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HOME OF  
**Ben Urbanczyk**

## Today's weather OUTLOOK

### • Mostly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with lows around 50, south to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.  
Thursday: Partly sunny with highs around 75, south to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with lows around 48.

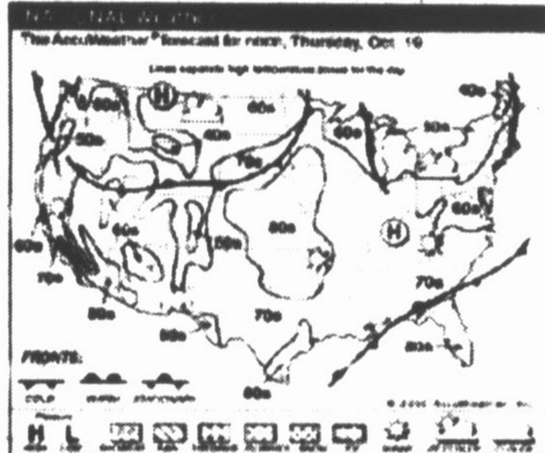
### • Extended forecast •

Friday: Partly sunny with highs around 78.

Friday night through Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows 44 to 50, highs 64 to 70.

### • Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 78; low, 56; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Showers are expected to move across northern New England Thursday, while sunshine is likely from the mid-Atlantic and Southeast to the Rockies. Showers will linger over South Texas and thunderstorms are expected over New Mexico and Arizona.

### • Rain remains in forecast •

Heavy rainfall for drought-starved West Texas came too late for some crops and flooded buildings and cars, while other regions of the state didn't get enough precipitation.

Light rain fell over North Texas this morning. Scattered light rain was also falling on the Edwards Plateau. Patchy fog formed over parts of Southeast and Northwest Texas, including the Rolling Plains.

More light rain fell in parts of the Concho Valley and the Big Country. Showers also lingered in the central and south-east sections of South Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the upper 40s in the Panhandle to the lower 70s over the upper Coastal Plains of South Texas. It was 61 degrees at Del Rio and 74 at McAllen.

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms continued from the far west into the Permian Basin and the Big Bend through Friday.

Light showers were forecast in North Texas, mainly in western and southern sections. Scattered showers and thunderstorms could develop in South Texas.

Daytime highs should reach the mid-70s in the Panhandle to lower 80s in Big Bend valleys.

**Team**

Children Youth, Senior Adult, Disabled Adult, Mental Health

**United Way**

## United Way drive pulls in donations

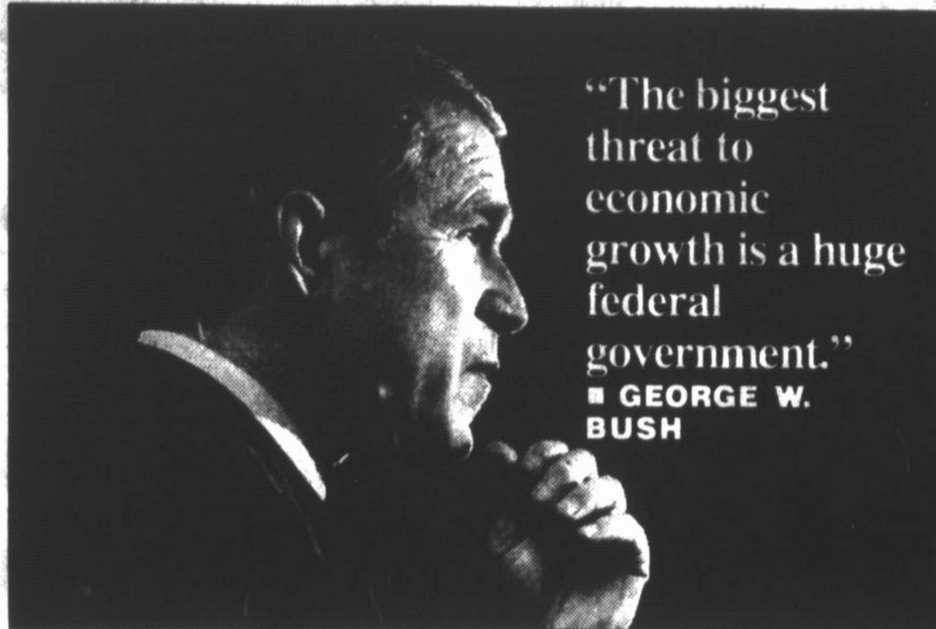
The annual Deaf Smith County United Way campaign helps fund hundreds of vital services for those in our community.

Help for the elderly, the physically and mentally disabled, at-risk youth and families in need of food, housing and health care are all made possible by allocations from the local United Way effort.

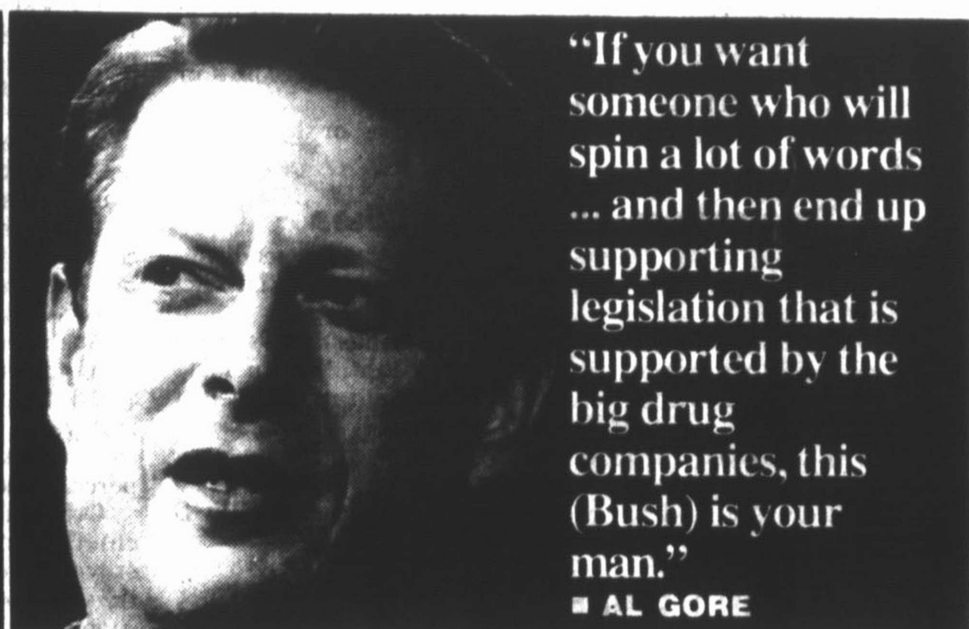
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## DEBATE 3



"The biggest threat to economic growth is a huge federal government."  
■ GEORGE W. BUSH



"If you want someone who will spin a lot of words ... and then end up supporting legislation that is supported by the big drug companies, this (Bush) is your man."  
■ AL GORE

## Gore, Bush swap parting shots in final faceoff

By Walter R. Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

ST. LOUIS — Al Gore and George W. Bush traded parting debate shots, the vice president calling the governor an ally of big business, the Republican nominee retorting that Gore stands for more federal spending and Washington power.

With that, the contestants in a White House race rated dead even headed into the final dash to the Nov. 7 election, trying to win support among uncommitted voters like those chosen to question them Tuesday night in the closing debate.

"It's now voter turnout time," Bush said in a telephone talk to 190 debate-watching GOP groups across the country.

Predicting "a very close election," Bush was taking a positive message to the TV airwaves, with a new ad featuring a black teacher talking about education and another starring his Hispanic nephew. The Democrats, meanwhile, planned ads suggesting Bush's proposals would bankrupt Social Security, a point Gore hammered in the debate.

"He was not able to answer the question," Gore told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Each man praised his own performance. "I was able to speak plainly," Bush said, while Gore stepped on his own message by "attacking somebody all the time."

Gore compared his three debate showings to Goldilocks: "The first was too hot, the second was too cool. The third one was just right," he said in the ABC interview aired Wednesday.

Two instant network polls of debate watchers rated the final match about even. A third called it narrowly for Gore.

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**Ready for UIL** — Paul Kilpatrick will be among the members of Hereford High School's Mighty Maroon Band participating this weekend in regional UIL marching competition. The Mighty Maroon Band will perform at 7:12 p.m. Saturday in the Region I UIL Marching Contest at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

## Crime really does pay

By Dianna F. Dandridge  
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Crime really does pay — at least for three anonymous callers who took the time to report criminal activity to Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers board met Tuesday and voted to pay the three callers a total of \$1,150 for their information.

All three calls resulted in felony arrests, two callers were repeat callers.

Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach, who acts as the Crime Stoppers liaison officer, reported one caller will earn \$500 for the information which resulted in three arrests for possession of controlled substance in a drug-free zone. The tip also has led officers to two more pending cases.

The second caller will collect \$400 for the tip which led to one possession of cocaine arrest, with one more arrest pending.

The final award winner will pick up \$250 for cluing officers in on a Social Security card forgery operation, which resulted in two arrests.

Roach also urged the board to pay tipsters a flat fee of \$50 for each incident of reported underage drinking which results in an arrest or citation.

"This has gotten to be a real problem in this town," Roach said. "It doesn't happen just

at parties, but just about anywhere kids gather unsupervised."

Roach said the department is going to be involving the community in a program to help curb underage drinking. He said many people don't know it is a Class C misdemeanor for a minor to even attempt to purchase alcohol and getting this information out to the public will be part of HPD's program.

"We're trying to educate and inform the public of the problems caused by underage drinkers, as well as the risks to young people," Roach said.

He explained that a typical 14-year-old, 100-pound girl can actually suffer alcoholic poisoning by as few as four drinks, if she has had nothing to eat previous to consuming the alcohol.

The board agreed callers who report underage drinkers will be paid \$50 each time they call in a different incident.

The board agreed to table the proposed golf tournament and bike renovation project to give board members more time for planning.

As a final bit of business the board agreed to participate in a city-wide "Night Out" program, much like the National Night Out, where neighborhood residents get together in an effort to curb neighborhood crimes.

The board will have a make-up meeting on Oct. 26, and the next regular meeting Nov. 13.

## RED INK

### ■ Hospital takes hit, reports \$1 million loss for September

By Donald Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

James Taylor says there is only one way for the Hereford Regional Medical Center to go and that's up.

The hospital's chief executive officer said Tuesday night he is optimistic about the future even though HRMC reported a \$1.04 million net loss for September. The loss meant the hospital closed the books on Fiscal 2000 with a net loss of \$1,257,997 for the year.

Also, the Hereford Health Clinic showed a net loss of \$10,986 for September and closed out FY 2000 with a total loss of \$212,051. Although it showed a loss for the year, the clinic's trend has been positive and the loss for the year is more than \$100,000 less than FY 1999.

There were several factors leading to the hospital's red ink for September. Among the factors noted by Taylor and Chief Financial Officer Janie Taylor were billing problems originating with the computer conversion last fall, reductions in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements and cutbacks in the state's disproportionate sharing funds.

The hospital's fiscal situation was affected adversely by a \$600,000 reduction in the Medicaid Disproportionate Share funding.

The Medicaid Disproportionate Share funds are provided on an annual basis to hospitals for indigent care. When the funding was reduced under the provisions of the federal Balanced Budget Act, rural hospitals, which often have a high number of indigent patients, were hit severely.

In the spring, when the board received its annual audit report, the auditor recommended the hospital could increase its disproportionate share funding by reclassifying some of its bad debts as charity.

In looking at the month, the hospital showed gross patient revenue of \$994,538. However, the hospital had \$1,150,130 in adjustments that left with a net loss of \$155,592 in patient services revenue. That was partially offset by

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### Lady Whitefaces capture district title

The Lady Whitefaces clinched the District 3-4A volleyball title Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium in a three-game thriller against the Dumas Demonettes.

The Lady Herd won the match 15-10, 18-16, 15-3 to move to 13-0 in district play. The team is 27-5 overall and faces their final district match Saturday at Canyon High.

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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 •

There 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 •

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 off register tape collection and cheer on the Hereford teams.

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## News digest

## • Abilene floods •

ABILENE — West Texas flood waters were receding Wednesday after heavy thunderstorms dumped more than six inches of rain in an hour, flooding businesses, homes and cars.

Some residents who could not return to their homes because of high water stayed at Red Cross shelters overnight.

Weather forecasts called for more rain through Wednesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, two lines of thunderstorms that converged on Abilene before stalling — one out of the west and another from the south — dumped rain so quickly that rooftop drainage and storm sewer systems could not keep up, turning intersections into swimming pools and flooding buildings.

Dozens of motorists were rescued from flooded houses and automobiles.

The storms provided some help for Abilene's long-running drought, replenishing the city's shrunken water source, Lake Fort Phantom Hill. But it wasn't enough to lift water consumption restrictions.

"The Lord is giving, so I'm not going to say a thing about it," Randy Scott, coordinator of the G.V. Daniels Recreation Center, told the Abilene Reporter-News in Wednesday's editions.

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## College costs continue to rise

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, with tuition and fees at public four-year colleges up an average 4.4 percent and even more at private schools, the College Board reported Monday.

Its survey also found that loans provided a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for college degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools this fall is \$3,510 per year — \$148 more than last year, according to the survey. On-campus room and board now averages \$4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average \$16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now \$6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate — but barely. Tuition rose this year to \$1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to \$7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Joni Finney, a policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were underfunded in the early part of the '90s," Finney said. "But they've more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said: "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, in personnel and facilities especially, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999; the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. Last year, college tu-

ition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

The survey continues what has been happening for most of the 20th century, said Morton Schapiro, a higher education economist and president of Williams College. Except for the late '70s and early '80s, college cost-increases largely have exceeded inflation, he said.

"About 20 years ago, there was a period of time when the real cost of higher education was falling. But then they more than made up for that," Schapiro said.

Despite the increases, college remains affordable and a good investment, College Board President Gaston Caperton said. "In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," the former West Virginia governor said.

The College Board's figures reflect the costs for 6.4 million full-time undergraduates — 54 percent attending four-year public institutions; 27 percent at four-year private schools, 17 percent at two-year community colleges and 1 percent at private two-year schools.

A majority of students need grants or loans — or both — but their exact numbers are unknown.

Last school year, loans made up 59 percent of a record \$68 billion in financial aid. A decade ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

The pool of money from federal, state and school sources last year was 4 percent greater than a year earlier, but 88 percent more than a decade before, taking inflation into account.

The New York-based College Board is a nonprofit organization that administers the SATs and promotes higher education.

It surveyed more than 3,000 schools to find out undergraduate charges for 2000-2001. The companion survey on financial aid was based on federal, state and school statistics from 1999-2000. Current grant and loan figures are not available until the school year ends.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 17, 2000, include the following:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Arrests

— A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue I and charged as minor driving under the influence and a minor in possession of alcohol. A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

— A 64-year-old woman was arrested in the 400 block of Paloma Lane and charged with a Bell County warrant for theft by check.

— A 38-year-old man was arrested near the Highway 60 bridge and charged with outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants.

— A 24-year-old woman was arrested in the 800 block of East Third and charged with an outstanding county warrant. A 24-year-old woman was arrested for three outstanding city warrants.

## Incidents

— A fight was reported in the 700 block of La Plata. Two juveniles were taken into custody and released to their parents.

— A bicycle was found in the 500 block of Avenue H

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

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## Obituaries

## LILLIAN O. JONES

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FRIONA — Services for Lillian O. "Crow" Jones, 91, of Friona will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Brogden of Albuquerque, N.M., and Rev. Don Boren officiating. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones died Tuesday. She was born in Brown County and was a longtime Friona resident. She was a sales clerk at Crow's Meat Co. and Houser's Grocery.

She married W.H. "Shorty" Jones in 1939 at Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include two sons, Roy L. Jones of Elkins and W.L. "Dub" Cleveland, of Friona; two daughters, Doris Allison of Eugene, Ore., and Raye Jena London of Friona; three sisters, Dophine Betzen and Sue Innon, both Hereford, and Jewell Robason of Friona.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons.

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## KENNETH MAXWELL

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Services for Kenneth Maxwell, formerly of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Maxwell died Wednesday at the Collingsworth General Hospital in Wellington.

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## Three inmates overdose

HOUSTON (AP) — Three Crockett State School inmates have overdosed on psychotropic drugs, with a teen-ager who had reported abuse at the facility still hospitalized Wednesday.

Texas Youth Commission officials were unsure how Kay and the others had acquired the medications, which are commonly dispensed at the Crockett school, before overdosing on Sunday.

The victims were taken to the Galveston hospital after school officials discovered them having physical problems about 3:30 a.m.



Returning to the classroom — Former history teacher and current school board member Carolyn Waters returned to the classroom to talk to West Central sixth grade students about the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and World War I, which coincides with the students' current social study unit.

## Retailers report no "one" hot toy

NEW YORK (AP) — If there is going to be one really hot toy this holiday shopping season, retailers have not found it yet.

Unlike last year, when cash registers were ringing thanks to all things Pokemon, toy stores are predicting sales to be spread out among a range of products, many of them technology-related.

So far, the greatest demand is for scooters, which rolled onto the scene in March, according to PlayDate Inc., a New York marketing company that conducted a nationwide survey of toy sellers.

Other toys expected to be big hits include an interactive doll made by Playmates called Amazing Babies; electronic pets made by a handful of manufacturers; Mattel's Harry Potter trivia game; and Hasbro's Hit Clips, miniature electronic devices that play music.

"Last year, there was a concentration of a half a dozen products. This year is different. It is not as clear," said Sean McGowan, a toy analyst at Gerard Klauer & Mattison, who oversaw the PlayDate survey.

The survey of the nation's top 12 toy retailers was released Tuesday of toy makers and retailers.

This holiday season, sales predictions by toy retailers have been complicated by a slowdown in consumer spending and a worldwide shortage of computer chips, which may affect retailers' abilities to meet demand for certain high-tech toys.

For instance, Toys R Us will not heavily advertise Sony's PlayStation 2 game

consoles, because the Tokyo-based company has warned that a chip shortage has forced it to halve its North American delivery, according to George R. Staley, president of the retailer's U.S. toy division.

"I'm not going to disappoint the customer," Staley said.

What will keep toy retailers busy, Staley says, is the continuing strong demand for scooters, particularly the higher-priced, branded versions. Staley said Toys R Us is also banking on consumer interest in robotic pets, particularly Poo-Chi, from Hasbro's Tiger Electronics division; Tekno, from Manley Quest; and Rocket the Wonder Dog, from Mattel's Fisher-Price.

Independent toy analyst Chris Byrne says the increasing sophistication of children is giving the toy industry headaches.

"They have a strong consciousness of the vast array of products out there, and they have become discriminating shoppers," he said. "Marketing can make them aware, but it is not going to change their sense of themselves as consumers."

Take five-year-old Elisabeth Eastman and her six-year-old friend, Hadley Walsh. The girls, both from New York, say they liked the interactive dolls, and the plush line of stuffed dogs from Toys R Us. They also spent time playing with Mattel's Barbie computer, but weren't interested in the robotic pets.

"I like things that are cuddly," said Elisabeth, who wouldn't let go of a plush stuffed dog.

## State regulators investigate reports of TAAS cheating

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A report of cheating on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills at an East Texas school is under investigation by state regulators.

The Texas Education Agency investigation involves Peete Elementary, Tyler Independent School District Superintendent J. Donald Gentry said Tuesday.

"We've already had investigators in your district and now they are sorting through the materials they gathered," Debbie Ratcliffe, TEA senior director for communications, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in a phone interview from Austin.

Two TEA investigators were

in the city on Oct. 9-10. But Gentry said an earlier investigation by the district found no impropriety on the test at Peete.

Ratcliffe said TEA is trying to determine if there was cheating and, if it did occur, whether the cheating was on the actual TAAS test or on a practice test.

Sen. Bill Ratliff said a school librarian from Tyler came to see him about three months ago with concerns about what she considered to be evidence of TAAS cheating.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he could not remember her name or the name of her school, but that he also received a letter with details.

"I sent that to TEA and asked them whether they would look into whether it ought to be investigated," he said. "I just felt like it was my obligation to at least report it to TEA and let them pursue their normal procedure."

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## Texas lottery

## Cash Five

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

8-14-17-19-21

## Pick 3

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

8-4-1

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# LIFESTYLES

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**Quiz whizzes** - Competing in the 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl were these team members (front from left) Ryan Hoelscher, Brooke Spriggs, (second row) Chad Dollar, Amy Adams, (third row) Katie Marnell, Pau'a Spriggs and (back row) Madison Urbanczyk and Cindy Marnell.

## Nutrition Quiz Bowl team wins District

**Junior 4-H'ers exhibit skills in competition**

**Special to the Brand**

After several rounds of competition, the Junior 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team of Cindy Marnell, captain, Katie Marnell, Amy Adams and Chad Dollar captured first place honors at the District contest held recently in Amarillo.

The second team from Deaf Smith County to participate included Madison Urbanczyk, captain, Ryan Hoelscher, and

Paula and Brooke Spriggs. Helping to coach these 4-H youth were adult leaders Sheri Adams, Denise Marnell and Chris Dollar.

Quiz Bowl participants attended nutrition workshops led by County Extension Agent Beverly Harder. The teams met regularly for Quiz Bowl practice. General areas of study for this project included consumer information, food and kitchen safety, basic nutrition, health, food preparation skills and storage.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

**Friendship.**

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I separated from my husband a year ago. "Victor" was a drug abuser, and we fought constantly. We have two children, and I felt this was not a healthy environment for them. I am a private person and do not broadcast my personal business. Victor, however, talks openly to everybody. He is gregarious and friendly, and people like him. He told our friends the separation was MY fault. Although I found this disturbing, I said nothing.

Six months ago, I became involved with a man at work. He is kind and sweet, and is willing to wait for me. As soon as Victor found out I was seeing someone, he blabbed to our friends that the reason I wanted out of our marriage was because I had been having an affair with a co-worker the whole time. Unfortunately, everyone seems to believe this lie. I am tired of trying to hold my head up, hoping people will admire me for taking the high road, but no one seems to notice. I am being shunned.

## Alzheimer's support group will meet

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, with group facilitators Roy Puente, LSW, and Shelly Moss, social

services director at King's Manor. In this Thursday's meeting, the support group will view the film, "Living with Grace." This film deals with the day-to-day concerns of the patient and the caregiver and ends with the singing of "Amazing Grace." Friends, relatives and neighbors of caregivers are encouraged

to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest and the opportunity to participate in the support group and interact with those who share the same problems and concerns. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

by those who know and like Victor. Please tell me if there is any way I can tell my side. I feel as if I'm being unjustly judged and condemned. — New York Judy

**Dear Judy:** Remain silent. Remember, "He who excuses himself, accuses himself." In due time, the truth will come out and set you free.

I assume you are still married to Victor. The sooner you get legally untied from this loser, the better. Meanwhile, I wish you luck with your new relationship.

**Dear Ann Landers:** This is for the man who stated that his retirement savings was HIS money and not an inheritance for his children. I say, hooray for him! My father is gone now, and my mother is remarried to a wonderful man. Mom grew up the youngest of six children. Her father died when she was 14, and her mother was chronically ill. As a child, Mom's bedroom was a converted closet. She and her siblings walked along the railroad tracks and picked up coal that had fallen from the boxcars. That's how they heated the house.

My mother and father worked hard all their lives, much of it at jobs they took for the benefit of the family, not jobs they had a passion

for. The day Mom retired was one of the happiest of her entire life.

I tell Mom to enjoy her life and her new husband. They are able to travel and go out to eat whenever they want. She can buy nice things that she could never afford before. I hope she spends every blessed penny of "my inheritance" on her life's dreams. She spent her whole life doing things for her family and did a fine job raising her children. She owes us nothing now. — A Daughter Rich in Her Mother's Love in N.J.

**Dear N.J.:** What a tribute to your wonderful mom. How lovely that she has a great life now. Richly deserved, I say. When this letter appears in her local paper, I hope she sees it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Here is a suggestion for what to do with those helium-filled balloons that are leftover when the party ends. After a recent wedding reception, several family members divided the dozens of balloons into groups and took them to three area hospitals. The patients, especially ailing senior citizens and young children, were delighted to have them.

This is a wonderful way to give pleasure to others. Please tell your readers. — Hugo in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Dear Hugo:** What a lovely idea! Not only will those balloons not go to waste, they will provide enjoyment for those who can use a lift. Thank you.

"A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect little gift for that special someone who is impossible to buy for. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.25).

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LIFESTYLES



Gold Star 4-H Club officers for the coming year are (from left) Amy Adams, council delegate; Chelsea Campbell, vice president; Cindy Marnell, president; and Katie Marnell, secretary.

## Method demonstrations studied

Gold Star 4-H Club members learned about method demonstrations at the regular meeting held Monday in Hereford Community Center.

Teen leader Dawn Auckerman explained what a method demonstration is and presented a demonstration for those in

attendance. Cindy and Katie Marnell also presented a method demonstration.

Attending were members Rebecca Noggler, Amy Adams, Paula and Brooke Spriggs, Shylene and Mandy Steelman, Cindy and Katie Marnell, Chelsea Campbell, Christina Gonzales,

Emily Arroyos, Diane Knight, Joann Herrera and Desta Franks, teen leader Auckerman, and adult leaders Denise Marnell and Sheri Adams.

The next meeting will be Nov. 13 and the program will be on taking care of family pets.

### AT THE CENTER

## Senior Citizens

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**THURSDAY**-Ranch chicken, seasoned noodles, buttered broccoli, orange gelatin salad, Boston cream cake.

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**TUESDAY**-Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, raspberry

applesauce salad, cobbler ala mode.

**WEDNESDAY**-Roast beef with gravy, baked potatoes, California blend vegetables, 5-cup fruit salad, cheesecake.

#### ACTIVITIES

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

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

a.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10-11 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., birthday social 11:30-12:30, Women's Health Seminar 12:30 p.m.

## Latham awarded scholarship

Stefanie Latham, daughter of Dennis and Sylvia Latham of El Reno, Okla., formerly of Hereford, is the recipient of the Emma W. Plunkett graduate scholarship from the University of Central Oklahoma.

She is the granddaughter of Richard and Patsy Ireland and Irene Latham and the late Ross Latham. She is the great-granddaughter of Willella McCauley.

Latham will receive \$10,000 per year for two years plus waiver of six hours of tuition for four semesters toward her master's degree with major emphasis in physical education.

She attends OCU and is the

graduate assistant coach of the UCO volleyball program.

Latham was an assistant coach at Memorial High School in Edmond, Okla., in 1998-1999 and was assistant coach at Amarillo High School in 1999-2000. While at Amarillo High, she directed the junior varsity volleyball team to a perfect 33-0 record, while coaching the freshman girls basketball squad to a 13-0 mark.

She was the assistant high school volleyball coach on a 33-4 team that made regional finals.

Latham is a 1994 graduate of El Reno High School where she earned all-state honors in volleyball as a senior.



Stefanie Latham

## ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

### Women need regular mammograms

Women can survive breast cancer and lead productive, happy lives. But early detection is critical.

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Early detection practices are part of a good health routine that includes a mammogram and clinical breast examination. So getting a mammogram only once is not enough. The American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends that women get a mammogram and clinical breast exam every year beginning at age 40. ACS, at 1-800-ACS-2345, offers free information about all types of cancer, including breast cancer.

Women who need help paying for yearly mammograms can find low cost services in almost every community. Medicare helps pay the cost of an annual mammogram for women age 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

The Texas Department of

Health (TDH) and local health care agencies across the Lone Star State offer breast exams and mammograms at no cost to women age 50 to 64 with limited incomes. For more information on this program or the name of the closest clinic, call 1-800-422-2956. Also, during October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many organizations offer mammography services at low cost.

This year, 11,500 sisters, daughters, mothers and wives in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer. A total of 2,600 women will not live to see the new year because of this disease. Breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among American women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths.

African American women should pay particular attention to the "once is not enough" early detection message. African Ameri-

can women have higher death rates for breast cancer than women of other races. Many experts believe this is due to cancer being found at a later stage of development.

Older women of all ethnic backgrounds should also pay special attention to the early detection message. Most breast cancer occurs in women between ages 50 and 70.

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## SUBWAY SERIES

■ City braces for burst of excitement caused by Mets and Yankees showdown

NEW YORK (AP) — Father vs. son. Brother vs. sister. Husband vs. wife. That's what's happening in New York right now. All because of Yankees vs. Mets.

Twenty-four hours, 38 minutes after the New York Mets won their fourth National League pennant, the New York Yankees followed them into the World Series, winning their fourth American League title in five years, their record 37th overall.

Pulling up to baseball's biggest platform is the first Subway Series since 1956.

"I hope that people behave themselves, because it's going to split a few families up, I think," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Tuesday night after a thrilling come-from-behind 9-7 win over Seattle Mariners won the AL championship series 4-2. "I have a feeling the city is not going to be the same for this next 10 days — and maybe for some time after that."

Piazza vs. Posada. Tino vs. Tino. The Amazins vs. The Boss.

For six innings it seemed to be slipping away, with Seattle taking a 4-0 lead and still leading 4-3 in the seventh.

Would there be a seventh game? Might the Yankees miss out?

And then came Justice for all. David Justice hit a three-run homer off Arthur Rhodes — a towering drive that, appropriately, headed toward the No. 4 train. It landed in the right-field upper deck.

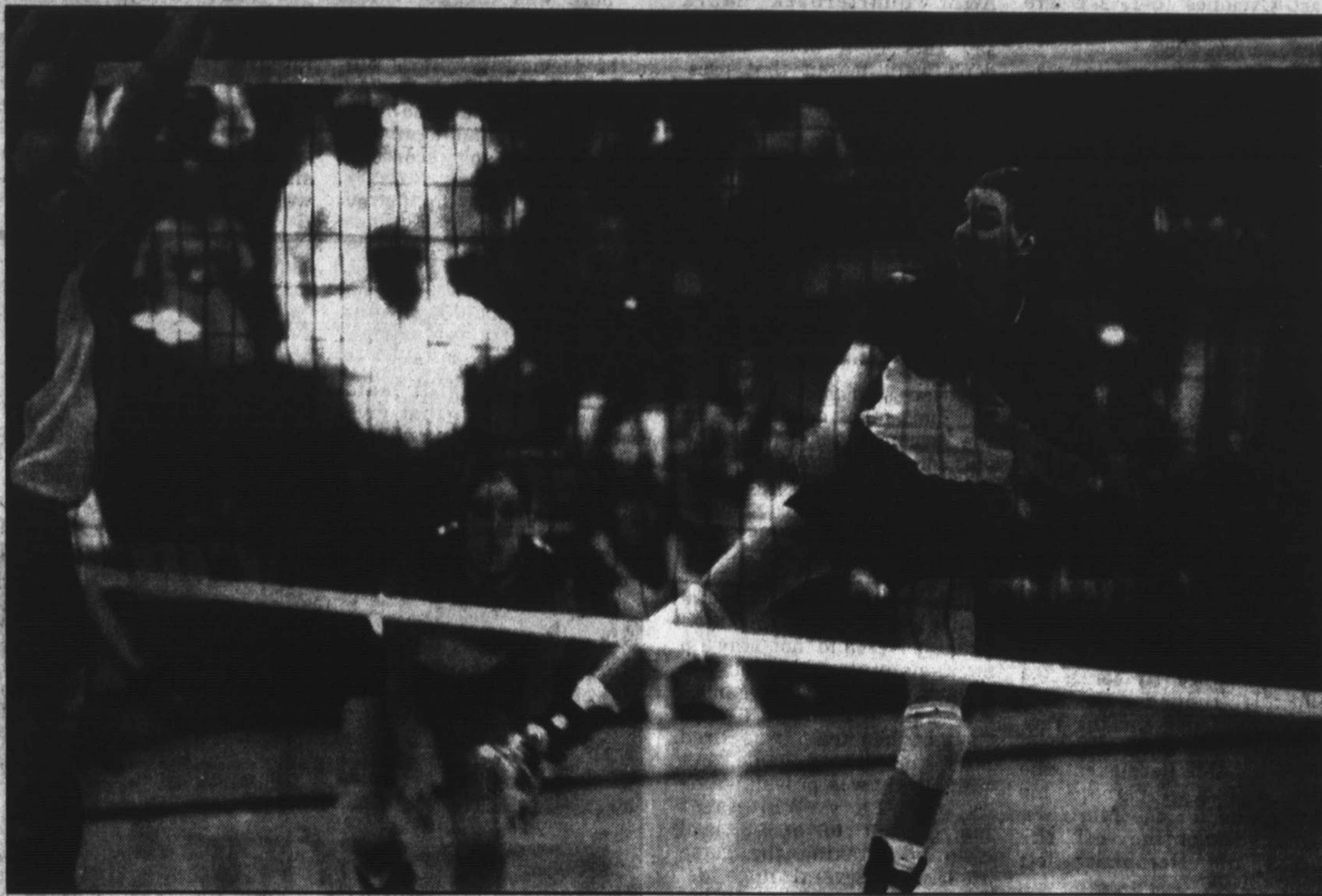
The Yankees were ahead 6-4. The old ballpark rocked.

"We want the Mets!" the fans soon chanted. "It was magical," said Justice, one of seven players on the 25-man roster acquired during the season. "It was unbelievable when I rounded the bases, to see this place erupt."

Having won three straight pennants, the Yankees try to become the first team since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics to win three straight World Series.

Starting Saturday night at Yankee Stadium, it's baseball's equivalent of Hatfields vs. McCoy's, Capulets vs. Montagues.

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Big swinger— Hereford High volleyball player Kali Hall comes back down from spiking the ball in Hereford's 15-10, 16-18, 15-3 win over Dumas. Hall, a junior middle blocker for the Lady Herd, had seven kills for the Lady Whitefaces.

By Jeff Blackmon  
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford High volleyball team kept their unbeaten district record intact Tuesday night beating arch rival Dumas for the second straight time in 2000 to clinch the District 3-4A regular season title.

The Lady Whitefaces won the match 15-10, 16-18, 15-3 to complete their regular season sweep of both strong district challengers Randall High and Dumas. Girls athletic director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said she thought the three set victory demonstrated her team's ability to play hard against teams who are aiming to get back at them for beating them on their home floor.

"As soon as our first match was over with Dumas in the first round they were ready to play us again," Kitten said. "They were not the team that was here tonight, and it was definitely uncharacteristic of them what we saw the first round of district."

## Demons thawed

■ Lady Whitefaces grip District 3-4A title with big win over Demonettes

Sophomore designated setter Catherine Beville led the Lady Whitefaces on the court with 65 sets for her team. Beville also had 23 successful serves for the Lady Herd and said she feels her team is continuing to get better and wants to win that final game on Saturday against Canyon High to finish up undefeated in district.

"We lost four main players last year," Beville said. "I think a lot of us have stepped

up and filled their places pretty good, and I don't think many people expected that."

After getting beaten by the Lady Herd 15-1, 15-3 back on Sept. 23, the Demonettes came out swinging taking Hereford to only their second three set match all season in district. Kitten said she felt Dumas was ready for everything her team threw at them.

"Their passing was fantastic," Kitten said. "Everything

we served at them they put right on the money.

"They used the right side well, and they were coming at us at three different sides," Kitten said.

After winning the first set 15-10, the Lady Whitefaces jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the second game but let Dumas back in after letting up defensively to allow the Demonettes to take the game 16-18. Hereford fought off several game points in the second set but could not get control of the game back once they had relinquished it.

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## Aikman still has faith in his abilities

■ Cowboy QB not getting down about his horrid performance

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Troy Aikman was talking about his dreadful five-interception game, his aching back and how he'd handle being benched. As the conversation wound down, he couldn't help but laugh.

"I'm being asked to talk a lot about my eroding skills and when I'm not going to be around any longer," he said.

Aikman isn't thinking about leaving the Dallas Cowboys just yet, but the quarterback realizes his best days are behind him.

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## Netters take two

The Hereford High tennis team took two of their matches in a 17-2 loss to district foe Dumas.

Hereford's Dana Estrada and senior Ivory Isaacson won again for the Whitefaces.

Estrada beat Adrienne Bottom 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 Tuesday afternoon, and Isaacson defeated Alicia Schubert 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

The team's final regular season match of the fall is Saturday at Canyon beginning at 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

# A & M has hands full with Iowa St.

## Surging Cyclones seeking first winning season since 1989

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Now comes the hard part for Texas A&M. The Aggies (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) begin the rugged part of their schedule Saturday at

Iowa State, where the upstart Cyclones (5-1, 2-1) are seeking their first winning season since 1989.

After that, the regular season ends against No. 10 Kansas State, at Oklahoma State, against No. 3 Oklahoma and at Texas.

"Anyone can look at our schedule and see that it gets

rough from now to the end," A&M quarterback Mark Farris said Tuesday. "I won't say this is a must win. I don't want to put that pressure on us. But any win is a must win if you are a competitor."

Texas A&M hasn't played the last two weeks like a team preparing for such a

rugged schedule.

There was the 26-17 loss to Colorado in which the Aggies played okay but lost to the previously winless Buffaloes. While A&M won 24-0 over Baylor, it did so with little emotion and against a team that hasn't scored a point in two games.

"You like to be up for ev-

ery game but being human, you can't always do that," Farris said. "Monday, I sensed that the team is much more intense. We are playing a team that took the best team in the country into the fourth quarter."

"We just need to be consistent and move the ball well."

The only loss by the Cyclones was 49-27 to Nebraska, a game in which they trailed just 21-20 in the fourth quarter.

"I hope our players have watched the Nebraska tape and if they have they are intelligent enough to see it will take a maximum effort," coach R.C. Slocum said.

## Subway

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"It will be the ultimate experience," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said.

It's been 44 years — excuse us, Reggie, for borrowing your number — since the last Subway Series. Instead of Willie, Mickey and the Duke, it will be Bernie, Benny and El Duque.

For New York baseball fans, these are the good old days.

"I was at that last one, when Don Larsen pitched the perfect game against Brooklyn," Torre said.

To get to a Subway Series, you have to take an El (elevated line), and the Yankees got there riding El Duque, although it was not the smoothest of trips.

Orlando Hernandez became the first pitcher to go 8-0 in postseason play, but allowed six runs and seven hits in seven-plus innings. Never before had he allowed more than three earned runs in a postseason start.

"Probably the first easy thing we've done this year is get it over in six," first

baseman Tino Martinez said. "It's been an absolute battle, but we never gave up, and here we are playing in the World Series again."

After Justice's homer, which earned him series MVP honors, the Yankees broke loose, with Paul O'Neill hitting a two-run single and Jose Vizcaino, whose infield single started the inning, adding a sacrifice fly for a 9-4 lead. It turned out they needed it. This year, the Yankees don't steamroll, they sneak by. Alex Rodriguez, who went 4-for-5 in perhaps his final game for the Mariners, homered leading off the eighth and Hernandez left after a walk.

Mariano Rivera relieved and Mr. Automatic stalled, much like a New York subway car. He allowed a double to John Olerud, then a double by Mark McLemore that hit off first base as two more runs scored, ending his postseason scoreless streak at 33 1-3 innings over three years.

## Herd

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Kitten said her team just did not take advantage in the second game, but she was glad her team regrouped in time for the third game.

"We had several opportunities to put the game away in the second one," Kitten said. "The thing I was most worried about was that we would get really disappointed in ourselves and not stay up emotionally to do what we needed to in the third game."

Coach Kitten said she thought her team was tired after the second game, but she quickly was proven wrong as the Lady Whitefaces jumped out to a 6-3 lead eventually taking the game 15-3 with several huge defensive plays including a big block for the winner.

"It would have been very easy to have backed off after losing the second game," Kitten said. "I give them a lot of credit for having the guts and the courage to stay in there and chip away at them."

Junior outside hitter Michelle Bernhardt and senior outside hitters Ashley Fangman and Pam Klein lead the Lady Whitefaces in kills with a total of 31.

Bernhardt said the win proves the strength of Hereford's team when no one thought any single team could win the district championship outright.

"At the beginning no one, not even ourselves, thought that at the end of the season we would be outright district

champs," Bernhardt said. "This is a big win that gives us courage and momentum."

Klein said she feels their record speaks for itself and should make those teams who face them in the playoffs re-

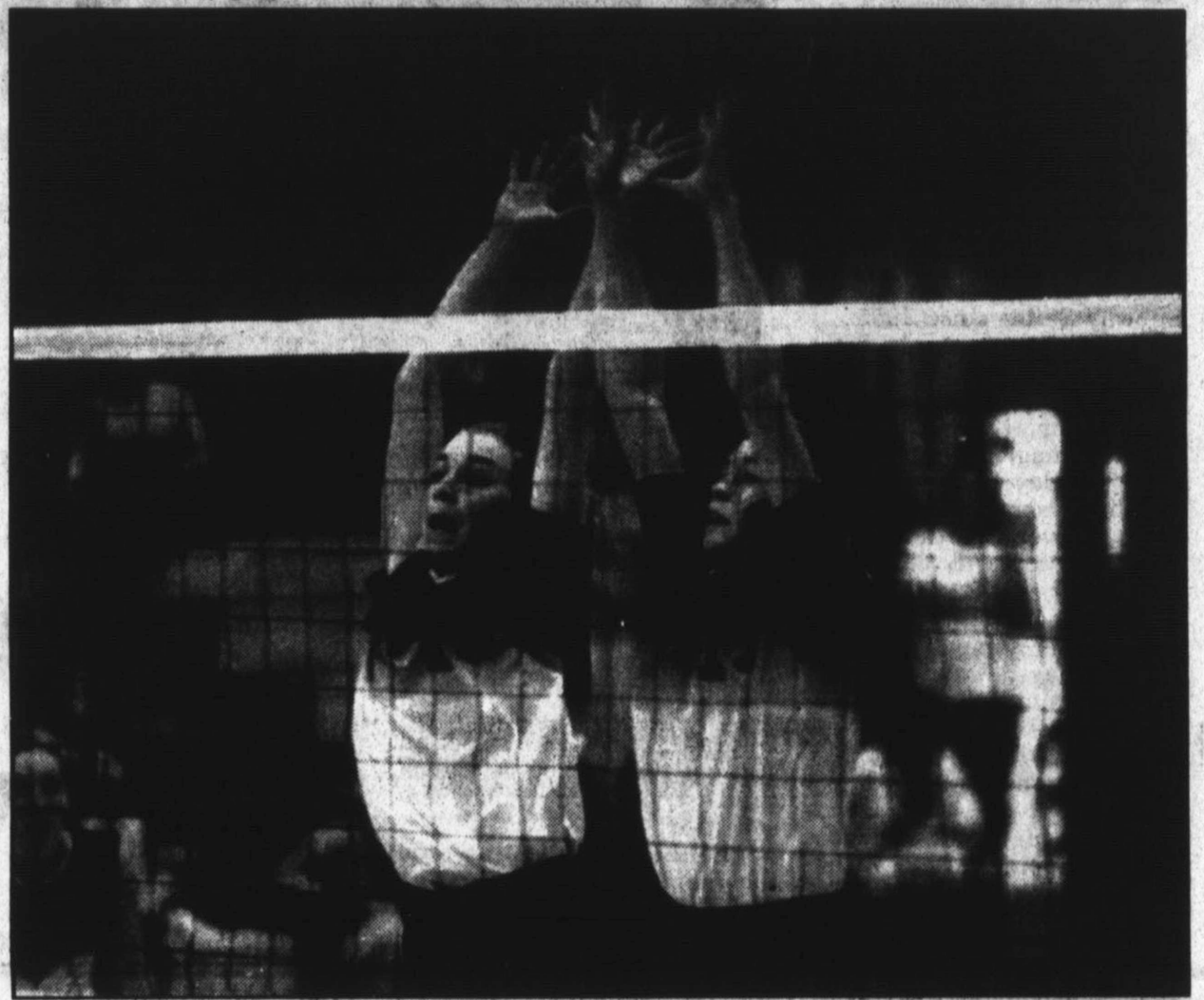
spect them.

"It gives people in other districts a chance to respect our record knowing how tough our district is," Klein said.

The team's last opponent standing in the way of a

perfect district season is Canyon High.

The Lady Whitefaces take on the Canyon High Saturday in Canyon beginning at 2 p.m.



District champs— Hereford juniors Kali Hall (left) and Michelle Bernhardt (right) go up for the block during the Herd's victory over Dumas that clinched the district championship for the Lady Whitefaces.

## Aikman

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But he still believes there are some good ones left.

"I don't feel like I have some of the skills I had a few years ago," said Aikman, who turns 34 next month. "But as far as what I do have left and what I feel like I can do and whether I can play at a high level, I still have the confidence I can do that."

Aikman was put on the defensive after throwing four first-half interceptions and another in the second half of a 19-14 loss to the New York Giants on Sunday. Two more sure pickoffs were dropped.

The five interceptions were the most in his 12-year NFL career; it matched his total for the 11 games he played in 1998. It also tied the most in Dallas' 41-year history.

The most revealing aspect of his rough day was how it happened: All five throws could be blamed on a lack of arm strength, poor reads or both, all signs that his four-year slide is picking up speed.

"I don't feel like some things are quite as effortless as what they once were," he said. "For someone who has been accustomed to playing at a very high level, that's really frustrating."

The Cowboys are 1-3 this season in games Aikman has started. He's thrown only two touchdowns and nine interceptions. More than he had in either of his last two Super Bowl seasons.

Since 1996, the last time Dallas won a playoff game, Aikman is 21-24 in the regular season and 0-2 in the postseason. He hasn't been to the Pro Bowl any of those years after going to six straight.

Nonetheless, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones insists that as long as No. 8 is healthy, he's No. 1. Coach Dave Campo said there was never any thought of turning to backup Randall Cunningham on Sunday, even though Cunningham has

played well — arguably better than Aikman — in his three outings.

Campo compared Aikman to Roger Clemens, noting that the New York Yankees pitcher was hit hard late in the season then threw a 1-hitter against Seattle in the playoffs.

"I believe Troy Aikman gives us a chance to win football games," Campo said. "It's not going back to 1995 or '93, it's going back two weeks ago against the Carolina Panthers. He had the opportunity and did it."

Aikman said his pride could handle being pulled.

"I want them to do what's best for the team," he said. "I wouldn't like it, but I'd support whatever decision they make."

"If I'm the starter, then I expect it's because they feel that's best for the football team. If they don't feel that way, then I would not expect them to play me based on anything that I've accomplished over the years or what I've done for this organization. I think what's important is what's going on now."

Aikman has been fighting a balky back. The source of his pain is remaining pieces of a herniated disc operated on in 1993. A recent MRI showed nothing that would require another operation.

"I'd love to say that damn disc cost me five interceptions," he said. "But that's not the case."

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INSIDE

'Critical Condition' shows ailing medical community

By John Rogers Associated Press Writer

When his longtime physician retired recently, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Hedrick Smith had to go looking for a new doctor.

Smith is producer and narrator of "Critical Condition," a new documentary on the state of U.S. health care, which airs at 7 p.m. CDT today on PBS.

"After the reporting I did on this series, I decided that I wasn't looking for a doctor. I was looking for a team of health care providers," said Smith, a former correspondent for The New York Times from his home in Chevy Chase, Md.

"That means you need an institution that is really strong," he said. "So I picked the best. It's not here, it's in Baltimore. It's Johns Hopkins."

Now it takes an hour to drive to his doctor's office instead of 15 minutes. But Smith believes that if he ever enters a hospital for treatment of a life-threatening illness, he'll receive the best medical care available in his part of the country.

That's hardly the case for tens of millions of Americans, according to "Critical Condition." One obvious reason: 44 million Americans have no health insurance and cannot afford regular medical care, although 88 percent are employed.

"Most of them are involun-

tarily uninsured," Smith says. "Their employer doesn't offer insurance, but offers wages so low that health care comes behind food, shelter and even entertainment."

What is even more shocking to Smith: Many people with health insurance don't use it to their best advantage.

He learned, for example, that people with insurance plans that let them choose their own doctors often pick those who are nearby or who offer the most convenient office hours.

They should be selecting the best physicians in their specialized fields of medicine, Smith says, and making plans so that when the time comes, they'll be admitted to hospitals with the highest rates of success in the areas where they live.

"Don't have your heart operation done, your diabetes treated by someone who does it only occasionally," he says adamantly.

People should also be looking into health care plans that have a record of not refusing to pay for crucial tests or limiting necessary follow-up care as a means of cutting costs, he says. In a country where nearly one-third of the population, 100 million people, have a chronic illness of some sort, this is crucial.

He suggests that many people would never take their car to a backyard mechanic. Yet they might go to a doctor who performs only a dozen

heart surgeries a year, when they could pick a physician who does 200 operations annually and knows how to handle complications.

And that's a simple key to survival, Smith says, noting industry figures that indicate some 98,000 people are killed by medical mistakes each year.

One of the show's most gripping segments examines the case of Claudie Holbrook, a Korean War veteran who died at 67 after he was given the wrong dosage of a blood-thinning medication at a Veterans Administration hospital in Lexington, Ky.

According to "Critical Condition," Holbrook's case was unusual because the hospital admitted its mistake and the family settled for a nominal sum of \$50,000.

"If they hadn't come forward, I would have wanted millions," said Sandy Reynolds, Holbrook's daughter.

Such honesty in the profession is rare, according to "Critical Condition," which notes that only three states — New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania — even require publication of hospital death rates.

Equally rare, according to the report, is any effort by the medical profession to track its own mistakes and practices.

"In the past, I was an autonomous individual, accountable only to God and myself. I would tell you how good I was by my recall of how well I did for my patients," Dr. Brent James of Salt Lake City said.

Maine hospital dealing with high drug costs

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — With thousands of Americans already crossing the Canadian border to buy prescription drugs at much reduced prices, a Maine hospital subsidiary is setting up a system that will save many from making the trip.

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With debates over, other factors gain importance



ANALYSIS

Tom Raum The Associated Press

With the debates done, still-undecided voters may now look elsewhere for guidance in making up their minds. Some analysts suggest factors such as tensions in the Middle East and the plunging stock market could gain in importance.

Both camps expressed satisfaction with the outcome of Tuesday's concluding debate — but few in either party were predicting a strong swing in voter sentiment as a result.

In fact, instant polls show viewers to be pretty evenly divided on whether Republican George W. Bush or Democrat Al Gore did better.

Gore regained his assertiveness in the session and once again expressed an easy command of details, his supporters said. And Bush kept projecting an image of affability and held his own on complex topics, his backers said.

But their respective critics also saw a reinforcement of disturbing negative traits: Gore as overly aggressive and condescending; Bush as shallow, sometimes smug and prone to repeating himself.

"It was an extension of what we've seen before," suggested Wayne Fields, an expert on presidential debates and speeches at Washington University in St. Louis — site of Tuesday's final debate.

"It goes back to where people's inclination was before they decided they were undecided. This may give them more confirmation of that original impulse," Fields said, giving a slight advantage to Gore.

Debate

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Afterward, Bush warned that an energy crisis and economic recession might be looming and said his tax-cut plan would serve "as an insurance policy against an economic slowdown."

"The biggest threat to economic growth is a huge federal government," Bush told NBC's "Today" in an interview aired Wednesday.

Gore is concentrating on promoting himself as the steward of a strong economy, with a major economic address in on Thursday.

Bush and Gore both dropped the post-debate rallies they'd held after their earlier meetings, out of respect to the memory of Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, killed Monday in an airplane crash as he campaigned for the Senate. Gore was visiting his family Wednesday morning.

But after the moment of silence observed at the beginning came 90 minutes of hard argu-

ment, the candidates striding the red carpeted stage to face their questioners and at times, to confront each other.

"Here we go again," Gore said after Bush had pledged to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly. "If you want someone who will spin a lot of words ... and then end up supporting legislation that is supported by the big drug companies, this is your man."

For his part, Bush said Gore wanted federal spending programs "three times bigger than what President Clinton proposed. ... This is a big spender."

The questions, selected by moderator Jim Lehrer, came from among 100 uncommitted voters who submitted them in writing.

And they triggered the sharpest exchanges of the debate season — on affirmative action,

ive look by the Texas governor. Bush partisans cited that image as a sign of Gore's pugnaciousness. But neither candidate pulled punches in the 90-minute town-hall style debate, in which members of the audience asked questions.

Gore assailed Bush as an ally of the rich and powerful and pounded him on his record in Texas. Bush portrayed Gore as "big spender." They sparred over affirmative action, school vouchers, gun control and a host of other, mostly domestic, issues.

In one of their more testy exchanges, Gore and Bush argued over the meaning of "affirmative action," with Gore suggesting that Bush opposed such programs. Bush said if it meant quotas, "then I'm against it."

Ignoring moderator Jim Lehrer, Gore began interrogating Bush directly, drawing a protest by Bush that Gore was violating rules about questioning each other.

"There are rules that we agreed to. Evidently rules don't mean anything," Bush snapped.

Bush probably should have just answered Gore's question, rather than showed umbrage, Bush backer John Engler, governor of Michigan, suggested later. "He probably wishes he had that one back."

Fred Greenstein, a political science professor at Princeton, said that in the final debate "each of them was persuasive to their own loyalists."

Beyond that, he said, he believed Gore was more effective — and Bush tended to show that he tends to revert to well-rehearsed slogans when unable to come up with details.

Still, said Greenstein, "My overall sense again is that there were no real knockouts."

Tom Raum has covered presidential campaigns for since 1976.

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Social Security checks to rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 45.2 million Americans getting Social Security benefits may see their checks next year grow by the largest amount in almost a decade, private economists estimate.

That's because inflation has picked up speed, almost entirely reflecting surging energy prices.

Monthly checks from the government's biggest benefit program are adjusted annually to keep rising prices from eroding recipients' buying power.

5%: Nader, Buchanan looking beyond Nov. 7 as they work to reach the magic number

WASHINGTON (AP) — With their concession speeches practically written, Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader are looking to the next White House race.

Each is targeting more than a dozen states as they shoot for at least 5 percent of the vote on Nov. 7, the minimum required to draw federal campaign funds for 2004.

"If we get that, we can build this party into a new conservative party with a permanent presence," said Buchanan, the Reform Party nominee.

Strategies for garnering the necessary votes partially revolve around states where the election outcome is all but certain.

Green Party nominee Nader, for example, is spending the



Ralph Nader (left) and Pat Buchanan are targeting a dozen states as they shoot for at least 5 percent of the vote.

week in Texas, home of Republican George W. Bush, and California, where Democrat Al Gore holds a wide lead in the polls. He also will continue to visit some of the traditionally Democratic states in the Northeast:

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire and Vermont.

"Those are all places where a vote for Gore would be a wasted vote, because he's going to win," said Todd Main, Nader's national field director.

Nader also planned to return to areas where he is popular. That most of these states — Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin — are considered tossups and could affect Vice President Gore's chances of winning are not lost on the Nader team.

"There are a lot of people who remain concerned about Ralph taking away votes (from Gore)," said Theresa Amato, Nader's campaign manager.

HRMC

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\$111,851 in non-operating income, but the operating expenses of \$994,882 resulted in the net loss of \$1,037,783.

The provisions, which had the negative impact on the bottom line, included \$570,583 for bad debt, \$172,793 for indigent/charity care, and \$289,627 for Medicare/Medicaid contractuals.

Arnold said HRMC business office director Grace Bennett, who was hired during the summer, found that the hospital had numerous accounts that had not been sent to patients. This was linked to problems

with the new computer system.

After Bennett discovered the problem, the hospital began to send out statements for services provided several months earlier.

In a recent letter to the editor published in the Hereford Brand, Bennett acknowledged the problem and apologized for inconveniences. She also urged anyone who has questions to call her at 364-2141.

Arnold also said the hospital has increased its reserves for allowances, which had an ini-

tial negative impact on the bottom line.

"There are no fast, easy answers," she said. "Some of the problems started with the computer conversion and just snowballed."

Taylor said there have been several areas that have needed to be cleaned up, with the accounts receivables being the final major area. He also said the financial problems that the administration has been dealing with has affected employee morale.

"I do believe we've made a lot of progress. Once we get

the AR (situation) cleaned up and get some physicians recruited and in here, things will turn around. I've optimistic," Taylor said.

The directors also: •Received a report on the Women's & Children's Crisis Center;

•Were told that two physicians have responded to contacts. Taylor is to meet today with representatives of a recruiting firm; and

•Discussed a shortage of nurses, which is forcing the hospital to bring in temporary nurses on a contract basis.





**Business recognized** — Brent Gibbs (center), a member of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Business Retention Committee, recently presented a plaque to Conger Cafe owners John and Vickie Conger (right) and their employees. The plaque recognized the cafe as the October Business of the Month. Several chamber representatives also attended the ceremony, which is a regular chamber program and is designed to show appreciation to area businesses for their contributions and service to the community.

## Amtrak's 'bullet train' ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year behind schedule, America's first 160 mph trains, linking Boston and Washington, could be ready to roll by Thanksgiving.

Amtrak officials hope the new Acela Express service, featuring sleek, snub-nosed trains, will be a lucrative addition that helps the railway wean itself from two decades of federal assistance.

The service was scheduled to debut last October. But premature wheel wear and problems with the tilting technology that helps the train negotiate curves delayed the start until this past spring.

Then, delivery was delayed until July as technicians addressed sideways movement of the wheels at high speeds. The date was pushed back again when missing and broken bolts were found.

Amtrak is under a congressional order to become

financially self-sufficient by 2003 and Acela Express is integral to its survival plan. High-speed service in the Northeast Corridor is projected to earn \$180 million a year; by comparison, Amtrak says it was \$484 million short of self-sufficiency in 1999, a year in which it posted record revenues of \$1.84 billion.

Under its contract with the consortium building the trains, Canada's Bombardier Transportation and France's Alstom Ltd., Amtrak can seek up to

\$13,500 a day in penalties for each of the 20 eight-car train sets it ordered. Amtrak has said only that it is discussing penalties with the consortium.

Amtrak officials hope that America's first brush with bullet trains will spur public interest across the country. Legislation pending in Congress would help Amtrak raise \$10 billion over 10 years to make necessary track and train improvements for high-speed service on up to 11 more train corridors.



## L.A. transit strike ends; buses run

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LOS ANGELES — Bus and subway drivers headed back to work Wednesday, ending a monthlong transit strike that virtually shut down this city's public transportation system and stranded 450,000 commuters. Members of the United Transportation Union voted overwhelmingly Tuesday night to end the 32-day walkout and accept a new contract providing raises of 9.3 percent over three years. "There's no winners here ... we absolutely agree that everyone who is a rider and employee suffered," said county Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, who chairs the MTA board. Though buses were expected back on their routes early Wednesday, subway service wouldn't be fully restored until Thursday because of required maintenance checks. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is waiving fares for five days as a conciliatory gesture to riders.

#### Tens of thousands flee as flood death toll rises

PIACENZA, Italy — Tens of thousands of Italians found borrowed shelter on high ground, escaping the floods that brought the Po River to historic highs. The death toll in avalanches and floods upstream hit 28 on Wednesday, with searchers in Italy and Switzerland still digging. The bodies of two victims were recovered under the mud in Val D'Aosta. In the Swiss village of Gondo, perched in the Alps above the Italian border, diggers pulled out one more body. Search hope remained for 19 still missing. Most were

believed carried away or buried when mud and water swept through Alpine towns and villages in northern Italy and southern Switzerland at the weekend onset of the flooding.

#### Hundreds of sharks die near Florida Panhandle

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Hundreds of dead sharks have been washing up on beaches along the Gulf of Mexico, and officials are baffled by what's causing their deaths. "We really have no idea," said Jack Mobley, a wildlife biologist at Tyndall Air Force Base, where about 50 sharks, mostly blacktips, have washed up. The sharks, which ranged up to 5 feet long, started showing up Monday in waters off the Florida Panhandle. Officials estimate between 200 and 300 sharks have died. Traces of blood reported on nostrils and gills of some sharks suggests an infection might be the culprit, said Mike Brim, an ecologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### Scooters, Amazing Babies among hot toys

NEW YORK — If there is going to be one really hot toy this holiday shopping season, retailers have not found it yet. Unlike last year, when cash registers were ringing thanks to all things Pokemon, toy stores are predicting sales to be spread out among a range of products, many of them technology-related. So far, the greatest demand is for scooters, which rolled onto the scene in March, according to PlayDate Inc., a New York marketing company that conducted a nationwide survey of toy sellers. Other toys expected to be big hits include an interactive doll made by Playmates called Amazing Babies; electronic pets made by a handful of manufacturers; Mattel's Harry Potter trivia game; and Hasbro's Hit Clips, miniature electronic devices that play music.

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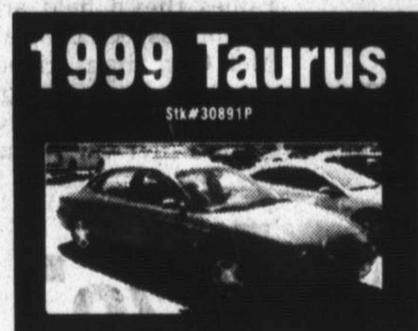
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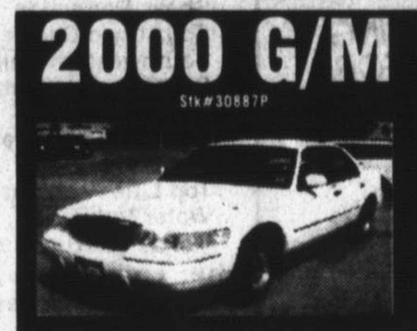
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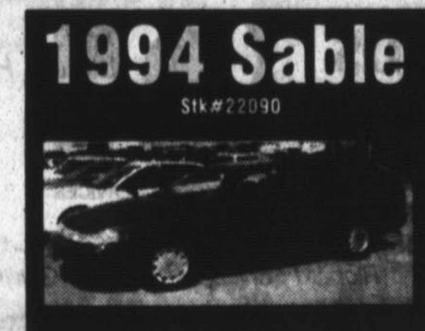
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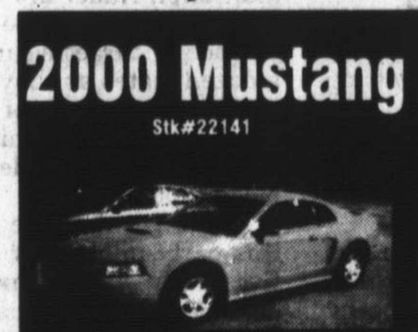
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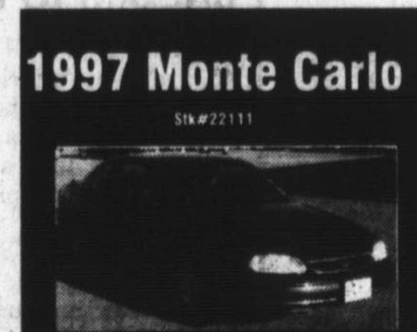
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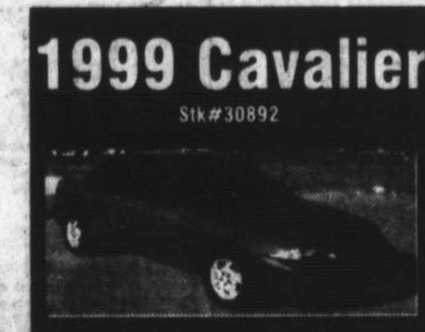
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