oppose it.

Juleanna Glover Weiss, Cheney's spokeswoman, said the GOP vice presidential nominee believed the questioner was asking about state voucher systems and not about federal money that might be used to let parents send kids to private schools.

"Title I (federal funds for

"Title I (federal funds for schools) is a separate issue," said Weiss.

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DEMOCRATS ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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 Joe Lieberman taking Gore's Medicare package to senior citizens in a bid to solidify Democrats' lead in New Jersey. — Page A11

Gregg playing the role of Gore

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush jokes that the problem with engaging in mock debates with Sen. Judd Gregg is that often "he wins."

The New Hampshire Republican has been playing the role of Democrat Al Gore in practice sessions with the Texas governor. And while Bush likes to give the impression that he isn't putting much time or energy into such rehearsals, the preparation has

been under way for months.

One sparring session between Bush and Gregg — at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, during the Democratic convention last month — found its way to the Gore campaign. Gore's camp turned the tape over to the FBI, which is investigating.

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With the first debate a week away on Oct. 3, Bush was heading to Austin on Wednesday for a practice session.



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