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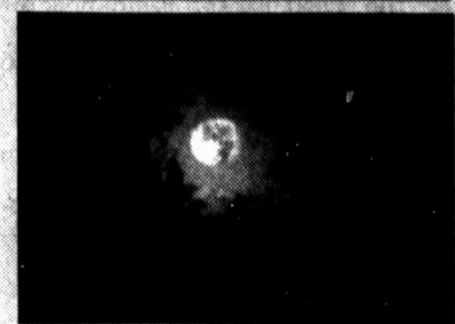
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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Partly cloudy skies
Tonight: Partly cloudy and breezy, low in the upper 40s, south to southwest wind 15 to 25 mph.
Saturday: Partly cloudy and windy, less than 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, high 80 to 85, south to southwest winds 20 to 30 mph and gusty.
Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 45 to 50.
Extended forecast
Sunday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, high in the mid-70s.
Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, low around 50, high around 75.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 40s, high in the mid-70s.
Hereford weather
Thursday's high, 73; low, 42; no precipitation.

Reno gets ready to take child

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is laying plans to use force if necessary to return Elian Gonzalez to his father but is still open to negotiations with his Miami relatives, a spokeswoman said today.
"If necessary the attorney general is prepared to use law enforcement" to pick up Elian over the objections of relatives who have temporarily cared for him since Thanksgiving, Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said. "If and when there's a law enforcement action, we are not going to be previewing it."
Florman portrayed Reno as virtually out of options other than law enforcement.
"There have always been three trains moving simultaneously down the track — negotiations for a transfer, litigation and law enforcement," Florman said. "We are no longer in the engineer's seat on the negotiation train. We're just passengers."
"She is looking to our law enforcement officials to determine the best timing and methods" for removing Elian from the house where hundreds of Cuban exiles have gathered, promising to form a human chain to prevent the boy's removal, Florman said.
Florman said, "The doors are always going to be open to the family for a negotiated settlement. She said last night she is willing to consider any specific suggestions for how to achieve a cooperative resolution."

TDH to divvy up \$100 million

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has decided how it will split \$100 million from state tobacco settlement money among 288 public hospitals.
Meanwhile, officials from hospitals — many of which expected larger payments to help cover the expense of treating indigent patients — say the proposal highlights the growing burden on public hospitals funded by taxpayers.
"From a big picture sense, it's a symptom of a much bigger problem," said Marsha Jones, executive vice president of government relations at the Texas Hospital Association.
The 288 public hospitals sharing in the \$100 million payment are required by law to accept all patients, regardless of their residency

Churches plan extra services

Local churches have planned extra services in observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Good Friday observances will include:
• Immanuel Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.
• San Jose Catholic Church, 6 p.m.
• Dawn Baptist Church, 7-9 p.m., church open for time of personal meditation and prayer.
• St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.
The schedule also includes extra services on Easter Sunday.
• St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Easter Vigil at 5:30 a.m. followed by Sunrise Liturgy.
• Dawn Baptist Church, Sunrise Service at 7 p.m. at the Jerry Parker ranch, five miles south of Dawn on Road B.
• Avenue Baptist Church, 8 a.m. Resurrection Service in the sanctuary.



Pilgrims in Holy Land retrace Jesus' steps

JERUSALEM (AP) — Singing hymns and carrying large wooden crosses, throngs of millennium pilgrims marched in solemn Good Friday processions today, retracing what tradition says were Jesus' final steps to his crucifixion.
The half-mile Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows, snakes east to west through the walled Old City of Jerusalem, from the Lion's Gate to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where tradition says Jesus was crucified and buried.
The plaza in front of the 4th-century basilica was packed with people, and the Via Dolorosa was filled almost to capacity, a sign that the stream of pilgrims that started with the new year and peaked during the millennium visit of Pope John Paul II last month has not abated.

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DON'T DO IT

Underage drinking targeted

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Prom, graduation, senior year-end parties all mark the end of one era and the beginning of the next for senior high students across the state and the nation.
All too often, young adults use this time to herald in their new freedom with care free use of alcoholic beverages.
Law enforcement officers and agencies are issuing warnings to young adults, their parents and older friends, who may be considering an alcoholic bash — DON'T.
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission officers are among the numerous officers who will be out in force spot checking for underage drinkers, drivers, and those who are willing to provide alcohol for minors.
Department of Public Safety officers will be "particularly vigilant regarding young drivers and the areas where they frequent," said Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk. Law officers will be working undercover to enforce the alcohol laws.
"Minors, whether they are driving or not, can't have any detectable amount of alcohol in their system," he said.
Urbanczyk reminds young revelers that they can be charged as a minor in possession if they are in a car or at a party where alcohol is present.
Hereford Police Chief David Wagner said in the years past the department has had extra units on the streets during prom and graduation nights.
"It's really discouraging when parents throw parties out in the county and tell the kids they have to park their car and spend the night. These are still minors and they don't need to be drinking," Wagner said. "The best thing parents can do is know where their kids are, what kind of party they are going to and make sure the kids are keeping good company."
In the state of Texas minors are not allowed to drink without a parent or guardian in sight. Adults who either willingly provide alcohol to minors or allow minors access to alcohol can be charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.
Legal blood alcohol limits is .08, and minors who are charged with driving while intoxicated face DWI charges and may lose their drivers license for up to 60 days. They are ineligible for an occupational license for the first 30 days. Penalties increase significantly with the second and consecutive offenses.
Minors who purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages, as well as those who are publicly intoxicated or misrepresenting their age face Class C misdemeanor charges with fines up to \$500, community service, alcohol awareness classes and loss of drivers license for up to 180 days.



A Texas Department of Public Safety officer and a convenience store employee check the store's cooler. The DPS will be out in force over the weekend in a crackdown on underage drinking.

TABC agents will be visiting area high schools, hotels and motels in the next few weeks to reinforce the laws and penalties regarding underage drinkers.
During the coming graduation and prom season, TABC officials will be strictly enforcing laws regarding alcohol and minors.
Random uncover stings will be conducted to target individuals who sell or provide alcohol to minors.
"The basic purpose of this operation is to ensure that this milestone achievement in a young persons' life is a safe and sober occasion that they can always treasure for a long time," said TABC administrator Doyle Bailey.

CUBA

Texas farmer bids to cultivate market for his ag products

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas farmer is making contacts in Cuba — even visiting the island — in hope of cultivating a market for his rice, soy and corn.
But despite the interest of Cubans he met there, Curt Mowery is unlikely to sell even one grain of rice from his Rosharon farm to Cuba for a while — that because of a nearly 40-year U.S. trade embargo with the communist-run country.
So Mowery, along with several dozen other Texans, is pushing Congress to open trade with Cuba.
"It's going to open up sooner or later, and we might be in a position to take advantage of the contacts we made there," Mowery told the *Houston Chronicle* in today's editions.
To Mowery, Cuba's market of 11.2 million residents and a booming tourist sector is worth courting because it could mean the difference between profits and losses for rice farmers. Cubans consume 600,000 tons of rice annually, but the island can produce only 200,000 tons, he said.
To find out more about the Cuban market's potential, a few Texas-based groups have embarked on what they call fact-finding missions there in recent months.
In November, Mowery joined U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, and members of the Texas Farm Bureau on a trip to Havana. On Sunday, the bureau will take its second trip to the island.
Hoping to recover the business with Cuba they lost for four decades, Texans who depend on exports are urging Congress to pass a bill that would allow Americans to visit Cuba and to sell medicine, medical supplies and food to the island.
The bill, sponsored by Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., has gained the support of even arch-conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who supported the 1996 Helms-Burton law to strengthen sanctions against Cuba.
Last year, a similar bill to ease the trade sanctions failed to make it through Congress.
This time the opposition will once again include Mowery's congressman, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land.
"Trade with Cuba is tantamount to the perpetuation of the Cuban tyranny," DeLay said in a written statement obtained by the *Chronicle*. "If we lift the sanctions in Cuba, Castro would be free to export to the U.S. a vast array of winter crops, including tobacco, sugar and citrus. Inevitably, Castro will dump Cuba's agricultural products on the U.S. market to further hurt American sugar, citrus and tobacco farmers."
But farmers like Mowery insist that the embargo has proven a failure and should be abandoned.
"The policy toward Cuba has been flawed," Mowery told the paper. "Every other country on this planet sells to Cuba, except for the United States."

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Local roundup

HHS talent show tryouts

The Hereford High School 4th Annual Student Council Talent Show will be 7 p.m. May 4 at the high school auditorium. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded. Entries may be picked up at the HHS office.

Shirley baked potato supper

The Shirley Student Council and PTO will be having a baked potato supper on Friday, April 28, from 5-8 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Dream Team shirts for the students. The meal will include a baked potato, ham or chili topping and fixings, green salad, desert and a drink. Take out is available. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Karnival Krazy at St. Anthony's

The public is invited to a Karnival Krazy fun day at St. Anthony's School on Sunday, April 30, from noon to 5 p.m. The school will be providing food, games, prizes, a silent auction, live entertainment, a country store, bingo raffles and more. Proceeds benefit St. Anthony's School.

RAIN meeting

The April RAIN meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the San Jose Community Center. Everyone interested in the small business program or loans are welcome to attend.

Quad-county job fair

The Texas Department of Human Services is planning a quad-county job fair on May 10 at the Hereford Community Center. Employers from Deaf Smith, Castro, Oldham and Parmer counties will have booths and representatives available to talk with prospective employees. Anyone interested in the job fair or wanting more information should contact Nora Pesina at 363-8612 or Bell Braddock at 647-4181.

Senior prom decorators meet

Senior parents are invited to come by the old Napa building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. to help make decorations for the senior prom.

Last cookie sale of the season

Hereford Girl Scouts will hold the last booth sale of Girl Scout cookies for this year from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Homeland, 535 N. 25 Mile Ave. This will be the last opportunity to buy Girl Scout cookies until next year.

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News digest

DuPont Co. appeals verdict

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — DuPont Co. officials said they will appeal a Texas jury's \$69 million award to pecan farmers who blamed the company's Benlate 50 DF fungicide for damage to three pecan orchards.

Caps on punitive damages under Texas law will likely cut the award in half, lawyers for the two sides said Thursday. But even with the cap it is among the biggest ever returned against DuPont in connection with Benlate 50 DF.

Delaware-based DuPont has paid more than \$1 billion in legal fees and settlements since the 50 DF formulation of Benlate was pulled from the market in 1991. Other forms of Benlate remain for sale.

"DuPont is saddened that the jury found for the plaintiffs in the face of strong scientific evidence that Benlate did not damage these orchards," said spokesman Michael Ricciuto. "The punitive award is particularly misguided."

The verdict, returned after a three-month trial in Eagle Pass, Texas, was a victory for H & L Farms, Roseta Farms and the Tim Leonard Pecan Farm. The jury found there were defects in the design and manufacturing of Benlate and awarded punitive damages after agreeing with the plaintiffs that DuPont engaged in false, misleading and deceptive acts and fraudulently concealed facts in the case, according to the verdict.

Vacationers visit border towns

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The annual sighting of green-and-white license plates is drawing smiles along the Texas border.

The plates, which depict the silhouette of a mountain, are from the state of Nuevo Leon across the border and a sure sign that Mexican vacationers have arrived.

The Mexican economy has strengthened, and the Texas border area has noticed.

"They just started to come in. It has picked up quite a bit," downtown clothing store owner Harry Holzman told The Brownsville Herald.

"We are seeing people from Mexico coming in. Hopefully, they will keep coming in," Holzman said. "But it's not only here in downtown. They are everywhere."

Elsewhere:

TAAS SCORES: Texas education officials on Thursday said 90 percent of 10th-graders who took the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in February passed two of the exam's three sections. Jim Nelson, commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, said it was the highest passing rate in the standardized test's 10-year history.

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Easter T's



Encouraging attendance -- Area churches invite young and old alike to participate in Easter weekend festivities. Many churches are having special services. The Church of the Nazarene Kid's Church program will be presenting special T-Shirts to all the children at Kid's Church on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Matt Rivera was kept busy Thursday applying the colorful transfers to the white shirts.

Software tracks criminals

HOUSTON (AP) — Area police officials will meet today to examine a new investigative tool authorities hope can be used to help catch serial killers and other habitual criminals.

It's called geographic profiling, and the computer software program processes the details of crimes and pinpoints the most likely residence or workplace of offenders, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

A steering committee composed of representatives of municipal and county law enforcement agencies, as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education, will meet today at the University of Houston to learn more about it.

UH hopes to make geographic profiling a part of its master's degree program in criminal justice as well as build a first-of-its-kind database for area law-enforcement agencies.

"It's so very promising," said Bob Glazier, assistant professor of criminal justice at UH-Downtown. "I think it would be a great partnership in so many ways."

Geographic profiling is similar to psychological profiling, in which details of crime scenes are used by experts to make predictions about the emotional and intellectual characteristics of a criminal, Glazier said.

Although geographic profiling software produces a map, Glazier said it should not be confused with crime-mapping, which simply shows the location and frequency of certain crimes.

A geographic profile map "actually predicts where a serial criminal lives or works because there are certain things we know about human nature," Glazier said.

Detective Inspector Kim Rosamo of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Police Department developed the software — the Criminal Geographic Targeting program — as part of his doctoral thesis.

Although UH's plans for geographic profiling are tentative, Glazier said law-enforcement agencies would enter information about serial crimes into a mainframe computer maintained by the university. Cases would be compared and similarities pointed out.

CDC: More exercise needed

ATLANTA (AP) — More than half of the Americans who say they're overweight are trying to slim down, but the government says they're not exercising enough.

A 1998 national survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 53.8 percent of American adults reported being overweight and that half of them were trying to lose weight.

Most of those trying to become more trim — 62.7 percent — were exercising, but only 28 percent said they

worked out 30 minutes a day at least five days a week, the minimum government recommendation.

"The good news is that many people are using physical activity and we want to encourage that but promote doing it more frequently," said Mary Ellen Simpson, a spokeswoman for the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The average overweight person trying to lose weight exercised three days a week —

generally by walking.

The obese, elderly and least educated work out less often, pointing to the need for public health agencies to educate these groups, the CDC concluded.

The survey also found that overweight adults in Southern states are least likely to exercise, while those in the Midwest are the most active.

Among the adults trying to take off pounds, 66.6 percent of men and 62.2 percent of women said they exercised.

Simpson speculated that highly educated people are more likely to belong to health clubs or play social sports.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 20, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 22-year-old man was arrested at U.S. 385 and charged with an outstanding warrant for sexual assault.

- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

- Theft of numerous blank checks was reported in the 400 block of Jowell.

- A 911 hang-up call from a pay phone was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H. A woman reportedly either jumped or fell from a moving vehicle. It was later determined she had simply fallen, no vehicle was involved. She was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, but refused treatment.

- Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Whittier regarding children playing with matches. The children were gone when police arrived.

- Two juvenile girls were reported as intoxicated in the 300 block of Avenue E. The girls were located and found not to be intoxicated.

- An 8-year-old boy and a 10-year-old boy were reported as suspects in the assault of a

4-year-old girl in the 600 block of Irving.

- An intoxicated person was reported in the 900 block of 13th. No intoxicated person was located, but officers discovered a verbal argument between a 31-year-old woman and a 36-year-old man. No offense was reported.

- Two white men, aged 23-25, were reported as suspects in a beer theft in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

- A two vehicle accident was reported at Park and McKinley. No injuries were reported. One driver was cited for following too closely.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Firefighters responded to a truck wreck near Gayland Ward Seed.

- Firefighters responded to a trash fire, controlled burn near the labor camp.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
20-21-22-25-35

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-9-7

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Obituaries

BETTY NILES
April 19, 2000

BORGER — Services for Betty Niles, 78, of Borger were today in Wesley United Methodist Church with Rev. David Floyd-Harp officiating. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery by Brown Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Niles died Wednesday. She was born in Elmwood, Okla., and had lived in Borger for 45 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

She married Kenneth Niles in 1940 at Woodward, Okla.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, David Joe Niles of Bowie and Philip Warren Niles of Borger; two daughters, Kathy Ann Sheets and Mary Susan Trahern, both of Borger; a brother, Howard Tilton of Wichita, Kan.; two sisters, Georgia Custer of Logan, Okla., and Dora Jean Hill of Hereford; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son.

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PEARL BROCK
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Services for Pearl Brock Schaefer, 94, of Hereford were today in the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. J. Dean McNamara, Chaplain Vista Care Family Hospice officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Schaefer died Tuesday at the Hereford Care Center.

She was born Oct. 3, 1905, in Cameron, to James Monroe Whited and Mitilda Mathis. She married Arthur Brock on Nov. 19, 1921. He died in 1982. She married Bill Schaefer on Sept. 1, 1985. He died in 1994. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Parker, of Vega, Ida Davis of Hereford, Ginger Schmidt of Lubbock; three sons, Alton Brock of Blythe, Ga., Kenneth Brock of Canyon, Richard Brock of Arvada, Colo.; one sister, Hallie Price of Henderson; one brother, Bernice Whited of Cameron; 24 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Joe and Clyde Brock.

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Contribution — Crimestoppers, represented by board member Cindy Caro, left, was the recipient of a donation from the American Business Club of Hereford (AMBUCS), represented by president Pat Michael, right. AMBUCS meets at noon each Tuesday in the Ranch House Restaurant.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Your recent column noting how little things have changed in the past few years made me think about how much they actually have changed since my youth in the '30s. So much has been lost. Baby boomers, and Generations X and Y have lost good manners, respect, romance, neighborliness and gentleness. They've taken the melody out of music, beauty out of art, grace out of dancing, and have given nothing worthwhile to take the place of what's missing.

They've given society loud mouths, confrontation, coarseness, dirty language, crassness, and an obsession with sex, materialism and drug abuse. They have amplified guitars and drums, repeat the same three or four words and three or four notes endlessly, and call it "music." The more weird the sounds and the more repetition, the better they like it. What a sad heritage to leave to their children.

I'm not blaming ALL young people for this sorry state of our society, but like it or not, we have been tolerating it ever since Elvis started wiggling his hips and became a millionaire several times over for his gyrations.

Let us hope the remnant of young people who respect family values will stand up one day and say, "Enough." We need to return to decency and moderation, which have been neglected for so long. As the

Bible says, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" — A Columbus, Ga., Reader
Dear Columbus Reader: I appreciate your views, but I do not agree with you. I am very optimistic about the future generation. Whenever there has been a call for volunteers, they have responded in huge numbers. I have found them to be generous and willing to pitch in whenever and wherever needed. The good done by youth organizations is incredible. My European friends marvel at it. They have said, "We have nothing like that back where I come from."

I am very proud of our young people. The Valentines for Vets program is a glowing example of how they have come through when I have asked for help. Hundreds of beautiful homemade valentines arrived from every state in the union, and Canada as well. Many were works of art that must have required long hours of concentrated effort. Young people today care about our environment, and treat it with respect. While their idea of music or art may not be the same as yours, it is often inventive and thoughtful, and much of it is incredibly good. Remember, the critics didn't like Picasso, either.

I am very pleased with this generation, and am willing to bet they will do a better job of running our country than we did.

Dear Ann Landers: This is my "how we met" story, and I would love to see it in your column. My friend and I were sitting in his car one morning before church services, when we noticed an attractive young

girl dressed in blue slacks crossing the street. As I bounded out of the car to greet the cute arrival, I told my friend, "This is the girl I'm going to marry." Unfortunately, the girl in the blue slacks had other plans. I overheard her telling friends she was on her way to meet her "steady Eddie."

I knew Eddie. He was handsome to a fault, and a star athlete. However, I knew Eddie wasn't much of a churchgoer, so I took the opportunity to sit next to Blue Slacks every time I could. Eventually, she allowed me to take her home in my jalopy, even though for several weeks, I received only a handshake at the door.

I have lost track of Eddie, but the girl in the blue slacks is sitting next to me right now as we plan our 65th wedding anniversary. — Doug and Juanita in Fresno, Calif.

Dear Doug and Juanita: Sounds like a match made in heaven. You have been richly blessed. Happy 65th!

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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ERIN BROCHOVICH 1:20 & 4:00 7:00 & 9:30

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Bargain Matinees on Weekends

Study club tours Boys Ranch

La Afflatus Estudio Club made a field trip to Boys Ranch during its regular meeting.

Club members were met at headquarters by Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Mantooth, house parents of the Willis Home. The group had lunch in the cafeteria then boarded a ranch bus for a tour of

the facilities and grounds culminating with a tour of the museum.

The presentation left club members with a deep appreciation of the good being done at Boys Ranch.

Those attending were Virginia Beasley, Margaret Baxter, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery,

Della Stagner, Debra Buck, Emily Suggs, Roxie Phipps and visitor Edna Schulte.

The next meeting will be the Spring Luncheon and installation of officers on May 2 in the dining room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.
Breakfast
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school. Spring Break.
THURSDAY-Little smokie; or cereal, buttered toast, pineapple juice, milk choice.
FRIDAY-Cinnamon toast; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches, milk choice.

Lunch
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school. Spring Break.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, fluffy potatoes, black-eyed peas, angel biscuits, peach delight, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Cheese burger, burger salad, steak fries with catsup, fruit salad, yellow brick cookie, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school. Spring Break.
THURSDAY-Hot dogs, potato wedges, vegetarian beans, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY-Ham sandwiches, potato chips, carrot sticks, peanut butter cookie, milk.

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Services set at Iglesia de Cristo

Iglesia de Cristo, 103 Alamo, is holding services with evangelist Jesse Carbrebra at 6 p.m. nightly through April 29.

All are welcome to come and hear Carbrebra as he is guided by our Lord Jesus Christ in healing.

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FCE luncheon to be Monday

The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Clubs will hold their spring luncheon Monday, April 24 in the Heritage Room of the county library.

A covered dish luncheon will begin at noon and will be followed by reports of the delegates to the Spring Convention.

Following the reports, the FCE Council will hold its regular meeting.

MRS. ABALOS RESTAURANT
Will be closed Easter Sunday, so that our employees may enjoy this joyous holiday with their families.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH

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Lady Herd prevails, 4-2

Summers says team looking more confident

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces successfully used their secret weapons in Thursday night's playoff game in Canyon.

The use of pitchers Victoria Perez and Teresa Zimmerman ultimately led to Lady Eagles' demise during the Hereford High School softball team's 4-2 win.

Head coach Penny Summers has routinely used her pitching duo as a way to confuse opposing hitters. Summers said that after the team gets used to Perez's pitching style she will put in Zimmerman and completely baffle opposing hitters.

"Some people think we put Teresa in because Vikki is struggling," Summers said. "But it is more strategy than desperation."

Summers said Perez's style is somewhat of a slower pitch, but Perez usually works the corners of the plate exceptionally.

"Vikki just makes the ball move more and hit the corners," Summers said. "If she doesn't get the calls she likes we will bring in Teresa and change the speed of the ball."

The Lady Whitefaces jumped on the Lady Eagles early by scoring three runs in the top half of the first.

Center fielder Janae Schlabs singled with one out and moved to second on a sacrifice before three consecutive singles by left fielder Ericha Albracht, designated hitter Ashley Gonzales and first baseman Teresa Zimmerman.

Perez pitched two strong innings before leaving in a bases loaded situation in the third. Perez had kept the game at 3-

0 before walking in a run putting Canyon on the scoreboard 3-1.

Coach Summers then went to Zimmerman to try to shut down the Canyon rally.

Zimmerman said when she comes into those situations she tries to just think positively.

"I know I have to pull it out," Zimmerman. "I just try to stay positive."

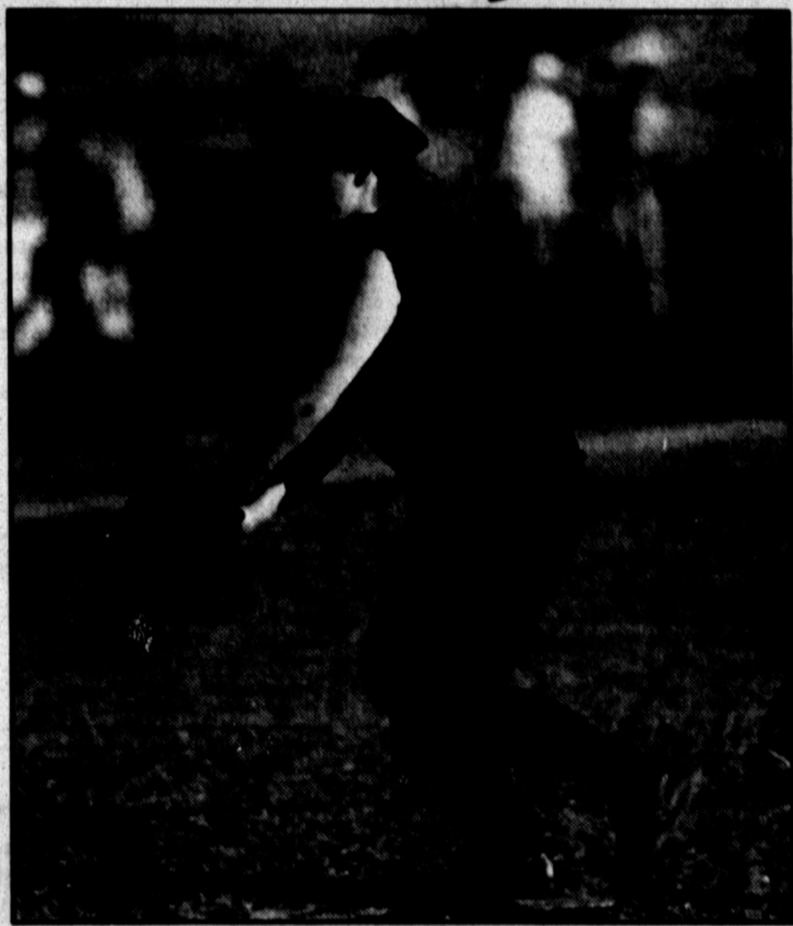
Junior catcher Crystal Reece said she does her best to try and calm down Zimmerman when the tough situations arise.

"I just told her the play was at home," Reece said. "I also just tried to relax her."

Whatever she was thinking worked, because Zimmerman was able to hold Canyon at bay and get out with a 3-1 lead.

The big play that got the Lady Herd out of the jam was right fielder Emma Ozuna's outstanding defense. Ozuna made a running catch and

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Shutting down Canyon—Teresa Zimmerman (above) keeps Canyon hitters at bay during the Lady Whitefaces' 4-2 victory over Canyon on Tuesday night. A Hereford batter (below) keeps her eye on the pitch during the Herd's win.

ON THE MOVE

Track competitors move on after district 3-4A meet

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The district 3-4A Track Meet concluded on Thursday determining who would go on to the next level of competition.

Hereford will be sending many runners to the regional tournament to compete for a state berth.

Brionne Yosten continued her winning ways this week making it to regionals in two events. Yosten qualified with her second place finish in the 3200-meter run and her first place finish in the 800-meter run.

Yosten has been hampered by an ankle injury but still managed to qualify for regionals in two events.

In the 3200-meter race Yosten placed second behind Pampa's Beth Lee with a time of 11 minutes 43.26 seconds. Yosten is the two time defending state champion in the event.

In the 800-meter run, Yosten came in first place edging out Samantha Hurst of Pampa. Yosten finished the race with a time of 2 minutes 24.73 seconds while Hurst finished about two seconds behind her.

Yosten will compete in both events at the regional tournament at San Angelo on April 28-29.

In the women's 400-meter relay the Lady Herd track team placed first with a time of 4 minutes 7.55 seconds. The team narrowly edged out Borger's team who placed second with a time of 4 minutes 7.98 seconds.

Hereford's 400-meter relay girls team is made up of Audra Witkowski, Brionne Yosten, Tiffany Koenig and Toni Eicke.

Eicke also placed second in the 200-meter dash on Thursday. Less than one second separated first place through third



Rounding the turn—Tiffany Koenig and Audra Witkowski round the turn in the varsity women's 400-meter dash on Thursday. The pair finished third and fourth overall in the event.

place in the event. Eicke beat out Teresa Murray of Palo Duro by .43 seconds making for a tight finish. Eicke crossed the finish line with a time of 25.50 seconds just behind LeVonne Evans of Pampa who finished at 25.43 seconds.

On Tuesday, Kurtis Flood of Hereford finished first in the discus throw with his enormous toss of 160 feet. Flood also will be traveling to the regional competition as the lone Hereford guy.

Other results from the men's side of action include Trey Madrigal's fourth place finish in the shot put competition. Madrigal finished in fourth with his throw of 45 feet 3 inches. Madrigal finished three feet behind the first place winner, Daniel Jalomo of Dumas.

Harvey Bravo made a good

showing in several events at the district meet, but his best showing was in the 3200-meter run. Bravo finished fourth with a time of 10 minutes 47.04 seconds.

In the women's discus event, Mona Garcia and Virginia Martinez placed seventh and eighth respectively. Garcia had a toss of 92 feet 3 inches while Martinez almost caught her with her own throw of 92 feet 1 inch.

Janet Blakely also had a good showing in the women's 800-meter run. Blakely placed fifth overall with her time of 2 minutes 34.68 seconds.

Witkowski and Koenig finished close together in the women's 400-meter dash. Witkowski placed third with a time of 1 minute 2.06 seconds. Koenig completed the race close behind Witkowski with a

time of 1 minute 3.28 seconds which placed her in fourth.

In the 300-meter low hurdles Shari High came in fourth place. High finished the tight race with a time of 49.10 seconds. High finished less than two seconds behind first place winner Ericka Palmer of Palo Duro.

Audrey Cabezuela also showed off her ability by placing fourth in the 1600-meter run. Cabezuela crossed the finish with a time of 5 minutes 54.04 seconds.

In overall points, the Dumas Demons took boys varsity honors with 162 points. Palo Duro was a close second with 144 points, and Borger finished in third place with 133 points. Pampa placed fourth with a

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Cotton Bowl to induct eight greats

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total of 58 points followed by Hereford who placed fifth with 32 points. Caprock finished the meet in sixth place with 26 points.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters took top honors in the varsity girls division finishing with 186 points, and Palo Duro placed second in the division with 143 points. Borger placed third with 103 points, and Hereford placed fourth with 82 points. Dumas came in fifth with 61 points followed by Caprock who placed sixth with only nine points.

Softball

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threw to first doubling off Canyon. Zimmerman then got out of the inning with a fly out to center.

Summers said the outs were crucial, because they kept Canyon from having a big inning.

"I kept waiting for Canyon to have a big inning," Summers said. "It just never happened."

The play by Ozuna and Zimmerman's pitching effort in the third gave Canyon a blow they never recovered from.

The Lady Whitefaces went on to score an important insurance run in the fifth taking a 4-1 lead. Canyon kept it close scoring one run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Lady Herd held on to win the bi-district playoff match.

The Lady Whitefaces committed three errors in the game but were able to keep their composure. Summers said earlier in the year their mistakes would probably have gotten them down, but the team is now mentally moving on after errors occur.

"In the past it seemed like they would always have one bad inning, but they realize now that they can't just fall apart," Summers said. "Their confidence level has definitely increased."

Summers said she attributes much of the team's mental toughness to their game approach.

"We take it one inning at a time, and we try to win every inning," Summers said.

The win improves the HHS softball team to 15-9 for the season. Summers said last night's playoff win legitimizes all of their efforts for the season. Summers said she hopes other teams will give them the respect they deserve.

"We want people to take us seriously," Summers said. "Every playoff game we win gives us credit towards our ability."

Summers said the team is beginning to believe in their abilities. She said she can see that the team believes in itself, and she is constantly surprised by their effort.

"They amaze me," Summers said. "They have the talent to play against any team."

As far as the team was concerned, Reece said she felt they were nervous, but the team pulled through.

"I was scared big time," Reece said. "I thought we did very good though."

Zimmerman said she also felt the team did well, and she thought it was great to their goal.

"This feels great and awesome," Zimmerman said. "We finally reached our goal and proved that we can come together."

The next challenge for the team is Thursday against Pecos. Pecos is located near El Paso, and coach Summers said they have a record of 14-5. Summers said she likes her team's chances, because she feels district 3-4A is much tougher than Pecos' district.

"I think their district is not too strong," Summers said. "Pampa beat them last year."

The team will have to travel to Midland for the game which begins at 7 p.m. Hereford won the coin toss and will be the home team.

DALLAS (AP) — Eight football greats, including former Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach and the late Paul "Bear" Bryant, will be inducted into the Southwestern Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame next month.

Staubach will attend the May 18 ceremony at Cotton Bowl Plaza in Fair Park along with Texas A&M's Johnny Holland and John Kimbrough, Texas' Duke Carlisle and Texas Christian University's Jim Swink.

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— Carlisle, a defensive stalwart-turned-quarterback, passed for two touchdowns in leading top-ranked Texas over No. 2 Navy and Staubach in 1964. It was one of three Cotton Bowl appearances for Carlisle.

— Holland was a member of Texas A&M's "Wrecking

Crew" defense and produced 27 tackles in the 1986-87 games.

— Kimbrough led the Aggies from his fullback position to a 13-12 victory over Fordham in 1941.

— Nelson's tenure as "Voice of the Cotton Bowl" began with NBC radio in 1951 and spanned four decades. Bryant, who coached Kentucky in one Cotton Bowl and Alabama in four Cotton Bowls, will be inductees' Jim Swink.

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Chapman dominates Doves

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steven Curtis Chapman, a longtime Dove Awards favorite, dominated again with six awards — including best artist — at the ceremony honoring Christian music.

Awards, more than any other performer. He has won for best artist five previous times. This year, Chapman also garnered best male vocalist, best pop-contemporary album for "Speechless" and best pop-contemporary single for "Dive."

Country star Glen Campbell was awarded best country album for "A Glen Campbell Christmas." George Jones won a Dove for best country recorded song for "Angel Band," his duet with Vestal Goodman.

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Looking at plans — Margaret Betzen looks at flowers in a Hereford greenhouse. The arrival of spring has many residents visiting greenhouses to see about new plants to add some beauty to lawns.

Clinton targets proposal

President contends GOP plan to provide medical coverage for seniors is inadequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is taking aim at a GOP proposal that would provide private prescription drug coverage to low-income seniors, saying it would leave many elderly Americans still struggling to pay for their medicines.

President Clinton's top economic and health advisers rebutted the "sketchy" GOP plan as inferior to the White House's own proposal, which would give prescription drug benefits to all Americans covered under Medicare.

"Republicans need to move from just the talk to walking the walk," Gene Sperling, head of the president's National Economic Council, said at a White House briefing.

The GOP plan, as outlined by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., calls for private health plans to offer drug benefits and government subsidies to pay drug costs for low-income seniors. While many of the details have yet to be worked out, Republicans said the plan would lower drug prices, and give seniors more coverage choice.

Republicans said the administration was too quick to criticize a plan that has yet to be finalized.

"They're prematurely trying to play politics," said John Feehery, Hastert's spokesman.

Pilgrims

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A highlight was the re-enactment in costume of Jesus' final walk by 50 members of a Catholic ministry, Christ In You, The Hope Of Glory, based in Brea, Calif. Playing Jesus, Anthony Rivilla from Los Angeles carried a large wooden cross on his bare back. His face was smudged with fake blood and a crown of thorns sat on his head. Roman soldiers with red-plumed helmets pushed him on. The group's founder, Joanne Petronella, of Anaheim, Calif.,

said she felt rushed by Israeli police who accompanied the large crowds, but that she was certain God heard the prayers she spoke along the way for the peoples of the world. "I felt a great communion with God," said Petronella, who played Mary.

Accompanied by monks in brown robes, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah led the official Catholic church procession. The clergy sang hymns and knelt in prayer at the stations

of the Via Dolorosa, each marking an event during Jesus' last walk.

The Via Dolorosa was recently given a \$1 million facelift, with workers sandblasting facades and replacing missing pavement stones.

In previous years on Good Friday, there were spaces between the groups and ample elbow room in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This year, the processions were close together.

Gore hopes 'green record' to give edge

News digest

WASHINGTON — As the administration's point man on the environment, Vice President Al Gore hopes his "green" credentials will give him an edge over Gov. George W. Bush, who is having to defend his environmental record in Texas.

But as the country celebrates the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, Gore has yet to energize environmental activists, while Bush has blunted the issue's influence on the campaign by portraying himself as a "common sense" environmentalist.

Gore will try to buff his image today with a trip to a Detroit truck yard on behalf of the administration to announce an agreement with private heavy-duty engine and truck companies to develop "super fuel-efficient" pickups, buses, and 18-wheelers within the next decade to cut greenhouse gas pollutants beyond current emission standards.

He also plans to participate Saturday in Earth Day celebrations on the National Mall.

Public opinion polls, including a Gallup survey this week, suggests voters will reject an anti-environment candidate although they rank the issue behind the economy, health care and education.

Columbine survivors look to the future

LITTLETON, Colo. — The one-year anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings served as more than a time for reflecting on the past. For those forever scarred by the massacre, it was an opportunity to start looking beyond the tragedy.

"Today is the beginning of the move forward," said Heather Dinkel, last year's student body president, to 3,000 people who gathered Thursday at Clement Park to remember the nation's deadliest school shooting.

"We the Columbine community are ready to take the first step," she said, "with the nation here to support us."

The day of public and private remembrances ended with hundreds carrying lighted candles to an interfaith vigil Thursday evening at the park.

John and Doreen Tomlin, par-

ents of slain student John Tomlin, carried a torch and led a procession in their son's pickup truck. The torch, inscribed with the 13 victims' names, was lighted in an earlier memorial service to symbolize the effort to carry on for those who died.

"It's a real special experience because to me these kids are making a commitment to pick up the torch that the kids left," Mrs. Tomlin said.

At a private memorial service earlier, Darrell Scott, whose daughter, Rachel, was killed outside the school, said he has traveled to 180 cities to inspire crowds of young people with stories of his daughter's strong faith.

Ryun seeks compromise on rails to trails

WASHINGTON — For as long as abandoned rail lines have been turned into trails for running, hiking and biking, property owners and trail supporters have clashed over use of the land.

Rep. Jim Ryun, a champion runner who still holds the U.S. high school mile record, has a bill that offers a compromise to landowners who say their rights are trampled when their land is taken for trails and outdoor

enthusiasts who want more trails.

It's a sharp departure for Ryun, R-Kan., who has been vilified by trail enthusiasts for previous attempts to simply return abandoned rights of way to property owners, letting them decide whether trails would be developed.

Since passage of the 1983 National Trails System Act, more than 1,000 trails have been created from abandoned rail lines with permission from the federal Surface Transportation Board, which reviews applications.

Ryun's bill would amend the act to say abandoned lines on private property may not be converted to a trail "unless fair and reasonable compensation" is offered to the landowner. No compensation must be offered now.

"It's a commonsense bill that follows a rule we should have all learned in kindergarten, and that is, you ask for permission before you take what isn't yours," said Ryun, who often runs on rail trails.

"This allows the farmer or landowner to have a voice. It doesn't really stop the development of trails. If nobody is willing to pay ... then the farmer should be able to keep his land."

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.

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BACK TO VIETNAM

U.S. veterans return to help rebuild land

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Chuck Searcy, a lanky ex-soldier from Georgia, makes leg braces for children stricken with cerebral palsy. Lady Borton, a Quaker from Ohio, delivers medicine and hope with a smile, as she has since the height of the Vietnam War.

And almost 40 years after he first waded into the rice paddies of Southeast Asia, veteran aid worker Curtiss Swezy is back.

The Vietnam War ended 25 years ago on April 30, unleashing a torrent of refugees, most to the United States. Today, a trickle flows in the opposite direction — Americans who were here during the turbulent conflict and have returned as aid workers because they believe the United States has an

obligation to help its former foe.

"It's very important to my wife and I to be back in the forefront of the reconstruction effort," said Swezy, 62, who built village schools and dredged irrigation canals in neighboring Laos in 1963-67. He fell in love with the lush, exotic landscape and married a Laotian, but left in frustration as the war encroached. "For us, Vietnam is not just another economically challenged country. It's a very important place."

The official U.S.-Vietnam relationship remains awkward, plagued by the fate of missing American soldiers, hidden mines that still kill and maim, and fallout from the toxic defoliant Agent Orange. Washington now provides sev-

eral million dollars of assistance to Vietnam annually. It is channeled through private aid groups so it doesn't go directly to the communist government.

But at a more personal level, both countries are reaching out. Vietnamese often greet Americans like long-lost friends. More than 70 U.S.-based aid groups are active here, almost all arriving since the U.S. embargo was lifted in 1994.

Unlike many developing countries, where American aid workers tend to be fresh out of college, it's not unusual to find people in their 50s or 60s here. The war shaped their lives and left a yearning to return.

With the South Vietnamese army in a panicked retreat and the last Americans fleeing in the war's final days, Borton and

three colleagues from her pacifist Quaker group were among the few — possibly only — U.S. citizens in communist North Vietnam.

"I wasn't trying to take a political stand. We always work with all sides if we can," said Borton, 57, who was delivering medical supplies as part of the group's commitment to help anyone in need.

Borton, whose many years of devotion to Vietnam have made her a one-woman institution here, provided medicine to civilians in U.S.-backed South Vietnam in 1969-71.

But her two-week trip to the North at such an emotionally charged time angered critics at home who tried without success to get her fired from her teaching job.

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