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**Diane Smith**

## Today's weather OUTLOOK

### • Mostly clear skies •

Tonight: Mostly clear with lows 64 to 68.  
Wednesday: Partly sunny and breezy, highs in the mid-90s.  
Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid-60s.

### • Extended forecast •

Thursday through Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs 90 to 95, lows in the lower to mid-60s.

### • Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 96; low, 69; no precipitation.

## Texas breaks dry mark set in Dust Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — With not even a hint of rain to settle the dust Monday, North Texas broke a record, going 59 days without moisture — longer than the dry spell during the Dust Bowl days of the Depression.

Lawns in Dallas-Fort Worth and beyond are burned, farmers and ranchers have lost an estimated \$595 million and reservoirs are shrinking fast, even though rainfall for the year is close to normal.

The dry spell began July 1. And the forecast doesn't hold a hint of a sprinkle — let alone a good gully washer — in the week to come.

"You just keep pouring water on the yard, and it keeps turning brown," said Molly Gneiting, who lives in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills. "Every morning I water the flowers. If I miss just once, you can tell it by the afternoon."

And it's not just dry; it's hot. Monday was the year's 36th day of 100-degree temperatures in Dallas-Fort Worth. The record is 69 days, set in 1980.

"It looks like the middle of winter. Everything's brown," said Rayford Pullen, agricultural extension agent for Montague County, a largely agricultural area along the Red River.

In the town of Throckmorton, hundreds of volunteers spent their vacations digging ditches for a pipeline to bring water from another town because their own reservoir had fallen too low to supply drinking water.

Lou Hyde and her husband, Ted, bought their home at Lake Arrowhead near Wichita Falls so their children and grandchildren would have a place to swim and fish.

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**LOU HYDE,**  
Lake Arrowhead

"Even the cranes don't go out to fish anymore," she said. "Every morning when we get up and look out, there is less and less water."

"What we need is a good steady rain," said Polly Drozd, whose family owns a marina on Lake Lewisville near

Dallas, where the water level has dropped 15 feet. "Not just a day or two of rain, but a real steady rain for a week or two."

But none is expected. "Even the long-range forecast doesn't look good," said National Weather Service meteorologist Mark Fox.

Even cloud-seeding in hopes of bringing rain to the Texas Panhandle was on hold — there weren't any clouds to seed.

"The 9th of August was the last time we've seen anything," said Shea Lea Clower, meteorologist for the "precipitation enhancement" program.

Still, the Dust Bowl years were much worse.

That previous record of 58 days without rain, set in 1934 and tied in 1950, was only broken by one-one-hundredth of an inch of rain.

"It was terrible. It was a horrible time," said Bill Green, a curator at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. "Dirt drifted up and covered barbed-wire fences. Conditions were much worse than they are today because we have learned a lot about soil conservation in 70 years."

And despite the dry spell, North Texas has received 21.19 inches of rain since Jan. 1, only about an inch below normal, mostly because of a wet June.

"I think it's kind of an overstatement to compare it with the Dust Bowl," Green said. "We have periodic droughts. Everybody worries, everybody prays. It rains, and everybody gets over it."



Among the Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers receiving special recognition at the Annual Achievement Banquet Sunday were Gold Star recipients (from left) Abigail Wilks, Seth Hoelscher and Dawn Auckerman. The Gold Star award is the highest county achievement award.

## 4-HERS HONORED

### ■ Auckerman, Hoelscher, Wilks recognized as Gold Star recipients

By Becky Thorn  
Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Deaf Smith County 4-H members, leaders and friends were recognized Sunday during the Annual Achievement Banquet at the Hereford Community Center.

Theme for the 1999-2000 banquet was "Spread Your Wings - Fly with 4-H." Erin Louder, vice president of the County 4-H Council, served as mistress of ceremonies.

Highlighting the awards presentations was the naming of Gold Star recipients. They included Dawn Auckerman, Seth Hoelscher and Abigail Wilks.

The Gold Star award is the highest county achievement award. Recipients have a proven 4-H record of project participation, leadership skills, and working with or teaching younger 4-

H'ers. They have participated in community service and have motivated and inspired junior 4-H'ers towards the opportunities 4-H can offer.

Auckerman, daughter of Rick and Georgia Auckerman, is a seven-year club member whose main project is food and nutrition, but she is also active in numerous other projects. She made her first trip to State 4-H Round-up in June where she and her partner won first place with their Horticulture Use and Preparation demonstration.

She is a sophomore at Hereford High School, a twirler in the Mighty Maroon Band, a member of the National Forensics League and ranked academically in the top five percent of her class.

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Beating the heat Samantha Hastings (left) wields a fire hose Saturday in one of the games at the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department's "Fill the Boot" fund-raiser for Muscular Dystrophy Association at Hereford Community Center. Desiree Balderas (above) seems to need help in holding the fire hose. Other activities included food and face painting.

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## WHAT'S AHEAD?

### Farmer's Almanac sees mild winter this year

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Keep those mittens, snowblowers and heavy coats in storage. We might be in for a balmy winter.

The publishers of the *Farmer's Almanac*, using a formula known to only two people, predict another moderate winter as a follow-up to last year's warmest winter on record.

"The winter of 2000-01 should get off to a late start and turn out to be milder than average, even less severe than this last one," forecaster Caleb Weatherbee writes in the almanac that hit newsstands today.

Editor Peter Geiger admitted that last year's prediction — of a stormy November and December to be capped by more than a foot of snow at year's end in the Midwest and Northeast — was way off the mark.

There actually was a dearth of snow. Portland, Maine, for example, recorded its longest stretch of snowless days — 305 — before getting its first measurable snowfall on Jan.

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## Simons wants to be ready

By Donald Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

If the state follows through on a recommendation that it build three new prisons, County Judge Tom Simons wants Deaf Smith County to be ready to make its case as one of the sites.

"The state hasn't done anything yet," Simons said Monday morning during the Deaf Smith County commissioners' regular meeting. "It appears they're going to request building three new prisons and expand two existing ones."

Simons said indications are the three new prisons would be so-called "2350" facilities, which refers to the capacity. A 2,350-inmate prison would employ 1,000-1,200 people, he said.

Simons said he doesn't know if there is an

adequate labor pool for a prison of that capacity, but the county still needs to make the effort to get a prison.

He said he was a participant in a meeting last week that involved representatives from the City of Hereford, Deaf Smith County Hospital and Hereford Independent School districts, and the Hereford Economic Development Corp. The meeting was called to determine what level of interest there is in pursuing a prison.

"I suggested a joint proposal with Castro and Parmer counties," Simons said. Representatives of those two counties will meet with the Deaf Smith County group Wednesday to see if the neighboring counties are interested in a cooperative effort.

Simons said there have been some news reports that the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice has enough funding to go ahead without legislative approval; however, he said he thinks the agency will present a request for funding to the 77th Legislature, which will convene in January 2001.

"I don't think they will do anything until after the election," Simons said.

Commissioner Wayne Betzen asked why Castro and Parmer counties were contacted. "First, it's sharing the costs," Simons said. When the 1991 round of prison construction was launched, he said the county was prepared to purchase the land for the site as well as included an offer to build an on-site residence for the warden.

Also, there are other costs involved in preparing a proposal, he said.

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## HEALTH POLITICS

By Calvin Woodward  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The presidential campaigns of Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush are slinging ads and arithmetic at each other in a battle over prescription drugs for the elderly. But so far there's only one plan — Gore's — in the fight.

With \$5 million in commercials and a visit Monday to Floridians struggling with their drug bills, Gore is jumping on the lack of specificity in Bush's promise to support prescription drug coverage for senior citizens — a promise the Republican now says he will flesh out next week.

### ■ In campaign war over prescription drugs, Bush now finds himself under pressure to 'just say something'

Gore's plan to attach a drug benefit to Medicare comes with plenty of detail, including a \$253 billion cost estimate, enough for Republicans to tag it as another example of "Hillary-care" in a swipe at the ambitious health care reforms explored under the supervision of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A "nationalized, catch-all, government-run, once-size-fits-all plan," said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, who made the allusion to Mrs. Clinton.

Responding to Republican ads attacking his Medicare drug benefit, Gore said Bush should



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be "presenting specifics so the American people can make a judgment for themselves."

Polls give Gore a 2-to-1 advantage when voters are asked who would do a better job dealing with health care and prescription drug prices. And the elderly are more apt than younger people to vote.

John Rother, policy director of AARP, which represents older people, said drug costs are the leading concern of at least half of the 12 million

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**Local roundup**

• **HJH PTO booster meeting** •

Parents and teachers interested in participating in HJH PTO will meet briefly at 6 p.m. August 30, in the school cafeteria. Participants will discuss the fund raiser and dates to sign up to help at the concession stand.

• **St. Anthony's PTO fund raiser** •

The annual St. Anthony's PTO Spice/Gift/Wrap Sale is going on, now through Sept. 6. The funds raised will assist in the continued "Education That Last an Eternity." Orders may be placed by contacting a St. Anthony's student or coming by the school office. For more information, contact Donna Kemp, 364-7620 or Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

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**Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Aug. 25-28, 2000 include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**

- A 34-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue I and charged with assault.
- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.
- A 54-year-old woman was arrested in the 500 block of N. Roosevelt and charged with aggravated assault.
- A 47-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Lawton and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor and public intoxication.
- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Lawton and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol, minor in consumption of alcohol and public intoxication.

**Incidents**

- A traffic accident was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- A missing person was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.
- Two criminal mischiefs were reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.
- Shots were reported in the 300 block of East Sixth.
- A criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Ironwood.
- An intoxicated woman was reported in the 300 block of

South Texas.

- The unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Knight.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**

- A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an original charge of burglary of a habitation.
- A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.
- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with sexual assault.
- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an original charge of possession of marijuana.
- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with forgery by passing.
- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with forgery by passing.

**Incidents**

- An assault by threat was reported.
- Theft of watermelons was reported.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Aug. 25**

- 12:32 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Highway 385 and Eighth.

**Aug. 26**

- 6:48 a.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Highway 385 and Lake.

**Aug. 27**

- 2:47 a.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at 329 East Third.

**Welcome bowl season**



**Not exactly the Rose Bowl** - Teens from all over town showed up Saturday to participate in the annual Nazarene Mud Bowl, as a means of kicking off the 2000-2001 football season. Nearly 50 kids donned throw-away T-shirts and jeans to take the opportunity

to play football, frisbee, and tag in the miry clay. More than 58,000 gallons of water were used in making the mud pit. Clean up consisted of kids getting sprayed with a fire hose from a nearby hydrant. Teens will be having regular Monday-night football parties without the mud.

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**Courthouse records**

The following petitions have been filed in the 222 District Court:

- Eric Cortez, motion to deny bond on robbery charges;
- Shane Gallagher, sexual abuse;
- Charles Ortiz, also known as Carlos Ortiz Olivarez, bail jumping and failure to appear;
- Kyla Kay Farmer, four counts of forgery;
- Majin Garza, felony driving while intoxicated.
- Alfredo Abrego Casarez, felony driving while intoxicated;
- Guadalupe Luna, criminal non-support;
- Marco Romero, sexual assault;
- Irma Linda Garcia Perez, tampering with government records;
- David Tijerina, felony driving while intoxicated;
- Abel Vargas, felony assault;
- Adolfo Padilla, assault on a public servant;
- Roger Salas, assault on a public servant;
- Ernest Patrick Gonzales and Cynthia Gonzales, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine;
- Adrian Edwardo Maldonado and Christian Albert Maldonado, petition affecting parent/child relationship;
- Catalino Leon and Christina Martinez Leon, divorce;
- Miguel Angel Hernandez and Lorenza Herenandez, divorce;
- Rosa Isela Prieto and Jose Luis Prieto, divorce;
- Notice of seizure of \$218;
- Brian G. Martinez and Texas Bail Bonds, bond forfeiture;
- Leon Jose Rodriguez and

- Anzaldua Bail Bonds, bond forfeiture;
  - Francisco Campos, bond forfeiture;
  - Stan Metcalf, petition to investigate a tent claim;
  - First Resolution Investment v Theone Roth, suit on account;
  - Abel Ruben Florez, and Joan Florez v Susan Shirley Marly, suit on an automobile accident and injuries;
  - Plains National Bank v James McIntosh, suit on note/account;
  - Julia Reyna v Telesforo Camargo, injury involving an automobile;
- The following individuals have applied for a marriage license:

- Paul Ronald Makin and Nena Spicer Veazey;
- Pedro Vargas, Jr. and Jane Aguilar;
- Freddy Selestino Valdez and Amanda Marie Bustamante;
- Jaime Fierro Reyes and Graciela Campos;
- Jose Inosente Salcido and Gloria Aldreet Zapeda;
- Kyle David Boydston and Bernadette Beckett;
- Kenneth James Glenn and Maria Melendez Keller;
- Marshall Lynn Henderson and Carolyn Clements Boyett;
- Cody Dwane Wimberly and Laura Preston Ramos;
- Eric Ozuna and Sarah Jane Melendez;
- Remedios Vargas and Maribel Chavez Armandariz;
- Jesus Maldonado Jr., and Viola Garza Maldonado;
- Tony Rios Jr., and Cynthia Ann Enriquez;
- Robert B. Smith and Rebecca Kathleen Hughes.

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**Obituaries**

**BOBBY JIMERSON**  
Aug. 28, 2000

Services for Bobby Jimerson of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home. Mr. Jimerson died Monday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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**MATTIE LOU HAGAN LEWIS**  
Aug. 25, 2000

Services for Mattie Lou Hagan Lewis, 92, of Hereford were Monday in the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. J. Dean McNamara, Vista Care Hospice chaplain officiating. Burial was in the Littlefield Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lewis died Friday at the August Health Care Center.

She was born Sept. 18, 1907, in Union, Miss., to J.R. "Jim" Hagan and Amanda King. She married James Lewis on Nov. 26, 1959, in Carlsbad, N.M. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1994. She was a member of the Carlsbad Bible Church. She had worked as a nurse in Lubbock.

Survivors include one sister Maggie Sue Thweatt of Bootleg; one niece and one nephew. She was preceded in death by five brothers and her parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care Hospice or a favorite charity.

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**IVY STURDIVANT**  
Aug. 28, 2000

SNYDER - Services for Ivy G. Sturdivant, 92, of Bedford will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Sturdivant died Monday at Kern Manor in Pilot Point. He was born May 3, 1908, in Scurry County. He married Mary Faye Fitzsimmons of Clovis, N.M., on June 19, 1956.

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He was a retired farmer and rancher.

He was a longtime resident of Hermleigh and Snyder. He was a longtime member of the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh and also attended the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sandra Hill and Ginger Schlereth, both of Granbury; one son, Dan Sturdivant of Colleyville; three sisters, Thelma Gregory of Snyder, Faye Moore of Snyder and Ann Rieke of Hereford; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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**GENE W. FAULKNER**  
Aug. 26, 2000

Services for Gene W. Faulkner, 65, of Lubbock, were Monday in Oakwood Baptist Church with Revs. Cleve Haley and Stan Blevins officiating. Services were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mrs. Faulkner died Saturday at her home.

She was born Nov. 19, 1934, in Sunnyside and graduated from Springlake Earth High School. She had been employed as office manager for West Texas and Highland Hospitals as well as for Drs. Cobb, Woolam and Mangold. She served as a volunteer in the Women's Protective Services and with the American Cancer Society.

She was a member of the Oakwood Baptist Church, the Ruth Sunday School Class and the XYZ Group.

She married Eugene Faulkner on Feb. 10, 1961, in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Steve Stephens of Lubbock and Rod Faulkner of Dallas; three brothers, Bud Winders of Clayton, N.M., Dale Winders of Dimmitt, and Monk Winders of San Jose, Calif.; four sisters, Pauline Simmons of Amarillo, Jo Brinkerhoff of Denver, Colo.; Madge Kennedy of Bryan and Cleary Layman of Lubbock; two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock.

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**News digest**

• **Officers work on holiday weekend** •

WACO, Texas (AP) - Texas state troopers will join law officers from four other states over the Labor Day holiday period in stepped-up patrols to prevent wrecks.

The crash crackdown, code named Operation Blue Talon 2, will involve all available Texas Department of Public Safety officers, the agency says.

"No one is getting off this weekend, not for vacation or anything," Waco regional DPS spokesman Cpl. Charlie Morgan told the Waco Tribune-Herald Monday. "We will have all troopers available working from midnight Friday to midnight Monday."

Forty-one people died on Texas roadways last year during the Labor Day weekend. Agency records show that continued a trend from the last several years, with 45 deaths in 1998, 40 in 1997 and 43 in 1996.

The patrols, which begin at 6 p.m. Friday, also involve more than 1,400 law enforcement agencies in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico until 6 a.m. on Sept. 5.

Morgan said troopers will be watching closely for intoxicated drivers. In 1999, 25 percent of all Labor Day weekend traffic deaths in Texas were alcohol-related. In 1996 and 1997, it was 50 percent.

Interstates 10, 30, 35 and 40 will be heavily patrolled in the effort to limit highway deaths by also cracking down on seat-belt violations, aggressive driving and speeding, said Georgia S. Chakiris, regional administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the effort's sponsor.

"Cracking down on these particular violations can help prevent crashes and protect everyone during this end-of-summer getaway weekend," she said.

"Not buckling up causes fatalities," said Morgan.

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**Cash Five**

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:  
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**Pick 3**

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6-2-6

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The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:  
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## Deaf Smith County 4-H presents awards



**I Dare You** award recipients at the Deaf Smith County 4-H Achievement Banquet pictured above are Erin Louder (left) and Celeste Louder. The award is given to recognize active 4-H members who are emerging leaders.



**Record books** are an important part of any 4-H project. Recognized for outstanding efforts in their record books were (from left) Erin Louder, Justin Johnson, Madison Urbanczyk and Chelsea Campbell. Not pictured is Jared Johnson. Showing exemplary efforts in completing his first record book was Chad Dollar (right) who received the Rookie of the Year award.



**Named** as the 1999-2000 Friends of 4-H were Bill Binder and John Massey, Hereford High School vocational agriculture teachers. Accepting the awards at the Annual Achievement Banquet on their behalf were their wives, Gayle Binder (right) and Julie Massey, left. Presenters were Kyle Higgins (center left) and Justin Johnson.

## Contests offered

### Special to the Brand

Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring two separate essay contests this fall.

The 2000-2001 topic of the American History Essay Contest for fifth through eighth graders is "If the United States Capitol Walls Could Talk."

The topic of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for students in the ninth through 12th grades is "Write the nominating speech for Christopher Columbus to be inducted into an 'Explorers' Hall of Fame.'"

All fifth through eighth grade students in a public, private or parochial school, or in a sanc-

tioned home study program are eligible to enter the American History Essay Contest.

Entries in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest should include specific examples of Christopher Columbus' accomplishments that would merit the honor of being inducted into an "Explorers' Hall of Fame."

DAR members will judge the essays on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness.

For further information, contact Patricia Robinson, regent, at 364-4171 in Hereford or Linda Knowles at 250-3210 in Friona.

**Members**  
**Must be**  
**18 or Over**

Must be a resident of the state of Texas and a member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, or a similar organization.

The next meeting will be Sept. 12 and members are invited to attend.

At the Sept. 12 meeting, the State L.G. will make her official visit.

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## Butler is bridal shower honoree

A bridal shower in honor of Leah Butler, bride-elect of Jason Cole, was held Saturday in the home of Jan Dudley.

The couple has set a Sept. 30 wedding date.

Guests were greeted by the honoree, Vickie Butler of Albu-

querque, N.M., her mother, and Amy Cole of Abernathy, mother of the future groom.

Sisters of the future groom, Julie and Kristin Cole, presided at the registry.

Stephanie and Michelle Bixler served refreshments of sausage balls, assorted sweet breads and mini-muffins, fruit and dip, nuts, fruit punch and coffee.

An arrangement of rosebuds and greenery in a basket decorated the serving table which was accented with crystal and silver appointments.

A comforter was the gift from hostesses Karen Abney, Holly Bixler, Jan Dudley, Evelyn Lyles, Cheryl Betzen, Joanne Bone, Joan Fuston, Mary Russell, Gayle Binder, Linda Cumpton, Leota Kelso and Katie Hurst.



**Shower held** - Leah Butler (center right), bride-elect of Jason Cole (center left) was feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jan Dudley. Also pictured are Vickie Butler (left), mother of the bride-elect; and Amy Cole (right) mother of the prospective groom.

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Honoree at a bridal shower was Kari Barrett (fourth from left), bride-elect of Stephan Bezner. Also pictured is (from left) hostess Camille Beville; Brenda Barrett; mother of the bride-elect; Berneice Nahragang and Frankie Barrett, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Kay Bezner, mother of the future groom holding Hattie-Carol, niece of the future groom; Ashley Bezner and Camille Bezner, sisters-in-law of the future groom, holding Katerine and Madeline, nieces of the future groom. In front is Blaire Barrett, sister of the bride-elect.

## Bridal shower fetes Barrett

Kari Berrett, bride-elect of Stephan Bezner, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Camille Beville.

The couple is planning to be married Oct. 7.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Brenda Barrett, her mother; Kay Bezner, her future mother-in-law; and Frankie Barrett and Berneice Nahragang, her grandmothers.

Special out-of-town guests were Barbara Osborn and Michelle Richburg of Lubbock; Glenda Downey of Friona; and Camille Bezner, Ashley Bezner and Carole Farris, all of Dalhart.

Refreshments included egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, bacon crisps, fruit, champagne and sparkling grape juice, and coffee.

A set of Calphalon cookware was the gift from hostesses

Camille Beville, Karen Marsh, Charlene Sanders, Poppy Head, Holly Bixler, Bernadette Kalka, Patsy Hoffman, Linda Block, Jan Betzen Donna Rives, Karen Abney, Francyne Bromlow, Priscilla Lacey, Diana Griffin, Lindy Yosten, Carolyn Baxter, Cindy Cassels, Colleen Meyer, Gayle Binder, Terri Souter, Carolyn Canon, Ruth Black, Jeri Bezner, Mysedia Smith, Jackie Murphey and Jana Trotter.

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**Dear Ann Landers:** My husband of 20 years recently took off for California because he "needed to get away." This is not the first time he has packed up and left. It's his usual pattern after we have had an argument. He stops speaking to me, becomes depressed and anxious, and then, disappears. Since he left, he has e-mailed me every day — poetry, love letters, and so on, but never a word about coming home and working things out.

Last week, I e-mailed to say that I am sick of his nonsense and want a divorce. Now, he says he is sorry. He insists he loves me, and says he is getting counseling — in California. He has tried counseling several times before, but never sticks around long enough to make any progress. He assures me the counseling will work this time, and is pleading with me to give him another chance.

Please tell me, Ann, am I crazy to stay in this nutty relationship? My therapist and all my friends say I should get out. I can afford to be on my own financially, and there are no children involved. What do I owe the man with whom I have a rocky, off-again, on-again 20-year relationship? —

Grand Junction, Colo.

**Dear Grand J.:** You do NOT owe him your sanity or your peace of mind. Since you have a therapist, you don't need any additional input from me. Your therapist knows a lot more about the situation than I do, so please listen to him or her. I would ask only that you put yourself first for a change. P.S.: Please drop me a line, and let me know how you're doing.

**Dear Readers:** I just learned that the letter signed "Ginny in the Midwest" was actually someone else's life story. Ginny's letter described how she met her future husband when he showed up accidentally at her mother's funeral. He had gone to the wrong church, and thought he was at the services for his aunt.

It turns out that this story was written by Robin Lee Shope and first appeared in the Christian Reader in 1999. Several readers have let me know about the author of this piece, and I am pleased to give her credit for a romantic and charming tale.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have a dear friend I will call "Susan." She has been dating

"Edwin" for 15 years. Every so often, they make plans to get married, but something always comes up, and the wedding never takes place. Invariably, Edwin is the one who postpones the nuptials.

I have told Susan to get out of this dead-end relationship and to stop wasting valuable time on this man. However, she is 36 years old, and feels it is too late to find someone else. She wants to start a family, and knows that her biological clock will not run forever.

Please don't tell me to mind my own business. Somebody needs to shake up this girl, and tell her to wake up and smell the coffee. Ann, can you think of any way I can help her? — A Dear Friend in Texas

**Dear Friend in Texas:** Your girlfriend was 21 years old when she started to date Edwin. Her fiancé has been giving her the "manana" routine for 15 years, and she has been buying it. What is wrong with this picture? I say Susan is afraid to say "either — or," and now, finds herself in a bind. She should give Edwin a timetable, and look around for other possibilities. A little competition can be a great motivator.

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## Little Herd ready for action

**Panhandle Youth Football League gives Hereford youths a chance to play tackle football**

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Giving young kids a chance to play on a football field for the first time is what the Panhandle Youth Football League is all about. The league has been around for eight years in the Panhandle, and Hereford will enter two teams into the league for the third straight year to compete against teams from Amarillo and Canyon.

Lou Serrano, head of Hereford youth football, said he thinks the league helps kids learn the fundamentals of the game in early years and keeps them from experiencing a bit of culture shock when they enter the seventh grade and try to play football for the first time.

"Hereford's only been involved with the league for the last three years so we're still new," Serrano said. "So many kids get to play AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) sports at a young age so we wanted to give kids at a young age a chance to play tackle football if they wanted to."

Each year Serrano said around 100 kids come try out for the league teams in Hereford, but they can only take 50 youths. The kids are then divided into a sixth grade team and a fifth grade team. Each team is named "Little Herd."

"When we started three years ago we were only going to have one team, but the response was so great for our first tryout we had to turn kids away," Serrano said. "We

are lucky because we are the only town that has been allowed to have two teams."

Serrano said Canyon organized their first team this year, and the league allowed them to have two teams also.

Serrano said he likes having two teams because one team can work on fundamentals while the other team can get ready for the next level of play.

"We try to keep one team developing while the other gets ready for junior high school," Serrano said. "I think it's pretty evident when the junior high coaches get them the kids are more knowledgeable and advanced because of the league."

Serrano said the teams give the kids a chance to work on their technique and get into pads for the first time.

"The kids that come through are probably a little more advanced when going to junior high when it comes to hitting technique and putting on pads," Serrano said. "The response from the coaches has been positive, but they hate it that we have to turn players away."

Serrano said the league is competitive, but their emphasis is to let the kids have a good time while learning the basics of tackle football.

"The league makes it clear that the it is competitive," Serrano said. "The kids are improving their techniques though while learning tackle football and having fun."

Louis Mungia, head coach of the fifth grade team, said they emphasize attitude on the field and working together during practices and in games.

"Our main priority is to teach them teamwork and fundamentals," Mungia said. "Above everything we want them to have fun and work together."



Youth football—The Panhandle Youth Football League teams from Hereford work Monday night to get ready for league play. The Hereford teams have been around for the last three years.

"We teach them that there is more than just winning, it is how you play whether you win or lose," Mungia said.

Serrano said the competitiveness of the league can get the kids down, especially when they have to face someone that is twice their size. He said match ups like this can happen because they are still growing and some kids have not grown as much as others.

"When you are 80 pounds

and the kid you are going to face is 200 pounds there is no fun about it," Serrano said. "But for the most part the kids enjoy being a part of it and telling all the kids at school they are a part of the Little Herd Football Team."

The cost for each member to play this year is \$75. This includes the use of football equipment including a jersey that the player gets to keep.

The league also has two

sponsorships this season. The business sponsorship is \$500 and goes towards team jerseys, league costs and officiating.

Serrano also said he feels like the league helps keep kids out of trouble and off the streets. Serrano works for the city of Hereford as the chief juvenile probation officer and said the program helps Hereford youths.

"I work with kids and this

is something positive for them," Serrano said. "This provides a structured environment for them, it keeps them active and off of the streets and that is the biggest positive."

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## Preview features Hereford

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The Hereford High School Whiteface football team grabbed the spotlight in Tuesday's Pigskin Preview 2000 in the *Amarillo Globe News*.

The issue contains a feature on the Herd's wide-open offense and how it represents the makeover Panhandle football has undertaken. The story mentions how Hereford head football coach Craig Yenser's high flying aerial attack is a far cry from the bruising old style of Texas football.

The issue also has an article on how Hereford senior quarterback Cody Hodges matches up with other Panhandle greats including Valley's Kirk Saul, Childress' Perry Morren, Panhandle's Tod Mayfield and Dumas' Bobby Laughrey. Hodges has a shot at beating Saul's 6,070 total career yards. Hodges currently has accumulated 3,825 yards.

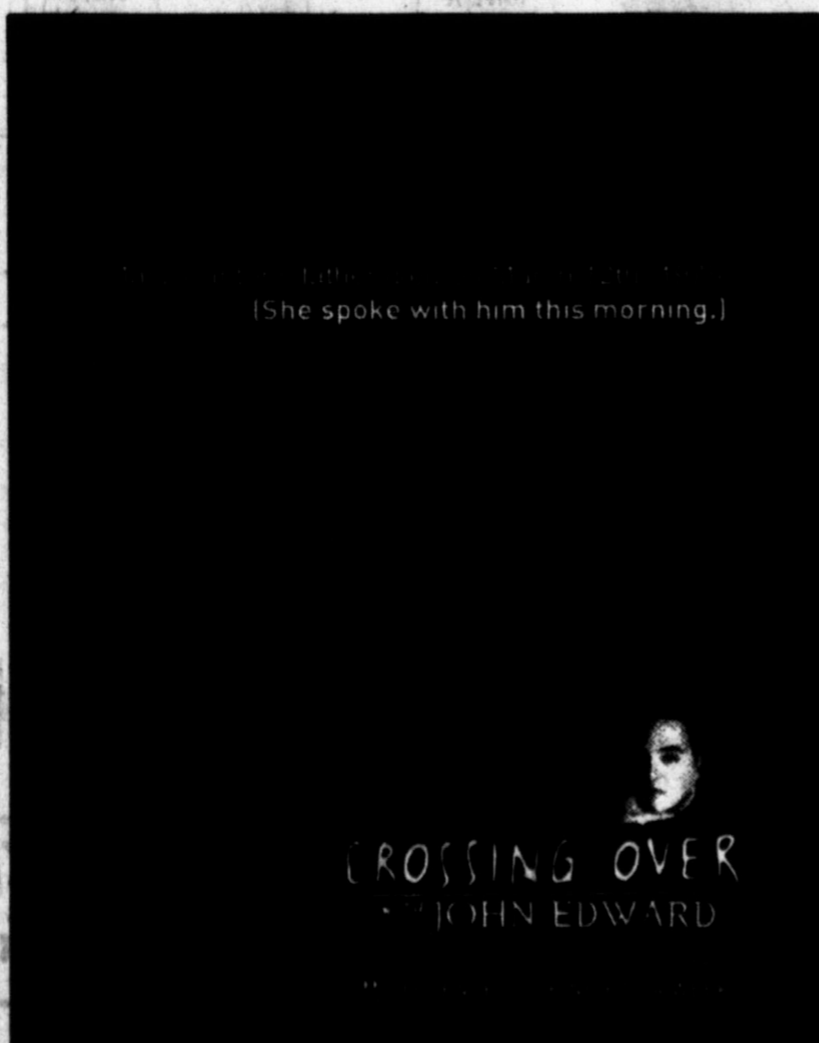
Senior defensive end Michael Barba is also featured in the preview with an article about his family and their love of football.

The annual issue contains articles and details of most high schools in the Panhandle and eastern New Mexico. The preview addresses each of these teams and points out their strengths and weaknesses while ranking them.

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Raising money — Community Christian School volunteers spent Saturday washing cars to raise funds for the private school. The volunteers washed about 150 vehicles as part of the annual fund-raising event, which was held at Sugarland Mall.

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"It'll will show a combined effort by three counties that are struggling and expands the labor pool," he said. "It costs, and while I don't like the idea of giving money to the state, it's something you have to do."

"It may be that the Legislature will say no or the criminal justice board may already have three sites in mind," but the county needs to make an effort, he said.

The commissioners also rescinded a part of the county's hiring policy. Under the policy, which was adopted in 1986, elected officials and department heads were required to obtain prior approval before filling vacancies. However, positions have been routinely filled with the commissioners' prior approval.

County Treasurer Nan Rogers said the policy should be enforced or it should be rescinded.

Commissioner Johnny Latham said he thought the policy should be rescinded.

"You can lose up to six weeks in filling a position" if prior approval is sought, Latham said, noting that a department head would have to get on the commissioners' agenda to get the OK to fill a vacancy, then begin the process of posting notice of vacancy.

Simons agreed, describing the process as "cumbersome."

Following a motion by Commissioner Troy Don Moore, the commissioners rescinded the prior approval section of the policy, although elected officials and department heads still must notify the commissioners court when vacancies are filled.

The policy affects only existing positions.

Ron Crist, a resident of Precinct 1, complained to the commission about dirt that had been piled on his fence line by crews preparing a county road for millings, which the county expects to get from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) when it begins rehabilitation of U.S. Highway 60.

Crist said he had tried to get something done about the dirt, which he said is covering the bottom strand of wire on his fence.

Betzen, who is Precinct 1 commissioner, said the ditch needed to be cleared before millings can be put down on the road. When the millings arrive, the precinct crew will put the millings on the road and then remove the dirt.

Crist said the road has never had millings and he doesn't expect to ever see any put on the it, insisting the dirt be removed.

After some more discussion, Betzen said a crew will remove some of the dirt so that the bottom strand of the fence is not covered.



TOM SIMONS County judge

4-H

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Hoelscher, 15, is the son of R.C. and Diane Hoelscher. He has been active in the local 4-H program for six years through the Showmanship 4-H Club completing projects in swine, food and nutrition, public speaking, and clothing and textiles. He is the other half of the team which won first place at State 4-H Roundup in Horticulture Use and Preparation.

A freshman at Hereford High School, Hoelscher participates in football and basketball and has the highest grade average in his class.

Wilks, 17, is the daughter of Andy and Jan Wilks. She is a five-year 4-H member who has completed projects in horticulture, clothing and textiles and Share-the-Fun. She has been a state Share-the-Fun winner in two categories — Vocal and Celebrate 4-H.

Wilks is a senior at Community Christian School where she plays basketball and volleyball, serves as band president and is on the school's cheerleading squad and drama team. She was a part of the mission team from First Baptist Church that went to Australia this summer.

Another special award given each year is the "I Dare You" award recognizing active 4-H members who are emerging leaders. The recipients of the award were sisters, Erin and Celeste Louder.

Completing a 4-H Record Book is an endeavor that requires good record-keeping, hours of work, the ability to follow directions and lots of commitment. For outstanding efforts in their record books, awards were presented to seniors Jerad Johnson and Erin Louder, intermediate Justin Johnson and juniors Chelsea Campbell and Madison Urbanczyk.

The 4-Her in his first year who shows the best overall achievement and completes a record book is named the Rookie of the Year. This year the award went to Chad Dollar.

Recognized as Distinguished Leaders were Jimmy Payne and Toby Turpen. Payne is an eight-year leader with the Horse Club, while Turpen has devoted four years to the Shooting Sports Club. They will receive additional recognition from District I.

Named as Friends of 4-H were Bill Binder and John Massey, Hereford High School vocational agriculture teachers. They have spent many hours in selection, feeding, grooming, and hauling livestock and in helping guide the young people in showmanship. The awards were accepted on their behalf by their wives, Gayle Binder and Julie Massey.

All 4-H members in attendance at the banquet received year pins and project awards.

The banquet concluded with installation of the 2000-2001 Deaf Smith County Council officers. The installation was conducted by Beverly Harder, county extension agent for Family Consumer Sciences.



Want a melon? — Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 52 (from left) Aaron Milam, Wayne Milam, Kanen Montgomery and Drew Wilburn sell watermelons Saturday as part of a troop fund-raising effort. The sale was in the parking lot at Sugarland Mall.

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seniors his group represents. "Gore has the advantage of having a plan," he said. "You can criticize the plan; it's not all that generous, frankly, and it's also something that they've not gotten Congress to support yet. But it's a plan."

Fleischer said Bush's alternative, emphasizing consumer choice, would resemble that introduced in May by Sens. John

Breaux, D-La., and Bill Frist, R-Tenn.: a sliding scale of government subsidies for retirees choosing to purchase drug coverage from private insurance companies.

"The governor ... will make clear exactly which of those levels he supports and how he'll do it," Fleischer said.

Bush himself called the Breaux-Frist plan "a blueprint

for success" Monday while adding: "I think we can make it even better."

Gore's plan would ensure that no one enrolled in it pays more than \$4,000 a year for drugs. The coverage foreseen in the Breaux-Frist plan would pay half of drug costs after a \$250 deductible, with an out-of-pocket cap of \$6,000 a year for enrollees.

Almanac

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16. The effects of La Nina likely were to blame for the late arrival of snow, said Geiger, who noted that the almanac did better in predicting the biggest East Coast snowstorm of the season on Jan. 24.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also blamed La Nina for making the winter the nation's warmest in the 105 years that records have been kept.

The phenomenon of changing ocean temperatures known as La Nina and El Nino, along with the controversy over whether greenhouse gases are causing global warming, led to Weatherbee's declaration that he will stick by the almanac's traditional formula for predicting the weather.

"Many people have asked us if we plan to alter the 'secret formula' used for producing our annual weather forecasts. The answer is an unequivocal 'no,'" Weatherbee writes.

After 184 years, some of the almanac's secrets have spilled: The formula is based on sunspots, the position of the planets and tidal action caused by the moon.

Although it isn't always right, the Farmers' Almanac, along with the Old Farmer's Almanac published in neighboring New Hampshire, which is 24 years older, is used to plan outdoor weddings, cookouts and vacations.