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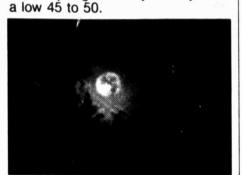
Today's weather DUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low 40 to 45, north to northeast wind

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high around 80, south wind 10 to 20

Friday night: Partly cloudy with



Extended forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 80s. Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a

chance of thunderstorms, low 45 to 50, high 75 to 80.

Monday: Partly cloudy, low around 50, high around 80. Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 81; low, 35; no precipitation.

City, county offices to be closed



All county and municipal offices will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

Hereford Independent School District is on spring break until April

The Deaf Smith County Public Library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

All banks and the post office will maintain normal business hours.

Reno, staff reviewing Elian case

MIAMI (AP) — Faced with a court ruling criticizing the government's actions in the Elian Gonzalez case, Attorney General Janet Reno huddled with advisers today as the boy's relatives sparred through their lawyers over whether, and where, they might arrange a meeting.

In the latest victory for the Miami relatives of the 6-year-old boy, a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta said Elian must remain in the United States until the court decides whether he should get an asylum hearing.

The order would not prevent the government from reuniting Elian with his father in the United States. The father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has been waiting in Washington since

Reno, in Oklahoma City on Wednesday for the dedication of a memorial to the victims of the 1995 federal building bombing, said she would abide by Wednesday's court

"But it does not disagree with my determination, it does not say that the boy cannot be reunited with his father," she said. "I believe Elian should be reunited with his father and I said that all along."

Reno later returned to Washington, canceling a trip planned today to a Montana Indian reservation. She held one meeting with her advisers on the Elian case and others were anticipated, but there was no word on when she might decide her THURSDAY, April 20, 2000

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SNUFFED: Some Texas hospitals link financial difficulties to reduced funds from the tobacco settlement

Staff and wire reports

Financial woes at some Texas hospitals are stemming in part from less tobacco settlement money, meaning millions of dollars must be made up from other sources.

The state has announced that Dallas County's share of \$100 million in the annual funds will fall more than \$6 million short of county predic-

"It's hard to depend on these kinds of revenue sources," Dr. Ron Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Parkland Health and Hospital System, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "They usually don't bring in what you think they will over time. You need harder dollars, and right now we don't have those harder dollars.'

A proposed split of \$100 million was announced by the Texas Department of Health for 288 providers of

indigent health care statewide.

Expected later this month, the payments are part of a \$2.28 billion settlement reached in 1998 between tobacco companies and hospital districts, counties and other indigent health care providers. The deal is separate from a \$15.3 billion settlement between the companies and the state.

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District received \$338,263 in its first allocation, but Hereford Regional Medical Center officials do not know how much the district will receive this year.

"All we know is the funds will be significantly less," HRMC administrator James Taylor said this morn-

If the state comptroller approves the figures, the Dallas County Hos-

expectation of \$24 million.

The top recipient, Harris County, will get \$18.3 million, compared with a predicted \$20 million, a hospital official said.

"We're happy to get any money we can get, any way we can," Dinah Massie, a spokeswoman for the Harris district, said. "Federal dollars are shrinking. It's just very tough times right now for health care and particularly for charity health care."

The third largest payment in the state will be to Tarrant County, with \$11.6 million.

Health care providers' terms provided for \$450 million to be placed in a fund, with \$300 million of that distributed last year, \$100 million this year and \$50 million in 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was put in an inaccessible fund. Interest from pital District will receive about \$17.9 it would be distributed to indigent million, compared with Anderson's health-care providers annually, beginning next year.

The \$300 million distributed last year was according to the population of the hospital districts and counties. Parkland received \$32.7 million.

But this year, a new formula is being used for distributing the money. It is based on the amount spent during the previous year on unreimbursed indigent health care.

The change could spell hard times for Parkland, where officials announced two weeks ago a reduction in management staff by 200 people and other changes to stem a \$76 million budget shortfall caused by a drop in state and federal funding and a patient increase.

Anderson said that, with the lower-than-expected tobacco disbursement, the hospital's shortfall could grow to \$83 million.

Child injured

Victor Aguilar, 7, was injured Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile while riding his bicycle on Irving Street. Hereford Emergency Medical Service paramedics (at left) prepare to transport the boy to Hereford Regional Medical Center, while Hereford Police Officer Ron Taylor (below, left) and Lt. Ben Barrick investigate the accident. The child was struck by a 1996 Mitsubishi driven by Melissa Soliz, 31. He would later be transported by ambulance to an Amarillo hospital, where he is reported to be stable. Soliz was cited for failure to yield the right of way.





Jobless claims drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits plummeted last week to the lowest level in nearly 27 years, indicating that businesses are scrambling to find workers.

The Labor Department said today that 257,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending April 15, down by 9,000 from the previous week.

That was the lowest level since Dec. 1, 1973, when claims were at 256,000. The decline was not expected.

Many analysts had predicted that

claims would actually rise slightly. The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, fell to 262,500, the lowest level since Dec. 15, 1973, when such claims were at 256,750. The four-week moving average has been running below

300,000 since late October. On Wall Street, stocks were mixed

While that's good for workers, economists find it worrisome. They fear that employers will recruit workers with big increases in wages and benefits, increased costs that companies could pass along to consumers in the form of higher prices.

today. After the first hour of trading, the Dow Jones average had gained 50 points and the Nasdaq was down 22. The yield on 30-year Treasury bonds dropped to 5.82 percent from

5.84 percent late Wednesday. Economists consider claims below 300,000 an indication of a tight labor market, meaning employers are have trouble finding qualified workers to fill job openings.

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The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates five times since June 30 to slow the economy and to keep inflation under control

Given the outlook for strong continuing growth, many economists expect the Fed will raise rates again on

Today's report said that for the week ending April 8, five states and territories reported decreases in new jobless claims applications, while 48 reported increases. The state data lag a week behind the national fig-

The state with the biggest decline was North Carolina, down 1,528. Officials attributed the decline to fewer layoffs in the construction and tobacco industries.

Other states with decreases were: Delaware, down 769; Maine, down 326; and Oklahoma, down 215.

HRMC's assets decline

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James Taylor, CEO, Hereford Regional Medical Cente

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Hospital District saw its assets decline slightly during the past year, according the annual audit.

The independent audit, which was presented to the hospital district directors Tuesday night by Brandon Durbin of the Lubbock accounting firm Durbin & Co., showed the district's assets on Sept. 30, 1999, were \$8,078,290, down 89,007 from the previous year.

The audit put the current assets at \$3,275,817, down from \$3,959,852 at the end of the previous year.

The assets whose use is limited by the board, such as the bond sinking fund and bond reserve fund, were \$253,756, up from \$239,995. The property, which includes Here-

ford Regional Medical Center and the Hereford Health Clinic, saw its value rise in 1999 to \$4,532,424 from \$3,940,092 the previous year. HRMC chief executive officer

James Taylor, who has been at the helm of the hospital in either an acting or permanent capacity since December, said he was satisfied with the auditors' findings. "I was pleased where we wound up, but it's not where I want us to

forward and I do expect things to get more positive," Taylor said. The hospital's fund balance at the end of Fiscal 1999 was \$4,618,845, a dropoff from the previous year when

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The total operating revenue in FY 1999 was \$12,715,519, an increase of nearly \$1.5 million.

the final balance was \$4,872,797.

The major sources of revenue during the year ending Sept. 30, 1999, were: Net patient service

\$10,235,425; Ad valorem taxes — \$1,198,160;

Disproportionate share funds \$1,152,513;

• Donations — \$64,129; and Miscellaneous — \$65,292.

Total operating expenses were \$13,060,735, up about \$1.2 million from the previous year.

The major operating expenses during the year were:

 Salaries/wages — \$5,560,042; Employee benefits — \$1,402,780;

· Professional/purchased services — \$1,621,114; Supplies/other — \$2,673,803;

Provisions for bad debts -**\$1,169,367**; · Interest — \$145,542; and

· Depreciation/amortization -\$488,087. For the year, the hospital ended with an operating loss of \$345,216, a

significant improvement over the pre-

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Local roundup

HHS talent show tryouts

The Hereford High School 4th Annual Student Council Talent Show will be 7 p.m. May 4 at the high school auditorium. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded. Entries may be picked up at the HHS office.

Shirley baked potato supper

The Shirley Student Council and PTO will be having a baked potato supper on Friday, April 28, from 5-8 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Dream Team shirts for the students.

The meal will include a baked potato, ham or chili topping and fixings, green salad, desert and a drink. Take out is available. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Karnival Krazy at St. Anthony's

The public is invited to a Karnival Krazy fun day at St. Anthony's School on Sunday, April 30 from noon to 5 p.m. The school will be providing food, games, prizes, a silent auction, live entertainment, a country store, bingo, raffles and more. Proceeds benefit St. Anthony's School.

RAIN meeting The April RAIN meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25, at 7

Everyone interested in the small business program and loans are welcome to attend.

p.m. at the San Jose Community Center.

Quad-county job fair

The Texas Department of Human Services is planning a quad-county job fair on May 10 at the Hereford Community

Employers from Deaf Smith, Castro, Oldham and Parmer counties will have booths and representatives available to talk with prospective employees.

Anyone interested in the job fair or wanting more information should contact Nora Pesina at 363-8612 or Bell Braddock at 647-4181.

Senior prom decorators meet

Senior parents are invited to come by the old Napa building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. to help make decorations for the senior prom.



New Lions officers -- Hereford Lions Club members elected new officers at their March 29 noon meeting. The newly elected officers will begin their positions in July. New officers are, from left, Keith Kalka, first vice president; Carlos Ruiz, second vice president; Mike Harris, outgoing president; David Castillo, third vice president; Raymond White, past district governor; Bettie Dickson, incoming president; Micha Mills, tail twister; Lola Faye Veazey, secretary; Beverly Harrison, director; Judy Baker, lion tamer; Greg Lake, treasurer; Dave Hopper, director; and, Joe Wallace, president-elect. Not pictured are Mark Andrews, lion tamer; Clay Wallace, tail twister; Debbie Reinart, director: Carrie Black, director; and, Sid Shaw, past district governor.

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News digest

May trial set in O'Hair case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A trial date has been set for the only person charged in connection with the disappearance of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair as prosecutors continue to gather evidence on what they believe was her family's violent

Gary Karr's trial is set for May 15 in Austin, according to today's San Antonio Express-News editions.

O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair have been missing since 1995. Authorities believe they were killed, but their bodies have not been

Karr, 51, was indicted in December on charges of conspiring with others to carry out a kidnapping and extortion plot leading to their deaths. Karr has pleaded innocent.

The government, however, claims to have recovered genetic evidence from an Austin storage shed indicating they were murdered there.

Karr's lawyer, Thomas Mills of Dallas, says federal prosecutors first will have to prove the O'Hair family is dead.

"There are several issues we'll seriously contest, including whether the O'Hairs were in fact murdered or if they are out of sight due to other circumstances," he told the Express-News. In previous statements to authorities, Karr said the O'Hairs

were not kidnapped or abducted but voluntarily left Austin with David Waters, his former cellmate.

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Career day



Professionals at school -- Doctors, manicurists, bankers, veterinarians and journalists were among the numerous professionals who converged on the students at Bluebonnet Elementary School Wednesday for their annual career day. Nora King, demonstrated the waxing procedure clients are treated to prior to a manicure. School nurse, Cathey Whipple was the willing guinea pig for this soothing demonstration. The area professionals had been invited to explain what their jobs involve and how the students' natural interests might be suitable for pursuing a specific career.

Hispanics urged to seek legal council

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of a recent police shooting of a Mexican man, the Mexican consul general in Houston has sent fliers throughout the city's Hispanic neighborhoods, advising people to consult lawyers or consul workers before speaking to po-

"The fliers are merely so the people can know their rights. There are many Mexicans here, and we wanted them to understand that they can remain silent," consul lawyer Gilberto Velarde told the

Houston Chronicle Thursday's editions.

About 50,000 fliers have been distributed in community centers and businesses in south Houston, Pasadena and other areas with large His-

panic populations, Velarde said. The move comes after fatal shootings by Houston police of Jaime Santiago Cruz on March 5, Pedro Oregon Navarro in July 1998 and Uvaldo Garcia Armendariz in September 1997.

In Cruz's case, the flier says

a witness to the shooting "was induced under threat of imprisonment to sign a white paper in the police department. He did not know its purpose."

Cruz was shot outside his apartment when an officer responding to a noise complaint thought he saw Cruz holding a pistol. The pistol turned out to be a toy gun.

Houston officers complained that the fliers made people think of police as the enemy.

Drinking ocean

Desalination process may provide Texans drinking water

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Thousands of Texans could one day get their drinking water from the ocean, under a new study commissioned by state officials.

The \$59,000 research grant paid for by the Texas Water Development Board may help determine whether a large desalination plant at Matagorda Bay is worth build-

The plant would convert salt water to drinking water in an effort to meet demands from consumers as far away as San Antonio, according to today's editions of the San

Antonio Express-News.
Once considered prohibitively expensive, the technology behind desalination is getting cheaper while the cost to build and maintain traditional water reservoirs is ris-

The study could launch a \$400 million project proposed by the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, if the treatment process is shown to be cost effective and environmentally friendly.

Reservoirs across the state are at a 20-year low, having fallen to 72 percent of their capacity, according to the state water board.

"We historically have been involved with groundwater, so now we're having to look at other types of sources," Ron Brown, a project engineer with San Antonio Water System, told the Express-News. "This is just another possible resource for us."

The San Antonio Water System delivered 183,000 acre-feet of water for its customers last year. The proposed treatment plant would produce 100,000 acre-feet of drinking water, or more than 32 billion gallons. An acrefoot meets the needs of two average families for a year.

The main advantage of a desalination plant would be during droughts, said Jack Nelson, general manager for the river authority, which is based in Edna.

The water supply from the bay wouldn't diminish, as opposed to water levels in aquifers and reservoirs, he said, and a desalination plant would

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Emergency services Obituaries

ELMER NEEL

HEREFORD BRAND

April 18, 2000 MEMPHIS - Services for Elmer Neel, 75, of Memphis, were today in the First Baptist Church of Memphis with Rev. O.K. Bowen and Rev. Rick Music officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Memphis Fu-

neral Home. Mr. Neel died Tuesday.

He was born in Collingsworth County and attended schools in Quail and Memphis. He had been the chief deputy of the Hall County Sheriff's office from 1954-1962. He then served as sheriff until 1980 when he retired. He had also worked with the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department and his cattle opera-

tions. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Neel; three sons, Earnest Neel of Memphis, Clarence Neel of West Fork, Ark., Chester Neel of Anderson, Ark; a step-son, Mike Webster of Hereford; one sister, Ruby Fielding of Quail; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 19, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Miller and charged with public intoxication.

- A 14-year-old boy was arrested and charged with curfew violations and false ID to a peace officer. Incidents

- A juvenile was accused of indecency with a child by sexual contact in the 700 block of La Plata.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Fuller where a storm window was damaged. Damage is estimated at \$100.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Grand and the 300 block of Avenue C. Two tires were flattened. Damage is estimated at \$24.

 A forgery was reported in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. - A civil matter was re-

ported in the 100 block of Douglas.

- A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 600 block of

 An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West First. A dog bite was reported in the 500 block of Knight.

- A false alarm was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A suspicious person was reported around a vacant residence in the 200 block of Northwest Drive.

- A parent reported her child had been hurt while playing in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue. -A false alarm was reported

in the 600 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. A domestic disturbance was

reported in the 100 block of Mimosa. - Criminal mischief was re-

ported in the 800 block of Union. Several windows of a residence were broken. Damage is estimated at \$100.

- A sexual assault was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests - A 39-year-old man was

arrested and charged with assault. - A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with driv-

ing while license was

Incidents A criminal mischief was

reported. FIRE DEPARTMENT April 19

- 5 p.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1205 West First. Workers had been using a grinder and a spark ignited some wood. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

- 7:10 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue. A child on a bicycle was struck by a vehicle.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

Lotto Texas

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers Wednesday night from a field of

50 were: 4-7-12-27-33-35 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

Pick 3

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

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LIFESTYLES

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New DAR member Kathryn Horton Gurley, center, was welcomed to Los Ciboleros Chapter by regent Patricia Robinson. Also pictured is Gurley's mother, Lunell Horton.

Friona Depot is site of luncheon, style show for Los Ciboleros DAR

Los Ciboleros Chapter, NSDAR, met in the Friona Depot, a restored historical building, for a luncheon with a style show by Ingram's Dress Shop of Friona.

A business meeting followed in the Friona Library. Regent Patricia Robinson presided and welcomed guests Kenneth Neill, Lunell Horton and Mildred Fuhrmann.

New member Kathryn Horton Gurley was also welcomeduand presented with a

DAR Handbook by Robinson. Two additional new members, Tracy Bowden and Sunny Ratcliff, were unable to at-

Members were reminded of the May 6 meeting of District I Regents Council and of Llano Estacado's 75th anniversary celebration on May 4.

Thirty-three Certificates of Merit were displayed with a blue ribbon on the yearbook.

Vice regent Jean Beene gave an updated report on the

commemoration planned in June to honor Korean veterans. A skit on how to interview veterans was given by Beene and Ruth Newsom. Beene also reminded members of the May 13th luncheon at Hereford Country Club.

Other members present were Linda Knowles, Charlotte Clark, Margaret Bell, Lois Gililland, Lesta Lee Neill, Ruth Knox, Nell Norvell, Juanita Brownd and Allo Reevel part a paluetua tot slat

Kingdom Seekers Class meets

The Kingdom Seekers Sun-day School Class of Avenue Baptist Church had a spaghetti dinner at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday at the church.

Hostesses were Jessie Sumner and Marvine Mathis.

Prayer was led by the teacher, Pauline Landers. Dorothy Sargent presided over the business meeting. The devo-tional was given by Nell Saul.

they had created for "Show and Tell." Bro. Jim Bulin and his wife Kim displayed a quilt that was pieced in 1920 and sold at an auction in Abilene, Kan., in later years.

The meeting closed with a Friendship Circle and a prayer led by Sargent.

Those present were Ruby Skelton, Madalena Hudson, Erma Bain, Lorene Newman, Each member brought a craft Betty Boggs, Billie Sims, Luella

and members Thweatt, Higgins,

Bradley and Homfeld.

Thomas, Rosie Wall, Laquita Norvell, Dorma Kirby, Inez Houston, Ruby Stevens, Bro. and Mrs. Bulin, Kim Bulin, Mathis, Sumner, Sargent, Saul and Landers.



Bippus does quilting

The Bippus Family Community Education Club met in the home of Sue Thweatt with Alta Mae Higgins as hostess.

Members answered roll call by giving their favorite cleaning

Volunteer hours were reported, committee reports were given and Kate Bradley gave a report on the last Council meet-

Mariellen Homfeld was selected as delegate to the state meeting to be held Sept. 12-14. Homfeld gave the program titled "Fight BAC."

Following a noon luncheon, members spent the rest of the day in quilting.

Those present were visitor Mary Dorris of Clovis, N.M.,

Final cookie

Easter Special



sale this Sat. Hereford Girl Scouts will

hold the last booth sale of Girl Scout cookies for this year from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Homeland, 535 N. 25 Mile Ave. This will be the last opportunity to buy Girl Scout cookies until next year.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers

Dear Ann



Landers: A while back, I read in the Arizona Republic about a cab driver who was found beaten to

Landers death. He was old. His co-workers described him as "a good guy, a good worker."

Ten years ago, a serial killer was attacking female college students in Florida. To protect herself, my niece rescued a homeless dog at the local ani-mal pound, and kept him with her at all times. He provided love and companionship, as well as protection. Perhaps if cab drivers had a dog riding along, their chances of being brutally attacked would be considerably less. And if the dogs were selected from the local animal shelter, it would be a win-win situation. Saving a homeless pet could save a life. Please suggest it, Ann. — Merrill S. Chernov, M.D.,

People Saving Pets, Phoenix

Dear Dr. Chernov: My office contacted Jan Johns, corporate vice president of Yellow Cab Management here in Chicago. While she thought your idea was wonderful, she said it would not be practical. It would be cruel to the dogs to keep them confined to a taxi for the length of a working day, and many customers are afraid of dogs, and would be reluctant to enter the cab.

She appreciated your concern for the safety of cab drivers though, and wanted you to know that all new vehicles come equipped with safety shields and panic buttons to protect the drivers.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband, who at one time was a gifted and witty man, has been receiving treatment for Alzheimer's disease since 1993. Recently, one of our children handed him a book, and asked him to read to us. My husband rarely speaks, and has difficulty assembling words. He took the book, and began to read aloud in a flat, stumbling manner. It was a struggle. Soon, however, his interest in the story became apparent, and his reading smoother. We stared at one another in wonder as he continued to read with excellent inflection and expression. He read for an

Now, my husband reads to us often. The mysteries, history books and current affairs he once enjoyed are too complicated, but simple action stories and classic tales written for young people are good. The language is easy, and the

print is larger. I have never heard of anyone else trying this with those who have Alzheimer's. I realize my husband may be an isolated case, but if you think reading aloud might be effective for others, please let them know. Since my husband began reading to us, his selfesteem has grown, and it has

brought joy to our lives. -His Wife in Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Montgomery: Alzheimer's patients need stimulation. They should be included and challenged. While I suspect your husband's reading ability may not translate to all victims of Alzheimer's, for anyone who wants to try it, I say, go ahead. It can't hurt, and it might bring tremendous rewards.

Dear Ann Landers: My grandson, "Garrett," recently called to tell me his ex-girlfriend is expecting their baby any day. He said they were not considering marriage because they are not compatible, but that he plans to be a responsible father.

Garrett went on to say he wants the family to give showers and send gifts — and added, "Family members who don't send gifts will not be permitted to see the child in the future."

Should I go along with this blackmail, or refuse, and risk

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destroying my relationship with Garrett? - A Grandma in Vir-

Dear Grandma: Garrett's threat was most ungracious, to say the least. However, I'm sure you will send a gift, no matter what the circumstances, so there is no need to consider yourself blackmailed. Enjoy the new grandchild, and give no thought to the unfortunate circumstances.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a selfaddressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chi-cago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In

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CIII OF HENEFUND PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Week of April 19 - April 26, 2000

Aquatic Pavilion Liz Torres

Aquatic Pavilion Friday, April 21. 4:00-8:00 Saturday, April 22 . 9:00-9:00 Latham Reunion

Veteran's Pavilion Saturday, April 22 • 12:00-9:00 Sanders

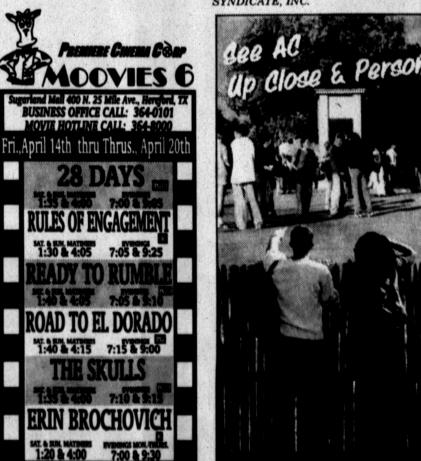
NW Corner Dameron Park W/V-Ball Saturday, April 22 • 12:00-9:00 Debbie Tijerina

Aquatic Pavilion Sunday, April 23 • 10:00- 10:00 Sunday, April 23 • 9:00- 6:00 Rosemary Guerra

Veteran's Pavilion

NW Corner Dameron Park W/V-Ball Sunday, April 23 • 9:00-9:00 Genesis Church







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DAR honors students FCE Spring Luncheon is Monday in county library



Los Ciboleros Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual Honors Tea Sunday afternoon in the Lounge of Hereford Community Center. Numerous students were recognized during the tea. Among those honored were high school students selected as DAR Good Citizens and their parents. Pictured are, from right, Julie Merritt from Dimmitt High School and her mother Connie Merritt; Trae Blain from Community School and his parents Gail and Kent Blain; and Riley Hall from Hereford High School and his parents Lori and Scott Hall.



Sixth grade students who were winners in the American History Essay Contest were introduced during the Honors Tea. Pictured are, from left, Blain Urbanczyk, Amanda Moss, Kayli Wilson, Paula Spriggs, Aaron Franks, Sandi Navarette, Lydia Mendoza, Hayden West and Thomas George.



Fifth grade American History Essay Contest winners presented during the Honors Tea hosted by Los Ciboleros Chapter DAR are, from left, Kara Sliney, Katie Marnell, Jonathan Formby, Kayla Landers, Jessica Shelton and Brooke Bigham. Bigham's essay was judged the best overall of the American History essays. Not pictured was Michael Fangman.



Seventh grade winner in the essay contest recognized during the Honors Tea held Sunday was Lark Duncan. Not present for the ceremony was Nathan Louder.



Eighth grader Carissa Hicks was a winner in the American History Essay contest and was introduced during the tea Sunday afternoon.



Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winners were among local students introduced during the DAR Honors Tea Sunday afternoon. Amber Rangel, left, was a ninth grade winner. Ninth grader not pictured was Holley Edwards. Tenth grade winner, at right, was Brenda Brookhart.

New Arrival

Shane and Kim Dyess are the proud parents of a daughter, Kathryn Emma Nieves Dyess, born March 23 in Fairfax, Va.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.
The infant was welcomed home by older brothers, Daniel

Shane and Anthony Jacob Grandparents are Bill and Glenda Dyess of Springfield, Va., and Gary Straub of Alexandria,

Great-grandmothers are Daisy Allison Steele of Hereford and Doris Dyess of Stratford.

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The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Clubs will hold their Spring Luncheon Monday, April 24 in the Heritage Room of the county

A covered dish luncheon will begin at noon and will be followed by reports of the delegates to the Spring Convention.

Following the reports, the FCE Council will hold its regular meeting.

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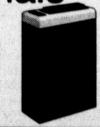
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Lady Whitefaces take bus to Canyon



Teaming Up—Head softball coach Penny Summers fires up her troops during a practice earlier in the year. The Lady Whitefaces begin their playoff run tonight when they face Canyon High in Canyon at 7 p.m.

■ The Herd travels to Canyon for a playoff duel with the **Eagles**

By Jeff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Tonight they make history. The Hereford High School softball team is the first ever softball team to compete in a

district 3-4A playoff game.

The girls travel to Canyon this afternoon to take on the Lady Eagles at 7 p.m. The Lady Whitefaces beat Canyon High earlier this year, but head softball coach Penny Summers said the girls must play their best to win.

"The girls can't take this game lightly," Summers said. "Our girls are excited, and we have beaten them before."

While the Lady Whitefaces hammered Fritch last weekend 17-8, the Canyon team lost to Frenship 17-0. Summers believes the Herd can rumble in to Canyon and leave with the win.

"We played them in the Borger tournament earlier this year," Summers said. "They have a good center fielder."

Summers said one thing she is worried about is Canyon's pitching. Summers said Canyon pitching is relatively slower compared to that of Fritch's, but the change of speed can throw a team used

to a faster pitch.
"Their pitching is slower,"
Summers said. "This week we slowed the pitching machine down, because we have to hit."

Summers said district 3-4A is known for its tougher competition when it comes to softball, and she thinks that will come into play tonight.

"We have a very strong district, and we have been exposed to stronger teams," Summers said.

Summers said the one part of the Lady Whitefaces' game she has no worries about is the team's defense. Summers said all year long their defense has been tough and should continue to stay that

"We have to capitalize on our defense," Summers said. "We like to keep games close and try to win every inning. We don't like to play catch

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EYE ON THE BALL

■ Peyton Ward sets his sights on regional tournament

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor He is Hereford High School golf's last hope. He is the last man stand-

He represents the whole town of Hereford.

One would think with all of these pressures Hereford High School junior Peyton Ward would be a nervous

wreck, but he is not. "This is the first time in a while for a Hereford guy to go to regionals," Ward said. "It is a good feeling." Ward qualified to move on

to the regional tournament for his outstanding play in district. Only the top six golfers in the district get to move on, and Ward placed sixth. Ward said he was disappointed the team couldn't continue on to regionals, but he is glad someone will represent Hereford at the regional tournament.

"It felt good that some-body got out," Ward said.
"This is my first time to go down there, and it has been a long time since a Hereford guy has done this."

As if the pressures listed above were not enough, the field Ward will compete in at San Angelo consists of around one hundred golfers. Only the top two will go on to state.

The competition is going to be real tough down there,



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Eye on the ball-Peyton Ward focuses on the ball during golf practice on Tuesday afternoon. Ward placed fifth in district 3-4A qualifying him for a regional berth. Ward will compete for a slot to go to state in San Angelo on Monday.

Ward said. "I 'd have to play two great rounds to compete with those guys, but I guess I'll give it a shot."

Ward said the pressure to

excel in the tournament doesn't bother him too much. He said he just wants to go to San Angelo and play some good golf.

"I kind of feel a lot pressure, because I'm represent-ing the whole town," Ward said. "It really doesn't bother me though because it is about

the fun."

In order to make this a fun weekend, Ward said he just wants to go to San Angelo and experience the joy of play-

ing in a regional tournament. Ward said he wants to enjoy himself and get to know more

"I am just going to go down there and try to have a good round, enjoy myself and meet some new people," Ward said. "That is my goal with the tournament."

If there is one trait that makes Ward different and helps his game it is his poise and focus. Head coach James Salinas said he always admires how Ward can keep his head in the game.

"He has a great pace of play," Salinas said. "His demeanor really stands out. I have had opposing coaches tell me they like the way he handles himself on the golf course."

Salinas said he also likes the way Ward keeps up his game and manages his play.

"He is good at course management, and I think that also makes him stand out on our team," Salinas said. Salinas said he does think

Ward has a good chance this weekend to compete with the top players in the region, but it will be extremely tough.

"He is going to have to play really well to get out," Salinas said. "At the same time he is very capable."

Salinas said Ward has a

good all-around game. Salinas said his game makes him a contender.

"I you know Peyton's game he's down the middle, he's a

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DUNCAN HURT

Spurs star injured as playoffs begin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The San Antonio Spurs won their final three games without Tim Duncan and earned homecourt advantage over Phoenix in the first round of the NBA playoffs. They might face the same challenge as the postseason begins.

Duncan sat out of the Spurs' 103-98 overtime vic-tory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night, missing his fourth game because of torn cartilage in his left knee. It's questionable whether he'll play in Saturday's opener of the Spurs' first-round, best-of-5 playoff series against Phospital Saturday's saturday against Phospital Saturday's saturday against Phospital Saturda playoff series against Phoe-

"It's just a day-to-day, game-to-game, week-to-week sort of thing," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. With Duncan confined to

the sidelines, David Robinson and the Spurs reserves went to work against the Lakers.

The Spurs edged the Suns for the fourth seed in the Western Conference. The teams were tied entering Wednesday's regular-season final games. Both teams won their last game, but San Antonio owns the tiebreaker.

San Antonio came back from a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter as a squad of mostly reserve players were on the court for each team. Four Spurs reserves scored in double figures, including Antonio Daniels with 11 points in the fourth quarter and

overtime. Daniels also had 10 assists, his first double-

double in his two years with San Antonio.

"My job was to come in and try and change the ballgame. We don't want to go in and get blown out by anybody," Daniels said.

Robinson scored six of his 17 points in overtime. He led the Spurs in scoring, while Malik Rose added 14 points, Terry Porter 13

and Jerome Kersey and Sean Elliott 12 each. "The guys on the bench, we just made some shots,

said Porter, a backup guard.

"This is the type of energy, the type of desire we need from our team going into the playoffs."

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 23 points, while Shaquille O'Neal had 22.

After Devean George of the Lakers tied the game at 89-89 with a 3-pointer, Bryant missed a long jumper that could have won it in regulation for Los Angeles.

Then the Spurs outscored the Lakers 14-9 in overtime.

"It is good for this team heading into the playoffs to come out and play in a hostile environment," Bryant said. "We wanted relax and not get injured. Now is the time

day."
The leagueleading Lakers open the playoffs against Sacra-

to get ready for

Saturday or Sun-

mento on Sunday Duncan was cleared to participate in the Spurs' shootaround earlier Wednesday. Before that, his physical

activity was limited to riding

a stationary bicycle.

Duncan injured the knee when he fell awkwardly while attempting a dunk April 11 against Sacramento. An MRI exam on Tuesday showed the tear in the left knee is healing. But it's possible Duncan could ultimately face

arthroscopic surgery.

"If we do rehab and it doesn't get better or it gets worse, then they will go in,"

Popovich said.

Recovery time from such surgery is estimated at about three weeks.

The Spurs are getting ready for the playoffs as though Duncan, who last year led the team to its first NBA title, won't be on the court.

The victory over the Lakers was a good warmup, said point guard Avery Johnson, praising the play of the Spurs backup players in overcoming the 17-point deficit.

"You always have a chance, but when you're down by so much, you've got to get on a big roll," he said. "We got on a big roll."

of 31 for the evening in their

along with the acramble of Marin Rivas, N.D. Kelso, Joe Sherman, Mark Brown and Doc Weaver. Joel Sturgeon, Conny Martin, Ed Sanders and Dave Hopper also shot a round of 32, and the scramble of John Robinson, Joe Saucedo, Sam Metcalf, Leland Shelton and Sheryl Brown scored a 32.

Only one team placed third in the tournament with a score of 34. Bobby Weaver, Armando Torres, Bill Brown and Kayla Weaver were on the third place team.

"They have got to get themselves up for this game,"

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Another Wednesday passed by yesterday, and a another weekly scramble took place at the John Municiple Golf Course.

The teams competed Wednesday night on the front nine holes.

Winning the scrambles tournament were Mick Stevens, L.V. Watts, Don Davison and Wade Johnson. The scramble shot a round

Second place resulted in a 4-way tie with a score of 32. Paul Hubbard, Gayle Cornelius, DeWayne Robbins, John Kovacs and Art Clark placed second along with the scramble of

Summers said she is glad the team has to face Canyon, but she wants the team to be serious about the competi-

Summers said.

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Ward

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good iron player and has a good short game," Salinas said. "It is going to be tough, but he has a chance.

One factor in Ward's favor is that he has played the course in San Angelo once before. The golf team competed in the San Angelo Classic in March and that should help Ward next week. The golf team has also competed in the tournament the last several years.

Ward said he will be able to go into the tournament already knowing some of the Ward said the course is compared to harder Hereford's because it is long and has more water hazards.

"I think I was trying to hit the ball too hard because of

"It'll be easier," Ward said. "I've played there each of the last two years and that should

the regional tournament. Ward said he feels like he has struggled some since the

designs from previous play.

help."
Ward has made a point of working on his swing before

tournament in Borger.

"It was then that I started to struggle." Ward said last weekend he

spent lots of time working on his swing, and he feels like he has straightened it out. Ward said he hopes next

the wind and rain," Ward said.

year the varsity squad will be able to go as a team to re-gional play. Ward said the team is made up of juniors and will be back for more.

"We ought to be better next year," Ward said. "We will all be back."

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Coach Summers said the girls must get excited about the game and treat it like a playoff game. Summers said it will be hard because the game is so close to home. Summers said a good aspect of being close to home is the fan support.

"Since the game is closer to home, we should have more fans," Summers said. "It really pumps the girls up when they have a lot of fans at the games.'

Summers said the playoff scenario is in a single elimination set-up. She said it would take her team five playoff wins to get to the state tournament. Summers said along the

way her team could meet up with the team's biggest district rival, the Dumas Demonettes. Summers said she would welcome the challenge.
"We could meet up with Dumas," Summers said. "That

would be like a dream come

As the Lady Herd heads for the playoffs, Summers said she is happy with the team's depth at every positions. Summers called up JV stand outs Ashley Martinez, Ashley Gonzales and Brittany Brown to help fill infield vacancies. Summers said she has never worried about team

"I don't panic when players are gone," Summers said. "We have depth, and we just don't have to worry about it."

After being called up to the varsity team, Ashley Martinez went down with a broken hand. Martinez went down in the Lady Whitefaces game with Fritch on Friday. Ericha Albracht also is ailing with a hurt thumb, but Summers said the team will be alright.

Besides their position depth, Summers said she has been impressed with her team's ability to play different players at different posi-

"We are not going to change our lineup much, but the girls can play anywhere, Summers said.

Since the regular season has ended, Summers said all of the JV coaches have been able to come over and work with the varsity. Summers said she believes the addition of more coaches has helped her team practice well this

"We had a real good prac-tice," Summers said. "We have been able to give more attention with more coaches."

The Lady Whitefaces will get to know Canyon High better next season when the two teams will move into the same district. The two teams already have a rivalry brewing and playing Canyon twice in district play should be fun to watch. Summers said the district next year will feature seven teams and 14 district games as opposed to the usual 10 district games.



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'Fifth Beatle' art displayed

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People

LIVERPOOL, England -Rarely seen artwork and letters of "fifth Beatle" Stuart Sutcliffe go on display in England this week, offering new insight into the legendary band's early influences.

The bass player's work, mostly unseen for 40 years, has been loaned to the Beatles Story Museum in Liverpool for a year by his sister, Pauline.

Sutcliffe, a Liverpool Art School friend of John Lennon, was 21 when he died in April 1962 from a brain hemorrhage, just six months before the band's first hit "Love Me Do."

The pair had met three years earlier and Sutcliffe, a talented artist, was persuaded to join Lennon's band, Johnny And The Moondogs. Sutcliffe quit the group in 1961 to continue his art studies.

Museum curator Shelagh Johnston said Sutcliffe's work and letters should be of great interest to Beatles' fans.

The late 1950s "was so important in the formation of the band and was a potent period in developing their style," she said.

Lester Lynch

GREENVILLE, S.C. —

American baritone Lester Lynch canceled a soloist appearance with the Greenville Symphony Orchestra on April 27 to honor the NAACP's boycott of South Carolina.

Symphony Executive Director Robert Howard said Tuesday that he is disappointed at the cancellation and will begin

seeking a replacement.

Lynch, winner of the 1996 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, has ap-



is on display in Liverpool. Sutcliffe (at left, center) is shown in 1961 with George Harrison (left) and the late John Lennon.

Courtesy Photos

peared with opera companies including La Scala in Milan, Italy, and the New York City

Opera.
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has led the boycott of South Carolina in an effort to get the Confederate flag removed from the Statehouse.

Seamus Heaney CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Nobel Prize-winning poet
Seamus Heaney will deliver a
poetry reading at Harvard
University's commencement on
June 8, school officials said
Wednesday.

Heaney, whose recent translation of "Beowulf" became a
bestseller in Great Britain, is
a native of Northern Ireland.

a native of Northern Ireland. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995 and is the Ralph Waldo Emerson Poet-in-Residence at Harvard.

Amartya K. Sen, awarded the Nobel prize for economics in 1998, also will speak.

Death Penalty Focus

LOS ANGELES — The cast of "The Practice" and others

who have worked to outlaw capital punishment have been honored by an anti-death pen-

an anti-death pen-alty group.

Writer-producer
David E. Kelley,
who created "The
Practice," stood by
as series star
Camryn Manheim
accepted the Rose
Elizabeth Bird
Commitment to Commitment to Justice Award.

The award, named for the late California Supreme Court Chief Justice, was presented Tuesday by Death Penalty Focus, a group headed by actor Mike Farrell.

"Death Penalty Focus shouldn't be giving awards; they should be getting them," Manheim said. "Thank you for your tireless work to eliminate this barbaric process."

Death Penalty Focus also presented awards to actor Ossie Davis, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., Los Angeles Rabbi Leonard I. Beerman and Chicago Tribune reporters Judi Marriott and Martha McKinney whose stories led to an Illinois moratorium on the death penalty. A broadcast award went to Jeff Crilley and Guy Hernandez, Fox TV reporters in Dallas.

Jason Robert Brown

NEW YORK — Composer Jason Robert Brown and conductor Roberto Minczuk were honored as this year's recipients of the \$5,000 Martin E. Segal Awards from Lincoln Center.

The awards, presented Wednesday, celebrate rising artists and their outstanding achievements in the arts.

Holy Week activities schedule

Local churches have planned extra ser-ices in observance of Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday Liturgy with the Lord's Last Supper and Washing of the Feet will be held at 7 tonight at San Jose Catholic Church.

Other Maundy Thursday services will be:
First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.,

Communion service.

Dawn Baptist Church, 7 p.m., Service of Foot Washing and Observance of Lord's Sup-

· First Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. Com-

munion service.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 7:15 p.m.,
Maundy Thursday service followed by Stripping of the Altar and All-Night Vigil.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.,
Holy Thursday Liturgy.

Good Friday observances will include:

• Hereford Church of the Nasarene, noon
1 p.m., "Come and Go" prayer time.

• Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1:30 p.m.

and 7:30 p.m.
San Jose Catholic Church, 6 p.m.
Dawn Baptist Church, 7-9 p.m., church open for time of personal meditation and

• St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.
The schedule also includes extra services on Easter Sunday.
• St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Easter Vigil at 5:30 a.m. followed by Sunrise Lit-

*Dawn Baptist Church, Sunrise Service at 7 p.m. at the Jerry Parker ranch, five miles south of Dawn on Road B. *Avenue Baptist Church, 8 a.m. Resur-rection Service in the sanctuary.

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1. ARTICLES FOR SALE







MARCUM MOTOR CO.

REBUILT KIRBYS ½ price with warranty. Other name brands. \$39 & up. Sales and repairs in your home, on all makes and models. Call 364-4288.

THE ROADS Of Texas and The Roads of New Mexico are on sale at The Hereford Brand in book form. Both maps are \$14.95 each plus tax. Discover roads you never knew were there. Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

FOR SALE! 3020 John Deere Propane Tractor. New rear tires. \$5,500 firm. Call 258-7720.



FOR SALE: Black Entertainment Center. Good condition. \$100.00. See at 306 Avenue H or call 363-1900.

BIG SCREEN TV for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970.

FOR SALE: 1-17 shank siney plow, make by Namby, \$400; 1-4 row drag type planter, 4 John Deere planter attachments, \$150; 1 John Deere wheat drill 16 disc, model DRA, packer wheat, \$150; 1 Disc type Bedding Machine, 6 row, made by Tye, real good shape, \$550. Call 364-1303 or can be seen at Oglesby Equipment Company.



FOR SALE: 1, Queen size water mattress, tube type; 1, Queen size bedroom set complete; 1, Honda self propel lawn mower; 1, John Deere self propel lawn mower. Call Ken at 364-0353 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. or 364-4142 after 5:00p.m.

1a. GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: 317 Centre. Friday 4:00-6:00p.m. ONLY. Glider exercise machine, lots of Noah's Ark things.

BIG YARD Sale! 813 Schley. Friday and Saturday 8:00-?? Water cooler, sofa.

GARAGE SALE! 233 Cherokee. Friday 8:00. Oak dining room table & chairs, 15ft cance, antique livestock weigh scales, queen waterbed, sofa, bikes, snow skiies, picture frames.

YARD SALE! 120 Avenue B. Friday & Saturday 9:00-6:00. Clean out closets. Boys & Girls clothes, etc.

2-FAMILY GARAGE Sale! 306 Avenue H. Friday and Saturday 8:00-?? Entertainment Center, clothes (all sizes), curtains, tools, toys, odds & ends. Bake sale-Proceeds will go toward Serendipity Educational trip in May. Your support is greatly appreciated.

2. FARM & RANCH

CUSTOM GRASS Seeding and Field Preparation. Includes: Working new ground, plowing out grasses for new stands, or over seeding current grasses. JOE WARD 364-2021 (day) or 289-5394 (night).

SEED MILO Contract growers needed for 2000 season. Call Gayland Ward Seed Co, 806-258-7394.

3. AUTOMOBILES

See Us Before You Buy Marcum Motors Co. Clean Used Cars & Trucks

FOR SALE: 1994 Pontiac Bonneville. 131,000 miles, \$4,500. Call 647-5378 (Dimmitt).

FOR SALE: 1993 white Dodge Grand Caravan, 98,000 miles, been well cared for. \$5,000. 364-1303.

FOR SALE: 1983, 28ft., Southwind Eagle motor home, 454 engine, 48,000 miles. Nice! \$4,500.364-1303.

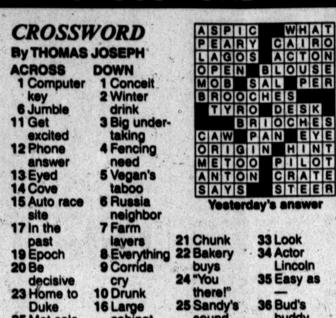
1996 FORD XL F-150 4X4 Pickup. P/S, P/B, A/C - Priced below wholesale. Call 578-4318.

4. REAL ESTATE

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

FOR SALE! Beautiful brick home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Approximately 1,800 square feet, 1 ½ car garage, good size back yard and garden area. See at 429 Miles. Call 363-6592.

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FOR SALE By owner! Price Reduced!! House near Hereford City limits. Call (505)868-2934.

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FOR SALE To be Moved! '84 Oak Creek, 28'X64' mobile home. 3 bedroom/2 bath with fireplace. Call 344-2426 or 344-5531.

FSBO! 831 Irving. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage. New roof & paint. \$3,000 down, \$297/month. Call Robbie 364-3955.

FOR SALE! 3-2-2. Central Air, nice condition. Priced to sell. 211 Beach. Call 364-4295.

REFURBISHED! 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home. Also one bedroom house. 308 and 310 West 5th. \$38,900. Call 364-0599.

HOUSE FOR Sale by owner: 700 E. 3rd. \$32,500, \$3,250 down, \$322/month. 3 bedroom. Call 364-7953.

HOUSE FOR Sale by owner: 405 Lawton. \$32,500, \$3,250 down, \$322/month. 4 bedrooms and basement. Call 364-7953

HOUSE FOR Sale by owner: 215 Avenue E. \$35,000, \$3,500 down, \$347/month. 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath, 2 carport. Big Lot! Call 364-7953.

5. RENTAL PROPERTY

NEED EXTRA Storage space? Need a place to have a garage sale? Rent a mini storage. Two sizes available. Call 364-4370.

BEST DEAL In Town! 1 bedroom efficiency apartments. Bills paid, red brick apartments. 300 block West 2nd. 364-3566.

NICE, LARGE, Unfurnished apartments. Refrigerated air, two bedrooms. You pay only electric — we pay the rest. \$335/month. 364-8421.

Now Leasing

Guardian Self Storage 1409 E. Park Avenue 364-5778

APARTMENTS:

Blue Water
Gardens
HEAT, A/C
LIGHTS
INCLUDED

Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1,2,3,4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information directions. 1-5pm (806)364-6661. Equal Opportunity.

ALONZO APARTMENTS, 1-2-3 and 4 bedrooms available \$175.00 and up. Call 364-8805 or 364-2106.

2 BEDROOM House. Will accommodate couple and infant. Clean! Call 364-2733.

FURNISHED APARTMENT For rent. Bills paid. \$275/ month. Call 364-4912.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, W/D hookups, A/C, water paid. \$350/month, \$200 deposit. Call 276-5823 after 6:00p.m.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, water paid. \$200/month, \$150 deposit. Call 276-5823 after 6:00p.m.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, big back yard, AC/Heat. \$200 deposit, \$450/month. 276-5390 between 10:00-3:00p.m. References Required.

FOR RENT! 3 bedroom house, 1 ½ bath. 221 Star. References required. 806-364-6301 or 972-606-2704.

6. WANTED

SPRING CLEANING TIME \$\$\$\$\$\$Refrigerator/Freezer Roundup. Sponsored by SPS & Planergy. Receive \$25.00 for any spare/extra working refrigerator./freezer. We'll even come pick it up. 800-422-2851.\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

8. EMPLOYMENT

AVON REPRESENTATIVES Needed in this area. Must be 18 or older and qualified. Call 364-0899.

RN'S & LVN's needed for pediatric and adult home health in the Hereford Area. Experience preferred. Please call VIP Home Care for more information at 355-9191 or 1-800-777-2152.

CASE IH Dealership is looking for a qualified technician. Must have own tools. 806-647-2999.

BRADFORD TRUCKING An ESOF Company New Taking Applications

Hiring for cattle haul. Must have 3 years experience and be acceptable by insurance company, pass DOT drug screen and physical. Benefits Include: insurance and raise after 60 days, vacation after 1 year, retirement paid by Company.

Contact Odell Ward at 1-800-522-5164 or Fax or Send Resume to: P.O. Box 129 Cactus, Texas 79018 fax no. 806-966-5532

HELP WANTED! Experienced Rig Operator, or capable rig trainee. Call 806-364-0353 or Apply in person at Big T Pump Co., Inc., 1206 East New York Avenue, Hereford, Texas.

HVAC SERVICE Technician needed call 806-364-3867.

OLDHAM COUNTY Country Club needs Club Manager/ Green's Keeper. For more information call 267-2910 or 267-2288.

CNA's Full-time Positions available on all Shifts. Check out our benefits package and shift differentials

Please call Jeanette or Sandra a 364-7113 at Hereford Care Center

RENT-A-CENTER THE Largest rent to own company with over 2,000 locations is proud to add ShowCase Rent-To-Own to RAC Family. Which brings new employment opportunity to your area. RAC is looking for people with great communica-tion skills and a desire to better their life. A good driving record is essential and must be able to pick up 75lbs without assistance. Starting pay \$13.00/hour Account Manager and Assistant Manager makes \$32,000/year. RAC offers major medical and dental insurance, 401K and 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of employment. Apply in person at the RAC location near you. All candidates will receive a reply within 24 hours. 519 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

DEAF SMITH County Agricultural Extension Service needs Assistant to work with County Extension Office summer programming. Requires out-oftown travel. Vehicle necessary. Must be energetic, possess clerical skills, willing to work varied hours. Ability to supervise youth, participate and work with people of all ages a must, good public relations skills needed. Prefer ex-4-H member, college age or older. This position will require overnight supervision of female 4-H members in a dormitory setting; therefore only females need apply. Pick up and return application between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m., April 19-28, 2000 to Nan Rogers, Room 206, County Treasurer's Office, Deaf Smith County Courthouse. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Best Opportunity!! www.homebusiness .to/Income-4-u

TITAN TRUCKS Needs Owner Operators to haul feed commodities in Southwest U.S. in hopper bottom trailers. Drivers must be: 25-65 years old, have Class A CDL, and have 2 years experience. We offer excellent compensation, fuel card, apportioned tags, and year round work. Call John for more information at 800-827-2304.

NEEDED: 29 People to lose 5-29 lbs. in the next 30 days. No hunger! Call Lea toll free at 877-732-1643.

> I am looking for a sharp individual to learn my business. I will train the right person. Call for details 1-800-550-4704. Code #44

9. CHILD CARE



11. BUSINESS SERVICES

364-506

GARAGE DOOR And Opener Repair and Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If no answer call mobile, 344-2960.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING
Course is now being offered at
the Ranch House, 10:00AM the
3rd Saturday of every month.
Will include ticket dismissal
and insurance discount. For
more information, call 1-800454-6051 or 505-763-5628.
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WE BUY Scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. Call 364-3350.



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Writing Want Ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.

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Then remember these hints:

Give the price. A newpaper consultant says 70 percent of

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• Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.

 Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:

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Audit

From Page A1 vious year when the hospital had \$623,055 in red ink.

The district's long-term debt is \$2,653,069, down from

\$2,436,790 the previous year.
The long-term debt is divided into three categories: capi-

tal lease obligations, notes payable and bonds payable.

The hospital fulfilled its capital lease obligations for hematology equipment, leaving a zero balance at the end of the

The notes payable are:
• Monthly at 6.5 percent in-

• Monthly at 6.5 percent interest rate, maturing May 10, secured by CT scanner, \$59,459;
• Monthly at 6.2 percent interest rate, maturing April 4, secured by ambulance, \$4,254;
• Montly at 7.76 interest rate, maturing June 22, 2002, secured by ventilator, \$21,430;

· Line of credit at Hereford State Bank up to \$500,000. Quarterly interest payments began Dec. 30, 1999 at rate of 7 percent, with total principal amount due Sept. 30, 2000, \$477,926.

The bonds payable are:
• Hospital refunding bond, series 1992, maturing serially through February 2003, \$490,000;

•Hospital revenue bond, series 1998, maturing serially through February 2017, \$1,600,000.

The total long-term debt of \$2,653,069 is reduced when the current portion of \$230,985 is considered, making the long-term portion \$2,422,084.

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Ribbon cut — Members of the Hereford Hustlers and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce joined employees of Insurance Solutions for the grand opening of the company's new office at 325 Lee. The office is one of five in the Panhandle

operated by the insurance provider. Local manager Mike Solomon (holding scissors) was joined by Hortencia Estrada, Betty Hankins, Carol Armstrong, regional manager Ronnie Lance at the observance.

EARTH DAY 2000

A new generation of student activists take it to boardroom

By Matt Crenson

Mike Stier dressed to the nines for his meeting with the Ford Motor Co. — flowery Ha-waiian shirt, sandals, swimming goggles strapped to his fore-head.

He plopped himself down front and center in a classroom at the University of Pennsylvania and propped his feet on a chair in front of him.

Ford's recruiters tried to ignore Stier as they delivered their spiel to about a dozen business students who had gathered to hear what the company had to offer in the way of employment. Then they asked if there were any questions. Stier slid his feet off the

"How many people here like summer?" he said, turning to the audience.

Silence.

"Well, I love summer," Stier continued. "I want to work for Ford because its products generate the greenhouse gases that cause global warming, and that means hotter, longer summers."

Stier went on to say that as a member of an industry lobby-ing group called the Global Climate Coalition, Ford wanted to convince Congress and the public that global warming has no scientific basis and poses little threat to society — a position that environmentalists consider irresponsible and dangerous.

"They really didn't get that angry," recalls Stier, a freshman at the Ivy League school.
"The guy who had been fielding questions said we should stick with the issues."

earth day

After a few employment-type questions, another student raised his hand and asked, "What's the Global Climate Coalition?"

As Earth Day turns 30 years old this Saturday, environmental activism is visible on America's college campuses, but the earlier generation of activists who protested the Vietnam War and helped found the environmental movement would barely recognize it.

It isn't just the shorter hair, or the piercings and tattoos that have replaced love beads and iron-on patches. It isn't even the Internet.

The difference is the tactics and the target. If you want to change the world now, activists say, you don't just march on Washington the way they did in the '60s. You don't start a "Ride Your Bike to Work Day" like they did in the '80s, or buy

a copy of "101 Simple Things
You Can Do to Save the Planet."

If you want to change the

Today's student activists grew

world in the year 2000, they say, you proceed directly to the nearest corporate headquarters and try to scare the pants off

the guys in the suits.

"Were going to meet the companies at their level. If they want to talk economics, we'll talk economics. If they want to talk social problems, we'll talk social problems. If they want to talk politics, we'll talk politics,' says Andrea Avolio, a senior economics major at Columbia

University.
In this age of record profits, mega-mergers and dot-com riches, student activists say they

consider corporations far more significant than governments.
"We don't see this as a passing fad," said Terry Bresphan, a Ford spokesman. "We think this is here to stay." Smart companies, he said, will try to address the concerns raised by the students rather than hide behind their walls.

Students say their approach has already gotten results. They point to Ford's withdrawal from the Global Climate Coalition a few weeks after Stier's stunt last fall at the University of Pennsylvania. Since then, Daimler-Chrysler, GM, Texaco and the Southern Corp. have all canceled their memberships in the coalition, a favorite target of the activists.

Most of the companies deny that student activism plays a role in their policy decisions. Bresnihan said that what the students think "certainly plays a part in helping Ford deter-

up in a prosperous world saturated by mass media. They un-derstand the importance of pro-tecting brand names, satisfying stockholders and controlling costs.

In class, they learn that half of the world's 100 biggest economies are corporations, if you equate a company's total sales with a nation's gross domestic product. By that measure, Ford is about the size of Norway. Retail giant Wal-Mart rivals Saudi Arabia.

Activists figure that, in some ways, giant corporations are as powerful as national governments. So human rights activists concerned about places like Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Tibet put pressure on compa-nies that do business there. Labor activists angry about working conditions in Indone-sian clothing factories take their concerns to companies that as-

semble products there.
"I think that it's really great that people are standing up and talking about issues that just aren't discussed," says Carolyn Haslam, a student at Florida State University in Tallahassee. "People's lives are very affected by it, and the environment is very affected by it, and we have

no say in it."

This is the coalition that brought 50,000 people to the streets of Seattle last year to protest a meeting of the World Trade Organization, and tens of thousands to Washington, D.C., last weekend for a joint meeting of the World Bank.

Pentagon to help in getting food stamps

WASHINGTON (AP) - A top Army official suggested pushing some of the country's lowest-paid soldiers off of food stamps — by making their incomes look higher on paper. But Defense Secretary Will-

iam Cohen rejected the proposal Wednesday, saying it had "sent mixed signals ... to men and women in uniform."

In a three-paragraph state-ment, Cohen said he will work with the Agriculture Department to try to get a change in the way soldiers' income is calculated — a move that could make more eligible for the help. The announcement followed a howl of disapproval by soldiers and others over an earlier idea that would have recalculated the income of service members already getting

The recalculation would make their income look higher on paper, and so get them

foods stamps.

kicked off assistance rolls. Critics suggested the discounted idea was intended to paper over a problem that has caused embarrassment for the military — the specter of having uniformed people in the service of the country forced to seek outside help in feeding their families.

Though Cohen had never approved the earlier proposal, he said Wednesday that he wanted "to set the record straight."
"I support military men and

women receiving every federal benefit to which they are entitled," Cohen said.

The Pentagon says about 6,300 people in the military were on food stamps in 1998, compared with 12,000 in 1995. It says the base salary going into effect in January for a sergeant with six years in the service will be \$1,691 a month.

At issue was a suggestion

by Bernard Rostker, the army undersecretary nominated to become the Pentagon's top per-sonnel official. Rostker said in a Senate committee confirmation hearing last week that methods for calculating income were different for those living off-base and those living onbase - an inequity he wanted to correct.

Under the system, people who live off-base get a housing allowance and that money is added onto their pay to calculate their income. Those living on-base get free housing; there is no housing allowance given, so none calculated on their income - making them look poorer on paper than their counterparts, and

eligible for help.
Rostker said he wanted to start counting the value of onbase housing as income — a move that would have knocked most of those on-base and

receiving food stamps into a higher income level and made

them ineligible.

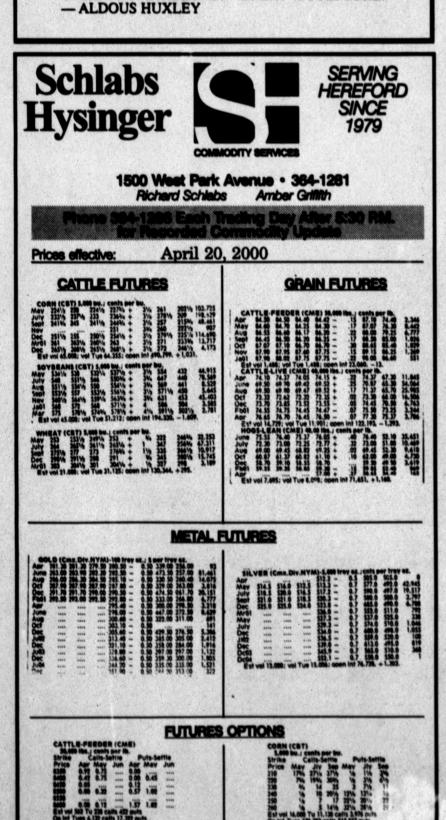
Acknowledging that he didn't know Cohen's position on Rostker's idea, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon sought in a briefing with reporters Tuesday to defend the idea. "The issue here is equity,"

said Bacon, explaining in detail that 60 percent of food stamps go to those living on base as

part of the current system.
But Cohen said Wednesday he would ask the Agriculture Department to change the rules so housing allowances paid to people off-base would not be counted in their income.

If such a change were approved, which is far from certain, some soldiers will appear to be lower paid than they now appear on paper, and so become eligible for food stamps.

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Gun locks favored

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

WASHINGTON - Threefourths of Americans, including a majority of gun owners, favor requiring guns to be sold with trigger locks, an Associated Press poll found. People had mixed feelings about whether tougher gun laws or stricter enforcement was the most effective way to cut violence.

The poll found that 43 percent thought stricter enforcement was more likely to cut gun violence, while 33 percent said enacting tougher gun laws was a better approach. A fifth of those polled said nei-

ther option was best. "We need more enforcement of existing laws," said Donna Mesa, a reservation agent from Honolulu who was roaming the National Mall on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. "We need more law enforcement at the local level.

The poll was conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa.

An AP poll taken immediately after the Columbine High School shootings, which occurred a year ago today, showed that more people at that time thought tougher laws were the answer.

The argument for better enforcement of current gun laws often is used by gun control opponents to fight more laws.

The poll taken immediately after the shootings a year ago at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., showed just over half of Americans said more gun laws were more effective, while four in 10 picked tougher enforcement. But by late August, people had shifted to thinking stricter enforcement was a better way to reduce violence.

In the new poll, six in 10 said they supported stricter gun control laws, a number that has remained relatively constant in most polls before and after the Columbine shooting on April 20, 1999, that left 15 dead, including two student gunmen.

Seven in 10 women favor tougher gun control laws, while half the men said they felt that way in the AP poll of 829 people taken Friday

through Tuesday. It had an error margin of plus or minus

4 percentage points. One year later, fear and sadness endure

LITTLETON, Colo. — Kim Blair, a Columbine High School senior, was not injured in last year's deadly shooting spree. But the tragedy still left her deeply scarred, so much so that she's developed a fear of balloons.

During one visit to Craig Hospital to see a friend wounded in the attack, Kim remembered seeing some bal-loons behind her. When one popped, the two young women

"I was so frightened by that silly balloon. I cannot stand any popping sound. It reminds me too much of the gunshots last year," Kim, an associate editor of the school newspaper, wrote in the latest issue.

Some survivors of the Col-umbine massacre planned to mark today's one-year anniversary by facing the tragedy together in a private assembly. Others like Kim are staying far from the school — and the horrible memories.

Kim planned to spend today

with her family in a hotel.

"Most of the people I've talked to are trying to get as far away from this place as possible - the ones who were actually there," said Karen Nielsen, who was working in the cafeteria when the first shots rang out.

One year ago today, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold stormed through the school, killing 12 students and a teacher before committing suicide in the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Lieberman, Feinstein in the running for veep

WASHINGTON - For two centuries, a classified ad for vice president could have read like this: Wanted, white male.

This year could be different, and not just because several women are being consid-

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut who is Jewish is among the potential candidates to share the Democratic ticket with Al Gore. Another is California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, also Jewish.

That's worth noting. The closest a Jewish American ever got to living in the White House may have been when Kitty Dukakis had a chance at becoming first lady in 1988. Lieberman won't speculate

"I'm definitely not thinking about it," he said. "Believe it or not, my dream in life was to be a senator."

Feinstein did not return

calls to her office. Census response rate reached 1990 level

WASHINGTON - The Census Bureau is turning its attention to a massive doorto-door effort to reach uncounted Americans now that the mail response has tied its 1990 return rate.

Census Director Kenneth Prewitt proclaimed the 65 percent mailback rate "a serious achievement," on Wednesday, and noted that forms are still coming in.

"Now our job is cut out for us: We will make every effort, beginning on April 27, to contact all those who did not return their forms so we can achieve a 100 percent count of our nation's population," Prewitt said at a briefing.

He said equaling the 1990 return rate reverses a "decades-long decline in meeting our civic responsibility."

The 1990 rate was matched despite controversy in recent weeks about questions on the long form which some people felt were intrusive. Prewitt said he believed that has hurt the overall response.

Returns of the short form have are better than 1990, 66.8 percent compared with 66 percent, he said. But the long form is lagging with just 54.1 percent returned so far, compared with 60 percent a decade ago.

"Federal statistics are not about individuals, therefore they are not about privacy," Prewitt said.



Structure fire — A Hereford volunteer firefighter works at the site of a Tuesday afternoon fire. Workers had been using a grinder at the structure in the 1200 block of West 5th and a spark ignited wood. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

State environmental officials plan to meet

WASHINGTON (AP) -State environmental officials disgruntled with the Clinton administration's tough air quality standards for industry plan to meet next week to plot strategy for dealing with the next president.

The gathering of regulators struggling with current Environmental Protection Agency air pollution standards was arranged by Michigan Gov. John Engler's top environmental official, Russ

Engler is a top supporter of Republican George W. Bush's presidential bid. But Ken Silfven, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said the meeting is not connected to any campaign.

He characterized the planned gathering as a policy discussion among officials who believe the EPA's air quality standards are too cumbersome for industries to comply with

or for states to implement. "It isn't a G.W. or an Al Gore meeting," Silfven said.

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is the human soul."

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