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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-30s, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high 70 to 75, south to southwest wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low around 40.



Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy, high 60 to 65.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid-30s, high around 70.

Sunday: Mostly clear, low in the mid-30s, high in the lower 70s.

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 77; low, 35; no precipitation.

Boosters' poster is on sale

The Whiteface Booster Club is selling storefront posters picturing this year's edition of the Hereford Whiteface boys basketball team — commemorating the Herd's first outright District 3-4A championship since 1977, and the team's continuing playoff quest.

The poster "Hoggin' the Court" will be available beginning today at the general offices of the Hereford Brand, 303 N. Lee, and KPAN Radio, 218 E. 5th.

The cost is \$2 per poster and all proceeds will benefit various booster club projects.

Inside Today

"I am a proud Reagan conservative. I love the Republican party. It is my home ... We are creating a new majority, my friends. A McCain majority. As I look more electable, we'll start drawing more Republicans."

■ Arizona Sen. John McCain, assessing his victories Tuesday in the Michigan and Arizona Republican primaries.

■ **BIG DAY:** McCain stuns Bush with convincing victories in Michigan and Arizona's Republican primaries. Democrats and independents flock to Arizona senator's banner. — Page A6



CASSIE DANIEL

Hereford student wins first-place honors at Regional History Fair in Canyon.

'WHAT IF?' ■ HHS student takes a look at impact of 6 seconds in Dallas

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Another Hereford High School student has demonstrated the exceptional standards expected of all students.

Cassie Daniel, a freshman at HHS, recently won first place in the senior high individual performance category at the Regional History Fair at West Texas A&M University. She will advance to the state competition, which will be held May 12. The regional fair was sponsored by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Daniel used this year's theme, "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, and Events," to detail six seconds that silenced 58,000 American voices -- the

assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Daniel's essay, done in newscast format, presents evidence that President Kennedy had plans to withdraw U.S. troops out of Vietnam. The essay also states that as early as 1951 Kennedy had reservations about sending troops into Indochina.

"Vietnam is not an area of particular interest," Daniel said. "My father has always been interested in the JFK assassination, and this just seemed to be a good way of putting that interest to use."

Daniel's presentation is more than theory or imagination, but is backed up by months of research, finding facts,

figures and statements by JFK and those who knew him the best.

"Actually, I found out a lot of interesting facts about LBJ (Lyndon B. Johnson, who became president after Kennedy's death), (Richard) Nixon and (Gerald) Ford that took me off on little side trails," Daniel said. "Like LBJ made war without a declaration of war. Also, he and his wife had numerous business interests which benefitted from the war. "Even though I won first," she said, "I've still got lots to do before state. The judges and Mrs. (Carolyn) Waters have given me some tips for improvement. I've got to get more sources in my bibliography and improve the presentation."

Taylor gets HRMC post

■ Acting CEO selected on 3-1 vote of hospital district board of directors

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

It won't be hard for James Taylor to get his feet on the ground at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

After all, Taylor has been the hospital's acting administrator, as well as interim financial director, for several weeks.

In a 3-1 vote Tuesday night, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors selected Taylor to be the hospital chief executive officer, pending final approval of a contract. Directors Ernest Flood, Steve Lawlis and Jesse Rincones favored offering the position to Taylor; Director Bobby Owen dissented. Directors Mark Collier and Karen Solomon were absent.

The HRMC position has been filled on an interim basis — first by J.O. Lewis of San Antonio and then by Taylor, a Canyon resident — 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 Organiza-



James Taylor (clockwise from top), Larry D. Krupala of TMSI and board member Bobby Owen review financial reports during Tuesday's meeting of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors. During the meeting, Taylor was named HRMC administrator.

tion 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.

Since 1996, Taylor has worked as an independent consultant in health care finance.

Between June 1988 and May 1996, he was senior vice president and chief financial officer for the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest

Texas Healthcare System.

He also served in a variety of financial management positions for the hospital, beginning in June 1974.

Taylor is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also is a past president of the Texas Association for Healthcare Financial Administration, as well as a board member of the Alliance Regional Health Plans Inc. and the Texas Association of

Greenspan cautions about using surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan emphatically cautioned lawmakers today against spending projected federal budget surpluses that he said may not occur.

"I would submit that irrevocable, or almost irrevocable programs put in place now ... (are) going to be a risky possibility," said Greenspan. "And all I say, all I'm asking in effect, is just to delay the rise (in spending) until we have a better grip on what the true balance in the federal government accounts is."

Greenspan was answering questions in an appearance before the Senate Banking Committee to deliver the Fed's semiannual report to Congress. He gave similar testimony in the House last week.

Greenspan also repeated sentiments today that put financial markets on notice last week to expect further interest rate increases if the economy continues to grow at a rapid clip.

Although the economy remains strong, and inflation is still largely at bay, Greenspan said tight labor markets and a continued consumer spending boom present potential price pressures too great to ignore.

If Fed policy-makers don't pay attention to those factors, "then we are like the boat heading towards the dock and instead of turning so we don't go slamming into the dock, we go straight into the dock and find out that we should have turned at least partially in order to come into ... a soft landing," Greenspan said.

Many private economists are looking for at least two more quarter-point rate increases from the central bank's next meetings in March and May.

Since June, the Fed has pushed up its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 5.75 percent in four quarter-point moves.

Greenspan said the reasons behind recent "tax surprises" that have overstuffed government coffers during the economic boom in recent years are not entirely understood by economists yet. Therefore, it is difficult to predict whether they will persist.

For that reason, he said he believes using surpluses to pay down the national debt is the best thing lawmakers can do for now.

Until surplus projections are more certain, Greenspan said, "I've argued that we should allow the surpluses run and ... reduce the debt."

However, if pressures on lawmakers to use surpluses are too great, the Fed chairman said, he would prefer a tax cut over new spending.

President Clinton's final budget projects that the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the \$5.7 trillion national debt could be eliminated by 2013, making the government free of debt to the public for the first time since 1835.

Clinton has also proposed extensive new government programs, however, including an expansion of Medicare to include prescription drug coverage. Republicans, meanwhile, are pushing for large tax cuts.



ALAN GREENSPAN

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Separately today, Federal Reserve Governor Laurence Meyer said wiping out the national debt would not harm the ability of the Federal Reserve to fight inflation through its management of short-term interest rates.

In a speech to the National Association for Business Economics, Meyer said the central bank, which uses its holdings of Treasury securities to implement changes in interest rates, will be able to adapt to a world where the level of those securities is shrinking.

Public and Non-Profit Hospitals.

The other two candidates considered for the position were Diane Smith, director of the Hereford Health Clinic, and Stanley E. Hurstall Jr., a Louisiana healthcare professional.

The board also discussed an anticipated vacancy. Lawlis plans to move his medical practice to Georgetown and will resign his seat.

Owen recommended appointing a replacement immediately, with the new director to assume the seat when Lawlis' resignation takes effect. Owen also recommended appointing Hereford accountant Gayle Cotten.

Flood said he had no problem with making an appointment; however, he said he "doesn't want to push Steve off."

Board president Dean Crofford expressed reservations about making an appointment so early, noting that several people might be interested in the position.

The directors discussed putting the vacancy on the May 6 ballot; however, it was not clear if that would be legal because the vacancy would have to be filled by a special election. Administrative assistant Carolan Garza said she would check to see what procedure is allowed.

Board calls for election

A voting majority on the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board will be up for grabs May 6 when voters go to the polls.

The board on Tuesday called an election for May 6, which will be on the same date as the municipal and school district elections.

Four seats, all at-large, will be on on the ballot. Incumbents are Dean Crofford, Mark Collier, Karen Solomon and Jesse Rincones. All except Rincones were elected to full terms in 1996; Rincones was appointed last fall to complete the term of Jeremy Grant, who resigned. Filing for spots on the ballot will begin today and continue through April 6.

In other business, the board: • Adopted a resolution encouraging hospital management personnel to reside in Deaf Smith County. The policy also gives preference to county residents in hiring;

• Acting HRMC administrator James Taylor reported he has compiled a list of complaints about the new computer system that will be sent to the company for corrections; and

• Reviewed the December financial reports, which showed an increase in patient volume at both the hospital and at the Hereford Health Clinic.

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Local roundup

Red Cross offers classes

Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety Class to be held at the Red Cross office, 224 S. Main, this Saturday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost of the course is \$35 and participants must register and prepay before Saturday.

HISD, AC offers TASP opportunities

Hereford Independent School District and Amarillo College will offer four additional opportunities this year for college-bound students to take the TASP testing as required by state law. Test dates for the remainder of this year are March 4, April 29, June 17, and July 22.

Early Childhood Screenings offered

The spring clinic to help identify preschool children who have disabilities or learning problems will be conducted March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hereford Independent School District's Central Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. Appointments are required and parents or guardians may schedule an appointment by calling the Hereford Independent School District Special Education Department at 363-7600.

HSB holds blood drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Hereford State Bank will host the second annual HSB Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Room at Hereford State Bank. The blood center hopes to draw more than 100 donors to help fill the weekly need of 500 units needed each week in the Panhandle. Each donor will receive a T-shirt, provided by Hereford State Bank.

TBSWCD offers trees

Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to offer windbreak tree seedlings for only three more weeks. The stock is running out and supply is now limited. Officials encourage anyone who has not yet ordered needed trees to come by or call the office at 364-0530, ext. 3. These trees have been specially bred for this climate and location. Delivery is scheduled for March 15, 2000.

HHS bands perform

The Hereford High School Music Department announces the presentation of its bands in concert, 7 p.m. Feb. 24, in the HHS auditorium. The concert will feature three small ensembles bound for state contest in May -- the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band and the Honor Band. The small ensembles are made of members of the Honor Band and were ranked "First Division" at the Regional Contest earlier this month and are going to the Texas State Solo/Ensemble Contest in May. Admission is free and patrons are encouraged to attend the Lions' pancake supper and then walk across the street and enjoy the music.

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News digest

Texas plans eighth execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer Cornelius Goss doesn't duck the question when asked if an innocent man will die tonight when Texas prison officials are set to execute him for a murder during a house burglary in Dallas almost 13 years ago. "I'm definitely guilty," Goss said in an interview last week. "It was just to get some money to get some drugs. I've been sorry from day one." Goss, 38, would be the eighth Texas death row inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the first of two this week. Betty Lou Beets, a 62-year-old great-grandmother, faces execution Thursday night for the shooting death of her fifth husband in what authorities contend was a scheme to collect his life insurance and pension. Beets, charged but never tried for the fatal shooting of her fourth husband, would be the fourth woman to be executed in the United States since the Supreme Court in the mid 1970s allowed capital punishment to resume. She would be the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War. Two years ago, convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker was put to death in the same chamber in Huntsville.

Unlikely mix ends standoff

HOUSTON (AP) — Prison officials, Texas Rangers and death penalty opponents came together to end a death row standoff in which a corrections officer was held hostage. Death row inmate Ponchai Wilkerson allegedly jimmied the lock on his cell at the Terrell Unit near Livingston Monday night and teamed up with fellow inmate Howard Guidry to hold a corrections officer hostage for about 13 hours. The two inmates, who tried to escape from death row during Thanksgiving 1998, surrendered after they were allowed to see a group of death penalty opponents. As of Tuesday afternoon, prison officials had not determined how Wilkerson might have gotten out. The warden of the Terrell Unit was involved in the negotiations with the inmates, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd. Texas wardens have basic hostage negotiation training, Todd said, but TDCJ also called the Texas Rangers for help, since they are known for expert negotiation skills. "You always call on as much expertise as is available," Todd said. "It has to be a team effort."

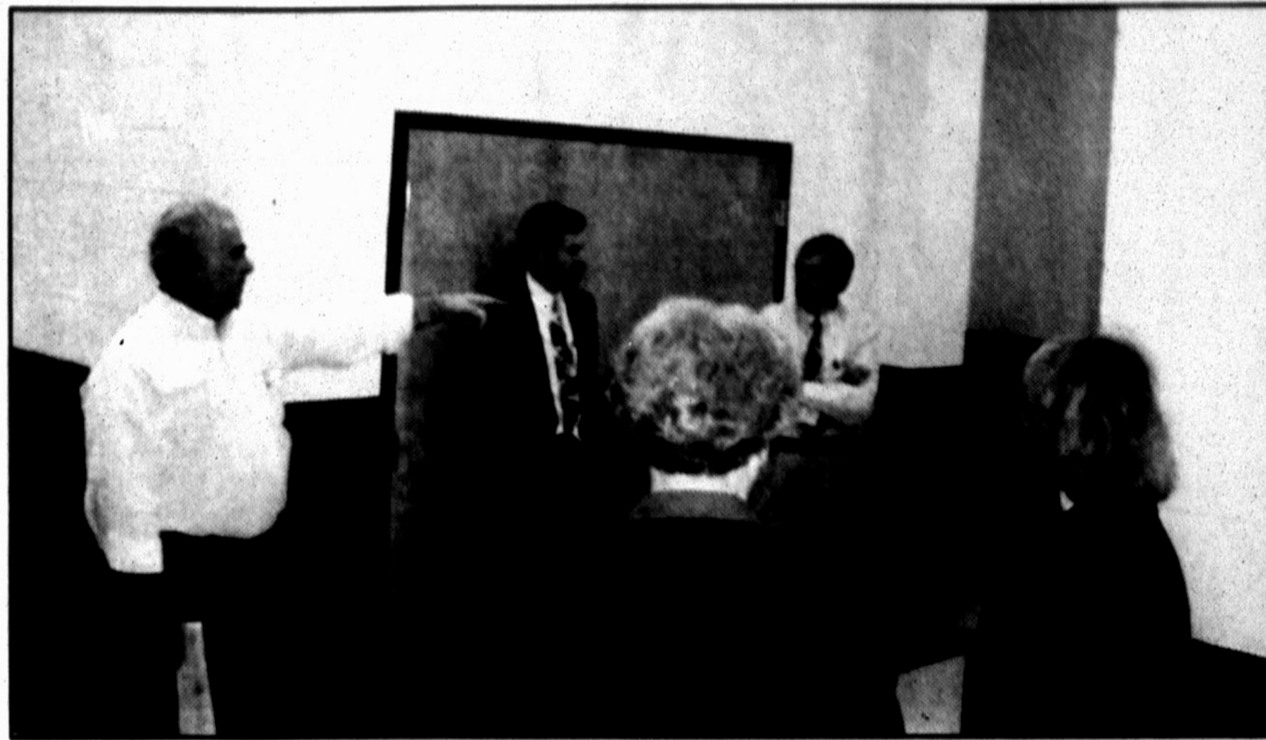
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School board has light agenda

Hereford Independent School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday with a slate of general topics ranging from setting date of the board election to the presentation of awards to a number of students. Board members called an election May 6 for the election for three seats, now held by David Charest, Mark Landrum, and Lloyd Ames. The board approved the class-size waiver requests for Tierra Blanca and Bluebonnet. Both schools report no more than three classes have one

or two students above the set standard. High bids on the sale of two portable buildings at the junior high were accepted. Building 1 brought a high bid of \$6,000 by the Covenant of Joy Church and District Attorney Roland Saul was willing to give \$2,514 for Building two. School officials will give the buyers up to 60 days to have the buildings moved, but extensions may be granted to prevent disruption of classes. The first draft of the technology plan through the year 2004 was accepted. The plan will now be sent to the regional service center before being sent to Texas Education Agency for final approval. Final approval should be in about two months. The only other item of business covered during open session was the accepted resignation of Shirley's Star Lab instructor Mary Sheffield. Superintendent Beth Abernethy would not comment on Sheffield's unexplained resignation. Board members also toured the new vocational buildings which are nearing completion at HHS.



First look -- Architect Joel Mills, left, conducted a tour of the new Career And Technology Education facilities and the gym at HHS for members of the Hereford Independent School District Board of Trustees and staff. Here Mills points out details at the entrance to Building 1 for (left to right) business manager Randy McDowell, and board members Carolyn Waters, Raul Valdez and Jeri Bezner.

EPA actions harm timber industry

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Environmentalists could stop timber sales in East Texas if the Environmental Protection Agency succeeds in its plan to apply the 1972 Clean Water Act to the timber industry, several forestry officials said. The EPA proposal requires tree farmers to obtain permits, in some instances, before cutting timber or replanting near polluted waters. Forestry long has been exempt from the permitting process under the Clean Water Act, falling instead under state oversight. Environmental groups would be able to protest permit applications, launching a lengthy court battle that could put timber farmers and loggers out of business, said Scott Beasley, president of the Texas For-

estry Association, at a public hearing Tuesday evening in Lufkin. "It would be devastating," Beasley said. "Once the regulation is put in place, it becomes open to interpretation in the courts and any citizen could bring a lawsuit against a landowner." But Bill Hathaway, a division director for the EPA, said the proposal would have no effect on Texas operations because voluntary measures to limit water pollution in the state have been effective. "Only the really bad (offenders) who the state had given up on, would end up in the permitting programs. In Texas right now, that would be none," Hathaway said. EPA officials have said the thrust of their campaign to

clean the nation's most polluted rivers, lakes and streams is being misunderstood, particularly as it relates to timber. The EPA rules, which have been five years in the making, allow states to determine the level of enforcement. Before requiring a permit, the agency would have to demonstrate that a forestry operation pollutes significantly and that the state environmental authority has failed to fix the situation. Still, many at the Lufkin meeting remained wary of more government regulation. Crockett resident James Hall, who farms about 1,000 acres of timberland in Texas and Louisiana, was among about 1,700 people in attendance. He said the measure would

be expensive and time consuming, and infringe on the rights of private property owners. "It's a bag of worms," Hall said. "It's tying the hands and feet of the landowner." Timber is a top crop in East Texas, employing about 91,000 people statewide with an annual economic impact of \$23.8 billion, according to the Texas Forestry Association. U.S. Rep. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, has cosponsored legislation with Rep. Max Sandlin, D-Marshall, and Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., that would bar the EPA proposal. A meeting Monday in Monroe, La., drew about 2,000 farmers and loggers. Thousands more attended recent meetings in El Dorado, Ark., and Texarkana.

Psychiatric drug use on the rise

Effects on children not fully known

CHICAGO (AP) — The number of 2- to 4-year-olds taking psychiatric drugs like Ritalin and Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, according to a new study that experts said reveals a troubling and growing trend. Doctors said the effects of such drugs are largely unknown in children so young and they worry the drugs could affect the development of young minds. More than 200,000 preschool-aged children around the country were studied for the report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. "These are substantial increases with little or no data supporting their use. I think that's the message that should go out," said Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland. The researchers suggest the increase is due to a growing acceptance of such drugs and because more and more children are attending day-care and are being pressured to conform to school standards of good behavior. Michele Barker, a Hot Springs, Ark., mother of three, learned firsthand about psychiatric drug use in small children before her son, Heath, started kindergarten. Nicknamed "the red tornado" for his auburn hair and wild ways, Heath's penchant for tearing things up and plunging off furniture worried his parents, so they had him tested. A pediatrician diagnosed an attention deficit disorder and prescribed the stimulant drug Ritalin in the early 1990s. Heath was 4 years old.

Heath's mother has anecdotal evidence suggesting — as the authors do — that the increases are continuing. Through her involvement in several Internet support groups for parents of children with behavior problems, she said she's hearing of "more and more 3- and 4-year-olds" being put on drugs like Prozac. "It's become a quick fix," said Barker, 39. Dr. Joseph Coyle of Harvard Medical School's psychiatry department said the study reveals a troubling trend. He said "there is no empirical evidence to support psychotropic drug treatment in very young children" — and there are valid concerns that such treatment could harm brain development.

"These disturbing prescription practices suggest a growing crisis in mental health services to children and demand more thorough investigation," Coyle wrote in a JAMA editorial. The authors reviewed Medicaid prescription records from 1991, 1993 and 1995 for preschoolers from a Midwestern state and a mid-Atlantic state; and for those in an HMO in the Northwest. The states were not identified. Use of stimulants, anti-depressants, anti-psychotics and clonidine — a drug used in adults to treat high blood pressure and increasingly for insomnia in hyperactive children — were examined. Substantial increases were seen in every category except anti-psychotics, though in some cases the actual number of prescriptions was quite small. The number of children getting any of the drugs totaled

about 100,000 in 1991, and jumped to 150,000 in 1995. That year, 60 percent of the youngsters on drugs were age 4, 30 percent were 3 and 10 percent were 2-year-olds. The use of clonidine skyrocketed in all three groups. Although the numbers were small, the researchers said the clonidine increases were particularly remarkable because its use for attention disorders is "new and largely uncharted." They noted that slowed heart beat and fainting have been reported in children who use clonidine with other medications for attention disorders. Dr. David Fassler, chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's council on adolescents and their families, said the medications studied "can be extremely helpful for some children, even quite young children." But he said they should be prescribed only after a comprehensive evaluation.

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

ELAINE WILLOUGHBY Feb. 20, 2000
Services for Elaine Willoughby, 83, of Oklahoma City, Okla., were today at Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Mrs. Willoughby died Sunday at her home. She was born Oct. 3, 1916, in Hereford to Jo and Merlin Newell. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1933 and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock. She married John I. Willoughby in 1939 and worked in the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp during World War II. Mrs. Willoughby moved to Amarillo and later moved to Oklahoma City. She collected dolls and did ceramics. Survivors include one daughter, Teri Pugh, of Oklahoma City; one sister, Virginia Winget of Hereford; one brother, Gaylord Newell of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister-in-law, Marguerite Newell of Hereford and two grandchildren.
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HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 22, 2000 include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests
- An individual was arrested in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- An individual was arrested in the 1800 block of East First and charged with an aggravated assault warrant.
Incidents
- An incident was reported at Highway 60 and McKinley.
- An attempted burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Third.
- A threat was reported in the 600 block of Park Avenue.
- Theft was reported in the 100 block of Avenue A.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arrests
- A 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft of service conviction and a second charge of theft of service.
- An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with sexual assault.
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Texas lottery
Cash Five
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5-23-25-27-35
Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-7-3

LIFESTYLES

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Bed donated - L'Allegra Study Club president July Wall, right, makes the presentation of a recovery room bed for Hereford Regional Medical Center to acting CEO, James Taylor, center and John Berry, director of nursing. The money for the bed was donated by L'Allegra from proceeds of Project Christmas Card.

AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS
THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple; or sausage patties.
FRIDAY-Fried fish scribblers, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, coleslaw-fruit, lemon cake; or cook's choice, lemon pudding.
MONDAY-Beef stew with potatoes, onions, celery, carrots and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, 5-cup fruit salad, oatmeal cookies; or pasola, vanilla wafers.
TUESDAY-Pepper steak on seasoned rice, buttered carrots, fruit salad, vanilla pudding; or chicken breast on rice, Harvard beets, D'zerta pudding.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, sweet potato patties, buttered peas, cottage cheese with chopped vegetables, peach cobbler; or beef brisket, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.
TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis Club noon.
WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m.

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 A special thank you to Dr. Stephen Lawlis and Kings Manor Westgate.

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 Eva Pearl Spurgeon & Family Ervin Robinson & Family

DAR hosts campaign tea

Daughters of Division I, NSDAR held a campaign tea for Mrs. John D. Ramp, candidate for State Regent, Texas Society, DAR and slate of TSDAR officers recently in the home of Maurice Travis, Amarillo.

Three members of Los Ciboleros Chapter attended including regent Patricia Robinson, vice regent Jean Beene and treasurer Margaret Bell.

Chapter members from Amarillo, Dalhart, Dumas, Canadian, Borger, Pampa, Wellington, Plainview and Lubbock also attended.

The slate of officers will visit six divisions of Texas before the 101st State Convention in San Antonio on March 16-18.

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Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from "Nameless in Maine," the wife of a physician. She said that thanks to managed health care, physicians have become glorified paper-pushers who are no longer in the business of helping people. You promised to print any interesting replies sent in by your readers, and I hope mine qualifies.

I, too, am a physician's wife. My husband used to be an enthusiastic, altruistic doctor who cared only about the well-being of his patients. Now, he struggles to assure them that they will receive the quality care they deserve. His frustration level has risen tremendously over the last 10 years.

My husband must continually justify why a patient should remain in the hospital longer, or why certain tests are necessary. He is forever battling with insurance companies that haven't a clue about the circumstances which might make additional care necessary. My husband is no longer in charge of his patient scheduling, and has no idea which patients need to see him more urgently than others.

How can we continue to experience medical advances when we cannot pay our research doctors enough to provide for their families? Why do we pay entertainers and sports stars astronomical figures — so much more than those who can save our lives? And finally, why would anyone want to spend extra years in medical school and many years in debt to pursue a profession that is held in such low regard and holds so much frustration? — Confused in Virginia

Dear Virginia: Your signature fits you well. You are "confused," all right. Since when is the medical profession held in low regard? Doctors may not make as much money as they once did, because the entire health-care system HAS changed, but physicians are still widely re-

spected and greatly admired.

It is true that many doctors may be frustrated, thanks to dealing with insurance companies and HMOs, but medical schools are still turning away students with B averages, and continue to have long waiting lists. In spite of the obstacles, a great many young men and women still want to be physicians, and I say, God bless them.

Dear Ann Landers: Here's another one for your "stupid crooks" file. It recently appeared in our local newspaper, The Camarillo Star. I hope you get as big a laugh out of it as we did, and that you will share it with your readers. — Two Loyal Readers in Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Camarillo Loyals: It's a thigh-slapper all right. Thanks for passing it on.

Camarillo police reported that a man went into a high-priced department store to steal a suit. According to police, the 28-year-old man took several suits and pairs of slacks into a dressing room, and then, used wire cutters to snip off the security tags. He then put a \$419 suit under his clothes, and started to walk out of the store. The only problem was

that the man had put the security tag in his pocket instead of leaving it in the dressing room.

As he was leaving the store, the security tag set off the alarm, and the man was promptly apprehended by a store employee. He is being held in the Ventura County Jail without bail.

Gem of the Day (Credit Fred Allen, one of the great humorists of the '40s): A celebrity is a man who works all his life to become well-known, and then, wears dark glasses so nobody will recognize him.

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Wrestlers focus on state

■ Hereford grapplers to make second appearance at UIL State Wrestling Championships

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

Buying Groucho Marx disguises was the very least of Hereford wrestling coach Mike Dominguez's worries as his small, but potent wrestling armada this week readied

itself for the Goliaths of Texas high school wrestling.

The HHS wrestling program will be making its second appearance at the state tournament in only its second year of existence when UIL officials open the floor for business Feb. 25-26 in Austin

at the Austin Convention Center.

And despite the quick success already enjoyed by the young program, Hereford's anonymity among the state's wrestling programs is still a well-kept secret.

appearance at the state tournament after an injury left him sidelined a year ago.

The football standout, who has already signed a letter of commitment to play football

for West Texas A&M in the fall, will meet Zach Johnson (25-1) of Dallas Highland Park in the 180-pound weight division.

Returning Hereford

Kris Hammarbeck (23-1) will be tested against Mark Farmington (34-3) of Klein after earning a third place finish in the Region I tournament nearly two weeks ago.

Hammarbeck came away with a sixth place finish at state last year.

This year's second place regional finisher in the 138-pound weight division, Rachael

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MIKE DOMINGUEZ
HHS wrestling coach

“When we walk down on the floor Friday, we’ll

definitely have the advantage of surprise,” Dominguez said. “We haven’t been around long enough for anybody to be afraid of us, so we hope we can sneak-up on them again like we did last year.”

Four Hereford wrestlers will make their individual bids at the state level this year. Three of the four are returning all-state performers from last year’s squad.

Seth Pietsek, now 14-7 on the season, will make his first

heavyweight Hammarbeck (23-1) will be tested against Mark Farmington (34-3) of Klein after earning a third place finish in the Region I tournament nearly two weeks ago.

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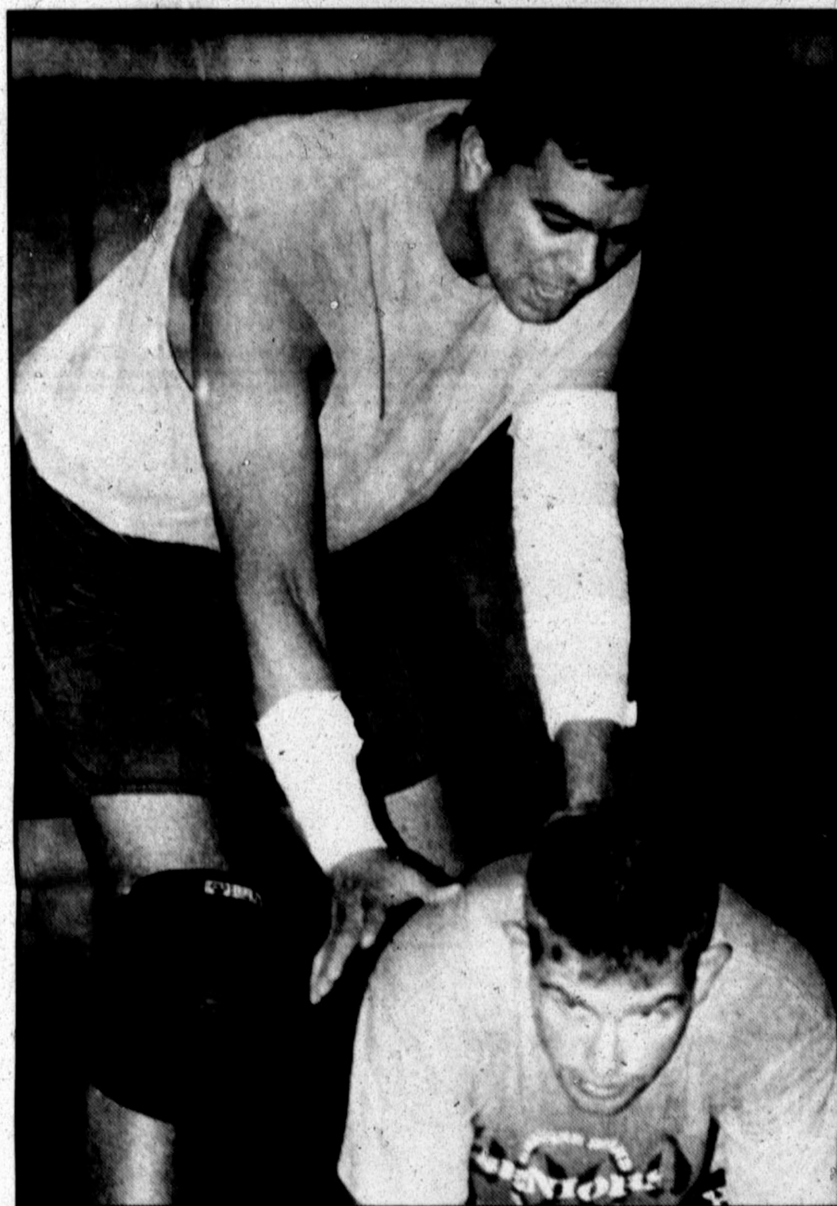
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A small HERD with big plans

HHS wrestlers, from left: Javier Alonzo (alternate), Danielle Garza, Kris Hammarbeck, Rachael Rodriguez and Seth Pietsek to make state bids.



Planning the attack



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

HHS wrestling coach Mike Dominguez leads senior Seth Pietsek through some technique drills earlier this week.

Trotter sweeps championship

■ Claims three trophies in annual Arizona Satellite Grand Slam



EDDIE TROTTER

Special to the Brand

Eddie Trotter, competing as a Junior Class AAA single and doubles target shooter with a 27-yard handicap, recently kicked-off his perennial hunt for “All-American Team” points when he claimed the Junior High All-Around Championship at the 24th Annual Spring Satellite Grand American at Litchfield Park, Ariz.

The local marksman, son of Johnny and Jana Trotter of Hereford, and the late Dee Anne Trotter, brought home

three championship trophies from the event, which was hosted by Phoenix Trap & Skeet Club Feb. 18-20.

Trotter began his point march by hitting 97 of 100 targets to set the stage for a tie-breaking shoot-off in the Junior Champion Doubles competition — an event which he

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Rose not worried about Selig

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose, as always, is thinking positively, not worried that Bud Selig might have already decided to reject his petition for reinstatement.

"I've seen people change their minds. You have to give them reasons to change their minds," Rose said Tuesday.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997, but the commissioner hasn't ruled. His lawyers met Jan. 27 with Selig's top lawyer, Bob DuPuy, who gave them 30 days to submit additional information.

Last week, Selig told a speaking engagement: "Pete did accept a voluntary lifetime suspension from Dr. (Bart) Giamatti. There hasn't been any new evidence since then. I think just from my answer, you'll understand my depth of feeling on this subject."

Rose's lawyers were surprised. Their client wasn't.

"Based on those comments,

what that says to me, I think, is that Mr. Selig hasn't sat down with Mr. DuPuy since he went to Dayton to meet with my people," Rose said. "It was a very cordial meeting on both sides. They spent all day together. A lot of good things were said, a lot of stuff was delivered. They left on good terms."

In results released Tuesday, the Web site sportcut.com said 211,865 of 230,906 people (92 percent) in its Internet poll said Rose should be reinstated. Users visiting the site found the "yes" box already checked, and would have had to click the "no" box if they wanted to vote against Rose.

Jordan Schlachter, the company's chief executive, said Rose was paid "five figures" for his role in the Web site launch, and a person familiar with the three-month deal, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Rose

got \$85,000, but no equity in the company.

Rose said he doesn't think the vote will have an affect on Selig.

"I think Bud Selig has a strong idea of how popular I am with fans," Rose said. "I haven't played since 1986. I haven't been in uniform since 1989. I think even today I'm the best ambassador baseball has."

"I believe that the baseball lords, the people who run the game of baseball, I think they have an idea of how the fans feel about Pete Rose. They saw that in Atlanta before Game 2 of the World Series. I don't know if they were surprised by that reaction or what. Bud Selig was there and he heard the ovation. I think they have an idea how popular I am with the fans. This is just icing on the cake."

Selig allowed Rose to participate in on-field ceremonies honoring baseball's All-Century team before a World Series game at Turner Field, but won't allow the career hits leader to participate in ceremonies this summer honoring anniversaries of the Cincinnati Reds' 1975 World Series champions team and the Philadelphia Phillies' 1980 World Series champions.

If he remains barred from the field, Rose might go to participate in dinners and golf tournaments surrounding the ceremonies and buy tickets to sit in the stands — like he did when his son, Pete Jr., made his debut for the Reds in 1997.

Pete Jr. is at the Phillies' camp in Clearwater, Fla., and was assigned No. 80 — perhaps in honor of the title season.

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Trotter

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eventually won by three targets.

He also claimed the Junior Champion Singles trophy after he finished with a 200-200 tourney-high score.

Trotter later capped the trophy sweep in the handicap event when he shot 90-100 from the 27-yard line in a 30-40 mile wind.

Trotter has announced he

will attend four other Satellite Grand events this year including: Southern Grand in Tampa Bay, Fla.; Southwest Grand in San Antonio; Golden West Grand in Reno, Nev.; and Great Lakes Grand in Maison, Mich.

He has also made plans to compete in numerous state and zone shoots, in addition to the final Grand American in Dayton, Ohio.

State

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Rodriguez (7-1), will line up against junior Emmalea Smith of Coppell. The Hereford sophomore advanced through regional opponents with three successive pins before being halted at this year's tournament. Last year, Rodriguez was the outright Region 1 champion and placed second in state.

Senior HHS wrestler Danielle Garza will make her second appearance in the big league, trying to better her fourth place finish at state last year. Garza (2-2) will meet Jamie Bottornley of Austin Lanier (17-4) in the first round of the 165-pound weight division after earning second place at region.

Dominguez was putting the grapplers through the paces this week, still working them on their technique, still measuring their stamina and their finesse on the mat — still looking for an additional edge that would help purloin a victory.

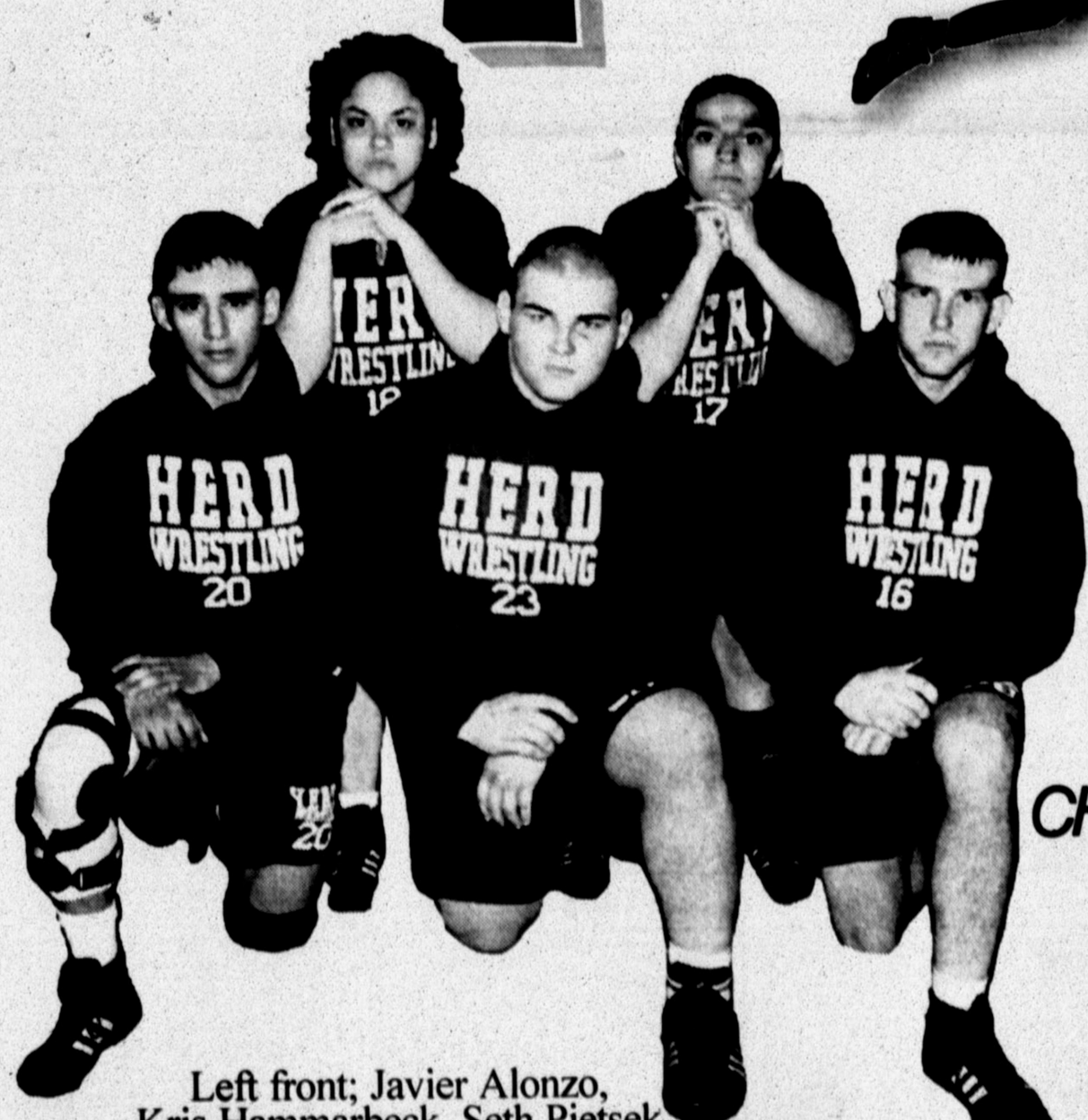
"We've improved in the last week and a half," Dominguez said. "We've matured some more and I think we'll wrestle a lot smarter than we did at the regional tournament." "But basically, you've got what you've got at this point in the year — live wrestling is difficult because you don't want to get anyone hurt before you go, so beyond refining our technique and reviewing winning strategies, you either have what it takes, or you don't."

Dominguez said he thinks the squad will be as competitive as last year's squad was even though each wrestler lacks the experience they'll be facing on Friday.

"We're just going to have to go out and wrestle our kind of match," he said. Each of our wrestlers has a different style and different strengths. "If we make them wrestle our style of match then we'll be maximizing our strengths. If we don't, then we'll get some new learning experiences."

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Left front; Javier Alonzo, Kris Hammarbeck, Seth Pietsek
 back left; Danielle Garza and Rachael Rodriguez

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The service center formerly was located on New York Street, which was south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail lines through Hereford.

The new center allows the company to consolidate equipment in one convenient location, and away from the regular trains that often blocked access to electrical emergencies.

At the former site, trains could be a regular hassle for SPS crews needing to move freely throughout town, said Wallace Hill manager for construction, operations and maintenance in the Hereford District.

"Our response times are faster now that we've moved to Holly Road," Hill said. "The New York site was blocked by trains every 12 minutes and we would have to wait for the tracks to clear before we could get to the trouble spots."

Art historian to speak at annual meeting

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CANYON — Friends of Southwestern Art will hold its 4th Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Dr. William H. Gerdts, professor emeritus of art history

at the Graduate School of the City University of New York (CUNY), will be the featured speaker.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person.

Gerdts received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College and his

master's degree and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He was curator of art at the Norfolk (Va.) Museum before serving for 12 years as curator of painting and sculpture at the Newark (N.J.) Museum. He was associate professor of art and gallery director at the

University of Maryland before assuming his position with CUNY, where between 1982 and 1988 he also served as executive officer of the art history doctoral program. He also serves on the board of *The American Art Journal* and the *American Art Review*.

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FOR SALE Or lease: Approximately 1000 sq.ft. office and 2000 sq.ft. shop. Will lease offices separate from shop. 815 S. 25 Mile Avenue. Call 364-2662 or 344-2130.

FOR SALE! Dutch Aquarium System. Holds 75 gallons of water. Stand & all equipment included. See at 146 Nueces or call 364-5337.

PORTABLE BLDGS. 14X24 office was \$13,161 now \$8,528, (R74190) 16X24 Garage with Add-A-Shelter (12X24 Carpet) was \$9,202 now \$5,962 (R73667 & R74052)

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Hereford, Texas 79045
Phone: 364-2030
Fax: 364-8364
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WE WILL Match your tax refund on a new or used home! The Best Investment you can make for you and your family. 749-4062, 877-749-4063. Clayton Homes, 2005 N. University.

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383-2183 (Office-Amarillo)
364-3937 (Home)

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

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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 classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
- * 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. Broad ads are billed by the word, 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.

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1985 Chevy Suburban white... \$4,900

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1988 Chevy Crew Cab blue/tan... \$6,900

1995 Olds Outlass Oera SL 4 dr. white... \$6,900

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1994 Olds Delta Royal 4 dr. white... \$8,500

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1995 Chevy Astro Van XLT red... \$8,900

1993 Ford Supercab 3/4-Ton 460 white... \$8,900

1992 Ford Supercab white... \$7,900

1994 Buick Park Avenue white, loaded... \$9,900

1995 Chevy STD Cab 4x4, blue... \$10,900

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413 N. 25 Mile Avenue
364-3565

4. REAL ESTATE

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

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LARGE 3 Bedroom House. 2 living areas, 2 baths, utility room. Lots of storage. Double garage. Good well. Big barn. Big barn separate shop building. 5 Acres. Call 289-6836

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NEED A New home? We trade for almost anything. Call Bell Mobile Homes 888-539-7780. Se habla espanol.

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8. EMPLOYMENT

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NOW HIRING Day time waitress and evening delivery drivers. Must be 18 years old. Please apply at Pizza Hut, 1304 W. 1st.

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An E.S.O.P. Company
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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
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11. BUSINESS SERVICES

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STOP

Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault
Call 363-6727

Diabetic Patients!!(Type 1 & Type 2)

If you have Medicare or Private Insurance, You may be eligible to receive your: **Diabetic supplies at NO Cost To You!**
For more information call **Diabetic Supply Program**
Toll Free 1-888-466-2678
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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Intent to Open Bids

Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court will open sealed bids for the sale of a Scotchman Iron Working machine in open court at 9:00 AM, Monday, March 13, 2000. Machine is equipped with a 90 degree notcher, 2" die holder, approximately ten dies, and four punches. Detailed specifications can be obtained by contacting Greg Conn, Precinct Commissioners 4 Foreman, at the percent barn or by phoning 806-267-2142. Deaf Smith County Commissioners reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

ST. JUDE Novena
May The Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved and Preserved throughout the world. Now and Forever, Sacred Heart of Jesus Pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude Help the Hopeless, Pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.
Thank You St. Jude

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Hereford BRAND

More toddlers prescribed drugs

News digest

CHICAGO — The number of 2- to 4-year-olds taking psychiatric drugs like Ritalin and Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, according to a new study that experts said reveals a troubling and growing trend. Doctors said the effects of such drugs are largely unknown in children so young and they worry the drugs could affect the development of young minds. More than 200,000 preschool-aged children around the country were studied for the report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"These are substantial increases with little or no data supporting their use. I think that's the message that should go out," said Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland. The researchers suggest the increase is due to a growing acceptance of such drugs and because more and more children are attending day-care and are being pressured to conform to school standards of good behavior. Michele Barker, a Hot Springs, Ark., mother of three, learned firsthand about psychiatric drug use in small children before her son, Heath, started kindergarten.

Iran's top candidate lays out his party's agenda

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's top parliamentary vote-getter has said his party's priorities when it reaches Parliament will be tackling the economy, increasing press freedoms and working with the government to speed up reforms.

Mohammadreza Khatami — President Mohammad Khatami's younger brother and the head of the largest and most influential reformist party, the Islamic Iran Participation Front — so far has garnered the largest percentage of votes in any of the races in Friday's legislative elections.

He laid out his party's agenda at a news conference after it became clear that the reformist coalition would win the elections, ousting hard-liners from the legislature after a 21-year domination.

Our priority will be to "solve the problems that the people are now facing, like inflation, unemployment and the high cost of living," Khatami said. Iran, a nation of 62 million, half of whom are under the age of 25, suffers from more than 20 percent unemployment and high inflation.

In Tehran, more than 55 percent of the votes announced so far were for Khatami. Reformists have 141 seats nationwide, more than 70 percent of the 195 seats that have already been decided.

Conservatives have won 44 seats and independents 10. Another 65 seats are to be decided in run-offs for the 290-member house. Only the results for 30 seats in Tehran are outstanding, and reformers are leading the vote count in nearly all of them, state television said.

Authorities, prisoners fight over Turkish prisons

ISTANBUL, Turkey — The Islamic militant inmates used guns, swords, knives, even makeshift flame-throwers and firebombs to battle guards entering their prison ward. It was only the latest riot in Turkey's penitentiaries, and Turkish officials say they must regain control.

Turkey's prisons have been plagued by violence, including riots, hostage-takings and shootouts.

The problem, says Ali Suat Ertosun, director of Turkey's prisons, is the large wards that house up to 100 prisoners, who often all belong to a single political group and run their blocks independently.

So authorities aim to move the inmates out of the wards into smaller cells, Ertosun said.

But prisoners linked to radical groups say they will fight to the death before they agree to leave their comrades and enter small cells, where they fear they are more likely to be abused by authorities.

The war has already begun.



Hit a home run for TAAS — West Central Intermediate School fourth-grade teachers (from left) Cristi Conger, Caroline Gilley, Jana Price, Betty Newberry and Georgia Schmidt, dressed in Hereford High School baseball jerseys to encourage students in their campus theme: Hit a Home Run on TAAS. Fourth- and eighth-grade students and high school exit tests are being administered this week in the Hereford schools.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: **A XYDLBAAXR** 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.
2-23 CRYPTOQUOTE
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A HOTEL IS A PLACE THAT KEEPS THE MANUFACTURERS OF TWENTY-FIVE-WATT BULBS IN BUSINESS. — SHELLY BERMAN

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Prices effective: February 23, 2000

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CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.	Mar 82.55 82.75 82.95 83.20 86 87.75 74.15 7.623	CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.	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HEREFORD BRAND Court records

Marriages

--Jerry Oliver Satterfield and Kristan Michelle Kimbell;
--Jose Luis Gonzalez and Maria Tila Villegas;
--Martin Valdez and Geneva Rose Cantu;
--Rolando Olivarez Rangel and Rebecca Perez Mendoza; and,
--John Christopher Guardiola and Michelle Marie Garza.

Diverses

--Jay Alfredo Noland and Sandra Dawn Noland, Feb. 7;
--Anita Chaves Mungia and Filiberto Matthew Mungia and in the interest of Philo Matthew Mungia, Coby Adrian Mungia, Timothy Andrew Mungia and Samantha Britany Nicole Mungia, minor children, Feb. 8; and,
--Alejandro Valle and April Valle, Feb. 14.

Criminal cases

Orders agreeing judgment were issued to:
--Juan Arneles Mendoza and Garcia Bail Bonds, Feb. 1; and,
--Silvestre Perez and J.W. Meyer, Feb. 3.

Orders appointing attorney were issued to:
--Daniel Bustamante, Feb. 15; and,
--Paul Christopher Reyes, Feb. 16.

Orders of judgment on plea of guilty before court waiver of jury trial were issued to:
--Adam L. Lopez, Feb. 7;
--Joe David Pinkerton, Feb. 7;
--Isidoro Miguel Marquez, Feb. 11;

--Kami Lou Martin, Feb. 11;
--Mary Drerup Gandy, Feb. 11;
--Melonie Leola Hodo, aka Melonie Duggan, Feb. 14;
--Jerry Garcia, Feb. 14; and,
--Oscar Resendez, Feb. 15.

Order appointing attorney was issued to:
--Roberto Rodriguez Flores, Jr., Feb. 1.

Orders for arrest in response to the state's motion to revoke probation were issued to:
--Daniel Berumen, Feb. 5;
--Raymond Lyles White, Feb. 11;
--Juan Madrigal Pacheco, Feb. 11;

--Emilio Fonzie Enriquez, Feb. 11;
--Jesus Alderete Zepeda, Feb. 11; and,
--Rodney Treadway, Feb. 14.

Orders for judgment and sentence after deferred adjudication were issued to:
--Heath Dwayne Kindrick, Feb. 7; and,
--Ralph Salinas, aka Raul John Salinas, Feb. 15.

Orders deferring judgment and granting community supervision were issued to:
--Alonso Ruben Ramirez, Feb. 7;
--David Dela Cerda Ramirez, Feb. 7;

--Kami Lou Martin, Feb. 11; and,
--Jonathan Alejandro, Feb. 14;

Orders placing defendant on community supervision were issued to:
--Jorge Arsoa Benegas, Feb. 7;
--Jerry Garcia, Feb. 11;
--Isidoro Miguel Marquez, Feb. 11;

--Kami Lou Martin, Feb. 11;
--Mary Drerup Gandy, Feb. 11;
--Melonie Leola Hodo, aka Melonie Duggan, Feb. 14; and,
--Oscar Resendez, Feb. 15.

Order suspending sentence was issued to:
--Jorge Banegas, Feb. 7.

Order revoking probation and sentence was issued to:
--Jose Fernando Garcia, Jan. 11.

Orders for considering Writ of Habeas Corpus were issued to:
--Juan Flores, Feb. 17;
--Belen Villarreal Fernandez, Feb. 17;
--Vicente Jesus Flores, Feb. 17;
--Jackie Terry, Feb. 17;
--Kevikn Lee Galbreath, Feb. 17; and,
--Albert Montana, Feb. 17.

Civil cases

Order holding respondent in contempt for failure to pay child support, granting judgment for arrearages and suspending commitment, order enforcing withholding from earnings for child support and order on petitioner's motion to modify was issued to:
--Sammy Flores and Corina Flores and in the interest of Christopher Ernest Flores, Brian Jacob Flores and Samantha Lea Flores, children, Feb. 1.

Employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support was issued to:
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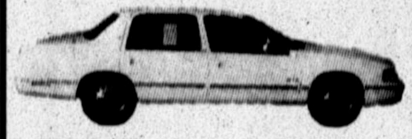
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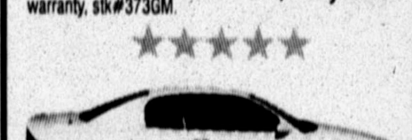
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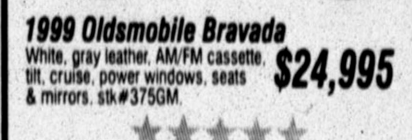
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