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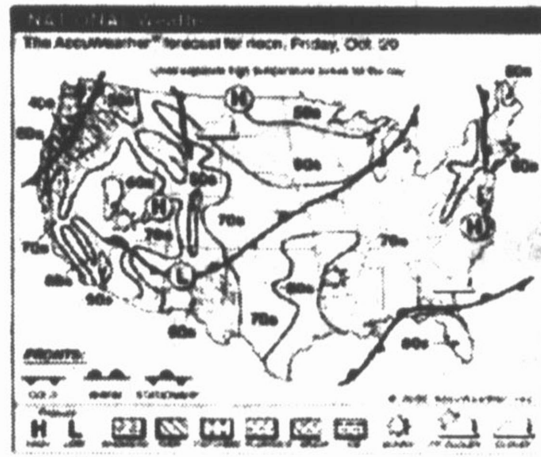
Hereford vs. Randall



• Hereford brings a 3-0 district record into the game. Randall is 1-2 in league competition.

Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Bowl in Canyon.

Today's weather OUTLOOK



• Partly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows around 48, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday: Becoming cloudy, highs around 73, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows around 50.

• Extended forecast •

Saturday: Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, highs 64 to 70.

Sunday and Monday: Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows 43 to 49, highs 61 to 67.

• Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 73; low, 51; no precipitation.

Friona Excel plant's part of contract

Special to The Brand

FRIONA — The Excel plant in Friona will benefit from a U.S. Defense Commissary Agency contract awarded to Excel Corporation.

The Friona plant, which employees approximately 400 local residents, will use the contract to supply beef to the Defense Commissary Agency's Northern Area, Eastern Region commissary stores.

The \$75.3 million contract translates to approximately 1.5 million pounds of beef from the Friona plant, said Steve Thompson, general manager of Friona Excel.

Although this sounds like a lot of extra meat, Thompson said few floor workers will notice any change.

"For them, it will be business as usual. The ones who will notice a change will be the loaders and dock hands. They will see the meat being palletized (loaded and stacked on pallets) rather than boxed on the floor of the refrigerated trailers," Thompson said.

The main reason floor workers will not see a change is because no extra workers will be used. Thompson said orders will be shuffled among the seven corporate plants, with the Friona plant putting priority on the military contract orders.

"Most of the changes will come from the paperwork and shipping, rather than the production floor itself," Thompson said. "Many of the loads will have as many as eight stops, as compared to the more customary one or two stops."

Thompson said the meat will continue to be cut and processed with the same concern for quality as always.

Excel Corp. communication manager Mark Klein of Wichita, Kan., said the contract was awarded based on competitive bids submitted by each of the seven Excel plants as well as more than 50 other meat-producing corporations.

"This is not the first time Excel has participated in this program. It was just the right timing and the right bid to give to the Friona plant," Klein said.

Officials, at this time, would not speculate on possibility of pay increases, resulting from the contract.

Hospital relief bill stalled?

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

A bill supported by many rural hospital administrators appears likely to die in committee as the 106th Congress wraps up its business before going home for the election.

H.R. 5220, which was introduced last month by Reps. Ron Paul, Chet Edwards and Lamar Smith, is intended to help rural and community hospitals cope with the financial problems resulting from the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Under the provisions of the balanced-budget act, the Health Care Financing Administration changed reimbursement for Medicare-Medicaid services. The changes had an adverse impact on rural hospitals, which have a high percentage of indigent and/or low-income patients.

For example, Hereford Regional Medical Center has seen its Medicaid Disproportionate Share funds reduced by about \$600,000. These

funds are provided on an annual basis to hospitals for indigent care. When the funding was reduced as part of the balanced-budget act, rural hospitals were most severely affected.

In response to the pleas of rural and community hospital administrators, Paul drafted legislation which would allow a rural healthcare facility with 50 beds or less and which are located in a Non-Metropolitan Statistical Area to be designated as an "Essential Service Hospital."

The ESH legislation would provide relief to the rural hospitals by:

- Increasing the area wage index factor from .74 to 1.0;
- Allowing ESHs to treat 100 percent of Medicare co-payments and deductibles that become hospital bad debts as an allowable cost;
- Exempting the ESHs from the Outpatient

Prospective Payment System; and
• Providing a 20 percent Medicare disproportionate share payment to ESHs that derive more than 70 percent of revenue from Medicare, Medicaid or self-payment.

In a letter to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas last month, HRMC administrator James Taylor wrote that the hospital is "essential to meeting the community's health care needs. ... From an economic perspective, this hospital is essential. Being the third largest employer in the



LARRY COMBEST
Co-sponsor of legislation designed to provide relief to rural hospitals.

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A NEW BEGINNING



Johnathon Turney and Ammi Hernandez will be among Mighty Maroon Band members performing in the UIL competition.

HHS band to seek Division I rating

By Jim Steiert

Special to The Brand

With "nothing to lose and everything to prove," Hereford High School's Mighty Maroon Band looks to renew a tradition of superior performance this weekend at the Region I UIL Marching Contest in Amarillo.

Competing in the AAAA division, the Mighty Maroon is scheduled to perform its Olympic Montage show at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Mighty Maroon will be going after its 39th Division I rating in the past 40 years and its first of the new millennium.

The band saw its long run of consecutive Division I marching performances — a string that spanned generations of band members — end at 38 on a blustery October night at the 1999 contest.

First-year band director Gary Owens, who has worked within the HHS band program for three years, says last fall's disappointment at seeing "the string" end has brought new focus to band

members.

"Our kids have worked hard in preparation. We are all focused on the idea that we don't want to have to think about what we could or should have done — we want to leave no doubt. We've got our minds made up to get back on track. Saturday night we are going to put our best effort on the field and see what happens," says Owens.

Untold hours have gone into rehearsing this year's program. The quest for a renewed superior rating began early in August with ten days of summer band.

In addition to practicing during class each school day, band members practiced on Tuesday nights in September. During the past month, they've been practicing an extra two hours on both Tuesday and Thursday nights.

"We've pushed hard. Our goal was to get the whole contest show on the field before summer band was over. We knew what

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Sign of the season — Halloween's approaching and one of the main symbols of the holiday are in short supply in the area. Because of the drought that's gripped Texas this year, farmers who raise pumpkins have reported significant drops in yield.

U.S. farmers reap benefits of easing of Cuban embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill sent to President Clinton would ease the decades-old embargo on Cuba, provide \$3.6 billion in aid to farmers and allow for the import of cheaper prescription drugs.

The Senate on Wednesday approved the \$78 billion agricultural spending bill 86-8 despite misgivings by many lawmakers about whether the Cuba and drug-import measures will do much good.

Clinton has agreed to sign the legislation.

The bill would allow sales of food to Cuba for the first time in about 40 years. The move is largely symbolic because the legislation bars the federal government or U.S. banks from financing the shipments. At the insistence of Cuba's critics in the House, the bill also would prevent Clinton or his successor from easing restrictions on travel to Cuba.

"We're only taking about one

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Local roundup

• Road Construction ends •

Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced the completion of the 25 Mile Avenue concrete paving operation. All that remains is the arrival of the striping crews and various clean-up tasks.

• HMA Golf Tournament •

The Hereford Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring its second annual golf tournament at the John Pittman Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament, which will be a two-man scramble, is open to members of area churches. Entry fee is \$30 and includes green fee, cart and lunch. Tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m. following a short meeting at 8 a.m.

Individuals may sign up at the golf course or by calling 353-7139.

• Tree orders now being taken •

Orders are now being taken for windbreak tree seedlings at the Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District office, 315 W. Third.

Potted evergreens, bare-root deciduous saplings and shrubs make excellent conservation windbreaks. Wildlife enthusiasts can choose varieties which enhance the habitats of select species.

Orders will be taken through mid March, but officials urge early purchases for the best selection.

For a complete list and price of trees, contact the TBSWCD at 364-0530, ext. 3.

• Girl Scout Registration •

Hereford Girl Scouts are invited to bring their friends and attend the Song Fest Registration Event from 2-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Nita Lee Building in Langley Park.

Girl Scouts is a year round program promoting skills and family values. Girls and adult volunteers may join all through the year. To register, a girl must bring a parent or a guardian to sign the permission form. There is a \$7 annual registration fee and financial aid is available.

Any registered Girl Scout who brings a friend who registers that day will receive a free patch.

For more information, please call 364-5787.

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School news

• Junior High Dance •

Their will be a Halloween Dance, from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at the junior high cafeteria. Cost is \$3 and costumes will be permitted, without masks. Students must have their ID to get in.

• Apples for students project •

Hereford Jr. High is participating in Homeland's Apples for the Students Plus! program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes.

During the past years, Apples for the Students Plus! has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools FREE to participating schools.

The list of awards is outstanding. Items we really use such as computers, audio/visual equipment, calculators and sporting goods are always greatly appreciated.

Hereford Jr. High urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Homeland register tapes to school with their children or by dropping them into the collection box at the store.

Register tapes will be collected until March 24, 2001.

Our goal is to save enough store receipts to receive \$250,000 through Apples for the Students Plus! With the help of parents and community members, we're hoping to exceed our goals.

For more information about Apples for the Students Plus!, or to donate register tapes to Hereford Jr. High, please contact Nelda Rogers at 363-7630.

To publicize the program there will be a special pep rally 3 p.m. Monday to kick of register tape collection and cheer on the Hereford teams.

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News digest

• Astronauts head in •

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After four straight days of construction work on the international space station's exterior, the crew of space shuttle Discovery on Thursday had business inside the soon-to-be-inhabited outpost.

The astronauts planned to float a few supplies in and out of the station and test a new set of motion-control gyroscopes, which help aim the spacecraft.

Their other tasks included taking air samples, snapping a few pictures and leaving a message for the station's first permanent residents, scheduled to move in early next month. Discovery will undock from the station Friday.

On Wednesday, Astronauts Michael Lopez-Alegria and Jeff Wisoff conducted the mission's fourth and final spacewalk in as many days. It appeared NASA had saved the best task for last: testing out a rescue jetpack.

Toward the end of their seven hours outside the station, the two took turns practicing spins, turns and rolls with the mini-jetpacks, built to keep an astronaut from being lost in space.

Tethered loosely all the while, each man flew a 50-foot path from the station to the rear of the shuttle cargo bay to see how well the backpack rockets worked.

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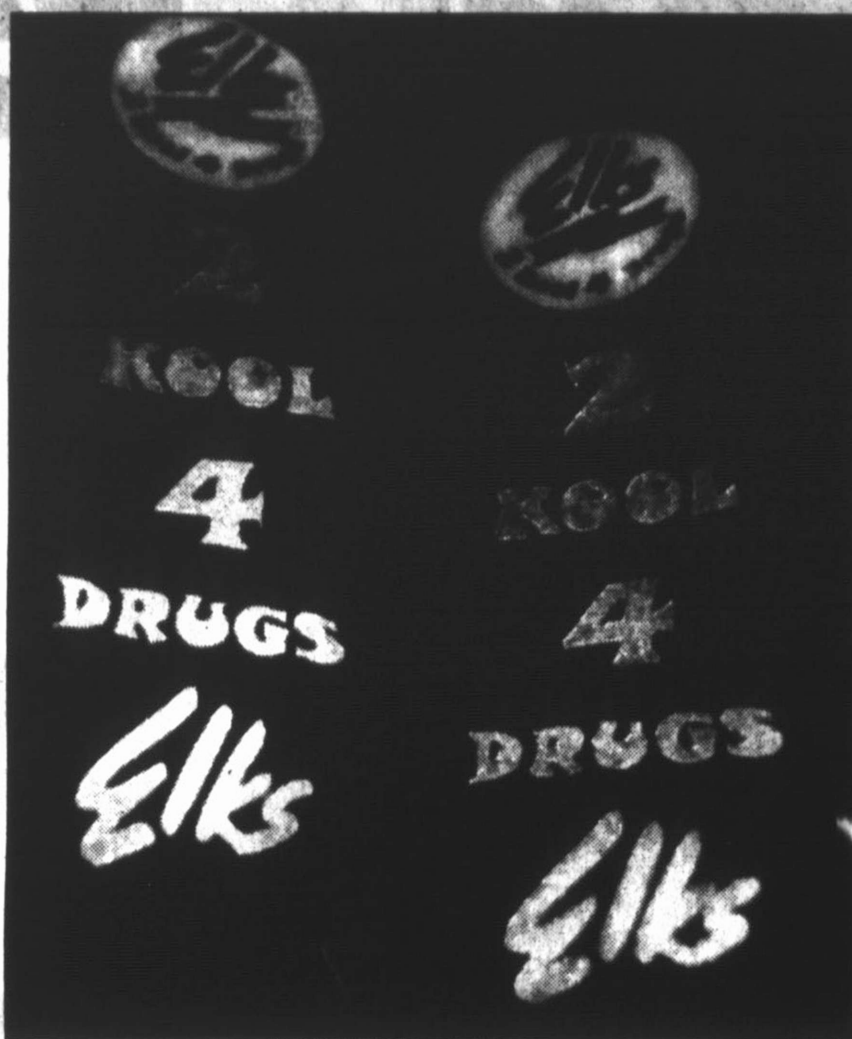
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No more drugs



Red Ribbons — Red Ribbon Week, a national event which encourages children to pledge to stay drug free, will once again be in our schools. Red Ribbon Week begins Oct. 23 and runs through Oct. 27. Schools will be participating in special events to get the anti-drug message to the students. The annual poster contest will be judged Friday, Oct. 20, with winners pictured in the weekend edition (Oct. 28) of the Hereford Brand. This year the Hereford Elks Lodge, with the help of the Hereford Police Department have contributed 5,000 red ribbons and stickers to be distributed to the campuses.

SFISD considers book ban

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — The school district which requires parental permission for students to read "Harry Potter" novels is now targeting profanity in books.

Educators in Santa Fe, who were at the center of this year's football game prayer debate, will bring several proposals before the school district's board of trustees on Thursday night.

One of Superintendent Richard Ownby's options would require staff to ensure that books are "free from profanity, references to homosexuality or other deviant behavior."

"If they can't say it but it's OK to read it, there are some mixed messages we send these kids," board member John Couch told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "If they say the words, they might get detention or some kind of punishment."

Current district policy requires that district staff en-

sure books "are appropriate for the subject and for the age, ability level, learning style and social and emotional development of the students for whom they are selected."

The district already has a policy that allows parents to formally object to and seek removal of books from school libraries and classrooms. Now, banning books with even a single word of profanity is under discussion.

Some teachers were concerned that a strict ban on profanity would keep them from using some literary classics.

Intermediate-school teachers have identified more than 30 books available in their classes that contain some profanity, most with only a word or two.

Ownby is expected to present at least two other possible changes to existing district book policies. But he said he had not decided which, if any, change he

would recommend.

Such a policy would apply to books and educational materials read by or used to teach children from kindergarten to eighth grade, Ownby said.

He said a majority vote of the seven-member school board would require review by attorneys for the Texas Association of School Boards and a final vote at the board's next meeting.

The district's school libraries already require parental permission for children to check out books from the popular Harry Potter series, in which the title character is a wizard and in which wizardry and magic are major themes.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision earlier this year barring organized prayer before public school football games was the result of a lawsuit filed against the Santa Fe district.

Santa Fe, is largely Southern Baptist.

Unemployment holds steady

AUSTIN (AP) — The unemployment rate in Texas held steady in September at a seasonally adjusted 4.3 percent, the same as in August, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Thursday.

Before adjusting for seasonal variations in the job market — such as students quitting jobs to return to school — the number of unemployed Texans

actually fell 1,700 to 451,800, the commission said.

Also, the number of working Texans increased by 9,300 to about 9.98 million, the commission said.

"September's figures demonstrate the Texas economy's ability to add jobs while maintaining historically low levels of unemployment," said commission chairwoman Diane Rath.

Economists generally adjust unemployment figures to account for seasonal variations, believing that this gives a more accurate picture of the underlying economy.

Without adjusting for seasonal patterns, Texas unemployment would have fallen from 4.4 percent in August to 4.3 percent in September, the commission said.

Manufacturing lost 200 jobs in September, the commission reported. That was offset by an increase of 1,800 jobs in

construction.

Services gained with the addition of 26,400 new jobs over the month, most of them in business services and government.

Total government employment grew by 56,800 jobs in September, primarily because of local school districts and state universities hiring for the fall semester, the commission reported.

Metropolitan-area figures ranged from 1.5 percent in Bryan-College Station to 13.4 percent in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission.

Following are the unadjusted rates of unemployment for Texas urban areas as announced by the work force commission for September, compared with revised August figures in parentheses:

- Amarillo 3.7 (3.6)
- Austin-Sar Marcos 2.1 (2.1)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 8.1 (8.4)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 8.1 (8.4)
- Bryan-College Station 1.5 (1.6)
- Corpus Christi 6.5 (6.5)
- Dallas 3.3 (3.3)
- El Paso 8.5 (8.3)
- Galveston-Texas City 6.3 (6.3)
- Houston 4.3 (4.3)
- Killeen-Temple 3.3 (3.4)
- Longview-Marshall 5.7 (5.7)
- Lubbock 2.5 (2.8)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 13.4 (13.5)
- Odessa-Midland 5.4 (5.6)
- San Angelo 3.4 (3.3)
- San Antonio 3.6 (3.6)
- Sherman-Dennison 3.7 (3.8)
- Tyler 4.4 (3.8)
- Victoria 3.8 (3.7)
- Waco 3.5 (3.5)
- Wichita Falls 3.6 (4.0)

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Texas lottery

Lotto
The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

33-35-22-13-11-52

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$9 million

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

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AIDS cases increase in Hispanic communities

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nearly half of all the adult AIDS cases reported in Bexar County have been among Hispanics, Central Texas health workers have said as the U.S. surgeon general prepared to discuss the deadly virus' impact in minority communities.

Medical experts and public health officials from across the country were scheduled to meet Thursday with Dr. David Satcher, the surgeon general, at St. Mary's University for a conference, "HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color."

"There are a lot of people out there that think we've been able to take care of the AIDS crisis, but there continues to be a disproportionate number of cases among minorities," U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

"Hispanics make up 11 percent of the U.S. population but account for 20 percent of new AIDS cases," said Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, who is helping Satcher's office sponsor the conference.

He said the conference's goal is to heighten community awareness, especially among Hispanics, that people are still being infected by human immunodeficiency virus and dying of AIDS.

"We also need to develop the infrastructure of programs and increase funds for culturally relevant programs," said Rodriguez.

Dr. Fernando A. Guerra, director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District since 1987, said minorities are still at risk despite enormous strides made over the years in dealing with HIV and AIDS.

"Within the Hispanic community, we've seen an increase in heterosexuals becoming infected and an increase in risk-taking behavior," said Guerra. "Today, people look at it as more of a chronic illness. I do think it's going to continue to be a significant problem."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in January that 52 percent of the 18,153 gay and bisexual men diagnosed with AIDS in 1998 were minorities. In 1989, minorities represented 31 percent of new cases in that group.

"AIDS is still kind of a big secret in the community. People don't want to talk about it," said Margaret Bee-Taylor, whose agency BEAT AIDS was founded in 1987 to establish outreach and education programs for the city's black community.

LPD questions homicide suspects

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Lubbock police were questioning four suspects early Thursday morning in connection with slayings of a couple and their infant whose bodies were discovered after blood seeped through a downstairs neighbor's ceiling.

A Dallas police detective was expected to travel to Lubbock later Thursday to question the suspects.

The decomposing bodies of Kevin Thomas, 22, 22-year-old Karie Langdon and her 11-month old baby Zackary Langdon were found with multiple gunshot wounds at a North Dallas apartment, as many as five days after police believe the trio died.

Two men were arrested in Lubbock on unrelated charges, but were being questioned in the homicides. Two females also were being questioned. Their names have not yet been released.

The four suspects were detained Wednesday night in an alley where they were apparently attempting to burn a light-colored Cadillac, believed to have been stolen from the victims. Police said the car was impounded.

Neighbors living downstairs from the murder victims noticed a foul smell, then saw blood dripping from a ceiling and telephoned law officers who found the bodies Monday.

LIFESTYLES

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Ministry seeking assistance

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.

According to Cantu, this means that the children get only one meal a day, have to sleep on the floor, get a bath once a week and usually do not have shoes.

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 because we (a group of concerned Panhandle individuals) plan to be in Juarez on Dec. 16-17," Cantu said.

Cantu has already completed paperwork to allow him to cross the border for the explicit purpose of visiting the prison.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with this ministry or who would like more information can contact Cantu by writing 306 Knight St., Hereford, or calling 364-2089 or 364-1497.

Cheering on the Li'l Herd



Promoting team spirit for the 2000 Li'l Herd football teams are the 2000 Li'l Herd cheerleaders. Pictured are Si'Ara Hastings, Alexys Mungia, Samantha Hastings, Veronica Olivarez, Heavenleigh Galvan, Clarissa Garcia, Nicole Ozuna, Sandra Martinez, Melissa Mungia, Alyssa Mungia, Amanda Martinez, Maranda Castillo, Megan Marquez, Vanessa Munoz, Ashley Holguin, Darian Mungia, Emily Buentello, Alyssa Sturgeon, Terry Mendoza, Lane Lopez, Lisa Murillo and Lydia Martinez. Not pictured are Bianca Ramirez, Vanessa Ramirez, Annise Sturgeon, Cassandra Cantu and Jessica Moya. Coaches are Gloria Hastings, Gloria Mungia and Heather Mungia.

La Plata Club hears program by Rogers

Joe D. Rogers presented the program at the recent meeting of La Plata Study Club in the home of Mildred Fuhrmann with Bonna Duke as co-hostess.

Rogers discussed an archaeological project he participated in this past summer near Marfa.

During the business meeting, a Christmas project was discussed and it was decided that each member will bring a toy to the November meeting to be distrib-

uted at Christmas.

Following the meeting, pumpkin pie and spiced tea were served to Audine Dettmann, Nelda Fortenberry, Peggie Fox, Ludie Greeson, Annell Holland, Lois Matchett, Dorothy Mercer, Mary Beth Powell, Dorothea Prowell, Yvonne Simpson, Clara Smith, Duke and Fuhrmann.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Rosemary Shook.

New Arrival

Todd and Lindsay Reinart of Liberal, Kan., formerly of Hereford, are the proud parents of a son, Jason Blaine Reinart.

Blaine was born Oct. 1 at Northwest Texas Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 11-3/4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gayland and Beverly Ward and paternal grandparents are Wayne Reinart and Becky Reinart, all of Hereford.

Great-grandparents are Elmer

and Irene Reinart of Hereford, Josephine Friemel of Canyon and Betty Frye of Tulia.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a teenager, a straight-A student, hardworking, and I hold a part-time job. I don't drink, smoke or do

drugs. I try to be a good daughter, but no matter what I do, my father yells at me constantly. He criticizes the way I dress, the way I do my homework, the way I clean up or cook. No matter what I am doing, he manages to find a reason to yell at me.

I cry myself to sleep most nights because my father makes me feel like such a terrible, stupid person. My mother is wonderful, sweet and kind, and has been putting up with my father's complaining for years. She says to ignore him, but I can't. I love my father, but I suspect he doesn't feel the same way about me.

Please, Ann, tell parents not to treat their children this way. We have feelings, too, and we need to know we are loved. — Your Child, Anywhere

Dear Child: Stop trying to please your father. It's IMPOSSIBLE. He has problems that have nothing whatsoever to do with you. You are the designated "whipping girl," and will continue to be so until you let him know you will no longer play that role.

Your mother is right. The next time your father yells at you, simply ignore him, no matter how difficult. When he discovers his yelling is no longer effective, he'll find another outlet for his dissatisfaction with his own life.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 23 years old, and pregnant with my first child. My mother is understandably excited, since this is her first grandchild. Mom and I have always been close, but she has a hard

time dealing with my husband. She resents his very presence. Sometimes I think she is jealous of the attention he gets from me.

Mom wants me to call her as soon as I go into labor so she can be with me in the delivery room. I do NOT want her there. I love her deeply, but I want the birth to be a special, intimate experience for me and my husband.

Is there any way I can handle this without hurting her feelings? I have been staying awake at night worrying about this. — Mom Woes in South Carolina

Dear S. Carolina: Do NOT call your mother when you go into labor. If you don't want her there, and it is plain that you do not, she shouldn't be allowed to horn in. Phone her after the baby has arrived. Say, "Congratulations! You're a grandma!" Clip this column, and reread it when you go into labor.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter in your column about the newlyweds who smashed the wedding cake to each other's faces. My beloved and I agreed we would not do this at our wedding. We decided to feed each other a small piece of cake, instead.

When it came time to do the cake ceremony, I fed my new husband a small bite, and I was very nice. Then, it was his turn to feed me. Some folks started to yell, "Shove it in her face." Others laughed and encouraged him to smash it. I was worried that he just might listen to those idiots.

I should have known better than to be concerned. Instead, my wonderful hubby turned around and responded to the taunters with, "That's easy for you to say. YOU don't have to go home with her."

Everybody laughed, and he saved two faces — his and mine! — Kim in Ohio

Dear Ohio: A few readers

have told me the cake-in-the-face routine is funny and harmless. I've gone on record as saying it is vulgar and rooted in deeply buried hostility. Several members of the clergy have said they find this custom offensive. Your beloved showed genuine class. I predict a happy, rewarding marriage.

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed

and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

ANN LANDERS (R) COPY-RIGHT 2000



Hereford Lions Club, represented by President Bettie Dickson (left), presented a check for \$1,500 to the United Way of Deaf Smith County. Accepting is Jamie Campbell, executive director.

BAND STUDENTS



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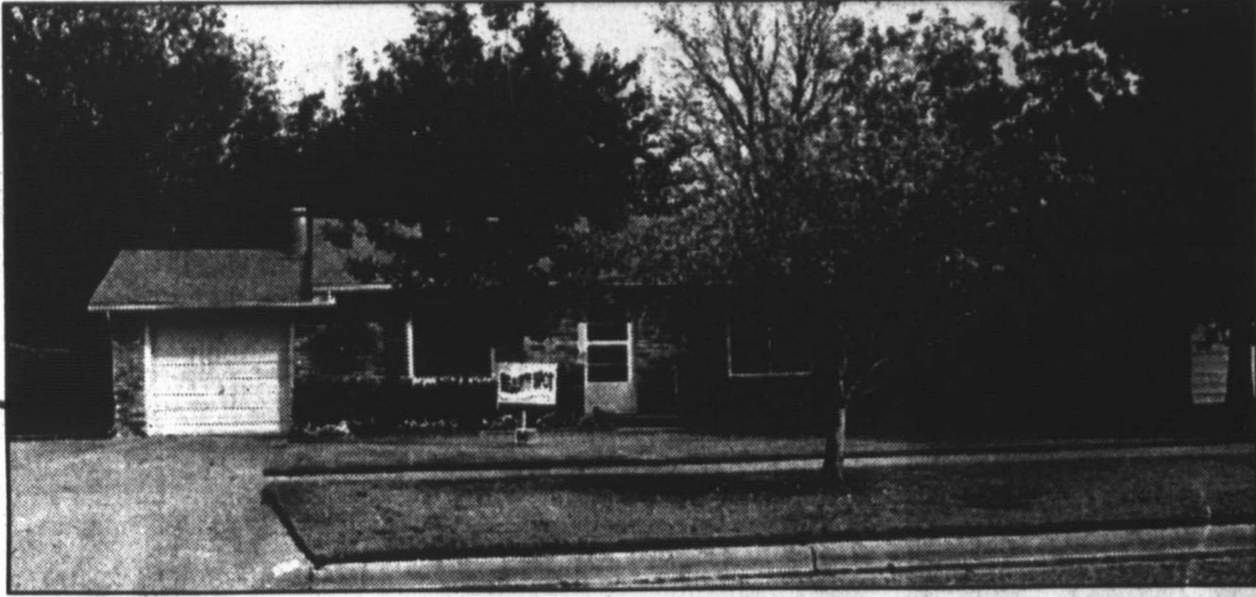
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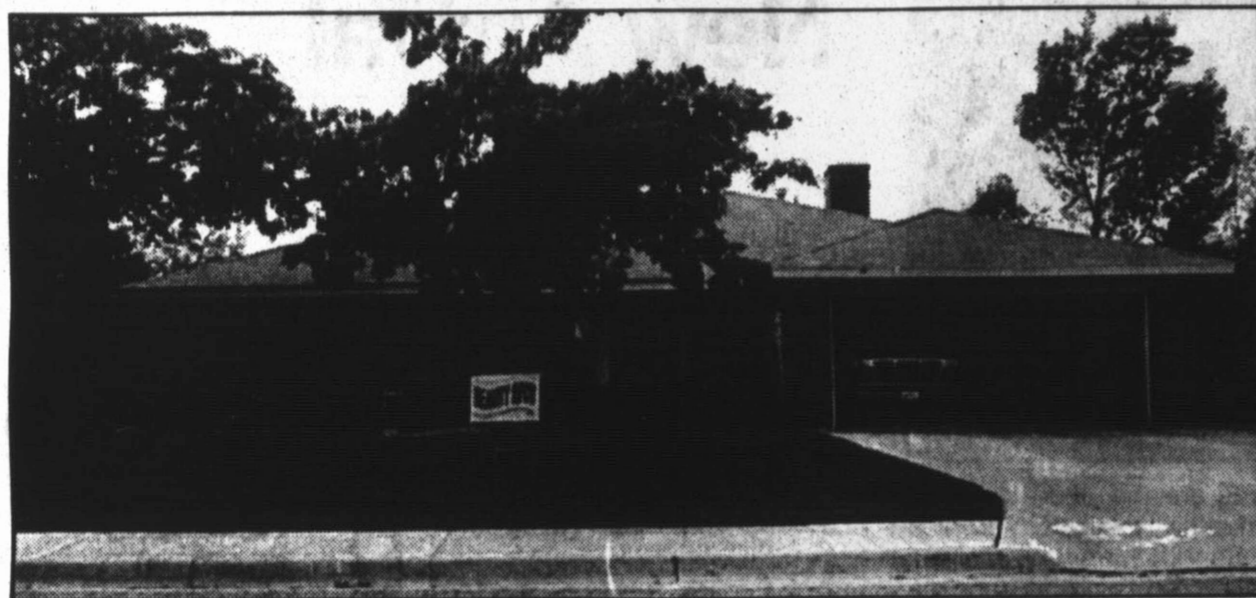
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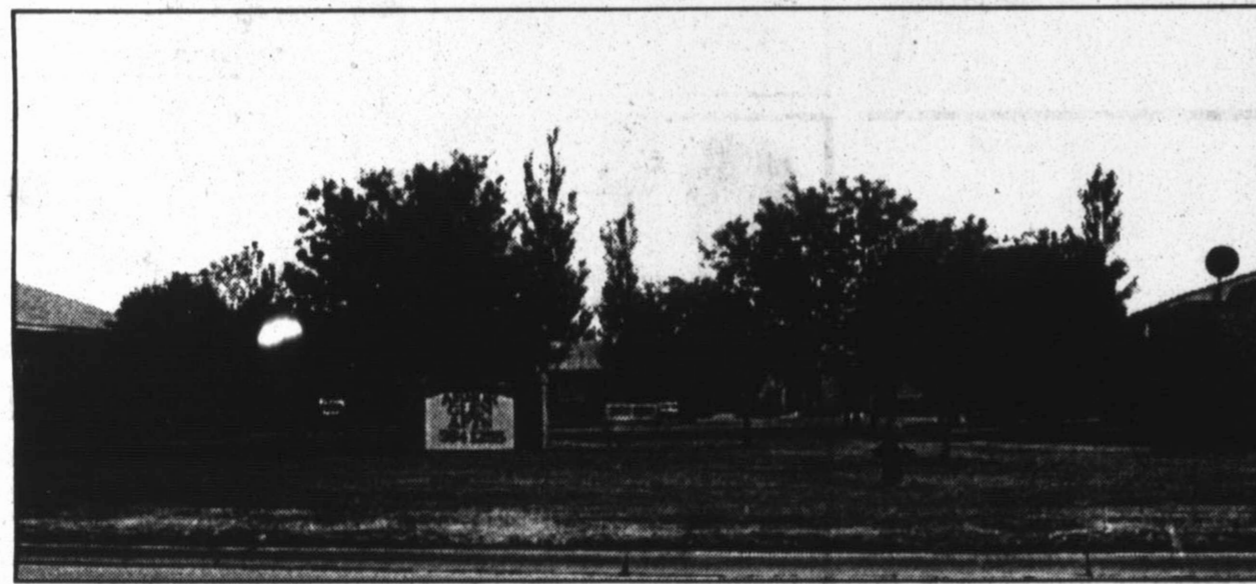
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Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce members have selected the three locations shown above as Beauty Spots for October. A sign designating each beauty spot is displayed in front of the location so that area residents will have an opportunity to enjoy these places that contribute to the beauty of the community and to recognize those who have given their time and effort to keep our city beautiful.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Area Events

NAZARETH

The annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar in Nazareth will be Sunday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.

Booth space is now available. Reservations can be made until Nov. 11.

A turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall, sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society.

For more information or to reserve a booth, call Lucille Drerup at 806-945-2562 or Rose Mary Wilhelm at 806-945-2583.

AMARILLO

The Senior Steer Roping Association National Finals will take place in the Amarillo National Center arena Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

The national finals is the grand finale of the roping season that includes more than 25 qualifying roping events from Texas to Wyoming. Contestants range in age from 50 to 75 and occupations include ranchers, bankers, lawyers, Realtors and artisans.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Tri-State Fair office.

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle

has joined together with University Women's Health Clinic of Texas Tech School of Medicine and Amarillo College to offer a Mid-Life Wellness Seminar for Women from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive the latest information from experts from the Texas Tech School of Medicine on a wide range of topics.

Screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, computerized screening for cancer risk, breast self-examination, bone density, body fat content, depression/anxiety and skin-damage will be offered.

The cost of the seminar is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information, call Rita Bryant at 372-8731, ext. 116. To register, contact Laurie Hale at Amarillo College at 354-6087.

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome.

For meeting location or information, call 358-2765.

Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will open the

season with a performance at St. Paul United Methodist Church at 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Music director and conductor James Setapen will lead the Chamber Orchestra and will be joined by soprano Heather Alvarez. The concert includes works by Beethoven and Aaron Copland.

A 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture by Setapen precedes the performance and is free to all ticket holders.

Subscription tickets for all three Randel Chamber Orchestra concerts are \$25. Single tickets for this concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students.

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Election of WD officers held

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce elected officers for 2001 during its quarterly meeting Tuesday in the Lounge of Hereford Community Center.

Elected were Leslie Easley, president; Carolyn McDonald, president elect; Shelia Wagner, secretary/treasurer; Donna Hathaway, vice president; Ann

Sessions, two-year director; Donna Brooks, one-year director; and Shannon Redwine, parliamentarian.

Beauty Spots of the Month chairwoman Jo Ray presented the list of locations which had been selected for recognition in October and advised these would be the last selections for this year.

Christine Beavers, chairperson of the decorations of the Festival of Trees project, presented the decorations and demonstrated how they would be made.

Those in attendance assisted with making decorations after eating a meal prepared by Elvira Enriquez demonstrating Pampered Chef cookware.

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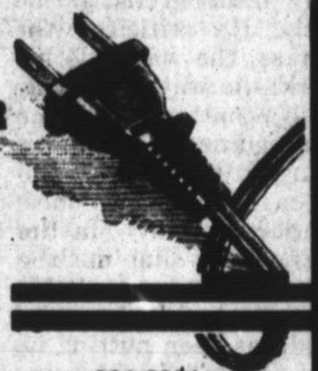


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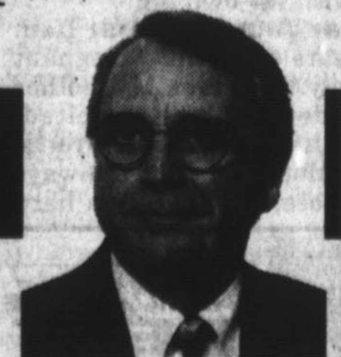
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Raiders await stampeding Herd

Hereford High football team continues to focus on the game at hand

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

For a team that has won five games in a row and seems to be out of the toughest part of their district schedule, the Hereford Whitefaces are still using their one game at a time mentality to prepare for every single game, including Friday's against Canyon Randall.

The Whitefaces (5-1, 3-0) are tied atop District 3-4A, but boys athletic director and football coach Craig Yenser said his team has not even thought about the playoffs or celebrating, especially with the Herd's showdown with Canyon High (Nov. 10) less than a month away.

"I haven't even had to say anything to the team because no one is even talking about it," Yenser said. "We keep having good practices, and we continue to gain confidence little by little."

Yenser said he believes much of his team's success is based on the experience of those players left from last year's state championship run. Yenser said even though they came up one win short, the experience helped their maturity immensely.

"Last year's playoff run really helped," Yenser said. "They know it is a one game at a time thing."

"We learned that again from the Tascosa lesson," Yenser said.

The Whitefaces face another

district foe with a new look tomorrow night because the Raiders (2-4, 1-2) started the season with a passing offense sparked by senior Randall quarterback Brandon Knapp. Since then, Yenser said the Raiders have restructured their offense to revolve

around their ground game by showing teams a lot of the option using Knapp's speed behind power blocking.

"They have some big kids up front that do a good job of blocking," Yenser said. "They run hard and execute well."

The coach said he has con-

fidence that the Herd's defense will work hard and once again prove themselves.

"We have to continue to improve defensively," Yenser said. "We have been able to slow down some good offensive teams."

The Whitefaces held Borger,

Pampa and Caprock to 34 total points in their three district wins this season.

Defensively, Yenser said Randall likes to get into several defensive variations including a 4-man front.

Yenser said in the end it all comes down to execution and how much they are prepared. "We've got to be ready for the attack," Yenser said. "We can't get back on our heels."

The coach said being prepared includes the Herd's offensive line and defense continuing to play well.

"We have to give Cody (Hodges) time," Yenser said. "We've shown that if we can give him time he can pick a team apart."

The Herd will come out on Friday with several key ingredients back in the lineup. Senior tailback Ramiro Zambrano should see some playing time after coming back from a knee injury that sidelined him after the Whitefaces' 14-7 win at Borger.

Junior corner Cody Marsh also will be back in action for the first time since the

Frenship game, and Yenser said the team also gets senior linebacker Valentin Sustaita back along with offensive line senior Trey Madrigal. Yenser said even though they missed the players several other Whitefaces were able to get some playing time and a chance to show how good they are.

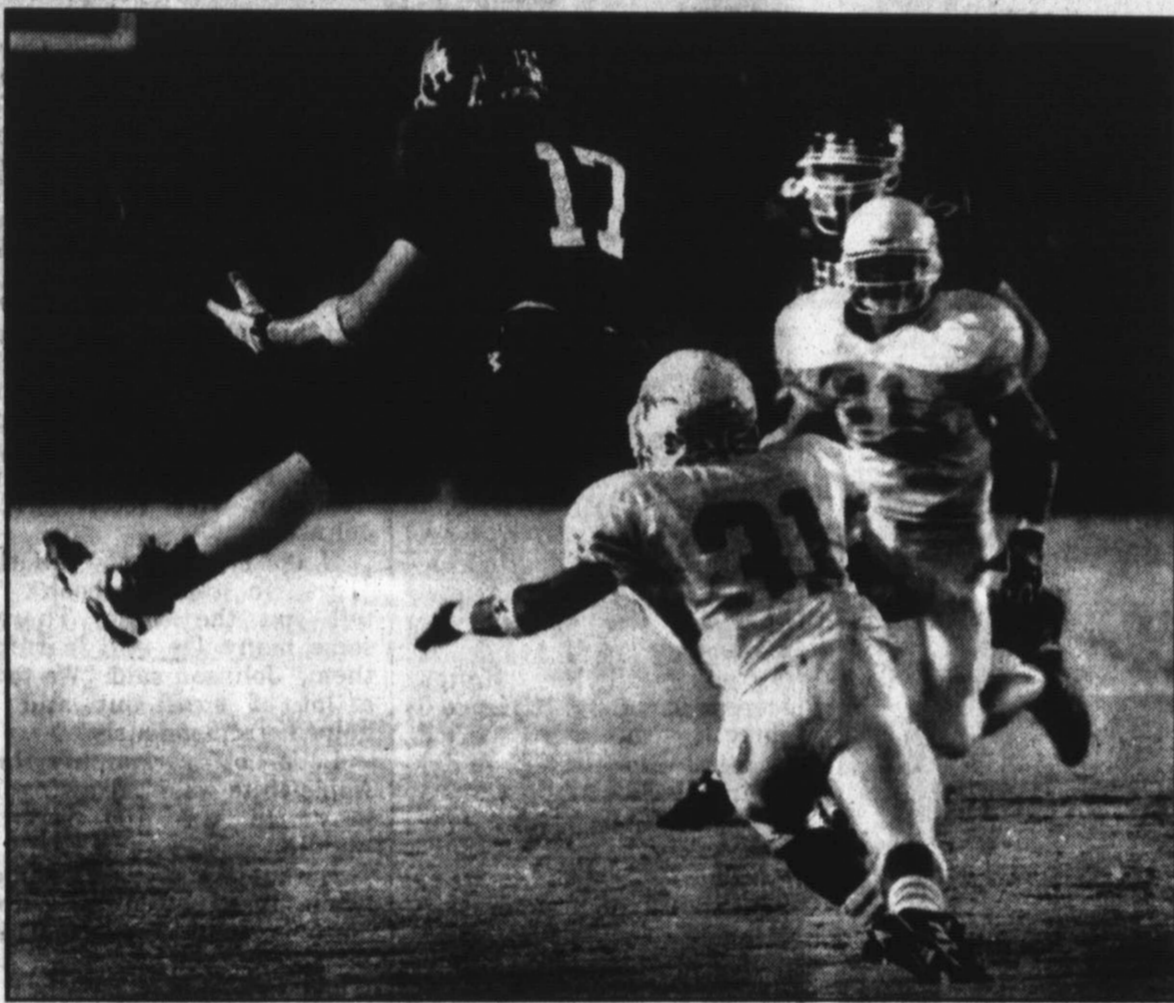
"It only made us better," Yenser said. "It gave other players some quality playing time."

The players get back just in time after the Herd lost sophomore linebacker Derek Mendoza to a broken collarbone and senior rover Rick

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Airborne!



Sky high—Hereford senior receiver Slade Hodges (17) leaps for the ball during the Herd's 47-20 drubbing of the Caprock Longhorns.

"The things that hurt instruct"

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Texas Tech fans criticized by Nebraska coach for using abusive cheers during volleyball game

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska volleyball coach John Cook plans to forward a videotape he said shows Texas Tech fans verbally abusing the Cornhuskers during a game last week to the Big 12.

Cook said Tuesday that the Tech fans stood behind the Huskers' bench on Saturday and shouted racist and sexual slurs at the Nebraska players. The comments were picked up by a Nebraska video crew, which was taping the game.

Cook said he has no problem with a little jeering, especially in an opponent's gym, but the nature of these comments were racial and sexual.

"When that starts happening then it's going over the line," Cook said. "I don't think any player should have to

listen to that. No woman should have to listen to that." Nebraska won the match 3-1.

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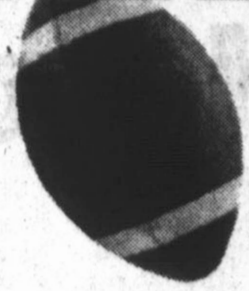
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Bordayo to a knee injury. Yezzer said he did not know how long the two would be out, but he said he believes the team's unity in the adversity so far this season has made the team stronger.

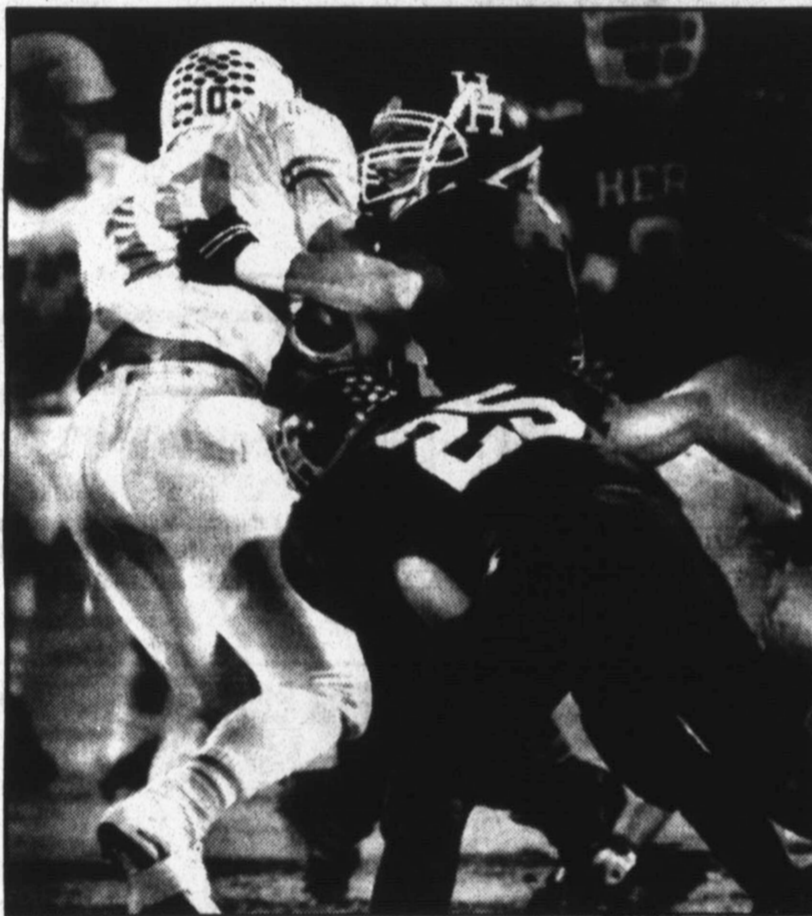
"The things that hurt instruct," Yezzer said. "Kids have used this as a time of instruction and soul searching."

Even with all of the injuries in the past month and the two last Friday, Yezzer said the most amazing thing about the team is their spirit. The coach said despite all of the ups and downs the team has demonstrated its character by not letting the struggles affect their effort.

"The neatest part is that they haven't gotten down," Yezzer said. "Everyday as coaches we go out to the practice field and see their eagerness."

"That makes it important and special," Yezzer said.

The game against Randall begins at 7:30 in Canyon at the Buffalo Bowl. The Whitefaces look to make it six wins in a row before facing Palo Duro Oct. 26.



Wrap up—Senior Richard Salinas (25) and junior Estevan Lopez (14) put Caprock quarterback Geoffrey Ormales under wraps during the Whitefaces' 47-20 victory over the Longhorns.

Astros not keeping Caminiti

■ Houston lets 1996 MVP go

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Caminiti's \$5.5 million option was declined Wednesday by the Houston Astros, who chose to give the 1996 National League MVP a \$500,000 buyout.

Caminiti, who left the team last month to undergo evaluation for chemical dependency, missed the final 97 games of the season after rupturing a tendon sheath in his right wrist.

"This is my home," Caminiti told KRIV-TV of Houston. "Unfortunately, things didn't work out here

and I have to look elsewhere to play baseball. Right now, I'm just worried about taking care of my health and getting in shape.

"I appreciate all of their great support. While I've been booted out of the stadium in San Diego, Astros fans never did that to me. They have sent a lot of love."

Dallas rookies make impact

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars are still a team dominated by veterans. Some talented youngsters, however, are starting to make their mark.

Rookie Tyler Bouck scored his first NHL goal early in the third period and the Stars hung on for their third straight victory, 2-1 over the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

Bouck went airborne to knock in the rebound of Mike Keane's shot with 18:21 left to extend Dallas' lead to 2-0.

"I didn't even know I scored until Mike Keane went and got the puck (out of the net)," said the 20-year-old Bouck. "I skated hard to the net and batted it."

Second-year forward Brenden Morrow got the Stars' first goal early in the second period.

"A lot of people say we're too old and have too many new faces," Keane said. "I've always said that for the team to be successful, we've got to get scoring from the third and fourth lines."

'Horns keep game simple

■ Applewhite in as starting quarterback

AUSTIN (AP) — Keep it simple, coach.

After watching his team look dazed and confused in a blowout loss to Oklahoma, Texas coach Mack Brown promised to make changes.

What he did was simplify the offense.

And, quite simply, it worked.

In Texas' 28-14 win over Colorado, Brown scrapped the two-quarterback rotation of Major Applewhite and Chris Simms. Applewhite played the entire game and passed for three touchdowns and had the eighth 300-yard passing game of his career.

Freshman wide receiver Roy Williams caught two TDs and tailback Hodges Mitchell, a 1,300-yard rusher in 1999, had his first 100-yard game this season.

After half a season of multiple formations and rotating quarterbacks, the game was much easier to play, said freshman wide receiver B.J. Johnson.

"I don't even know all the plays (in the playbook), to tell you the truth. There's some many. I'm still learning them," Johnson said. "We took a lot of stuff out and it helped tremendously."

Let's not oversimplify this. Applewhite wasn't drawing up plays in the dirt in the huddle.

But unlike previous games when Texas often used formations with four wideouts to spread the defense, the Longhorns stayed patient.

Against Colorado, Texas stayed primarily in formations with two running backs and two wide receivers and forced the Buffaloes to re-

spect the run. And with the running game working, Texas exploited gaps in the secondary as tight end Mike Jones caught six passes for 102 yards.

The simplified offense made it easier to line up and read and react to defensive coverages, Williams said.

"Keep it simple and everybody feels more comfortable and we put more points on the board," said Williams, who owns the Texas freshman season record with four receiving touchdowns.

It also produced one of Texas' most balanced attacks of the season with 166 yards rushing and 308 yards passing. The Longhorns scored on drives of 95 and 81 yards in the second half and held the ball for nearly 34 minutes.

About the only thing the simplified offense didn't do was keep Texas in the Top 25.

Texas fell out of the Associated Press poll for the first time since Sept. 19, 1999. The Longhorns were ranked 25th a week ago.

"We've tried to take all the confusion out of it," Brown said. "We probably did too much, too early with the young guys. So, we're going back to what we've been successful with."

Texas has enjoyed a lot of success with Applewhite leading the way. Although he was the starter in Texas' two losses this year, the offense clearly was better with Applewhite taking the snaps.

The junior has thrown for 13 TDs this season, putting him on pace to break his career high of 21 last year.

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Mighty Maroon

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we were supposed to be doing by the first game, and we continued to add 'extra flavor' as we went. Every week since the halftime performance at the first football game, we've been adding things to tweak the show," Owens said.

The Mighty Maroon will be marching 175 band members Saturday night, along with an auxiliary group of 30 eighth-grade bandmen.

"We've included eighth-grade band members to run across the field behind the band with flags during our finale. We want these youngsters to feel a part of the program, to get a sense of the excitement that goes with being in the Mighty Maroon Band. We want to pique their interest in the

band program," Owens said.

Owens said the idea for this year's program was born en route to the state solo and ensemble contest late last spring. Since this is an Olympic year, band directors felt an Olympic theme — with a little extra patriotism thrown in — was perfect.

For the third consecutive year, Benjamin Brooks, an assistant band director who works with percussion and saxophones and who has had experience with drum and bugle corps, wrote the contest show and arranged the music for the HHS band.

Other assistant directors with the HHS band program include Pat Daniel, tubas; Cindy Rogers, flutes; Bill

Nelson, woodwinds; Mike Bryant, low brass; and Kevin Henson, trumpets and horns.

Delight Taylor is drill team and twirler director, and Joe D. Rogers is band announcer.

During the eight minutes allotted for the contest performance Saturday night the Mighty Maroon will play "Olympic Fanfare and Theme" as its opener, follow with "Summon the Heroes," march to a percussion feature written by Robin Brannon, a West Texas A&M University student who has been working with the HHS band's percussion section for three years, give its rendition of "Fanfare for the Common Man," and conclude with "The Olympic Spirit," a number that brought the crowd to

its feet during last Friday night's football game, and again the following night during the Pioneer Marching Festival in Plainview.

At the Pioneer Festival, the Mighty Maroon received a Division I rating and was named the best AAAA band. The HHS band's percussion section and drill team were also named most outstanding in their divisions.

"The kids got charged up by the crowd last Friday night, and especially by last Saturday night's standing ovation in front of bands from other schools. The Pioneer Festival was a nice tune-up, but we've also tried to remain aware this week that we still have a long way to go to bring ourselves up to a superior level of performance," Owens said.

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community, loss of the hospital would prove to be a devastating blow from which the community would never recover."

Taylor said recently he has received no response from Gramm, although fellow Texan Kay Bailey Hutchison is supportive of the legislation.

Also, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, whose 19th Congressional District includes Deaf Smith County, issued a statement of support for the measure.

"HCCA has reduced Medicare reimbursements to the point that they are going to put rural hospitals out of business. I cosponsored this bill to provide a lifeline to our rural health care providers to ensure that Medicare payment policies do not further discriminate against those of us in rural communities."

Other co-sponsors of the legislation, which has been referred to the House Commerce Committee, are Texas Reps. Henry Bonilla, Ralph Hall, Martin Frost, Solomon Ortiz, Max Sandlin and Jim Turner; Charles Pickering and Roger F. Wicker, both of Mississippi; and Darlene Hooley of Oregon, James E. Clyburn of South Carolina, Nathan Deal of Georgia and Van Hilleary of Tennessee.

Cuba

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step forward and three steps sideways," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Even as the Senate neared a vote, hundreds of thousands of Cubans marched in Havana in protest of the legislation. The Communist Party daily *Granma* called the bill a "gross lie that the genocidal blockade has been softened."

"The hard-liners won out on the Cuba issue," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "Why should farmers not have access to that market in Cuba?"

The legislation also aims to increase sales of food and medicine to Iran, Libya, North Korea and Sudan by allowing U.S. subsidies for such exports.

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News	Friends	Will & Grace	Just Shoot ER	News	(-35) Tonight Show					
Movie: Frankenstein and Me ** 1/2 PG	99 Degrees & Hoku	(-40) Movie: Don't Look Under the Bed Erin Chambers	So Weird	Zorro						
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(-05) Movie: Nowhere to Run (1993) Jean-Claude Van Damme **	(-20) Movie: Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) ** 1/2							
News	Fortune	Whoa? Whoa?	Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News	Soheld	Nightline			
News	Home Imp.	48 Hours	City of Angels	Diagnosis Murder	News	(-35) Late Show				
Spin City	Real TV	Major League Baseball Playoffs: NLCS Game 7	Frasier	Cops	Voyager					
Drill	NFL 2Night	NFL Football Detroit Lions at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Sportscenter							
Movie: Star Trek-Insur.	Movie: Stir of Echoes (1999) Kevin Bacon, Kathryn Erbe	RudeAwak	Movie: Freddy's Dead-Final Nightmare	Women						
Movie: Space Truckers	Inside the NFL	Movie: One Good Cop Michael Keaton	Pay It	GString	Inside the NFL					
Movie: (-45) Movie: Heartbreak Ridge (1986) Clint Eastwood, Marsha Mason	Movie: Serpant's Lair Jeff Fahey ** 1/2 R	Movie: Extramarital (1998)								
Movie: Give	Parade	Movie: I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang (1932)	Movie: Grand Illusion (1937) Jean Gabin ****	Movie: Cuba						
Marital Law	18 Wheels of Justice	Movie: The Wild Women of Chastity Gulch (1982) **	Marital Law	Shooter						
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Hospital	Science Mysteries	Justice Files	Inside					
Law & Order	Biography	Murder One	Investigative Reports	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: If Someone Had Known (1995) Kelli Martin	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	LPGA High					
Football	Last Word	SW Sports	NBA Preseason Basketball Houston Rockets vs. Portland Trail Blazers	National Sports Report	Sports					
Pretender	Movie: Corrina, Corrina (1994) Whoopi Goldberg, Ray Liotta ** 1/2	Movie: Corrina, Corrina (1994) Whoopi Goldberg ** 1/2	Movie: Corrina, Corrina (1994) Whoopi Goldberg ** 1/2							
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.
JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: Pet Sematary (1989) Dale Midkiff ** 1/2	Strip Polar	Martin	Martin					
Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos de Pasion	Imagenes de Impacto	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviviva-Mad				
History	History IQ	Ghost Ship	Face Off: Paraphing	Assembly Line	Suicide Missions	Ghost Ship				
Babylon 5	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crossing	Twilight Z	Portergat		
Fresh Pr.	Movie: Cobb (1994) Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Wuhl ** 1/2	News	Suddenly	In the Heat of the Night						

Comics

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Barney Google & Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Sesame Street	Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Arthur	Callou	Clifford-Red	Mr Rogers	Teletubbies	Body Etc.	
Angela	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Parenting	Parenting	Dracula	
Today					Housecalls	Judge Lane	Tell Truth	Change	Days-Lives	
Beer	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Br.	Rollie Polie	Beer	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Br.	Rollie Polie	Madeline
Family Ties	Family Ties	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Cooby	Mattlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America				Live With Regis	The View	Roale O'Donnell	News			
Early Show				Dr. Laura	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Magic Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Real Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hill	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robson	Divorce		
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Auto Racing	
(6:45) Movie: A Great Wall Peter Wang	Movie: Home Movies Kirk Douglas 'PG'	Movie: Nothing Personal ** PG	Movie: Frankie and Hazel							
Movie: The Evening Star Shirley MacLaine ** PG-13	(-15) Movie: Edward Scissorhands Johnny Depp ***	Movie: All New Adventures								
Movie: Pokémon: The First Movie 'G'	Princess Diana's Dresses	Movie: Message in a Bottle Kevin Costner ** PG-13	(-45) Robber	Movie:						
Movie: White Zombie (1932) ***	Movie: The Death Kiss (1933) **	Movie: The Saint's Double Trouble **	Movie: The Big Store ** 1/2							
Paid Prog. Guffy	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Waltons	
Guffy	Paid Prog. Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home					
Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order				
Designing	Designing	Murphy	Knows You	Knows You	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live	Things			
Sports	National Sports Report	Sports	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paralympic	Nick Saban	
Golf Presidents Cup - Football and Foursome Matches										
Thornberry	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Franklin	Dora	Maggie	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper
Burnett	Burnett	Something	Hearts Alive	Jesse	Nad-Stacey	Wings	Wings	Veronica	Working	Larouquette
(6:00) Despierta America				Final-Alma Rebelde	DKDA					Stamps
Civil War Journal	Weapons at War	20th Century	True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	In Search Of	Allen Nation		
Sightings	Sentinel	DarkShad	Crossing	Allen Nation	Allen Nation	Allen Nation	Allen Nation	Allen Nation	Allen Nation	
Chuzzle	Charles	Parent	Wayans	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	MacGyver	Matlock			

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Sewing	Painting	Fine Art	Life of Birds	Wishbone	Reading	Clifford-Red	Dragon	Arthur	Lions	
Maya Bab.	Allen	Addams	S Club 7	S Club 7	Movie: Sabrina the Teen-Age Witch (1996) **	World's Wildest Magic				
Days-Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Men Are From Mars	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Rupert	GrowthPains	GrowthPains	Totally	Famous	Smart Guy	Boy-World	Jersey	Even	Famous	Boy-World
Hunter	Movie: Baby Boom (1987) Diane Keaton ***	Movie: Cosby Show	Movie: Cosby Show	Movie: Cosby Show	Movie: Full House	Movie: Full House	Movie: Full House	Movie: Roseanne	Movie: Roseanne	Movie: Roseanne
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Maura	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Family Feud	News	CBS News			
Attorney	Roseanne	Mad	Grace Under Nanny	Dinozaura	Rangers	X-Men	Digimon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	
Auto Racing: CART - Indy 300	Senior PGA Golf Kaanapali Classic - First Round	NFL Great	U Pick	U Pick	Sportscenter					
Movie: Frankie and Hazel	Movie: Once a Thief Sandrine Holt ** 1/2	(-15) Movie: The Boyfriend School Steve Guttenberg	Movie: Superman II Christopher Reeve *** PG	Movie: Bedazzled						
Movie: Entrapment Sean Connery ** PG-13	Movie: Pacific Heights Michael Keaton	(-45) Movie: Beverly Hills Cop II Eddie Murphy ** 1/2 R	Movie: The Hitch Man							
(-12:00) Movie: ** The Confession R	Movie: Bathing Beauty (1944) Esther Williams **	Movie: Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939) ***	Movie: The Hatch Man							
Movie: Big	Movie: Video PM: Raceweek	McCoy's	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard	Waltons	Starky and Hutch				
Waltons	Video PM: Raceweek	McCoy's	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard	Waltons	Starky and Hutch				
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Epicurious	Epicurious	Your New House	Wild Discovery				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio				
Things	Movie: Seduction in a Small Town (1997) ** 1/2	Designing	Designing	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
World Sport	Cowboys	Older St.	Football	Stent	Big 12 Show	See This	BlueTorch TV	Geniuses	Baseball	
Golf Presidents Cup - Football and Foursome Matches										

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Served	Wait for God	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	Newshour		
World's-Dangerous Magic	Char: Live in Concert From the MGM Grand	Early Edition	Law & Order	News	(-35) Tonight Show					
News	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order	News	So Weird	Zorro				
Heartbeat	Movie: Larger Than Life Bill Murray 'PG'	(-15) Movie: The Other Me Andy Lawrence	Heartbeat	So Weird	Zorro					
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(-05) Movie: Vegas Vacation (1997) Chevy Chase ** 1/2	(-20) Movie: The Golden Child (1986) Eddie Murphy **							
News	Fortune	Two Guys	Trouble	Norm	Madigan	20/20	News	Soheld	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	Fugitive	CSI: Crime Scn	Nash Bridges	News	(-35) Late Show				
Spin City	Real TV	Police Videos	Friskylinks	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Voyager		
Series	Reporters	Up Close	Baseball	NFL Films	Sportscenter					
(6:05) Movie: The Nephew	Movie: Mickey Blue Eyes Hugh Grant ** 1/2 PG-13	(-15) Movie: Blacktop Lochlyn Muir 'NR'	Movie: Wild Wild West (1999) Will Smith, Kevin Kline **	Movie: Tusk Force (1949) Gary Cooper ** 1/2						
Movie: Inside the NFL	Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance Bruce Willis 'R'	(-15) Movie: Blacktop Lochlyn Muir 'NR'	Movie: Wild Wild West (1999) Will Smith, Kevin Kline **	Movie: Tusk Force (1949) Gary Cooper ** 1/2						
(6:30) Movie: Showcase Richard Dreyfuss	Movie: Drive Me Crazy Melissa Joan Hart	Movie: Tusk Force (1949) Gary Cooper ** 1/2								
Movie: Shorts	Movie: The Wings of Eagles (1957) John Wayne ***	Movie: Tusk Force (1949) Gary Cooper ** 1/2								
Marital Law	To Be Announced	RollerJam	Motor Madness	Marital Law	On Inside					
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	News	Explore Our	Storm Warning!	Justice Files					
Law & Order	Biography	Palrot	Investigative Reports	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Every Woman's Dream (1995) Jeff Fahey	Once and Again							
Football	Last Word	SW Sports	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks	Sports						
Pretender	Movie: Grease (1978) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John ***	Movie: Baby (2000) Farrah Fawcett, Keith Carradine								
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	U Pick Nicktoons	U Pick Nick	Facts of Life	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy		
JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: Cherry Falls (2000) Michael Biehn ** 1/2	Strip Polar	Martin						
Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos de Pasion	Cero	Letta Lobo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	QuintasPa			
History	Most-Nations	This Week in History	Haunted Hist.	Shark Attack 1916	Most					
Babylon 5										

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&
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220 N. Main 364-0323

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CHILD'S DESK, \$20; \$45; Refrigerator/Freezer Frigidare, excellent condition, gold, \$250. Call 364-5119.

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MOST IN STOCK OR NEXT DAY NEW FACTORY HIGH TECH

CAST IRON and ALUMINUM OHC
90 DAY/4,000 MILE WARRANTY

RESTORE YOUR CAR FOR A FRACTION OF REPLACEMENT COST, with a Quality MARSHALL Remanufactured Head!

MARSHALL ENGINES
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NAPA Auto Parts of Hereford
124 N. 25 Mile Avenue, (806) 364-3463

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GARAGE SALE: 207 Beach. Thursday, Friday 8:30-?? Boots, shoes, books, tires & miscellaneous.

YARD SALE: 719 Avenue G. Thursday, Friday 9:00-??

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GARAGE SALE: 110 Avenue J. Friday 8:00-5:00. All sizes clothes, shoes & lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 425 Avenue I. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00. Clothes, games, toys, shoes, stove, stroller, dishes & miscellaneous.

3-FAMILY Garage Sale: 208 Centre. Thursday, Friday 8:00AM. Antiques & collectibles, 1935 Quilt, Wagner, Griswald, kerosene heater, Syracuse China, Charles Russell, 1902 Print.

2. FARM & RANCH

FOR SALE! A.C. Cotton Stripper, good condition. Call 806-578-4270.

3. AUTOMOBILES

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1985 1/2 Ton GMC Pickup. See at Owl Feedyards or call 364-2462.

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- California neighbor
- London area
- Bibliography abbr.
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- Regret
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- T-shirt choice
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- Weaving need
- Actress Bancroft
- Garden pest
- Hotel unit
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- Olympic weapons
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- City car
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- Caviar
- Go astray
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4. REAL ESTATE

HOME BUYERS! 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7,500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9444 to apply.

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Contact Robbie Stanberry at 1-800-523-5164 or Fax or Send Resume to: P.O. Box 120 Cactus, Texas 79018 fax no. 806-906-5532

PART TIME Help to drive bob tail in the afternoon, Class B CDL. Call Ronnie Hereford Bi-Products, 364-0951.

NO EXPERIENCE Necessary. Local distribution company is looking for career-oriented individuals for permanent work. 354-6702.

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Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Gore, Bush focusing on economic issues

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Gore warns that "prosperity itself is on the ballot," urging voters to stay the economic course, while George W. Bush courts younger voters with economics of his own.

Gore was focusing on the economy in a speech today to business leaders in New York. Aides said the Democratic presidential candidate would offer no new proposals, but that he would outline differences with his GOP rival on the issue and claim credit for the nation's economic health.

"This sets the stage for the final push in the last 19 days," Gore said, as he flew into New York. "The big choice is how we have prosperity for all."

In remarks prepared for delivery, Gore cast the issue in the starkest of terms.

"On Nov. 7 we face one of the biggest choices America has faced in a generation, a choice of priorities, a choice of values, a choice as fundamental as prosperity itself," said Gore.

Bush was spending part of today in Michigan pitching his proposal to allow younger workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes for themselves, before following Gore to New York.

Bush's plan appeals to some younger people who believe Social Security won't be around when they retire, and he was making the appeal important to this stubbornly close election.

Gore focused on the economy Wednesday as he campaigned through Iowa and Michigan, and he said his big economic speech comes at precisely the



Al Gore speaks at rally Wednesday night in Michigan. AP Photo

right time to focus voter attention.

"You have the home stretch, when all the undecided voters are making up their minds," said Gore. "The speech is really the chance to set the stage for the home stretch."

He previewed the speech as he recounted the economy before Democrats won the White House.

"Let's cut to the chase," Gore said in his speech draft. "Both sides in this election have proposed targeted tax cuts. The difference is, the Bush plan targets the wealthy. My plan targets the middle class."

"I remember big deficits, the biggest in history, a debt that was ballooning out of control," he said. "I remember high unemployment rates."

Gore argued that it is "abundantly clear that we have made progress and we have begun to

move in the right direction.

"Instead of the biggest deficits, we now have the biggest surplus," he said. "We now have the strongest economy in the 224-year history of the United States."

Bush campaigned Wednesday in Wisconsin and Michigan, where he dismissed Gore's criticisms.

"I'm not going to let the man scare you in the voting booth," Bush said. "These are old-style politics, to scare people."

Drawing on another distinction, Gore also will argue that Bush's approach to fixing Social Security is so reckless it would drain \$1 trillion from the system and threaten the economy.

"If you want to see the basic shape of Social Security completely altered in a way that could cause its bankruptcy in a single generation, that is what

I am going to say is the likely expected outcome of the plan that is proposed by my opponent, Governor Bush," Gore said.

The two rivals also were facing key decisions about where to target precious television advertising dollars.

Gore stepped up his advertising in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, seeking to gain in a Midwestern battleground.

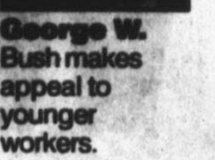
At the same time, Bush strategists were considering stepping up their buys in California, Minnesota and Vermont. The California move in particular worries Democrats because they know Gore virtually has no chance to win workers.

"California is going to be a big surprise," a confident-sounding Bush said. "I am going to work my heart out to the finish. I feel pretty confident, but I'll tell you I don't feel confident enough to lie down."

Gore dismissed suggestions that a tumbling stock market raises questions about continued economic health.

"As long as we keep the fundamentals sound, the markets will respond in a favorable way," said Gore. "I think that prosperity is on the ballot."

Recent polls show Gore leading Bush on the question of handling the economy.



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Green hopeful says GOP, Demos morph into one big party

DALLAS (AP) — Ralph Nader brought his Green Party message to North Texas Wednesday, promising to work to shift power from corporate America back to the people.

Nader, the Green Party's nominee, told an audience of mostly young people at Richland Junior College in Dallas County that Democratic and Republican hopefuls, despite their separate party affiliations, have "morphed into one corporate party" and that their campaigns are being financed by the same people.

The Green Party, whose focus includes environmental issues, offers voters an option, Nader said.

Nader, 66, has been a consumer advocate for more than 40 years and has made a career of exposing unsafe practices in the auto industry since leaving his private law practice at age 29.

On Wednesday, he was on Gov. George W. Bush's home turf of Texas in the first stop of a campaign swing. He leveled attacks at Bush, the Republican, along with the Democratic nominee and vice president, Al Gore.

"They're basically tools of corporate power," Nader said. "This is not a government of, by and for big business."

Nader spoke to about 1,000 people. He received thunderous applause and cheers as he ad-



Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader making campaign swing through Texas.

ressed campaign finance reform, health care, the economy and the environment.

Later Wednesday, Nader spoke to 5,000 people at the Berger Center in Austin, telling them that "these two major parties are fossil parties. They have hollowed themselves out."

Nader also criticized a project to pump gasoline 700 miles from Houston to El Paso through a pipeline system up to 50 years old. Longhorn Pipeline's proposal has been endorsed by the White House Council on Environmental Quality, which advises the president and federal agencies. It has concluded that the pipeline would pose no significant environmental or safety risk.

The project would transport gas through several Austin neighborhoods.

"Nobody in Austin is for the pipeline except for the corporation," said Nader, who called it an "ill-advised scheme that imperils lives."

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO EMULATE OTHER MEN'S VIRTUES IS WISDOM. TO TRY TO FIT OURSELVES INTO THEIR SHOES, HOWEVER, IS FOLLY. — ALVIN GOESER



Public health nurse Petua Kiboko (left) helps World Health Organization doctor Simon Mardel tie his surgical mask at Gulu Hospital in northern Uganda as he prepares to see patients with the Ebola virus.

Suicide bombing leaves 23 injured

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A suicide bomber blew himself up today and injured 23 people, including three American women, near the home of Sri Lanka's president shortly before her new Cabinet was sworn in. The bomber died on the spot, according to Dr. Hector Weerasinghe, director of the National Hospital. He said two of the women were not seriously hurt but he was worried about the third, who had a chest wound. The U.S. Embassy confirmed three Americans were injured, but gave no details.

Mideast cease-fire nears first deadline

JERUSALEM — Palestinians and Israelis were counting down the hours to see if they pass the first test set by a high-stakes summit: an end to violence within 48 hours. Under the guidance of President Clinton, the sides on Tuesday set tonight as deadline for the next phase of the agreement — a two-week recovery program aimed at getting negotiators back to the table after the violence that killed more than 100 people, mostly Palestinians. By Wednesday evening, Israeli authorities had already lifted the internal closure on Palestinian areas, which prevented residents from traveling between towns inside the West Bank and Gaza.

Experts begin training workers to tackle Ebola

GULU, Uganda — International experts began training

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News digest

Ugandan health workers on how to treat Ebola victims today as they try to protect doctors and nurses from the swift and deadly virus that has so far killed 41 people. At a government hospital at ground zero of Uganda's first known outbreak of the virus, Simon Mardel of the World Health Organization brought new protective gear for medical workers. In the early days of the outbreak, a doctor and two nurses died after treating the first patients.

Chinese immigrants uncovered in container

HONG KONG — Inspectors discovered 26 illegal immigrants from mainland China hiding in a shipping container bound for the United States after instruments showed carbon dioxide emanating from the container, authorities said today. The men got into the container in Hong Kong and were due to be shipped out Friday to Long Beach, Calif., Customs and Excise Department spokesman Peter Tiu said. The container was in a terminal waiting to be loaded onto a ship when authorities found the 26 men.

Projected budget surplus dwindles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is crafting late-session spending and tax bills that could shrink projected budget surpluses by more than a third, even as the fight between Al Gore and George W. Bush over how to use that surplus has become a keystone of their presidential race.

Both Bush and Gore have ambitious plans that would soak up the entire \$2.17 trillion surplus — excluding Social Security — that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has forecast for the 10 years ending in 2010. Bush emphasizes tax cuts, while Gore prefers spending and debt reduction.

But as the two men talk up their economic plans in these final weeks of the campaign, White House and congressional budget negotiators are finishing a raft of measures that could erode more than \$800 billion of those expected surpluses — or more.

These likely-to-be-enacted bills include legislation that would finance dozens of federal departments and agencies, cut taxes for people saving for retirement and investing in inner cities, boost Medicare reimbursements for health-maintenance organizations and improve health benefits for military retirees.

In an irony of today's world of huge federal surpluses, it is possible that even with the late-session spending splurge, future surplus projections will be the same or even larger than current forecasts.

That is because continued economic growth and unexpected increases in federal revenues could push surplus projections higher and higher, as has happened regularly for the past four years.

Even so, the head-spinning cumulative cost of the bills lawmakers are writing as Congress rushes toward adjournment demonstrates how easily expected surpluses could be drained away, and how little might be left for the next president to use.

The numbers also underline the volatility of surplus projections, which some day might dwindle just as dramatically as they have swelled in recent years.

In addition, the numbers illustrate that even as Republicans try to hold tax cuts and new spending to 10 percent of the 2001 projected surplus of \$268 billion, Congress will not come close to that proportion over the entire decade. GOP leaders have confined their pledge to fiscal 2001, which began Oct. 1, with the remaining 90 percent of the year's surplus to be reserved for debt reduction.


Both parties say they will use the 10-year, \$2.39 trillion surplus projected from Social Security to pay down the national debt.

No one knows exactly what the late-session bills' cumulative price tag will be, partly because many of the measures are not yet in final form. And since Congress writes spending bills every year covering agencies' budgets, 10-year cost estimates of those bills depend on assumptions — sometimes partisan in nature — about how quickly such spending will grow over the decade.

Nonetheless, internal analyses by members of each party conclude that bills will slice many hundreds of billions of dollars off current surplus projections.

One Republican estimate projects that the bills will reduce surpluses by \$842 billion over 10 years, including \$180 billion in extra interest payments the government would owe because the money would no longer be used to reduce the national debt. A Democratic projection came to \$892 billion, including \$211 billion in extra debt service.

Both sets of projections assume that spending for discretionary programs would grow at the rate of inflation after 2001. Discretionary spending is the one-third of the \$1.8 trillion budget that covers general government functions like paying air traffic controllers and buying paper, everything but automatic benefits like Medicare.

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Jul	39.00	Jul	1.50
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Sept	40.00	Sept	1.60
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Mar	91.00	Mar	6.70
Apr	91.50	Apr	6.75
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Jul	93.00	Jul	6.90
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Jul	99.00	Jul	7.50
Aug	99.50	Aug	7.55
Sept	100.00	Sept	7.60
Oct	100.50	Oct	7.65
Nov	101.00	Nov	7.70
Dec	101.50	Dec	7.75
Jan	102.00	Jan	7.80
Feb	102.50	Feb	7.85
Mar	103.00	Mar	7.90
Apr	103.50	Apr	7.95
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