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## ELECTION DAY

### State officials predict very low turnout

AUSTIN (AP) — With Gov. George W. Bush the presumptive Republican presidential nominee and only one contested Democratic primary for a statewide office, the state's top elections officials predict that under 19 percent of Texans would go to the polls today.

Secretary of State Elton Bomer issued his forecast Monday, projecting an 18.7 percent turnout — or 2.2 million of the state's 11.6 million registered voters.

The last year the White House incumbent wasn't on one of the primary ballots was 1988, when the governor's father, George Bush, sought to move up from vice president. Turnout that year in Texas was 13.08 percent for Republicans and 22.78 percent for Democrats, according to the secretary of state's office.

The Texas primary is the largest of the "Southern Tuesday" primaries. But its impact dropped dramatically last week when Arizona Sen. John McCain and former Sen. Bill Bradley ended their presidential bids, leaving Bush and Democratic Vice President Al Gore as the presumptive nominees of their parties.

"Of course everyone knows that Governor Bush is going to be the one to win the Republican nomination, but we want to be the state that puts him over the top. Secondly, we've got some very important contested primaries in our statewide races," said Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who was unopposed in her primary.



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON  
Incumbent senator unopposed in GOP primary.

Five little-known Democrats are seeking the nomination to challenge Hutchison, but that is the sole statewide race in which Democrats have a contested primary.

The list of Senate hopefuls included Gene Kelly, a retired Air Force lawyer who has lost six previous statewide races; Charles Gandy, a former one-term state legislator; Bobby Wightman-Cervantes, a Dallas lawyer; Don Clark, a computer systems manager from Mesquite; and H. Gerald Bintliff, a retired fleet service clerk from Leonard.

Wightman-Cervantes, who filed a legal challenge to his own party over how his name would appear on the ballot, was behind bars Monday.

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### DEAF SMITH COUNTY POLLING PLACES

- Precinct 1: Alkman Primary School, 900 Ave. K, 363-7641;
  - Precinct 2: Courthouse-Room 200, 235 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 363-7022;
  - Precinct 3: Hereford Junior High, 704 LaPlata Drive, 363-7138;
  - Precinct 4: Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C, 363-7138;
  - Precinct 5: Palo Duro Baptist Church, 13 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 60, 15 miles north on Farm Road 809, east side of the road, 426-3470;
  - Precinct 6: Ford Community Building, 20 miles north of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 385, west side of road, 267-2142;
  - Precinct 7: Dawn Community Center, 13 miles east of Hereford, center of town, 258-9277;
  - Precinct 8: Walcott School, 24 miles west of Hereford on FM 1058, 7 miles north on FM 1412, west side of road, 289-5222;
  - Precinct 9: Simms Community House, 15 miles north of Hereford on U.S. 385, 15 miles west on FM 1412, north side of the road, no phone.
- The polls will be open until 7 p.m. today.

### Today's weather

## OUTLOOK

### Cloudy skies tonight

Tonight: Areas of low clouds and fog possible late, otherwise mostly clear with a low in the lower 40s, south wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Areas of low clouds and fog possible in the morning, otherwise mostly sunny with a high 70 to 75, southwest wind 15 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 30s.

### Extended forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy in the morning with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy in the afternoon, high 50 to 55.

Friday: Partly cloudy, low 30 to 35, high in the mid-60s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low near 35, high in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

### Hereford weather

Monday's high, 61; low, 31; no precipitation.

## Annual KidFish slated

■ TPWD to stock Aquatic Center pond with rainbow trout, catfish for young anglers

More than a ton of fish will be stocked in the Hereford Aquatic Park Pond this week for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KidFish event.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will put more than 1,000 pounds of rainbow trout and 1,000 pounds of channel catfish in the pond to improve the fishing.

Kidfish will be 9 a.m.-noon March 25. No pre-registration is required. After the event is over, all participants and volunteers will be invited to a cookout, with Hereford City Commissioners Roger Eades and Wayne Winget manning the grills.

The event will be the eighth of the year and will qualify children for the 2000 KidFish Class, which will be Oct. 21 in San Angelo. Qualifiers for the West Texas KidFish Classic will be the top fund-raiser, the child catching the longest fish in individual age groups, all child raising \$100 or more, and one child selected randomly. The classic will feature fishing for trophy size catfish, up to 25 pounds, and a first prize of \$2,000.

KidFish is an outreach program of the Texas Game Wardens Association and is designed to give children, ages 16 and under, a chance to experience the sport of fishing. Participants are asked to collect sponsorships from friends, relatives and neighbors to win a variety of prizes.

A minimum donation of \$10 will allow participants to receive awards such as T-shirts, caps, trophies and medals. All donations go to expanding the KidFish program. However, it not necessary for a child to bring a donation to participate. All children will receive a goodie bag, KidFish ribbon and diploma.

Longest fish winners will receive a variety of prizes, such as a Nintendo game system, skateboard, tent, and other outdoor equipment.

Bait, tackle and loaner rods and reels will be provided for children who do not have their own equipment.

KidFish will be sponsored by the City of Hereford and Chevy trucks.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact KidFish toll-free at (877) 733-5646.



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

David Fanning, principal of Shirley Intermediate School, tried hard to win the Girl Scout Celebrity Cookie Stacking Contest held Saturday at Moovies 6, but he lost to Butch White, owner of Boots and Saddle Western Wear. White stacked 30 cookies to claim the championship and win a plaque and movie tickets. Other local celebrities participating were Don Cumpton, executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corp.; Mayor Bob Josserand; Judy Mitts, former Girl Scout volunteer leader; and Dr. Nema Uwaydah, family physician with Covenant Family Health Care Center. Brownie Troop No. 203 sold about 100 boxes of cookies during the afternoon extravaganza.

## Two incumbents to seek new terms on HSD board

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Filing is under way, although it's moving slowly, for spots on the May 6 elections.

Voters will go to the polls May 6 to select members of the Hereford City Commission, Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors and Hereford Independent School District trustees.

Four positions will be on the ballot in the city commission and hospital district elections, while three school board seats are up for grabs.

Filing for spots on the city and school district ballots will end March 22. Filing for spots on the hospital district ballot will end April 6.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Two incumbents have filed for new terms on the HSD board. Lloyd Ames is seeking re-election to the District 6 seat he has held for one term, while Mark Landrum is seeking his second term as District 3 trustee.

The other seat on the ballot is held by board president Dave Charest, who has been serving on

the board since 1996.

### CITY

In the city election, Places 1 and 4, as well as two at-large seats will be on the ballot. The incumbents are Angie Alonzo, Place 2, Wayne Winget, Place 4, and Roger Eades and Carey Black, at-large.

Eades and Winget filed last week for new terms.

Another candidate, Michael Kitten, a safety director with AzTx Cattle Co., filed for an at-large seat shortly after the filing period opened.

Eades, who also serves as mayor pro tem, is president of Plains Insurance Agency. He is completing his fourth full term. He was appointed to the commission in 1991.

Winget is manager of Winget Pump. He is completing his fourth full term. He was appointed to the commission in 1990.

Alonzo is completing her first term on the commission.

### HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The four seats on the hospital district board are all at-large and are now held by Mark Collier, Dean Crofford, Jesse Rincones and Karen

Solomon.

While Collier, Crofford and Solomon are completing full terms, Rincones is filling out the unexpired term of Jeremy Grant. Grant resigned last fall.

Collier has been a director since 1996; Crofford, since 1994; and Solomon since 1997.

Candidates for seats on the hospital board must submit a petition with 25 signatures of registered county voters by 5 p.m. April 6.

Petitions are available in the Hereford Regional Medical Center administration office during regular office hours. Completed petitions must be authenticated as signed by registered voters by the candidate in the County Clerk's Office before being submitted to HRMC administrative assistant Carolan Garza.

The deadline to register to vote in these elections is April 6.

Voters who want to vote by mail in ballot must apply before April 28. Early voting in-person will be April 19-May 2.

## HOSPITAL

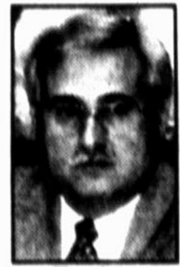
■ HRMC chief says 'no second wave' of layoffs in effort to deal with financial problems

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Chief executive officer James Taylor has reassured department heads at Hereford Regional Medical Center that there "is no second wave" of layoffs planned in wake of Friday's announcement that 15 hospital employees were losing their jobs.

The layoffs were part of the hospital administration's effort to deal with the hospital's continuing financial difficulties. The layoffs were across the board, with no single department bearing the brunt of the staff reduction, Taylor said Monday.

The hospital's financial problems are not the fault of "any one particular individual," Taylor said. The situation is cumulative, having developed over a period of several years, he said.



Taylor

"We will have to make some significant changes to make the hospital viable," Taylor said.

In making the decision to reduce the workforce, Taylor said he pulled the productivity reports from each department and then reviewed the reports with each department head.

"We have to look at the unique situation of each department. You have to look at the scope of services within a department," Taylor said. "For instance, if I look at a clinic setting and I look at the hours and minutes per visit, knowing whether that is reasonable means I have to know something about the scope of services in that setting."

Taylor said the review of each department focused on its scope of services, unique situations and opportunities for savings.

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

"That isn't money the hospital receives on a claim-by-claim basis," he said. The Medicaid Disproportionate Share funds are provided on an annual basis to hospitals for indigent care. When the funding was reduced under the provisions of the federal Balanced Budget Act, rural hospitals, which often have a high number of indigent patients, were hit severely.

"The loss of that amount of money was particularly distressing to the hospital because it is such a sizeable amount of money," he said.

Taylor also said the losses re-

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**Local roundup**

**Commissioners accept bid**

After a delay of more than two months, a bid was accepted Monday for a 120-ton Scotchman Ironworker in Deaf Smith County Precinct 4.

The county commissioners voted to accept a bid of \$9,555 from Jay Bowers Construction of Farwell.

At the Dec. 27, 1999, commissioner meeting, bids were opened on the equipment. The only bid received was for \$7,563 from Southwest Feedyards. The commissioners, hoping to receive a higher offer, rejected the bid and agreed to re-open the bids.

A second bid of \$9,010 was submitted by Greg Billington of CIB Inc.

In other business, the commissioners approved Kenneth Schlabs' request for permission to lay an electric line across a county road in Precinct 2. The commissioners also granted Greg Chavez' request to cross a Precinct 2 road with a water line.

Commissioner Troy Don Moore presided in the absence of County Judge Tom Simons.

**HISD hosts parenting seminar**

The Parent Educators from Hereford campuses will host an "Effective Home and School Communication" seminar in two sessions, for all families.

Sessions are 6:30-8 p.m. March 14 and March 21 at the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sessions will be presented in both English and Spanish.

Session 1 is "Why won't my children listen to me" and Session 2 is "Parenting Styles".

Food, door prizes and childcare will be provided. All parents are invited.

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**MTBE found in Lake Tawakoni**

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Trace levels of the gasoline additive MTBE have been detected in Lake Tawakoni, prompting both Greenville and Dallas to shut down the intakes that draw some of the cities' drinking water.

Although state and federal officials say there is no health hazard, the City of West Tawakoni is continuing to monitor the chemical, according to The Greenville Herald Banner in today's editions.

The additive MTBE was first detected near the city's water intake on the north part of the reservoir.

The shutoff came as crews worked Monday along Caddo Creek, attempting to soak up the refined gasoline that remained from last Thursday night's break in a petroleum pipeline northeast of Floyd in western Hunt County.

The 28-inch pipeline, which runs from the Texas Gulf coast to Indiana, remained shut down as the National Transportation Safety Board conducts an investigation into the cause of the spill.

Approximately 500,000 gallons of refined gasoline entered the creek between late Thursday night and early Friday morning. Although the fuel itself was finally contained Sunday about six miles north of Lake Tawakoni, attempts to prevent the additive MTBE from entering the reservoir apparently were unsuccessful.

MTBE is water-soluble, and cleansing a water supply of it is expensive, officials said.

Absorbent pads have been thrown onto the pools of gasoline to be removed and taken to laboratories for processing.

**HMOs report record losses**

Another year of record losses for some Texas-based health maintenance organizations means residents will likely be forced to pay higher premiums, state regulators and analysts say.

The Texas Department of Insurance said Monday that HMOs across the state lost about \$400 million for 1999.

The health plans, which analysts say have underpriced their product to grab market share in recent years, have lost more than \$1 billion in Texas since the second quarter of 1996.

In North Texas, HMOs lost about \$195 million in local operations for 1999, the state said.

John Patterson, executive director of the Texas Association of Health Plans, said the health care premiums will go up.

Analysts said that HMOs have historically been aggressive in raising premiums, but still have not kept up with rising costs.

"The people haven't fixed the problem," said Joe Taylor, health care consultant with the William M. Mercer consulting firm in Dallas.

**Chicken products recalled**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Georgia company is recalling 18,600 pounds of chicken breast fritters that may have been sold in packages that don't disclose that the product contains eggs, which cause allergies in some people.

The product was packaged for institutional use and was not sold in stores.

The chicken product was sold by Zartic Inc. of Rome, Ga., to distributors in 13 states: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Kansas, Florida, Oklahoma, Arizona, Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Monday.

Each of the 18-pound cases in which it was sold has a code of "63014" on the label, and "P-703" appears inside the USDA seal of inspection.

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**NCA contest winners**



**Doing math** -- More than 25 students from Nazarene Christian Academy recently travelled to Plainview to participate in the Association of Christian Schools Math Contest. Local students competed against approximately 250 other students in reasoning and computation skills. Placing at the contest, back row from left were: Braden West, second place, Roger Gonzales, first place, Justin Hall, fourth place; front row: Haley Easley, fourth place, LeAnna King, fourth place and Caison Cole, fourth place.

**DNA determines Jesse James' resting place**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas grave which historians say contains outlaw Jesse James' remains will be opened within two months after a judge cleared the way for the Granbury Cemetery exhumation and more DNA testing at relatives' request.

Hood County Judge Linda Steen's order comes despite DNA testing of remains exhumed in 1995 from what historians and relatives have identified as Jesse James' grave in Kearney, Mo.

Experts told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the results from that test are consistent with what is known of the 19th century outlaw.

But for many, there's no doubt that the famed outlaw Jesse James is buried in Granbury Cemetery.

Even if history books say he died at the hands of Bob Ford on April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Mo., they see the exhumation — and DNA testing — as proof that the accounts from their childhood are true.

Tests on the body exhumed in Missouri, by George Washington University forensic scientist James Starrs, were inconclusive.

**Outages possible in summer heat**

WASHINGTON (AP) — This summer could see a repeat of power outages if reliability problems in a rapidly changing electricity industry are not addressed, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson warned.

Addressing a group of mayors and local officials on Monday, Richardson urged that they help convince Congress to enact legislation that would require mandatory reliability standards for wholesale power producers.

"While demand for electricity is soaring ... the reliability of our electric grid is at times faltering, mainly because policy makers haven't kept pace with rapid changes in the electric utility industry," Richardson said.

He released an Energy Department report that concluded the transition to electricity competition has strained transmission and distribution lines, and caused some utilities to focus on competing for markets, cutting costs and maximizing prices, instead of assuring that power is kept flowing.

HEREFORD BRAND  
**Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 10-13, 2000, include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests**

-- An individual was arrested in the 100 block of Grand and charged with a misdemeanor.

-- A 44-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of Avenue G and charged with Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

-- A man was arrested in the 600 block of McKinley and charged with driving while intoxicated.

-- A woman was arrested in the 100 block of Star during a traffic stop and charged with an outstanding traffic warrant.

-- A 25-year-old man was arrested at Grand and Avenue D and charged with Department of Public Safety warrants.

-- A 19-year-old woman was arrested in the 1000 block of 13th and charged with city warrants.

-- A juvenile was arrested and charged with outstanding Texas Youth Center warrants.

-- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Fifth and charged with failure to identify and hindering apprehension.

-- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of North Avenue K and charged with failure to identify as a fugitive.

-- A 17-year-old female juvenile was detained on a juvenile probation warrant from Deaf Smith County.

**Incidents**

-- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

-- A hit and run was reported in the 700 block of Irving.

-- A man reported wanting to commit suicide in the 100 block of Avenue G.

-- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of

South Texas.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Blevins.

-- Two brown dogs were reported running loose in the 500 block of Avenue G.

-- A parking violation was reported in the 600 block of Whittier.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue D.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

-- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Lawton.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

-- A hit and run was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

-- A welfare concern was reported in the 600 block of Blevins.

-- An incident was reported in the 400 block of East 15th.

-- A forgery was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests**

-- A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

-- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a possession of controlled substance conviction.

-- A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

-- A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

-- An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft conviction.

-- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

**Incidents**

-- A burglary of a building was reported, tack was stolen.

-- Deputies recovered a stolen vehicle.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT March 14**

-- 5:18 a.m. Firefighters were on stand-by for Dimmitt. No response was required.

The incidents included outages in Chicago, New York City, Long Island, New Jersey, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana as well as some non-outage electricity grid disturbances in New England and the mid-Atlantic states.

The report examined power disruptions and electricity price spikes that occurred during high electricity demand last summer and how to prevent a repeat of the same problems this summer.

A draft of the report, including its key findings, was made public as an interim document in January.

But Richardson, speaking to the National League of Cities, used the analysis to reiterate his call for Congress to pass legislation governing the new, more competitive electricity industry or risk "more long, hot summers of outages in America's cities."

For several years, lawmakers

ers have been trying to craft legislation that would establish a national program of electricity industry deregulation, ending the historic monopolies utilities have had in their local service areas.

Twenty-four states already are well along to a competitive electricity market and in some states such as California and Pennsylvania people can choose their electricity supplier, although the actual power still comes over the same local distribution systems.

But a national electricity deregulation bill has been stymied by disagreements among various segments of the \$200 billion electric power industry, and opposition from some states where electricity already is cheap. There also has been controversy over what role the federal government should play as opposed to the states, which traditionally have regulated electric utilities, and whether a federal law should require an openly competitive market, or allow states to make that decision.

Citing power disruptions last summer, Richardson told a cities' conference that "with-out action (on the federal level) things could get worse before they get better."

Last week, Richardson told a conference of state regulators that the system of voluntary reliability rules, established by the industry itself, is inadequate in the current competitive market system.

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**Obituaries**

**ANNIE LAURA WALKER March 13, 2000**

SHALLOWATER — Services for Annie Laura Walker, 96, of Shallowater will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Abbey Chapel-Resthaven Funeral Home with C.E. Morris of Sixth Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Walker died Monday at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 19, 1903, in San Saba County to George and Sarah Stowe Maynard. She married Fred E. Walker on Oct. 24, 1922, in Vernon.

Mrs. Walker grew up in Crews, Texas and was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed painting, cooking and spending time with her family.

Survivors include four sons, Fred Walker of Lubbock, Hilton Walker of Moab, Connie Walker of Hereford, Tevis Walker of Shallowater; four daughters, Dena Taylor and Nellie Potter, both of Shallowater, Georgia Broadus of Lubbock, Imogene Young of Brownfield; 34 grandchildren; 81-great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

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**Texas lottery**

**Cash Five**

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:  
**5-0-22-32-36**

**Pick 3**

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
**6-0-8**

**Lotto Texas**

Zero tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$13 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:  
**31-38-7-42-32-3.**

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

**Pick 3**

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
**4-3-9**

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## First Aid



Red Cross Month is observed in March and to assist the local Tri-County Chapter with promoting this special month, InkaHoote has set up a display of First Aid Kits which are available from the Red Cross. There are special kits for special needs, even one for the family pet.

## Wife should attend corporate party

**Dear Ann Landers:** I recently re-entered the corporate world after being self-employed for several years, and am now facing a personal dilemma that I do not wish to share with a friend or family member. I hope you will tell me what to do. Your response cannot be sent either to my home or office, so please, put it in your column.

The company's chief executive and his wife are having a social event, and I have received an invitation addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So." It is a black-tie affair. My wife is a recovering alcoholic, not well-versed in social graces, and somewhat lacking in basic conversational skills. She also does not have the proper wardrobe for a formal event, and does not feel like investing money in a gown that will probably get very little use. And to be perfectly honest, Ann, I am afraid she would make a poor impression and embarrass me.

The question: Would it be acceptable for me to attend this affair without her? Of course, I would cover for her absence tactfully, saying she had family obligations. Please give me some guidance. — Husband in a Bind

**Dear Husband:** When I read your letter, my heart ached for your wife. I hope I have your story straight. Here it is: You are now a corporate executive in a new position, and have been invited (as a couple) to a formal company event, and want to know if it is "acceptable" to go without your wife. You say she is "a recovering alcoholic" and might embarrass you.

By "recovering alcoholic," I assume your wife is in a recovery program such as Alcoholics Anonymous and does not drink. My advice is as follows: Give your wife instruc-

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tions to go out and buy a lovely formal gown and the appropriate shoes. Suggest that she make an appointment to get her hair done, and be sure to tell her how lovely she looks. Forget about her social graces and conversational skills. The poor woman hasn't had much practice, and she probably won't open her mouth. Please let me know you followed my advice and how the evening turned out.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am writing about the woman who felt betrayed by her in-laws because they maintained a relationship with their son's ex-wife. I would like to speak for the in-laws, since I am one, and have had considerable experience.

I would do anything under the sun to maintain a cordial relationship with my ex-daughter-in-law, because I love my grandchildren with all my heart, and want to be part of their lives. I have bent over backward to be kind and loving toward my son's former wife, and have extended a welcoming hand to her new husband. She knows that I would be willing to help her in every way possible.

Happily, I have frequent contact with the grandchildren, and often baby-sit for days at a time. I am aware, however, that if anything should go wrong in the relationship she now has with my son (her ex-husband), she would cut me off without a second thought. I walk on eggshells around her to make certain I am always welcome, because my major concern is to stay in close contact with my grand-

children.

I am building a solid relationship with the grandchildren NOW so if anything should happen down the road between their mother and me, they will want me in their lives — on their own. — Grandma, Anywhere USA

**Dear Grandma:** Four

cheers for you! I'm sure you are a stabilizing factor and a positive influence in the lives of your grandchildren. They are lucky to have you — and you are blessed to have them.

**Confidential to Margo:** Happy Birthday, darling daughter — and here's to many more good ones with the H.D.

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**Thank You**  
A very special thanks from the family of Gloria Valdez. Thanks for all your sympathy, friendship, and thoughtfulness. And for all the wonderful food, from neighbors, friends, and churches.  
Your caring will always remain in our memories, as Gloria will always remain in yours.  
I know she's an angel now watching over all her brothers and sisters with the Lord by her side, hand in hand.  
Thanks again & God Bless All  
Rudy Valdez & Family



**Grand Re-Opening**  
Children's Exchange  
Bargain Bust Prices  
Saturday, March 18th  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
900 North Lee  
Clothing Sizes: Infant to Junior (Boys & Girls)  
Clothing and Accessories with  
"A Soft Touch of Experience"

## Cadettes learn about careers

Recently, 22 Hereford Girl Scouts and 18 adults attended a bowling party at the Hereford Recreation Center.

All of the Hereford Girl Scout troops are participating in the Girl Scout Cookie sale and several are participating in cookie booth sales at Homeland, The Ranch House and Moovies 6.

Over the winter break, Cassie Daniel, Stephanie Henson, Jami Lyons and Clarissa Zamora of Cadette Troop #283 spent one afternoon learning about several careers.

The girls interviewed Renee Kuper at Sew 'N Tell and learned about fabrics, sewing and fashion design.

### Harder gives club program

A program on "Buttons" was given by Beverly Harder for La Aflatus Estudio Club.

Harder gave the history of buttons accompanied by a button display. She began and ended her program with poems about buttons.

The meeting was held in the home of Leola Cook with Debra Buck and Della Stagner acting as hostesses.

President Margaret Baxter presided at the business meeting during which the nominating

committee gave its report. The club accepted the report and the following officers will be installed at the spring luncheon: Erily Suggs, president; Alberta Higgins, vice president; Aileen Montgomery, secretary/treasurer; Roxie Phipps, reporter; and Virginia Curt-inger, parliamentarian.

The next meeting will be March 21 with Mary Williamson. Present were members Virginia Beasley, Leola Cook, Louise Streun, Curtsinger, Higgins, Montgomery, Stagner, Suggs and guest Debra Buck.

They toured the Hereford Child Care Center and talked with several child care workers about their jobs and responsibilities.

Paula Edwards, director of the Deaf Smith County Museum and E.B. Black House, explained her job to the girls. They later viewed the vintage clothing, toys and furs that were on display in the museum basement.

Then the girls visited with the manager at Bealls clothing store and learned about the career opportunities and benefits offered in a retail clothing store.

Becky Thorn, Lifestyles editor for the Hereford Brand, described her job responsibilities and then

gave the troop a tour of the newspaper offices, explaining the various jobs, skills and technology required to produce a newspaper.

Dr. Hutto gave a tour of his facilities and explained the necessary education, training and skills needed to be a small animal vet.

Finally, to end the afternoon, the girls stopped at the Deaf Smith County Library to arrange a display of Girl Scout memorabilia to celebrate Girl Scout Week, March 6-March 12.

The next main event for all the Girl Scout Troops will be the carnival which is scheduled for Tues., March 21, at the Community Center ballroom from 5:30-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the carnival and tickets for activities will be 25 cents each.

All girls and adults are welcome to join Girl Scouts any time during the year. The registration fee is \$7 per person and financial help is available. To register or for more information please call 364-2248.

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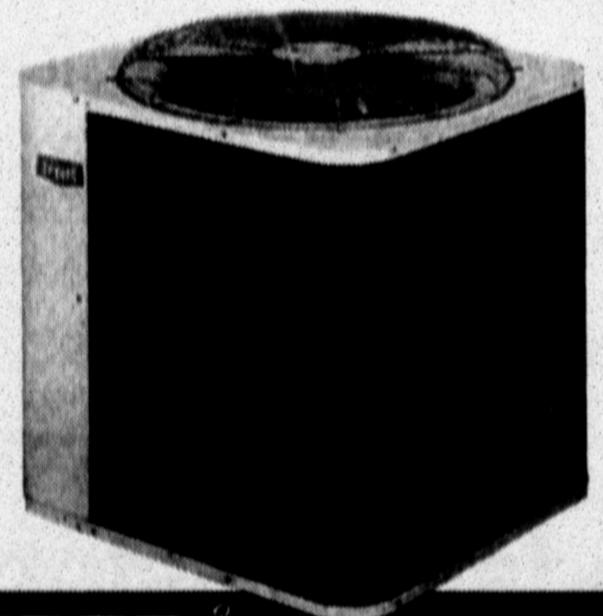
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## Rose reviews book for DAR

Helen Rose gave a review of the book, "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw, for the Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR meeting held Thursday in the home of Ruth Knox.

Rose related that the book is made up of stories of individual men and women who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II and went on to build modern America.

In this book you meet people whose everyday lives

reveal how a generation persevered through war, and were trained by it, and then went on to create interesting and useful lives and the America we have today.

Regent Patricia Robinson presided over the opening ritual. Chaplain Ruth Knox gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Newsom. The American's Creed was led by Pat Smart and the Preamble

to the Constitution was led by Margaret Bell.

Vice regent Jean Beene gave the President Generals Message.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Jo Solomon, Smart and Knox to guests Mildred Fuhrmann, Marie Griffin and Gladys Flood and members Donna Smith, Linda Knowles, Lois Gilliland, Beene, Bell, Newsom, Robinson and Rose.

## DAR seeks info on Korean vets

Beginning in June of 2000, the members of Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR will join our nation as it honors its Korean War veterans.

The purpose of the Korean War Commemorations is to:

- honor Korean War veterans,
- honor family members of Korean War veterans, especially families who lost loved ones,
- recognize the contributions and sacrifices made on the home front,
- provide Americans with a clear understanding and appreciation of the lessons and history of the Korean War, and
- educate every generation of Americans on the historical impact of the Korean War in saving a nation from enslavement and preserving

peace, freedom and prosperity.

"It is the desire of Los Ciboleros Chapter to know and honor every person in our community who was a soldier or patriot in this period of our history. But we have not found any list of these individuals," Jean Beene, chairman of the committee, said.

"If we know their names, we feel that we can better honor those who live or have lived in our community, or are related to families in our community. Certainly the roster should include those who have already passed away."

Anyone with information that will assist Los Ciboleros Chapter in compiling this roster is asked to contact Beene at 364-6117 or any other member of Los Ciboleros Chapter.

## West to serve as guest presenter for Alzheimer's support group

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 16 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to Hereford Care Center.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with

Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Sheila West, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, will serve as guest presenter/facilitator for Thursday's meeting. In her position as executive director, West is always aware of new and interesting information related to Alzheimer's disease and the special needs of the caregiver.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are

typically 36-hours long.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, **The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life** by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club and the Fellowship of Believers Church, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

## La Madre Mia tours Sparks' home

La Madre Mia Study Club met Thursday to tour the home of Terry Sparks, owner of Terry's Floral.

Sparks presented a program of facts about his home which was built by architect Jay Swayze in 1970. Swayze has built homes in Hereford, Plainview, Las Vegas and built a model home at the New York World's Fair in 1964.

As door prizes, Sparks gave away four Jonquil plants to Mary Thomas, Cindy Cassels, Nancy Paetzold and Lajeane Henry.

At the meeting, members were reminded to attend Bowl for Kid's Sake coming in April. Five club members will be participating and other members will provide refreshments.

Club president Marline Watson announced the nominating committee. They are Georgia Sparks, Nancy Paetzold, Mary Herring and Carolyn Baxter.

After the business meeting was conducted, refreshments were served to members in attendance: Francyne Bromlow,

Cassels, Linda Cumpton, Henry, Herring, Susan Hicks, Betty Lady, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Bettye Owen, June Owens, Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Tricia Sims, Mysedia Smith, Sparks, Tommie Stevens, Betty Taylor, Marline Watson, Nicky Walser, Mary Beth White and Judy Williams. Welcomed guests were Thomas, Marie Stringer and Mattie Owen.

The next meeting will be March 23 at the home of Tricia Sims.

## SHL gives voice to Texans age 60, over

Texans 60 years of age and older have an opportunity to become a representative from this region to the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL).

These legislators work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues which may become law. If you are a person 60 or older and

a registered voter, you may file as a candidate for election in the TSHL now through March 31, 2000. Terms are for two years.

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TSHL members pay their own

expenses. Even those who don't choose to run are encouraged to vote in the elections. Elections for your TSHL representative will be held May 26. For more information or to obtain forms for filing, call the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at 1-800-642-6008.

## 'Can You Read?' is topic of program given by Bradley for Bippus FCE Club

The Bippus FCE Club met recently in the home of Sue Thweatt with Mary Dorris of Clovis, N.M., as hostess.

The morning was spent quilting. After lunch, the meeting was called to order by president Alta Mae Higgins.

During the meeting, minutes were read by Homfeld, which

were approved. Homfeld also read an opening exercise.

Members were reminded and encouraged to attend the District FCE meeting in Hereford on March 28.

The program titled "Can You Read?" was presented by Kate Bradley.

After the program and meet-

ing, the afternoon was spent quilting. Thweatt displayed one of her quilts.

Members present were Thweatt, Bradley, Homfeld and Higgins. Ruth Fortenberry of Hereford and Dorris of Clovis were guests.

The club's next meeting will be April 12 at Thweatt's home.

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### LOOKING BACK

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, March 14, the 74th day of 2000. There are 292 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

**On this date:**  
In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's orchestral work "Fanfare for

the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

**Ten years ago:** The Soviet Congress elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to the country's new, powerful presidency, a day after creating the post. The United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France, and West and East Germany held their first formal meeting on reunifying the German states.

**Five years ago:** American astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American to enter space aboard a Russian rocket as he and two cosmonauts blasted off aboard a Soyuz spacecraft, headed for the Mir space station.

**One year ago:** The Clinton administration conceded the Chinese had gained from technology allegedly stolen from a federal nuclear weapons lab but insisted the government responded decisively; Republicans demanded a comprehensive review of U.S. policy toward China.

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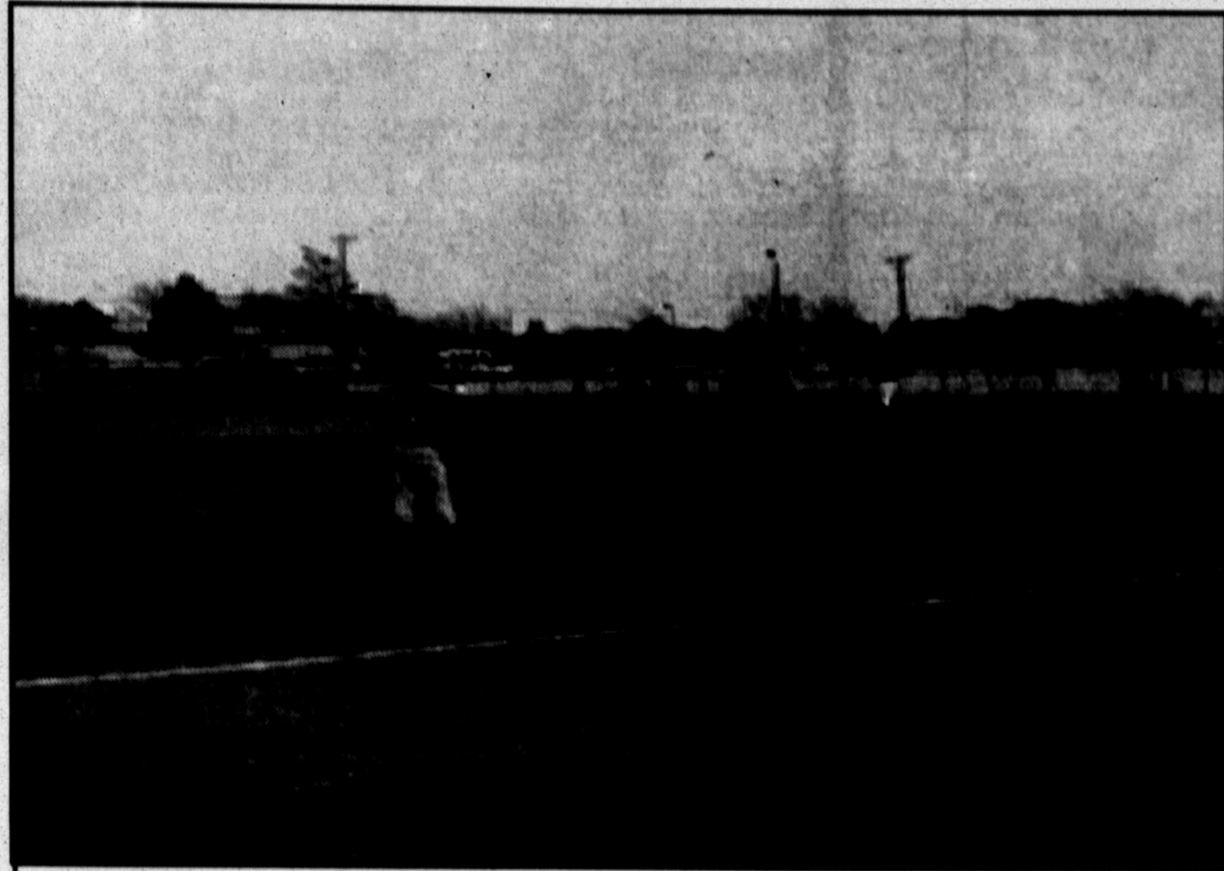


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# SPORTS

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## Baseball team evens record



Third baseman LJ Vallejo plays defense during the Herd's 4-2 win on Monday.

Hobbs	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
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Pitching - Hobbs (L-Starr) Hereford (W-Castillo)								

### The Whitefaces get back on track with a 4-2 win over Hobbs

By Jeff Blackmon  
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Whitefaces slid past Hobbs Monday with a 4-2 victory.

George Castillo pitched a gem allowing only two hits and two runs over seven innings. Castillo struck out 13 batters in the Herd's victory.

In the third inning, Castillo nearly got out of a jam with runners on first and second with no one out. Castillo

struck out the next two batters when the next Hobbs batter hit a two out double to left field scoring two runs. Those runs were the only damage Hobbs could do.

In the bottom of the third the Herd scored three runs taking the lead back for good. Junior Eddie Lacey led the Whitefaces with two RBI's while senior Brady Daniel and catcher Toby Torres added one RBI a piece. The Herd scored four runs off of nine hits during the game.

The win evens the Hereford High's record to 4-4. The game was played Monday because the teams were unable to finish their game this past weekend due to rain.

The Hereford Baseball team traveled to the Western Hills Tournament last Thursday only to be beaten by Granbury on Friday 7-4.

Hereford led briefly in the second inning only to see Granbury take over in the bottom half of the second. Granbury continued to score in every inning except for the first en route to the victory.

George Castillo suffered the loss for the Whitefaces after

allowing three runs in four innings. Eddie Lacey relieved Castillo and allowed four more runs to score in three innings of work.

The Herd's offense was provided mostly by center-fielder Richard Salinas and catcher Toby Torres. Salinas had a double for the Herd while Torres hit a home run and a triple.

The team was plagued all afternoon with errors. The Whitefaces committed four during the loss.

The next challenge for the Herd will be on Thursday when they travel to compete in a tournament in Burkburnett.

The Herd will try to improve to a 5-4 record on Friday which would give them a winning record for the first time this season.

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## Spring training players robbed

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — It was approaching curfew for the Houston Astros' minor league players when two gunmen burst into a hotel room where five players were watching television with a female friend.

The gunmen tied up the players and the women at gunpoint and took their cash. Then they moved to an adjacent room, where a sixth minor leaguer, Aaron Miles, was by himself Sunday night.

By then, the five players managed to free their hands and call 911. When a police officer arrived, one of the gunmen fled by jumping from a second-floor balcony.

The other suspect held Miles at gunpoint as more police officers arrived. Miles then made his move, lurching for the gunman.

As they struggled, police officers knocked out the hotel room's glass window and ordered the suspect to surrender. They shot him when he refused.

None of the players were

hurt, but it was a harrowing few minutes for Miles; Morgan Ensberg, 24; Derek Nicholson, 23; Keith Ginter, 23; Michael Rose, 23; and Eric Cole, 24. The woman was identified as Alicia Szczerba, 23.

The armed robbery took place at a Holiday Inn in Kissimmee, where the Astros' minor leaguers stay during spring training.

"Certainly they're shaken up right now, but overall they handled themselves well," Astros assistant general manager Tim Purpura said.

The wounded gunman was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center. He was listed Monday in stable but critical condition with wounds to his face, shoulders and stomach. Police were unable to identify him because he had no identification and was still unconscious.

A Canadian woman staying with her husband and son in the room underneath the ballplayers' room said she

heard yelling and screaming, the shattering of the hotel room's glass window and three shots fired.

"It sounded like it was raining when the glass shattered," said Gail Wolkowski, of Thunder Bay, Ontario. "You saw police running everywhere."

Later in the morning, maintenance workers washed away blood from the walkway in front of the hotel room and covered the shattered window with a wood plank.

The Astros have no intention of moving the minor leaguers out of the hotel, but were meeting with security officials from the commissioner's office.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, following its routine, was investigating the police shooting.

Contact sports at:  
hbnews@hotmail.com

## Herd Improves at tournament

### Tennis team makes a good showing at Pampa tournament

By Jeff Blackmon  
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Whiteface Tennis Team came away with a successful showing this past weekend.

On the girls side Kimberly Scott won the girls singles title by winning all four of her matches. Scott won the championship match 6-4, 7-5.

On the boys side, both Clayton Blackshear and Riley Hall advanced to the second round. Blackshear won his second round match while Riley Hall lost in round two. Blackshear then lost in the third round 6-1, 6-4.

The boys doubles team of Cosby and Harrell defeated their first and second round



The Hereford tennis team hopes to do even better at their next tournament in Hereford on March 24-25.

opponents and lost in the third round by a score of 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

The boys doubles team of Ian Isaacson and Darin Alade also advanced to the second

round but lost in the third. The tennis team will now prepare to host the Hereford Tournament on March 24-25.

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# BOWLING CHAMPS



Singles Champs at the Women's City Tournament are (from left) first place Linda Wilcox, second place Marilyn Bell and third place Karen McPherson.

## Hereford High School Golf

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March 21	Borger
March 27	Pampa
April 1	Hereford
April 3	Amarillo
April 8	Dumas

## Rangers send Greer home

DALLAS (AP) — With opening day just three weeks away, Texas left fielder Rusty Greer is returning from training camp for a doctors' review and two other Rangers players have not yet appeared in exhibition games.

Greer, who missed the first four spring training games because of inflammation in his right ankle, lasted only one inning in his fourth consecutive start.

Departing because of renewed discomfort in the ankle, Greer was examined by Rangers' medical staff who decided to send him from Port Charlotte, Fla., to Arlington for tests today and Tuesday.

Greer was expected to re-join the club Wednesday.

Manager Johnny Oates planned on using Greer for only three innings in the Minnesota Twins' 7-5 victory over Texas on Sunday. Greer came out after he did not run well on a first-inning fly out.

Greer has previously ac-

knowledge that there could be bone chips or spurs in the ankle, a condition that would eventually require surgery.

"You could see him limping," first baseman Rafael Palmeiro told The Dallas Morning News. "He's one of our key guys. We need to have him."

Rangers' closer John Wetteland and lefthander Mike Venafro have not yet appeared in exhibition play following groin and index finger problems, respectively.

Justin Thompson, a lefthander and key to the trade that sent two-time American League Most Valuable Player Juan Gonzalez to Detroit, will begin the season on the disabled list while recovering from last August's shoulder surgery.

"The main thing we want to do is get everyone healthy," said Oates. "We'd like to go through the right process and make sure you don't leave any rocks unturned. You don't want to wait and hope it's something when it's really

## Lakers' streak alive

DENVER (AP) — Phil Jackson had seen this script before. The rewrite turned out better.

In 1996, he led the Chicago Bulls into Denver with an 18-game winning streak — at the time, the longest in the NBA in 24 years — and the Nuggets shocked the eventual league champions.

Now coaching the Los Angeles Lakers, Jackson returned to Denver on Monday night with his team riding an 18-game run. "I reminded them that once we had an 18-game winning streak, and Denver surprised us after a similar back-to-back situation," Jackson said after the Lakers won 118-108 for their 19th straight victory. "We just didn't have the energy for the game (in 1996). They had the energy to push on through."

In other NBA games Monday, Utah beat Chicago 87-79, Detroit got past Boston 124-115 and Seattle defeated Vancouver 113-103.

Shaquille O'Neal, playing with a sore right hamstring, provided inspiration and production for the Lakers with 40 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in 44 minutes.

He also hit 12 of 16 free throws, including his last seven.

The free-throw performance was a stark turnaround from a 2-for-14 debacle in Los Angeles' 11-point loss to Denver in November.

"I remember that," said O'Neal, who has shot 62.5 percent from the line over his last six games. "I've been shooting them pretty well. I just want to get my percentage up going into the playoffs. Everybody knows I step my game up come playoff time."

The playoffs can't come soon enough for the Lakers, whose winning streak is the third best in NBA history.

With a victory Thursday night in Washington, Los Angeles will tie the 1970-71 Milwaukee

Bucks for the second-longest streak. The 1971-72 Lakers hold the league record of 33 straight.

"This is nice, but I don't think they pass out anything for teams that win 19 in a row," Ron Harper said. "You only think about moving on."

The Nuggets, who have lost six in a row, made things interesting with NBA commissioner David Stern in the audience. Denver trailed by 11 with 4:05 remaining, but scored the next six points to close to 107-102 with 2:33 left.

O'Neal responded with two free throws, and Denver's Antonio McDyeas was called for an offensive foul. O'Neal made two more free throws, prompting a fan to say, "Hack-a-Shaq don't work no more."

Denver never got within eight the rest of the way.

"He's just a bully. That's all it is," Denver forward Chris Gatling said of O'Neal. "He just bullies his way in there, and who's going to stop him? I don't think he can get any better unless he hits all his free throws and starts shooting 3s. He's one of the league's best players, if not the best."

Kobe Bryant, coming off a career-high 40 points in Sunday's three-point win over Sacramento, scored 22, and Glen Rice added 20 for Los Angeles, which last lost Feb. 1 at San Antonio.

Gatling had 25 points to lead six Denver players in double figures. Former Los Angeles point guard Nick Van Exel finished with 17 points and 15 assists.

"Right now, we are not a match for this team," Nuggets coach Dan Issel said. "This team is probably the best team in the NBA."

Especially with O'Neal healthy. The 7-foot-1, 315-pound center said he plans to take two days off and expects to play Thursday.

"If I can walk or jog, I can play," he said. "I have heart. I'm on a mission."

**Jazz 87, Bulls 79**  
Karl Malone and John Stockton, making their first appearances at the United Center since the 1998 NBA Finals, led Utah to its eighth straight win.

Malone had 31 points and 13 rebounds, while Stockton added 19 points with six steals and nine assists. They had 10 points each in a 23-6 third-quarter spurt.

Elton Brand led the Bulls, who have lost 11 of 12, with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

**Pistons 124, Celtics 115**  
Jerry Stackhouse scored 36 points and Lindsey Hunter added 25 as Detroit ended visiting Boston's four-game winning streak.

Detroit led 72-47 at halftime, the most points for the Pistons in a half since April 1991.

Paul Pierce led Boston with a career-high 38 points, and Antoine Walker scored 30.

**Sonics 113, Grizzlies 103**  
Gary Payton's 40 points and 11 assists helped Seattle deal host Vancouver its ninth straight loss.

Seattle overcame Grizzlies center Bryant Reeves' season-high 31 points. Reeves hit his first 11 shots of the game, but was just 2-of-4 after halftime.

## Kids Inc. slates deadline

The Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. will have its final sign-up for the baseball and softball leagues on March 18.

The sign-ups will be held at the Hereford Community Center from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The sign up on the 18th will be the last sign up for all ages of boys and girls including Babe Ruth who will be participating in the program.

Children must be five years old by August 1st to be eligible to participate.

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CLASSIFIEDS

White House, NRA keep up their sniping

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today labeled as sad and shameful a National Rifle Association leader's accusation that President Clinton is "willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda."

"I'd have to agree with The New York Times this morning, that called it desperate rhetoric," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said on NBC's "Today." "I think it is sad but it's also shameful. The NRA desperately doesn't want to have the real debate we should be having in this country about whether we can keep our kids safer."

Wayne LaPierre, the NRA executive vice president, who made the accusation, did not back away from the words in an NBC interview today. But he twice refused to repeat them.

"I think the fact is the president would rather make NRA rhetoric the issue rather than his own policies," LaPierre said. "The truth is, of the 500,000 cases the president brags about where they stopped felons trying to buy guns under the instant check, which NRA supports, he's prosecuted only a handful."

Lockhart responded that enforcement is up 16 percent during Clinton's presidency, and "on all levels, state, local, where most of the enforcements happen, it's up 25 percent."

"Crime is down. We've put more cops on the street. We've tried to take guns off the street. The NRA has stood in our way at every step," Lockhart said.

LaPierre said in a televised interview Sunday that "President Clinton is willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda, and his vice president, too."

"It's pretty hard to take," Clinton told a Democratic crowd during a political fund-raising speech Monday night in Chicago.

As he did earlier during two appearances in Cleveland, Clinton repeated LaPierre's comment in a soft, almost incredulous tone. "I didn't like that," he said.

The back-and-forth seemed sure to continue, as the White House tries to train an unflattering light on the NRA and its mostly Republican backers in Congress as Vice President Al Gore campaigns to replace Clinton.



BRAND/Don Cooper

**Smoothing it out** — A construction worker with Zebra Construction Co. smooths the sides of pavement on the southbound lane of U.S. Highway 385 just north of 15th Street. Hot mix is expected to be laid Wednesday morning, with concrete to be poured either Friday or Monday.

Primary

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...serving a 90-day sentence for a contempt of court conviction stemming from a dispute with a Dallas county judge.

Democrats were fielding candidates for only three of the nine statewide races this year. Two Democrats are unopposed for Court of Criminal Appeals nominations. The party is passing on the third seat on that court, all three Supreme Court seats up for election, and both Railroad Commission seats on the ballot.

Democratic Party chair Molly Beth Malcolm says that rather than worry about the statewide contests, Democrats are focusing on races for the Legislature, which will draw new congressional and legislative district lines next year after the Census.

"That's where we've targeted. I said after the 1998 elections it (the Legislature) would be our priority, and in 2002, we'd be

ready to move up," Malcolm said.

Republicans won control of the 31-member Texas Senate in 1996, and clung to a one-vote majority in 1998. Democrats still control the 150-member Texas House, 78-72.

Two primaries could prove pivotal in the battle for control of the Senate.

In East Texas' Senate District 3, the seat being vacated by Republican Drew Nixon, three GOP candidates want the right to face Democrat David Fisher of Silsbee, who was unopposed. They are Conroe homebuilder Les Tarrance, brother of political pollster Lance Tarrance; three-term state Rep. Todd Staples of Palestine, and Van Brookshire, a businessman from Coldspring.

In Dallas' Senate District 2, Democratic incumbent David Cain was unopposed, but three Republicans are seeking the

nomination to tackle him in November. They are Bob Deuell of Greenville, Richard Harvey of Tyler and Keith Wheeler of Rockwall.

Statewide, two Bush appointees found themselves facing primary opponents — Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams and Supreme Court Justice Al Gonzales.

Only one incumbent Texas congressman decided to step down this year. The retirement of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer put eight Republicans in the primary for his 7th District seat that represents west Houston.

Texas Republicans also will vote on a non-binding referendum that stems from recent court rulings banning student-led prayers before football games. The question on the GOP ballot: "Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting event?"

ECONOMY

U.S. retail sales soar in February

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans went on a buying binge in February, pushing up retail sales by 1.1 percent, the government said today.

The advance came despite rising interest rates, a jump in oil prices and stock market volatility.

The 1.1 percent advance in retail sales marked the strongest pace since a 1.9 percent rise in December and was bigger than the 0.9 percent increase many analysts were expecting.

The Commerce Department said total retail sales rose to a seasonally adjusted \$265.7 billion last month, boosted by a big jump in sales at grocery

stores and at automobile dealerships. In January, Americans spent more selectively, causing total retail sales to rise by just 0.4 percent.

With plentiful jobs, low inflation and rising incomes Americans are feeling wealthy and in the buying mood.

In financial markets, Wall Street stock investors didn't appear to be put off by the report. The Dow Jones stock average was up more than 34 points and the Nasdaq gained more than 82 points in morning trading. But bond prices fell as interest rates rose on the inflation-sensitive market for government bonds after the figures came out. Yields on 30-year

Treasuries rose to 6.18 percent in early trading today from 6.16 percent late Monday.

The robust sales in February came despite a number of factors that could have slowed shoppers down.

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates four times since June, totaling a full percentage point. Even though those actions have made borrowing more expensive for consumers and businesses, those higher rates have failed to significantly slow the economy to a pace that can be sustained without sparking inflation.

Given that, most analysts expect the Fed will boost rates again next week.

CICS is named Internet agent for this region

Custom Integrated Computer Solutions (CICS) has been named an authorized agent in Hereford for NetWest Online Inc., a regional Internet Service Provider (ISP).

CICS, which is located at 319 N. Main, now can offer residential and business Internet services to residents of Hereford and most of Deaf Smith County.

NetWest Online Inc., with offices in Amarillo and Odessa, provides Internet service to customers in more than 100 communities throughout the Panhandle and West Texas.

HRMC

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ported by the Hereford Health Clinic also has affected the hospital's operations budget.

"The clinic has been losing money on an ongoing basis and we are trying to minimize that loss," Taylor said.

The reason for the workforce reduction was economic, Taylor said.

"It was purely economic. It was not any reflection of these people's performances and they were each told that," he said.

"We tried to identify areas, not by person, but by productivity within departments. Some of the departments have seen a change in the scope of productivity over the years.

"In my 26 years of work in the healthcare industry, I've had to do many difficult things, but workforce reduction has to be at the top of the list in terms of stress and difficulty. ... You're dealing with people's lives and you can't take that lightly," he said.

Taylor said other steps have been taken to improve the operations financial picture. The measures, which already have been initiated, include:

- Delay of all capital expenditures, except in case of emergencies that directly affect patient care or hospital certification;

- Review of all contracts; and
- Review of all operational areas within each department, with the intent to identify possible savings.

"You have an obligation to the hospital employees to examine all areas for savings," Taylor said.

He said he tried to emphasize to the department heads that it is essential they work as a team.

"In terms of direct patient caregivers, I always am watchful and cautious about any changes in those areas. ... We want to improve the image of this hospital in the community. We have to prove that we provide quality care. In looking at staffing, I asked that they (department heads) bear this in mind," Taylor said.

"I've asked the department heads to support each other, to pull together. And, they seem to be up to that charge.

"We have three main goals: improve the image of Hereford Regional Medical Center, ask the community to see this hospital as the first choice for care, and prove that we will be there and providing quality health service when the members of the community need it.

"There is no second wave (of layoffs) coming. Any other reductions will be through attrition," he said.

In Friday's announcement of the layoffs, Taylor indicated the terminated employees will be offered counseling and assistance in resumé preparation, as well as help in locating other jobs that might be available in the community.

Audit: Pentagon oversight of its contracts is poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal audit of over 100 government military contracts for professional, administrative and management services worth \$6.7 billion uncovered what it termed inadequate government oversight.

In 81 of the 105 contracts reviewed, "contracting officers either failed to prepare cost estimates or developed estimates that were inadequate or lacked detail," the Pentagon's inspector general said in a report Monday.

"Deficiencies in estimating clearly left the government vulnerable — and sometimes at the mercy of the contractor to define the cost," the report said.

The Pentagon spent \$5.8 billion last year on all kinds of services contracts — from trash collection to engineering studies — up from \$39.9 billion in 1992, but the amount of oversight hasn't gone up accordingly, the report said.

The \$6.7 billion is a representative sample of such deals from 1997 to 1998.

As for oversight once the awards occurred, the report said, "Contracting officers essentially used contractor-prepared status reports as evidence of surveillance to determine how well the contractor was performing."

The Army and Navy, in written responses included in the report, agreed with the inspector general's basic findings. The Air Force and the defense secretary's office had not responded to the report before publication.

The \$6.7 billion was spent in 1997 and 1998 on "professional, administrative and management support services" — covering scientists, engineers, office managers and more.

A major problem, according to the audit, is the frequent use in services contracts of "cost-plus" deals, in which the government reimburses all the contractors' costs and then pays an award fee on top of that. Typically, cost-plus deals are used on technically challenging, new programs, where the government assumes most of the financial risk.

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Parker to be MTV show host

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sarah Jessica Parker, the "Sex and the City" star who knows something about alternative TV, has agreed to host the often offbeat MTV Movie Awards.

"I am simultaneously thrilled, humbled and terrified," Parker said Monday. "Nonetheless, I am very much looking forward to June 8."

The ceremony includes traditional acting awards but also

recognizes such off-the-wall categories as Best Kiss and Best Villain. Nominees for the 9th annual MTV Movie Awards, to be taped in Los Angeles for its June 8 airing, will be announced next month.

Parker stars as a writer chronicling the New York singles scene in HBO's comedy "Sex and the City."

Previous MTV Movie Awards hosts have included Will Smith.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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- 6 Miami (Fla.)
- 11 Arkansas
- 3 Ohio St.
- 14 Appalachian St.
- 7 Tulsa
- 10 UNLV
- 2 Cincinnati
- 15 UNC Wilmington

**MIDWEST**

- 1 Michigan St.
- 16 Valparaiso
- 8 Utah
- 9 St. Louis
- 5 Kentucky
- 12 St. Bonaventure
- 4 Syracuse
- 13 Samford
- 6 UCLA
- 11 Ball St.
- 3 Maryland
- 14 Iona
- 7 Auburn
- 10 Creighton
- 2 Iowa St.
- 15 Central Conn. St.

**EAST**

- 1 Duke
- 16 Lamar
- 8 Kansas
- 9 DePaul
- 5 Florida
- 12 Butler
- 4 Illinois
- 13 Pennsylvania
- 6 Indiana
- 11 Pepperdine
- 3 Oklahoma St.
- 14 Hofstra
- 7 Oregon
- 10 Seton Hall
- 2 Temple
- 15 Lafayette

**CHAMPION 140 Points**  
Tiebreaker 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total points (both teams) in Championship Game

**PRIZES**  
Local Prize \$100  
National Grand Prize \$25,000

**DEADLINE**  
All Entries Due By Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, March 16, 2000.  
Mailed entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2000.  
LIMIT: One Entry Per Person Must Be 8 (Eight) Years Or Older To Enter

Fill out the Contest form and bring it to the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee prior to 12 noon Thursday, March 16, 2000.

**HOOPS 2000 - OFFICIAL RULES**

- Object of HOOPS 2000 is to win as many of the 2,000 points as you can. Using seed numbers — NOT school names — select a winner from each of the eight first round games in each of the four regions. Then, moving across the brackets, continue projecting winners — using seed numbers, NOT school names — right on through the semi-finals. Earn points as designated. Now, using SCHOOL NAMES, select winners of the two semi-final games and the Championship Game. The contestant nationally from among the maximum of 100 participating newspapers whose correct answers garner the most of the 2,000 possible points wins \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars).
- Deadline to enter contest is noon EST on Thursday, March 16, 2000.
- Contestants must fill in Tiebreaker 1 box — total points scored by both teams in the Championship Game (without going over the total). This Tiebreaker will be employed should two or more contestants be tied for either the local or national prize. Should Tiebreaker 1 not produce a winner, first round games, scored at one point each, will comprise the second tiebreaker. If no winner emerges after this step, a drawing will be held among those still tied, and one winner given the grand prize, except that if one or more of the brackets still tied after the first two tiebreakers are applied (except in Florida, New York or Rhode Island), Contest will share prize.
- Prize at local contests will be the \$25,000 grand prize. This same drawing of prize money will share should tie occur in local competition in Florida, New York or Rhode Island. Contest will share prize.
- Contestants must print name, address, etc. — in the space provided. Entering HOOPS 2000 constitutes contestant's acceptance of all rules and permission by contestant for his/her name and photograph to be used at no charge for reasonable news and professional purposes.
- Contestants must be at least 8 (eight) years of age by March 12, 2000, in order to participate.
- Limit: One entry per person. Group entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra entries, then putting your brand's and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries will be destroyed before grading. In this and all other matters, decisions of the judges are final.
- No purchase required. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entries, which will be discarded, or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- No points are awarded in case any game is not played for any reason.
- Representatives of this newspaper and POWER POINTS, Inc. are not responsible for any claims, liabilities or damages in connection with the sales and/or services of this contest or of any activity related to depositing of entries. Entrants assume all liabilities.
- Only one means of appealing results on winners exists. At noon Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, winning contest will be posted at the following web site: www.usabank.com/hoops. If you think you have a better score than the post on national or local scores — call our toll-free number: 1-800-364-4145. At noon Eastern Time on Thursday, April 6, 2000, the HOOPS POINTS, Inc. will announce the names and scores of the winning contestants at its web site at noon Eastern Time Friday April 7, 2000. No appeal or protest will be heard thereafter and judges' decisions at that time are final.
- In addition to the national prize money of \$25,000.00, a local winner from each participating town will be announced as well. Local winner in this area will receive the following prize: **\$100.00**

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