

Hereford BRAND

100th Year, Vol. Number 81 • Deaf Smith County, Texas

WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2000

10 Pages, 50 Cents

**HUSTLIN' HEREFORD
HOME OF
David Fanning**

Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Partly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Partly cloudy with lows around 50, south to southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny with highs around 70, southwest to south winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows around 50.

• Extended forecast •

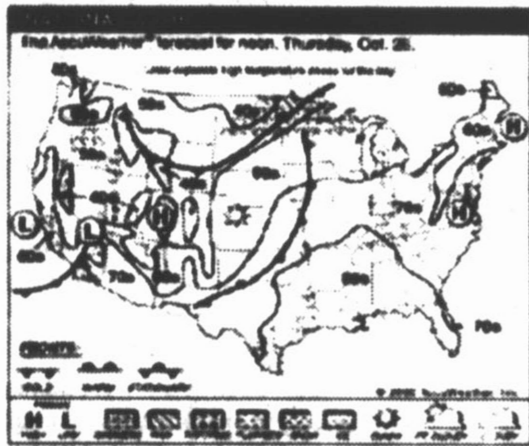
Friday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs 65 to 70.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows around 50, highs in the mid-60s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows near 45, highs 65 to 70.

• Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 65; low, 56; precipitation, 0.05 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



The forecast for Thursday shows a mild autumn day is on tap for the Northeast and mid-Atlantic. Showers are likely over the upper Midwest, lower Ohio River Valley and in east and south Texas, where there could also be a few thunderstorms. A wet day can be expected in California and parts of the Great Basin.

• Soggy week continues •

Thunderstorms rumbled over the Panhandle and High Plains overnight as an upper-level low pressure system continued to work its way into Texas, colliding with upper-level moisture from the Gulf of Mexico.

Skies were mostly cloudy across the state this morning. Along with numerous Panhandle storms, a few rainshowers stretched into the Lubbock and Wink areas.

The National Weather Service posted a flash flood watch through tonight for the west central Panhandle.

A flash flood watch was also in effect through Wednesday evening for Central Texas. Numerous river flood warnings are in effect across South Central Texas.

More storms developed in North Texas, with most rainfall between Abilene and Vernon.

Rainfall chances should start to lessen on Friday into the weekend as the upper low-pressure system exits the region and a cold front enters Texas.

Existing home sales decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of existing homes dipped 2.7 percent in September after a big jump the month before, reflecting an easing in demand as the nation's robust economy slows to a more moderate pace.

The National Association of Realtors reported Wednesday that sales of previously occupied single-family homes slipped last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.14 million, the lowest level since July.

Even with the expected dip, existing-home sales are expected to do extremely well this year, association officials said.

The present sales pace is on track with what we're expecting for the year, settling in to a strong housing market that is just below the record volumes we saw in 1999," said Dennis Cronk, president of the association. "We don't expect to see any wide fluctuations in home sales in the near future."

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 58 points in morning trading after having fallen on disappointing revenue figures from telecommunications equipment company Nortel Networks. The Nasdaq lost 45 points.

In August, existing-home sales soared 9.5

Please see **ECONOMY**, Page A9

Ag commissioner sets town hall meeting here

Special to The Brand

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will conduct a town hall meeting Thursday in Hereford.

The stop in Hereford is one of a series of town hall meetings that Combs is conducting throughout the state. The hearings are intended to give farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders an opportunity to discuss issues affecting the agriculture industry and rural Texas.

The Deaf Smith County town hall meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday in the ballroom of the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

"I want to hear first hand what's on the

minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future."

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

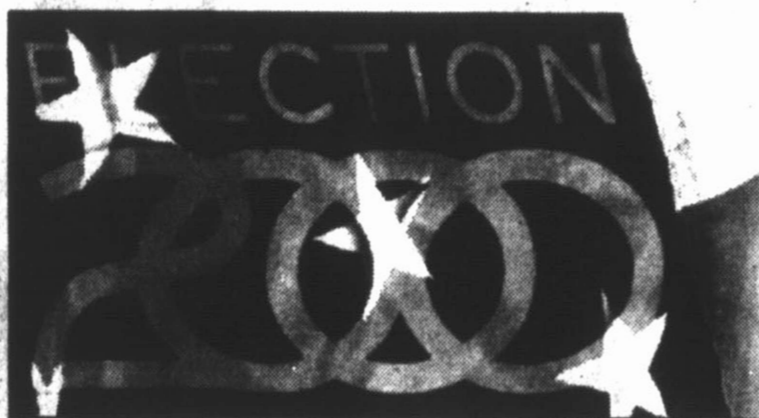
As the second-largest industry in the state, agriculture contributes more than \$80 billion each year to the Texas economy and produces about 16 percent of the gross state product. The agriculture industry also employs one of every five working Texans.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact John McFerrin, TDA producer relations specialist at (512) 463-7593.



Susan Combs, Texas agriculture commissioner, will hold a town hall meeting Thursday in Hereford.



"These kids pick up on a lot that we don't ever think about. Some may be just repeating what their parents say, but most of them have their own opinion and have very clear ideas about some of the issues."

■ TRACY STEWART,

Hereford Junior High history teacher, discussing her students' participation in a mock presidential election.

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

With the presidential election now less than two weeks away, students at Hereford Junior High have heard and seen enough to make up their own minds about who should be running the country.

This week, students in Tracy Stewart's history classes have had the opportunity to use the new technology to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice.

Using Netscape, the students would go to channelone.com to pull up a student ballot. The ballots included national and state races, as well as issues on which the students might have an opinion.

The students based their decisions on informed choices developed through class discussion and review of the second and third presidential debates.

"Some of these kids have a clear idea of the issues that have formed this campaign. They also have some real concerns over issues that are truly surprising," Stewart said.

"Listening to the kids talk, it amazes me to hear how concerned they are about the death penalty, gun control and education vouchers. I think if the election were based on the votes these kids place, (Republican nominee George W.) Bush would win," Stewart said.

Comments from the students regarding the performance of the candidates during the debates have given the teachers a new view of the students.

"These kids expect the candidates to always put their best foot forward," said Jana



BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

Tracy Stewart, a history teacher at Hereford Junior High School, shows her students how to log onto channelone.com to cast a student ballot in the presidential election.

Rudd, a science teacher, who has involved the students in political discussions. "Many of them don't like the aggressive attitude (Democratic nominee Al) Gore displayed during one debate. Some have labeled him mean, based on how he acted."

Other student comments have left the teachers with the idea most students can better understand Bush.

"These kids pick up on a lot that we don't ever think about, Stewart said. "Some may be just repeating what their parents say, but most of them have their own opinion and have very clear ideas about some of the issues."

Zoe Dotson, one of the underage voters, said this election did matter, especially to

students her age, because these would be the people who would shape the world she will have to live in.

Many of the students, like Dotson and Stephanie Hernandez, said the moral and ethical scandals surrounding the Clinton White House have caused them to turn away from the Democratic Party. Dotson said President Clinton's problems have made her less trusting of Gore.

The students were scheduled to get the results of their on-line voting Thursday in their classes. However, if the election were up to them, Bush would be moving into the White House. The HJHS returns showed Bush with 59 percent; Gore, 36; others, 1.5 percent.

Doubts about candidates leave voters drifting

By Will Lester

Associated Press Writer

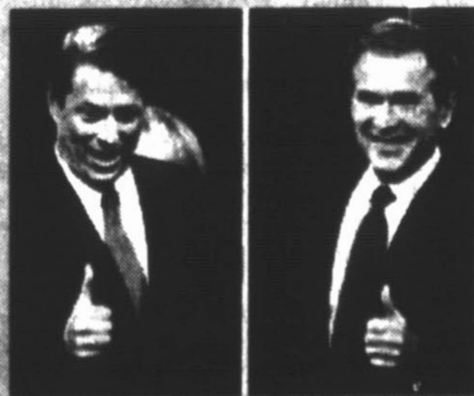
Public enthusiasm for Al Gore's personality is down, doubts about George W. Bush's priorities and experience are up and times are thought to be generally good.

No wonder the pool of voters who could change their minds hasn't budged in the last two weeks, according to a new poll. And never mind that the presidential election is in 13 days.

Almost one-fourth of the electorate has yet to decide whom to vote for on Nov. 7. And many swing back and forth, putting Republican Bush ahead late last week before he settled into a near tie with Democrat Gore this week in the closest presidential race in 40 years.

Voter preference among certain groups shifted significantly in the past couple of weeks, with younger voters moving toward Gore, voters 65 and over leaning slightly away and men younger than 50 shifting away from Bush in the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"There's a lot of shifting around, even though the overall horse race hasn't changed much," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "It reflects the unsettled nature of



Undecided voters seem to prefer Gore on issues, but Bush on personality.

public opinion."

The survey of 663 likely voters taken from Wednesday to Sunday showed the race deadlocked at 45 percent apiece. The error margin was 4.5 percentage points.

"Gore's personality has become a bigger negative than it was in September," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "You would have to point to the debates as a cause of that."

But Kohut said Bush has yet to close the deal with a substantial number of voters.

"While Bush has made some progress in personal terms, he hasn't made much of a dent in gaining voter confidence on the top issues," Kohut said.

"The toughest criticisms have to do with his record in Texas and caring more about rich people," he added. "Those appear to be most effective among nonwhites and members of union households, core Democratic groups that Gore needs to energize."

Several recent polls have suggested Democrats have more work to do to get their voters to the polls because of lower enthusiasm for Gore.

Please see **VOTERS**, Page A9

OCT 25 2000

HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

• County jury duty changed •

Jurors who have been called to serve in the county court should take note the trial has been moved to 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1.

• Blue Water Gardens haunted house •

Blue Water Gardens apartments will be sponsoring a haunted house at the corner of Forrest and Whittier. The haunted house will be 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Cost is \$3. Cost on Oct. 30 is \$2 with a coupon. Proceeds go to benefit Christmas Gifts for Kids.

• Fire Dept. haunted house •

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department will have its first spook house at the old Fullwood Building, at the corner of Third and Lee., 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 30 and 31. Cost is \$5 per person. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult.

• Annual vein drain blood drive •

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will once again be at the Autoplex for its annual vein drain blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Oct. 28.

• Stevens collects for food pantry •



Stevens Chevrolet will be having a food collection for the Hereford Food Pantry and special guests on election day — The Budweiser Clydesdales — Staff at the dealership encourage everyone to cast their vote then bring a can of food to help restock the Food Pantry Shelves and see the world famous Clydesdales between 2 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 7.

HEREFORD BRAND

School news

• Red Ribbon Week •

Hereford schools are participating in the Red Ribbon Week Celebration effort to prevent drug abuse. Schools will be having special events each day.

In the elementary schools students are encouraged dress up as twins on Thursday and wear maroon on Friday.

Junior high and High School students will have the same schedule.

• HOSA week at HHS •

The HHS Health Occupation Students of America organization began participation in the National HOSA week this Saturday in Ceta Canyon at the Fall Leadership Conference. They will be participating in various informational activities through the coming week and will wrap up the event with a community food drive next Saturday.

• Tierra Blanca •

Tierra Blanca will host an open house 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26. Kindergarten students will present a program and parents will have an opportunity to sign up as class volunteers. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tierra Blanca will also host its first Family Frameworks program 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. The topic will be "Raising Responsible Kids." Childcare will be available. Snacks and door prizes will be awarded.

Muffins for Moms will be presented 7:30-8:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Parents Room.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

• Services set for sailors •

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two South Texas sailors among the 17 killed in the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole are coming home this week.

Services with full military honors were set for Friday morning for Ronchester Santiago, 22, of Kingsville and Gary Graham Swenonich Jr., 26, of Rockport.

A rosary for Santiago was scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Turcotte-Piper Mortuary Chapel in Kingsville. The funeral is set for 10 a.m. Friday at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church.

Santiago graduated from H.M. King High School in 1996. Services for Swenonich are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at Charlie Marshall Funeral Home in Rockport. Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

He was a Navy firefighter and had spent four years in the Army as a logistical specialist before joining the Navy. He had two months left in the Navy when he was killed.

His family is asking that any donations be directed to the Humane Society of Aransas County in Rockport.

Elsewhere:

IN THE DROUGHT: Rain falling in sheets in some parts of Texas hasn't been enough to erase this year's drought, but the recent soakings could make things considerably better next year. Recent rains have started to saturate the soil, and with the decreased water demand during winter, reservoirs are expected to start to fill.

HerefordBrand

The Hereford Brand (USPS-242-060) is published daily except Sunday, Mondays, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day by The Hereford Brand Inc., 313 N. Lee, Hereford, TX 79045. Second-class postage paid at the U.S. Post Office in Hereford, Texas.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Hereford Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford, TX 79045.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Home delivery by carrier in Hereford, \$7.20 per month; by mail in Deaf Smith County or adjoining counties, \$69 per year; mail to other Texas areas, \$75.90 per year; outside Texas, \$82.80 per year.

The Hereford Brand is a member of The Associated Press, which is exclusively entitled to use for publication all news and dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published herein. All rights are reserved for republication of special dispatches.

The Hereford Brand was established as a weekly in February 1901, converted to a semi-weekly in 1948, and to five days weekly on July 4, 1976. O.G. Nieman Publisher (1972-98) Mauri Montgomery Publisher (1972-98) Donald M. Cooper Managing Editor Jay Guerrero Circulation Manager

School board rejects bus bids

Recognizes campuses for TEA migrant education excellence awards

A fast meeting of the Hereford Independent School District board of trustees Tuesday resulted in their accepting class size waivers for Northwest and Tierra Blanca and the rejection of bids on two new busses. According to Nena Veazey-

Mankin, deputy superintendent for curriculum, the state requires schools to report classroom populations on a certain day. On the date chosen by the state one classroom at each of the schools was over the limit of 22 students. Since that time enrollment in both classes has fallen below the acceptable level.

The board members heard bids on the two new buses did not meet the necessary specs set up by bid requirements. The board rejected both bids and will issue new bid sheets

sometimes next month. Mankin then told the board the school has been approved for a \$247,000 grant to help defray costs of the full day pre-K program. Also, more than 200 students are taking advantage of the evening classes at the new technology center, with waiting lists for the computer classes.

As a final bit of information, the board heard an update on the activity bus.

Terry Russell, assistant superintendent for support services said the bus is still un-

der warranty, and the manufacturers will be able to explain the motor lock-down within the next two weeks.

The board recognized Aikman, Bluebonnet, West Central, Northwest, Shirley, Tierra Blanca and the High School as winners of the 2000/2001 Texas Education Agency Award for having achieved academic success with their migrant students. Statewide only 100 school districts and 395 campuses were recognized by the state.

Elks support no-drugs



Bookmarks, coloring books, and pamphlets — Teen drug use is in the news this week as most schools celebrate National Red Ribbon Week. Earlier the Hereford Elks Lodge donated the red ribbons for local students and today they donated 14 cases of bookmarkers, coloring books and anti-drug pamphlets to the Hereford Independent School District. R.D.Holmes, a member of the lodge, delivered the information to HISD superintendent Beth Abernethy. The information will be delivered to the schools in the coming days.

DNA arrest leads to legal questions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — When a warrant identifying a suspect only by his DNA led to charges against a man in a 1994 rape, law enforcement agencies hailed the tactic as an important advance in fighting crime.

But civil libertarians and the suspect's lawyer were troubled: Might not no-name warrants make statutes of limitations meaningless?

The debate's flash point came last month with the ar-

rest of 31-year-old Paul E. Robinson. State computers matched Robinson's genetic code to a no-name warrant issued in August — just as the six-year statute of limitations was about to expire.

"I think someday this DNA technology will be where fingerprints are now, where you just put the info in the computer and get a hit on your bad guy," Sacramento Police Detective Peter Willover said Tuesday.

The August 1994 rape was one in a series of five assaults on a man police and newspapers called the Second Story Rapist for his penchant for attacking women who lived on the second floor of apartment buildings. Robinson was charged with five counts of sexual assault.

Other law enforcement agencies around the country have filed such DNA warrants, but Robinson is believed to be the first suspect arrested through one, said Jim Polley, director of governmental affairs for the National District Attorneys Association, based in Alexandria, Va.

Lawrence Kobilinsky, assistant provost at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, agreed Tuesday that it was the first such arrest.

"This will affect the entire country," warned Johnny L. Griffin, Robinson's attorney and a former federal prosecutor.

Robinson's DNA was collected by police on an unrelated criminal matter, Willover said. He would not give details about that case.

Nevertheless, condemnation of the arrest by civil libertarians was immediate.

Griffin said he will ask that the case be thrown out on the grounds that the statute of limitations has expired because his client was not identified by name in the warrant.

Also, Griffin said he will try to get the DNA evidence dismissed because Robinson's genetic code should never have been entered into the law enforcement computers. Under

the law, the DNA of a suspect under arrest can be entered into the computer only for certain offenses.

Statutes of limitations, which limit the time prosecutors can file charges, help ensure fair trials, Griffin and civil liberties groups argue.

Memories of witnesses fade, and evidence gets lost or contaminated, making it difficult to defend the accused, Griffin told The Sacramento Bee.

"It's difficult for a defendant to mount a defense that is six years old," added Jeffrey Adachi, chief public defender in San Francisco and a board member of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. "The whole purpose of a statute of limitation is to protect the right to a fair trial."

Willover and Anne Marie Schubert, a Sacramento County deputy district attorney in the adult sexual assault unit, said Robinson's arrest and the victim's gratitude justify no-name warrants.

"It validates what we're doing," Schubert told the newspaper.

"To the survivor, they don't care whether it's one year, two years or 20 years," added Dave LaBahn, spokesman for the California District Attorneys Association. "This is a great test case."

Willover said he expects DNA testing to be done on evidence from the other rape cases connected to the Second Story Rapist.

Beginning in January, a new state law will nearly eliminate the six-year limit on rapes in cases where DNA evidence is available.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 24, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of East 15th and charged with outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants.

— A 32-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of South Main and charged with reckless driving and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

— A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of West First and charged with domestic assault.

Incidents

— A sexual assault was reported in the 400 block of Mable.

— A scam was reported in the 200-block of North Texas.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue F.

— Minor accidents were reported in the 700 block of South Main and the 700 block of East Highway 60.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 6:06 p.m. Firefighters responded to a minor accident at South Main and Austin Road.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

18-21-24-36-39

Pick 3

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

LIFESTYLES

HEREFORD BRAND • Wednesday, October 25, 2000 • A3

Harrison infant is honored

Alexandria Faith Harrison, infant daughter of Brent and Beverly Harrison, was guest of honor at a baby shower held Sunday in the Nita Lea Building.

Alexandria was born Oct. 12. She weighed 6 pounds, 14½ ounces and was 19 inches long.

Guests were greeted by her mother, Beverly Harrison, and her sister, Cassie Hulsey.

Presiding at the guest registry was her aunt, Suzanne Finch.

Refreshments were assorted muffins and fruit breads, tortilla roll-ups, fresh vegetables, pimento cheese sandwiches, chocolate cake with decorations matching the nursery, coffee and punch.

The centerpiece was a hand-made bear with matching jumper and blanket adorned with miscellaneous baby items and holding blocks spelling "Faith."

A glider rocker and matching ottoman were gifts from host-



New arrival Alexandria Faith Harrison was guest of honor at a baby shower held Sunday in the Nita Lea Building. Family members pictured are (from left) aunts Suzanne Finch and Gayla Davis, sister Cassie Hulsey, mother Beverly Harrison and grandmother Tommye Harrison.

esses Cynthia Daniel, Christine Brown, Gloria Ellis, Mary Ann Torres, Vaavia Edwards, Tracy Butler, Lovina Sambrano, Shari

Wilt, Sherry Huckins, Christy Gestes, Shawn Roach, Luanne Knoth, Debra Bullard, Toni Gerakines, Daisy Garcia, Edith

Dawes, Sylvia Menius, Amanda Mendez, Amelia Van, Lisa Balderaz, Angela Lucero and Jenuive Mendez.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My friend, "Maggie," has a son the same age as mine — 8 years old. The boys attend the same school, but they do not play together. My son's friends are a great bunch of kids who get along well together. Maggie's son, "Chris," is a bit of a bully. He has academic problems, and makes fun of my son and his friends. None of the kids likes him.

Maggie often expects me to invite Chris over to play. She also assumed he was invited to my son's birthday party and planned her vacation around it, even though I had not intended to ask him. My son is completely miserable whenever Chris is around, but the boy still calls and asks to come over.

How can I tell Maggie my son doesn't want to play with Chris? I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I also don't want to force my son to be friends with someone who makes him uncomfortable. Please help me. I'm stumped. — Mom in the Middle

Dear Mom: You do not have to invite Chris every time

your son has friends over. On those occasions, tell Maggie, "I'm so sorry, but my son is busy now. We'll have Chris over another time."

However, please consider this a golden opportunity to help Maggie's son, and at the same time, teach your child about compassion. It is obvious that Chris is trying, in his own way, to be friends. Please do not cut him off. Instead, you and your son should show him how to behave with others, and explain nicely why certain conduct is unacceptable. Build up his self-esteem. If he feels better about himself, he will be less inclined to bully others. And the lesson your son will learn about kindness will serve him well throughout his entire life.

Dear Ann Landers: I just found out that my best friend was sleeping with a guy I was dating the entire time we were together. I broke up with the guy a while ago, but "Leanne" does not understand why this has destroyed our friendship.

Several mutual friends knew she was cheating with my boyfriend, but they didn't tell me. I understand why, and have forgiven them. However, Leanne says I am "hard-boiled" and just plain mean. I am not a mean person, Ann, but I simply cannot forgive and for-

get. I have no desire to continue our friendship, and I'm not sure she was ever a real friend in the first place.

I work with Leanne and must see her every day. It makes my stomach turn just to be around her. I cannot explain how hurt I am by her betrayal. Do you have any advice for me? — Anna in Chico, Calif.

Dear Anna: Yes, I do. GET OVER IT! You don't have to be her friend, but holding a grudge is never a good idea. It takes too much energy and accomplishes nothing. The best way to "get" Leanne is to be pleasant, say nothing about the betrayal, and act as if it never happened. The guilt she will feel when you take the high road will be punishment enough.

Dear Ann Landers: My friend, "Lisa," recently moved in with her boyfriend, "Frank." Frank is not from these parts, and doesn't know many people. He clings to Lisa as if she were his only friend. Now, whenever Lisa wants to go anywhere, Frank must go with her. If we invite Lisa to join

us, she has to check with Frank, and if he doesn't want to come along, she won't go.

Lisa is a great person, but she can't see that Frank is extremely possessive. She thinks he loves her so much he can't stand to be away from her. Please give us some advice on how to pry her loose. — East Coast Friend

Dear East: Wake up and smell the coffee. Lisa doesn't wish to be prided. She wants Frank in on everything, and that's the way it's going to be. Accept it.

New Arrival

Mark and Kyla Matthews of Texarkana, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Brooklyn Kierra, on Oct. 11.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20-3/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by an older sister, Meridian, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Kerry and E.J. Struve of Hereford. Paternal grandparents are Charles and Cheryl Matthews of Grapevine.

Great-grandmother is Florene Struve of Hereford.

Bippus EE Club has reception, meeting

Bippus Extension Education Club recently assisted with a farewell reception for Gay Duggan, Extension office secretary, who is moving to Tennessee with her family.

Decorations followed a "hill-billy" theme and refreshments were served.

Following the reception, mem-

bers had a dutch treat lunch and held their business meeting with Kate Bradley presiding. Yearbooks for the coming year were completed.

Present were Mariellen Homfeld, Sue Thweatt, Alta Mae Higgins and Bradley.

The next meeting will be Nov. 11 with Sue Thweatt as hostess.

Vote Brent Harrison Sheriff

"A New Sheriff for a New Millennium"

- 23 years Hereford Resident
- 14 years Law Enforcement Experience
- 8 years Experience in Criminal Investigations (Detective)
- Currently a Sergeant with Hereford PD
- Graduate of Hereford and Amarillo College (Criminal Justice)
- Awarded "Man of the Year" for Academic Excellence (A.C.)
- Cited by TOLSON as an Advanced Peace Officer and Instructor
- Part-time instructor at Amarillo College
- Former Treasurer of Hereford Area Law Enforcement Officers Association
- Owner of a part-time computer business
- Family man. Wife Beverly, Daughters Cassie & Alexandria, Father Chester, Mother Tommye
- Honesty and Integrity

Website: www.voteforbrh.com E-mail: brh@brh.com
 P.O. Box 100, Hereford, TX 79045

DALEINE T. SPRINGER
 Insurance Specialist
 SPRINGER INSURANCE AGENCY
 411 N. Main Street, Hereford, TX 79045

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!
PLACE YOURS BY CALLING 364-2030

Happy 16th Birthday Wishes
 from your grandparents
 We are proud of all you both have accomplished in your first 16 years.
 Love Pop-Pop and Nana Granny and Ray

Ron & Mary Crist
50th Wedding Anniversary
Pat. Oct. 28th 7:00 pm
Nazarene Fellowship Hall
Come & Go
 All friends & acquaintances are asked to join in the celebration
No gifts please!

There's only one way to get this very hip phone for less.

Get an Ericsson phone for \$9.99 along with 375 minutes for \$29.99 per month.

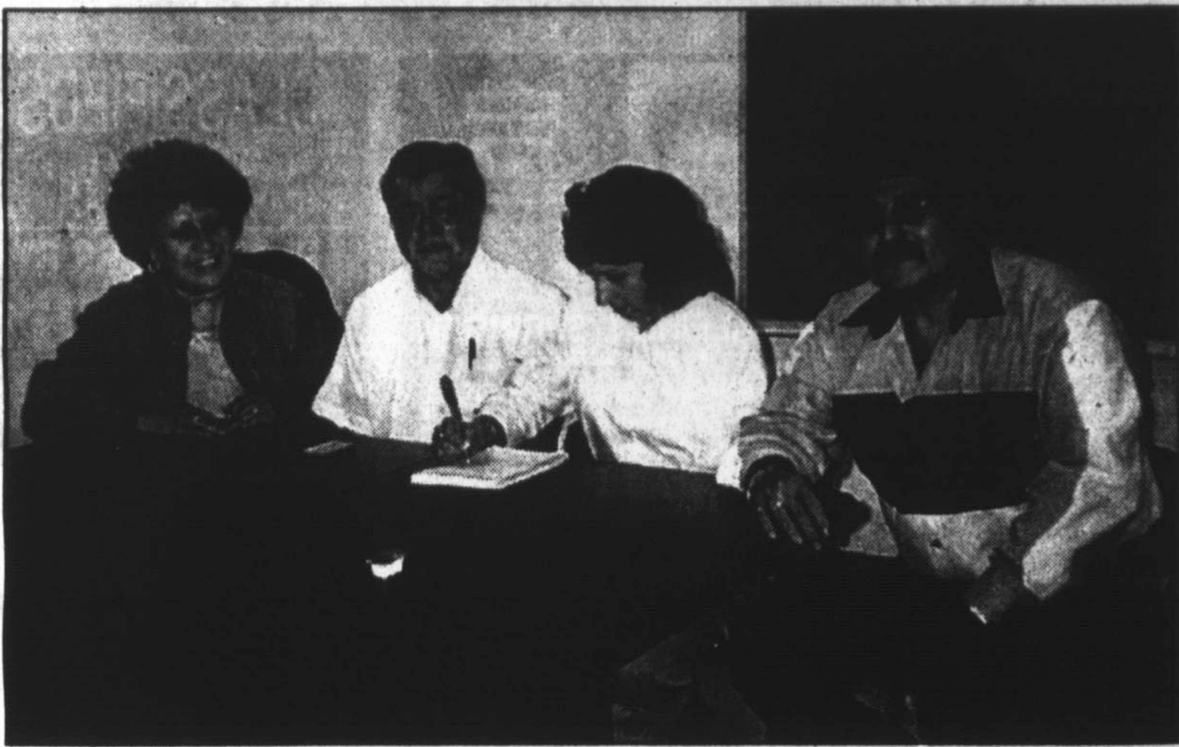
For a limited time, when you sign up for Cellular One service of 125 anytime minutes plus 125 nighttime minutes and 125 weekend minutes for just \$29.99 per month, you can get the always fashionable Ericsson A1178 for only \$9.99. You're not going to find a better deal, so put those scissors down and visit the Cellular One store nearest you.

CELLULARONE
1-800-CELL ONE

Cellular One Hereford • 515-B N. 25 Mile Hwy, Northgate • 364-1055

Offers good for a limited time on new activations only, and are subject to change without notice. "Night" minutes are limited to 125 minutes a month for calls made from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday; "Weekend" minutes are limited to 125 minutes a month for calls made from 8:00 p.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, from within home calling area only. Incoming and outgoing calls are rounded up and billed in full-minute increments from the time the network begins to process the call (before the call rings or is answered) through its termination of the call. Minimum time commitment required with the early cancellation. Featured hardware available at Cellular One stores and participating dealers while supplies last. Other restrictions apply. See written materials in store for complete details.

MAKING PLANS



Committee meeting - Members of the committee planning the "3rd Annual Enchilada Dinner" for San Jose Catholic Church met recently to discuss final details. Shown are (from left) Margaret Del Toro, Father Adalberto Ramirez, Fannie DeLeon and Dimas Beltran. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at Hereford Community Center. Beltran, owner of El Monterrey Restaurant, will prepare the meal of enchiladas, rice, beans and a drink. Carla Moya's sopapillas with honey will be the dessert. Chips and salsa will be available. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and will be available at the door. For advance tickets call Beltran at 364-6170, DeLeon at 364-8298 or Del Toro at 364-2613.

Recommendations for 2001 are presented at Council meeting

Five clubs were represented at the Monday meeting of the Deaf Smith County Extension Education Council with three having 100 percent attendance.

Members recited the pledge to the flag and the Texas Extension Education Association Prayer.

Opening exercise, "Aggies' Medical Terminology," was read by Perry Keyes.

Welcomed visitor was Evelyn Crofford.

Recommendations for the year 2001 were read. These will be presented to individual clubs for approval by their members.

Beverly Harder, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, gave her report and thanked everyone for the going away party given for Gay Duggan. Susan Trollinger has

been hired as Extension office secretary.

Discussion was held on the Westway Country Christmas Bazaar which will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Hereford Community Center. Workers are needed for the

concession stand.

Council members voted to continue giving gifts to the Community Services Project at the Christmas party on Dec. 4.

The next Council meeting will be Nov. 27 with Bippus Club as hostess.

Ministry aids children in Juarez prison

Hereford resident Raymond Cantu is, for the fourth consecutive year, seeking assistance for "God's Prison and Jail Ministry," a special ministry directed toward children of inmates in prison in Juarez, Mexico.

According to Cantu, conditions are very different in the Mexican prison from those in the United States.

"If a father is put in jail and there is no one to care for the children, then they stay in with their father," Cantu said.

Cantu's prison ministry is in need of toys, Bibles or monetary contributions for these children.

He also needs a 16 foot trailer (any kind) that can be used to haul items to the prison.

The deadline for collecting these things is Dec. 12.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with this ministry can call 364-2089 or 364-1497.

"EVERYTHING IMPORTANT IN YOUR HOUSE IS INSURED. RIGHT?"



CALL ME FOR A FREE PROTECTION REVIEW.

Sharon Johnson
364-6874
1013 W. Park Ave.



© 2000 Allstate Insurance Company, Northbrook, Illinois

Happy Halloween From Your Friends at The Classic Diner 505 Grand, Hereford 364-4778



From now til Halloween night fly by The Classic Diner and with any purchase over \$5.00 Receive a FREE Halloween pumpkin pail for the Kids while supplies last On Halloween night bring your trick or treaters for some treats

Falls are recommended for kids over 5 years old.

AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, perfection salad, bread pudding with raisin sauce.

FRIDAY-Fried catfish, hash brown potatoes, buttered vegetable medley, cabbage-fruit slaw, lemon ice box dessert.

MONDAY-Stuffed bell peppers, fried okra, hominy casserole, cottage cheese with pineapple salad, butterscotch pudding

with cookies.

TUESDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits.

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., Festival of Trees meeting 9:30 a.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., Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m.

College Report

Nine students from this area are among the approximately 140,000 students included in the 23rd Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 1999-2000*.

Local students are Dusty B. Bryant, Texas A&M University; Misti M. Davison, Amit K. Patel, Cory M. Schumacher and Ross Torres, all Texas Tech University; Kate W. Denison and Laurie N. Gilbert, West Texas A&M University; Sonia Gallegos, North Lake College and Julie Rampley, Midland College.

The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, or have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.

More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students.

To learn more about *The National Dean's List*, visit www.honoring.com.

Subscribe to the Brand
Call 364-2030

The One to see:
Jerry Shipman, CLU
801 N. Main
(806) 364-3161
State Farm Insurance Companies
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

Friendship.
A friend knows when you're feeling blue...doesn't ask why...and isn't uncomfortable with silence. With a friend, it's okay to be yourself because friendship has no conditions.
Friendship. We're more than "just a business."

Qix "your wishes on file"
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
105 GREENWOOD • 364-6533 • HEREFORD



ELECT
Armando Gonzalez

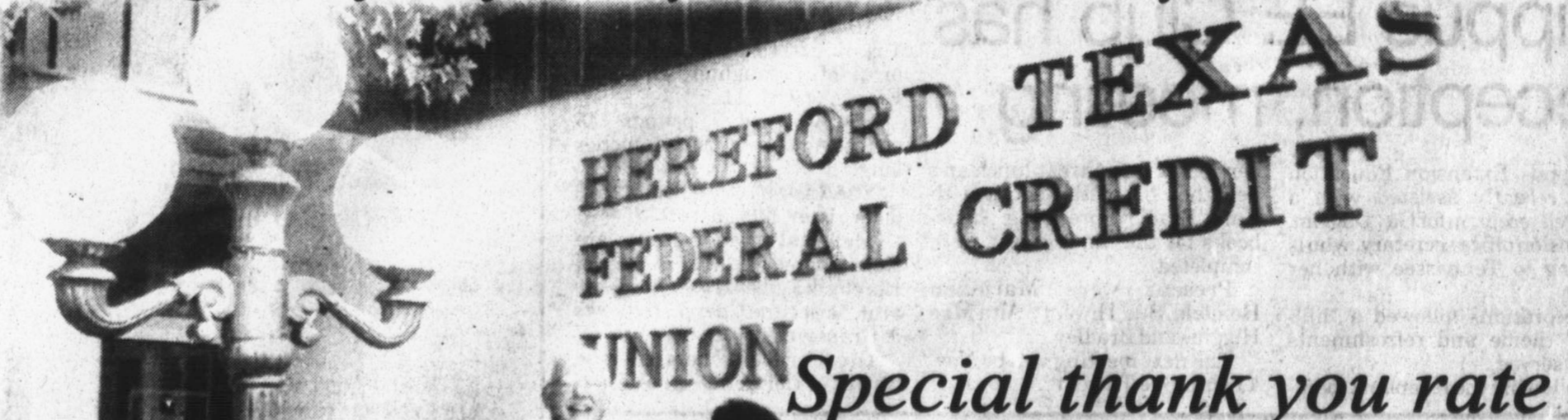
Early voting Oct. 23rd-Nov. 3rd
General Election Nov. 7th

Honesty • Integrity
Equal Representation

Pol. Ad paid for by Armando Gonzalez Treasurer Ernesto Ramirez - 502 Campbell - Hereford, TX.

HEREFORD TEXAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving Hereford for 63 years. The best is yet to come!



6.78% Interest Rate

Special thank you rate
7.0%

12 month C.D. APY

Protecting member savings with the highest level of security available is one of our major objectives. This is why we combine your federal deposit insurance coverage with excess deposit insurance protection from Excess Share Insurance.

PREMIERE CINEMA GROUP
MOOVIES 6

Superior Mall 400 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, TX
BUSINESS OFFICE CALL: 364-0101
MOVIE HOTLINE CALL: 364-8000

Fri., Oct. 20 - Thurs., Oct. 26th

BRING IT ON
RATED PG
1:30 & 4:00 7:05

ALMOST FAMOUS
RATED R
1:45 & 4:05 7:00

THE WATCHER
RATED R
1:45 & 4:00 7:10

THE REPLACEMENTS
RATED R
1:25 & 4:10 7:05

URBAN LEGENDS
RATED R
1:45 & 4:05 7:00

DIGIMON THE MOVIE
RATED G
2:00 & 4:15 7:00

Adults \$5.00 • Kids & Seniors \$3.00
Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun.

Subway torture



Jeff Blackmon

Well, the Yanks are still up 2-1 in the Subway series. Yankee hurler Roger Clemens has continued his bizarre postseason attitude and was fined \$50,000 for throwing the barrel of a bat at Mets catcher Mike Piazza, Yanks outfielder David Justice has been accused by another major league player of racist remarks and El Duque (Orlando) Hernandez's postseason winning streak was stopped at eight games.

Even with all of this excitement going on in baseball's Fall Classic right now I am not watching. I do not plan on watching. I refuse to watch.

Why? A subway series only spells one word for this rabid baseball fan. Torture.

That's right. There is absolutely no aspect of the New York vs. New York World Series that appeals to me.

Not the team skirmishes, not the fan scuffles and not even the baseball being played.

I do have a reason though. I am from Georgia, and I have been a Braves fan since the days of Dale Murphy, Bob Horner and Glenn Hubbard. Guess who knocked that team out of the National League Championship Series in the early 80's? The New York Mets.

Guess who has beaten the Braves twice in the World Series in the 90's (96, 99)? The New York Yankees.

So you see, I can not consciously root for either New York team. I don't like either one.

I actually almost did have to wash my mouth out with soap last week when I found out there would be a subway series, and I said to myself, "I guess I'll pull for the Mets." As soon as those seven words left my mouth I was shocked. I can't pull for Atlanta's arch rival even with my dedication to National League baseball. I will not sell out just to cheer on an NL team!

I also have pulled for the Texas Rangers the last several years in the playoffs only to see them go down to the Yankees winning only one game against them in the playoffs. I don't know how any Ranger fan could pull for the Yanks even with their loyalty to the American League.

Another aspect of my subway series disgust is probably jealousy. I will be the first to admit that some of my anger at the New York baseball teams has to do with their unlimited success. The Mets have won three world championships while the Yanks are the greatest sports franchise in baseball history. They are the teams that everyone loves to hate.

One thing is for sure though, for the next several years all of us baseball fans are going to hear from the media about the glorious subway series of 2000 and about how the 20th cen-

See SUBWAY, Page A6

A man called Scat

■ Hereford High senior Isacc Mancha enjoys his job as the Hostile Herd's mascot

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

He is there at every game. He cheers on the Whitefaces with all of his heart while entertaining all of the Hereford fans.

He sweats buckets. He is Scat.

When Hereford High School senior Isacc Mancha took the job as the Whitefaces' Mascot he knew it would take hard work and dedication to do the job, but he also realized he would have a good time doing it.

"It is all about having fun," Mancha said. "The games are a blast."

Mancha said he especially enjoys performing for the little kids that are in the stands. Mancha said it is fun to watch their eyes light up or to watch them get excited when he goes into the bleachers.

"Seeing kids get excited makes it fun," Mancha said. "It is fun to give them candy and see them smile."

This is Mancha's first year as the Herd's mascot, and the senior said he has an incredibly busy schedule. Every week, Mancha has cheerleading practice Tuesday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, Mancha attends the games the Whitefaces are competing in. Mancha also keeps down a part time job at the McDonald's in Hereford while participating in dance contests and cheerleading camps.

"This year I have so much to do," Mancha said. "It is a chance for me to give back to the community though and seeing kids laugh at games makes it all worth while."

During cheerleading practice, Mancha said he is required to learn all of the cheers and chants performed by the cheerleading team. He said that even though he is not exceptionally mobile in the mascot suit, he still enjoys performing with a special emphasis on body language.

"It is all about the arms and the legs," Mancha said. "I have to talk with my body."

Mancha also is the only male student on the cheerleading team. He said he sometimes feels a little out of place, but the other cheerleaders are good about including him in their activities.

"It's hard to be the only guy," Mancha said. "It makes me feel a little awkward, but the girls always count me in during cheers and skits which makes me feel like I am part of the team."

The senior also said all of those who notice his hard work, including athletes and fans, make sure to tell him that they appreciate his hard work during the games.

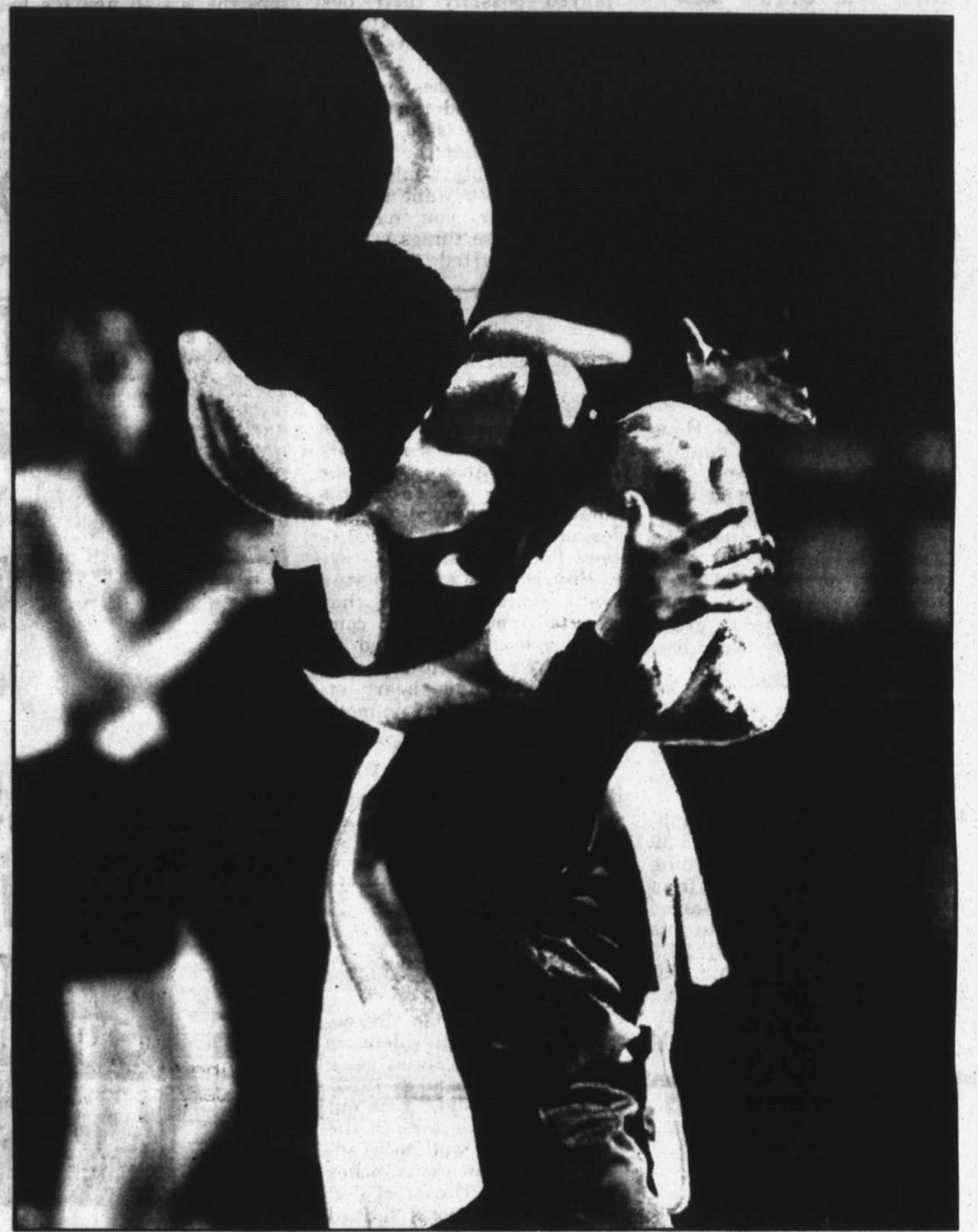
"The guys (football team) tell me I do a good job," Mancha said. "People notice how hard I work."

Mancha said Hereford residents also have begun to thank him when he is out of uniform.

One aspect of being a mascot, Mancha said is unavoidable is the heat. Some mascot uniforms have fans or a type of cooling system, but Mancha's Scat uniform was made the old fashioned way. He said the heat is just a part of the job that one gets used to.

"It is very hot in that suit," Mancha said. "The sponsors help me keep cool during the games though."

This past summer at a cheerleading camp in Plainview, Mancha added an-



Firing up the crowd—Hereford High senior Isacc Mancha entertains the Hereford crowd during the Whitefaces win against Amarillo Caprock. This is Mancha's first year performing as Scat.

other chapter to the Scat legend winning the All-American Award for mascots beat-

ing out 24 other team mascots. The Hereford senior said it was the first award for the

mascot since 1979.

See SCAT, Page A6

Mets take game three at Shea, 4-2

■ New York Mets take game three behind strong pitching

NEW YORK (AP) — Back in their raucous den, with its ear-splitting music and jets roaring overhead, the New York Mets were right at home — and right back in this Subway Series.

Benny Abayani got Shea Stadium shaking with a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the Mets handed Orlando Hernandez his first postseason defeat, beating the New York Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to cut their World Series deficit to 2-1.

A sellout crowd of 55,299 went crazy as Armando Benitez held on in the ninth inning this time, helping the Mets end the Yankees' record 14-game winning streak in the World Series.

John Franco wound up with the win. Benitez, who blew a ninth-inning lead in Game 1, closed it out after giving up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Chuck Knoblauch.

Nothing bizarre about this one, either. No pitchers

throwing bats instead of balls, a stunt from Game 2 that cost Roger Clemens a \$50,000 fine.

Hernandez began the night with an 8-0 record and a 1.90 ERA in postseason play, and set a Yankees' World Series record by striking out 12, breaking the mark of 11 set by Bob Turley in 1956.

Still, in a ballpark where the Mets thrive on late-inning magic, it was not enough.

Now, after two one-run defeats at Yankee Stadium, the Mets get a chance to draw even. Bobby J. Jones will pitch Game 4 on Wednesday night against Denny Neagle and Bill

See METS, Page A6

■ Nolan Ryan doing well after suffering chest pains

HOUSTON (AP) — Strikeout king Nolan Ryan is expected to be released from a hospital in a few days after experiencing tightness in his chest during a recent business trip to Florida.

Ryan, who underwent double coronary bypass surgery earlier this year, was doing fine and sitting up in bed "hanging out" while doctors at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital ran tests, said Reid Ryan, 28, the Hall of Fame pitcher's son.

"I was concerned because anytime you have somebody you love like your dad and he's had bypass surgery,

you're fearful he's had a heart attack," said Reid Ryan, who

See RYAN, Page A6

RYAN EXPRESS HOSPITALIZED

Fast Lube
Trop Artic MOTOR OIL

NEED YOUR OIL CHANGED?
Let us do it.
Goodin 66
364-4600 - Hwy. 60 & 385
FAST FULL SERVICE WITH A SMILE!!!

WARBONNET FEED & SUPPLY
Feed Sale Wed. Oct. 25th - Wed. Nov. 1st
While supplies lasts!

Salt Blocks	Special Buy
White \$3.30 ea	Ton \$3.24
Iodized \$3.70 ea	Ton \$3.64
Sulphur \$3.70 ea	Ton \$3.64
Trace Mineral \$4.30 ea	Ton \$4.24
ACCO 3way Sweet Feed	ACCO Horse & Mule Feed
50 lb. bag reg. \$6.55	50 lb. bag reg. \$6.15
Sale \$6.00	Sale \$6.00

Free delivery of 1/2 Ton or more
Prices subject to change weekly
115 S. 25 Mile Ave. 363-1968
Mon. - Sat. 7 am - 7 pm

BAND STUDENTS
of the Week!

We proudly introduce for the week of 10-20 (back) Jose Ozuna, Regina Contreras, (front) Tamara Goldsmith, and Kerri Flood.
Sponsored by — Ralph & Marge Bell

Charlie's Tire & Service Center
Tire Service
501 W. 1st • 364-5033

Farris making switch

Aggie QB making transition from baseball to football

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Mark Farris, a former Carolina Mudcats first and third baseman, has made a smooth career transition from baseball to the starting quarterback for Texas A&M.

The remaining question: How far can he go? His goal is to be perfect. "When you've been out as long as I was, I just need to play," Farris said. "I've been saying until I go out and play a perfect game, I'm going to

keep coming back and trying to get better."

Since he put away his baseball career after five years in the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm system, Farris has been doing just that for the Aggies. He's not perfect but he keeps getting better.

Farris and the Aggies played possibly their best game of the season Saturday in a 30-7 victory over Iowa State.

"You have to be your own worst critic, and that's what I am," Farris said. "I see little things that the average person probably wouldn't notice but if you want to be a great player, you have to work on those things."

Farris started fall drills

competing with Colby Freeman and Vance Smith for the starting quarterback job. Coach R.C. Slocum named Farris the starter prior to the season opener against Notre Dame and was convinced he'd made the right decision.

"We made that decision before the season and it's held up," Slocum said.

One series into the first game against Notre Dame, offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe was certain, too.

"He came off the field and started telling me the things he was seeing," Kragthorpe said. "Some new guys going in wouldn't have seen what he was seeing for two or three games, or maybe two or three years."

Farris completed 16 of 28 passes for 165 yards and had one interception in the season opening loss to the Fighting Irish. But he got better the following week with 272 yards, two touchdown passes and no interceptions against Wyoming.

Subway

from Page A5

tury ended with grandest of sporting spectacles, and when I have children, and they grow up and ask me, "Hey Dad, do you remember the subway series in 2000?" I will have to answer, "Yes, but thank goodness those dark October days are behind us."

October Envelope Special
25% Off
 All Envelope Orders
 No Charge for Ink Colors
 "Thank you for doing business with us"

Ink Spot Printing Co.
 For All Your Printing Needs
 (806) 364-0432 • FAX (806) 364-5884
 (800) 687-2062
 340 N. 25 Mile Ave. Hereford, Texas 79045

Ryan

from Page A5

drove from Austin to Houston on Monday. Confident his father was doing well, Reid Ryan said he returned home to Austin on Tuesday.

An EKG and an angiogram both came up negative as far as heart problems. Doctors said the elder Ryan has a muscular spasm in an artery that leads to his heart, Reid Ryan said.

"It cuts the blood off from getting into his heart. It's not doing it all the time, but randomly and when it does it causes the tightness in his chest," Reid Ryan said.

Nolan Ryan checked himself into the hospital at 1:30 a.m. Monday after returning home the day before from Florida, where he had started feeling the tightness in his chest, his son said.

Doctors are giving him different medicines and waiting 12 to 24 hours to see how his body reacts to them, Reid Ryan said.

"I'll be surprised he's still there Thursday or Friday," he said.

Nolan Ryan, who threw a major-league record 5,714 career strikeouts and seven no-hitters, underwent emergency heart surgery on April 23 at the Heart Hospital of Austin. Tests then showed he had substantial blockage in a main coronary artery but did not have a heart attack.

Nolan Ryan had his surgery after experiencing chest

pains and shortness of breath during an April morning walk in suburban Austin, where he was staying to watch his Round Rock Express minor-league team play the Midland Rockhounds.

Physicians who treated Nolan Ryan then said they expected him to make a complete recovery, but noted he would have been in danger of a life-threatening heart attack if he had not immediately addressed his symptoms.

After the surgery, Nolan Ryan had planned to cut back on travel and personal appearances but continue business as usual at his bank.

Mets

from Page A5

Clinton is expected to become the first president in office to attend a Series game since Ronald Reagan in 1983.

Hernandez, who struck out the first three hitters in the opening inning and took advantage of a few extra inches on the outside corner of Jeff Kellogg's strike zone, fanned Robin Ventura to start the eighth.

But after Todd Zeile singled, Agbayani doubled into the left-center field gap. Agbayani has hit in all 12 of the Mets' postseason games this year.

Scat

from Page A5

Even with the responsibilities that come with being Scat, Mancha said he is having a great time being Hereford's mascot. He said

there are some tough parts, but the good times make him enjoy his job.

"It is a blast," Mancha said. "It is all about having fun."



Serving the community—Mancha poses for a picture with Scat creator 'Scat' Russell. Russell was crowned Homecoming King at Westgate Nursing Home on Oct. 6.

TERRY'S AUTOMOTIVE
 Complete Tire Shop
 Featuring Dunlop and Kumho Tires.
 Align & balance, tire repair.
 800 N. 25 Mile Avenue • 364-7888
 HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 State Inspection Station
 PICK-UP & DELIVERY AVAILABLE
 Terry Hoffman, Owner

0.9% APR • 0.9% APR • 0.9% APR •

Oktoberfest

of SAVINGS!

0.9% APR on NEW 2000 model Expeditions, Excursions, and Explorers!

2000 Expedition 	2000 Excursions 	2000 Explorers
1999 Taurus 	2000 G/M 	1999 Expedition
\$12,995	\$19,995	\$24,500
2000 Mustang 	2000 Blazer 4x4 	1999 Cavalier
\$16,995	\$20,595	\$9,500

NO HASSLE NO PRESSURE

WESTERN

FORD • LINCOLN • MERCURY
 550 N. 25 Mile Ave. • 800-900-2425 or 364-3673 • Email western@wtrt.net

0.9% APR • 0.9% APR • 0.9% APR •

CLASSIFIEDS

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

FREE Satellite TV. Save \$200 by subscribing today! Programming starting at \$21/mo. Over 210 digital-quality channels available. Avoid rising cable rates. No monthly contract. 877-DISH-111. Local toll-free for Texas.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING Course is now being offered at the Ranch House, 10:00AM the 3rd Saturday of every month. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 1-800-454-6051 or 505-763-5628. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS.

NEED YOUR Windows cleaned? Call Irene, 363-1900 or Juanita, 363-6509 anytime.

'NEED MUSIC LESSONS?' Tejano, Country, Rock & Blues. Ages 10 years and older. Call Jesse @ 364-0492.

TREE & Shrub trimming and removal. Leaf raking and assorted lawn work, rotary tilling and seeding of new lawns. 364-3356.

Classifieds really work!!

FORREST INSULATION. We do all kinds of insulation and small home repairs. We build and repair all types of fences. FREE ESTIMATES! Call 364-5477 or (mobile) 346-2143.

able uters Service applies Upgrades CS. Main #364-6067

THE CHIMNEY Sweep. Call Randy Laing, (806)364-6856.

STOP Call 363-6727

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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

10-25 CRYPTOQUOTE AJZ FCMXCOA NK AMCAJ XJHQO XZA PNC KMZZ ZGZL OK PNC LZGZM BHABJ CF TOAJ OA. BQHMLBZ VHMNT Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NEVER GIVE A MAN UP UNTIL HE HAS FAILED AT SOMETHING HE LIKES. — LEWIS E. LAWES

Gore, Bush forced into fights at home

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The tight race for the White House is forcing George W. Bush and Al Gore to fight for political home turf, with the Texas governor seeking a boost from his brother in Florida and the vice president stumping in his native Tennessee.

Bush's former presidential rival, Sen. John McCain, and his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, joined him on a campaign bus dubbed "Barnstorm for Reform" Wednesday morning for a day of rallies in a state where polls show the race unexpectedly close, as in Tennessee.

"We're each in places we thought maybe we wouldn't be in at this time," Gore's running mate, Joseph Lieberman, told CNN from Tennessee. "That's a big message to voters — come out and vote."

Gore talked issues over coffee and doughnuts Wednesday with firefighters at Nashville's No. 9 station. One complained that his mother spends \$700 to \$800 each month on prescription drugs.

Gore said some drug companies spend more on advertising than they do on research and development. "It comes from your mother's budget and it's flat wrong," he said.

Firefighter Frank Hagey said his children's school devotes too much time to fund-raisers to buy supplies. Gore said spending more on education should be "a national priority" and called for eliminating tax on school bonds.

Central to both campaign appeals is a hyperbolic squabble over who is the bigger tax-and-spender.

"He's the biggest spender we've ever had in the history of politics," Bush told reporters as he boarded his plane late Tuesday to fly here after tweaking Gore in Tennessee.

The vice president shot back: "I'm opposed to big government" and promised not to add a single federal worker as he attacked Bush for pushing tax-cut and Social Security plans he says the nation can't afford.

Often crisscrossing the same states, Bush and Gore are sharpening their rhetoric on spending taxpayer money and strengthening Social Security.

Hovering over the candidates on their final sprint is the prospect of President Clinton getting involved and the political risks and benefits involved. Over the weekend, Clinton dipped a toe into presidential politics by criticizing Bush's statements.

Bush seemed delighted to respond with his own warning Tuesday, suggesting that any presidential involvement in the election could raise the specter of Monica Lewinsky and impeachment, a chapter that Americans "would just rather forget."

"If he can't help himself and starts getting out there and campaigning against me, the shadow returns," Bush said playfully, fielding a question about impeachment from a voter in suburban Chicago.



The Democratic ticket (from right) of presidential nominee Al Gore; his wife, Tipper; running mate Joe Lieberman; and his wife, Hadassah, wave to supporters at a campaign event in Nashville, Tenn.



Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush (above, left) embraces his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, during a campaign rally in Florida. The battle for Florida's electoral votes has tightened.

"I may say something," he added, pausing, "in defense of my record. But it's time to move on."

The Gore campaign has hammered Bush's record as Texas governor and jumped on a think tank report Monday that suggested the state's rising test scores may be misleading because students didn't do as well on a national test. The Democratic National Committee planned to air ads in battleground states to highlight the Rand report.

The Bush campaign rejected the findings on NBC's "Today," Bush education adviser Margaret LaMontagne said by "comparing apples and oranges" researchers came up "with a conclusion that just is not found by any other organization," even other Rand researchers who praised Texas education.

Both candidates were focused on battling for symbolic as well as electoral victories in Tennessee and Florida before dashing back to the Midwest and its rich cache of votes.

"Sure feels good in Tennessee," Bush said late Tuesday at a rally in Jacksonville lit up by fireworks. "People there tell me when all goes well in November, Tennessee's going to be in the Bush column. And you know what else is going to happen on November 7th? Florida is going to be in the Bush column too."

Bush faces a fight for Florida's 25 electoral votes over Social Security, the same issue that Democrat Lawton Chiles used to defeat Bush's brother in the state's closest-ever governor's race in 1994. Jeb Bush was elected in 1998.

Gore says the nation cannot afford both Bush's \$1.3 billion tax cut and his plan to preserve the government's retirement program. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers echoed Gore, telling The Washington Post in an interview published Wednesday that Bush's proposal reveals his "fundamental misunderstanding" of the retirement program.

Economy Voters

From Page A1 percent, according to revised figures, slightly stronger than the association reported one month ago. Economists attributed that gain to cheaper mortgage rates.

Many analysts had expected September's sales to fall, given the huge increase in August, by around 4.2 percent to a rate of 5.06 million.

In September, the average interest rate on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage was 7.91 percent, down from 8.03 percent in August, but higher than the 7.82 percent rate in September 1999.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep a lid on inflation. The Fed's rate increases are designed to raise borrowing costs and cool demand for big-ticket items such as homes and cars.

Other economic reports have shown the Fed's rate increases are working to moderate economic growth and that has helped to ease mortgage rates in recent months.

Against this backdrop, analysts are predicting the central bank will leave interest rates alone not only on Nov. 15 but also for the rest of this year.

By region, the Northeast posted the biggest decline in sales of existing homes — an 8.8 percent drop in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 620,000.

In the Midwest and in the South, sales fell 3.5 percent to a rate of 1.11 million and 1.94 million, respectively. But in the West, sales rose 2.1 percent to a rate of 1.47 million.

The median existing-home sales price, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was \$141,800 in September, up 5.5 percent from the same month a year ago.

From Page A1 Gore still leads on top issues like health care, Social Security and the economy. Bush is ahead on personal traits — honesty, likability, willingness to take an unpopular stand and having new ideas.

Asked who is best described by the phrase "typical politician," 45 percent picked Gore and 29 percent picked Bush. The two were about even on this measure in September.

And voters are hearing the campaign criticisms leveled at the two candidates.

Three-fourths had heard the charge that Bush cares more about the rich, and three in 10 said that made them less likely to support him. Almost that many have heard that he has a poor record in Texas on issues like health care and the environment, and about three in 10 said that made them less likely to support him.

Two-thirds said they've heard that Gore cannot be trusted and tends to exaggerate, and a fourth said that makes their support for him less likely. Just over half have heard that Gore wants to bring back the era of big government, and one in five said that makes them less likely to support him.

support him. But most voters, 54 percent, are satisfied with the way things are going nationally — as high as the satisfaction level has been in Pew polls all year.

Some say this only adds to the indecision. "They're perfectly content with either candidate," said Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "If it has to be Gore that's OK, if it has to be Bush that's OK."

"There's nothing in terms of the candidates themselves that has shaken this general air of lethargy, a contentment-induced lethargy," he added.

Other influences may be playing a role. "Number one, there's a distrust of the Republican Party. Even though the religious right is quiet right now there's a fear that Bush would have to live up to their expectations," said Lowell Weicker, a former Republican senator and ex-independent governor of Connecticut.

"Number two, there's a fatigue factor with President Clinton and, fair or not, it extends to Gore."

Area authors to be feted

Special to The Brand AMARILLO — Two award-winning authors will be featured speakers at the 32nd Annual Friends of the Library Book & Author Dinner next month at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The dinner, which honors Panhandle authors who have published a book within the last year, is open to the public. An autograph party will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 in the civic center's Grand Plaza, with the dinner to begin at 7 p.m.

The featured speakers are Kimberly Willis Holt and Jodi Thomas, both of Amarillo. Holt has published three books — My Louisiana Sky, Mister and Me and When Zachary Beaver Came to Town.

She received the 1999 National Book Award for Young People's Literature, the American Library Association's Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor for Fiction. Holt attributes her inspiration to "moments in my childhood."

The daughter of a Navy chief petty officer, Holt moved frequently, living in several places, including Paris, Guam and Washington, D.C. Drawing upon her childhood memories, Holt fashioned stories that are both familiar and diverse, and illustrate her literary quest for home and family roots.

Thomas, a retired teacher with a master's degree in family studies, has been a successful romance writer for the past dozen years.

Among the Panhandle authors who will be recognized at the dinner:

- Thomas Baker, Effective Police Leadership;
• Mark Bragg, Daddy's Cooking;
• Lucile Reid Bruck, Two Then: Only-in-Two Stories from a Bride Who Lived Them;

- Paul H. Carlson, The Cowboy Way: An Exploration of History and Culture;
• Jim Calvi, American Law and Legal Systems;
• Susan Coleman, American Law and Legal Systems;
• Don Cooper, C Trick: Sort of a Memoir;
• Mike Cox, Historic Amarillo: An Illustrated History;
• Martha Crabb, All Afire to Fight: The Untold Civil War's Ninth Texas Cavalry;
• Jerry Craven, Snake Mountain;
• Eldrena Douma, The Rolling Stone and Other Read Aloud Stories;
• Dean Downey, A Horse Named Lightning;
• Virgie Goudwin Dystart, Hides, Horns and Hopes: Creation of the American West;
• Ron Durham, The Higley Lesson Commentary 2000-2001;
• John Erikson, Hank the Cowdog (series);
• Ray Fulenwider, The Prayer-Driven Church: Releasing God's Power to Every Member;
• David Horsley, Into the Wind: This High Plains Life;
• Tony L. Jones, Platform Devices and Chemical Agents for Real-World Law Enforcement;
• Jennifer Kunz, Sociology: The New Millennium;
• D.R. Meredith, By Hook or By Book;
• DeWanna Pace, The Gentle Season;
• John Poluwich, Argonaut: The Submarine Legacy of Simon Lake;
• Pauline Robertson, Quannah: A Pictorial History of the Last Comanche Chief;
• Sandra Teichmann, Woman of the Plains: The Journals and Stories of Nellie M. Perry;
• Jodie Thomas, To Wed in Texas;
• Ronda Thompson, In Trouble's Arms;
• Kathy Wetzels, Mind Games: The Aging Brain and How to Keep it Healthy;
• Carol Winn, Buffalo Jones: The Man Who Saved America's Bison.
The cost of the dinner is \$15 and payment must be in advance. For reservations, call Billie Hobbs at 378-4226 by Friday.

Schlabs Hysinger SERVING HEREFORD SINCE 1979 COMMODITY SERVICES 1500 West Park Avenue • 364-1261 Richard Schlabs Amber Griffith

Table with multiple columns for CATTLE FUTURES, GRAIN FUTURES, METAL FUTURES, and FUTURES OPTIONS. Includes prices for various commodities like corn, soybeans, and metals.

MEMBER TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION 2000

Soldiers protest election

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Mutinous soldiers battled government troops at a military base here Wednesday in new violence after bloody protests against the junta leader's claim to have won presidential elections. The pre-dawn attack raised fears of increasing unrest in Ivory Coast, once a bastion of stability in West Africa. Gen. Robert Guei declared himself the victor in Sunday elections. His chief opponent also claims to have won, and called on supporters to protest the junta decision.

Albright: North must detail nuke program

SEOUL, South Korea — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday that North Korea must remove lingering uncertainty about its nuclear weapons activities if efforts at accommodation with the United States are to succeed. A 1994 U.S.-North Korean agreement was designed to freeze a suspected nuclear weapons program in Yongbyan but there are concerns Pyongyang may have stockpiled one or more such weapons beforehand. Albright, who arrived here Wednesday after two days in Pyongyang, told a news conference she raised the weapons issue with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. "Obviously the nuclear issue has been one of central importance," Albright said, stressing the importance of full disclosure by the North Koreans.

China marks entry into Korean War

BEIJING — China marked the 50th anniversary Wednesday of its entrance into the Korean War with patriotic tributes to those who died and praise for "long overdue" peace overtures between the conflict's former enemies. Articles and editorials in state-run newspapers praised Chinese fighters who battled South Korean and U.S.-led troops and said the economic cost and loss of 140,000 lives for China were worthwhile. China fought on North Korea's side in the 1950-53 war, cementing relations between the two communist nations. In recent years, Beijing has used



Sun Jiayi (right) and **Chen Zhongyuan**, Chinese veterans of the Korean War, display their medals as they walk through an exhibition which marks the 50th anniversary of China's entry into the war. The Beijing exhibition includes photos of captured U.S. soldiers, as well as U.S. items and weaponry. China entered the Korean War on Oct. 25, 1950.

its influence to push North Korea toward reconciliation with rival South Korea and the United States.

Judy Collins worries about Mideast conflict

NEW YORK — When the call came from the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Judy Collins first thought she was being summoned to help mediate the Middle East conflict. "They've finally gotten it," Collins told a lunchtime crowd at a Borders bookstore Tuesday. "Oh how wonderful! They know that music is the only thing that can solve this." Then reality hit: Ambassador Richard Holbrooke wasn't looking for another negotiator. "When he finally reached me ... it wasn't about that," Collins said. "He said, 'We're honoring Harry Belafonte, and wouldn't it be nice to have you sing something.' So I said yes." Collins sang "Scarlet Ribbons" at the tribute, held at the ambassador's home last

Balkan leaders meet to launch a new era

SKOPJE, Macedonia — With Slobodan Milosevic out of power and prospects for peace their best in years, Balkan leaders have their chance to size up Yugoslavia's new leader and try to launch a new era in regional cooperation. The gathering of Balkan leaders Wednesday in the Macedonian capital marks the return of Yugoslavia to regional diplomacy following two years of isolation imposed because of the Kosovo crisis and the NATO bombing campaign. The leaders are hoping to push aside their disputes in hopes of drawing greater support from the rich countries of Western Europe.

Dean CROFFORD
Automotive
363-AUTO

★ ★ ★ ELECT ★ ★ ★

TERESA GARTH
FOR
TAX-ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

Early voting begins Oct. 23rd
thru Nov. 3rd at the courthouse

Qualified - Dedicated
"I want to be YOUR Tax Collector"



PD, POL. ADV. by Teresa Garth, 241 Centre St., Hereford, Texas 79045, Mary P. Brown, Treasurer

U.S. puts Persian Gulf forces on alert

WASHINGTON (AP) — American forces in the Persian Gulf region are taking extra precautions against threats of terrorist attack, including keeping all Navy 5th Fleet ships at sea "for the foreseeable future" and raising the alert level of U.S. troops in the tiny Gulf states of Bahrain and Qatar.

The commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, whose area of responsibility includes the Gulf, was testifying before Congress on Wednesday about the Oct. 12 bombing of the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen. The attack, believed to be the work of terrorists, has raised questions about the vulnerability of U.S. forces elsewhere in the region.

Gen. Tommy Franks was to be joined at the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing by Walter Slocombe, the undersecretary

of defense for policy, and Adm. Vern Clark, the chief of naval operations.

The Pentagon said Tuesday that in response to specific terrorist threats against U.S. forces in Bahrain and Qatar, troops based there have been put on the highest possible state of alert. The Pentagon would not describe the nature of the threats and said it had not determined whether they were credible.

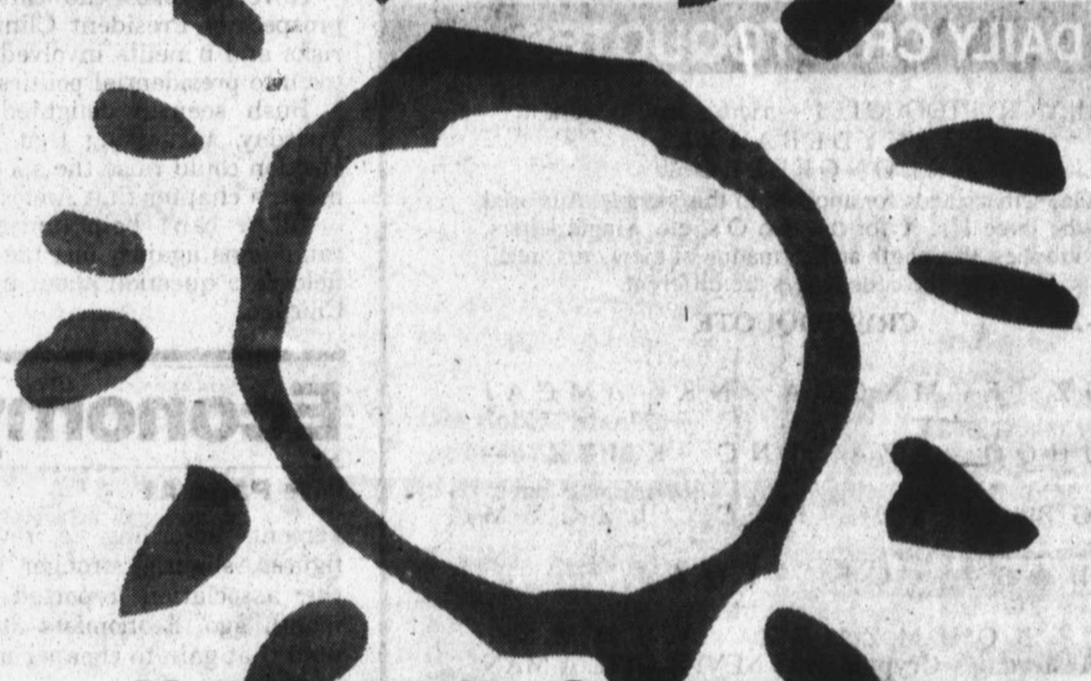
"We've got fairly specific information, but the credibility is unknown," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said. "You're not quite sure what to make of it, so you do the cautious course of action and go up to the higher level" of alert.

The USS Cole attack, which killed 17 sailors and wounded 39, also figured in the decision to raise the alert level for troops.

Early to bed, early to rise, early to renew keeps one wise.

The earlier the better, right?

Procrastination has most undesirable results—especially when you realize you just blew the chance to save **\$92** over the annual cover price. If you are already subscribing and you renew the **Brand** for a full year (256 issues) before Nov. 1, 2000, you can renew at the old year's rate \$52.00, or \$46.00 if you are a senior citizen.



Need we remind you who catches the worm?

By being the early bird, you also beat us out of a \$17 yearly increase that went into effect earlier this month. And even better, you won't miss a single issue of the best in local news, commentary, business, entertainment, sports and more.

The Hereford Brand has been delivering news of Deaf Smith County for 99 years — very soon we'll celebrate 100 years of covering this community better than anyone else. We'd like to keep you informed about local issues and news events for 100 years more, but that would be a pretty long renewal. So we'll settle for earning your readership one year at a time.

Imagine being left without any local news because you let your subscription run out.

Not only would you have missed award-winning local news coverage and a huge selection of special savings offers from local and area merchants, but you would have also missed the extra bonus we always thoughtfully provide—a complimentary waste containment kit for your household.

Yes, I would hate to miss the savings and the bonus kit.

I'm renewing now at the previous rates:

Name _____
Address _____ Apt# _____
City _____ Zip _____
Telephone# _____

- 1 Yr. Regular \$52.00
- 1 Yr. Sr.-Citizen \$46.50

Mail to: The Hereford Brand, Attention Circulation Dept. P.O. Box 673, Hereford, Texas 79045 or come by 313 N. Lee St. • Renewal offer is valid only in Deaf Smith & adjoining counties.

Halloween at the YMCA SLEEP-IN

Hey 1st-6th graders,
Come dressed in your best costume and join us for a fun & safe Halloween sleep-in at the YMCA!!!

Check In Time: Saturday, October 28th 8:30-10:00p.m.
Check Out Time: Sunday, October 29th 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00 Members
\$15.00 Non-Members

Activities:

- Ping Pong drop
- Costume Contest (prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd)
- Swimming • Trampoline • Games
- Basketball • Movies • and much more

Free to All Entrants:

- Halloween bags • Popcorn
- Soft drinks • Candy
- & surprise goodies!

Things to Bring:

- Sleeping bag
- Swim suit
- Snack sack
- Towel



... build strong kids.
strong families, strong communities.

Sponsored By:

