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Today's weather

OUTLOOK

• Mostly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms; lows around 60, south winds 10 to 15 mph, becoming northeast 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts toward sunrise.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with highs in the mid-70s, northeast winds 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts, diminishing in the afternoon.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear with lows around 50.



• Extended forecast •

Thursday: Partly cloudy, highs 80 to 85.

Friday: Mostly clear, lows around 55, highs around 85.

Saturday: Mostly clear, lows 50 to 55, highs around 80.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 64; low, 50; no precipitation.



HISD dedicates 3 buildings in formal Masonic ceremony

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Three years of controversy after its application for a construction grant, the Hereford Independent School District on Tuesday officially opened the two new Career and Technology buildings and the new physical education facility with a formal Masonic cornerstone setting ceremony.

The afternoon ceremony and informal tour of the buildings set the stage for open house and the dedication of the Hagar Windmill inside Career and Technology Building II. The windmill, an idea brought to fruition by the persistence of HISD trustee Carolyn Waters, stands as a permanent reminder of the farming and ranching heritage of the area.

Joining school officials for the formal dedication were visitors from Liberty and Frankston school districts, as well members of the grant approval committee, which is making many of the programs available to adult residents of the community.

The Hereford Employment Readiness Development (HERD) program grant was to be discussed in greater detail at today's HISD board meeting.

The goal for the new buildings in conjunction with the HERD grant is to involve adult community members in improving the socioeconomic outlook for families through education.

Deputy superintendent Nena Veazey Mankin said, "It has long been known that socioeconomic factors are the leading indicator as to how well students will do in the classroom. By improving the earning ability of the parents in our community, we will be improving the children's chances of success."

William Stanley, a representative of the Texas Workforce Commission, encouraged the participants and the community to make the best possible use of the facilities and "help someone go somewhere they cannot go alone. If we do this, then we will be able to honestly say we did a little better today than we did yesterday."

Dr. Dough Moore, formerly of Sealy and now at Liberty ISD, and Dr. Fred Rolston of Sealy commended the community leaders for taking the decisive steps which put these facilities in the community.

"These buildings are pleasing to the eye

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ELECTION 2000

Ballots for Nov. 7 are sent to printer

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Election Day is on the horizon. Deaf Smith County Clerk David Ruland on Monday sent ballots for the Nov. 7 general election to the printer.

Just in case, Ruland also ordered 60 ballots for Precinct 8 (Walcott School) and election kits for the judges. In July, Ruland filed a preclearance report with the U.S. Justice Department seeking approval to combine Precincts 3 and 8.

Ruland has received no response from the Justice Department on the request, so he ordered the ballots and election for Precinct 8 — "just in case."

Precinct 8 is in the sparsely populated western portion of the county and the number of registered voters has dropped to 59, with fewer than 25 casting ballots in elections.

In the preclearance report, Ruland contends the expense of opening the Precinct 8 polling place in Walcott School cannot be justified by the normal turnout. If the Justice Department signs off on the consolidation of the two precincts, the former Precinct 8 voters will cast ballots at Hereford Junior High School.

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Most Worshipful Master Vernon Burk (at microphone) conducts the formal Masonic cornerstone setting ceremony Tuesday at the Hereford Independent School District's opening of three new buildings on the high school campus. Watching the ceremony were HISD trustee Mark Landrum (right) and members of the Hereford Masonic Lodge.

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OTHER BUSINESS

• Approved a request from Tommy Hickson to rezone property in the 800 block of South Schley. Hickman asked to have the property rezoned to allow him to move a mobile home onto the lot to improve the property value. There are no other structures on the property.

• Approved a request from Kriegshauser Inc. to close the alley adjacent to the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. The property is south of the Red Cross building on South Main Street. There are no water, sewer, gas or electrical lines in the alley.

• Hired McGinty & Associates of Hereford to conduct the annual audit of city financial operations. The company has conducted the independent audit for the past eight years. The fee is \$12,500, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

• Appointed Bill Townsend and Herschel Black and reappointed David McDonald to positions on the Hereford Economic Development Corp. board. Townsend and Black replace Cliff Skiles and Jerry Stevens, who served two three-year terms. According to HEDC bylaws, no director may serve more than two consecutive terms.

City adopts budget, tax rate

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

A budget for Fiscal 2001 is in place. Following a brief public hearing, the Hereford City Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt a budget for the year beginning Oct. 1.

The budget anticipates general fund revenue of \$5,006,871, with expenditures of \$5,006,772. The budget also estimates water and sewer fund revenue of \$2,702,500 and expenditures of \$2,519,969.

City Manager Chester Nolen said he anticipates a year-end balance of \$201,045 when the books on FY 2000 close Sept. 30.

Nolen said the new budget has a "limited amount of capital spending. We're having a pretty tough economic situation, with no rain and the farmers taking a hit. The strong economies of the state and nation aren't being reflected in Deaf Smith County."

The commissioners also approved the tax

rate for the coming budget year. They conducted a public hearing on the tax rate last week, with six residents making comments. The hearing was necessary because the 41-cent tax rate is an increase of 3.6 percent over the effective tax rate of 39.52 cents. The effective tax rate is the rate required to generate the same amount of revenue in the next budget year as it did in the current fiscal year.

The 41-cent rate this year generated \$1,119,456 in property tax revenue. The 39.52-cent rate, which would represent a decrease of 1.48 cents, would generate \$1,117,358.

The city's tax base for the year 2000 was put at \$282,710,576, up \$9,672,527 from 1999.

The commissioners also reluctantly accepted a bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield to

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Commissioners OK county budget

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Only one Deaf Smith County resident was on hand when the county commissioners conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal 2001 budget — and she had no comment.

Nell Norvell, who had spoken out last week at the city's public hearing on its tax rate, remained silent as County Judge Tom Simons asked for comments from anyone on the budget.

After the public hearing, the commissioners adopted both the FY 2001 budget and tax rate. Both measures were adopted on a 3-1 vote, with Commissioners Sammy Gonzales, Johnny Latham and Troy Don Moore voting for the recommendations and Commissioner Wayne Betzen dissenting.

"There're some things about the budget none of us like," Simons said. "There are some gaping holes, some things we should do, but

we had to take them out." The FY 2001 budget projects revenues of \$4,166,078.

The estimated revenues for the General Fund are (FY 2000 budget in parentheses):

- Ad valorem taxes, \$2,826,378 (\$2,679,890);
- Interest, \$83,150 (\$82,500);
- Sales tax, \$360,000 (\$360,000);
- State revenue, \$40,000 (\$25,589);
- Fees, \$261,950 (\$361,700);
- State & jury fees, \$158,100 (\$35,000);
- Fines, \$241,000 (\$247,000);
- Miscellaneous, \$94,500 (\$88,000);
- TOTAL: \$4,166,078 (\$3,879,689).

In looking at the projected spending, law enforcement accounts for most of the spending, with \$699,392 for jail operations and \$668,840 for the sheriff's department.

By department, the projected expenditures for FY 2001 are (FY 2000 budget in parentheses):

- County judge, \$83,932 (\$83,141);
- County clerk, \$168,664 (\$170,826);
- General Fund, \$1,137,569 (\$888,261);
- General maintenance, \$158,391 (\$158,250);
- District clerk, \$95,022 (\$95,021);
- Justice of the peace, \$116,296 (\$116,295);
- District attorney, \$250,187 (\$243,184);
- County auditor, \$43,597 (\$43,597);
- County treasurer, \$77,859 (\$77,846);
- Tax assessor/collector, \$114,069 (\$113,567);
- Jail, \$699,392 (\$696,890);
- Sheriff, \$668,840 (\$670,775);
- District judge, \$37,623 (\$38,185);
- Adult probation, \$9,180 (\$9,180);
- Social services, \$83,569 (\$82,969);
- Library, \$243,175 (\$240,875);
- Museum, \$60,682 (\$60,718);
- Extension, \$117,671 (\$119,008);
- TOTAL: \$4,166,078.

The total projected revenues for the four Road & Bridge funds are \$899,050, up from

\$863,380 in the current budget.

The projected FY 2001 revenues are (FY 2000 in parentheses):

- Ad valorem taxes, \$391,450 (\$308,780);
- Interest, \$3,600 (\$6,000);
- Motor vehicle, \$475,000 (\$475,000);
- State, \$24,000 (\$20,000);
- Miscellaneous, \$4,000 (\$53,000);
- Rents, \$1,000 (\$600);
- TOTAL: \$899,050 (\$863,380).

The projected expenditures are (FY 2000 in parentheses):

- Precinct 1, \$212,621 (\$203,860);
- Precinct 2, \$212,937 (\$201,614);
- Precinct 3, \$216,983 (\$208,753);
- Precinct 4, \$256,509 (\$249,153);
- TOTAL: \$899,050 (\$863,380).

The tax rate is 56.76 cents per \$100 assessed valuation — up 3.15 percent from this

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School news

• **Bluebonnet** •

Bluebonnet Intermediate School will host an open house 6:30 p.m., Thursday. Events begin with a TAAS presentation followed by the annual open house.

• **West Central** •

West Central Intermediate School will host an open house and book fair from 6 to 7 p.m., today. Staff will present the school report card, TAAS reports, a power point presentation and parent information booklets. The fifth grade choir will perform.

• **Northwest** •

Northwest Elementary will host a scholastic book fair Sept. 18-22. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 to 10 a.m. Friday. The book fair will be open till 7 p.m. today during the open house.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 15-18, 2000 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A man was arrested in the 100 block of Irving and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- A man was arrested in the 600 block of Austin and charged with public intoxication.
- A man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue B and charged with public intoxication.
- A man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue J and charged with domestic assault.
- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with public intoxication.
- A juvenile was arrested in the 700 block of La Plata and charged with writing gang graffiti and failure to identify to a police officer.
- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of East 15th and charged with a warrant for no drivers license.

Incidents

- Theft over \$50, under \$500, was reported in the 200 block of Avenue E.
- A criminal trespass warning was issued to a man, warning him to stay away from property in the 200 block of Plains Avenue.

- Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- An assault was reported in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. Witnesses said the suspect assaulted the victim and left before officers could arrive.
- Injury to a child was reported in the 600 block of Jackson. The suspect assaulted the mother and child and left the area before officers could arrive.
- Two scooters, valued at \$80 total, were reported stolen

from the 400 block of Long.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I.
- An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Grand Avenue. The suspect is known and an investigation has been initiated.
- A fire extinguisher was found in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- A 17-year-old runaway was reported in the 100 block of Avenue K.
- A 20-year-old man was issued a criminal trespass warning for the property at 200 Avenue F.
- A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of Grand.
- A criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane. Damage to a windshield is estimated at \$500.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault.
- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with evading arrest and deadly conduct.
- A 56-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Incidents

- A drunk driver was reported.
- Evading arrest was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 17

- 6:44 p.m. Firefighters responded to a cotton burr fire at Hereford Farmers Cotton Gin.

Sept. 18

- 8:10 a.m. Firefighters responded to a cotton burr fire at the Hereford Farmers Cotton Gin.
- 8:11 a.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire on road 809.
- Firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 300 block of Avenue K.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

7-9-11-18-38

Pick 3

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

6-0-6

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were:

22-25-35-36-37-50.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

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

1-2-6

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LITTLE DANCERS

Fame comes to those who seek it most. And these four eight-year olds, from left, Stepheni Bustillos, Hanna Harrison, Katie Urbanczyk and Jessica Goodall found it Friday night at Whiteface Stadium. The girls joined a full-fledged company of would-be dancers who found the spotlight when they entertained the crowd with a halftime routine as a conclusion to a mini dance camp hosted by the HHS Diamond Dancers.

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Obituaries



VELVA LOU ELLIOTT
Sept. 16, 2000

Services for Velva Lou Elliott, 77, of Hereford were today at the Assembly of God Church with Rev. Harlan Resch officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Elliott died Saturday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born May 6, 1924, in White Deer to Joe and Dollie Stewart. She married Terrell Elliott on June 24, 1941. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1945.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Diane Elliott of Amarillo, Donna Parker and Debbie Vaughn, both of Hereford; one sister, Opal Newcomb of Chautauqua, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, a brother and a sister.

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MARGUERITE GEORGE
Sept. 15, 2000

TUCUMCARI, N.M. - Memorial services for Marguerite George, 90, of Tucumcari, N.M., were today in the First Christian Church of Tucumcari, with Rev. Jim Witcher officiating. Burial was in the Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Dunn Funeral Home.

Mrs. George died Friday at Trigg Memorial Hospital.

She was born Aug. 4, 1910, in Hereford. She married Harvey L. George in Hereford.

Survivors include one son, Dusty George of Tucumcari, N.M.; three sisters, Flossie Plot of Fredricks, Okla., Virginia Bussell of Springfield, Colo., Elizabeth Donovan of San Bernardino, Calif.; one brother, Bill Bowman of Tyler; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

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FRIEDA BARTELS
Sept. 15, 2000

Services for Frieda Bartels, 97, of Hereford were Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Rev. Edward Sweeney of St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona and Deacon Jonny Cloud officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bartels died Friday at Westgate Nursing Home.

She was born March 6, 1903, in Shawnee, Okla., to Joe and Anna Roemisch. She married John A. Bartels on Nov. 14, 1922, in Hermleigh. She moved to Deaf Smith County in 1973. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Schilling of Dimmitt, Hilda Reissig of Houston, and Bernice Layman

of Hereford; two sons, Leonard and Erwin Bartels both of Hereford; 32 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers and six sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Anthony's School Endowment Fund or Kings Manor Methodist Home.

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TOM FIELDS
Sept. 18, 2000

Services for Tom Fields, 88, of Clovis, N.M., will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at McLaughlin Cemetery near Clovis, Okla., with Randy Harris officiating. Under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, Mr. Fields will lie in state at Luginbuel Funeral Home in Langley, Okla., on Wednesday from 8 a.m.-noon.

Mr. Fields died Monday at the Golden Age Nursing Center in Clovis.

Mr. Fields was born Sept. 19, 1911, in Winniewood, Okla., the son of S.O. and Susan Fields. He married Jo Moore on Dec. 18, 1953, in Roby. She preceded him in death on June 26, 2000.

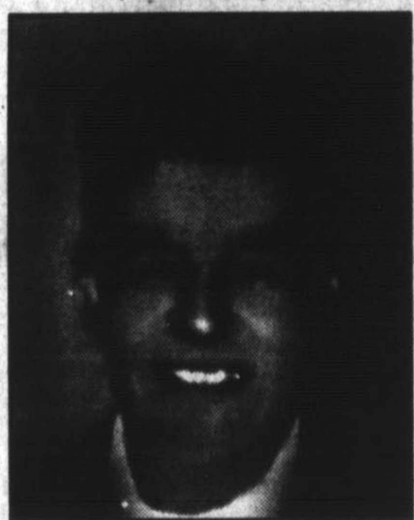
Mr. Fields worked for the Dickens County Electric Co-op in Spur and retired from the Rio Grande Electric Co-op in Brackettville after working at both places for more than 30 years. After retirement, Mr. Fields moved near Afton, Okla., where he lived for more than 25 years. He moved to Clovis in 1995. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spur.

Survivors include three daughters, Suzy Harris of Clovis, Becky Arey of Point, and Cisco Barron of Angel Fire, N.M.; three brothers, Frank Fields of Afton, John Fields of Bartlesville, Okla., and J.L. Fields of Kennewick, Wash.; two sisters, Elizabeth Grooms of Bartlesville and Sarah Applegate of Dewey, Okla.; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was pre-

ceded in death by a brother and a sister.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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BIBIAN M. PEREZ
Sept. 17, 2000

Services for Bibian M. Perez will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Templo Calvario with Pastor Daniel Garza officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Rix Chapel.

Mr. Perez was born Sept. 4, 1924, in Mission to Rafael and Concepcion Perez. He moved to Hereford in 1963. He married Maria Irene Martinez on April 15, 1977, in Clovis, N.M. Prior to retiring, he was employed at Caviness Meat Packing, Armour Meat Packing for 10 years and Southwest Feedyard for three years.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Juanita Escamilla and Maribel Claudio, both of Hereford, Viviana Guerrero of Dallas and Beatrice Gonzales of Dublin; one step daughter, Maria Diaz of Hereford; two step sons, Emilio and Pedro Martinez, both of Hereford; three brothers, Rafael Perez of Robstown, Robert and Porfirio Perez, both of American Falls, Idaho; two sisters, Raquel Garcia of Mission and Juanita Garcia of Altus, Okla.; 31 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

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Thanks & Farewell



Kiwanian Mike Sullivan (left), who has served as pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Hereford, was recognized by the Hereford Kiwanis Club for his ministry role in the club and in the community, as president of the Hereford Ministerial Alliance and as chaplain for the Hereford Police Department. The certificate of appreciation was presented by Police Chief David Wagner, fellow Kiwanian, as the club said good-bye to Sullivan who has announced that he is leaving Hereford to assume a ministry position in Sunray.

Charitable grant awarded to King's Manor by Amarillo Area, Harrington foundations

Special to the Brand

King's Manor Methodist Home in Hereford received one of 16 charitable grants awarded by The Amarillo Area Foundation and The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, it was announced Monday.

The \$30,000 grant was awarded to purchase equipment and furnishings, and to support the establishment of a new food delivery system.

The Amarillo Area Foundation and The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation announced awards of \$547,548 in charitable grants for the benefit of citizens in the Texas Panhandle.

The Board of Directors for both Foundations reviewed more than \$1.6 million in requests from 19 nonprofit organizations before approving 16 new charitable grants to be awarded.

These grants mark the second of three discretionary grantmaking cycles for the community foundation and its public supporting organization.

"Charitable dollars from the Foundations were able to touch numerous lives during this grant cycle," Jim Allison, president and executive director, said. "There are so many nonprofit organizations doing good things throughout the Texas Panhandle," he said. "From teen pregnancy prevention to growth and expansion of services and facilities, we're pleased to be able to support as many efforts as we possibly can."

Other grants were, in alphabetical order:

• \$84,408 to Amarillo College for the benefit of KACV-TV to assist local production and planning efforts for public broadcast-

ing.

• \$40,000 to Amarillo Opera to support area arts programming and services provided by Amarillo Opera.

• \$15,000 to Amarillo Symphony to support the Amarillo Symphony's second Premiere Event.

• \$102,515 to Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo to renovate and modernize the Will Rogers Learning Center, 702 N. Johnson.

• \$24,850 to Diocese of Amarillo to purchase teen pregnancy prevention curriculum for use in 10 local Catholic churches as part of Amarillo Area Foundation's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.

• \$30,000 to Kids, Inc. to purchase new athletic equipment.

• \$10,000 to Moore County Museum to support the Museum's capital campaign.

• \$20,000 to Panhandle-Plains Historical Society to assist in cataloging the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's collection.

• \$75,000 to The United Way to match funds up to \$75,000 raised through the 2000-2001 Christian Campaign for the Homeless.

• \$4,375 to The United Way to support weekend operations at the Tyler Street Resource Center.

• \$10,000 to Turkey Heritage Foundation to support restoration of the Gem Theatre in

Turkey.

• \$30,000 to Wellington Opportunity Center to support community-based programs for children, youth and families.

• \$18,000 to West Texas A&M University, Criminal Justice Administration to fund scholarships to students from the Texas Panhandle who are pursuing a master of arts in criminal justice degree.

• \$26,400 to West Texas A&M University, Harrington Fellows Program to support costs of evaluating the Amarillo Area Foundations' Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.

• \$27,000 to Wheeler County Translator to fund a portion of the cost to upgrade and replace the translator system located near Mobetie.

The Amarillo Area Foundation, a community foundation, is a public charity which accepts funds from individuals, families, businesses and other groups interested in helping Panhandle communities. Additionally, the Foundation provides funds through grants to charitable organizations for the enrichment of the quality of life of the people residing in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers
Dear Ann Landers: To the woman who wrote concerning her husband's recent retirement, I offer my deepest sympathy. My husband has been retired for a year, and it stinks.

The amount he receives from his pension and Social Security is a few hundred dollars a month less than his paychecks were. In order to make up the difference, he decided to hire himself out as a handyman. He makes \$20 an hour, and has more work than he can handle. It sounds great, but it has created real problems. He considers whatever money he makes to be his alone. The man refuses to part with a dime — unless it's for himself. Every once in a while, he'll have dinner in a restaurant and go to a movie. If he asks me to go along, I have to pay my own way. We have no other social life.

He has always been a tightwad, but now he's worse than ever. He keeps "his" money locked in a tool chest, hidden in the garage. He's 66 years old, recently had a complete physical, and has no health problems. He says he has only a few years left and should be able to do whatever he wants. Meanwhile, I have an appointment with a therapist next week.

Am I better off without him? I'm not sure. I'd love to be the way we were years ago, but I don't see that happening. Any ideas, Ann? — Sleeping With the Enemy in Balti-

more
Dear Baltimore: Your husband may be physically healthy, but his behavior suggests that he has some strudel in his noodle. And what's with you, that you would agree to pay your own way when you go with him to dinner and the movies? Did he do this before he retired?

You say you have an appointment with a therapist. Good! You need to stay in therapy and find out why you have such low self-esteem that you would allow your husband to treat you so shabbily. Since he has been retired only one year, time is on your side. You have too big an investment in the relationship to throw in the towel. Keep reading, and take a lesson from another wife in Florida:

Dear Ann Landers: When my husband retired, I said, "I've been getting up at 5:30 a.m. and cooking breakfast for you for 40 years. Now that you're retired, I'm not doing it anymore." I told him if he needed help, I would teach him. He accepted that, and now, he actually seems to enjoy it. When I meet the girls for lunch, I tell him there are plenty of fixings in the fridge, and to "help yourself."

Now when I vacuum, I do the living room and tell him, "You can do the bedroom." When I change the sheets, he's right there with me. When I threw my back out loading the dishwasher and couldn't do anything for a few days, he said, "No more of that — from now on, I'll do the dishes." He never knew what the inside of a grocery store looked like. Now he does all the shopping.

I let him know his help means a lot to me. When he doesn't feel well, I take over his duties. I haul the trash and cut the grass. He never fails to say, "Thank you." When I was in the hospital, he did all the laundry. When I got home, he kept us well-fed.

People who care about each other take care of one another — and it's not a duty, it's a pleasure.—J.M., Boca Raton, Fla.

Dear J. M.: Your letter is a blueprint for a successful marriage. A key phrase is, "Take care of one another." Solid relationships are built one day at a time. I love the way my readers learn from one another.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Hereford Regional Medical Center will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 12.30 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 25, 2000 at 12:00 PM at Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E 3rd Street, Hereford Texas.

For the proposal:	Bobby Owen	Ravi George
	Jessie Rincones	Ernest Flood
	Connie Martin	Karen Soloman
Against the proposal:	Dean Crofford	
Present and not voting:	none	
Absent	none	

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$46,013	\$46,902
General exemption available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$46,013	\$46,902
General exemptions available	0.2112	0.2310
Tax	\$97.18	\$108.34

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$11.16 or 11.48 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.0198 per \$100 of taxable value or 9.38 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Planned Parenthood announces change in hours for local office

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle, including the office in Hereford, have changed its hours of operation in order to make services more accessible for working women and school children.

This will also allow for the most efficient use of its resources at a time of reduced federal funds,

according to Planned Parenthood spokesperson Maria DeBrango Stickel.

Hours for the Hereford office are now 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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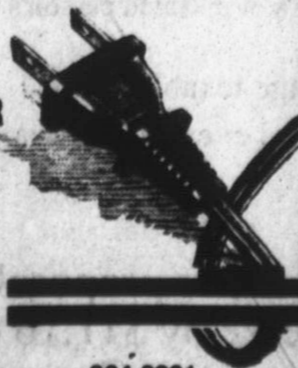
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Alzheimer's support group discussion to explore many feelings of caregivers

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, Sept. 21 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to August 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.

This Thursday the group will explore the many feelings caregivers experience as they care for a person with this chronic, dementing illness. All caregivers will understand feelings like: anger, embarrassment, helplessness, guilt, love, grief, depression, isolation, worry and fatigue.

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.

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Ladies roll over Randall

■ Team readies for Palo Duro tonight

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces are on a roll.

After defeating Canyon Randall 15-2, 15-11 on Saturday, the Hereford High volleyball team holds a share of first place in District 3-4A staying in a tie with Dumas after accumulating an 18-5 overall record and a 4-0 record in district play. The team has also been ranked as the number one volleyball team in the state for class 4A.

The Lady Whitefaces dominated Randall totaling 34 kills in the win. The team also played the best they have all season bringing a well rounded attack against a tough opponent in the Lady Raiders to win their seventh straight match.

"It is certainly motivating," Kitten said. "We need to start playing more matches in a complete way like we did today."

Kitten said she feels her team got rolling against Randall and won a big game.

"This win was big from the standpoint that we were surprised at our level of play," Kitten said. "We hadn't put it all together in a game until Saturday."

Leading the Whitefaces in kills was junior middle blocker Michelle Bernhardt who had 11 kills in the match followed by senior Ashley Fangman who had eight kills against Randall.

Sophomore designated setter Catherine Beville also came up big for the team hitting 44 successful sets against the Lady Raiders.

With all pistons firing at the right time, Kitten said her team was able to open up the game.

"When you have five girls hitting the ball hard it makes the other team just shake their heads," Kitten said. "They can't figure out who to block, and they begin to allow some one on one hitter and blocker situations."

"It also makes their back court slower," Kitten said.

Tonight the team takes on Palo Duro who are 1-3 in district play but are coming off a two game victory against Berger. Coach Kitten said the Lady Dons are the only team in their district that they have not seen play yet.

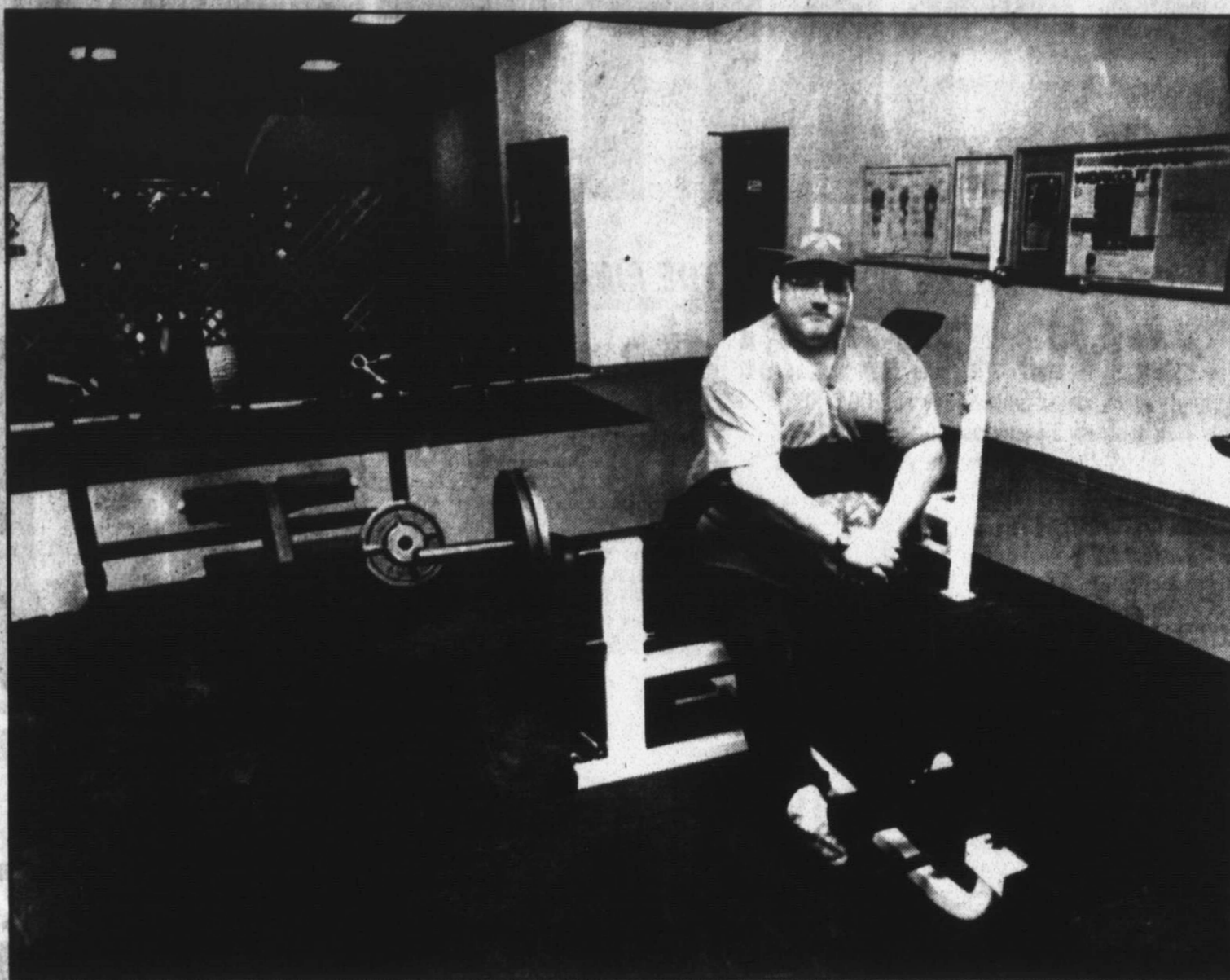
"They are the only team we haven't seen," Kitten said. "We have to focus on tonight and not get too excited about Saturday yet."

"We had a little time to celebrate our win, and now we have turn around and play well again against PD," Kitten said.

Kitten said Palo Duro's strength is in their 6 foot 3 middle blocker. She said her team concentrated on playing against a big blocker during Monday's practice. The coach also said concentrating on the way Palo Duro will play helps her team focus on the game at hand.

"We have been practicing drills specific to Palo Duro," Kitten said. "We are setting our goals for the game against Palo Duro and that helps us

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New machine-Ron Duryee, Hereford Wrestling Club coach, shows off the YMCA's new AB machine (above) donated by the Hereford Elks Lodge.

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keep focused." With a win tonight, the Lady Whitefaces could con-

tinue district play on a roll heading into Saturday's big match up against state ranked

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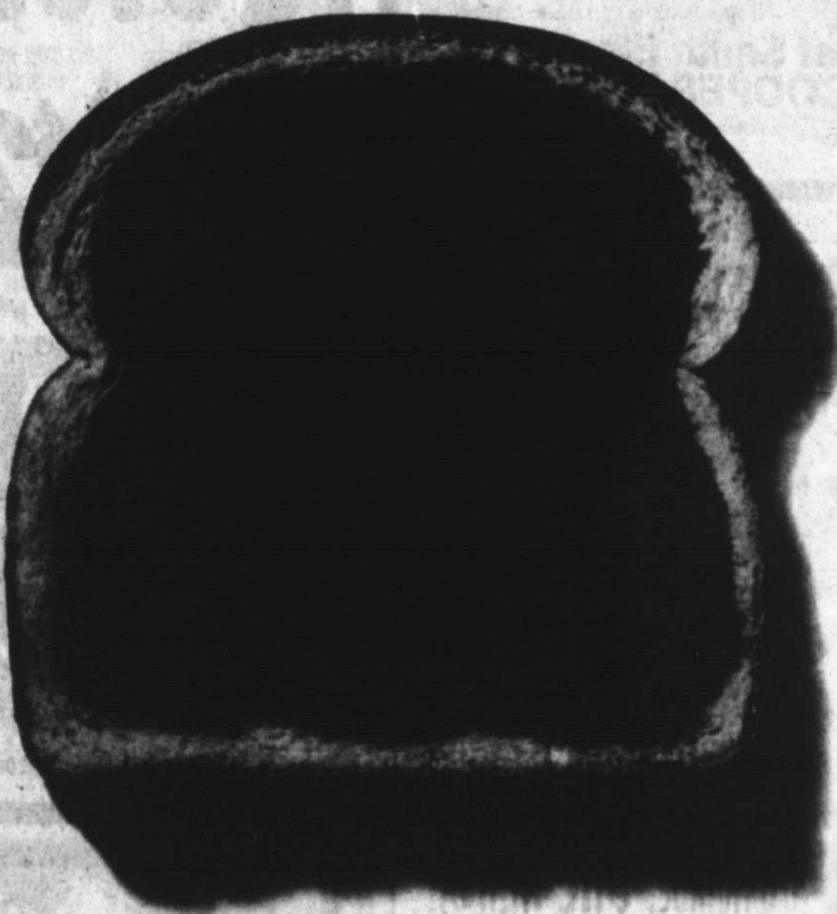
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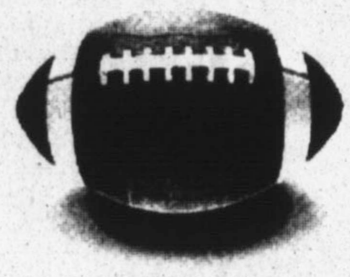


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INSIDE

Randall takes match against Herd

■ Isaacson wins singles and mixed doubles match

The Hereford High tennis

team fell to the Canyon Randall Raiders Saturday winning two matches in the 17-2 loss.

In women's singles, senior Ivory Isaacson took care of

Canyon Randall's Jessica Summers 6-2 and 6-3.

Isaacson also teamed up with men's player Clay Cosby to beat Randall's Bass and Smith in a three set thriller

6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-3).

The tennis team faces Palo Duro High this afternoon at the high school courts at 4 p.m.

HERD 2000

By Kristi Culpepper

Last year ended on a real wet note. No one said in Dallas you'll need a boat. That fit a fire deep down inside. A flame that is full of Hereford pride.

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Football contest results

■ Hereford's Clay Wallace wins second week's contest

This week's Hereford Brand Football Contest winner was Clay Wallace.

Wallace missed eight games with a tie-breaker score of 34 in the contest's second week of competition.

Second place went to Dan Odell who also missed eight games and had a tie-breaker score of 50.

Hannah Layman missed eight games but placed third with her tie-breaker score of

56. Six other contestants missed eight games last week. The week's total number of participants was 120 compared to last week's 112, and the total tie-breaker score was 35.

Last week, the winner was Mary English of Hereford who missed a total of five games and had a tie-breaker score of 53. Second and third place winners were Gayle Cotten and Joani Guyer.

This week's first, second and third place winners are now eligible for the \$1000 grand prize given out at the end of the season.

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 '98 Toyota 4Runner Black, Tan Leather, Limited Moon Roof, 33k Miles. \$26,995	 '94 Ford Explorer Green, Tan Leather, Low Miles. \$10,995	 '99 Ford F250 Super Cab Black, Tan Leather, 4x4 Power Stroke. \$24,995
 '97 Chevy S-10 Extended Cab Maroon, Grey Interior. \$11,595	 '95 Chevy C1500 Sportside bed, Reg Cab \$10,995	 '96 GMC Yukon 4x4, Leather, Tan. \$20,995
 '94 Chevy Suburban Maroon, 4x4, Good Miles. \$13,995	 '97 Dodge Ram 1500 Club Cab, Red, 4x4 \$17,995	 '95 Geo Tracker 4x4, AC, 53K Miles. \$6,995
 '97 Chevy Suburban 4x4, Red, Nice. \$18,995	 '95 Chevy Tahoe Maroon, Tan Leather, 4x4, Good Miles. \$16,495	 '99 Ford F150 Reg. Cab, 50K Miles, SWB, Auto \$13,495
 '97 Chevy C1500 Extended Cab White, Cloth, Low Miles. \$16,995	 '95 Olds Delta 88 1 Owner, Nice. \$8,995	 '00 Buick Park Ave Blue, Leather, Nice. \$25,995
 '97 Buick Park Ave Champagne, 32K Miles, Leather. \$17,995	 '98 Buick Riviera Power, Leather, Low Miles. \$20,995	 '97 Buick Century Maroon, Low Miles. \$12,995

1999 Chevy Extended Cab Col. LS, new body style. \$24,995	1998 Chevy Blazer 4 DR, Col. \$16,995	1991 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4 DR, Col. \$5,995	1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager \$10,995	1995 Chevy Astro Van \$6,995	1995 S-10 Blazer \$9,995	1999 Chevy C1500 Extended Cab 7.7L, Red, Col. \$22,995
1997 GMC Extended Cab \$17,995	1999 Olds Bravada White, Black Leather, Low Miles. \$21,995	1998 Chevy Extended Cab \$21,995	2000 Chevy Blazer White, Low Miles, 4x4. \$21,995	1994 Chevy Suburban \$10,995	1997 Olds Bravada Maroon, Leather, Nice. \$16,995	1998 Chevy Venture Van \$17,995
1992 Chevy Conversion Van Nice, Ready To Go. \$5,995	1999 Pontiac Montana Van \$17,995	1998 Chevy Conversion Van TV, VCR, Nice. \$20,995	1999 Chevy Astro Van \$15,995	1995 Chevy C1500 Extended Cab Black/Gray, New Car. \$8,995	1998 Chevy C1500 Extended Cab \$16,995	1990 Buick Century Nice Car. \$4,995
2000 Buick LeSabre \$20,995	1999 Chevy Monte Carlo White, Sp. \$13,995	2000 Pontiac Grand Prix \$18,995	1999 Pontiac Grand Am Red, 4DR, VS. \$12,995	2000 Chevy Malibu \$13,995	1997 Buick LeSabre Champagne, Nice Car. \$8,995	1995 Buick Park Avenue \$10,995
1997 Chevy Cavalier 2DR, Sport. \$7,995	1996 Buick Park Avenue \$10,995	1996 Buick LeSabre Maroon, Power Group. \$8,995	1998 Chevy Malibu \$11,995	1999 Pontiac Grand Am V6, 4DR, Sun. \$13,995	1999 Buick Regal \$16,995	1993 Buick Regal White, Great Car. \$5,995
1999 Chevy Lumina LTZ \$12,995	1999 Chevy Cavalier Red, Convertible, Low Miles. \$13,995	1999 Chevy Cavalier \$10,995	1996 Pontiac Grand Prix 4DR, Green, 50K Miles. \$7,995	1999 Buick Century \$12,995	1999 Buick Park Ave Red, Sun. \$21,995	

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Television/Comics

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	NewsHour	News	News	P.O.V.	Charlie Rose	NewsHour				
Early Edition	Early Edition	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
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Movie: Dancer, Texas	Movie: Teaching Mrs. Tingle +½ PG-13	Filmaker	Beggars and Choosers	Movie: The Thief Vladimir Malozemov 'R						
(-15) Movie: Dead Poets Society Robin Williams. 'PG'	Movie: Brokeback Palace	Claire Danes. +½ PG-13	Sex & City	GString	Movie:					
(-15) Movie: Estrangement	Movie: The Gauntlet Clint Eastwood. +½ R'	Movie: Orgazmo Trey Parker. +½ NC-17	Movie: Toy Soldiers (1991)							
(-15) Movie: Glad (1988)	Movie: Love in the Afternoon (1957) Gary Cooper. +½	(-15) Movie: A Streeter Named Desire (1961) Vivien Leigh. +½								
Movie: Big Dreams	Movie: House Calls (1978) Walter Matthau. +½	Life and Times-Angel	Marital Law	Hunting						
Wild Discovery	New Detectives	FBI Files	New Detectives	Detectives						
Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	Investigative Reports	Law & Order	Biography					
Movie: Menendez: A Killing in Beverly Hills (1994) Edward James Olmos, Beverly D'Angelo. +½			Golden Girls (Golden Girls)	Designing						
Baseball	SW Sports	Major League Baseball Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins	National Sports Report	Sports						
Pretender	Movie: The Prekator (1986) Sean Connery. +½	Bull	ER	Bull						
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thomberry Facts of Life	Gilligan	Brady	I Love Lucy	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jefferons	Wonder Yrs.	
JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: Cleopatra (1955) Elizabeth Taylor. +½	Strip Poker	Martin	Martin					
Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos de Pasión	Primero Impacto Nec.	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	FBI's Ten Most Wanted	Great Military Blunders	Disaster Technology	Tales of the Gun	FBI's Ten					
Movie: Asteroid (1997) Annabella Sciorra. +½	Movie: Asteroid (1997) Annabella Sciorra. +½	Crossing	Twilight Z.	Pottsgarst						
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Barney Google & Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell

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By Mort Walker

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By Tom Armstrong

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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

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Times	Rate	Min
1 day per word	.20	\$4.00
2 days per word	.31	\$6.20
3 days per word	.42	\$8.40
4 days per word	.53	\$10.60
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Every effort is made to avoid errors in word ads and legal notices. Advertisers should call attention to any errors immediately after the first insertion. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion. In case of errors by the publishers, and additional insertion will be published.

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Extended Cab 3/4 ton. 4X4 Power stroke diesel p/u. Call 258-7253 days and 258-7752 nights.

1996 FORD Taurus, excellent condition. Blue, pw, pl, keyless entry, new tires. 62,000 miles. \$7,500. 364-0147.

4. REAL ESTATE

Why Pay Rent?

Invest in Brand New Single & Doublewide. Own your own home. Payments lower than you think

Champion Home Center
1-888-257-1177

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

FOR SALE: Between Friona and Lazbuddie, 328 acres, 2 pivots, 2 good irrigation wells, 1 domestic well. Call 806-250-3615.

PRIME FARM/PASTURE Land, NE edge of Hereford, Avenue K, approximately 130 acres. Will negotiate/will finance. For information, call Mr. Dixon-Dallas (972)239-7708.

Price Reduced
301 Hickory, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, fireplace, 2,000 sq.ft. Home. \$58,000

Good Starter Home
620 Avenue J, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, \$35,000

Mobile Home and Lot
113 Campbell, 3 bedroom, 2 baths \$22,500

Shop Building and Acreage
formerly occupied by Dearing Wrecking on Progressive Road, 8.4 acres with well and 80 ft. by 50 ft. shop

Hamby Real Estate
Gerald Hamby, Broker
364-3566
Equal Housing Opportunity

NEW MOBILE Homes repod from dealers. Huge discounts, financing. Call toll free 888-539-7780.

1ST TIME Home buyer or single parent program. E-Z financing. 800-830-3515.

REPO'S REPO'S \$1,000 & up. Bring cash & save. Over 40 to choose from. 888-539-7780.

NEED A New home. We trade for almost nothing. Call Bell Mobile Homes. 888-539-7780.

2000 MODEL. 16 wide 3+2. \$1,000 down, \$171.74/monthly. 800-830-3515 (Se Habla Espanol) \$18,900 to finance, 10% APR, 300 months with approved credit.

2000 MODEL. 28X80 under \$49,900. \$2,500 down, \$398/monthly. 800-830-3515 (Se Habla Espanol) \$47,400 to finance, 9.5% APR, 360 months, with approved credit.

5. RENTAL PROPERTY

APARTMENTS:

Blue Water Gardens
HEAT, A/C LIGHTS INCLUDED

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

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

ELDORADO APARTMENTS! Now Available, Newly Remodeled 1&2 bedroom apartments. We pay water, cable, gas. Starting at \$70/week. Call 363-1254 or 344-2475.

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Tuesday thru Friday papers @ 3:00 p.m. the day prior

Saturday paper @ 1:00 p.m. Friday

1. ARTICLES FOR SALE

REBUILT KIRBY'S 1/2 price with warranty. Other name brands. \$39 & up. Sales and repairs in your home, on all makes and models. Call 364-4288.

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

SHARP MODEL F7800 business copier. Excellent condition. Includes cabinet stand. Call 364-3333 (days), 364-1362 (nights).

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

FOR SALE: 2-Wing Back Chair, \$50 each. 1-sofa bed, \$75.00. 1-Queen size mattress set, \$50.00. 1-full size bedroom suite, \$250.00. 1-washing machine, \$50.00. Call 363-6199.

2. FARM & RANCH

HAY FOR Sale: \$80/ton, also would like to buy metal self-feeder for cattle. Call 276-5759 between 5:00-7:00am.

3. AUTOMOBILES

See Us Before You Buy

Marcum Motors Co.
Clean Used Cars & Trucks
413 N. 25 Mile Avenue • 364-3565

1992 SUBURBAN, Very good condition. Will consider reasonable offer. Call 364-3333 days, mobile 344-4451.

1988 CHEV. Conversion van. V-8, dual air, full power. \$3,250. 364-8812.

FOR SALE: 1986 Chevy Pickup long wheelbase, 305 motor, new transmission, good tires. \$2,500. Call after 6:00 364-4135.

1981 CORVETTE. Charcoal metallic gray, mirror, T-tops, very clean. Call 806-364-8634 after 5:00 P.M.

1997 FORD Taurus. Good condition. 63,300 miles. New tires. \$10,000. 364-4189 or 655-1394.

FOR SALE: 1988 GMC S15 pickup, \$600.00. Can be seen at 123 Hickory. 363-2295 ask for Joe.

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS
1 Magazine worker
7 Superhero accessory
11 Nabokov classic
12 Vaccine type
13 Serve a specific purpose
15 Physician
16 Docking spot
18 Thunder sound
21 Combo
22 Tries to pick up
24 Picnic pest
25 Boucher
26 Bakery buy
27 Hamburg talk
29 Remainder
30 Crazy one
31 Hamlet, for one
32 Cuts into small cubes
34 Be outstanding
40 Pitcher
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42 Departed
43 Show mercy

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1 Pole worker
2 "How — love thee?"
3 Sick
4 Inclined
5 Playful mammal
6 Cheering syllables
7 Brittle metal
8 "Exodus" hero
9 Chum
10 Building wing
14 Spanish hero
16 Discussion group
17 Lead-in
19 Ski resort
20 Model's asset
21 Sack
22 Solo of "Star Wars"
23 Snare
25 "Be quiet!"
28 Early auto
29 Scoundrel
31 Plow pioneer
33 Singe
34 Pull along
35 Exist
36 Actor
37 Honest — Howard
38 Family
39 Have dinner

SPACE LAKER
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PAGAN VERSE
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Saturday's answer

BRADFORD TRUCKING
An E.S.O.P. Company
Now Taking Applications

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

Contact Odell Ward at 1-800-523-5164 or Fax or Send Resume to: P.O. Box 129 Cactus, Texas 79018 fax no. 806-868-5532

WE NEED Help! Our organization is expanding in the Hereford area. We are looking to fill 12 FT/PT positions immediately. Great pay, advancement opportunities and paid vacations! 806-354-8702.

FEED TRUCK Driver position currently available for experienced, qualified individual seeking full-time employment. Bartlett Cattle offers competitive wages and benefits. Applications are available at the feedyard, 20 miles NE of Hereford or 2 S. Hunsley Hills, Canyon.

NEED EXTRA Money. Sell Avon. Must be 18 or older & qualify. Call 364-0899.

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

Now Leasing

Guardian Self Storage
1409 E. Park Avenue
364-5778

FOR RENT! 3 bedroom duplex stove, utility room, W/D connections, fenced yard. Some new carpet. 364-4370.

FOR RENT: 4 bedroom, 2 bath, W/D hookup. \$375/month, \$100 deposit. 200 Bennett. Call 364-4908.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage with fireplace and swimming pool. Nice neighborhood in Northwest Hereford. \$650/month. Call 364-6540 after 6:00p.m.

2-3 BEDROOM Mobile home. Stove, fridge, W/D hookups, fenced yard. 313 or 307 Avenue H. 364-4370.

FOR SALE Or rent: One Bedroom house. \$175/month, \$75 deposit. Call 364-6759.

APARTMENTS
Unfurnished—2 Br—1 1/2 Bath
Spacious—Comfortable and Newly remodeled

- Refrigerated Air
- Cable TV furnished
- 2 Areas - 1 Non Smoking and 1 Smoking
- Bills Paid (Except Elec.)
- Newly Redecorated
- HUD Assistance welcome

Call 364-9421 for details
Thunderbird Apartments

8. EMPLOYMENT

Two Positions Opened

Administrative Secretary
Responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating administration office activities, provide administrative support to Administrative Staff through accurate efficient written and oral communication. Assist bookkeeping dept. with various projects. HS Graduate, 2 years College and/or equivalent, and three years experience in the health field. PC, typing & calculator experience required.

Emergency Medical Services Director
Plans, directs and coordinates the overall operation of the ambulance service. Two years experience working in an emergency medical environment. Must have current certification by the Tx. Dept. of Health as a Paramedic and a driver's license.

Send resume to:
Castro County Hospital District
P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, Texas 79027
Nancy Fuller, Human Resources Dept.
Phone: (806)647-2191, ext. 423 Fax: (806)647-2407

PIZZA HUT

NOW HIRING!

FRIENDLY PEOPLE

DELIVERY DRIVERS
Full time & part time, must be 18 years of age or older and have a good driving record, be dependable and have their own transportation. Average pay (\$7.00 to \$11.00/hr) with commission & bonuses.

1304 W. 1st Street
Hereford, TX
806-364-5551

DELIVERY DRIVERS APPLY IN PERSON. Resumes may be found attention to Treva Hughes 806-359-3218 or e-mail to Pizza Hut, P.O. Box 8008 Amarillo, TX 79114-0008.

CNA OPENINGS 2-10 and 10-6. Earn "Paid Time Off" from your first day and health insurance after 90 days; shift/weekend differentials and sign-on bonuses. Apply in person at King's Manor Methodist Home, 400 Ranger, Hereford.

OFFICE CLERK/SECRETARY Needed for busy rural office. Full-Time M-F plus Saturday AM. Telephone, filing, typing, computer, and book-keeping skills required. Prior feedyard experience and farm background preferred. Lunch provided. Mature experience professionals only need apply. Salary based upon experience. Send resume with references to Box 1467, Hereford, Texas 79045.

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

NOW HIRING!! Cleanup (Excel) 3rd Shift. Reasonable pay. Please come by and pick up your application today. Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-2:30PM, Friday 7:30AM-11:30AM. T&G Service Company, 1304 West 9th, Friona, Texas (806)247-3144.

HELP WANTED! Saturday & Part-time. 342 Miles. Inkahoots.

9. CHILD CARE

DEPENDABLE, CHRISTIAN, Caregiver would love to care for your child Monday-Friday. Please call Cindy Ashcraft at 364-6725.

HEREFORD DAY CARE

Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed

Also - SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS pick-up for Kindergarten Children!

364-5062
248 E. 16th

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

Available Computers

- Service
- Supplies
- Upgrades

CMCS
313 N. Main • 364-5067

DEFENSIVE DRIVING Course is now being offered at the Ranch House, 10:00AM the 3rd Saturday of every month. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 1-800-454-6051 or 505-763-5628. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS.

TREE & Shrub trimming and removal. Leaf raking and assorted lawn work, rotary tilling and seeding of new lawns. 364-3356.

F&G ROOFING And Construction. 15 years experience in all types of roofing needs. Free estimates. Good references. Insurance Bonded. Call 364-4770 or 344-4770.

FORREST INSULATION. We do all kinds of insulation and small home repairs. We build and repair all types of fences. **FREE ESTIMATES!!** Call 364-5477 or (mobile) 346-2143.

NEED YOUR Windows cleaned? Call Irene, 363-1900 or Juanita, 363-6509 anytime.

"NEED MUSIC LESSONS?" Tejano, Country, Rock & Blues. Ages 10 years and older. Call Jesse @ 364-0492.

ALBERT MURILLO Roofing & Remodeling. 25 Years experience, Work Guaranteed & Free Estimates. All types of roofs & remodeling. Call 364-4735.

STOP

Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault

Call 363-6727

All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

State laws forbid discrimination in the sale, rental or advertising of real estate based advertising for real estate which is violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Writing Want Ads that really sell!

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

For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs."

Then remember these hints:

- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of
- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

CLASSIFIEDS

NEED CASH \$2,500-\$50,000. Low monthly payments. 1 day service. No fee just good SVS. For appointment call 1-877-748-BILL (2455).

FM MAD.AT Banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254)947-4475.

EARN A Second income without a second job! \$850-\$3,500/month PT/FT. Hear success stories: 1-801-350-9749. www.yourprofitnow.com. 1-800-389-2561.

There's a place for EVERYTHING in the Classifieds. Newspaper is usually the first place people go when considering a purchase. It's their primary source of advertising information. Newspaper helps spark the local economy by putting dollars into circulation. And that's good for everyone. Not just the retailer. Because a strong local economy means lower property taxes, more jobs, tax support for community services and a better place to live. Newspaper is more than just a smart place to advertise. It's an integral part of our lives.

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House panel eyeing farm worker bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee will consider legislation today that its supporters say will solve farm worker shortages, but that opponents say will cut the pay of undocumented workers and put them at risk of exploitation. The legislation, to be considered by the House Judiciary Committee, has the backing of House Speaker Dennis Hastert and is opposed by the Clinton administration. Sponsored by Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., the bill would provide a three-year alternative to the H2A guestworker program. The program allows agricultural employers to obtain visas for foreign workers if a worker shortage exists. Growers have charged its regulations are burdensome and unable to provide workers when needed. The legislation would establish state registries of workers, allow employers to provide housing vouchers to workers rather than housing, change the benchmark for workers' wages and make other regulatory changes that supporters say would make hiring workers easier. "Basically farmers are having problems getting workers they need to pick crops. It's a perennial issue," said Doug Heye, Pombo's spokesman. Although Congress is nearing the end of its session, the bill could make it to the House floor for a vote because of Hastert's backing. "This is an issue that needs to be resolved by the House and an issue that needs to move," said John Feehery, Hastert's spokesman. But the Clinton administration says Pombo's resolution could not only hurt undocumented immigrants brought into the country to work U.S. farms, but American workers as well. In a Sept. 13 letter to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, Jacob Lew, director of the president's Office of Management and Budget, said the administration strongly opposes the bill. Lew's letter said it would reduce growers' obligation to look for qualified workers, eliminate pay guarantees for workers and likely increase illegal immigration. In addition, he said, it could depress wages and work standards for American workers. "If the bill were presented to the President, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto it," Lew said.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 9-19 CRYPTOQUOTE T H I P D L A P U S G Q Z P D Y A S U P V S J T U T Q P Z A S F L K T V V P F S I — Y S F B G V T F H Z G F W A T F Saturday's Cryptquote LIGHT UP THE WORLD, BUT IT CAN'T WARM UP THE STOVE. —FRIEDRICH HEBBEL

Wieners recalled WASHINGTON (AP) — A Florida company is recalling 40,000 pounds of chicken and turkey frankas that may not have been cooked sufficiently, the Agriculture Department said Monday. The frankas, made by Lykes Meat Group Inc. of Plant City, Fla., were distributed to stores in California, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The frankas, which were sold under the names Smithfield and Fairgrounds, were produced Aug. 14 and bear "P-2653" on the label. The problem was discovered after a consumer complaint, but no illnesses have been associated with the product, USDA said. "Because of the potential foodborne illness, we urge consumers not to eat the frankas and hot dogs but return them to be placed of purchase," said Ronald Hicks, acting administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The products and the identifying codes are: Fairgrounds "Jumbo frankas," code dated 227002A, for use by Oct. 23. Smithfield "grill ready chicken frankas," code dated 227002A, for use by Oct. 13. Smithfield "premium hot dogs," code dated 227002B, for use by Oct. 13 or Oct. 23. CHICAGO (AP) — George W. Bush stepped in Tuesday and gave Oprah what Al Gore didn't — a kiss — and told the talk show diva that the public's biggest misconception of him is that "I'm running on my daddy's name." Bush, the Republican presidential candidate eager to woo back women voters, took his turn in Oprah Winfrey's easy chair a week and a day after rival Gore courted her and the 22 million viewers who tune into her syndicated TV program every week. Asked what things he knows for sure, Bush said: "That there is a God. ... That I'm sitting here talking to you. That I love my wife." The Texas governor betrayed an ambivalence about the tight race he's locked in, telling Winfrey he nonetheless feels called to the White House. "Life would be so much simpler to be in Texas with my wife and not putting our children through the meat grinder of public opinion. So, yeah, there's a big call and I'm deeply concerned about the future of the country," Bush said. Asked what was the public's "biggest misconception" of him, Bush replied: "Probably I'm running on my daddy's name. That, you know, if my name were George Jones I'd be a country and western singer." Winfrey pressed, didn't some small part of him want to "restore" the Bush family to the White House? Bush's father was president from 1989 until Bill Clinton and Gore defeated him in 1992. "Not even in the teeniest, tiniest part," Bush insisted. "Basically, what you're saying is, Are you running just because of revenge? Revenge is such a negative thought. I'm running for positive reasons. There are better ways to uphold the honor of my family and that is to be a decent loving citizen." He grew teary-eyed talking about the birth of his twin 18-year-old daughters. In a restaurant across the street, reporters were invited to watch Laura Bush watching her husband's interview. She and a noisy gaggle of female supporters sat beneath a giant banner that read, "W stands for women." As "Oprah" came on the restaurant TVs, they tapped their wristwatches and chanted, "It's time for us to win." They booed when Winfrey mentioned her interview last week with Gore. Gore had greeted a disappointed Winfrey with a handshake. The vice president, the first politician Winfrey ever invited onto a show that's run 15 seasons, won flattery and a thumbs-up from the wealthy entertainment mogul, who has given \$12,000 to Democrats since 1992. Audrey Pass, a spokeswoman for Winfrey's production company, said it is anyone's guess whether Winfrey will make an endorsement in the presidential race. For now, Pass said, "Oprah's not giving any indication of her preference." On Tuesday, Bush made a point of blessing her cheer. "Thanks for the kiss," Winfrey cooed. "My pleasure," he grinned. Winfrey, probing for the personal over policy, asked him to identify a time when he was overwhelmed with self doubt. Bush said it was when he went East to prep school, which led to Yale and then Harvard. "I remember thinking how brilliant all the other kids were," said Bush, who has battled questions of his intellectual gravitas in this campaign. "Eventually, I realized smarts are not only whether or not you can write well or whether or not you can do calculus, but smarts also is instinct and judgment and competence. "I've got a lot of experience, I'm well educated. But I'm certainly not the kind of person who talks down to people because of my education. ... You can't inspire and unite by thinking that you're smarter than everyone else."

BUSH Republican nominee says he's not seeking the White House on his father's name

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Clinton signs health care bill WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton signed a long-term-care insurance program for federal employees Tuesday that the administration hopes could be a model of bipartisan cooperation on health care issues. "I hope we will continue to build on the spirit embodied by this bill today," Clinton said before signing the measure at the White House. Congress passed the long-term-care insurance bill before its August recess and sent it to the White House last week. It calls for setting up a program that would make long-term care available to federal employees, members of the uniformed services and civilian-military retirees. Clinton noted insurance industry support for the initiative, which will provide a new option to 13 million people. Aides said the president hopes the new law will serve as a model for private employers nationwide. The president, flanked by nearly a dozen members of Congress from both political parties, called the legislation "groundbreaking" for its practical effect. "It is further proof not only that Democrats and Republicans both get old, but that when we put progress before partisanship we can tackle our toughest challenges," Clinton said. Clinton also made a pitch for two other health care measures he wants Congress to pass before he leaves office. The president used the bill-signing ceremony as an opportunity to push his proposed \$3,000 tax credit for long-term care as well as an initiative to provide funding to help people providing care to older relatives. This measure would help pay for information-referral services and counseling to help family members handle the emotional strain of caring for chronically ill relatives. The White House health care package, Clinton said, would "help ensure the aging of America will be, on balance, a great benefit and not an overwhelming burden to our children and grandchildren." The legislation authorizes the federal Office of Personnel Management to negotiate with private insurers to offer more affordable long-term-care insurance policies to federal employees, retirees and their families.

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provide group health insurance coverage for the next year.

In August, the commissioners rejected a BC/BS bid, which was the only proposal the city received, and readvertised. In the second round of bidding, the city received quotes from BC/BS and the Texas Municipal League.

Both bidders included alternate proposals and the TML bids were \$23,092 and \$18,146 less than the BC/BS proposals.

However, during the day Monday, TML notified the city that because of a "wrinkle" in its insurance coverage, no Hereford physicians are included in the plan. The commissioners reluctantly accepted the BC/BS alternate plan, which represents a 30.7 percent increase over the current plan.

The commissioners also granted a five-year, 50 percent tax abatement to Hereford Economy Lodging Inc. The company plans to build a 33-unit Super 8 Motel on property just north of the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Although the abatement was recommended by the county tax abatement board, the Deaf Smith County commissioners and HISD trustees rejected the request. The abatement will cost the city about \$1,000 annually in tax

revenue. The Deaf Smith County Hospital District board is expected to consider the abatement request tonight.

In other business, Hereford Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Don Cumpton reported the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will open an office in the former Southwestern Public Service Co. complex on New York Street.

Cumpton said when the move is completed, the non-profit agency will have four full-time employees and have as many as 50 seasonal employees, who will work about seven months.

He also said he attended the Texas Farm and Dairy Convention, which was held last week at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He said he made contacts with dairy operators. One dairy already has visited the area, another is scheduled to visit next week and two more within the next two weeks.

"People know Hereford and Deaf Smith County are interested in the dairy industry," Cumpton said.

Nathan Stone, president of the Humane Society of Deaf Smith County, addressed the commission to "introduce you to a group of people who care deeply for our town and for the welfare of the dogs and cats who run and play here and bring joy to a lot of

people."

"We have concerns, but we have no axe to grind," Stone said. The group has 16 members on its board of directors and about 60 members.

Stone reported the group conducted a low-cost pet vaccination clinic Sunday, the second clinic since June. More than 500 dogs and cats have been vaccinated, he said.

"At this time we are concerned about the condition of the Hereford Animal Shelter. ... the age of the shelter concerns us. The building is old and poorly designed, which makes adequate maintenance impossible.

"We also believe the current method of euthanizing the pets is out of date and inhumane," Stone said and suggested the commissioners tour the shelter.

"We want to assist you and work alongside you to make Hereford famous for being a pet-friendly city," Stone said.

In response, Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland said he believes the best way to achieve some of the results sought by the humane society is through a joint effort with the city. He also noted that about "100 dogs are killed and 40-50 cats every month and what we don't euthanize, we're running over, which indicates our populace doesn't have the proper education about caring for their pets."

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year's 54.97 rate and about 5.7 percent over the effective tax rate of 53.33 cents — and is expected to generate \$3,299,463 in revenue.

The commissioners' next meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 28. They are expected to make adjustments to the FY 2000 budget before closing out the budget year on Sept. 30.

Senate nearing a vote on historic China trade bill

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WASHINGTON — Congress is about to change the nature of U.S.-China trade relations in a vote supporters say will add a critical element of stability between the two nations. Senate passage Tuesday of the PNTR, or permanent normal trade relations, bill is near certain, sending the legislation to President Clinton for his signature. The measure is aimed at opening up China's markets, bringing billions in new business to American companies and making China a more responsible and accountable member of the world community.

Peruvian opposition calls for spy chief's arrest

LIMA, Peru — The whereabouts of Peru's intelligence chief grew murkier amid conflicting reports of his arrest. The mystery about the man at the center of Peru's growing political crisis deepened and raised questions about the government's stability. Meanwhile, pressure increased for

President Alberto Fujimori to step down quickly following his stunning announcement late Saturday that he would call new elections — in which he would not be candidate — amid a bribery scandal involving spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos. In front of 10,000 cheering supporters in a downtown Lima plaza, opposition leader Alejandro Toledo called Monday for the immediate formation of an emergency government and the arrest of Montesinos.

2 new polls show Gore, Bush in very tight race

WASHINGTON — Two new polls on the presidential race

point to a highly competitive contest. Democrat Al Gore has an edge of 5 percentage points over Republican George W. Bush in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup tracking poll while a Voter.Com Battleground survey puts them in a dead heat. New state polls offering a glimpse at the all-important race for 270 electoral votes indicate Gore is leading in California, New Jersey and Delaware, while the two are close in Nevada and New Mexico. Gore is up 18 points in the Democratic stronghold of Hawaii, while Bush is up in conservative Virginia by 7 points. In the national tracking polls, CNN-USA Today-Gallup put the contest at 48 percent for Gore to 43 percent for Bush, with a 4 percentage point error margin. Gore and Bush are statistically even in the Voter.Com Battleground poll, with the Republican at 41 percent and the Democrat at 39 percent, with a 3 percentage point error margin.

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the Precinct 3 polling station. Voters have until Oct. 10 to register to vote in the general election. Also, the deadline to apply for a mail ballot is Oct. 10.

Early voting will be Oct. 23-Nov. 3.

There will be three contested races for Deaf Smith County offices.

Incumbent Wayne Betzen, who narrowly survived a challenge in the Republican primary, will face Democrat Armando Gonzales in the race for Precinct 1 commissioner.

In the March primary, Betzen eked out a one-vote victory over former Precinct 1 foreman Alfred Ortiz. On

the Democratic side, Gonzales defeated Joe Henry in a runoff to earn a spot on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Incumbent Sheriff Joe Brown, a Democrat, will try to fend off the challenge of Republican Brent Harrison, a sergeant on the Hereford Police Department.

Democrat Teresa Garth will meet Republican Jeannine Zimmerman in the race for county tax assessor/collector.

Although no Democrat in the 19th Congressional District stepped forward to challenge incumbent Larry Combest, the Lubbock Republican won't have a completely free ride to re-election.

Libertarian John Turnbow, a Lubbock physician, has pledged to wage a "vigorous" challenge to Combest and will "attempt to motivate the thousands of people who no longer vote because they think their vote makes no difference."

With no Democrat in the race, Turnbow has said he believes he has a "legitimate chance" of unseating Combest.

Other than Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore, only one other Democrat is listed on the statewide ballot — perennial candidate Gene Kelly of San Antonio is challenging incumbent Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison for the U.S. Senate.

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and functional," Larkin said. "But more important is what will come out of these buildings. By bringing these facilities to completion and pushing into the community, you are allowing students to step into the future and capture the rich tradition of excellence."

Before the tours of the building, board members presented the Hagar family with a plaque to be mounted on the windmill as a permanent reminder of what the area heritage includes.

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