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Today's weather
OUTLOOK

- Mostly clear, cooler Tonight: Mostly clear with lows in the
mid-40s, east winds 10 to 15 mph becoming south.
Thursday: Partly sunny and windy, highs
in the mid-70s, south to southwest winds in the mid-70s, south to southwest winds Thursday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid-50s. Extended forecast Friday: Mostly sunny, highs around 85 . Saturday: Mostly clear, lows 50 to 55 ,
 chancayy: Partiy cloudy with a slight
65 to showers, lows 45 to 50 , highs 65 to ${ }^{70}$ - Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 95; low, 50; no precipita-


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The forecast for Thursday shows showers likely over norther New York and New England. Showers and thunderstorms are likely over the Atlantic Coast states from Virginia to Florida and along the Gulf Coast
states of Louisiana and Texas. Rain and snow

## - Dry weather continues

 Dry weather is on tap for most of Texas,but a disturbance coupled with a cool front but a disturbance coupled with a cool front
could bring some showers and storms to parts of the Gulf Coast by Thursday. Conditions early today were clear and
dry throughout the state. Temperatures dry throughout he state. Temperatures
mostly were in the 60s and 70 s mostly were in the 60s and
front pushing through West Texas sent temperatures in some areas tumbling into the upper 50 s . Milder readings in the 80s
were noted in South Texas. The front will push south
The front will push southeastward through
North Texas by Wednesday night, but no rainfall is anticipated. Lows will dip into the 60 s . Temperatures will rebound into the 80 s
on Thursday under partly sunny skies. on Thursday under partly sunny skies
South Texas will be partly cl South exas will be partly cloudy
Wednesday night, but some isolated showers and storms are possible. Lows will range from the 50 s in the Hill County to
near 70 in Deep South Texas. Nore storms near 70 in Deep South Texas. More storms
are forecast for Thursday, with highs in the are torecast 90
80 s to near 90.
West Texas will be breezy and dry
behind the cool front. Lows Wednesday will behind the cool front. Lows wednesday will
be in the 40 s and 50 . It will remain windy, but sunny skies Thursda
temperatures into the 70 s .

Hereford vs. Frenship
HISD officials fear
some fans won't be able to get in
Additional tickets were released here today
for the much-ballyhooed Class 4A football ri valry between the Hereford Whitefaces and
ger Stadium.
Terry Russell, Hereford
Independent School Dis Independent School Dis
trict assistant superinten dent for support services,
said the school district has received an addi-
tional 950 game tickets tional 950 game tickets,
which went on sale this morning at Troy's Sweet Shop, 1003 E. Park
Ave., and the HISD administration building, 601 N .25 Mile Ave. Tickets cost $\$ 5$ for adults, $\$ 2$ for students.
Russell said
Russell said the additional tickets brought
Hereford's total allotment to 2,350 . Tiger StaHereford's has an estimated capacity of 7,500 , with total home seating pegged at 5,000 and an-
other 2,500 seats in the visitor's section. other 2,500 seats in the visitor's section. had been informed that unsold stadium seating Please see TICKETS, Page A2

## PUBLIC HEARING

 Deaf Smith County Hospital District direc-ors will conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal 2001 tax rate at noon Sept. 25 in the board rom of Hereford Regional Medical
Center, $801 \mathrm{E} .3^{\text {ro }}$ 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 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 The average ta
within the hospital district has been pegged at $\$ 46,902$, up from $\$ 46,013$ this year. If the 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 $\$ 1,339,186$, and increase of $\$ 114,776$ over
the current year. the current year.
The board will meet at noon Sept. 28 to adopt the tax rate.

## Directors approve hospital's budget

By Donald Cooper
Deaf Smith County Hospital District direc. tors an Tuesday signed off on a proposed budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning Oct.i.
The directors approved a tax rate of 231 cents per $\$ 100$ aspsessed valuation of from 23.1 cents per $\$ 100$ assessed valuation, up from
21.12 cents for the current year. The directors will conduct a pubbicherearing on the tar tax rate
at noon Sept. 25 in the board room at Here-
 The hospital's tax base is $\$ 579,734,525$, up
$\$ 25,287,629$ from the current $\$ 25,287,629$ from the current year. If the 23.1 . cent rate is formally adopted, it will generate
$\$ 1,339,187$ in revenue, up from $\$ 1,224,411$ this The consolidated FY 2001 budget, which
includes both Hereford Regional
total operating revenue of $\$ 12,289,729$ and Cotal operating expenses of $\$ 13,721,442$, leav-
ing an operations loss of $\$ 1.431713$. This loss ing an operations loss of $\$ 1,431,713$. This loss
is expected to be offset by $\$ 1,454,496$ in nonoperating revenue, leaving a net gain of $\$ 22,783$ The Balanced Budget Act of 1996 continues The Balanced Budget Act of 1996 continues
have an adverse effect on the hospitals revenues. Although the administration estimates gross patient revenue will be
$\$ 16,100,580$, that will be reduced by reductions in the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements, Larry D. Krupala, president of Texas Organization of Community Hospitals (TORCH), said the Balanced Budget Act is forcing hospi-
tals, especially rural facilities, throughout the tals, especially rural facilities, throughout the
nation to adopt tax rates that are above the Please see HOSPITAL, Page A7
WATER
$■$ Pickens carries out
plan to get permit to pump from aquifier

LUBBOCK (AP) - Texas oilman T. Boone
Pickens and six other Roberts County land Pickens and six other Roberts County land-
owners have applied for permits allowing them owners have applied for permits allowing them
to transport water from the Panhandle's Ogallala Aquifer to other parts of the state. Pickens said he and other landowners ap-
plied for the permits in order to protect water plied for the pernits in order to protect water
rights the oilman has accumulated throughout rights the oilman has accumulated throughout
water-rich Roberts County.
Pickens plans to sell the water through his Pickens plans to sell the water through his
Mesa Water company to cities throughout the state, possibly including San Antonio, Dallas
Fort Worth and El Paso. So far, Pickens doesn So far, Pickens doesn't have a buyer, but
has amassed about 150,000 acre feet of water rights. He says he needs about 50,000 more to make his proposed deal fly.
want to get started producing," Pickens said want to get started producing," Pickens said
Tuesday. "We've got to get on production or we are going to have our water drained."
The city of Amarillo and the Canadian The city of Amarillo and the Canadian
River Municipal Water Authority were granted River Municipal Water
similar permits five years ago and plan to
start retrieving water
from about eight miles
south of Pickens' Robsouth of Pickens Rob-
erts County ranch in erts County ranch in
May. The water will go
to 11 West Texas cities,
 PICKENS "We have the water rights here and we ally led to the establish-
ment of water conserva- rights here and we tion districts, which regu- want to get sta
late water withdrawal lo- producing."
cally, said Greg Ellis, gen-
eral manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority in San Antonio.
The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District oversees and sets rules for the use of
water in the Ogallala Aquifer and Roberts County. Canadian and Mesa Water are going
"Both Can
"If over time those rules are not properly designed to protect the aquifer, it's going to be
up to the Panhandle Conservation District to revise them.
"The problem is. only time will tell if the "The problem is. only time will tell if the
rules are property designed or not. And so far rules are property designed or not. And so far
the Panhandle has only had to deal with one farmer verses another farmer."
Dealing with water authorities trying to a whole other ball ${ }^{6}$ ame. Ellis said.

## That's why Pickens is so concerned with

protecting his interests.
"My back's against the wall. I've got to
hurry," Pickens said. "I'm not trying to do hurry", Pickens said. "I'm not trying to do
anything but protect myself and my neighbors from drainage."
John Williams, general manager of the John Williams, general manager of the
Candian River water authority, said it will take a long time for Pickens' water rights to water to West Texas cities such as Lubbock and Amarillo.
"I don't see why it would affect his water. but then I'm not in his shoes," Williams said

Five are injured - A small grass fire in the median of S. Highway 60 a mile east of Dawn, was blamed for a three-vehicle accident about $4: 45$ p.m. Tuesday which sent three people to Hereford Regional Medical Center at the time and two others later. A Texas Department of Public Safety report indicates the three vehicles were westbound in the outside lane when the accident occurred. A Chevrolet pickup driven by Donnie Skelton of Hereford, followed closely by a Lincoln Navigator driven by Lois Crozier of Portales, N.M., traveled into the smoke and was struck from he rear by the Crozier vehicle, which spun around and was struck by a late-model Ford pickup driven by Leonardo Alvarado of Friona. Alvarado, Crozier, and Rosetta Lindsey, a passenger in the Crozier vehicle, were transported to HRMC at the time of the wreck. Skelton and his passenge conditions.

## nized by state standards. The same num-

 ers have put the district in a prime pores continue to an exemplary district, if the past few years. State ratings are based on more than justhe final number of students taking and passing the number of students taking and percent or more. Final ratings also take

Please see HISD, Page A7


## HeRForab baño <br> Local roundup

Deaf Smith Democratic Club The Deaf Smith Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m.
Monday in the Hereford Community Center lounge. Refresh-


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## School news

## Administration

Hereford Independent School District, special education de-
partment will present a video explaining the ARD Committee Decision-making Process for the Texas Assessment Program and $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Oct. 16 . The same video will be offered for public viewing at $5: 30$
p.m. Oct. 2 in the HISD Administration Building.

## District

Classes on all campuses of Hereford Independent School ransportation for the football game at Frenship. Pransportation for the footbal game at Frenship.
Parents of students who do not ride a school bus should
arrange to pick up their children an hour earlier than normal. arrange to pick up their children an hour earlier than normal.
This is the first of three early dismissal days due to football This is the first of three early dismissal days due to football
games. Other dates for early dismissal are Sept. 29 and Nov. 3 .

## - High School

The freshmen class is selling chances for a 4-foot Hostile
Herd yard sign to help raise money for the class float. Chances or the sign can be purchased from any freshman parent or at The secret Garden.
The sign will be taken to games at Frenship and Borger.
The winning ticket will be drawn during halftime of the The winning ticket will be drawn during half
Caprock game. Chances are $\$ 1$ each or six for $\$ 5$.

Hereford Junior High
School photos will be taken Thursday. Students should dress appropriately.
Students will begin a fund raiser on Sept. 27 to help
purchase a marquee which will advertise important school 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.

## Aikman

Aikman School's Celebration of Success programs for the
irst six weeks will be Sept. 28. Staff will review the accountability report.
Third grade program will be 12:45-1:30 p.m.
First grade program will be 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m
First grade program will be $1: 30$ p.m.-2:15 p.m.
Second grade program will be $2: 15$ p.m. -3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Intermediate Shebninet -
Bluebonnet Intermediate School will hold an open house
6:30 p.m. Thursday. Events begin with a TAAS presentation
followed by the annual open house followed by the annual open house.

- Northwest
Northwest Elementary is holding a scholastic book fair this
week. Hours will be 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Friday.


## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News digest

| - Outreach benefits census -Sixty-four percent of Texas households have filled out censur |  |
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| from 1990, census officials said. |  |
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| Texas' increase is slightly higher than the national increase, |  |
| hich jumped 2 points to 67 percent. |  |
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| ant census workers had 1.2 million fewer households toring the costly follow-up phase. |  |
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| He credited the increased response to the bureau's first-ever paid advertising campaign, and partnerships with cities, reli- |  |
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| gious and civic organizations. |  |
| El Paso led the state's major cities with a 72 percent response rate. The response rates in other Texas cities included 68 percent in San Antonio, 67 percent in Austin, 65 |  |
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## Tickets

## From Page A1

and standing-room-only tickets will be on sale at the gate guarantees for admittance
"I am concerned that many of our fans will get down there and expect to be able to buy a ticket, and l fear they
will be greatly disappointed,"



## Mechanic's

 dream machinesYoung mechanics in the automotive repair classes at Hereford High, for the last two years, have had the opportunity to work on a nearly new GMC pickup truck,
donated by San Juan Jr. College, to simulate the types of vehicles which they will donated by San Juan Jr. College, to simulate the types of vehicles which they will
be working on in the real world. This new pickup, though not ready to be replaced is going to have newer competition in a few weeks when the auto class receives a 1997 Camaro Z-28 for the same purpose. The students will be able to tear it down and put it back together, but one stipulation to receiving the vehicles is that they never be registered and are never allowed on the road. Students will just have to continue dreaming.

## Locals show well at Tri-State Fair

Hereford FFA and 4-H stu-
dents started the stock show season off in a grand style High Steppin' Swade placed
with with their placings at the style 2000 first in barrels. Swade placed Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. The livestock judging teams Local winners in the lamb
show include the following: show include the following:
FiNEWOOL Breed Champion
Kristen Huffaker Kristen Huffaker
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 Class 2-Amanda Smith, 7, 8, 9
MEDIUM WOOL
Class 1-Kristen Huffaker, 9; Class 1 - Kristen Huffaker, 9;
Class 3 - Trent Huffaker $7 \%$
Class 5 - Trent Huffaker, 2; Holly Class 5 - Trent Huffaker, 2; Holly
Huffaker, $4 ;$ Justin Johnoon, $5 ;$
Trent Huffaker, 6; Jerad Johnson, Class 8 - Dieter Brannon, 3;
$\begin{gathered}\text { Kristen Huffaker } 9 ; \\ \text { Class } \\ 9-\text { Holly }\end{gathered}$ Schilling ? eter Brannon, 9.
Jared Johnson won senior showmanship.

## Amy Northcutt and her

 horse Somekinda Nuisanceplaced placed several times in the
Open Horse Show. Her winnings include: halter geldings, 3; showmanship 13 \& under,
3; horsemanship 12 \& under 3; horsemanship 12 \& under,
3; western pleasure 3 ; trail 13 western pleasure 3 ; trail
13 under, 2 ; western riding

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## Emergency services

## Activities reported by emer gency services personnel

 gency services personnel forSept.19, 2000, include the fol lowing:
POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests - A 31 -year-old man was ar-
rested in the 2900 block of Eas rested in the 2900 block of East
First and charged with public intoxication.

- A 21 -year-old man was ar-
rested in the 200 block of rested in the 200 block of gravated assault.
- Two men were arrested in
the 400 block the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with fighting.
- A criminal mischief report
as filed in the 400 block of was filed in the 400 block of
North Schley. The resident saic North Schley. The resident saic
windows had been shot with a windows
- A phone harassment was
reported in the 200 block of reported in the 200 block of
North 25 Mile Avenue.


## stolen from the 200 block of Avenue C

 Avenue Child in need of supenvision was reported in the 400block of lock of Avenue l.
FIRE DEPARTMENT - $4: 45$ p.m. Firefighters ire sponded to a wreck rescue one
mile east of Dawn on Highway 60. The ANIMAL CONTROL The Hereford Animal Control
office has the following animals at the shelter: at the shetter:

- an 8 -week mix; -a young black male Chi -
huahua; - a 4-month old male red heeler mix;
- a brown female Lab mix;
- a black -a black and white female lab mix:
-a pit bull.
a pit bull.
Information on these animals may be obtained from the Here-
ford Animal Control officer at
 Deaf Smith County, 3; High Team Total Reasons Deaf Smith County, 1, 5;
Junior teams Uunior teams
High Overall Team - Deaf mith County 2; High Individual Overall Chelsea Campbell, 3; Ryan
 High Team Total Swine High Individual Total Beef -Chelsea Campbell, 3; High Individual Total
Sheep- Ryan Buchanan, ;
High Individual Total High Individual Total
Swine - Chelsea Campbell, 1. Swine - Chelsea Campbell, 1.
County representatives also did well once the judges moved
away from the livestock and away from the livestock and started judging fresh produ
Carrots-
Cue Mailamen, 2;


## UT system considers

 standardized testingDALLAS (AP) - In an ef- UT regent Charles Mille fort to gauge how well stu- chair of the UT regents' Acadents are learning, the nine- demic Affairs Committee, said campus University of Texas in Tuesday's editions
system is considering standard-
Dallas Morning News. ized tests similar to the Texas "I don't think it has to Assessment of Academic Skills mimic or copy the public
taken by public school stu- schools. The whole issue of dents. The plan, to be discussed
before the board of before the board of regents
Oct. 2, would issue standardized tests on some subjects beginning in the $2002-03$ school
year, followed year, followed by tests in all core, subjects by $2004-05$.
"We have to have some sure to say how we're doing," THEASSOCIATEDPRESS Texas lottery
 Texas Lottery:

Cuamen, 1; Andrews Produce, 2;
Cucumbers, slicing, Sue Cucumbers, slicing; Sue Malamen,
1; Adrews Produce, $2 ;$
White onions - Andrews Produce, Yollow onions - Sue Malamen, $\mathbf{1}^{\text {; }}$
Red onions - Sue Malamen, $\mathbf{2}$; Pumpkin, medium, field -- Sue
Malamen, $1 ;$ Jacob Fangman, 2;
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Sue Malamen.
zucchini - Sue Malamen,
Squash, Produce, 5 ;
Andrews Produce, 5; Varieties
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duce, 3 , 4 ;
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Beans, snap, whole pod - Androw
Produce, 1 is sue Malamen, $2 ;$ Hoduce, Ye Sue Mainmen,
Blackeyed peas, whole pods - Sue
Anyen, 3 Andrews Produee, , ; ; accountability is on the table for education," Miller said.
College presidents were no tified of the proposal two weeks ago, and faculty presidents received letters Friday. In addition to the main cam-
pus in Austin, UT has satel pus in Austin, UT has satelBrewnsville, Dallas, Edingurgh, El Paso, Odessa, San Antonia
and Tyler and Tyler. Faculty leaders on some plan.
Robert Nelsen, president of
he faculty senate the faculty senate at the University of Texas at Dallas, said
such tests were "draconian" such tests were draconian lum in state universities. ity or additional theoretical ity or additional theoretical knowledge in the classroom,"
said Nelsen, who teaches cre-
$\qquad$ ning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: ative writing. "More than anything, it takes away the right, the duty and responsibility of the faculty to establish the
curriculum."

## LIFESTYLES



Recognized as Students of the Month by the Hereford Kiwanis Club were Cody and Slade Hodges (second and third from left) and Amariah Rodriguez (front right). R. C. Hoelscher (back are seniors at Hereford High School. Slade plays football and basketball, serves on the Studen Council and is senior class president. Cody's activities include football and basketball and he is ranked in the top five percent of the senior class. Amariah is the 18 -year-old daughter of Juan and Florestela Rodriguez (second and third from right). She is also an HHS senior. She is active on the wrestling team, in the band, participates in oral interpretation, Key Club, dance and theater.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

## Ann Landers



Dear Ann sion Screening Day. It changed Last year at was the key. Thank you for this time, I letting your readers know was reading about this program. - Christie the paper, in Mmssouri
and your col- Dear Christies. This is the umn jumped, 10th year of the National De. ou at me. pression Screening Day' prother
$\qquad$ help for depressio able. A relationship had just ended, and my job was boring. I had no energy. I wanted to go to sleep and never wake
up. I knew I couldn't "leave" because I was a single mother of an 11 -year-old boy and had responsibilities. I struggled through each day, tired and
unhappy. Worst of all, I wasn't giving my son the time he giving my son the time he
deserved because it took so much energy to just stay mo-
bile. Then I saw your column Then I saw your column,
and I decided to call the tollfree number. I was given the phone number of a screening site, went to the location, completed the questionnaire, and
talked to a mental health clinician. I was a nervous wreck but once I got there, I felt comfortable and bega
lieve there was hope
lieve there was hope.
That was last October. Today, after continuing in treatment, I am feeling much better. My son has noticed a tremendous difference, and am approaching the world with
a more positive outlook. The sadness, hopelessness and darkness I was feeling has lifted, and I can now deal with
the normal ups and downs of the
life. I urge anyone who is feel-
ing the way I did to take
advantage of National Depres-
eatment. Screenings are free nd anonymous. Those wh of depression, or know somene who is, should call the oll-free number that has been set up especially for my read-
ers. It is $1-800-242-2211$ (TTY or the hearing impaired: 1 800-855-2880). These number are available starting today,
and you will be given the and you will be given the
location of the screening site in your area. hear an educting participants will hear an educational presenta-
tion and have the opportunity to take an anonymous, writ ten screening test, pick u educational brochures, and meet individually with a clini cian for a brief screening in terview. Anyone who appear
to have symptoms of depres sion will be directed to a treat ment facility in his or he area.
If you
If you see yourself in today's column, don't fail to follow difference in your life. If yo have a friend or loyed you who you believe may be dewho you believe may be de-
pressed, please do whatever is in your power to get that person to a screening site. It could be the greatest gift you Will ever give. (R) COPYRIGHT
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## Food labels are program topic for meeting of Westway FCE <br> Results of the quilt tickets

 $\begin{gathered}\text { Westway Family Community } \\ \text { Education Club's program, titled }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { For the opening exercise, } \\ \text { Grace Covington read "All I Will }\end{gathered}$"BeASavvier Food Shopper," was
Ever Need to Know I Learned $\begin{array}{ll}\text { "Bea ASavvier Food Shopper," was } & \text { Ever Need to Know I Learned } \\ \text { presented by Carolyn Evers at a }\end{array}$ presented by Carolyn Evers at a
regular meeting Sept. 14 at K- $\begin{gathered}\text { from the Noah's Ark Story." } \\ \text { President Cairolyn Evers pre- }\end{gathered}$ regular meeting
Bob's Restaurant.
Bob's Restaurant.
Evers asked members if they $\begin{aligned} & \text { sided over the business meeting } \\ & \text { Covington gave the Counci }\end{aligned}$ Evers asked members if they Covington gave the Council
ould read a can, then discussed translations of packaged food label mysteries and grocery store
shoppingtechniques. hopping techniques.

## AT THE CENTER

 booth during the Jubilee were reported. Rer Rosie Valdez have the Members present were Wanda Jesko, Bonnie Duke, Covington Evers, Valdez and guest Randy Beverly Harder, County Ex tension Agent for Family andConsumer Sciences, will give a program on nutrition at the next regular meeting on Oct. 10.

## Senior Citizens

THU MIENUS THUChini fruit salad chese sticks, 5 -cup FRIDAY'Catfish macaroniand cheese, turnip greens with diced turnips, coleslaw, bread pudding with lemon sauce.
MONDAY-Italian spaghetti, talian green beans, tossed gree salad, peaches and cookies.
TUESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, pickled dessert.
WEDNESDAY-Swiss steak, baked potato, buttered carrots, lossed salad, ice cream with ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. 3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m.,oil painting9
5 p.m., FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 MOM., Thrift Store 9 a.m. -5 p.m. ing 9a.m. 3 p.m., line dance $10-11$ a.m, doll class $1-4$ p.m.
TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilt-

SS class has meeting for fun, fellowship Kingdom Seekers Sunday
School Class of Avenue Baptist Church met for an evening meal Sept. 12 at K-Bob's. prayer, then food and fellowship prayer, the
followed.
Members present were Erma Bain, Betty Boggs, Trudie Gray,
Laquita Norvell, Dozothy Sargent Maqualena Hudson, Dorma Kirby, Marvine Mathis, Bonna Marshall, Ruby Stevens, Jessie Sumner, Landers.

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of local interest only in the Lifestyle pages of the Hereford Brand

Another reason to subscribe call 364-2030


Jaclyn Paschel (center) was the first place winner in the County Better Bake Show and earned the chance to compete in the District-wide show at the Tri-State Fair Saturday, Paschel placed (left) who placed second in the county show and Stephanie Shaw (right) who placed third and was county winner of Best Bread Projects Record.

## Paschel places in bake show

Jaclyn Paschel, 13-year-old warming server. This is her ria: appearance, color, moisture daughter of Ralph and Grace second consecutive year to content, texture, lightness, fla-
Paschel, won second place in the
advance to the District competi- vor and nutritional value. The Paschel, won second place in the Show held S 4 Hetter Bake Show held Saturday in conjunction with
Amarillo.
Paschel was one of 19 contestants to enter homemade cinnamon rolls in the judged engraved plaque and a Pyrex

## Grandma's Cinnamon Rolls


 Members of the eighth grade class at Nazarene Christian Academy participated in a retreat for team building sessions at Glorieta, N.M. Sponsors for the group were eighth grade teacher Cindy Shaw, Lacy Torbert Trinity Power. Haley McCulloch, Kristen McGaw, Kim Artho, Mitchell Sanders, Cade Hansard, Keeton Walden, Nathan Cole, Allen Posey and Roger Gonzales.


Let us show you a Texas you've never seen before.

## Home for Holidays program information available at HSC

Hereford Senior CitizensCen- submitted by Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are nontransferable
ter is once again this year a Recipients will be chosen based and ground transportation, hotel ter is once again this year a Home for the Holidays program of Southwest Airlines. those age 65 or older living on a fixed income.

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Applications must be com-
pletely filled out, signed and

## Support group to meet Thursday

## In affiliation with the Thursday in Fellowshipof Believ

 Alzheimer's Association, Pan-ers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.hapdle Chapter, the Hereford This Thursday the group will hapdle Chapter, the Hereford . This Thursday the group will
support group for family explore the many feelings caregivers of persons with caregivers experience as they
Alzheimer's disease and related care for a person with this
Regional director speaks at Toastmaster meeting
Special guest speaker at the Daniel Morrisettgave the invoca-
Thursday morning meeting of tion. Thursday morning meeting of tion.
Hereford Toastmasters was Margaret Del Toro was toast-
Donna Labatt of Clovis, N.M., master and Mary Gamboa was $\begin{array}{ll}\text { International Director of Region } & \text { timer. Rowland served as AH }\end{array}$ 3. Labatt spoke on "From Pot to Labatt spoke on "From Pot to Pot" and Dan Hall was evaluator. also spoke. His topic was "Ion Term Interest"and Paula Edwards served as evaluator
Jigger Rowland presided at the counter and grammarian. As wordmaster, Sharon Cramer introduced the word "sagacious," which means keen minded or shrewd.
Morrisett was topicmaster and
Cramer was general evaluator. Cramer was general evaluator. In addition to Labatt, Adolfo
Jigger Rowland presided at the
meeting and led the pledge. meeting.
 Breast cancer screenings set The Women's Center of the Cancer Center and Baptist St Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health
Care Providers, Inc., 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A, on Oct. 13. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify
for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

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## Spikers nail Lady Dons

- Hereford Highnow soro points from almost all can focus on Dumas ing is tiils threwhynt after dominating Palo - vening Jombit and bophomomene SaDuro 15-2, 15-7


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The Hereford
faces lived for the woment faces lived for the moment Duesday Lady Dons $15-2,15-7$ to
Dure take care of business before
their big game against Dumas on Saturday.
head volleybail coach Brend Kitten said she feat her team played well until late in the second set when they allowed
five consecutive points to Palo five ca


## Astrosstump <br> St. Louis in 10

Houston determined to blowing a game, but tomorrow halt Cardinals celebration ST. LOUIS (AP) - The to watch the St. Louis Cardito watch the St. Louis Cardi-
nals succeed them as the NL
Central champions.
Truby hit a
three-run
homer in
the 10th
inning as
the Astros,
who have
won the di-
vision the
last three
years, kept
the St.
Louis Cardinals' magic num-
ber at two for clinching the
Central with an 8-6 victory
Tuesday night.
"I don't take any satisfac-
tion in stopping them from
winning tonight because
they're going to win it any-
way, Astros manager Larry
Dierker said. "I do take satis-
faction in coming from behind
to win a game against any-
one."
The Cardinals' seven-game
winning streak ended. Planis
to show second-place
Cincinnati's game later at San
Francisco on the scoreboard
were scrapped.
Louis almost better," said St.
Loser Dave Veres, who
gave a game-tying RBI double
to Jeff Bagwell with. two outs
in the ninth. "tt's not better
blowing a game, but tomorrow
we can do it on the field, maybe."
Truby
Truby's throwing error at third base helped the Cardi-
nals take a $5-4$ lead in the eighth. Down 8-5, the Cardinals rallied in the 10th as Craig Paquette hit an RBI double off
Octavio
Dotel (
(3-5). Jose Cabrera relmeved with the bases loaded and retired Mike
Matheny on a fly Matheny on a fly ball for his
second save. second save. ${ }^{\text {II }}$ got it off the end of the bat a little," Matheny said. Close doesn't count."
The Cardinals are seeking 1996. A crowd of 39,155 was 1996. A crowd of 39,155 was
the Cardinals' 33 rd sellout, tying the club record set in 1988. The fans cleared out quickly, however, after Truby's homer.
Richard Hidalgo hit his 40th Richard Hidaigo hit his 40th
home run for Houston. He joined Bagwell (44) as the only 40-homer duo in franchise hiswalk from Alan Benes (2-2) and after a sacrifice, Bill Spiers was intentionally walked. Gene Stechschulte over the Gene
left-field wall.



At the net-Junior middle blockers Kali Hall (13) and Michelle Bernhardt (15) go up for the block during the Lady Whitefaces 15-2, 15-7 victory over Palo Duro. The team's next match is Saturday against district rival Dumas at 3 p.m. in Dumas. We had to come out here of and play to the best of our
ability" Griffin said.

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The Hereford High netters took three matches rrom Palo Duro Tuesday af-
ternoon but fell to the ternoon but
Dons 16-3.
Senior Ivory Isaacson defeated Palo Duro's Noi Inthrath 6-3, 6-1. Also on the women's side, Dana Estrada took care of Kathy
Vangsavath $7-6,6-2$. The Herd also won a mized doubles match against the Dons. Isaacson and Clay Cosby took care of Bonnie
Ratsavong and Marvin Dang 6-2, 6-3.
The team's next match is against the Dumas Demons on Saturday at 1 p.m. in
Dumas. Dumas.


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Griffin also said the team plines are helping the Lady "The less errors we make is hitting the ball well and Herd and should propel them the better off we're going to avoiding unforced errors. She in Dumas Saturday in a key
said she thinks these disci-
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$\square$ Thompson sets career record
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Sweet revenge for the U.S.
swimmers followed a Dutch swimmers followed a Dutch
treat at the Sydney Games. treat at the Sydney Games. a
Jenny Thompson set a women's record for career swimming gold medals with seven Wednesday, anchoring an American 800 -meter Australia in 7 minutes, 57.80 seconds. Hyman shocked world-record hyman shocked world-recor ther Aussie - in the 200 meter butterfly.
The U.S victories men's losses to Australian men's
hero Ian Thorpe and his team-

Rangers slump to Minnesota, 15-7

- Palmeiro aims for his 400th home run as season winds down
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Ret on a higher goal. Jacque Jones drove in a
career-high five runs and the Minnesota Twins overcame Palmeir's 399th career homer
to defeat the Texas Rangers day night, ISTS "It's nice
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that $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{n}$ Palmeiro
said as he TMIHIS closes in on
homer No want
keep it to going and reach 500."
Palmeiro hit of the season, moving into a tie with Al Kaline for 32nd on Jones hit Jones hit a three-run
homer- his 19th- and a tworun single for Minnesota, which has won three straight
for the first time since July "It's just a number," Jones said of the 20 -homer mark.
"But, you can't get caught up in those." Jones 73 RBI Jones, who has 73 RBIs,
had nine homers and 44 RBIs as a rookie last season. 5 withtian Gurman was 4 -forLwis Rivas was 4 -for- 6 with season highs for runs and hits (20).
Matt
Kinney
$(2-2)$ allowed four runs and four hits in 5
2.3 innings to beat Ryan Glynn (5-5), who gave up nine runs
- seven earned - and 12 hits in three-plus innings. "I struggled but the team
picked me up big," Kinney
said "I tried to do too much,",
"I
was too inconsistent," Glynn said. Thexas made four errors runs.
Minnesota a took a
and in the first. Guzman, Luis Rivas and Matt LLawton hit
consecutive singles and Jones consecutive singles and Jones
hit a two-out, two-run single. Palmeirot hit a a three-run
Hingle. homer in the third frice-run
a pair of walks, but Jowng a pair of walks, but Jones hit
a three-run homer and a three-run homer and the bottom half for a $7-3$
lead, with an error by second lead, with an error by second
baseman Luis Alicea hurting the Rangers.
Barnes, Pierzynski and Guzman each drove in a run in the fourth to make it $10-3$.
Scott Sheldon homered off Dany Mota in the ninth. in the eiro wasth inning hit for
sit ound will
out tomorrow s. in the sixth inning, and will
sit out tomorrow's game at
the Metrodome. He will at the Metrodome. He will be
looking to hit homer No. 400 at home Friday against Anaheim. That's the plan," Palmeiro said, ${ }^{\text {Notes: }}$ The Twins' 15 runs was the most by the team
since since April 24, 1996 when they scorred
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is
8.3 ${ }^{24}$ Detroit. ... Minthis season after against Texas last year. ... Jones had four RBIs on Aug. 31 last year at Casey Blake Minnesota rookie seventh and got a double in
his first ather his first at-bat for the Twins.
He was the play for Minnet rookie to son, tying the club record,
set set last year.... Palmeiro's
homer gave him 1,341 RBIs and moved him ahead of
former-Twin Gary Gaetti for former-Twin Gary Gaetti for
55 th on the career list. 55th on the career list. ...
Glynn allowed seven runs and Glynn allowed seven runs and
seven hits in 3 1-3 innings seven hits in $3 \quad 1.3$ innings
last Wednesday.... Texas' Mike Lamb committed his 30th error of the season, setting a ub record for a third aseman.


## Spikers

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be," Griffin said. "Saturday is have to be patient and conare in Dumas, but it should
be a good game." Catherine
Sophomore Catherine Beville led the team in set-
ting with a total of 15 sets
Kitten said the
her team momentum heading
into the team's game against
the Demonettes. Dumas beat Borger last night and will
also be on a roll of their own. Kitten said fans should look forward to a classic Here-ford-Dumas match up they to in the past. long rallies and stingy Dumas defense," Kitten said. "Dumas
is not real big but they is not real big, but they are
very aggressive as hitters and
blockers."
Kitten said her team must be on their best game and continue to hit the ball
no matter what happens. ${ }^{\text {no }}$ " "Shater what happens. whe been able to put on the floor agiinst

mates, who beat the Americans by a free relay earlier out in the 800 free relay. Thompon, who has won all her goldd in relays, surpassed the six swimming golds
won by Kristin Otto of Germany. United States was in
The Un second place when Thompson jumpertook in tetria Thomas pulled away down the stretch and brought the relay home in Olympic record time. prised as the Australian fans that she won. "Oh my God!' she screamed. "Oh my God!" Hyman led from the start ${ }_{2}^{\text {and clocked an Olympic record }}$ 2:05.88, narrowly missing
O'Neill's world mark. Later, she threw back her head and
drank in the moment as she
stood on the medal podium
and sang along with the na-
tional anthem.
The Netherlands also had
its flag raised on dimagic day
for the small European coun-
try.
Pieter van den Hoogenband
won gold in the 100 free, his
second of the games, and de-
nied Russian Alexander Popov
an unprecedented third
straight Olympic title in the
event.
That's not all the Dutch
did Wednesday
The Netherlands stunned
Cuba 4-2 in baseball, the first
Olympic defeat ever for a
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| are being forced to close b cause of the reductions | respond to our needs." <br> HRMC administrator James | In other business, the directors received a report from |
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|  | letters to all members of the | mittee, which conducted a sur- |
| Krupala, whose firm | Texas congressional delegation | vey to assess hospital |
| ntracted with the hospital | outlining the plight of rural | strengths, weaknesses, oppor- |
| strict to manage the daily | hospitals in the state. | tunities and threats. |
| erations of HRMC, said | Taylor's letter urges the del- | Among the strengths cited |
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| coming out of Congress, where | which would allow for a new | appreciation for care being pro- |
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| the hospitals. | fewer than 50 beds. | abily of of mobilency room care, |
| We need congressmen to | The ESH legislation would | employee dedication to the |
| rk with us," Krupala said. | provide relief to the rural hos- | hospital, experienced nursing |
| While Texas Sen. Kay Bailey | pitals by allowing them to treat | staff and the hospital employee |
| Hutchison is being helpful, he | 100 percent of Medicare co- | benefit program. |

## HISD

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into effect the dropout rate; Impact Index Report. This re- the resignation of Patricia passing the exams; non-minority students passing the exam; and economically disad-
vantaged. State data this year vantaged. State data this year indicate several smalier groups very close.
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Deputy superintendent Nena
Veaze-Mankin said she was extremely pleased to get the extremely pleased to get the
offcial report, which , $\begin{aligned} & \text { ives her } \\ & \text { staff an opportunity to work }\end{aligned}$ staff an opportunity to work
out the problems that have out the problems that have
resulted in the few lower scores.
Hereford Junior High Principal Kelli Munitoon, the former
secondary curriciulum director secondary curriculum director,
presented the bi-annual represented the bi-annual re-
port on the Texas Prevention

Impact Index Report. This re-
port is required to maintain port safe and drug-free school funding. The report is based on the results from a
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have tried cigarettes, alcohol have tried cigarettes, alcoohol
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the effect of peer presure the effect of peer pressure.
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vides an indication of target vides an indication of target
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The trustees received a surprise when Superintendent
Beth Abernethy announced
the resignation of Patricia Diggs, care
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## ELection 2000

Gore focusing on prescription drugs for aged

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP) and a blizzard of television ads, Al Gore is battling Texas Gov. George W. Bush over giving seniors a Medicare cine and trying to move be yond a flap about the accuracy of Gore's statements about drug costs. pharmaceutical industry to the staged a rally in the heart of Silicon Valley to promise he would insure that all of the
nearly 40 million Americans nearly 40 million Americans
on Medicare have access to affordable prescription drugs, whether they are enrolled in traded care "I'm not satisfied when drug companies run up profits so high that many seniors just can't pay for the medicines they need," the Democratic ip presidential nomine
said in prepared remarks.
believe we have to give all seniors real coverage and real
choice. You should be able to choose your own doctor, and
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The rally was the last event on a three-day California stop. The vice president was returning to Washington for a
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billion package would encourage private-market competition to Medicare and provide immediate state-run subsidies of seniors drug costs. Bush would force seniors into
HMOs. HMOs.

## Al visits Leno's show

BURBANK, Calif, (AP) - Let George W. Bush have his prah moment. Al Gore got Jay Leno. Reading from cue cards, Leno told his audience Tuesday night, "Now, according to the latest polls, A1 Gore is the The camera panned over to showified - what? The camera panned over to show Gore holding up cards
that Leno was reading. "Look who the cue card guy is," hat Leno was reading. "Look who the cue card guy is,"
Leno exclaimed in mock surprise as Gore broke into a Leno exclaimed in mock surprise as Gore broke into a
augh. It was a prearranged gag but the audience loved it. Wowls the man who inyented the cue card, Al Gore. Wow" Leno anid/, Nise to nee you sir", front of the stage and slapped hands with members of the front of the stage and slapped hands with members of the
audience. Gore said he liked Leno's abbreviated monogue "because you had to cut short the jokes about me." Moments before the vice president's appearance, Leno said that Gore was getting awfully friendly. He showed a who was supposed to be singer James Taylor with a big iss. It was reminiscent of Gore kissing his wife, Tipper, last month.
Gore made a beeline to the NBC studios to tape an appearance on "The Tonight Show" just hours after his Republican rivar Bush appeared on Oprah Winfrey's televiion show in Chicago. Gore stayed on the "Tonight Show" set for just a ${ }^{\text {on }}$
It was Gore's third TV stint in a week after he went on Oprah's show and the "The Late Show with David Letterman.

## GOP governors helping out Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) - plans. When George W. Bush's sis- In the past two weeks, Gov. nior citizens center this week, his campaign planned to have her shake a few hands and
leave. "No. I don't think so," objected Gov. Christie Whitman, who added a speaking engagement.
It is the latest
It is the latest example of
Republican governors taking Republican governors taking
more control of the presidential campaigns in their states, partly due to frustration with the Bush headquarters in Texas. Calling the governors say they had planned all along to turn state leaders loose in September.
For what
For whatever reason, the governors are now out in
force against Democrat Al
Gore. Jim Gilmore of Virginia and appeared on weekend news shows on Bush's behalf.
Engler, Kenny Guinn of Nevada, Bob Taft of Ohio and
Tommy Thompson of Wiscon sin had news conferences Monday to promote Bush's new "blueprint" for middleclass voters,
Colorado's Bill Owens con-
ducted a tele ducted a telephone news con* the vice president's school
plans.
In the past two weeks, Gov.
Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts gave failing marks to Gore's "education report card," and
Montana Gov. Marc Racicot Montana Gov. Marc Racicot
blamed Clinton-Gore administration policies for allowing the spread of fires that devoured forests in the West. A number of GOP gover-
nors, including George Pataki nors, including George Pataki
of New York, Thompson and Whitman herself, plan to travel outside their states for Bush, the Texas governor.
"They are tremendously popular in their states and popular in their states and ity to our arguments," said
Bush strategist Karl Rove. Bush strategist Karl Rove.
With state electoral vo the key to winning the White House, Bush could benefit from Republican dominance in state capitals. There are 30
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Democratic Govs. Gray Davis of California, Parris Glendening of Maryland and Tom Carper of Delaware have
campaigned for the vice president, but they're greatly outdent, but numbered.

