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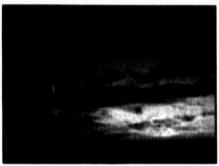
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**Mostly clear skies** 

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-40s, south wind 10 to 15 mph, becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph late.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and warmer with a high around 80, southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low around 50.



**Extended forecast** 

Friday: Partly cloudy, high around 85.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 40s, high in the mid-

Sunday: Mostly clear, low near 45, high around 80. Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 47; low, 42; precipitation, 0.08 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

# **CAMPAIGN DONATIONS**

# ■ Money flows into coffers of the state's high court justices

AUSTIN (AP) — The nine members of the Texas Supreme Court raised \$11 million in their most recent general elections, much of that money from large corporations and lawyers, according to a report released Tuesday by a nonprofit campaign-finance advocacy group.

"Corporations and their high-powered law firms pour in millions of dollars, and the court cranks out pro-business opinions," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice. "It's business as usual at the Texas Supreme Court."

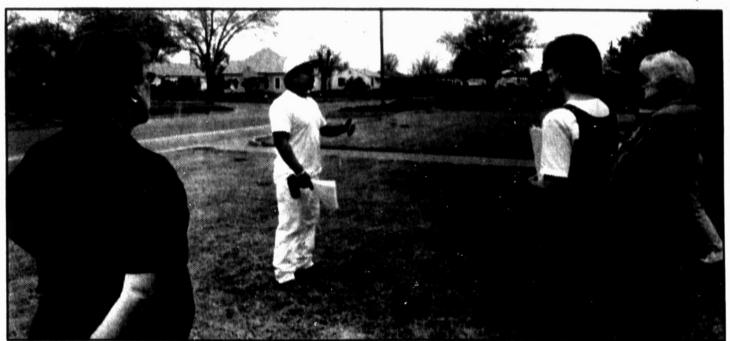
Supreme Court spokesman Osler McCarthy said the justices support changing the campaign contribution system, but that the change must be done in the Legislature. He also denied that the justices allowed campaign contributions to influence cases.

There's nothing surprising here. Money is in judicial races and most judges on this court would have it otherwise, if they could," McCarthy said Tuesday.

"I don't think any judge on this court would say there's not the possibility of an appearance of impropriety, but there's not a judge on this court that I know of that votes his campaign contributions," he said.

The report, which tracks campaign contributions reported to the Texas Ethics Commission from 1994 to 1998, shows that lawyers and law firms supplied \$5.2 million or 48 percent of the justices' campaign money.

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# Here's what I'm going to do

Painting contractor Michael Gavina tells Deaf Smith County Museum/E.B. Black House Director Paula Edwards (second from right) and members of the county historical society how he will proceed with the repainting of the historic E.B. Black House. The Black House was painted a few years ago; however, the old structure needs a makeover, as well as some repairs to areas where the wood has decayed. Gavina has contracted the repainting job for about \$6,000, which is approximately \$2,000 less than expected. Gavina plans to start the job in June.

# Gonzalez prevails in runoff

with just 325 vot-

ers casting ballots

in the Democratic

runoff and 109

participating in

the GOP runoff.

There were no

county races on

the Republican

County Democrats select nominee for Precinct 1 position

Staff and wire reports

Armando Gonzalez defeated Joe Henry by 71 votes in Tuesday's runoff election to capture the Democratic nomination for Deaf Smith County Precinct 1 commissioner.

Gonzalez, who led the field in the March 14 primary, will face Republican incumbent Wayne Betzen in the Nov. 7 general election.

Deaf Smith County voters followed the state trend by avoiding the polls,



ARMANDO GONZALEZ To face Wayne Betzen in Nov. 7

G o n z a l e z outpolled Henry, 180-109 Most of Gonzalez' support election. came from Election Day voters, as he handily outpolled Henry 141-46. However, Henry received the bulk of the early votes, 63-39.

ballot.

County Democrats also followed the state trend in the runoff for

U.S. Senate, favoring retired Air Force lawyer Gene Kelly over former state lawmaker Charles Gandy, 139-Kelly, a perennial statewide can-

didate who has lost six previous races, won a low-key Democratic race to face incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison. Hutchison drew no opposition in the GOP primary.
Unlike Gandy, Kelly did virtually

no campaigning. Hutchison, whose campaign has more than \$6 million in the bank, will be a prohibitive favorite this fall.

With all Texas precincts reporting today, Kelly had 143,970 votes, or 58 percent, to 102,315, or 42 percent, for Gandy.

In three races for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Republicans fa-

vored Sharon Keller for presiding judge, Charles Holcomb for Place 1 and Barbara Parker Hervey for Place 2 on the state's highest criminal

Keller, who currently sits on the court, defeated fellow Judge Tom Price. She will face Democrat Vance in November.

Holcomb, of Jacksonville, outpolled Guy Williams of Corpus Christi. No Democrat filed for that seat. And Hervey, of San Antonio, ran ahead of Jim Wallace of Houston. She faces Democrat William Barr in the general election.

In Deaf Smith County, Keller outpolled Price, 25-11; Holcomb was favored over Williams, 30-6; and Hervey received 28 votes to 8 for

# **GOP** readies plan to expand

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans are ready to unveil the outlines of an election-year plan to make prescription drug insurance available to senior citizens, with the government subsidizing low-income individuals as well as those with unusually high expenses for medi-

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and other key Republicans arranged a news conference today to present the proposal, which is designed to serve as a counterpoint to President Clinton's plan for optional, limited drug benefit available to all Medicare beneficiaries.

According to a draft statement that circulated Tuesday night, Republicans intend to say their proposal is affordable, available and voluntary.

"We will reduce the cost of medi-

cine, but not with an expensive Washington-based, one-size-fits-all program that kills the research and innovation of lifesaving cures," it

Republicans have set aside \$40 billion in their budget over the next five years to pay for prescription drug coverage, and their proposal is designed to make insurance available to all Medicare-eligible Americans, those 65 and older as well as some disabled individuals.

Key lawmakers have been laboring over the details in recent weeks, with Hastert playing an unusual, personal role. He has attended the meetings, and according to one participant who spoke on condition of anonymity, has prodded rank and file lawmakers to compromise their differences in the interests of a party

# **Democrats try to force Senate** votes on some of their issues

WASHINGTON (AP) - After rejecting a temporary rollback in the federal gas tax, the Senate encountered immediate Democratic resistance as Republicans tried to move a bill cutting income taxes for married couples.

Democrats put the brakes Tuesday on the GOP's 10-year, \$248 billion tax cut in a bid to force Senate votes on some of their priorities, such as a prescription drug benefit for Medicare and their own

"marriage penalty" bill.

"We don't want to hold up a good debate ... but a good debate entails offering alternatives, other ideas," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The Republican bill, intended partly to ease the penalty paid by 25 million two-income couples, would expand the 15 percent and 28 percent income tax brackets so that

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# $\operatorname{ELIAN}$ : Government's plan for father-son reunion on hold

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government plan to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father at a Miami-area airport Thursday is on hold while officials wait to see whether the boy's Florida relatives and his father can arrange an exchange of their own, a government official said.

Elian was being taken today by great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez to the Miami Beach house of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said the nun's house would be a quieter setting for Elian.

Lazaro Gonzalez has proposed her house as a neutral site for a meeting

between the Miami relatives and Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

spring is here.

O'Laughlin, the president of Barry University, had initially said she had no opinion about whether Elian should be returned to his father in Cuba, but after playing host to his grandmothers in January, she said she believed he should remain in the United States.

On Tuesday night, a Cuban exile group had told a Capitol Hill news conference that Elian's Miami rela-



Buds are open - The flowers have already fallen off, but this cactus on

15th Street still managed to catch the photographer's eye. The succulent

is a mass of open buds, another sign that despite Tuesday's wintry weather,

Elian Gonzalez

old shipwreck survivor to Washington for a meeting with his father at noon today. Shortly before midnight,

Lazaro Gonzalez, who has been caring for Elian since he was rescued off the Florida coast in November, declared that the meeting was off because the boy did not want to go. A crowd outside his Miami home erupted with

Elian was "extremely afraid" about the proposed meeting in Washington, family lawyer Roger Bernstein

tives would bring the 6-yearsaid on NBC's "Today." He said it would be helpful if any meeting between Elian and his father were delayed until Marisleysis Gonzalez, a Miami cousin who has become close to the boy, could accompany him. She has been ill.

Some Cuban-Americans in Miami, bitter enemies of the Castro government, have threatened to form a human chain around the home of Lazaro Gonzalez if federal officials try to take Elian away. Miami Mayor Joe Carollo said today there would be no violence.

Police used chains to safeguard the barricades in front of the great-

uncle's home. Resting on the fence in front of the house is a large sign - "Castro, this is how I want to see you" - with a drawing of Fidel Castro's face atop a coffin.

A spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Maria Cardona, confirmed that efforts were being made to arrange a meeting of the Miami relatives with Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

"While no meeting is yet officially confirmed, we continue to focus on trying to get all of Elian's family to communicate and are trying to resolve this promptly and cooperatively," she said.

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# Local roundup

### Red Cross holds classes

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor first aid and safety classes and babysitter classes in coming weeks.

First aid and safety will be offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at 224 Main.

Babysitter classes will be offered April 20-21. Participants should register by April 19.

All classes cost \$35 and early pre-enrollment is recommended. For more information or to register contact the office at 364-3761.

### Pilot Club scholarships

The Pilot Club is offering two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications may be picked up in the High School counselor's office.

### HHS talent show try outs

Hereford High School's student council-sponsored fourth annual talent show will be May 4 at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Tryouts will be 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded.

Entries may be picked up at the HHS office.

### Juvenile board meets

The Deaf Smith County Juvenile Board will hold a regular meeting Thursday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the county courthouse.

Items on the agenda include a presentation by VerTek; additional funding from TJPC; an update on residential costs; and a discussion of evaluation procedures.

### Healthcare scholarships available

The Deaf Smith Health Foundation Board of Directors is now accepting applications for the 2000 Fall Semester. Scholarships will be awarded to local students who are already enrolled in or have an acceptance from an accredited ancillary medical field .

Deadline for returned applications and required material is May 1.

For an application contact Sylvia Khuri at 364-2266 or write to Deaf Smith Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 1858, Hereford.

### Cattlewomen offer scholarships

The Deaf Smith Cattlewomen's Association will once again be offering scholarships to graduating seniors who will be entering agriculture or nutritional fields.

Deadline for returning applications is May 2. Applications may be picked up in the High School Counselors office.

### Child welfare board meets

The Deaf Smith County Child Welfare will meet for a regular meeting in County Courtroom in the courthouse at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Agenda items include reports from Children's Protective Service Workers and discussion of child abuse and neglect awareness month.

### Senior prom decorators needed

Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited to come help make decorations for the 2000 prom. Parents meet every Tuesday and Thursday at the old Napa building at 7 p.m.

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# News digest

### Contractor issues ultimatum

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Giant defense contractor Lockheed Martin is putting pressure on machinists in the third day of their strike with a weekend ultimatum to approve the company's last contract offer.

Meanwhile, members of Local 776 of the International Association of Machinists spent part of Tuesday night avoiding thundershowers as they continued picketing in front of the plant that features a mile-long assembly line.

With machinists walking picket lines outside, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. was trying to resume some production work with salaried, non-striking workers. Executives boasted of expecting to deliver fighter jets on time this month, despite the

walkout by nearly 2,500 hourly wage-earning machinists.

But Local 776 members contend the last offer is inferior to one approved in August in Seattle by machinists for Boeing, Lockheed Martin's rival as prime tactical fighter contractor.

### Women confess to friend's

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Two friends of an exotic dancer are jailed today in the 21-year-old woman's strangulation, for which her mother's scarf was used.

Arelene Shaloni Prince, 20, and 21-year-old Marla Duran were arrested and charged Tuesday with the murder of Latina Tasha Holmes. The dancer was found strangled in her apartment at 9:10 p.m. Saturday.

Holmes' mother, Dianne Anderson, said Prince called her on Sunday to tell her that her daughter was dead.

"It was such a slap in the face," Anderson told the El Paso Times in today's editions. "They (Prince and Duran) went around saying that the three of them were like the "Three Musketeers." But they used my scarf to kill my daughter."

Prince and Duran, booked into the El Paso County Jail on \$250,000 bond each on murder charges, confessed Tuesday to the weekend killing.

Holmes and Prince, who had worked together as exotic dancers at an East Side nightclub, had a "long-standing feud."

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# Slow sales



A new line of business -- Deaf Smith County Assistant District Attorney Jim English decided that standing in the cold and rain wasn't his idea of making money. The inclement weather seemed to keep customers away from the annual Lion's Club broom and mop sale. English said that in the two hours he was there only one customer stopped by, but a number of large orders were filled from customers who couldn't make it to the sale. In the background, Bob Dunn horsed around providing English a halo made from a leaf rake.

# Youth violence decli

# Harsher punishment levied on students for less serious incidents

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alan Heitner says he'd like to believe that his children are safer because of zero-tolerance penalties for schoolchildren who carry weapons, start fights or make threats. But his son's two-week suspension hasn't convinced him.

"I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana,

## HEREFORD BRAND **Emergency** services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 11, 2000, include the following:
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## Arrest

- A juvenile was taken into custody for assaulting another in the 700 block of La Plata.

Incidents - A complaint was filed for a nuisance animal in the 400 block of Avenue H.

- A 14-year-old male runaway was reported from South Progressive Road.

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery 21-25-31-35-37

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

18, was punished last fall for trol laws. The groups gleaned school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet. "From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."

Heitner is not alone in his

Two youth advocacy groups are issuing a report today that cautions school against reacting to high-profile shootings like the one at Columbine High School last year. Youth violence is falling, but punishing children is on the rise, the report says.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that coauthored report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report - released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School shooting that killed 14 — says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most recently Michigan — where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class have driven schools to install more metal detectors, conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set pub-lic policy based on these events," Schiraldi said in an interview.

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, bal-anced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun condata from federal and state agencies and nonprofit research centers. The report findings include:

-Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S. school.

-Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

-Citing Maryland as an example, suspensions for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 percent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 year. Although it was not known whether the alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

"Kids have to know there are consequences to illegal activity," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the 285,000member police union. "The real issue is how can they (officials) be tough without creating the perceptions that they

are oppressing these kids."

Most of the punishments
were for what the report called "petty acts." For example,a 17year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rub-ber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

The crackdown hit minority children especially hard, the report said. In Phoenix, black students are suspended from school at 22 times the rate of white students; in Denver, San Francisco and Austin, they are suspended at least three times

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# House approves property seizure bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - It took four years for a Chicago pizza parlor to retrieve \$500,000 in cash improperly seized in a drug raid. It took three years for a Vermont woman to win back 10 acres seized after police discovered two marijuana patches secretly. two marijuana patches secretly grown by her daughter.

These were the kind of incidents cited by lawmakers as the House approved a bill Tuesday that would make it

Tuesday that would make it tougher to seize property connected to criminal acts.

The bill, passed by a voice vote, had wide support, sponsored by both Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate Judiciary committees and backed by such diverse groups as the such diverse groups as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Senate has already passed the bill, and the president is expected to sign it.

Civil asset forfeiture, dating

back to 19th century admiralty laws, has become an effective crime-fighting tools, particularly against drug traffickers, with nearly \$500 million in crime-related assets seized last year. But the practice has also been criticized for being subject to abuse by zealous law enforcement officials.

The main thrust of the bill, which House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has been promoting for seven years, is to shift the burden of proof to the govern-ment. Currently, the property owner must show that his

property is "innocent."
The House Judiciary panel cited a 1993 case where police in a Seattle suburb seized a Mexican restaurant as part of the arrest of the brother of the owner who, without the knowledge of the owner, was charged with selling a small quantity of cocaine in the restaurant restroom. After five days of lost business and negative media attention, the owner's lawyer got the decision reversed.

North Dakota customs agents in 1997 seized the money of 14 circus employees crossing into Canada because together they carried just over \$10,000, the ceiling over which cash reporting forms must be

filled out. And in 1998, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston seized a motel in a high-crime area of the city, charging that the owners had "tacitly ap-proved" alleged drug activity by guests in the motel's rooms. There were no allegations that the owners participated in any crimes, and the government, before dropping its forfeiture proceedings five months later, at one point recommended that the motel raise room rates as a security measure.

"Who would have believed that under our current law the government could confiscate a person's private property on a mere showing of probable cause?" said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan.

In addition to shifting the burden of proof to the govern-ment, the bill allows federal judges to release property to the owner if continued government possession causes substantial hardship to the owner. It extends the time a property owner has to challenge a seizure in court and ends the requirement that a person seeking to recover property post a bond with the court worth 10 percent of the property value.
To win Justice Department

approval, writers of the bill also added several provisions to strengthen crime-fighting tools, including giving federal courts the authority to issue civil restraining orders when there is a strong probability the government will prevail in a forfeiture.

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# LIFESTYLES

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# **MUSEUM PATIO**



Dale Henson finds a pattern to use for a brick patio which is being laid behind the Deaf Smith County Museum. Henson volunteered for the job, which is expected to be complete by Saturday evening. Once complete, a bench will be placed on the patio and a tree, which has been previously planted, will provide shade for the tired museum goer.

**CREATORS SYNDICATE** 

# **Ann Landers**

Dear Ann

"Steve" and I

have been

married for

more than 20

years. Our

marriage has



had many ing the number of valleys, and the hills are becoming steeper.

Three months ago, I stumbled upon a search my husband was doing on paternity. This was terribly upset-ting, because I thought he must be in some sort of legal trouble, although I never would have suspected him of infidelity. Most of all, I was angry, because if I could come across this, I reasoned that so could our two children. His defense was that he never believed our daughter was his, and he wanted her tested. Before she was born, the only men I ever talked to were grocery checkout clerks and gas station attendants. His accusation was so out of the blue, I couldn't understand why he had never mentioned it before.

A few days later, our teenage son opened the e-mail, and found a letter from a dating service matching my husband up with 20 potential women. When I confronted him, he said he did it because he wanted to give me a "wakeup call," and because I was not passionate enough. I believe this is a tremendous lie,

What is your take on it, Ann? Believe me, I am - Not Feeling Particularly Passionate in

the Nation's Capitol

Dear Not Feeling Passionate: Your husband's paranoia, suspiciousness and erratic accusations indicate that he is not well. Urge him to hills and val-leys. Lately, however, the I think perhaps you need Internet seems to ba increas- some, too, in order to cope with his strange behavior. Life with this man will not be

> Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from a woman whose sister, "Robin," had herpes, and had not informed her boyfriend. You told Sis it was not her place to tell her sister's boyfriend, but that she should try to convince Robin to tell him herself. Your advice was not enough, Ann. Believe me, love comes and love goes, but herpes is for-

> Over the years, I have been warned about potential partners who had sexually transmitted diseases. I always appreciated knowing what was going on, and being able to make an informed decision about whether or not to continue seeing that person. You should have told Sis to give Robin a deadline to tell her boyfriend about the herpes infection. If Robin failed to meet that deadline, Sis would then inform him.

By the way, if the guy con-tracted herpes from Robin, he could sue her for not informing him of the health risk. You should have told her that, a midlife crisis crock or a too. I hope you will fill in the symptom of mental illness. missing blanks when you an-

swer in the paper. I'm signing this — Still Healthy in Texas

Dear Still Healthy: You filled in the blanks very nicely, and I thank you. It is unconscionable for a person who has a sexually transmitted disease to engage in unprotected sex and not inform his or her partner. No excuse for such recklessness is good enough. I do not, however, go along with the idea that a person should sue for not having been told that his (or her) partner has a communicable disease, especially if the couple is practicing safe sex. Concealing such information shows a horrendous lack of integrity, but taking it to court is beyond the pale.

I realize lawsuits of this kind have been filed in the past, but I do not agree with the tactic. Unprotected sex always carries the risk of disease as well as pregnancy, and when one chooses to engage in such behavior, one must accept the consequences. Sexual protection is the responsibility of BOTH partners.

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# Garden Beautiful Club names slate of officers for 2000-2001

Donna Kemp gave a report on the history of Hereford Regional Medical Center at the April 7 meeting of the Garden Beautiful Club in the home of Marguerite Cole with Vada Axe as co-hostess.

During the business meeting conducted by Helen Spinks, the nominating committee made its report, naming officers for the 2000-2001 year. They are Doris Bryant, president; Marguerite Cole, first vice president; Louise Streun, second vice president; Marcella McLain, secretary, Audine Dettmann, reporter and

Dorothy Noland, treasurer.

The club voted to make donations to three organizations: Deaf Smith County Crisis Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Home.

During her presentation, Kemp told of the many new services which the hospital now provides, stressing they treat the whole person, not just the one ailment. They attempt to be prepared to take care of any health problem which may arise.

The next club meeting will be

May 5 and will be a luncheon at the hospital. Members present were

Darlene Walker, Axe, Bryant, Cole, Dettmann, McLain, Spinks and Streun.



# Montgomery gives La Afflatus program

Aileen Montgomery gave the history and story of the Big Thicket as the program for the recent meeting of La Afflatus Estudio Club in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library with Alberta Higgins as hostess.

Montgomery told of the struggle to preserve the 8,600 acres of the park so that the 85,000 visitors from last year will have the opportunity to visit again.

She also told stories of the many Indian remedies made from

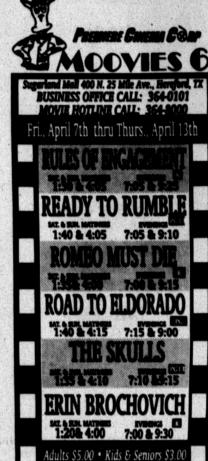
the vegetation of the thicket. Margaret Baxter, president, called the business meeting to order and Virginia Curtsinger lead the Club Collect.

next meeting which will be a trip to Boys Ranch on April 18. Debra Buck was welcomed as a

There was discussion of the

new member of the club. Refreshments were served to

one visitor Katherine Acton and members Roxie Phipps, Della Stagner, Emily Suggs, Leola Cook, Montgomery, Higgins, Baxter, Curtsinger and Buck.



Bargain Matinees on Weekends

# **DAR** to host Honors Tea

Los Ciboleros Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will host its annual Honors Tea at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hereford Community Center.

The 1999-2000 American History Essay winners, the

Christopher Columbus Essay winners, and the DAR Good Citizens will be recognized.

Parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, teachers, principals and librarians of these students are welcome to attend the tea.

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## Special education is topic of program given by Farr for Hereford Study Club Hereford Study Club met at

Hereford Senior Citizens Center with Francie Farr as guest speaker.

Farr teaches special education at Tierra Blanca Primary School. She advised that special education classes serve 570 special needs children. There are 30 certified teachers, 27 aides and one director involved in the

Listening.

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The business meeting was conducted by president Betty Refreshments were served to

members Mildred Garrison, Vir-

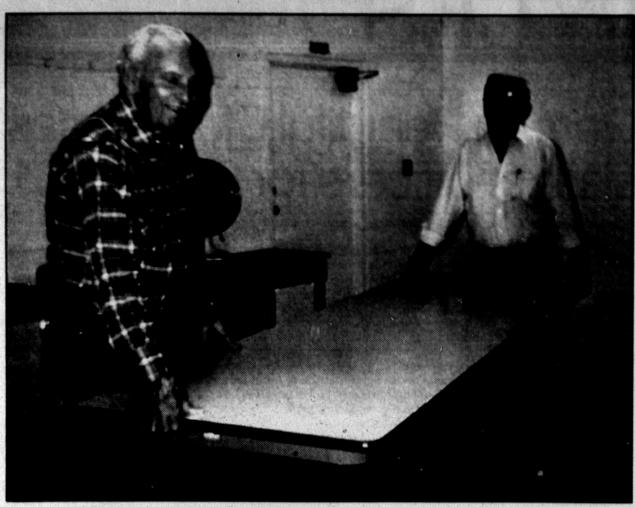
ginia Winget, Elizabeth Hellman, Barbara Allen, Helen Spinks, Nedra Robinson, Doris Bryant, Jean Ballard, Carole McGilvary, Hazel Ford, Mary Stoy, Betty Gilbert and Martin.

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Methodist Men from Wesley United Methodist Church were busy setting up tables and chairs for the church's Annual Stew Supper to be held from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fellowship Hall, 410 Irving. Pictured are Gene Scott, left, and Gene Brownlow. The cost is \$4 per person for all the stew, combread and dessert you can eat. Tickets will be available at the door.

# Precautions outdoors can help avoid ticks, diseases they carry

Mild weather for months at a time means outdoor activities in Texas are often at the top of the "to do" list. Camping, hiking, backpacking, picnics or just walking outdoors highlight the spring, summer, fall and sometimes winter seasons.

But warm days, especially in the spring and summer, can also bring out ticks along with the diseases they can transmit. A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy or grassy areas; but animals also may carry ticks.

Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH) points to the Lone Star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, as one to watch for. "In Texas, this is the tick likely to carry disease," she said. While many tick species prefer attaching to an animal and staying there, this variety readily feeds on human blood. An adult lone star tick is about the size of a watermelon seed.

Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tickborne problem in the country, is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite. People usually are infected April through June, months when the lone star tick is most

Treatment is with antibiotics. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to the joints, the heart and nervous system. In Texas, more than 1,680 possible cases of Lyme disease have been reported since 1990. Of those, just over 580 cases met the case definition for Lyme disease. Rawlings also notes that where studies have been conducted "about 1 to 2 percent of ticks carry the Lyme disease bacterium."

Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis, other diseases carried by ticks, can be fatal if not treated quickly. Symptoms resemble flu with high fever, headaches, muscle aches and high fever. There also can be a measles-like rash.

"The best prevention for any of these diseases is to avoid ticks, Rawlings said. She advises keeping fleas and ticks off petsanimals also can get Lyme disease-and discouraging unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home.

To protect from ticks: · If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They

attach to any part of the body. ·Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush

· Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites; wear a hat, longsleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

· Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you do find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common

proctices but are not the best procedure, Rawlings said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH Laboratory. "The tick should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on,"
Rawlings said. "They should
never be placed loose in an
envelope." Call the TDH Laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available for people from ages 15-75. Contact your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. "If people have any flulike symptoms-with or without a rash-after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention," Rawlings said.

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TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak

with gravy, mashed potatoes, pickled beet salad, black-eyed peas, fruit cobbler; or smothered pork chop, vanilla wafers.

WEDNESDAY-Roast pork with gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potato pattles, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit pie; or hamburger steak.

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TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 9 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis noon. WEDNESDAY-Pool classes,

quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

# Robbins is recipient of HRSEA award for volunteer service

Hereford Retired School Employees Association met April 10 for a luncheon and monthly meeting at the Hereford Seniors Citizens Center.

Reports on the state convention in San Antonio were given by delegates Murlene Streun, Carlynn DeLozier, Leona Schilling and out-going president Betty Jo Carlson

**Texas Retired Teachers Asso**ciation now has a membership of 45,000, having shown a 19 percent growth in membership in 1999. Dues that are paid by members provide the opportunity for their voices to be heard in Austin concerning health care,

annuities and needs of active as well as retired members.

Carolyn Robbins was the recipient of the volunteer service award in the local unit. She was presented a certificate as outstanding contributor in time and service on a volunteer basis from District 16 Texas Retired Teachers Association.

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Joshua R. Briones from Hereford High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 2000-2001.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergradu-

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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs') surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

> **Docket Services Section** Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068) Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Box 12967 Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000 The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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# Lady Whitefaces take down Borger,

Emotions run high as Hereford moves up in district standings with 13-9 record

By Jeff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It didn't take long as an observer to figure out that emotions were high at Tuesday's softball rematch be-tween the Lady Whitefaces and Borger.

In a game filled with ques-tionable calls and heated arguments, the Herd had to fight

its way back to a 7-6 win in seven in-

nings. Hereford won the first game in Borger by a score of 9-4. The Lady Bulldogs came out Tuesday and were not gobeaten as easily. In the last game, Hereford pitcher and

Zimmerman W

evening.

handedly shut down Borger Zimmerman hit three doubles in the victory for Hereford, but she would come through in a different way Tuesday

Zimmerman was brought in during the third and held the game close making a come-back possible for the Lady Whitefaces.

"We always plan to pitch Victoria (Perez) first and fol-low her with Teresa," head softball coach Penny Summers said. "The change of speed makes her our secret weapon."

The Whitefaces fell behind

early allowing two runs in the second inning off a single by Borger left fielder Becca Scott. Another single by Bull-dog right fielder Fleming

made the score 2-0.

The Whitefaces were held scoreless until the bottom of the third. Catcher Crystal Reece walked to first base and was followed by a single off to center field by center fielder Janae Schlabs. The hit was the first of three for the Lady Whitefaces' center fielder. After a sacrifice hit by Erica Albracht the Herd tied the game 2-2.

The Bulldogs refused to

back down in the fourth scor-

ing another run off two singles regaining the lead 3-2. Borger's pitching seemed to settle in by also shutting down the Lady Whitefaces in the botthe fourth inning. Hereford

pitching continued to keep Borger at bay by holding them to no runs after they loaded the bases

in the fifth. With only one out, the Herd got two key outs after a failed bunt attempt and an easy grounder to short stop April Treviso.



COURTESY PHOTO/Bryan Hedrick

Backing up third base—Short stop Clarissa Juarez backs up a throw to third base by catcher Crystal Reece. Juarez has been filling in for the injured April Treviso. Treviso made her first appearance Tuesday since having eye surgery last Friday.

Treviso was in the lineup after having eye surgery on Friday. Summers said having her back was great, and she is proud of those players who stepped in and filled her po-sition.

"It was good to have April . back," Summers said. "I am very proud of Dayanara (Garcia) and Clarissa (Juarez)

for stepping in."

Reece again led off the inning by getting on base. The catcher hit an infield single and beat out the throw to first. Schlabs followed with a double that scored Reece. The errant throw by Borger to home plate also helped Reece cross the plate with ease tying the game at 3-3.

The Bulldogs again refused to go quietly by tacking on two more runs in the sixth. Zimmerman loaded the bases off two walks and by hitting a batter. Zimmerman kept her cool and still limited Borger to only two runs in the inning.

The bottom of the sixth inning turned out to be an unusual sight. The controversial inning began with one out and a single by short stop Treviso. Hastings followed with another single putting runners at first and second with only one out. Right fielder Emma Ozuna continued the Lady Whitefaces' roll by hitting another single loading the bases. After the second out, the hot bat of Schlabs played a major role once again. Schlabs smacked a single driving in two Hereford runs tying the game at 5-5. During the hit, a Borger's

catcher decided to block the plate and was stampeded by Hereford base runners. The Bulldog bench and coach were infuriated with the contact, but the umpires held their ground and called the runners safe.

"Emotions were really high," Summers said. "It just

kind of got out of hand."

During the ensuing play,
Borger's short stop neglected
to plant her feet and ran
directly into Schlabs. The call rightly went to Hereford and two more runs scored giving the Herd the lead for the first time 7-5.

The Borger coach again was extremely animated about the call, but her argument was to no avail as the Lady Whitefaces took the lead for good.

After some minor crowd problems, the game continued as Zimmerman allowed another run in the seventh but held on for the win.

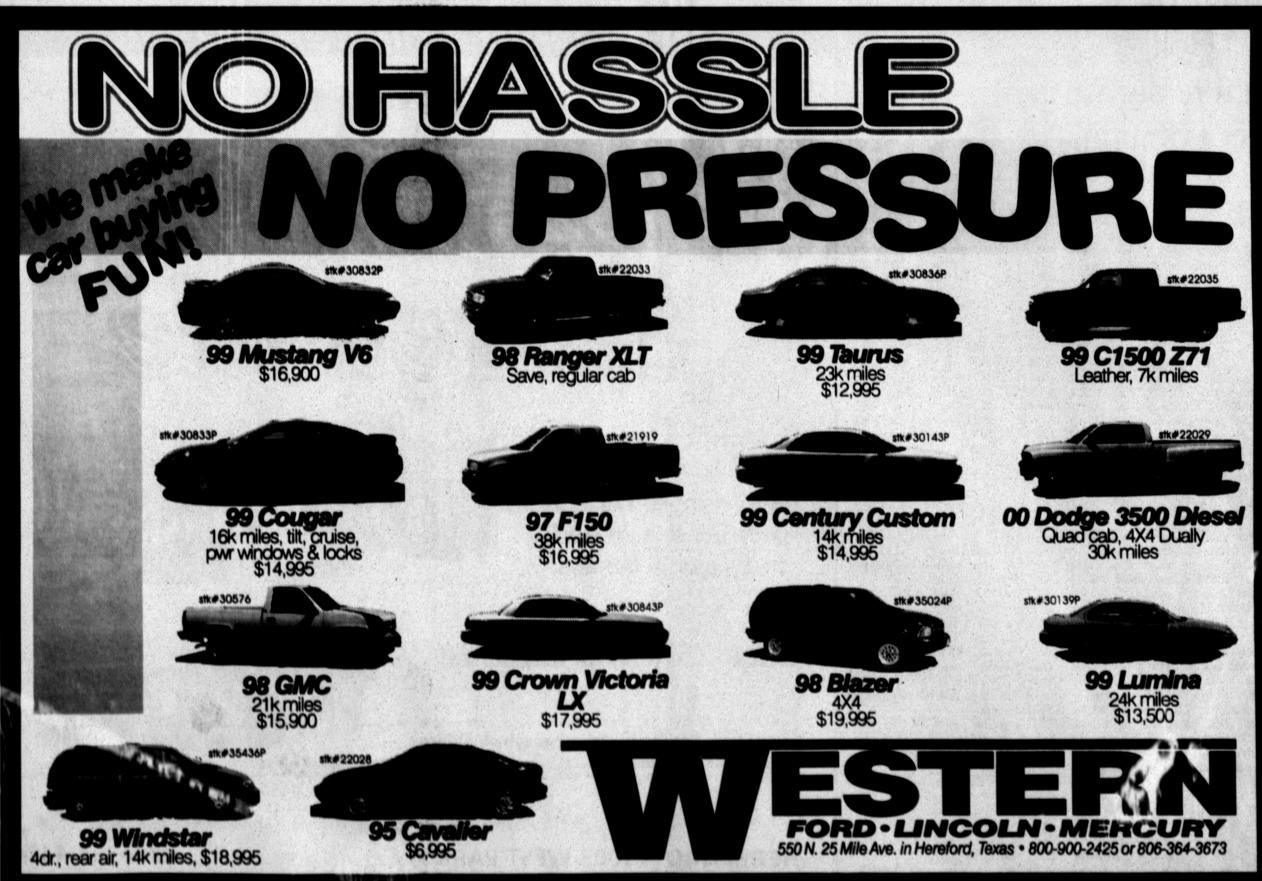
"It was a really big win for us," Summers said. "They were really down after losing to Dumas, and they had to win this game."

Summers said Friday's game is equally important to the team's playoff hopes. "Our goal this year has been

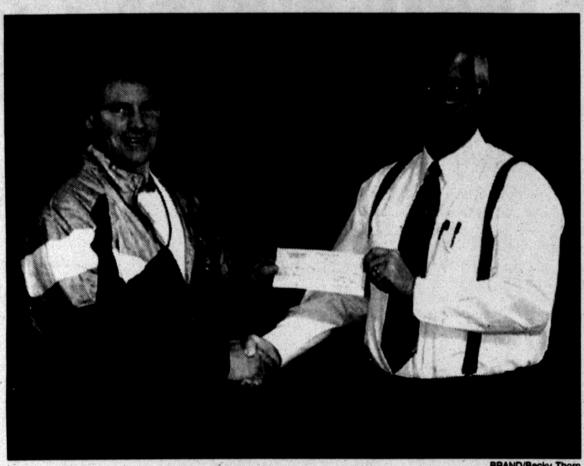
to make the playoffs," Summers said. "We have to win on Friday."

The Lady Whitefaces will face Caprock who stunned them last week in Amarillo. The Herd fell to the team 8-1. Summers said she feels this

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# **BRACKET GENIUS**



Bracket Genius-Key Harrison receives a \$100 prize for his entry in the Power Points contest. Harrison is pictured with advertising manager Julius Bodner.

# Local coach wins NCAA Championship contest

nius to know that this year's NCAA tournament

was a little unusual. All of those who filled out a bracket sheet for Hoops 2000, Power Points, Inc. probably thought they had picked a winner but the tournament said otherwise.

The nationwide tournament offered a \$25,000 prize to the person who received the most points. A local reward of \$100 was also offered.

Tim McGovern, president

of Power Points, Inc., said nearly 500,000 entry forms were received from readers of 92 newspapers across the country.

The local winner from Hereford was head girls bas-ketball coach Key Harrison. Harrison scored 643 points out of a possible 2000 points for the victory.

Nationwide, Noreen Buehler of Scott City, Kan., nailed all four finalists. Buehler guessed that Florida, North Carolina, Michigan State and Wisconsin would

make it, and North Carolina and Florida would play for the championship with Florida taking the crown.

Buehler was the only person in the country who correctly guessed the four finalists. Only 13 contestants nationally picked three out of four. McGovern said he felt this year's contest was quite bizarre.

We're still cleaning up the blood," McGovern said.
"I have a feeling that parity
has struck college basket-

# Knight caught on tape

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana University officials are convinced of the authenticity of a tape showing basketball coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him back-

"Clearly it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," university spokesman Christopher Simpson told The Associated Press.

Two university trustees are investigating the outspoken and controversial coach following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members.

Last month, CNN/Sports Il-lustrated reported former player Neil Reed's allegation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The video-tape obtained by CNN/SI, and first aired Tuesday night, shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck, pushing him backward. The player's head

appeared to snap backward.

Reed, who left Indiana in 1997, said he is the player on the videotape after watching it for the first time Tuesday.

"I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told

Although Reed told CNN/SI in its March report that two

assistant coaches had to separate him and Knight, the videotape reveals no such action.

Instead, it shows Knight releasing Reed and the two walking their separate ways. Reed told CNN/SI on Tuesday he still recalls the incident unfolding that way, even though the footage shows otherwise.

"That's how I remember the thing happening. As far as people coming in between, I remember people coming between us," Reed said.

Current Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, one of the Indiana, assistant coaches.

Indiana assistant coaches Reed said separated him from Knight, has denied the allega-

The other assistant coach Reed mentioned, Ron Felling, has not spoken about the subject, but one school official believes Felling is the likely source for the videotape.

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time they will be ready for the Longhorns.

"When we come off of a win we are usually pumped," Summers said. "I'm really proud of them, but I will be prouder on Friday night.'

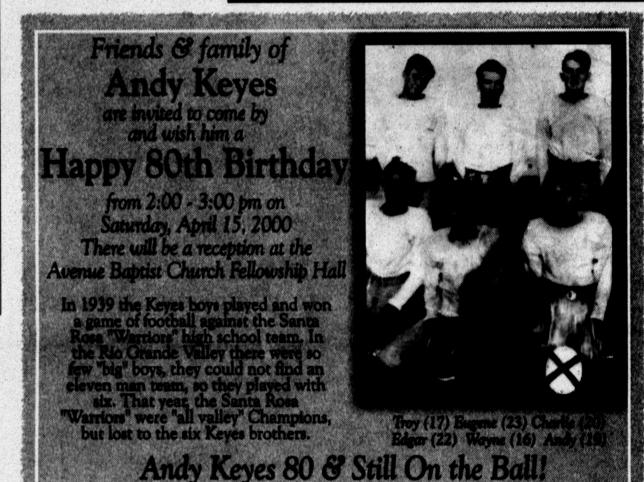
The game begins at 4:30 on Friday at Kids Inc field. On Saturday, the team will face Fritch in a non-district game in Hereford at 1 p.m. at the Kids Inc field.

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# Cards blast Houston, 10-6

# Houston manager fails to take out Holt before big St. Louis inning

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston manager Larry Dierker made up his mind too late, and it cost the Astros a grand slam

and, perhaps, a win.
Chris Holt had just loaded the bases, with the Astros leading St. Louis 6-3 in the seventh inning. He visited the mound, went back to the dugout and noticed that switch-hitting Thomas Howard was pinch-hitting for Mike Matheny.

Dierker attempted to return to the mound to bring in Doug Henry, but plate umpire Dan Iassogna stopped him because Howard already had been announced.

"We had been looking for a break and we got it," said Howard, whose first career slam led the Cardinals to a 10-7 win.

"I knew he wanted to take him out," Howard said. "So I got real anxious and real aggressive. He left one up and I jumped on it."

It was the Cardinals' first pinch slam since Ron Gant connected off Mark Gardner on May 8, 1996.

St. Louis, which wasted a 3-0 lead, loaded the bases when Holt (0-2) walked to Mark McGwire and Eric Davis around a single by Jim Edmonds. Then came Howard, and Dierker was stunned by the turn of events.

"I did not see when the umpire brought him into the game," the manager said. "I wanted to bring a left-hander in. I was asking for a ruling on why I couldn't, but I

when they said Howard was already in.'

The Cardinals knew what was going on.

"The only way you can make a switch when you have a pinch-hitter is to let them throw a pitch," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "You have to understand we have a very potent lineup and they made a couple of mistakes and we took advantage of

The Astros know Howard from his stint with Houston in

"I think it's personal," joked Jeff Bagwell. "I know he just had a baby so I guess he thinks he needs to make some more money. He's a tough hit-

Holt then walked pinch-hitter Eli Marrero and Fernando Vina. Henry finally relieved and Edgar Renteria homered for the second straight night, getting a career-high four RBIs.

Edmonds also homered for the Cardinals, who hit into four double plays but won their fourth straight and improved to 7-1, matching their best start ever (1986). Edmonds had three hits and

is 7-for-7 in his last two games, raising his average to .529 (13-for-25). He has reached in nine consecutive plate appear-

Bagwell and Moises Alou hit two-run homers for the Astros, who dropped four games behind St. Louis in the NL Central. Houston had gone ahead with a six-run third.

There have been 19 homers in five games at Enron Field, which opened last Friday, including nine by the Astros, just 1-4 at their new ballpark. On Tuesday, the teams com-bined for eight homers, a record for a major league game in Houston.

The game drew 37,463, the fourth straight time since the opener that the Astros failed to sell out.

Garrett Stephenson (2-0) allowed six runs and seven hits in six innings, while Holt gave up nine runs, seven hits and five walks in 6 1-3 innings, his

ERA rising to 8.74.
Edmonds, who was 3-for-3, homered in the second, and

the third on Vina's RBI triple and Renteria's sacrifice fly.

Houston came back in the bottom half on Roger Cedeno's two-run triple, and the homers by Bagwell and Alou.

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# Doctors admit falsifying claims to help patients

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# News digest

CHICAGO - Doctors have their own terms for it covert advocacy, manipulating reimbursement rules, gaming. But to insurance companies, misrepresenting patient information is plain, old fraud.

A new study suggests the practice is on the rise as doctors feel more pressure to provide treatment not authorized under managed-care

More than one out of every three doctors admitted they deceived insurance companies to help patients get necessary care, according to the national survey reported today in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Tactics

included exaggerating the severity of an illness to help patients avoid being sent home early from the hospital; listing an inaccurate diagnosis on bills; and reporting nonexistent symptoms to secure insurance coverage.

In the 1998 mail survey of 720 doctors, 39 percent said they had used at least one of those tactics "sometimes" or more often within the preced-

ing year.
"As pressures to control health care costs increase, it is likely that manipulating reimbursement systems will increase," wrote the researchers, led by Dr. Matthew Wynia of the AMA's Institute for Ethics in Chicago.

"Health plans in which the use of these tactics is common should carefully review their rules and procedures and

work with physicians to reduce the perceived need for covert advocacy."

**Bush plans meeting** with gay Republicans

WASHINGTON - George W. Bush plans to meet this week with a carefully selected

**GEORGE W.** 

His campaign staff

already has signaled

that he'll attend

meeting with gay

Republicans with a

not-so-open mind.

BUSH

group of gay Republican activists, part of the ongoing effort to nudge his presidential image back to the political center by reaching out to constituencies that don't traditionally vote for the GOP.

But his campaign already has signaled that he'll attend with a not-

so-open mind. "The Bush campaign called me in advance of the meeting and assured me that his positions would reintact." main Michael Farris, a conservative activist and advocate of

home schooling, said Tuesday. The campaign billed Thursday's meeting as a discussion of common conservative ground, such as reforming the education, health care and tax systems, that was unlikely to touch on stickier social issues, like gay marriage, which the presumed Republican presidential nominee op-

"What they wanted to do is try to get a real good cross section of gay Republicans," said Plattsburgh, N.Y., Mayor Dan Stewart, who was invited to the closed-door session.

Some suggested political expediency might be the Texas governor's real motivation.

Kathleen Begala, a spokeswoman for Democratic presidential rival Al Gore, said the

activists should put more weight into Bush's actions than his words during the meeting. Congress looks to

keep older workers WASHINGTON — Congress is brainstorming more ways to

help older Americans stay at work as employers complain of labor shortages caused by humming economy and a huge wave of baby boomers nears retirement age.

"We have to make sure federal laws don't hurt older Our workers. economy will depend on it," said Charles Sen. Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Already this year, Congress has repealed the Social Security earnings limit, removing the threat of reduced federal retirement

benefits for those who continue to work past age 65. President Clinton signed that legislation into\$law Friday.

Now lawmakers are considering how to break down private-sector barriers for older workers. The aging committee explored options at a hearing last week.

Among the ideas being considered are changing federal tax and pension laws to encourage phased retirement plans that could allow older people to collect partial pensions while continuing to work part time.

That would benefit people like Sherman Sorem of Marshalltown, Iowa, who after 35 years of service took an early retirement buy-out when he was 61 and his company,

Fisher Controls International, downsized. He was offered a lower-paying, less-demanding job. But that would have ultimately meant a lower pension since, like most corporate retirement plans, his was based on earnings during final years of service.

"I said no, you're not going to beat me out of that, I'll take early retirement," said

Peru's Toledo calling for runoff election

LIMA, Peru — President Alberto Fujimori was hanging

on the edge of a questionable re-election victory while chal-lenger Alejandro Toledo demanded a second-round runoff to avoid social upheaval.

Chanting "Down with the dictatorship," about 30,000 Peruvians rallied Tuesday outside the downtown hotel where Toledo issued his demand.

"Alejandro Toledo will not lead disturbances or violence,' said the 54-year-old economistturned-candidate. "But I should say forcefully that we won't hesitate for one second to defend democracy and the rule of law."

In Washington, the Clinton administration weighed in with a strongly worded appeal for fairness, telling Fujimori that the United States expects a runoff and would question the legitimacy of a first-round win.

Peruvian election authorities said final results from Sunday's ballot would be released today.

With 90.8 percent of the ballots counted, officials said Tuesday that Fujimori had 49.96 percent of the vote and Toledo had 40.39 percent. Various other candidates split the

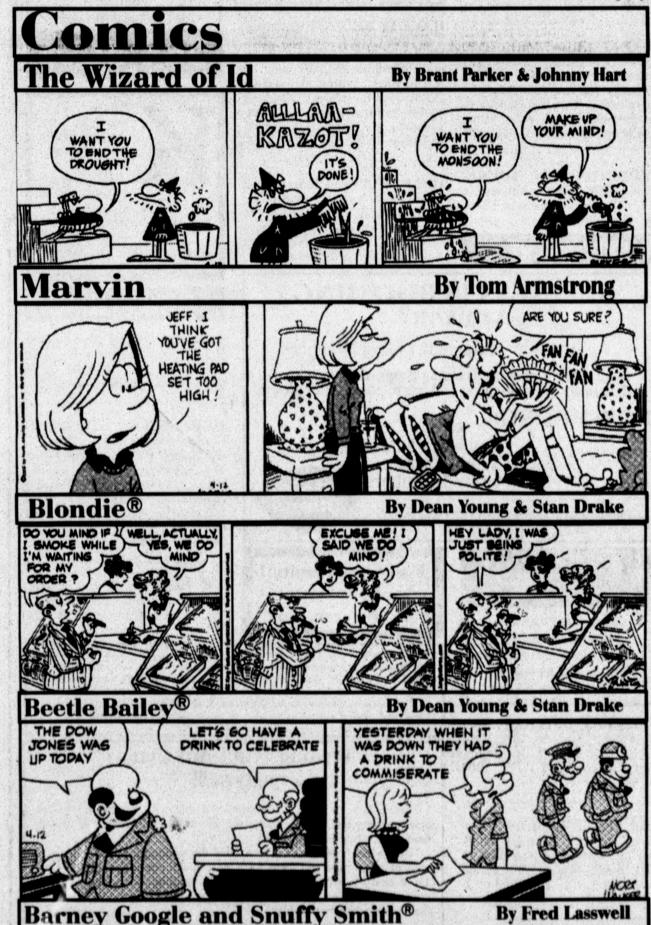
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Teams Start at 42c-46c

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RNS & LVN's needed for

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accepting applications for En-thusiastic, Friendly team mem-

bers for all positions. Apply in person 9-11 a.m., 305 N. 25 Mile

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**BRADFORD TRUCKING** 

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

Hiring for cattle haul. Must have 3

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Cactus, Texas 79018

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HEREFORD BRAND . Wednesday, April 12, 2000 .

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2 days per word	.31	\$6.20
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## 1. ARTICLES FOR SALE

Working new ground, plowing out grasses for new stands, or over seeding current grasses.
JOE WARD 364-2021 (day) or
289-5394 (night).

Marcum Motors Co

1995 GMC Suburban. Loaded with options, running boards, new tires. Red & white, sharp vehicles, 57,000 miles. \$17,950. Call 364-3750.

**PLACE YOURS BY** 364-2030



**Now Hiring!** 

### REBUILT KIRBYS 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.

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

### **TASCOSA BEEF**

100% Genuine Hereford Beef Locally grown and fattened in Hereford, Texas No implants---No hormones "Just Pure Beef!" Fed whole corn, red top cane and supplement TASCOSA INDUSTRIES P.O. Box 871 212 E. New York St. Hereford, Texas 79045 806-364-3109

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

TRAVEL TRAILER '82 Road Ranger. 24ft, CH/CA, new tires. \$3,500. See 241 Avenue C or call 364-0419.

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

## 1a. GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE!! 616 Avenue I. Thursday & Friday 8:00 til ??

GARAGE SALE! 710 Knight. Thursday and Friday 8:00 til 5:00. Knick-knacks, clothes (plus sizes also), dishes, and miscellaneous.

MOVING SALE! 815 South 25 Mile Avenue. Building just south of Burger King. Saturday 8:00-?? Girls white bedroom furniture, desks & office supplies, table & chairs, 486 Computer, Chev. Grill Guard, Set 16" Chevy wheels & tires, set of 15" Chevy wheels, 4-side mount tool boxes, little girls clothes, teen boy clothes, womens clothes, heavy duty trash compactor, toys & games, lots of miscellaneous.

## 2. FARM & RANCH

CUSTOM GRASS Seeding and Field Preparation. Includes:

## 3. AUTOMOBILES

See Us Before You Buy

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

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# 4. REAL ESTATE

Leaving town and can't take the houses with us

Two residences for one price. The main house is 3/25/2 car garage, large kitchen, dining & living rooms. The small house is perfect for Mom & Dad with 1 bedroom & bath, large living area & kitchen

\$145,000.00 Make us an offer we can't refuse. Phone: 364-1530 for appointment

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

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

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

FOR SALE By Owner: 109 Avenue K. Brick home with an Assumable Loan 8.5%. Cellar, two storage sheds, new tile, gas fireplace, peer and beam foundation. Call to see. 364-6602 or 364-0494.

**MOTIVATED SELLER! 4 unit** townhouse complex; well maintained; great income. Priced to sell at \$185,000.00. Make us an offer. 364-1530.

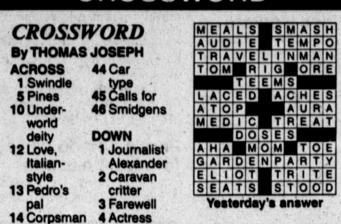
FSBO! 831 Irving. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage. New roof & paint. \$3,000 down, \$297/month. Call Robbie 364-3955.

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

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

> Classifieds Work! Call 364-2030

## CROSSWORD



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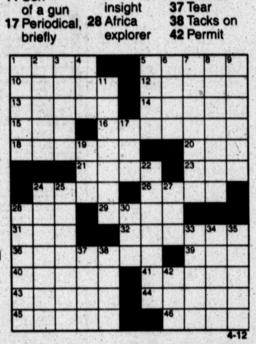
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## **5. RENTAL PROPERTY**

# **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.

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

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

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

### DIAMOND VALLEY ENT., INC. MOBILE HOME PARKS

Hereford-Amarillo Commercial Buildings 921 E. 1st Street

421 N. Main

Doug Bartlett - 415 N. Main 364-1483 (Office-Hereford) 383-2183 (Office-Amarillo) 364-3937 (Home)

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

**ELDORADO ARMS Has 1&2** Bedroom apartments for rent. Free gas, water & cable. No deposit for HUD. Call 344-2475 or 363-1254.

3 BEDROOM Home. References needed. \$450/month plus deposit. 221 Star. Only with references need apply. Call 364-

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

# Now Leasing

Guardian Self Storage 1409 E. Park Avenue 364-5778

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## 6. WANTED

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tor./freezer. We'll even come pick it up. 800-422-2851.\$\$\$\$\$\$

EXPERIENCED HOUSE-CLEANER Needs houses to clean. Prefer on weekly basis. Call 363-1466.

WANTED; DSS RECEIVERS. Direct TV & DishNet. Will pay up to \$100 each. Daniel. 806-

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SPRING CLEANING TIME \$\$\$\$\$Refrigerator/Freezer Roundup. Sponsored by SPS & Planergy. Receive \$25.00 for any pare/extra working refrigera-

## 8. EMPLOYMENT

HAVE IMMEDIATE Opening: Full time clerical position. Must have experience with computers: Windows 98, 10 key by touch, filing, typing at least 60 WPM. Will train. Starting salary commensurate with experience and education. Apply in person to Western Ford L-M.

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

## **BUSINESS IS BOOMING** Are You?

Aggressive? Talented? Going Nowhere?

We offer a Complete Training Program, competitive starting salary. Meal discounts and lots of potential for growth

### **NOW HIRING:**

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

**DELIVERY DRIVERS.** Must

be at least 18 years of age, have

valid D.L., liability insurance.

Apply at Hereford Pizza, 1304 W. 1st.

KAR SERVICES Is in need of

Shag Drivers. Previous truck

driving experience is a plus. A

CDL is not required but would

be an asset. Call 295-3003 or 1-

AVON REPRESENTATIVES

Needed in this area. Must be 18

or older and qualified. Call 364-

**NEED WAITRESS & Cashier** 

for busy restaurant. Friday,

Saturday, Sunday nights-6:00pm-10:00. Call 364-8102 ask

for Mike or Lana. Ranch House

Restaurant, Hwy 60.

800-421-5315.

**Assistant Managers** Team Leader **Crew Members** 

Contact Maggie Salazar @ 364-0578 or come on in and fill out an application at 801 Park Ave.; Hereford, Texas 79045

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

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

State laws forbid discrimination in th sale, rental or advertising of real estate based advertising for real estate which is violation of the law. All person 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 intem/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 newpaper consultant says 70 percent of

classified readers won't respnd 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. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out

· Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach

# Lease Purchase Program

**Experienced Drivers** 1-800-441-4394 **Owner Operators** 1-877-848-6615 Graduate Students 1-800-338-6428

\$1,000 Sign-on Bonus for Exp. Company Drivers

### **Hereford Regional Medical Center**

Hereford EMS has an immediate opening for F/T & P/T EMT intermediate & EMT Paramedic, at least one year of EMS experience; preferred but not required. Applications may be obtained in personnel at Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd. (806)364-2141 ext. 3125.

### Hereford Regional **Medical Center**

Registered Nurses-FT, PT OB/GYN. ICU. ER Nights Shifts ONLY. Experience preferred but not required. New graduates or soon to be graduates welcome. Competitive salary with differentials. If interested contact John Berry, RN, Don at (806)364-2141 ext. 3300 or Fax resume to: (806)364-1356.

# 9. CHILD CARE





METHODIST CHILD CARE State Licensed ·Qualified Staff

Monday thru Friday 6:00 am - 6:00 pm Drop-Ins Welcome MARILYN BELL / DIRECTOR

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

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

WE BUY Scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. Call 364-3350.

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"Alternative to Abortion" 24-Hour Hot-Line 364-2027 "PRECIOUS FEET" inborn baby's feet at 10 weeks.



Educational programs, materials, emotional support for those suffering from unplanned pregnancy, post abortion trauma, miscarriage/still birth. For more information contact Alice Hund at 364-3218, Krista Detten at 364-7563 or Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

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

HARVEYS LAWN Mower Repair and Service, tune-ups, overhaul, oil changes, blade sharpening, etc. Pick-up and delivery. 705 S. Main. Call 364-8413.

ROOFING, SMALL Hot ROOFS and general roofing repairs. Call Weldon Toews at 364-5643.

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

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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.

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

OWN A Computer? Put it to work! Part-time \$500/week, Full-time \$1,000/week. www.awesomenergy.cjb.net.



## 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.

CRYPTOQUOTE 4-12

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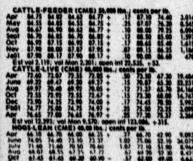
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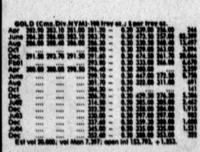
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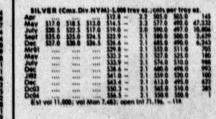
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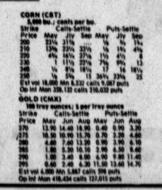
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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

### Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit by Rule Registrations Proposed Registration Nos. 43511 and 43512

APPLICATION Barrett & Crofoot, L.L.P., P.O. Box 670, Hereford, Texas 79045, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for Permits by Rule Air Quality Registration Nos. 43511 and 43512 which would authorize construction and operation of two Specialty Concrete Batch Plants under 30TAC Section 106.203 at their existing beef cattle feedlots. Proposed Registration No. 43511 is for a Specialty Concrete Batch Plant to be located at their existing beef cattle feedlot approximately four miles west of Hereford on the north side of an unnamed County Road which runs parallel to the Deaf Smith County line and between its intersection with FM 1057 and State Highway 60 in Deaf Smith County. Proposed Registration No. 43512 if for a Specialty Concrete Batch Plant to be located at another beef cattle feedlot located 13 miles west of Hereford on FM 1058 in Deaf Smith County, Texas. The facilities will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (including, but not limited to, aggregate, cement, and road dust).

These applications were submitted to the TNRCC on February 1, 2000. The applications are available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and the Deaf Smith County Library, 211 East 4th, Hereford. The facility's compliance files, if any exists, are available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on the applications by sending a request to the office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting about these applications, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments in 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material of significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the applications. A public meeting about the applications will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application(s), the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application(s), will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for the application(s).

If a hearing request if filed as discussed in the next section of this notice, the executive director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application(s), will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for these applications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number(s); (3) the statement "{I/we} request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (50 the location and distance of your property relative to the facility. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed within 15 days following this notice, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

INFORMATION Written mailing list requests, public comments, or requests for a public meeting, or requests for a hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Barrett & Crofoot, L.L.P. at the address stated above or by a calling Mr. Brad Burrett at (806) 364-6081.

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they apply to a greater share of a married couple's income.

It also would expand the earned income tax credit for lowerincome couples and ensure that taxpayers could continue claiming personal credits, such as the \$500-a-child credit, without getting caught up in the alternative minimum tax.
Unless a deal is reached on which amendments Democrats can

offer, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said senators will vote Thursday on whether to end the filibuster and take up

"For 10 years, we have talked about the unfairness of the marriage penalty tax," Lott said. "We're going to see who is for eliminating it and who is not."

The gas tax vote was the first of many on issues that Republican congressional leaders scheduled for this week to highlight their tax-cutting priorities in these final days of the income-tax filing season.

By 17 votes, the Senate failed to reach the 60-vote threshold necessary to cut off debate and proceed to the bill, effectively killing it. Twelve Republicans and 44 Democrats voted against the measure, with 43 Republicans in favor.

The gas tax bill would have rolled back 4.3 cents of the federal gas tax for the rest of the year and suspended the entire 18.4-cent tax if average prices exceed \$2 a gallon. The issue has lost some of its steam as the gas tax price rise has slowed and oil-producing nations agreed to increase their output.

Opponents of the tax rollback, however, said the relief wouldn't amount to much for the average motorist, even if it were passed along by the oil companies. They said it would jeopardize \$6 billion a year for transportation projects, even though Lott said

the bill would use surplus dollars to make up the losses.

"We cannot backfill the potholes this bill will leave," said Sen.
Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Also Tuesday, the House voted 424-0 for legislation to bolster taxpayer rights in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service and better protect private tax information from computer hackers. The bill, which now goes to the Senate, also would make changes in tax penalties and interest, including making interest on IRS overpayments tax free.

In a symbolic vote, the House signaled opposition by 420-1 to the tax increases in President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget.

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Thirteen percent of total contributions, or \$1.4 million, came from individuals or companies with interest in the energy and natural resources field. Other contributions came from interests varying from finance to real estate to ideology.

The report also says that contributions to the state's high court were highly concentrated, with \$2.6 million, or 24 percent of the total raised, coming from 25 sources.

The nine justices — all Republicans — each raised an average of \$1.4 million for their campaigns, about three times more than the average total of their opponents, the report said. Justice Nathan Hecht raised the most, \$2.1 million.

"Texas has got take special interest money out of its judges'

pockets. Everyone who goes to court deserves a fair shake — not just the big donors," said Cristen Feldman, director of Texans for Public Justice's court reform project.

The group is working with consumer advocate groups that last

week filed a federal lawsuit challenging Texas' judicial campaign finance system as unconstitutional.

Texas Public Citizen and Gray Panthers, a senior citizen activist organization, were joined as plaintiffs by several attorneys who practice in Texas.

They have asked a judge to rule that the judicial campaign system violates a citizens' right to a fair trial because it allows judges to solicit campaign contributions from lawyers who may

appear before them, creating at least the appearance of bias.

In Texas judicial campaigns, individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 per election to candidates for the state Supreme Court, half of the state's 14 courts of appeal and for many trial courts. Lower limits apply to judgeships in smaller judicial districts.

A law firm and its members may contribute a total of \$30,000 per candidate in each election and political action committees can give up to \$300,000. Contributors can give to as many candidates

as they want. Texas is one of seven states with partisan judicial elections at the trial, appeals and supreme court levels.

According to Public Citizen, Texas is the only state with partisan elections in which the judicial code gives judges explicit permission to solicit contributions from lawyers and clients who may have a case before them. Texas judges are not required to step aside from cases that involve contributors to their campaign.

# House OKs tougher gun bill

WASHINGTON (AP) -House Republicans followed through on their promise to strengthen gun enforcement with a bill rewarding states that impose tough mandatory minimum sentences on gun-toting criminals. Democrats urged them to go a step further and support tough gun safety legislation.

The House, by 358-60, on Tuesday passed the "Project Exile Act" that provides \$100 million over five years in grants for states that sentence people who use or carry firearms during a violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense to at least five years in prison with-

out parole.

The measure echoes the GOP theme that the answer to the nation's gun violence problem is not more gun laws but better enforcement of laws already on the books. The National Rifle Association, which has criticized the administration for not adequately pros-ecuting gun violators, is an ardent supporter of the legisla-The White House went along

with the bill but said it provided too little money to make a difference and gave political cover to Republicans resisting more comprehensive gun control measures.

Sixteen moderate Republicans joined in today with a letter to the White House and GOP leaders stating that the time has come for action on more far-reaching gun legislation. "A failure to pass the limited, common-sense reforms now under consideration is simply unacceptable to most Americans," wrote Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del.

President Clinton on Tuesday attended a ceremony in Maryland for the first state law requiring built-in gun locks. He travels to Colorado today to back an initiative requiring background checks for gun

"Every single day Congress waits, we lose 12 children, nearly 90 people overall, to gun violence. Congress should fol-low Maryland's lead," he said. The bill is modeled after a

mandatory minimum sentencing program initiated by the Justice Department in Richmond, Va., once one of the nation's most crime-ridden cities. Since its implementation in 1997 crimes involving guns have dropped by 65 percent and vio-lent crimes by 35 percent, al-though skeptics have pointed out that crime rates in other Virginia cities without the program dropped by similar rates.

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