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Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Thunderstorms form • in far West Texas

A persistent high-pressure ridge Wednesday continued to keep moisture away from most of Texas except the far west, with temperatures expected to warm once again toward the triple digits in many areas under clear skies, according to Associated Press reports.

Early-morning readings ranged from the upper 60s in the Panhandle and far West Texas to 80s in the far south and along the Coastal Plains. Extremes were 64 degrees at Marfa and 90 at San Angelo. It was also 73 degrees at Victoria and 86 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Heavy rain fell overnight from Fort Davis into the El Paso area. The National Weather Service posted a flash flood warning for portions of the Davis Mountains and the Trans-Pecos Region.

Winds were generally southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.

Clouds covered most of West Texas, with partly cloudy skies in the Hill Country.

The National Weather Service forecast called for daytime highs through Friday in the upper 90s to near 105 along the Big Bend and Rio Grande, with high 80s along the coast.

A chance of afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms persisted from the Big Bend into far West Texas.

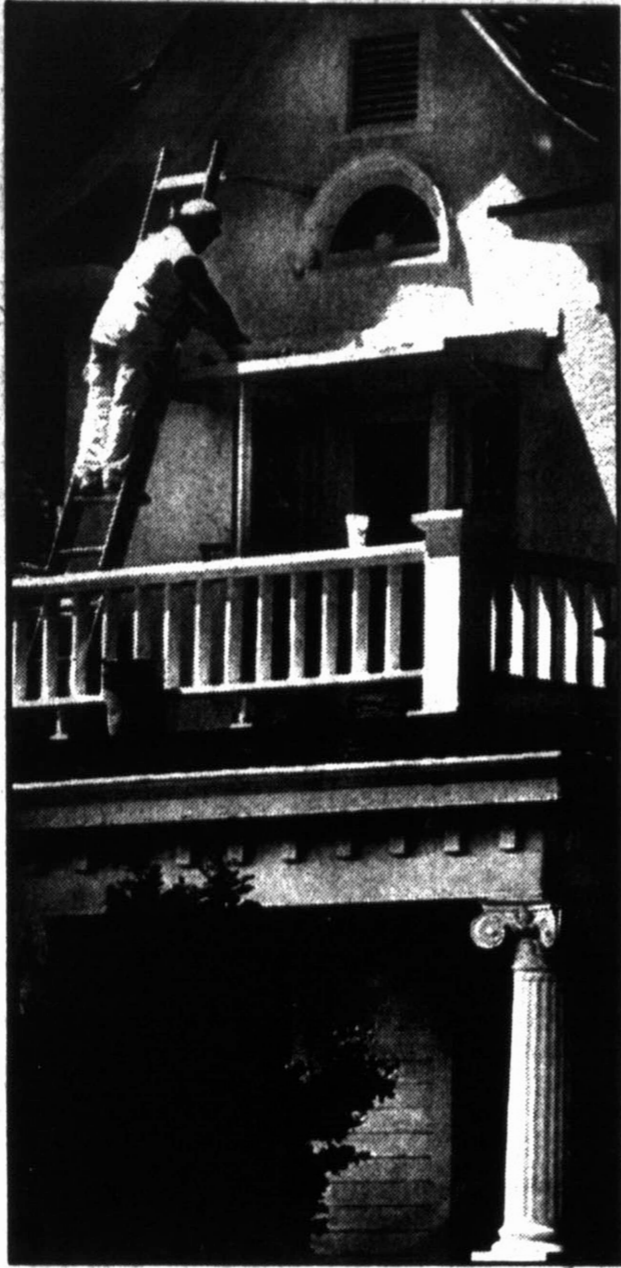
No other rainfall accumulations were expected anywhere in the state.

Lows overnight should be in the 60s to 80s.

Tuesday's high temperatures ranged from 89 degrees at El Paso to 101 degrees at Lajitas.

• Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 94; low, 67; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Getting a facelift — It's a two-ladder job to paint the historic E.B. Black House, as Gilbert Hernandez demonstrated Tuesday afternoon. Hernandez used one ladder (not shown) to reach the second floor of the house, then used another ladder to do his painting.

GOT MILK? HEDC directors approve a financial aid proposal for Swiss Girl Dairies

By Donald Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

If things go without a hitch, Deaf Smith County could have a new dairy up and running in about 12 months.

The Hereford Economic Development Corp. directors voted unanimously Tuesday to assist Swiss Girl Dairies with the construction of a 2,500-head dairy in the county. Under the package approved by the board, the HEDC agreed to:

- Commit \$300,000 in HEDC funds to the project. The money is to help Swiss Girl Dairies owner John Hafliker in securing a financing package for construction of the dairy;

- Assist in obtaining an option for land acquisition for the dairy; and

- Provide up to \$20,000 in funds to apply for, process and obtain the permit for the dairy operation.

The HEDC package still must be approved by the Hereford City Commission before it could proceed.

HEDC Executive Director Don Cumpton said Tuesday afternoon Hafliker knew generally what the directors would propose before Tuesday's meeting.

Cumpton said it should take three to six months to obtain the necessary state permits



DON CUMPTON
HEDC executive director says if things go off without a hitch, Swiss Girl Dairies will be up and running within a year.

and at least five months for construction of the facility.

Earlier this month, the HEDC directors went behind closed doors to discuss a financial incentive package for the dairy operation. However, when they returned to the open session, the directors voted to table the matter.

Cumpton said the board was not ready at that time to make a decision on the request from Hafliker for financial assistance in launching a dairy operation in Deaf Smith County.

Hafliker is a former Hereford resident who now lives in Canyon. He has been involved in the dairy industry for several years, operating dairies in Artesia, N.M., and a small facility in the area that is leased to an operator.

Initial proposals had called for the HEDC to guarantee a possible \$3 million loan for a 2,500-head dairy cow facility.

Cumpton has said the dairy would add about \$3 million to the county's tax base, bring in 18-25 jobs and possibly open the door for more dairies and support industries to move to the Hereford area.

DROUGHT

■ US agriculture secretary tours Texas, vows disaster assistance to Texas counties

BOYD, Texas (AP) — Gazing across a field of shrunken yellow watermelons on withered vines, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Tuesday promised federal aid to four more counties in drought-stricken north Texas.

Glickman's visit marked the 60th consecutive day without measurable rainfall in north Texas, where crops are parched and reservoirs are drying up. The previous record was 58 days, set in 1934 and 1950.

"These folks are really hurting," he said. "I don't like to be here on a day setting records — not these kinds of records, anyway."

Glickman has previously declared 153 Texas counties either primary or contiguous agricultural disaster areas.

He said low-interest loans may provide some short-term relief to farmers facing a bleak situation, but if the dry weather continues, officials will be forced to find other ways to help.

"Drought is even more an insidious natural disaster than, let's say, a hurricane or floods or tornados, because it happens very slowly," Glickman said. "Its impact is more long range, far reaching."

Farmers agree. Samie Erwin, 65, who owns the 400-acre farm Glickman toured, said the dry weather the past few summers is just as bad as the Dust Bowl and the drought in the early 1950s.

Erwin's son-in-law, Jimmy Gentry, who helps grow peanuts, watermelons and cantaloupes on the farm about 70 miles northwest of Fort Worth, said he has already lost at least half of his crop.

"This is just about disaster," Gentry said. "I've been farming 17 years, and I've never seen it this bad, this quick."

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused

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■ Deadline nearing for Whiteface fans

Season tickets for the 2000 Hereford Whiteface varsity football season will be on sale until Friday at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The tickets cost \$20 and will cover five football games. The first home game of the season will be Sept. 15 when the Whitefaces play host to the Big Spring Steers. Homecoming will be Oct. 6 and the foe is district rival Pampa.

Corinne Hardage, accounts payable-data entry clerk for the HISD, said she has sold more season tickets this year than last year.

"I have sold a lot of season tickets already that weren't bought last year," Hardage said last week. "I think this will be one of our best years in a while."

For more information, call Hardage at 363-7600.



Yo quiero, a.c.? — Marcos Gonzalez, 8, and his sister, Michelle, 7, enjoy a sunny Tuesday afternoon in the park. The youngsters were accompanied by their dog, Sofia, who seemed like she'd really prefer an afternoon inside, enjoying the air conditioning.

Leading indicators decline, hint of economic slowdown

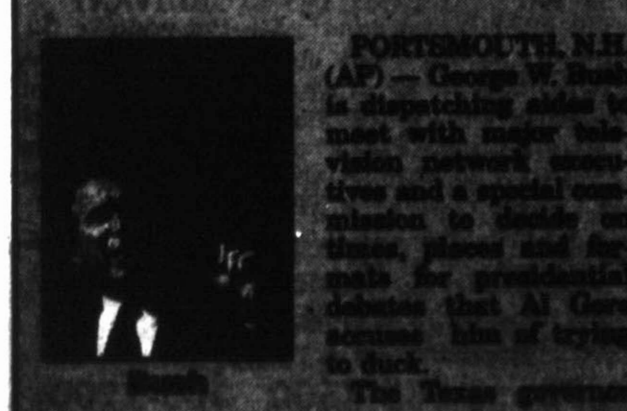
NEW YORK (AP) — A key measure of U.S. economic activity fell slightly in July for the third time in as many months, the latest sign the economy's growth is slowing, an industry group said Wednesday.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators declined by 0.1 percent in July to 105.8, suggesting a break from rapid economic growth for the rest of 2000, according to the New York-based Conference Board. The news surprised analysts, who had predicted the index would remain unchanged.

The index, which attempts to forecast economic trends for the next three to six months, stood at 100 in 1996, its base year. Except for a 0.1 percent increase in March, the index has been flat or declining throughout this year.

The numbers come barely a week after the Federal Reserve passed on a chance to raise interest rates. The hike would have been the seventh since last summer — all part of an effort to cool down the economy and curb inflationary pressures by putting the brakes on unsustainable growth.

Bush aides try to work out debate deal



PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — George W. Bush is dispatching aides to meet with major television networks, executives and a special commission to decide on the format for presidential debates that Al Gore accuses him of trying to back.

denied he was trying to avoid televised face-offs with the vice president, saying he would welcome prime-time debates. To that end, Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said top advisers Joe Allbaugh, Andrew Card and Don Evans would be in Washington today, Thursday and Friday to discuss debate scenarios with officials at CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, PBS and the Commission on Presidential Debates.

"When they discuss with these groups the formats, one of the conditions they'll discuss is how to share the debates as widely as possible for all the networks to use," Fleischer said

Tuesday. The top Bush aides plan to meet this week and next with potential debate sponsors. After those sessions, Bush will present his debate schedule, a counteroffer to Gore's. If tradition holds, it may take several weeks of negotiations to reach an agreement over debate formats.

"George Bush is trying to do everything he can to avoid prime-time presidential debates that will be seen on all three networks," Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said.

"Who said we don't want prime-time expo-

sure?" Bush told reporters. "I welcome prime-time debates."

He made clear that he prefers relatively informal debates, such as the session during the Republican primaries in which the participants were seated around a table with CNN talk show host Larry King. Gore supporters believe a confrontational moderator better suits Gore's style.

The vice president's campaign, which has accepted every invitation it has received, on

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Local roundup

• Recycling day underway •

Hereford Beautification Alliance, with the assistance of students from Community Christian School, will again hold a recycling collection day on Saturday, Sept. 9 in St. Anthony's parking lot from 9-11 a.m. Acceptable items will include paper, batteries and all metals. Plastic or glass will not be accepted.

Also on Sept. 9, HBA will host its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Hamburgers will be served and everyone in the community who is interested is invited to attend.

• Benefit car wash •

Friends and family of Mary Rivera are sponsoring a benefit car wash from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, in the Hair Gallery parking lot, 323 N. 25 Mile Ave. Proceeds from the car wash will go to help with medical expenses relating to a kidney transplant for Mary Rivera.

• HJH PTO booster meeting •

Parents and teachers interested in participating in HJH PTO will meet briefly at 6 p.m., today, 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.

Santa Fe reclaims pregame prayer

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) - Prayer will mark the start of the football season at Santa Fe High School this year, even though the school district banned the practice in the wake of a recent Supreme Court ruling.

With lawyerly precision, a group of area ministers on Tuesday encouraged citizens to recite "The Lord's Prayer" before Friday's football game — thereby taking the tradition of a pre-game prayer outside the school's sanction and the scope of the Supreme Court's June 19 decision banning such prayers.

In a 6-3 ruling, the high court outlawed amplified, student-led prayer that had the assent of public school officials. The Santa Fe Independent School District, which was the defendant in the case, got rid of the traditional pregame prayer in July.

The Supreme Court ruling spawned a movement among religious groups toward planned expressions of prayer before football games and at school-sponsored events.

"This is simply our response to the board — that this is something we can do," said the Rev. Eugene Easterly, the president of the Santa Fe/Hitchcock Ministerial Alliance.

Kody Shed, through his Central Texas group No Pray No Play, is spearheading a pregame prayer effort in Texas. No Pray No Play has called on Christians to converge on Santa Fe Friday to engage in so-called spontaneous prayer.

Spontaneous has become a buzzword among pro-prayer advocates, because the Supreme Court has consistently ruled it has no jurisdiction over expressions of prayer that break out without planning at school events.

Shed said his organization will distribute cards to game attendees asking them to join in a recitation of "The Lord's Prayer" as soon as the National Anthem is finished Friday.

"I don't know of a school in Texas where this won't be happening," Shed said.

The American Civil Liberties Union has called such prayer illegal, because it alienates other religious groups or those who are not religious.

"We have no problem supporting the right of free speech, be it Buddhist or Jewish," said alliance member Alan Spelawn of the Alta Loma First Baptist Church. "It's not about prayer, it's about a free right of speech."

Spelawn admitted the group had not contacted any other religious organizations.

"We're a local group and we want to support the needs of our local community," Spelawn said.

Baptists are a majority in Santa Fe, which was a factor in the Supreme Court's decision.

Since the students are Baptist-majority, the court said Santa Fe Independent School District's policy of allowing the student body to elect a "chaplain" to lead prayers at graduation ceremonies and home football games was illegal because it inherently favored Baptists at the expense of others.

Santa Fe will not be the site of the first prayers in protest of the ruling.

In Batesburg-Leesville, S.C., Friday, the student body president said a prayer over the public address system. Last week in Asheville, N.C., 25,000 people gathered at a football stadium for a rally sponsored by a group urging the recitation of "The Lord's Prayer" at football games.

Shed said he expects prayer to break out at football games around the state Friday. When asked if he knew how many groups planned to participate statewide, Shed said he was unable to estimate because of the overwhelming response to his organization's prayer plan. At least 1,000 have indicated they would attend the Santa Fe game Friday.

Santa Fe Police Chief Barry Cook said he would have extra officers on hand for traffic control purposes, but had no firm idea of how many extra people to expect.



Help! Help! — She's got me and won't turn loose. Dean Reinart, a Deaf Smith Rural Electric employee, comes in for a little friendly "manhandling" from Grace Paschel, Tuesday evening in Dameron Park. Dean received little help or sympathy from Grace's husband, Ralph, as he stood back and enjoyed the after-the-picnic wrestling match.

Police investigate murder-suicide

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Police are hoping that autopsy reports will help unravel the mystery surrounding the shooting deaths of a professor and a student, an apparent murder-suicide.

The bodies of James Easton Kelly, 36, and English professor John Locke, 67, were found on the floor of Locke's office at the University of Arkansas. Both were shot in the

abdomen with a .38-caliber revolver that Kelly bought at a pawn shop five years ago, police said.

An attache case found near them contained 90 rounds of ammunition and a letter telling the student he had been kicked out of the graduate program.

A .38-caliber revolver also was found between them. Investigators were still working

to find out who shot whom.

Police would not identify the owner of the attache, which held 46 full metal jacket rounds and 44 hollow-point rounds for a .38-caliber revolver.

Also inside were five letters from the university to Kelly, including one telling him he had been dropped from the graduate program in comparative literature.

Witnesses said they heard the men arguing Monday behind the locked door to Locke's office before three shots were heard.

A panel of six professors voted Aug. 21 to dismiss Kelly from the English department's doctoral program because he habitually dropped classes and made insufficient progress in 10 years as a graduate student.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Aug. 29, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 37-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Roosevelt and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor. Three minors were cited as minors in possession of alcohol.

— A 35-year-old man was arrested at Highway 60 and Lawton and charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver.

Incidents

— A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue J.

— A 14-year-old boy was reported as a runaway in the 900 block of South McKinley.

— Found property was reported at the City Barn.

— An assault was reported in the 2900 block of East First.

— Injury to a child was reported in the 200 block of Lake.

— An 11-year-old boy assaulted another 11-year-old in the 600 block of Irving.

— Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of South Texas.

— A minor accident was reported in the 400 block of Ranger.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The following animals are avail-

able for adoption at the Hereford Animal Control office.

— a brown and white female, adult Basset Hound mix;

— eight mixed breed puppies, eight to 12 weeks old;

— female black Lab puppy, about 12 weeks old;

— an adult female German Shepherd;

— mixed breed male, eight to nine months old;

— a brown and white mixed breed adult dog;

— an adult female Doberman.

The animal control officers have picked up an adult male Schnauzer mix, white and black spots on ears, no tail; and a male pit bull.

Information on these ani-

mals may be obtained by calling the Hereford Animal Control at 363-7120.

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

BOBBY JIMERSON Aug. 28, 2000

Services for Bobby Jimerson, 51, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Ted Taylor officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Jimerson died Monday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 10, 1948, in Ridgely, Tenn., to James and Sybil Jimerson. He married Edna Harris in Panama City, Fla., on Feb. 7, 1981. He was a homicide investigator for the Panama City Police for more than 19 years. He moved to Hereford in 1995 and worked for the Deaf Smith County District Attorney's office.

He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Police in Panama City and was a member of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; six sons; three daughters; one brother; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

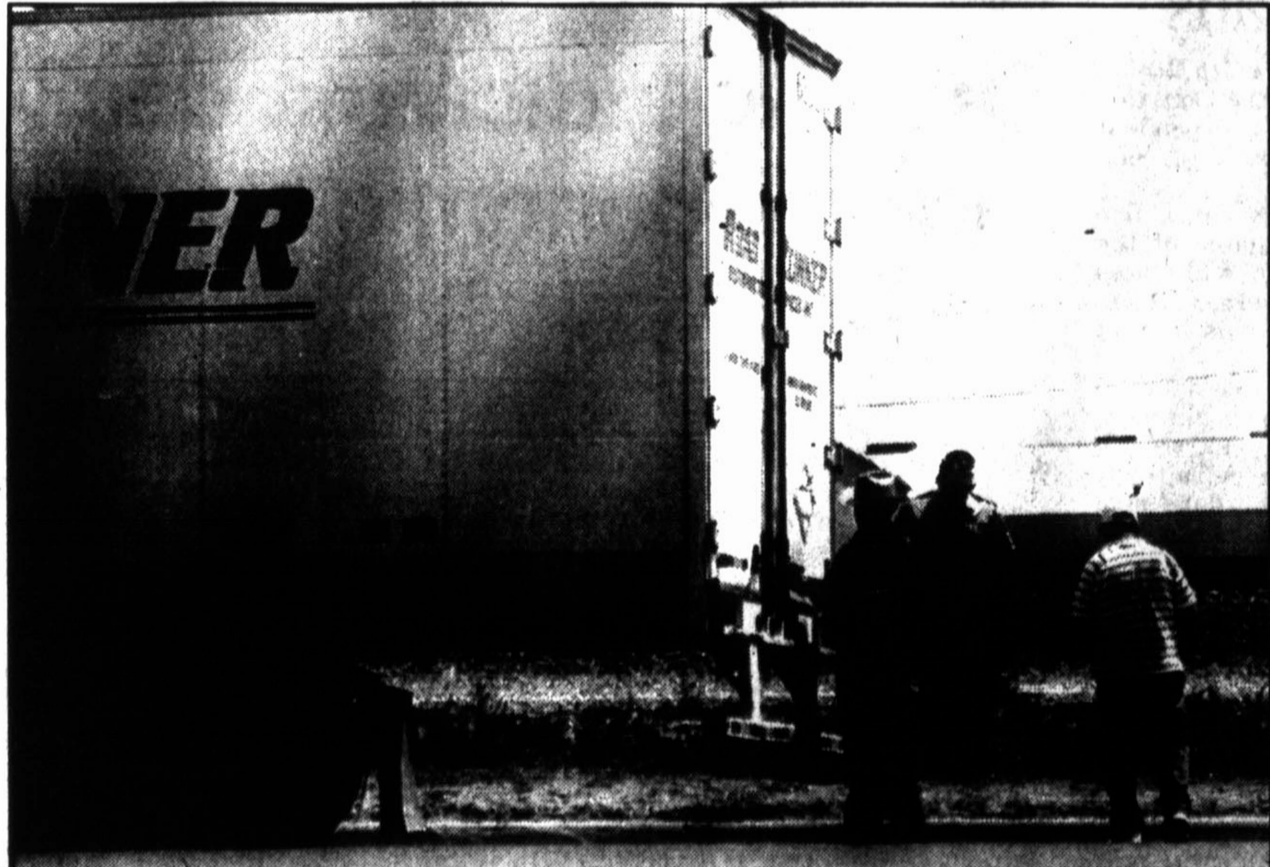
Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Parkside Chapel.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one daughter.

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CORRECTION IVY STURDIVANT Aug. 28, 2000

The obituary notice for Ivy Sturdivant, in Tuesday's edition of the Brand, incorrectly identified a surviving sister. The name should have been Ann Eicke. We regret this error.



Just a ticket — An unidentified truck driver drove away happily Tuesday afternoon happy with just a citation, rather than an arrest. Department of Public Safety trooper Keith Smith, and Deaf Smith County sheriff's deputy Darren Ginter had reason to open the cargo hold on the trailer and search for a "green leafy substance." The officers found nothing illegal and allowed the driver to go on his way.

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LIFESTYLES

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Hereford Regional Medical Center Senior Citizens accredited by Joint Commission



Department heads at Hereford Regional Medical Center, which has recently received word of its full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, are (above from left) Carolyn Kubacak, CRNA; Martha Rincon, dietary manager; Carol Jackson, laboratory director; Terry Hazlett, EMS director; Carla Keener, social work; Billie Crofford, medical records director and Claudia Smith, radiology director. In photo below (from left) are Diane Smith, outpatient and professional support services director; Dick Mason, plant engineering director; Laurie Kahlick, clinical supervisor home health services; Janie Arnold, C.F.O., and Donna Kemp, performance improvement and ancillary services director.

Special to the Brand

Hereford Regional Medical Center recently received word of its full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Hereford Regional Medical Center has been accredited by the JCAHO since 1957.

Since 1951, JCAHO, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has developed state of the art, professionally based standards. JCAHO then evaluates the compliance of healthcare organizations against these benchmarks.

The JCAHO evaluates and accredits 20,000 health care organizations and programs throughout the United States. This includes hospitals, healthcare networks, home health care, hospice, durable medical equipment, pharmacy, long-term care facilities, behavioral health care, ambulatory care and laboratories.

Accreditation by the Joint Commission is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality, which indicates that an organization meets certain performance standards. To earn and maintain accreditation, an organization must undergo an on-site survey at least every three years, with the exception of laboratories being surveyed every two years.

The Joint Commission's standards address the organization's level of performance in key functional areas, such as patient rights and life safety. The standards focus on the organization's historical as well as current practices.

Hereford Regional Medical Center hospital, laboratory and Deaf Smith Home Care Service are all JCAHO accredited.

MENUS

THURSDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, carrot raisin salad, angel food cake with fruit topping; or smothered pork chops.

FRIDAY-Salmon patties with green pea sauce, hash brown potatoes, corn O'Brien, stewed tomatoes, lemon pie.

MONDAY-Cheeseburger with onions, pickles, lettuce and tomatoes, cottage fried potatoes, baked beans, sliced peaches, pears and apricots.

TUESDAY-Sliced ham with raisin sauce, sweet potato patties, Normandy vegetables, 7-Up salad, chocolate cake.

WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken Parmesan, scalloped potatoes, seasoned green beans, tossed salad, cherry crunch.

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.

SATURDAY-Games 7:30 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m.

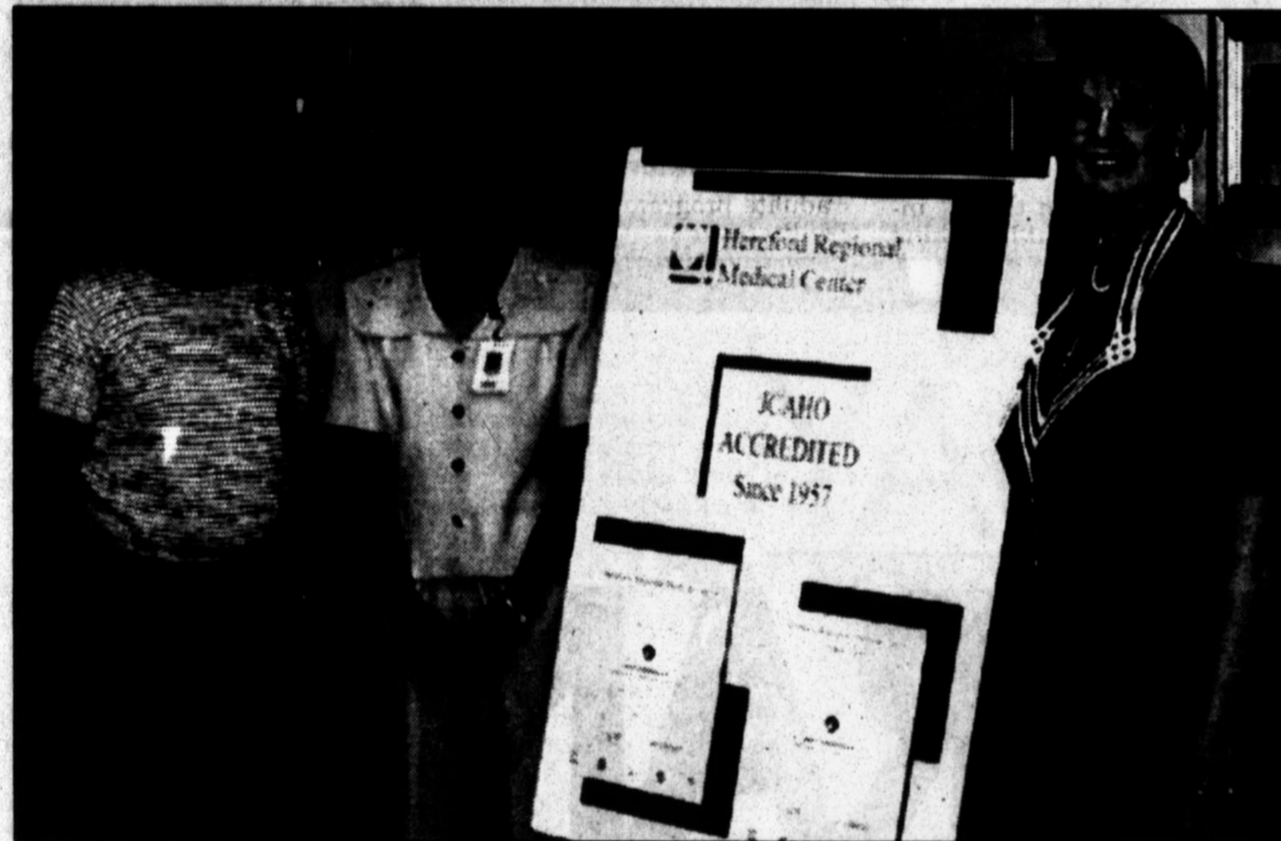
MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Nutrition Council 1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis noon.

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

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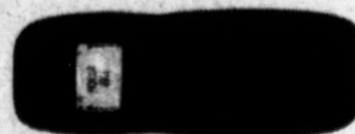
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Circle of Friends casino party raises \$12,751 benefit funds

Hereford Circle of Friends held its annual membership party Saturday at Hereford Country Club using an "Island Casino Party" theme.

Circle of Friends is founded on the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. It is a non-profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to assist cancer patients and their families in times of need (with expenses, prostheses, prescriptions and medical costs) and to support education and research programs directed toward improving the patients' quality of life. Those attending the member-



ship party Saturday and paying dues for the coming year received chips to use for playing blackjack and craps in the "casino."

Winnings could be used for bidding on auction items. There

were also chances available in Duck Squat Poker with prizes for men and women. A drawing was held at the close of the evening for a \$1,000 gift certificate from Duncan and Boyd Jewelers.

Winner of the Duck Squat Poker women's prize was Amy Yosten and of the men's prize was Chris Blair.

The \$1,000 gift certificate was won by Bill Irwin from Amarillo.

"The evening was a great success. We raised \$12,751 for Circle of Friends and we would like to thank everyone for their support," Melissa Clarke, chairman of the membership committee, said.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I recently met a nice guy — or so I thought. He is 42 years old, has never married, and works as a pharmacist. We have been dating for two months. In that time, he has made several derogatory remarks about various ethnic groups. He has insulted my biracial nephews and my Latina sister-in-law, and has made some nasty comments about my gay friends.

I have no intention of continuing this relationship, but I'm not sure whether or not I should bother to explain why. Should I be upfront and tell him I am offended by his bigotry? Or should I just stop accepting his phone calls, and let him think I've lost interest? I do not understand how someone who is so well-educated could be so ignorant. — Simi Valley, Calif.

Dear Simi Valley: Education is no guarantee against bigotry. Some highly educated people are racists. Almost always, it's what they have learned at home.

By all means, tell the pharmacist precisely why you don't wish to continue the relationship. He needs to hear from you that his intolerance is despicable and has made a friendship impossible. It just might get him to rethink some of his concepts. Let's hope so.

Dear Ann Landers: My mother has Alzheimer's disease and is currently in an assisted-living facility. The entire family supported my father's decision to place her in the home when he could no longer care for her properly. Because my father lives in Florida and the rest of us

live up North, we decided Mom should be placed in a home near her children and grandchildren. This way, she would have more visitors, and we could keep a closer eye on her. Dad comes twice a year to see Mom and visit the rest of the family.

Recently, Dad informed us that he has a lady friend. We realize how lonely he has been, and we try not to judge his need for companionship. However, Dad told us that when he comes to town for his next two-week visit, he plans to bring his new lady friend. How am I supposed to explain this to my children? They are teenagers.

Dad is 79. We want him to be happy in his remaining years. However, he is still a married man, and is being disloyal to Mom. Should I insist that he leave his lady friend in Florida? I don't want to risk having Dad refuse to visit us because of this. Your input will be greatly appreciated. — Audrey in Minnesota

Dear Audrey: Explain to Dad, as diplomatically as possible, that the teenage grandchildren would not understand his having a lady friend while their grandmother is still living. You might also discuss this with his lady friend so she will understand the situation and not feel hurt about not being asked to join him when he visits the family up north. If she is an A-Number-One, First-Class person, she will send him on his way with her blessings.

Dear Ann Landers: Can you tell me the proper way to address a widow? Is it "Mrs." with her first name, or "Mrs." with the deceased husband's first name? I'd appreciate your help with this. — Confused Widow in California

Dear California: It is correct for a woman to continue

to use her deceased husband's first name. The proper designation for a widow is "Mrs. John Smith." If the woman is divorced, she uses her own first name, "Mrs. Mary Smith."

Gem of the Day (From Church Bulletin Bloopers, sent in by L.K. of Park Forest, Ill.): Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors. She is also having trouble sleeping, and has requested tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

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SPORTS

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Lady Herd falls in two

■ Lady Whitefaces coach Brenda Kitten wants team to cut down on unforced errors

By Jeff Blackman
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

After fighting off several Tascosa rallies, the Hereford High School Lady Whitefaces just could not fend off the Lady Rebels losing 15-11 and 15-9 Tuesday night at the junior high gym.

The Lady Herd (11-5) never led once during Tuesday's match but looked more aggressive in the loss. Girls Athletic Director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said she felt her team just made too many unforced errors.

"We have so many unforced errors," Kitten said. "We step out on the court and in our kids' minds they think they have five errors a piece that are freebies."

Kitten said she is going to work with the hitters on getting better hitting percentages to try to cut down on so many of their errors.

"The common thread with all of our errors is aggressiveness and pace," Kitten said. "I think when that becomes a very real problem to them I think they will work their way out of it."

Coach Kitten said she wants her team to realize that each point is vital to the team's success.

"We're not taking every point as seriously as we need to," Kitten said. "There are some balls falling that we are not pursuing, and we can control our efforts."

The coach said she wants her team to go after every ball and every point that they can. She also said she wants her girls to realize if they hustle and get to the ball they

can control the volley.

"There are too many things happening that we can control that we're leaving undone," Kitten said.

In the first game against the Lady Rebels, Tascosa jumped out to an early 6-2 lead over HHS.

The Lady Whitefaces bounced back to tie the game at 7-7 off kills by sophomore middle blocker Sarah Griffin and junior middle blocker Kali Hall.

After the tie, the Lady Rebels rallied to take an 11-8 lead and went on to win 15-11.

Between games, the Lady Whitefaces' frustration showed as coach Kitten tried to get the girls fired up for the second game. Kitten said she is having a difficult time getting her team motivated and to realize the time to start playing better is now.

"We've got to start getting the job done a lot more efficiently than we have been," Kitten said. "I am having a hard time motivating them, and they know what they need to correct."

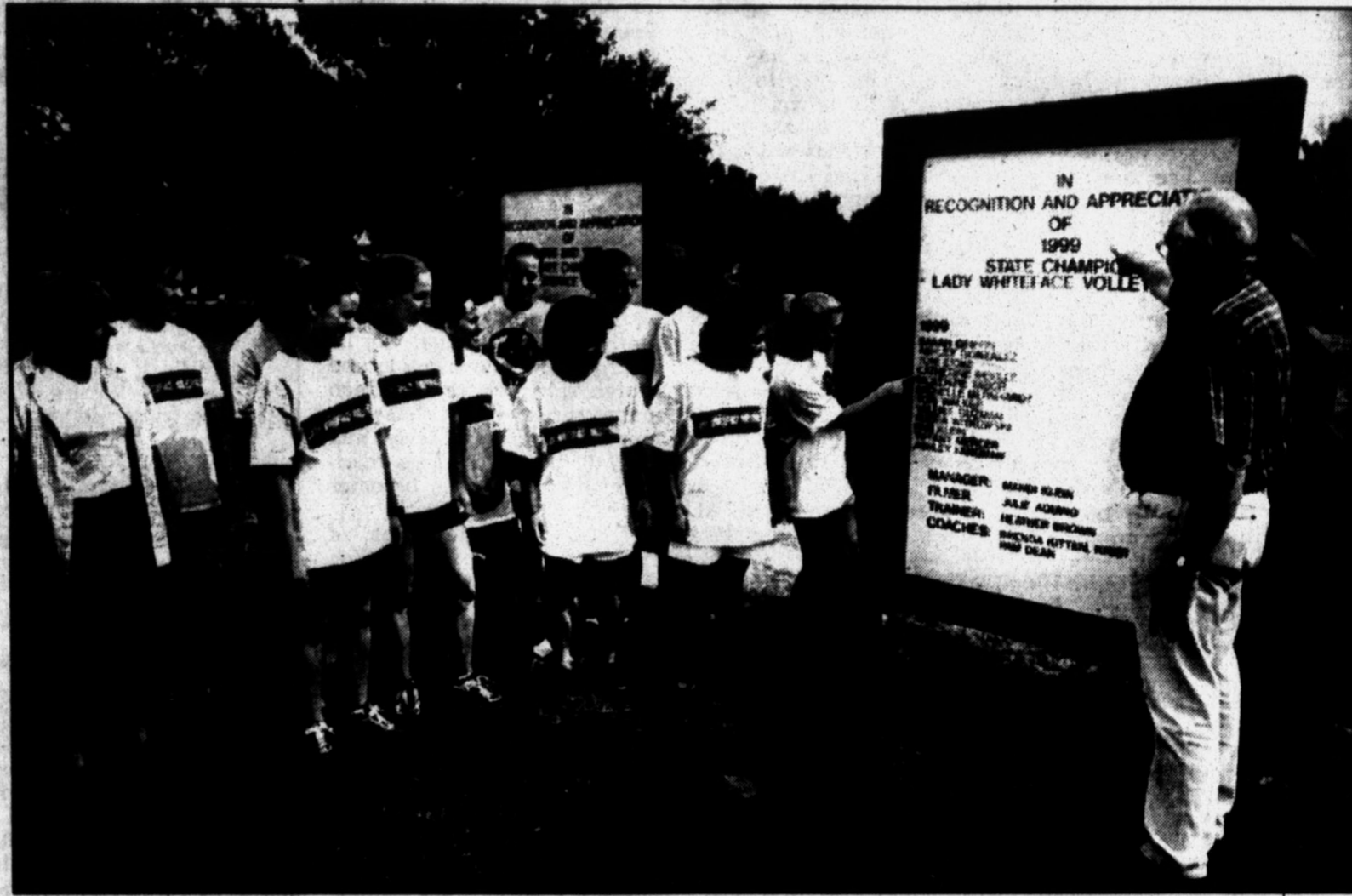
After Tascosa took an early 1-0 lead over the Lady Herd, the teams battled to see who would get the next point. Hereford tied the set at 1-1, but that was as close as the Lady Whitefaces would get.

The Lady Rebels rattled off six straight points to claim the lead for good 7-1.

HHS fought back cutting the lead to 7-4 behind the precise serving of junior middle blocker Michelle Bernhardt. Bernhardt served four good shots to help slim Tascosa's lead.

Tascosa made another run late in the second game to go up 14-5 before Hereford made another good showing. The team came back to score four straight points off good serves by junior designated setter Ashley Gonzalez to get as close

Sign of the Times



Can't see the park for the sign — Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland on Tuesday officially presented the second sign commemorating the Lady Whitefaces' third state volleyball championship in the last four years. Josseland said the city will erect many more signs if the team keeps bringing home state titles.

as 14-9. That was as close as they would get losing the final game 15-9.

The Lady Whitefaces head to Seminole this weekend for a tournament before they begin district play at Berger Tuesday at 6 p.m.

With district right around the corner, coach Kitten said she wants her team to value the time they have in practice and not take it for granted.

"We've got to value the minutes that we have in practice and make those very important and see a real transition from the practice court to the

game court," Kitten said. "We've got to see that those things are focused on."

As far as building on the team's losses, Kitten said she sees that she needs to work with her hitters and setters. She said the two positions need to work on connecting during games.

"I'm going to have to get our hitters and setters to where they are connecting on good offense," Kitten said. "We have to do that."

Kitten said she thinks her team has been more aggressive this past week but wants

them to work on it more.

"They have got to become as sick of that lack of aggressiveness as they can get be-

fore they will take a real stand and work their way out of it," Kitten said.

Astros blast New York, 11-1

■ Eusebio's hitting streak ends at 24

NEW YORK (AP) — Until recently, the Houston Astros had the worst record in the majors. Hard to believe it after seeing what Wade Miller, Jeff Bagwell and their teammates did to the New York Mets.

While Tony Eusebio's 24-game hitting streak came to an end Tuesday night, almost everything else went right for the Astros in an 11-1 romp.

Miller pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in the majors, and Bagwell hit his 40th homer and drove in three runs. The Astros finished with 16 hits, easily stole

four bases and took advantage of three errors.

"The most important thing is we won and everybody's happy," Eusebio said.

Despite the loss, the Mets remained tied for first with Atlanta in the NL East. But they saw starting pitcher Al Leiter leave after three innings with a strained muscle in his right buttocks and watched right fielder Derek Bell limp off with a bruised left knee.

"It was a rough night all around for everybody," catcher

Mike Piazza said.

The Mets got off to a great start when left fielder Darryl Hamilton made a diving catch on Roger Cedeno's leadoff liner. After that, it all fell apart for New York.

The Astros, the three-time NL Central champions, won

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SPORTS

Cleveland clubs Rangers, 12-1

Indians' newcomers look sharp in victory over Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Cleveland Indians, despite their potent lineup, are counting on their pitching to get them to the playoffs.

"The whole lineup is hitting," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said after a 12-1 rout of the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night. "But I've said all along, we'll only go as far as our starting pitching will take us."

Steve Woodard gave the Indians' rotation a boost, notching his first win since May 11, when he was with Milwaukee. Woodard allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

"It's about time," Woodard said. "With this team, if you keep 'em in the game they're going to score. It really helps your confidence knowing

you've got an offense like this behind you."

Woodard (1-2) won for the first time in seven appearances since the Indians acquired him from Milwaukee on July 28. He had two losses and three no-decisions in five starts, and another no-decision in a relief outing.

Although Woodard has only one victory for the Indians, Cleveland is 4-2 in his starts. "I think that's a stat that's overlooked," Woodard said. "Tonight I had all three pitches working. I'm a control pitcher, but since I came over (in the trade), I haven't had my good stuff. Tonight, I threw strikes and let the defense play. To get traded here to a contender is a real confidence booster."

David Segui, acquired from Texas on July 28 for outfielder Ricky Ledee, and Manny Ramirez each hit two-run homers for the Indians, who have taken over the AL wild-card lead by going 17-8

since Aug. 2.

Jim Thome followed Ramirez's two-run homer in a five-run seventh with a solo shot. It marked the ninth time this year Cleveland hit consecutive homers.

Kenny Lofton went 3-for-5 for the Indians, who outthit Texas 14-6. Every Cleveland starter got at least one hit.

"That's the way we need to play the rest of the way," Manuel said.

Rangers rookie Ryan Glynn (3-3), in his first appearance since fainting Aug. 11 after leaving a game, allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

He was diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope, a fainting condition that can be controlled with medication and a high salt diet. Texas, which made three errors, has lost four straight, six of seven and 13 of 17. With each loss, manager Johnny Oates becomes more frustrated.

"I am trying to think of

everything possible to make this stop," Oates said. "What can I do, what can I say and how can I act? Everyone is discouraged and frustrated. I've never been in a situation like this for 33 years."

Rafael Palmeiro hit a solo homer in the sixth, his 34th of the season was the 395th of his career. Palmeiro is 35th

on the career list, one behind Joe Carter.

Cleveland took a 3-0 lead in the fourth, with Glynn contributing two walks and a wild pitch.

Travis Fryman and Sandy Alomar Jr. had RBI singles in the fourth, and Alomar scored the inning's final run on the wild pitch. In the fifth,

Thome walked and Segui hit his 15th homer of the season, his fourth since joining the Indians, to push the lead to 5-0.

Roberto Alomar hit an RBI double in the sixth. In the seventh, Omar Vizquel had a two-run double, Ramirez hit his 27th homer of the season,

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Astros

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for the 11th time in 15 games. Still, they're stuck at 55-77.

"You can't contend without pitching," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "Pitching has been a problem."

Miller, tagged for a team record-tying 12 runs by the Chicago Cubs in 4 2-3 innings in his previous start, struck out seven and walked one. He became the first rookie to throw a complete game for the Astros since Donne Wall on Aug. 30, 1996, at Pittsburgh. Miller (3-5) pitched his first complete game in 11 big league starts and earned his first road win in the majors. The lone run against him came on Edgardo Alfonzo's homer.

All that, and Miller also singled-home a run for his first RBI in the majors.

"I know I didn't have my stuff and my best control the last time out," he said. "I think I got over that hump tonight where I was nervous going out there. Maybe I proved I could pitch up here." Dierker agreed.

"For me, this was a coming of age game for Wade Miller," he said. "To go out there against a contender, against a team with the best record in the league, on the road, it was outstanding. You don't see that many complete games in baseball anymore."

Leiter (14-6) left after three innings because of a strained muscle in his right buttocks. He was pulled as a precaution with the Mets trailing 4-0, and the team did not think he would miss a start.

"I hurt it at the end of my warmups. I felt it pull and I was just uncomfortable," Leiter said.

Bell banged his left knee into a wall chasing a foul ball in the eighth, and limped off the field with assistance. He was listed as day to day.

"It's not serious, I don't believe," manager Bobby Valentine said.

Eusebio's hitting streak was the best in Astros history and tied Arizona's Tony Womack for the longest in the NL.

Fútbol americano de seis jugadores—una tradición de Texas

Para las escuelas secundarias con menos de 94 estudiantes que se localizan en ciudades pequeñas, las noches de los viernes durante el otoño significan una sola cosa — Fútbol Americano de Seis Jugadores. Es rápido, emocionante y de marcadores abultados. Se juega en un campo más pequeño (80 yardas de largo y 40 yardas de ancho), el espacio entre los postes para goles de campo es más estrecho y el juego puede terminar en el medio tiempo o más tarde en caso de que uno de los equipos se encuentre arriba por 45 puntos.

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| Nebraska | 20 Escuelas |
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| Colorado | 16 Escuelas |
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Debate

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Tuesday embraced a proposal for three nationally televised face-offs with his Republican rival.

Bush has accepted no invitations but said he would welcome prime-time sessions — but not necessarily the ones endorsed by Gore.

The vice president said, "I'll debate him anytime, anywhere, anytime." We take him at his word," Bush said. "We will pick and choose the venues that enable us both to be able to discuss what we want to do about either of us become the president."

Such debate dances are something of a tradition in presidential races, as the candidates bicker and posture for advantage on everything.

Both campaigns see advantage in their negotiating strategies. By accepting every invitation, Gore's camp can try to paint Bush as a candidate afraid to face his rival before a major TV audience. The Bush campaign, meanwhile, believes Gore likely would be flexible on details of the debates because he would have a hard time backing out of a debate taking shape in a way he didn't like.



Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore says his Republican rival, George W. Bush, is trying to duck prime-time televised debates.

The debate question overshadowed Bush's efforts to highlight his plan for education reform, the second straight day he was forced from his political agenda.

He was veering back to the topic today at a high school in Hampton, N.H., by pushing his plans to make higher education more affordable. Among his proposals were increasing the maximum Pell grant from \$3,300 to \$5,100, grant a tax exemption for those who participate in tuition savings plans and establish a \$1.5 billion grant to help states offset the

costs of aid for advanced-placement high school students.

Bush also proposed expanding education savings accounts to allow families or individuals to contribute up to \$5,000 annually per child and withdraw funds tax free.

Bush indicated Tuesday he expects more interest in other topics, telling reporters sarcastically, "I appreciate your interest" in his education pitch.

Gore campaign manager Bill Daley on Tuesday issued a letter to the Commission on Presidential Debates formally endorsing the panel's proposal for presidential forums on Oct. 3, 11 and 17. The 90-minute debates would be available for broadcast by all TV networks.

The commission has sponsored presidential debates since 1988, including those that included Bush's father, former President Bush.

The younger Bush this year has privately grumbled to associates that the commission debates were "gimmicky," and prone to highlighting "one-liners" over substance. Bush is wary of the town hall format.

Drought

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more than \$5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, said Allen Speice, spokesman for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Although there was plenty of rainfall in 1997, agricultural losses totaled \$2.1 billion in 1996 and 1998. Last year the drought led to losses of \$223 million. Losses so far this year are \$595 million.

"This has been an ongoing cycle," Speice said. "Since '96, we've just been in the same cycle over and over."

Farmers say the only real relief is rain, and lots of it. But that isn't likely to happen anytime soon, according to the National Weather Service.

The extended forecast for north Texas calls for continued clear skies and daily

temperatures peaking around 100 degrees with only a slight chance of rain late next week.

Bill Proenza, director of the National Weather Service southern regional office in Fort Worth, said the weather pattern called La Nina, which has led to the drought across much of the southern United States, appears to be waning.

Television

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30

Television schedule for Wednesday, August 30, listing programs from 6 PM to 11 PM across various channels.

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Clinton visits Colombia, delivers anti-drug money

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's trip to Colombia is aimed at propping up the nation's fight against drugs and insurgents, yet his itinerary includes sightseeing in a scenic Caribbean port city far from the violence and poppy and coca fields that yield most of the cocaine and heroin used in the United States. With \$1.3 billion in U.S. aid in his pocket, Clinton was traveling to South America on Wednesday to back Colombian President Andres Pastrana's \$7.5 billion initiative to ease the narco-traffickers' grip on his nation, make peace with insurgents financed by drug profits, rev up the economy and strengthen the justice system.

Bush spends nearly as much money as Gore

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush spent more than \$40 million trying to reach voters through advertising and by mail and telephone, nearly as much as Al Gore doled out for his campaign during the presidential primaries, an analysis of campaign spending records show. The study of campaign spending through July 31 shows that Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, spent \$43 million — nearly half of his



Machine Workers of America's annual convention, Nader offered himself as a strong alternative to Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

He promised to protect labor rights, fight for a higher minimum wage and push for universal health care. And he claimed that President Clinton and Vice President Gore have failed to push hard for a ban on hiring permanent replacements for striking workers despite voicing support for it.

U.S. skipping U.N. conference

UNITED NATIONS — More than 140 countries are sending top lawmakers to the first global gathering of parliamentary leaders. But the United States isn't sending anyone — and it has barred the speaker of Cuba's National Assembly from coming. While the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which organized the conference, says all its member parliaments are democratically elected, human rights experts have questioned the democratic credentials of some participating countries — including Iraq, Congo and Yugoslavia.

'Video pill' ready to explore the intestine

JERUSALEM — An Israeli

company is ready to start testing its "video pill" — a tiny video camera that monitors human intestines on patients.

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Designers for Given Imaging used their training in Israel's military industries to design the two chips — a sensor and a transmitter — that are the basis of the device. The capsule, which contains a miniature video camera, a battery, a tiny light and a transmitter, passed preliminary U.S. Food and Drug Administration tests on animals and healthy volunteers.

Hagman opposes use of pesticides at school

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Larry Hagman, the "Dallas" and "I Dream of Jeannie" TV star, joined other pesticide opponents Tuesday by pushing for the use of extreme heat — rather than pesticides — in school buildings.

Hagman also has thrown his support behind a proposal that would require schools to notify parents and post public notices before and after pesticides are used in schools. It would encourage schools to seek alternatives like heat treatments. Steve Forsberg, president of the Western Crop Protection Association that represents pesticide manufacturers, retailers and distributors, fears opponents have the ulterior motive of trying to "stigmatize pesticide use."

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXDYLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 8-30 CRYPTOQUOTE ZLQ MQPHRD TS VTKQ GPW ZLQ MQPHRD TS L R P M Q N G N Q Z L Q X T K H P M S T N F Q D C Q L H P W G V V V H K H P M Z L H P M D. — H K G P Z R N M Q P Q K Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY IDEA OF HEAVEN IS A GREAT BIG BAKED POTATO AND SOMEONE TO SHARE IT WITH. — OPRAH WINFREY.

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NADER'S VEEP

Native American activist joins Green Party ticket to protect the environment, help working poor

By Patrick Howe Associated Press Writer

WHITE EARTH INDIAN RESERVATION, Minn. — While sweeping the floors in her remote log home, Winona LaDuke stops, jabs her finger in the air and proclaims: "I'll definitely do a housecleaning when I get to Washington."

Then Ralph Nader's vice presidential running mate breaks into laughter at her declaration. Sound bites just aren't her style.

An author, activist and farmer, LaDuke lives in a lakeside home on a dead-end gravel road in a part of north-west Minnesota where the prairie gives way to the north woods.

The Ojibwe woman also ran with Nader in 1996. The two Harvard graduates spent mere thousands and received 1 percent of the vote.

This time, they will be on the ballot in at least 45 states. They're aiming to spend millions and are talking about winning.

To those who say victory is impossible, LaDuke points to the win by another unlikely politician from her home state: former professional wrestler, now Gov. Jesse Ventura.

The Nader-LaDuke campaign has been drawing support of up to 6 percent in some national polls. In California, Nader's support was as high as 8 percent earlier this month, before dropping to 4 percent in the most recent Field Poll.

David Gillespie, professor at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., and an expert on third-party politics, says LaDuke complements the background of Nader, the famous consumer advocate.

"He needed a person who represented a more multicultural perspective," Gillespie says.

LaDuke, 41, says she is campaigning to help the poor and protect the environment. She wants to see a constitutional amendment, based on Indian tradition, that would require all governmental decisions to be examined with regard to their impact on people seven generations in the future.

She plans to campaign at least part of every week. But when she's on reservations, she will be making a soft sell.

American Indians vote at rates lower than their roughly 2 percent share of the general population. Some view voting as a sign of acceptance of federal authority over sovereign tribes. It's a view her own husband, a leader of a Michigan tribe, shares.

LaDuke's life and career are rooted in American Indian concerns and she's blunt about the problems facing her community. "Every social and economic statistic you don't want to have, we have," she laments.

But she also hopes her effort will not be seen only as a "racially based ethnic campaign."

She was born in Los Angeles to a Jewish mother and an

American Indian father. Her grandmother was an early union organizer.

She grew up in Ashland, Ore., where she placed second in the state as a high school debater. At 18, she made a presentation before the United Nations on U.S. energy policy and Indian lands. After working on causes on other reservations, she came to White Earth, home to her own family's tribe, in 1981.

She took a job as principal at a tribal high school and quickly became involved in a lawsuit to recover lands taken from the tribe by the federal government and the logging industry. White Earth is larger than Rhode Island, but the tribe owns less than 10 percent of the reservation land.

After losing the suit, LaDuke founded the nonprofit White Earth Land Recovery Project, which has so far repurchased 1,300 acres of the reservation.

LaDuke says she is "not inclined" toward electoral politics and hasn't run for any elected offices other than the vice presidency. Still, she has shown a willingness to play the game. When Dan Quayle had trouble spelling potato in 1992, LaDuke made speeches in which she spelled it for him — in Ojibwe.

Audrey Thayer, a political supporter and a member of the same religious lodge, says LaDuke is skilled at communicating American Indian themes



WINONA LADUKE Activist-author-farmer lives in lakeside home on dead-end gravel road in northwest Minnesota.

and concerns to nonnative audiences. "She blossoms in the public eye," says Thayer. "She's got that bicultural skill, which is rare in Indian country."

American Indians have held few national elective posts, but there is precedent for LaDuke's ambitions. Charles Curtis, a vice president under Herbert Hoover, was Kaw Indian.

LaDuke describes herself as a "mother-of-three, parent-of-many" and questions how "men of privilege" can be expected to rule judiciously. She argues "there is no real quality of life in America until there is quality of life in the poorest regions of America."

Can she and Nader win? Gillespie says no, but adds that the ticket is positioned to tap into a large body of voters looking for an alternative to the two main parties. Says Gillespie: "The Nader ticket, far more than the Reform Party, is certainly the game in town to watch this year."

LaDuke says she and Nader will win "if the largest faction of this election — those who don't usually vote — vote for us."

CNN shaking up news operations

NEW YORK (AP) - The head of CNN's national operations, Rick Kaplan, is departing as the cable news network struggles to turn around sagging ratings.

A CNN staff meeting in Atlanta was scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the changes, said a network executive speaking

on condition of anonymity. The executive confirmed Kaplan's departure.

Kaplan did not return a phone call placed to his office late Tuesday.

Network spokesmen would not comment.

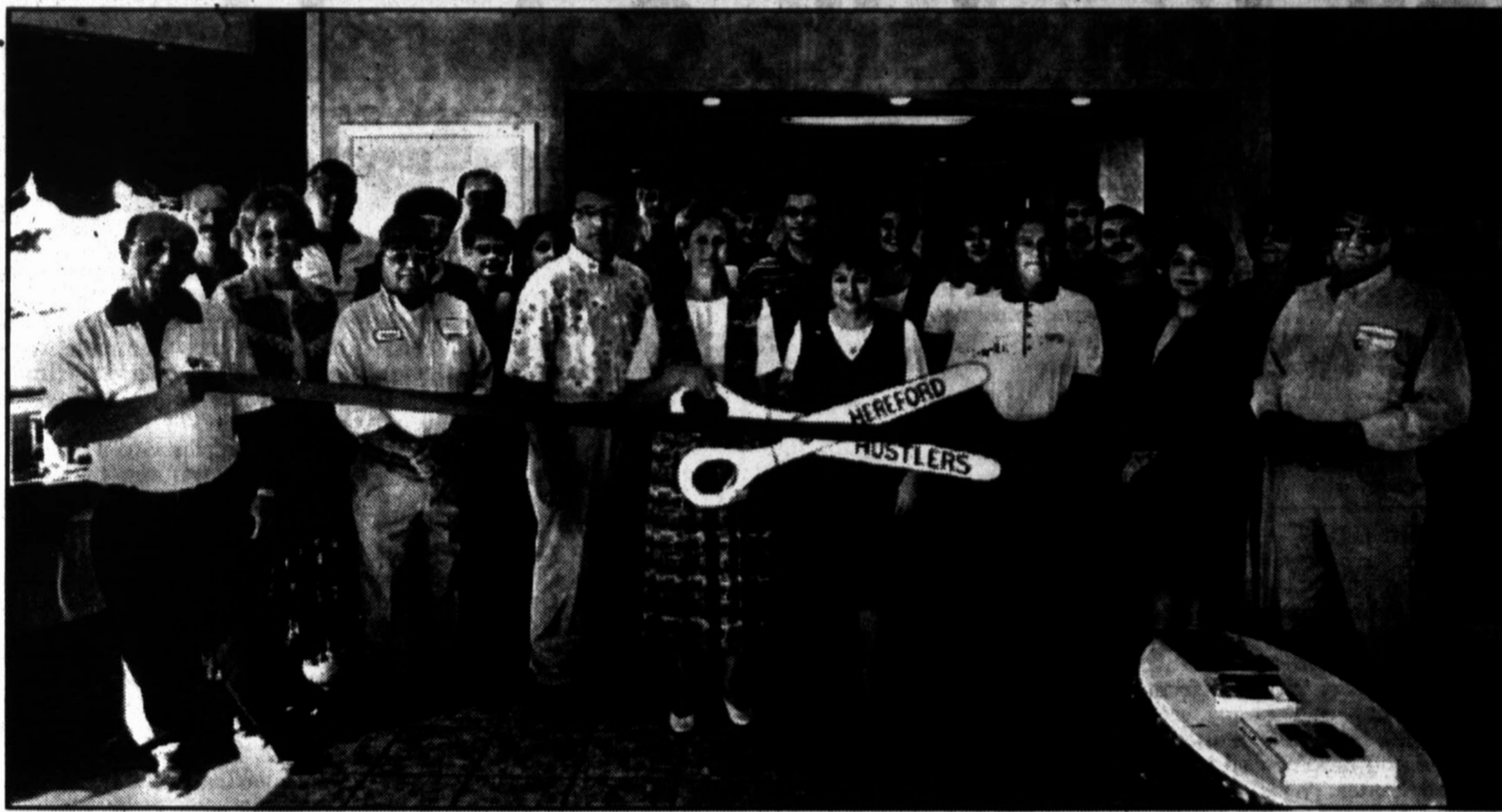
Kaplan, who won 34 Emmy Awards as a longtime producer

at ABC, joined CNN as president of its USA operations in August 1997, given the mission to bolster the network's viewership during times it didn't have breaking news.

Instead, CNN has frequently found itself eclipsed by CNBC as the appetite for financial news increased and beset by

increased competition from Fox News Channel and MSNBC.

The network proclaimed itself "America's Campaign Headquarters" and placed a strong emphasis on political coverage this year. But its ratings for the GOP convention, for example, were 27 percent below convention coverage in 1996.



Ribbon cut — Members of the Hereford Hustlers and Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce join owners Stan and Cindy Isaacson and employees of the Best Western Red Carpet Inn at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday.

REPORT: National forests worth more for wildlife than for timber

WASHINGTON (AP) — National forests are far more valuable for their recreation, wildlife and water quality than for timber, minerals and cattle grazing, according to a report released Tuesday by the Sierra Club.

The forests are worth an estimated \$234 billion and generate 2.9 million jobs from recreation, fish and wildlife, water quality and wild areas, according to an economic consulting firm that prepared the report for the Sierra Club, which opposes commercial logging in national forests.

By comparison, the nation's

192 million acres of federal forests generate \$23 billion and 407,000 jobs from timber, mining, grazing and other uses, said the firm, ECONorthwest.

"Leaving trees standing in most cases can contribute far more to local state and national economies than logging," said Ernie Niemi, a co-author of the report and an economist.

A timber industry official challenged the report, saying the Forest Service can allow logging in forests and still produce benefits from recreation, water quality and fish

and wildlife.

"We need to make sure we're balancing all the values of all the goods and services these forests provide," said Chris West of the Northwest Forestry Association in Portland, Ore.

The ECONorthwest study relies on a 1995 Forest Service analysis to conclude that recreation in forests would contribute \$108 billion to the national economy and 2.6 million jobs by 2000. The same analysis concluded that fish and wildlife in forests would provide \$14 billion and 330,000 jobs by 2000.

The analysis also predicted timber would generate \$4 billion for the economy and 76,000 jobs by 2000, and that minerals, grazing and other activities would generate \$19 billion and 331,000 jobs.

ECONorthwest used a Forest Service study from this year to estimate that water in national forests is worth \$4 billion. The firm used the findings of a limited study by some Forest Service economists from 1997 to estimate that unroaded, wild areas have a value equal to recreation on forest lands, or \$108 billion.

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| 30143P | '98 Buick Century Custom | \$15,995 | \$13,995 |
| 30161 | '98 Pontiac Bonneville | \$16,995 | \$14,995 |
| 30874P | '99 Lincoln Continental | \$30,995 | \$27,995 |
| 30138P | '99 Olds 88 LS | \$17,995 | \$14,995 |
| 30876P | '99 Taurus | \$14,995 | \$12,995 |
| 30877P | '99 Crown Victoria | \$19,995 | \$17,995 |
| 30878P | '99 Mercury Sable | \$14,995 | \$12,995 |
| 30155P | '99 Pontiac Grand Prix | \$15,995 | \$13,995 |
| 22090 | '94 Sable | \$ 8,995 | \$ 5,995 |
| 20157P | '99 Lumina | \$12,995 | \$11,995 |

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