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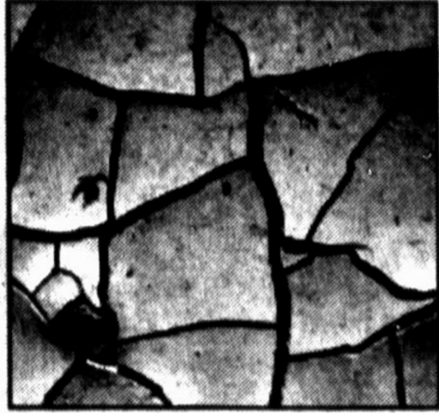
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## Today's weather OUTLOOK

**Partly cloudy skies**  
Tonight: Partly cloudy, low in the lower 20s, light southeast wind.  
Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 60, light south to southeast wind.  
Saturday night: Partly cloudy, low around 30.



**Extended forecast**  
Sunday: Partly cloudy, high 60 to 65.  
Monday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid- to upper 30s, high in the mid- to upper 60s.  
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low around 40, high in the mid-60s.  
**Hereford weather**  
Thursday's high, 77; low, 24; no precipitation.

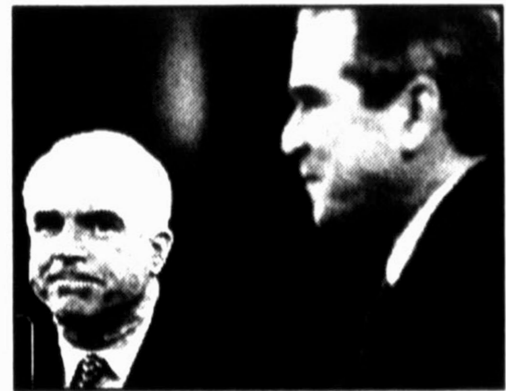
## Inside Today

"It's the old Reagan coalition, what we used to call Reagan Democrats. I think that's one of the question marks in this election. How many Democrats will turn out."

■ Arizona Sen. John McCain, explaining his appeal to Democrats and independents in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

"They are asking that question, who can lead America? Which one of us can stand up and have an agenda and get it done."

■ Texas Gov. George W. Bush, suggesting his ties to the establishment Republicans means he will be effective as president.



■ On eve of hotly contested South Carolina primary, McCain seeks to broaden, energize base in effort to counter Bush's massive turnout effort. — Page A9

## Bush's 'compassion' questioned

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, who has billed himself the "compassionate conservative" on the campaign trail, has ignored child poverty issues in his home state, according to a group that opposes social conservatives.

Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, said Bush has done little to address problems associated with poor children in Texas. A Bush spokesman disputed the charge.

Smoot's 7,000-member group launched "Our Kids at Risk," an effort to organize lawmakers, professionals and others to push children's issues through the 2001 Legislature and to monitor the political records of Bush and others.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan

## READY TO DECIDE

### Directors to consider '3 good candidates' for HRMC position

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

The second candidate for the vacant Hereford Regional Medical Center administrator's post met Thursday night with the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors.

And, this candidate didn't have to come from Louisiana for the interview — she already occupies an office in the HRMC annex building.

Following the interview with Diane Smith, director of the Hereford Health Clinic, the board appears ready to make a decision, according to board president Dean Crofford.

The board had originally planned to interview four candidates for the position; however, Crofford said the consensus of the directors is three good candidates are available and it's time to make a decision.

A fourth candidate, Seymour hospital administrator Chuck Norris, was expected to be brought to Hereford to meet with the board; however, Crofford said that is unlikely following the interviews of Stanley E. Hurstall Jr. and Smith.

The third candidate, James Taylor, a former financial director of the Northwest Texas Hospital System in Amarillo, will not be formally interviewed by the board. Taylor is serv-



**JAMES TAYLOR**  
Acting HRMC administrator among finalists for job.

ing as HRMC acting administrator and the board members "deals with him on a daily basis," Crofford said.

"The consensus last night was that we have three good candidates and there's no reason to just keep spending money by bringing people in here. We've got good candidates and we should make the decision now," Crofford said. He said if the vote on a new HRMC administrator can be put on the board's agenda in time, the decision will be made Tuesday night at the regular meeting.

The board's executive committee was to have met at noon today. It was expected to place the decision on a new hospital chief executive officer on the Tuesday agenda.

Hurstall, who now is a resident of Mandeville, La., was the first candidate to be interviewed for the HRMC position, which has been filled on an interim basis since July following the resignation of former hospital administrator John Studsrud.

Since the departure of Studsrud, the board conducted a search for a new administrator; however, the search was abandoned last fall as the board considered a possible lease agreement of the hospital. Ultimately, the board signed a management agreement with TMSI, a subsidiary of the Austin-based Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals. Under the two-year agreement, the board turned over the day-to-day operations of the hospital to TMSI, although the board will retain governing authority. TMSI is responsible for filling the vacant administrator's position, subject to board approval.

A Hereford native, Smith has been clinic director since November 1999, moving here from Ventura, Calif.

She is a graduate of Hereford High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a major in marketing, from Texas Tech University.

Before moving to California, she worked for 10 years at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, holding a variety of positions. Her most recent positions at UTMB were in the surgery department, where she was medical business manager for five years and the



**DIANE SMITH**  
Hereford Health Clinic director is one of three finalists for the hospital administrator's position.

department's billing coordinator.

She held several positions in the health care industry in Southern California, including regional accounts manager for Abbey Infusion Services in Santa Barbara; territory manager for Modern Health in Ventura, where she was responsible for marketing, developing new accounts for home infusion therapy, and developing professional relationships with health care professions in the community.

Her modern recent position was as contract manager for One Health Plan of California in Glendale.

In that position, Smith was responsible for developing networks and contracts for Southern California; preparation of contracts for providers, including medical groups, individual physicians, hospitals and ancillary services.



**Trash-catcher?** — The corner of a fence around the Amistad Farm Labor Housing construction site acted as a catcher for trash blown across the area Thursday afternoon by strong winds. The sustained winds hit 43 mph while gusts reached as high as 60 mph.

## Drought hurting sheep, goats

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Most news reports about drought focus on cattle. However, the state's sheep and Angora goat populations are just as likely to suffer, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Ed Huston, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station animal nutritionist in San Angelo explained, "Sheep and goats are not greatly different from cattle."

The word drought means lack of water to most people, but according to Huston, this is not the worst of rancher's problems. He said ranchers in most of West Texas the major sheep and goat production area of the state depend on windmills, so stock water has not been an issue. However, the drought put sheep

and goats at a very serious disadvantage, Huston said. Ranchers depended on fall rain to get them through the winter, and the rains never came.

"The animals depend on forage from the wet season to survive through the winter, and this year's forage was gone by the fall," he said.

Drought not only causes a lack of food and water, it also affects the normal reproductive cycle of sheep and goats. Breeding begins in September and October, and lambs and kids due to arrive this month and next.

Huston said this year the animals bred well, showing single, twin and even triplet fetuses. However, problems will not be evident until ewes

or nanny goats begin the delivery and lactation process.

"We expect some serious problems trying to birth these animals and get them to grow during the nursing period," Huston said.

When the animals do not receive proper forage, glucose levels to drop.

Dan Waldren of San Angelo, associate professor of animal science and animal breeding and genetics specialist with the Experiment Station, said, "If ranchers don't participate in supplemental feeding, many things can happen. Ewe conditions drop, causing them to produce less milk. This leads to lowered birth rates, and less milk for the offspring. The result is smaller animals and a chance that fewer will survive."

## Inflation advances modestly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices edged up 0.2 percent in January as the biggest drop in clothing prices in nearly 11 years helped offset rising costs for fuel oil, gasoline and other energy products, the government said today.

The modest advance in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, the most closely watched inflation gauge, was slightly less than the 0.3 percent increase many analysts were expecting and marked four months in a row in which inflation stood at 0.2 percent.

A 1.1 percent decline in clothing prices — the largest drop since February 1989, reflecting post-holiday discounting by retailers to make room for new merchandise — helped offset a big 1 percent jump in energy prices and rising costs for other products.

Outside the volatile energy and food categories, the "core" rate of inflation rose 0.2 percent last month, matching many analysts' predictions.

The report comes one day after the government said inflation at the wholesale level was unchanged in January and that core wholesales prices, excluding energy and food, actually fell 0.2 percent.

Both inflation reports suggest that outside the burst in energy costs, most other prices remain in check. Some economists said the CPI report could set the stage for bigger price increases in the future. Among other things, they think rising energy costs will push up other prices. "The tame headline number hides some real pressures on consumer prices," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

## California firm rules out move to Hereford

A California-based swimming pool company has decided not to locate a new plant in Hereford, according to the HEDC executive director.

HEDC chief Don Cumpton stated Thursday he received notification from officials of the Aloha Fiberglass Pool Co. has decided against opening a facility in Hereford.

"This is a disappointing turn of events," Cumpton said. "Our

HEDC board worked very hard and put together a very attractive incentive package...based on an initial projection of seven to eight new jobs the first year and a projection of 75 to 100 jobs within a five-year period."

The company and Cumpton had been involved in more than two months of negotiations.

"We will put this behind us and continue forward in the pursuit of our goals to attract new business and industry to Hereford and Deaf Smith County," Cumpton said.

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# Love, respect for Landry flows

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — All five former Dallas Cowboys players in the Pro Football Hall of Fame were there. So were most of the 10 members of the team's Ring of Honor. Even the NFL commissioner showed up.

They all came to memorial services Thursday because of the respect and love they shared for the same man: Tom Landry.

"Life isn't about winning and losing, it's about being the best you can be. I think I learned that first-hand through practical experiences with Tom Landry," said Don Perkins, one of the first Cowboys stars and a member of the Ring of Honor. "We love you. It's a word that we male athletes throw around like manhole covers. It's real hard for us to express those kinds of things, but we do love you and we do miss you."

Drew Pearson said he was glad he told Landry he loved him. Dan Reeves said he's sorry he didn't.

"About two months ago, I was fortunate enough to speak

with coach Landry on the telephone," Reeves said. "I certainly didn't know that would be the last time I'd ever get a chance to talk to him."

"I wish I had thought — probably like a lot of other people sitting out here the last time they saw you — that we'd have used the three words that's the most beautiful in the English language, and told you I loved you."

Landry died Saturday at age 75 after fighting leukemia for nine months. He was buried Wednesday in a private ceremony that featured his son, Tom Landry Jr., placing one of his father's trademark fedora hats into the casket.

About 1,000 people attended a private memorial service Thursday at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Two ministers, Landry Jr. and former star quarterback Roger Staubach were the only speakers at the hour-long event that was typical of the class and simplicity that marked Landry's life.

Hours later, former players and the city of Dallas hosted a public service that

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**DON PERKINS**

Former Dallas Cowboy and member of the Ring of Honor

drew about 1,200 guests and thousands of television viewers. The two-hour ceremony was capped by players walking across the stage, one at a time, each taking a yellow rose and placing it into a vase near a large photo of Landry, all while a choir sang "Amazing Grace."

A third service was held in Mission, the South Texas town where Landry was born

and raised. Statewide, Texas flags were flown at half-staff on state buildings per order of Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Landry's fame comes from the record he amassed over 29 years as coach of the Cowboys: 270 victories, five Super Bowl appearances, two championships.

But Landry made a deeper impact on people because of his strong character and high

moral principles.

"He had a decency about him unsurpassed by anyone that I've ever known," Staubach said. "He achieved great fame while never seeking that fame. Everyone knew that he was true. He didn't put on airs. He did things for the right reasons."

Landry was a deeply religious man who treated everyone fairly. He never considered himself very important even though he was the most popular man in town.

During the peak of his career, the late 1970s, Landry even went door-to-door seeking donations for his church. Why? Because that's what members were asked to do and he considered himself equal to all other members, minister Mark Craig said.

Craig was hired by the Highland Park church five years ago. He was so in awe of Landry that it took him several months before he worked up the nerve to introduce himself.

The first time he tried, he froze. Another minister told him to call Landry "Tom," but Craig couldn't bring himself to do it. He never could.

But the two became friends and this past Christmas the minister visited Landry in the hospital.

Landry was heavily medicated and could not speak. Craig stood in silence at the foot of the bed and began to cry.

"I wondered why I was crying and I realized it was because I was in the presence of greatness," he said. "I don't think we often have the opportunity to stand in the presence of greatness. When we do, if we do, it is very emotional."

"I simply said to myself, 'Tom Landry is a great gift. A great gift to his family, a great gift to our church, a great gift to our city, a great gift to athletics and a great gift to this nation.'"

# Tiny Boykins comes up big for Cavs

By **The Associated Press**

Earl Boykins earned another 10-day contract — and Raef LaFrentz's respect — with the biggest game of the tiny point guard's NBA career.

Boykins, the 5-foot-5 Cleveland native whose 10-day contract expired after the game, had career highs of 22 points and 10 assists in the Cavaliers' 119-101 victory over Denver on Thursday night.

"Shoot, he was huge," said Denver's LaFrentz, 18 inches taller than Boykins. "They say he only had a 10-day. Shoot,

they should sign him for longer than that. He's short, but he's a guy with a lot of heart. He's fun to watch."

With the home crowd chanting, "Earl! Earl! Earl!" in the final minute, Boykins scored the Cavs' final seven points.

"It's unreal to hear everyone chanting for you," said Boykins, who was playing in the CBA before he signed with Cleveland on Feb. 8. "I just wanted to go out and play hard."

In other NBA games Thurs-

day night, it was Indiana 92, Milwaukee 90; Chicago 83, Miami 76; Dallas 106, Detroit 97; and Utah 119, Sacramento 108.

Darting through the lane and underneath some defenders, Boykins scored on a couple of drives. But he did most of his damage on pull-up jumpers, and added a key 3-pointer in the first half to energize the home crowd.

Boykins, expected to sign his second 10-day contract today, more than doubled his previous career highs of seven points and five assists. He finished 8-of-12 from the floor.

"He stood out, not only with his stats, but with his energy," Denver coach Dan Issel said. "He played like his job and his livelihood depended on it."

Lamond Murray and Wesley Person each had 24 points for Cleveland, and Danny Ferry added 19.

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Andre Miller, starting at point guard for the injured Brevin Knight, had 14 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds.

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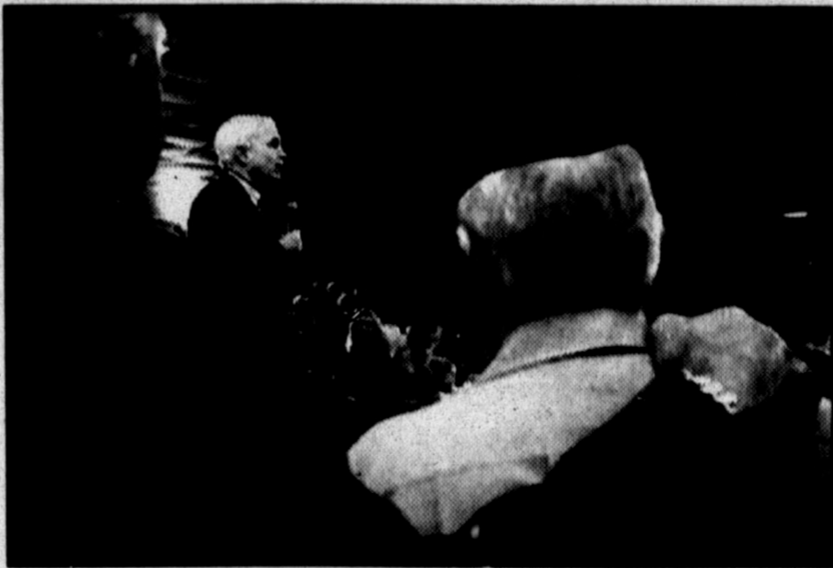
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McCain seeks to counter
Bush's big turnout effort

HILTON HEAD, S.C. (AP) — John McCain sought to broaden and energize his base in hopes of countering rival George W. Bush's massive turnout effort, again bashing a Bush campaign so negative it's "low comedy."



GEORGE W. BUSH
Campaign assembling major effort on eve of South Carolina primary.

for losing," McCain countered, pointing to polls showing him in a dead heat. "Two weeks ago we were 20 points down in this race."

On the eve of a South Carolina primary that's too close to call, both candidates were beginning to focus on the mechanics of getting voters to the polls on Saturday.

Bush assembled a major effort. McCain's approach, while more modest, was aimed at a broader base. McCain was the one needing the larger turnout because he's broadened his appeal to independents and Democrats, while Bush's strength is in the GOP establishment.

Arizona Sen. John McCain speaks to veterans at a rally in South Carolina. McCain is broadening his appeal to independents and Democrats in his bid to defeat GOP front-runner George W. Bush in the heated South Carolina primary.

McCain was invoking the name of another GOP president in charting his tactics. "It's the old Reagan coalition, what we used to call Reagan Democrats," the Arizona senator said.

hammering Bush for running a relentlessly negative campaign.

McCain. Bush, for his part, continued waving a McCain campaign flyer he said was an attack that violated McCain's positive campaign pledge.

There is a certain amount of desperation coming out of the Bush campaign, McCain said. "They've unleashed the dogs of war."

"I'm saying this is a man who says one thing and does another," the Texas governor said, drawing a frosty retort from McCain. "It seems to me that the governor really doesn't care

On the stump, McCain was

Support for Bush may be softening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any Republican House member thinking of bolting George W. Bush's campaign, beware.

saying is resonating with quite a few people," said New Jersey state Sen. Diane Allen, who was among those state officials who visited Bush in Austin and continues to support him.

Former New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato says he's sticking with his endorsement "only out of loyalty to our governor," George Pataki.

The overwhelming majority of state and federal officials who have endorsed Bush are standing by their man. But several acknowledged that McCain had arisen as an alternative in the time since they first visited the president's son last year.

The chairman of Bush effort in that chamber is looking for you, amid signs that the governor's support among GOP regulars could be softening.

"If he (McCain) ultimately is the candidate, he has a lot of ability to reach folks," she added. "Governor Bush has a problem."

This week, former Washington Gov. Dan Evans switched his endorsement from Bush to McCain, as did California Secretary of State Bill Jones.

There was no one else on the political landscape, and obviously John McCain has done very well," said New Jersey's state Sen. Allen.

"It's frankly not very good politics if you're going to get in the business of endorsing one candidate and then begin thinking of switching those endorsements around," Rep. Roy Blunt, of Missouri, said in a telephone interview.

"There's a rising belief now that (Bush) is not the only one who can win," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., a fervent Bush supporter. "What's left to be decided is whether or not Bush can survive McCain."

But Bush also has gained support from about six previously undecided House members since his loss in New Hampshire, including Reps. Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland and Nick Smith of Michigan.

It wasn't supposed to be like this. Bush, with his record-setting campaign funds and army of prominent GOP supporters, was set to steamroll over any Republican primary challengers.

Still, John McCain's victory in New Hampshire — and rising poll figures elsewhere since then — are turning heads among some of the officials who trooped to the Governor's Mansion in Texas last year and handed Bush their endorsements.

Already on the record as considering a switch to McCain, Rep. Peter King of New York, says Saturday's South Carolina primary "is more of a test for Bush" than for McCain.

Blunt and his steering committee made a round of calls after New Hampshire in part to confirm that Bush's support was solid among those House members who had endorsed him — and also to press each member to "accept responsibility" for gaining support for

No longer. McCain walloped Bush in New Hampshire by 18 points and the two are locked in a tight battle in South Carolina.

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