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Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Mostly clear skies •

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise mostly clear, lows near 60, south to southwest winds around 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, highs 85 to 90, north to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night: A 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy, with lows in the mid-50s.

• Extended forecast •

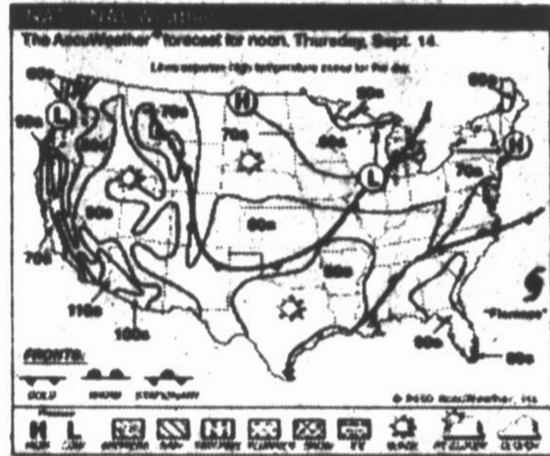
Friday: Partly cloudy, highs 85 to 90.

Saturday: Mostly clear, lows in the upper 50s, highs around 90.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid-50s, highs in the upper 80s.

• Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 87; low, 60; no precipitation.



New England should have a fine day Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. A few showers are likely along the southern Virginia and Carolina coasts. A few thunderstorms can be expected along the Texas Gulf Coast, while showers and thunderstorms are expected along the West Coast from Washington to northern California.

• Thunderstorms pound some parts of Texas

Scattered thunderstorms pounded some parts of Texas and only teased others overnight as a cool front responsible for rain in northern sections moved away from the state.

Thunderstorms extended along the gulf coast were associated with the remnants of an easterly tropical wave. Some storms in northern Mexico crossed the Rio Grande between Del Rio and Laredo.

Showers and thunderstorms in Southwest Texas produced golfball-size hail in Fisher County. Other rain fell in the Concho Valley, Trans Pecos and Edwards Plateau.

Early-morning temperatures Wednesday ranged from the upper 50s and 60s in the Panhandle and South Plains to 80s elsewhere.

Winds were variable from north to east at 5 to 20 mph.

The chance for rainfall in North Texas was less than 20 percent, with some storms expected in South Texas.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 80s and 90s to 103 in the Big Bend and along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected from the 50s in the Panhandle and southwestern mountains to mid 70s in the Big Bend valleys.

Majority planning to watch debates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Memo to the presidential candidates: More than half of Americans plan to watch the debates and think they will be an important factor in how they vote.

A few other things you might want to know? Debate watchers tend to be age 35 and older, middle-income or higher, at least partially college educated, registered to vote and a member of one of the two major political parties, says an Associated Press poll.

"I think (the debates) are important and I do plan to watch them," said Sarah Brown, a 62-year-old retiree from Steubenville, Ohio. "I want to hear what they plan to do on the issues that are important to me — education, the economy and Medicare."

More who plan to watch say Democrat Al Gore will do better in the debates than Republican George W. Bush by 49-29, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

Campaign aides for Gore and Bush plan to meet Thursday with the Commission on Presidential Debates to negotiate a schedule. The commission has proposed three presidential debates, Oct. 3, 11 and 17, and one vice presidential debate on Oct. 5. Six in 10 say

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Almanac predicts drought in 2001

DUBLIN, N.H. (AP) — How do you change your pants in the woods? Why are foul-ups on your IBM called "computer bugs?" Oh, and what's the weather going to be?

Mixed between astronomical charts and farmer's calendars are the answers, or possible answers, in the 209th edition of the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. It hit newstands Tuesday.

Like the newer *Farmer's Almanac* published in Maine, the 2001 edition of the *Old Farmer's Almanac* predicts more snow than normal this winter from New England all the way to Washington state.

Of more concern than the snow is the possibility of another significant summer drought from the desert Southwest across Texas, Oklahoma, parts of the deep South and the Great Plains.

America's oldest continuously published periodical boasts an 80 percent accuracy rate, "never 81 and never 79," Editor Jud Hale said Monday.

"We are definitely consistently doing better

than if you were guessing," he said. "And we are consistently doing better than if you were doing weather averages."

Hale wishes they had done better predicting this year's cool and wet summer in New England. He said he has taken a lot of heat from nonplussed neighbors.

"If we'd missed it in South Dakota it wouldn't have mattered so much," he said. "I wouldn't have gotten so much ribbing."

Even with some misses, people still call for help planning things such as outdoor weddings.

"They often say something like, 'August 21st, we're outside Oklahoma City and we're wondering whether to rent a tent or not. Is it going to rain that day?'" Hale said.

"I'll say whatever it is, it's going to be hot and clear, but why don't you rent a tent?"

Hale's favorite article in this year's edition tells how to change your pants in the woods without getting your socks or feet wet. The key is always having at least one shoe on, and

having one leg of each pair on at one time. Details on page 251.

According to another item, Grace Hopper, who helped program the first large-scale digital computer in the country, coined the phrase "computer bug" in 1951 to describe computer problems when a moth shorted out two tubes in an experimental computer she was working on.

And in its "Tastes and Trends" section, the latest almanac predicts pantsuits will be back for women, the mustache will be back for men and women will be wearing pajama bottoms — in public.

ON THE NET

Old Farmer's Almanac: <http://www.almanac.com>

Farmer's Almanac: <http://www.farmersalmanac.com>

National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

OPEN HOUSE

School district to hold public dedication of new buildings

Special to The Brand

An open house and formal dedication of three new educational buildings at Hereford High School will begin at 4 p.m. Monday at the two career and technology buildings, 701 and 703 Grand and the physical education building, 203 Ave. F.

A cornerstone leveling will be conducted by area Masons at 4 p.m. for the building site and will be followed by special presentations, which begin at 6 p.m. in the commons area of CT Building 2, where cattle brands from local ranches will be displayed for historical purposes along with an old-fashioned wooden windmill. The windmill once stood on the Dick and Ruth Hagar farm near Dawn and was donated to the school by the family.

William Stanley and Cathy Whewell of



Superintendent Beth Abernethy (left) and Hereford High School Principal Linda Lowe look over one of the display cases in the commons area of the new Career & Technology Building 2 before a Sept. 18 open house.

the Texas Workforce Commission will make a presentation on the HERD (Hereford Employment Readiness Development) Program which has provided first-phase funding to train local citizens to become valuable members of the local work community. They will also talk about additional grants which may become available for this program.

One display in the building will feature cattle brands from local agricultural operations and ranches. Anyone interested in having a local brand included in this display is encouraged to call board members Carolyn Waters or Jeri Beamer or Superintendent Beth Abernethy.

BANNED BOOKS

Harry Potter makes it on the 'hit list'

NEW YORK (AP) — Harry Potter made the list. So did "The Catcher in the Rye" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." The most popular children's books? No. The ones adults most wanted removed from library shelves in the 1990s.

"This just proves no book is safe from censorship attempts," said Judith Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

The top 100 titles were compiled and released in advance of the 20th annual Banned Books Week, which runs Sept. 23-30. The ALA, the American Booksellers Association and the American Society of Journalists and Authors are among the sponsors.

The most disputed books were the popular "Scary Stories" titles, horror tales by the late Alvin Schwartz. Objections included violence, cannibalism and causing children to fear the dark. A complaint from the school district in Campbell County, Wyo., said the books made kids believe "ghosts are actually possible."

Also in the top 10 were such classroom standards as Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye," John Steinbeck's "Of

BANNED BOOKS

Books most frequently challenged in school and public libraries during the 1990s, with title, author and some reasons for objections:

1. "Scary Story" series, Alvin Schwartz, violence, occultism, cannibalism.
2. "Daddy's Roommate," Michael Willhoite, "promotes a dangerous and ungodly lifestyle."
3. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," Maya Angelou, "portrays white people as being horrible, nasty, stupid people."
4. "The Chocolate War," Robert Cormier, "contains profanity, sexual situations, and themes that allegedly encourage disrespectful behavior."
5. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain, "offensive and racist language."
6. "Of Mice and Men," John Steinbeck, "blasphemous," "offensive and racist language."
7. "Forever," Judy Blume, a sexual "how-to-do book for junior high students. It glamorizes (sex) and puts ideas in their heads."
8. "Bridge to Terabithia," Katherine Paterson, "profanity, disrespectful of adults, and an elaborate fantasy world (that) might lead to confusion."
9. "Heather Has Two Mommies," Leslea Newton, a "skillful presentation to the young child about lesbianism/homosexuality."
10. "The Catcher in the Rye," J.D. Salinger, profanity, sexual references, "centered around negative activity."

Source: American Library Association

note the annual number over the past years.

"A lot of people are now spending more time thinking about Internet content," she

Mice and Men" and Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

"The fact that teachers assign them is one of the reasons there's so much concern," Krug said. "They deal with issues a lot of parents don't want to know about."

The Harry Potter series, which Christian groups have attacked because of its themes of witchcraft and wizardry, comes in at No. 48. It was removed this year from a public school in Bridgeport Township, Mich.

According to the ALA, more than 5,000 complaints were recorded at school and public libraries in the 1990s. Krug said that represents about 20 percent to 25 percent of all challenges, although she does

said. "Sexually explicit" was the most common objection raised about books at libraries, followed by "unsuited to age group" and "occult theme or promoting the occult or Satanism." Others included violence, promotion of same-sex relationships, racism and anti-family values.

Krug said about 5 percent of those complaints lead to a book being banned.

"Usually, when the rest of the community hears about a complaint it speaks out in support of keeping the book," she said.

But many books, even famous ones, do get removed. In 1997, Angelou's memoir was taken off the ninth-grade English curriculum in Anne Arundel County, Md., because it "portrays white people as being horrible, nasty, stupid people."

In 1993, "Catcher in the Rye" was removed from a California school district because it "centered around negative activity." Four years later, the superintendent of the Marysville, Calif., Joint Unified School District banned Salinger's novel "so that we didn't have that polarization over a book."

The list includes William Golding's "The Lord of the Flies," Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," removed in 1996 from an advanced placement English reading list in Lindale, Texas, because it "conflicted with the values of the community."

Also cited are such children's favorites as Maurice Sendak's "In the Night Kitchen" and R.L. Stine's "Goosebumps" series. Acclaimed adult novels on the list include Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," and Nobel laureate Toni Morrison's "Beloved."

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HEREFORD BRAND Local roundup

• Low cost vaccination clinic •

The Humane Society of Deaf Smith County is sponsoring the fall low cost pet vaccination clinic 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17, in the courtyard of the Hereford Community Center. Sponsors underestimated the number of participants for the summer clinic, but will have more vaccine at this session.

Canine vaccinations will be \$6 for rabies; \$12 parvo/distemper and \$15 combinations.

Feline vaccinations will be \$6 rabies; \$20 distemper/feline leukemia; \$22 for combinations.

Proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Deaf Smith County.

• Pork checkoff election scheduled •

The United States Department of Agriculture and the local Farm Service Agency have announced final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on continuation of the pork checkoff program.

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting Sept. 18-21, at the Deaf Smith County FSA office.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs from Aug. 18, 1999 through Aug. 17, 2000, are eligible to vote.

• Genealogy society meeting •

The first meeting of the Deaf Smith County Genealogy Society, for fall 2000, will be 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the Game Room of the Hereford Community Center.

Members and others interested in genealogy are welcome.

HEREFORD BRAND School news

• Hereford Junior High •

School photos will be taken Thursday, Sept. 21. Students should dress appropriately.

Students will begin a fund raiser on Sept. 27, to help purchase a marquee which will advertise important school information.

Open house will be at 7 p.m., Sept. 28. Parents will be able to pick up report cards at that time.

• Bluebonnet •

Bluebonnet Intermediate School will host an open house 6:30 p.m., Sept. 21. Events begin with a TAAS presentation followed by the annual open house.

Bluebonnet is also hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Sept. 11-15. Hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m.-noon on Friday. All guests are welcome.

• Sophomore class parent meeting •

There will be a sophomore parents meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday in the High School library to discuss the homecoming float and the class supper.

• West Central •

West Central Intermediate School will host an open house and book fair from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Staff will present the school report card, TAAS reports, a power point presentation and parent information booklets. The fifth grade choir will perform.

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 12, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 22-year-old woman was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue H and charged with theft by check.

Incidents

- Criminal non-support was reported in the 200 block of North Lee.

- A suspicious fire was reported in the 300 block of Miller. Three juvenile suspects were identified.

- A driver driving with a suspended license was reported in the 300 block of Avenue H.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Lawton.

- A traffic accident was reported in the 300 block of East Sixth.

- A traffic accident was reported at La Plata and Hickory.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 34-year-old woman was

booked into jail due to revocation of bond.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 3:13 p.m. Firefighters responded to a controlled burn, reported as a grassfire on road 514 and 603

- 4:49 p.m. Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at 328 Miller. Firefighters arrived to find kids playing with fireworks had ignited a pile of carpet rags.

- 8:29 p.m. Firefighters responded to a cotton burr fire at Hereford Farmers Gin.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

12-13-18-27-29

Pick 3

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

2-3-7

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Leading the way



Always number 1 - The Mighty Maroon Band, as always led the Whiteface team into battle last week, dressed in full battle regalia. Above, band members link hands in a sign of unity prior to the Tascosa game. Right, drum majors Brendon Edwards and Aaron Landers, lead the Herd onto the battle field. Band members and boosters encourage everyone to come see the band perform this Friday at the first home game of the 2000 season.



Group proceeds with bonfire plans

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Leaders of a student group planning a bonfire off the Texas A&M campus this fall say they are still determined to proceed after meeting privately with the university's president and other officials.

The organization, called Keep the Fire Burning, de-

vised its plan for a renegade log stack after A&M President Ray Bowen announced a two-year moratorium on the almost centurylong tradition in the wake of a report on the 1999 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.

One of seven board members for the organization who

requested the meeting with Bowen said the hour-long session Tuesday was "not really productive."

"They listened to our side, and we listened to their side," board member Gary Crenshaw told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Wednesday's editions.

The closed-door meeting with students did not change

the university's position on the issue, said Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations.

A five-member panel appointed by Texas A&M cited organizational failures and structural problems with the student-designed and -built bonfire as the chief reasons for the accident in a May report.

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries



GENEVIEVE VEIGEL Sept. 12, 2000

Services for Genevieve Veigel, 85, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Veigel died Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice. She was born March 9, 1915, in Decatur to Samuel Faith and Flora Avery.

She married Robert Veigel on Oct. 22, 1933, in Plainview. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1935 from Floyd County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was active in the First Christian Church and the First United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Hereford Garden Club, the Sewing Club and the Birthday Club.

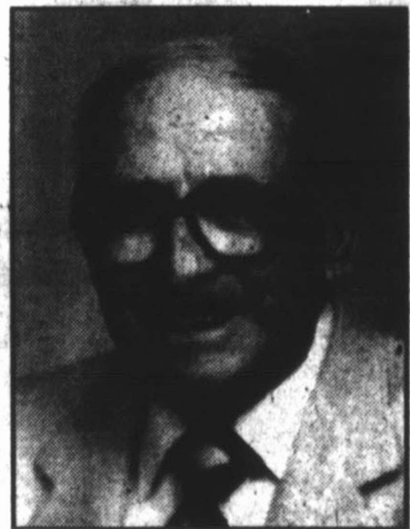
Survivors include one son, Bob Veigel of Hereford; one daughter, Dorothy Oswald of

Bala-Cynwyd, Penn.; one brother, Paul Faith of Los Angeles, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son and her husband.

The family suggests memorials be made to Kings Manor Westgate.

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CLYDE V. CAVE Sept. 12, 2000

Services for Clyde V. Cave, 97, of Hereford were today at West Park Cemetery with Michael Carr officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Cave died Tuesday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 29, 1903, in Crandall to Tom Cave and Elizabeth Webb.

He married Eula Lee Gilbreath on Aug. 11, 1942, in Happy. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1953 from Plainview. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of

Hereford and had owned a variety store. Mr. Cave served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include long time friends, Norman and Sherrie Kerr of Hereford.

Friends suggest memorials be made to Hereford Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

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JOSE SANCHEZ Sept. 11, 2000

DIMMITT - Services for Jose Sanchez, 70, of Dimmitt will be 10 a.m. Friday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor officiating. Vigil will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Burial will be in Castro-Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanchez died Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 7, 1930, in Poth. He married Lydia Garza in 1957 in Lamesa. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, nine daughters, Linda Rodriguez, Martha Galvan, Mary Ann Galvan, all of Hereford, Eva Rodriguez, Lydia Lopez, both of Amarillo, Gracie Rocha of Poth, Adela Gil of Dimmitt, Diana Ojeda of Dumas, Georgia Perez of Friona; five sons, Jose Sanchez, Jr. of Snyder, Jose Alfredo Sanchez of Friona, Rudolph Sanchez of San Antonio, Javier Sanchez of Ama-

rillo, Fermin Sanchez of Dimmitt; three sisters, Lupe Silva of Seguin, Angelita Salinas of Poth, Lillian Rosales of Rosenberg; three brothers, Sisto Sanchez of Poth, Paul Sanchez, Jr., of Lamesa, Mike Sanchez of Fresno, Calif.; 41 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

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CHARLES AMOS WEDDEL Sept. 10, 2000

CHILDRESS - Services for Charles Amos Weddel, 84, of Childress were today in the Parkview Baptist Church with Don McFarland, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Weddel died Sunday. He was born in Grapevine and served in the Army in World War II. After the war he farmed in Lakeview and then opened City Garage in Memphis and City Parts Supply.

He was a member of Senior Citizens, Busy Beavers, and the Memphis Trail Raiders Association. He was a member of Parkview Baptist Church and helped construct an addition to the church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one daughter, Martha Hutto of Arlington; three sons, Orvil "Sport" Weddel of Amarillo, Rocky Weddel of Hurst and William Weddel of Vivian, La.; a sister, Avylee Nix of Amarillo; four brothers, Elmer Weddel of Arlington, Evett L. Weddel of Amarillo, Jay Weddel of Tullia and Guy Weddel of Hereford; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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LIFESTYLES

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Krodel is speaker for HRSEA

John Krodel, vice president of the District XVI unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, was the featured speaker at the opening fall meeting of the Hereford Retired School Employees Association held at the Senior Citizens Center at noon on Monday. Krodel gave a brief history of this advocate group and discussed the importance of increased membership in gaining benefits for retired school personnel.



John Krodel (center), vice president of the District XVI unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, was the featured speaker at the opening fall meeting of Hereford Retired School Employees Association. Also pictured are HRSEA President Leona Schilling (left) and Vice President June Owens (right).

The meeting opened with a devotional presented by Oveta White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ed Warren. Leona Schilling, president of HRSEA, presented the goals for the local association's activities for the coming year. Sue Inmon, treasurer, announced that Sue Hudson, John Matthews and Argen Draper are new members of the association. Members are reminded that their local, district and state dues are

now payable. Forms for reporting volunteer hours were distributed by Mary Dziuk. These reports will be received at the January meeting of HRSEA and then tabulated and forwarded to the state committee. Louise Witkowski, health and fitness coordinator, gave suggestions for increasing energy and an improved sense of general well

being. Information and Protective Services Chairman Dempsey Alexander urged members to study the issues for the upcoming presidential election and to vote in the November general elections. The schedule of programs for the coming year was outlined by June Owens, vice president and program chairman. She stated that youth from the local 4-H organization will present the program for the Oct. 9

HRSEA meeting to be held at the Senior Center.

Betty Mercer of the Legislative Committee advised members to be in contact with their legislators who are now meeting in committees to set up the priorities for the upcoming session of the Texas State Legislature.

Winner of the Share the Pot drawing was Betty Mercer.

Langley home site of meeting for Bay View Study Club

The Bay View Study Club opened the 2000-2001 club year on Sept. 7 with a brunch in the home of Helen Langley. During an hour of business, the social committee of chairman Katie McLeod, Nancy Hays, Elizabeth Holt, Helen Langley and Karen Wimberley. The theme for the club year

is "Something New from Something Old."

Helen Ross, president, conducted the business meeting.

Program chairman and immediate past president, Margaret Bell, presented the year-books for the coming year.

Those in attendance were Della Hutto, Viola Malouf, Nancy Josseland, Betty Ruder, Ruth Allison, Helen Eades, Jeanie Cason, Pat Fisher, Lois Scott, Beth Burran, Roberta Caviness, Wimberley, Ross, Bell, McLeod, Hays, Holt and Langley.

AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef tips, buttered noodles, French green beans, raspberry/applesauce Jello salad, brownie.

FRIDAY-Fish scribbles, macaroni and tomatoes, fried okra, coleslaw, cake.

MONDAY-Stuffed bell peppers, fried okra, corn and yellow squash casserole, cottage cheese with pineapple salad, sweet roll.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, broccoli and cauliflower salad, fruit cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Pork ribs, hashed brown potatoes, baked beans, sliced onions, cherry peppers, pickles and tomato wedges, fruited cherry Jello.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 9 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

25th Year Celebration-SATURDAY, SEPT. 30-Food, games, program. Starting at 11 a.m.

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CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I had to respond to the letter from "Nancy in Portland," whose 14-year-old son received pictures of nude women from his girlfriend. You said it was his room and he could hang whatever he wanted, but that his mother should let him know she disapproved.

I strongly disagree with your advice. It is NOT his room unless he is the owner of the house or is paying rent. Parents should have the final say on whether or not their child can put something up on the walls. Please rethink your answer to this one, Ann. It was a bummer. — Dave in Iowa

Dear Dave: I expected some parents in my reading audience to disagree with my response, and I was not disappointed. Yours was one with language I could print. One woman wrote, "If that mother lets her son put nude pictures on his wall, next he will be bringing guns to school." Give me a break.

A child, especially a teenager, needs a space to call his own. What better place than his own room, where his parents can see what's going on. It is not a good idea to remind

a teenager that it is not his home and he has no rights there. The teen may obey, but his resentment will be deep and long-lasting.

Do I approve of the nude pictures on the wall? Of course not. Should the parents tell him they are offended, and discuss what is appropriate and what is not? Absolutely. Should they FORCE him to take down the pictures? No.

If this were about guns under the bed or drugs stashed in a drawer, my answer would be different. Most children do not set out to offend or hurt their parents. Any mother who would "rip those pictures off the wall," as some readers suggested, does not trust her son to do the right thing. If "Nancy" and her son have a good relationship (and it sounds as if they do), he will eventually remove the pictures on his own, because he will realize they are inappropriate. These are the moments that teach a teenager maturity and how to make responsible decisions.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the letter from the nurse who said patients should answer all questions honestly. She claims some patients don't think it's necessary to tell if they've eaten anything, but she needs to know because that patient could lose his gag reflex under anesthesia and choke to death.

I'm tired of being asked a million questions by medical personnel with no hint as to why those questions are important. If I want an explanation, I'm made to feel like a nuisance. Doctors and nurses who explain their reasoning as they go along are a godsend. They make patients feel much more comfortable, and it doesn't take too much extra time. Please ask all medical personnel to do this. — Heather in New York

Dear N.Y.: Your letter should serve as a wake-up call to all medical personnel who work in hospitals. You really laid it on the line. Let's hope they see it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are friendly with a couple who eats at the same restaurant we do. We often run into them in the bar area while waiting for our table. We engage in small talk, and sometimes, buy one another drinks.

However, when it comes time to be seated, they never ask us to join them at their table. I am hurt by this slight. My husband says they probably prefer to sit alone, but I think it's rude. What do you say? — Super Sensitive (?) in New York

Dear N.Y.: Did it occur to you that they might be wondering the same thing about you? Next time, ASK THEM to join you.

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Three members of the Pilot Club of Hereford were recognized at Tuesday morning's meeting for having perfect attendance since the club's beginning in 1984. They are (from left) Peggie Fox, Mary Edwards and Brenda Thomas.

Pilot Club recognizes members with perfect attendance records

Perfect attendance awards were presented at the Tuesday morning meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford held in the Lamar Room of King's Manor Methodist Home.

Special recognition was given to three members who have had

perfect attendance since 1984. They were Brenda Thomas, Mary Edwards and Peggie Fox.

The business meeting included discussion of coming important dates. The Fall Workshop will be Sept. 23 in Lubbock.

The Lt. Governor will make her official visit to the Hereford club on Sept. 26.

The first in a series of Game Nights will be held Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Hereford Community Center at 7 p.m.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2000. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1949, the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America was formed in New York City, with Patty Berg as its first president.

In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed 43 lives.

In 1977, conductor Leopold Stokowski died in Hampshire, England, at age 95.

In 1989, Fay Vincent was named commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti.

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

In 1998, former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace died at age 79.

Ten years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee opened its first day of confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee David H. Souter, who firmly refused to discuss his views on abortion. NBC's cop-courtroom drama "Law & Order" premiered on NBC.

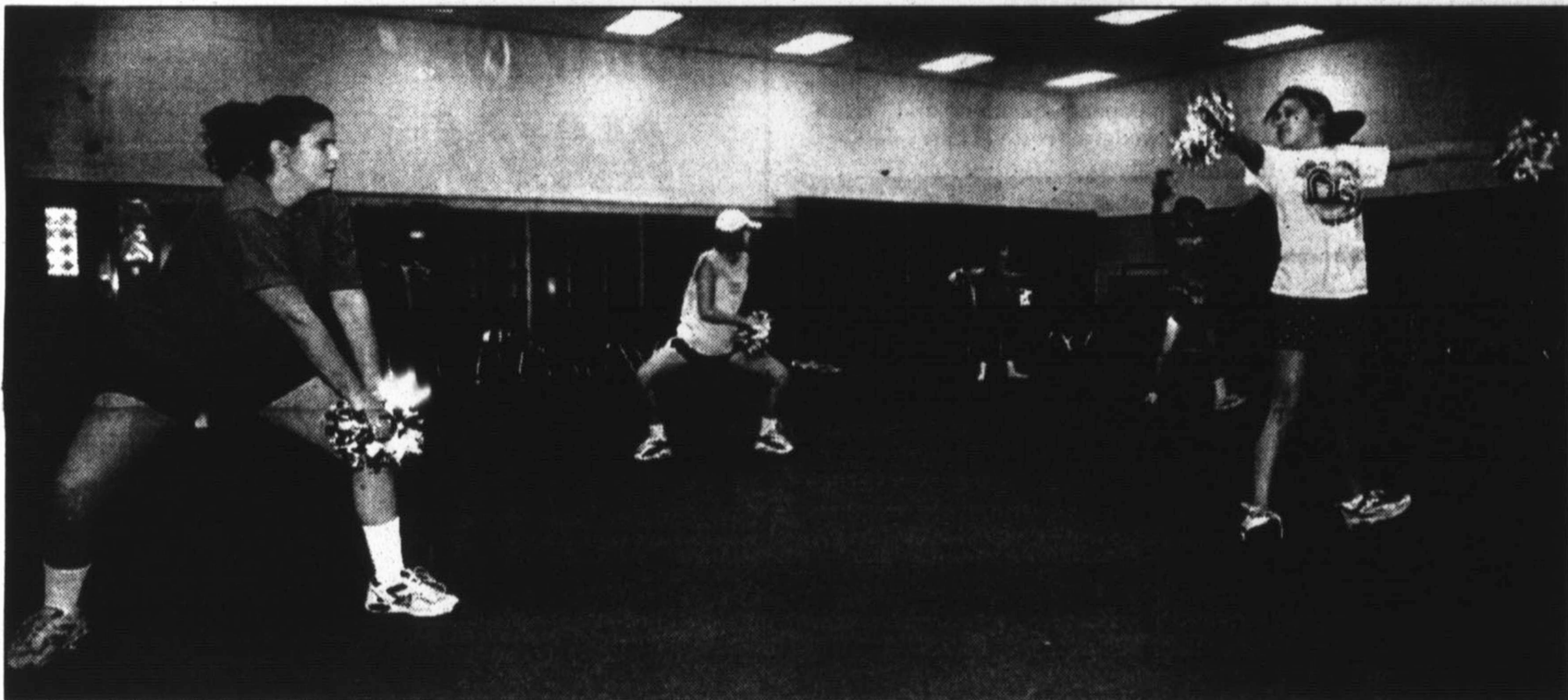
Five years ago: The FBI made at least a dozen arrests, capping a nationwide two-year investigation of pedophiles and pornographers using the America Online computer network.

One year ago: Israelis and Palestinians opened talks on a final peace accord. A suspected bomb devastated an eight-story apartment building in Moscow, killing at least 118 people.

Today's Birthdays: Ac-

tress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 67. TV producer Fred Silverman is 63. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 61. Actor Richard Kiel is 61. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 59. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 56. Singer Peter Cetera (Chicago) is 56. Actress Nell Carter is 52. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 48. Record producer Don Was is 48. Actress Jean Smart is 41. Country singer Bobbie Cryner is 39. Rock singer-musician Dave Mustaine (Megadeth) is 39. Rock musician Zak Starkey is 35. Olympic gold medal runner Michael Johnson is 33. Rock musician Steve Perkins (Porno For Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 33. Tennis player Goran Ivanisevic is 29. Actor Scott Vickaryous is 25. Singer Fiona Apple is 23. Actor Ben Savage is 20.

Thought for Today: "We do not attach ourselves lastingly to anything that has not cost us care, labor or longing." — Honore de Balzac, French dramatist (1799-1850).



HHS Diamond Dancers and Twirlers hone their skills as they prepare for a mini-camp on Thursday and learn a routine to perform at half-time Friday during the Whiteface varsity's game against Big Spring. Registration for the mini-camp will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday with the camp from 6-8 p.m. in the HHS Band Hall. Cost is \$10. Interested twirlers should bring a baton.

Veleda Study Club holds welcome back supper

Veleda Study Club met Monday evening in the First Baptist Church Parlor for its welcome back supper. Hostesses for the salad supper were Francis Crume and Theda Seiver.

President Margaret Zinser opened the meeting by leading the Club Collect and members answered roll call by reading the message about friendship from their place cards.

Crume handed out the yearbooks with the theme for this year being "Windows To Friendship."

Those present were Marcella Brady, Mary Dziuk, Della Hutto, Joyce Ritter, Norma Walden, Crume, Seiver and Zinser.

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SPORTS

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Quick work

■ The Lady whitefaces improve to 3-0 in District 3-4A play after defeating Caprock in 20 minutes

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

If you were late, or you stepped out before the volleyball match began to get some popcorn and a soft drink chances are you probably missed the Lady Whitefaces pummel the Caprock Lady Longhorns in two games 15-2 and 15-2.

The match lasted about 20 minutes and featured a dominant Hereford team starting off 3-0 in district play.

Girls Athletic Director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said the team set a goal before the game about how many points they were going to allow Caprock.

"What we did for the first time today was to set a point limit for each game," Kitten said. "We set a goal for ourselves to not allow Caprock more than four points a game."

The Lady Whitefaces (17-5, 3-0) did just that and more holding the Lady 'Horns (8-8, 1-2) to only four total points in the entire match.

The Lady Herd set the tone early that they were not going to allow many points by jumping out to a 10-1 lead. Sophomore designated setter Catherine Beville served up nine straight service points to help Hereford High take the lead. Beville went on to serve 17 successful points in the match. Beville also had 16 sets to lead the Lady Herd.

After another Caprock point,

Hereford got the ball back and ended the first game on a big kill from senior outside hitter Tessa Baker with Gonzalez serving out the match to win 15-2.

Kitten said she thought the first game demonstrated how her team was ready to execute their game plan.

"I thought everything we wanted to do or needed to do

got done," Kitten said. "I felt like we came out much more prepared to play."

The second

game was more of the same with Hereford going ahead 5-2 early in the game and never looking back. Sophomore middle blocker Sarah Griffin continued to show off her serve having an ace in the game and a big kill to help keep the Lady Longhorns down at 6-2. Griffin had three kills in the match while sophomore middle blocker Kali Hall and junior middle blocker Michelle Bernhardt each added five kills.

Kitten said she did not know how meaningful a points allowed goal could be, but she felt it helped her team on Tuesday.

"How meaningful those goals are to kids you never know," Kitten said. "But today it was something they really wanted to step out and prove."

Kitten also said she thinks the goal was important to the team Tuesday so they could



Timing the block—Hereford sophomore Sarah Griffin and a teammate go for the block Tuesday night against the Caprock Lady Longhorns. The Lady Whitefaces won the match 15-2, 15-2 to improve their record to 17-5 overall and 3-0 in District 3-4A play. The Lady Herd will travel to Canyon to face Randall on Saturday. The Lady Whitefaces are then at home on Tuesday night against the Palo Duro Lady Dons.

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"I felt like we came out much more prepared to play."
—Brenda Kitten
HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

improve on Saturday's performance against Pampa. The coach said she felt her team came out flat emotionally and neglected to take Pampa seriously.

"On Saturday we were just kind of frustrated with ourselves," Kitten said. "We were also embarrassed that we played as sloppily for as long as we did."

Another positive about Tuesday's victory included the fact that the team did not make as many unforced errors. The Lady Whitefaces totaled nine errors on Tuesday as opposed to 30 on Saturday. Kitten attributed much of her

teams success to Caprock's size and lack of a block.

"We didn't have as many errors," Kitten said. "When you play a team as small as Caprock it makes your hitters

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Kali Hall

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Nazarene loses first

■ Volleyball team at 2-1 for 2000 season

Nazarene Christian Academy traveled to Amarillo Tuesday to take on Trinity Fellowship in volleyball and lost 15-8 and 15-7.

The Lady Eagles were led by Haley McCollough with six service points, Kimmy Artho with four service points and

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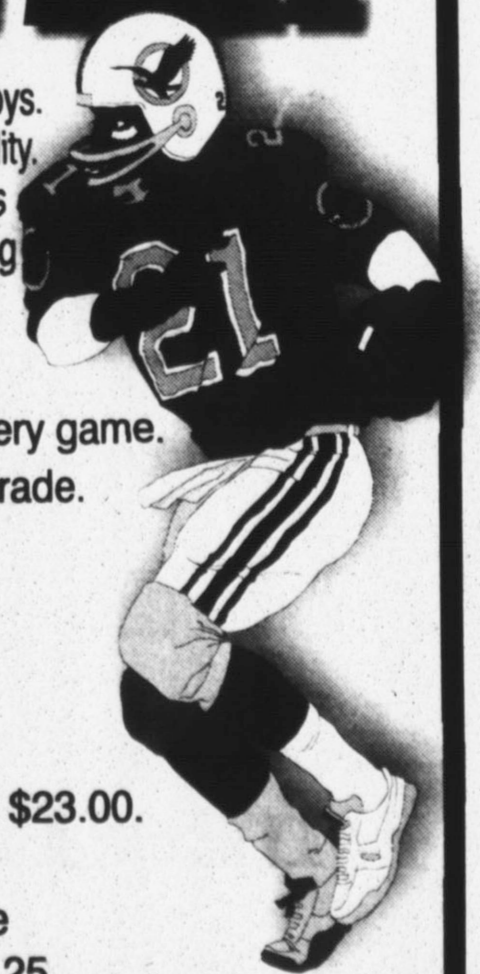
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NET ATTACK



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Ready to return—Hereford senior Ivory Isaacson waits to return a serve from a Pampa player Saturday afternoon. The Hereford team was in action on Tuesday against Caprock but lost 18-1. Dana Estrada led the team with her two set victory over Caprock's Ashley Wetzel.

Texas takes twin bill

Helling and Rogers win for Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers veterans Rick Helling and Kenny Rogers gave their rookie counterparts on the Baltimore Orioles a clinic on the fine art of pitching Tuesday night.

Rogers pitched seven strong innings for his first win in seven starts as the Rangers completed a doubleheader sweep of the Orioles with a 6-5 victory.

Helling threw three-hit ball for eight innings in the 9-1 opening-game victory.

Rogers and Helling combined to walk only one in 15 innings. Meanwhile, Orioles rookie starters John Parrish and Jay Spurgeon walked eight over 5 2-3 innings.

"In both games, we scored early and the veterans did what they are supposed to do, which is throw strikes," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "The pitchers did their jobs."

Rogers (12-13) allowed three runs and seven hits in his first win since Aug. 8, helping the Rangers sweep their only doubleheader of the season. Rogers struck out six and

walked one before allowing hits to the first two batters in the eighth.

"It was nice to hold on to a lead," said Rogers, who lost his last four decisions. "I really wanted to make sure I didn't do what I did in Chicago last week (when he took a 5-1 lead into the sixth and got a no-decision)."

John Wetteland earned his 33rd save, despite allowing a two-run double to Greg Myers in the ninth inning.

Texas also took both ends of its last doubleheader on Sept. 6, 1999, over the Chicago White Sox. The Rangers have won seven of their last 10.

"Maybe with the weather cooling off, we're getting our second wind," Oates said. "We hope we can finish strong."

Baltimore was last swept on June 8, 1999, by the Florida Marlins.

Helling (15-11) gave up Brady Anderson's homer leading off the game and just two singles after that, winning for the first time in six starts since beating Boston on Aug. 12.

Helling struck out five and walked none. In his previous five starts, he had a 9.12 ERA. Neither Parrish nor

Spurgeon was able to get past the fifth inning.

Meanwhile, the Rangers' veteran starters shut down the Orioles lineups, dominated by young players.

"They've got a young team out there," said Rangers second baseman Luis Alica, 3-for-7 with a homer in the doubleheader. "That makes it easier for veteran pitchers."

Anderson went 4-for-7 in the doubleheader with a homer and two doubles.

Spurgeon (1-1) was hurt by five walks and two homers, lasting four innings plus three batters in the fifth. Spurgeon allowed six runs and four hits and struck out one.

In the second game, Texas grabbed a 4-0 lead in the first inning on Ricky Ledee's RBI single and rookie Pedro Valdes' three-run homer, the first of his career.

"He (Spurgeon) got two outs, then he walked the next two hitters," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "Then he walked right into Valdes' wheelhouse. (But) he wasn't wild out there, he didn't leave any balls mid-plate. There were positive things to his outing."

Baltimore closed to 4-2 on Delino DeShields' two-run single in the third. Ledee's RBI single in the bottom half and Alica's leadoff homer in the fifth extended Texas' lead.

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NCA

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Leanna King with three service points.

On Sept. 5, the girls opened their season with a win at home against Bible Heritage School of Amarillo 15-8 and 15-9. McColloch again led the team with eighty service points. Trinity Power also had seven service points and

Stephanie Shaw hit five good serves.

Thursday, Sept. 7, the team took care of San Jacinto Christian School of Amarillo 15-13 and 16-14.

The next game for the Lady Eagles is Thursday at 5 p.m. at home.

Volley

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want to go up and take huge swings."

Kitten said her team also was a little nervous about facing Caprock, because they had not seen them play yet. She said that created a little nervousness her team needed.

"Not seeing them yet created a little bit more nervousness than what we already had," Kitten said. "We had more emotion."

Kitten said her team's blocking scheme has also helped her players play with more heart. Tuesday night,

the team had seven playable blocks and four stuffs.

"You can feel a difference in our security when our blocks are working," Kitten said.

The team travels to Canyon on Saturday to face district rival Canyon Randall. Kitten said Randall has good size and should give her team the test they need.

"Randall is going to try to tip on us a good bit," Kitten said. "We are going to also make sure our mid court defense is ready."

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The Commissioners Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, will hold a public hearing on said budget on September 18, 2000, at 9 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Any and all persons are invited to attend and have opportunity to be heard concerning the budget.
Placed for publication in the Hereford Brand and posted on the Courthouse notice board this 7th day of August, 2000.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: ROSA LISA MARQUEZ-PADRON
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 222nd Judicial District, Deaf Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Hereford, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of JESUS MANUEL PADRON. Petitioner filed in said Court on the 11th day of September, 2000, against ROSALISA MARQUEZ-PADRON, Respondent and the said suit being number DR-001-151 on said docket of said Court, and entitled, "In the Matter of the Marriage of JESUS MANUEL PADRON and ROSALISA MARQUEZ-PADRON," the nature of which suit is a request to Petition For Divorce.
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Debates

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that's the right number to have.
Two-thirds of Democrats say Gore will do better in the debates, while just over half of Republicans think Bush will do better. Independents are about evenly split in the poll of 1,019 adults taken Sept. 6-10 with an error margin of 3 percentage points.
Overall, more Americans think Gore will do better, 44 percent, than Bush, 33 percent. A fifth say they just don't know.
"I'm hoping Bush does better, but with the numbers so close, it's hard to know," said Anne Jones, a 36-year-old housewife and student from Portsmouth, Va., who considers herself an independent. "I hope they just stick with the issues, clarify their positions. I don't care about hearing them argue."
Marie Samaha, 53, an elementary school principal from Moltonborough, N.H., said she hasn't been able to figure out who will fare better.
"Al Gore has better use of language, but sometimes he doesn't come across as being totally honest," said Samaha, a Democrat. "George Bush has a folksy way about him and people tend to trust that kind of dialogue."
Two of 10 Americans say the debates will be very important to their decision, with almost three of 10 blacks feeling that way.
Derek Williams, a 31-year-old teacher and Republican from Norwalk, Ohio, said he thinks the debates will make a difference in the election because the race is close.
"There are 40 percent of us who support one side and another approximately 40 percent on the other side," he said. "It's the 20 percent in the middle who determine things. There are a lot of undecided voters out there, and I think the debates could push it one way or the other."

FUEL PROTESTS

Gasoline deliveries resume in Britain, but it fails to cool demonstrators' tempers

LONDON (AP) — Fuel tankers escorted by police began to roll past protesters' barricades early Wednesday en route to Britain's fuel-starved gas pumps — the latest development in Europe-wide fuel protests that have left pumps running dry and tempers flaring.
The first trucks began departing depots in England and Scotland hours after Prime Minister Tony Blair held a day of crisis meetings Tuesday and promised a quick end to the protests.
Truckers, taxi drivers and others angry over high fuel prices and taxes have blockaded fuel depots for days, creating shortages that have set off panic buying and snarled traffic. By Tuesday evening, retailers Shell and Elf estimated that 90 percent of their British filling stations were dry.
Queen Elizabeth II and her senior advisers gave the British government the go-ahead to employ emergency measures, which could include the use of troops to move fuel to critical points.
Under the measures, the government instructed oil companies to deliver fuel to hundreds of stations across Britain, said the Department of Trade and Industry. Some of the tankers on the road early Wednesday were met by shouts of abuse from demonstrators, but there were no reports of violence.
While the disruption was worst in Britain, similar protests choked roadways in other European cities and along the borders of Belgium and the Netherlands. Smaller protests were also reported in Germany and even France, whose government made concessions to the strikers over the weekend.
"These guys are doing it to save their livelihoods," said Mike Salmon of the British Road Haulage Association. The group represents truck drivers, farmers and others who claim that the double whammy of high oil prices and taxes threatens to bankrupt them.
The protests here started on Sept. 7, with groups of farmers, taxi drivers, fishermen and even retirees picketing refineries across Britain. By Tuesday, hospitals canceled non-vital surgery, ambulance services reported delays and the Royal Post Office warned that its deliveries were being "seriously threatened." One municipality in Wales said it was closing all 19 of its secondary schools because staff were unable to get to work.
The public and the press channeled much of their rage at the Blair government for not easing gasoline taxes in the face of rising oil prices, which have soared to \$35 a barrel.

New book reports lawyer told Hillary about Lewinsky affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was unable to tell his wife that he had lied about the Monica Lewinsky affair and had his personal lawyer deliver the news, according to a new book about the scandal.
Attorney David Kendall met with Hillary Rodham Clinton in the White House residential wing in 1998 to tell her that the president had lied in denying the affair with Ms. Lewinsky. The disclosure was made in "The Breach: Inside the Impeachment and Trial of William Jefferson Clinton," by Washington Post reporter Peter Baker.
The Post reported excerpts from the book today.
White House spokesman Joe Lockhart declined comment on the book. "I can't add anything to it. As far as some of the specific things, they were news to me," he said.
Baker writes that Clinton was so distracted by the impeachment — which ended in his acquittal last year — that aides at White House meetings sometimes had to answer questions for him. And a key adviser approached several Democratic Party leaders about a strategy to urge him to resign when impeachment seemed almost certain.
In the late summer of 1998, Baker writes, a former White House deputy chief of staff, Harold M. Ickes, "told people that the only possible way to convince his ex-boss to give up power would be to put together a coalition of interest groups and key senior members from Congress to go to him as a delegation and tell him there was no way to hold the White House in 2000 unless he resigned."
Ickes broached the idea to AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and was told: "Let's wait and see, Harold." The idea faded away.



ELECTION 2000

Voters see Gore win as possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters are now about equally divided on whether Al Gore or George W. Bush will win in November, says a CBS-New York Times poll that suggests the race remains close.

Democrat Gore has been surging in the polls, gaining an edge in some national polls and making the race competitive in many states. The public is starting to see him as having a good chance of winning after a majority thought this spring that Bush would win.

Gore had 46 percent and Bush 42 percent in the CBS-Times poll. The two were close in several other polls out this week.

An NBC-Wall Street Journal poll, the bipartisan Hotline Bullseye poll and a Voter.com Battleground tracking poll out Tuesday showed the race virtually even, which has been the consensus of most of the national polls taken since the Democratic convention in Los Angeles.

But in some national polls, Gore has edged ahead. Gore led 48-42 among likely voters in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup tracking poll, 49-41 among likely voters in a Newsweek poll over the weekend and 47-38 among likely voters in a poll by ICR of Media, Pa.

"We see the race remains as dead even and voters can look forward to a close contest all fall in which Governor Bush will prevail," said Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway had a different view. "We hope more voters are following the race and seeing that Al Gore is fighting for them," he said.

Gore's standing in the state-by-state contest for electoral votes has been steadily improving as well. Bush and Gore are in a dead heat in Florida now, 45 percent for Bush to 43 percent for Gore in a Mason-Dixon poll released Wednesday. The difference was within the poll's error margin of 4 percentage points.

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David Rohde, a political scientist at Michigan State University, said: "What Gore did was have an excellent convention and then he followed it up with a whole bunch of activities that reinforced that gain ... pushing the right issues" such as health care and the economy.

For months, Bush banked on his advantage on personal qualities like trust and likability. But Gore and Bush are roughly even on those qualities in many polls now, and Gore retains an advantage on many issues such as the economy, health care and the environment, in the CBS-Times poll. Bush had the advantage on taxes and the two were close on education.

About six in 10 said Gore is likely to make health care affordable for everyone, while four in 10 said that of Bush in the CBS-Times poll. Health care was picked as the single most important issue.

U.S. trade deficit sets record

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's deficit in the broadest measure of trade climbed to a record \$106.1 billion in the second quarter of this year as the sizzling economy allowed U.S. consumers to buy more from abroad than American exporters were able to sell.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the deficit in the current account was up 4.6 percent from the previous quarter, which showed an imbalance of \$101.5 billion.

While setting a record, the deficit in the second quarter was slightly better than the \$108 billion shortfall many analysts had feared.

The current account is considered the best measurement of a country's international

economic standing because it measures not just the goods and services reflected in the government's monthly trade reports but also investment flows between countries and unilateral transfers, including U.S. foreign aid payments.

A soaring trade deficit has been the main flaw in an otherwise remarkable U.S. economy. The Clinton administration insists that the trade deficit is a sign of strength because the U.S. economy has been growing at far faster rates than have its trading partners'. However, critics say the rising deficits have cost thousands of American jobs, especially in manufacturing, and indicate the failings of the administration's trade policy.

While the U.S. economy has continued to prosper in spite

of the huge trade deficits, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other economists have expressed concerns that the rate of increase in the deficit is unsustainable and could cause problems down the road if foreign investors become fearful.

Such a development could cause the dollar to weaken seriously, triggering inflation pressures in the United States as imports became more expensive, and set off a stampede by investors out of U.S. stocks and bonds.

On Monday, the International Monetary Fund called the soaring U.S. current-account deficit one of the primary threats to global prosperity.

In the April-June quarter,

America's deficit in goods widened to a record \$110.2 billion. In the services category, which measures such things as airline travel, the United States is running a surplus, which grew to \$21 billion in the second quarter.

The deficit in investment earnings widened to \$4.5 billion in the second quarter, up from \$4.3 billion in the first quarter.

The category of unilateral transfers climbed to \$12.3 billion in the second quarter. This category adds to the overall current-account deficit because it represents payments that the U.S. government makes in foreign aid to other countries.

The current account hit an all-time high of \$331.5 billion in 1999.

Hillary scores a historic first

The Associated Press

Primary challenge aside, Hillary Rodham Clinton looked to the fall. Selma, Ala., elected its first black mayor, ousting a reformed segregationist whose tenure reaches back to the civil rights struggle.

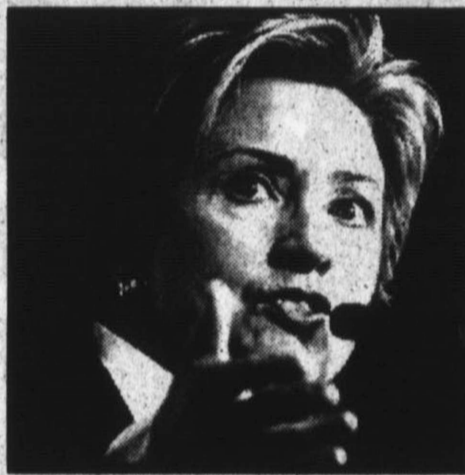
Vermont, grappling with a law allowing gay couples the closest thing to marriage in the nation, bounced six lawmakers for their votes.

And in a New York dead heat, party-switcher Rep. Michael Forbes, a three-term incumbent, trailed a 71-year-old former librarian who raised just \$40,000 to his \$1.4 million for the Democratic primary.

With Tuesday's contests over in nine states and the District of Columbia, most candidates set their eyes on November battles.

"Over the next two months, I will continue to work hard each and every day to earn the opportunity to represent the people of New York in the Senate," Clinton said in a statement.

As expected, she swept past her little-known challenger,



HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON New York primary victory makes her the first-ever first lady to win an election.

soundly defeating Dr. Mark McMahon 5-1 and putting aside doubts she might let the orthopedic surgeon get a quarter of the votes.

Clinton had 82 percent of the vote to McMahon's 18 percent, with most of the precincts reporting. Now she goes on to her first debate with Republican Rep. Rick Lazio, who was unopposed in his primary.

One race, however, touched on the past as well as the future.

In Selma, businessman James Perkins defeated Joe Smitherman, a white man first elected in 1964 — a few months before civil rights marchers were met at Edmund Pettus Bridge by troopers with tear gas and clubs in a clash that became known as "Bloody Sunday."

Perkins received 6,326 votes, or about 57 percent of the vote in the nonpartisan runoff. Smitherman had 4,854 votes, or about 43 percent.

Perkins said race wasn't a factor. But many voters said otherwise. "This was the final step of the march over the bridge," resident Burl Brown said.

The 70-year-old Smitherman was a segregationist when he took office. He later welcomed blacks into his administration as blacks grew to become the majority in this central Alabama city of about 22,000.

Vermont posed questions for

the nation with the backlash to the law granting civil unions for gay couples. Six state legislators were ousted in their primaries — five Republicans who supported the law and one Democrat who opposed it.

"This is probably something that's going to take a generation to resolve," said Republican House Judiciary Chairman Thomas Little. He beat back a challenge focused on his role as one of the law's authors.

Still, Vermont Democrats chose state auditor Ed Flanagan, the nation's only openly gay statewide officeholder, for Senate. He faces GOP Sen. James Jeffords in the fall.

Forbes, however, must wait for a recount with upstart septuagenarian Regina Seltzer to see if he remains a candidate. He trailed by 39 votes out of the 11,611 cast.

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