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HISD urged to require employees to live here

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

An employment policy proposal was presented to Hereford School trustees in a regular meeting on Monday.

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Don Cumpton proposed a policy that all new employees would reside in Deaf Smith County.

In other business, the trustees:

-- Heard a bid protest from LEK Technologies.

-- Took no action, after an executive session, to discuss a parent's complaint on disciplinary action taken on her daughter.

-- Approved Reading Recovery objectives and activities to be added to the District Improvement Plan,

which would meet the requirements of the Academics 2000 grant.

-- Discussed the Aikman Primary School construction project.

-- Heard a presentation on loan options from FirstBank Southwest.

-- Heard a campus presentation on Hereford High School.

Cumpton, who had previously worked for the district for 21 years, wants to work with the district to make Deaf Smith County a more prosperous place to live.

"I think it's the greatest school and the greatest community in the world," he said.

Seventy-five current employees live out-of-county. The chamber would like to see the district "grandfather" the employees this policy would affect, Cumpton said.

If approved, the policy would go into effect in the 1997-98 school year. It would create more revenue for the local economy, he said.

The promotion of the Hereford community has been a priority of the district, Interim Superintendent Nena Veazey said.

"My charge is to educate the children of this community. I assure you we will not compromise the quality of education -- I won't," Veazey said.

The school district does encourage its employees to live in the Hereford community, Hereford Junior High Principal Marilyn Leasure said.

"I think we need to realize we are doing the best we can to bring teachers to the community," Leasure said.

Affordable housing becomes a big problem for potential employees, Bluebonnet Intermediate School Principal Darla Underwood-Baggett said.

"I don't think we have the places for the people," Underwood-Baggett said.

"We are looking at Hereford, but also what is the best education of our kiddos," she said.

Veronica Anaya, a Shirley Intermediate School teacher, commutes to Hereford from Amarillo.

It was difficult to find a place to live in Hereford within her price range, Anaya said.

"I do like Hereford very much. I like the schools very much. And I do want to stay here," she said.

Some preference is given to potential employees who live in the county or who will relocate to the county, Shirley Intermediate School Principal David Fanning said.

As in Anaya's situation, some administrators don't have a choice when there is only one applicant, Fanning said.

"I'm glad to have her. Sometimes you don't have a choice," he said.

Trustees took no action on this item.

Lloyd Kruckeberg and John Dowling of LEK Technologies in Amarillo protested a computer bid award.

Trustees awarded a bid \$243,000 by Valcom Computer Systems to purchase Compaq computers at the Feb. 27 meeting.

"Our decision was based on past history," Board President Dave Charest said.

The low bid of \$203,000 was submitted by LEK. The bid award was unjust, Dowling said.

LEK believes that their computer systems and products are superior to the competition in upgradeability, performance and reliability, Kruckeberg said.

"I firmly believe in our product," he said.

Trustees took no action on this item.

All trustees were present at the meeting.

Manchee files for reelection

Mal Manchee has filed for reelection to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board, it was reported Monday. Manchee is the current board president.

Incumbent Scott Keeling said Monday he had not decided whether to seek another term. The term of Jo Beth Shackelford also expires in May, and she has announced that she will not be a candidate for reelection.

Three seats will also come up for election in the city and school elections. Mayor Bob Jossard has filed for reelection in the upcoming City of Hereford election on May 3.

Two city commission seats will be up for election. Terms expiring are those held by Sylvana Juarez, Place 1, and Scott Hall, Place 3. Tom Coneway has filed for the Place 3 seat.

The three positions for Hereford School Board up for election are seats held by Karen Sherrod, District I, Randy Tooley, District III, and the District VI post vacated by Roy Dale Messer. Mrs. Sherrod was appointed to the board and will seek a full elective term, and Tooley has announced for reelection.

March 19 is the deadline to file as a candidate in the local elections. Early voting will start April 14.



Testing the winds

Nazarene Christian Academy sixth-grader Cory Bartels sets-up his science fair project, "Windstation," in the school gym on Monday. The science fair awards were presented at the school's awards program and open house Monday night.

Clinton touches off quarrel with FBI on foreign donations

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton touched off a public quarrel with the FBI by saying he should have been informed when agents told White House national security aides that China might be trying to influence U.S. elections.

This latest twist in the furor surrounding foreign political donations to the Democratic Party occurred Monday as a member of Congress said the FBI told her as early as 1991 that the Chinese government was interested in making campaign contributions to sway U.S. lawmakers.

And it came as Senate Republicans prepared to authorize an investigation into illegal fund-raising during the 1996 presidential and congressional campaigns. Before authorizing the probe, the Senate was expected to defeat a Democratic proposal to also

look at millions of dollars in campaign "soft money" donations.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., apparently was among a small circle of lawmakers warned to look out for approaches from the Chinese, including campaign gifts that might be passed through intermediaries. The group also included California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

Clinton on Monday ordered an investigation into why he wasn't told when the FBI passed similar warnings to two National Security Council aides last June. "The president should know," he said at a news conference.

The president and senior aides suggested they might have been more careful about accepting contributions

from Asian sources had they known about the alleged Chinese scheme.

The White House said the two NSC officials clearly recalled being urged "not to disseminate the information outside the briefing room."

When the FBI responded later Monday that it had "placed no restriction whatsoever" about information going up the chain of command, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, the FBI was "in error" - leaving the White House and FBI at an embarrassing impasse.

McCurry said the two NSC aides - whom government sources identified as Edward J. Appel, an FBI agent on loan to the White House, and Rand Beers - were "adamant" in their recollections of the June 3, 1996, briefing.

Appel declined to comment Monday night, and efforts to locate a telephone number for Beers were unsuccessful.

The Justice Department is investigating possible foreign influences on the 1996 campaign, as is Congress. And questions about the FBI-NSC briefing were sure to arise during Senate Intelligence Committee hearings, beginning today, on the nomination of Anthony Lake, Clinton's national security adviser at the time, to be CIA director.

Pelosi said FBI agents approached her in San Francisco in late 1991 and early 1992 with warnings that China "is going to attempt to get funds into campaigns in the United States."

WTRT slates annual meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative members will elect a Deaf Smith County director and two directors from Parmer County during their 43rd annual meeting March 18 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The annual meeting will begin with registration and serving of a buffet-style barbecue supper at 6 p.m. Drawings for door prizes valued at more than \$1,000 will be held.

Thomas Hyer, WTRT manager, will report on the financial status of the co-op during a business session set to begin at 7 p.m.

Parmer County board candidates are Charles Myers, incumbent who is unopposed for the Hub exchange seat, and incumbent Floyd Schueler and John Mars for the Parmer exchange seat.

Incumbent Dick Fellers and Lawrence Brorman are director candidates for the Dawn exchange seat.

Chamber nears banquet goal of selling 500 tickets

Don Cumpton, executive vice president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, was hoping to sell 75 tickets today for the annual banquet, scheduled Thursday night in the HISD administration building.

Cumpton set a goal of having 500 people at the banquet, urging C of C directors and Hustlers to push the ticket sales this year, and he was confident of reaching the target number.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office for \$14 each. The banquet is set for 7 p.m. Thursday night.

Josh Davis, winner of three Olympic gold medals in the 1996 Atlanta games, will be the featured speaker. The chamber will also recognize Steve Purcella, national championship team roper from Hereford.

Tables for the banquet will again be decorated by chamber member businesses. New officers and directors will be introduced, and the traditional Citizen of the Year award will be presented.

Wade Easley heads the new slate of chamber officers, with Sid Shaw as vice president and Jeff Brown as treasurer. New directors are David McDonald, Chris Leonard, Mark Collier, and Andrea Schlabs.

County wrestles with drug policy

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

Deaf Smith County Commissioners wrestled with a county drug policy Monday, trying to decide the penalty for an employee who fails a random substance abuse test.

The county already has a drug policy in place for employees with commercial driver's licenses who perform safety sensitive functions. The Department of Transportation requires random drug testing for such employees. At present, the county policy does not spell out the consequences for violations.

During a discussion Monday, commissioners appeared to be leaning towards two choices: Termination, or a provision for rehabilitation at the employee's expense and without pay.

Judge Tom Simons asked Commissioner Troy Don Moore to check on the issues of liability insurance and the legal provisions on the maximum time the county would have to hold the job open under a rehabilitation program.

Moore had reported on the policies used by other entities, as well as private companies. Some had a termination policy for violators, while some used a rehabilitation plan. The court will probably make a decision within a month.

In other business Monday, commissioners approved replacement of a deputy who left the county clerk's office; appointed Eddie Aguilar to fill an unexpired term on the Child Welfare Board; authorized the sale of a pneumatic packer in Precinct 2; and granted easement to Deaf Smith Electric Co-op for utility poles at Road 13 and P.

Bobby Hammock, representing the county safety committee, showed commissioners a new accident report form and a drawing which outlines courthouse fire escape routes.

Judge Simons and the four commissioners - Moore, Wayne Betzen, Lupe Chavez and Johnny Lathan - were present for the meeting which started at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Hereford Economic Indicators

(By Hereford Economic Development Corp.)

	Current Mo.	Last Mo.	1 yr. ago
Sales Tax			
County	\$34,281.61	\$25,036.25	\$35,089.26
City	\$70,045.01	\$48,138.95	\$66,900.56
Econ. Development	\$35,021.51	\$21,069.48	\$33,450.28
Employment			
Labor Force	8,792	8,702	8,728
Employed	7,938	8,132	7,915
Unemployed	854	563	813
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	6.5%	9.3%
Utility Connects			
Electric	6,308	6,304	6,285
Gas	5,245	5,246	5,255
Water	5,251	5,246	5,246
Construction			
Building Permits	\$643,580	\$114,800	\$251,327
Permits YTD	\$758,650	\$114,800	\$501,327
Agriculture			
Wheat per bushel	\$4.03	\$4.12	\$5.30
Corn per Cwt.	\$5.28	\$4.10	\$7.01
Grain sorgh. per Cwt.	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$6.40
Cattle per Cwt.	\$68.67	\$64.07	\$62.96

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Local Roundup

HJH sets Title One parent meeting

Hereford Junior High School will host its spring Title One parent meeting from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the HJH cafeteria. The Title One schoolwide program and Iowa Test of Basic Skills results overview will be discussed. Parents of seventh-graders will hear a presentation on eighth-grade registration and parents of eighth-graders will hear a presentation on the COPS Interest Inventory, which students took in October. An interpreter will be available. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Small Business support group to meet

The Hereford-Deaf Smith Small Business Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the San Jose Community Center. Those persons interested in starting a small business or expanding an existing one are encouraged to attend.

Skies becoming cloudy

Hereford reached a high temperature of 75 degrees and an overnight low of 34 degrees. For Tuesday night, look for mostly cloudy skies with a low in the middle 40s. The winds will be from the south at 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday will be cloudy in the morning with a high near 75, becoming partly cloudy and breezy. The winds will be from the southwest at 15-25 mph and gusty. The five-day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and highs in the 60s.

News Digest

STATE

AUSTIN - Schools could expel students for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses under a bill considered by the Texas Senate. The measure by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is meant to strengthen a law decreasing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on campus.

AUSTIN - Universities would get funding incentives to operate more efficiently and to have professors rather than graduate students teach courses under a proposal by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff. Ratliff says his proposal is meant to "reward the best, and to not reward those activities that are not efficient and productive."

SAN ANTONIO - An Army sergeant raped, sodomized and fondled potential recruits at a local recruiting station, five women have told a court-martial panel at Fort Sam Houston.

AUSTIN - Some state legislators say it's time to take a second look at plans to privatize welfare. The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday the lawmakers are concerned over legislation passed two years ago that has become a proposal for a \$2 billion contract to make Texas the first state to let private companies control who gets welfare benefits.

LUBBOCK - The state's 1,800 volunteer fire departments are eagerly anticipating legislation that would allow them to acquire tons of corporate firefighting equipment that currently is destroyed.

DALLAS - Cameron County prosecutors have asked Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to seek a U.S. Supreme Court hearing in the case of Susie Mowbray, whose 1988 murder conviction has been overturned by a state appellate court.

NATION/WORLD

WASHINGTON - President Clinton is asking Congress to resist the urge to decertify Mexico as a cooperating ally in the fight against drugs, saying the neighbor nation has made progress in eliminating corruption.

WASHINGTON - President Clinton touched off a public quarrel with the FBI by saying he should have been informed when agents told national security aides that China might be trying to influence U.S. elections. The clash came as a member of Congress said the FBI told her as early as 1991 that the Chinese government was interested in making campaign contributions to sway U.S. lawmakers.

WASHINGTON - The White House says a database it created with taxpayer funds was used only for official purposes. But the presidential aide who oversaw the project envisioned it as a key to rewarding donors with White House access, newly released documents show.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 33-year-old female arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 300 block of Knight Street.
- 25-year-old male arrested for evading arrest in the 200 block of Witherspoon.
- 22-year-old male arrested for violation of probation in the 200 block of East 3rd.
- 35-year-old male arrested for violation of probation in the 600 block of Avenue J.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Higgins.
- Assault reported in the 500 block of East 15th.
- Assault reported on South Main.
- Assault reported in the 800 block of Blevins.
- Eighteen traffic citations issued.
- 28-year-old male arrested for domestic assault in the 500 block of Avenue H.

bathing reported.

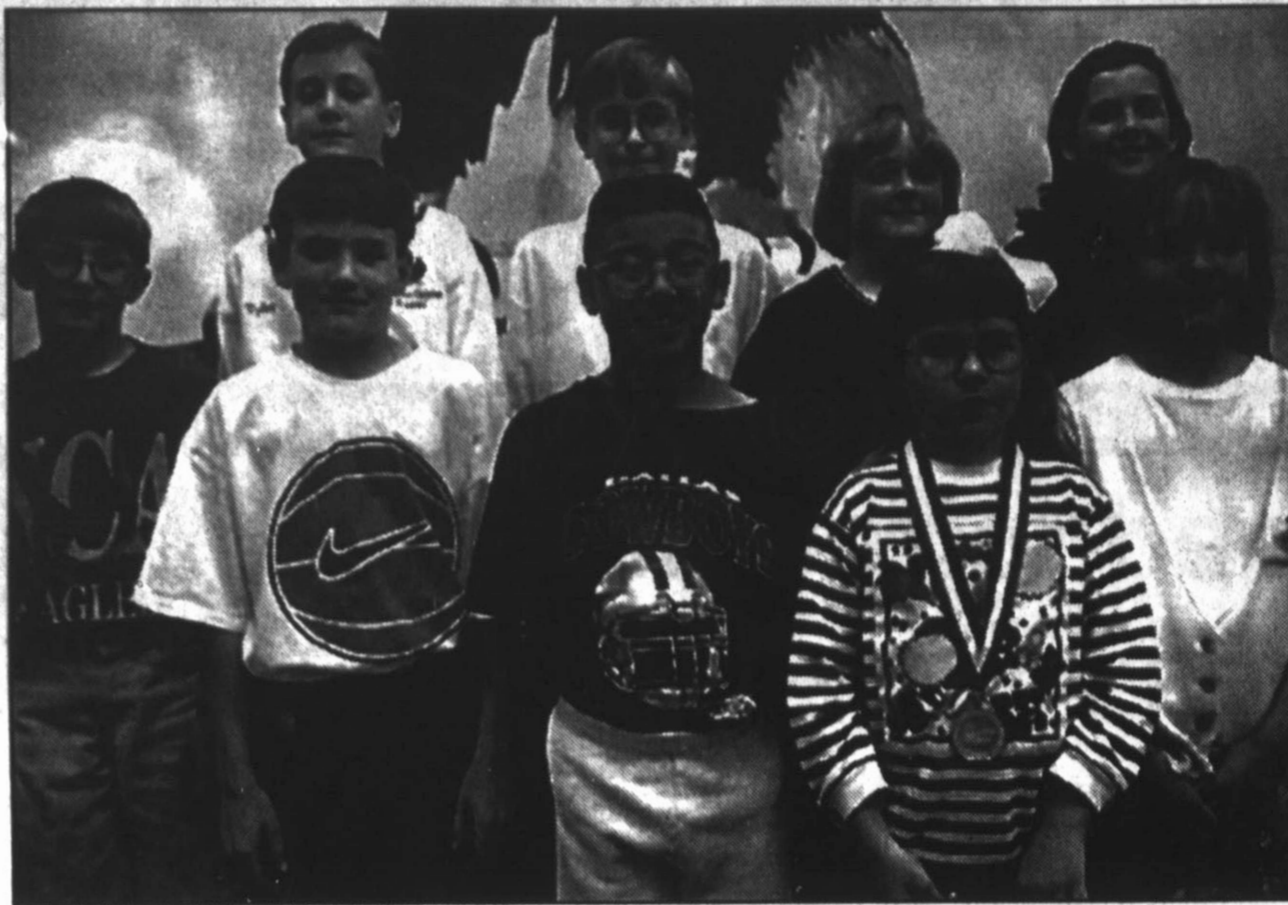
- Assault reported in the South Main area.
- Burglary reported in the 500 block of East Park.
- Twenty traffic citations issued.
- Two minor accidents with possible injuries reported.
- One minor accident without injuries reported.
- 26-year-old male arrested for no driver's license and speeding.
- 34-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 800 block of West 1st Street.
- 39-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 800 block of West 1st Street.
- Assault reported in the 300 block of 4th Street.
- Two juveniles taken into custody by juvenile authorities after they were found to be inhaling spray paint in the 400 block of Avenue E.
- Fourteen traffic citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to a three grass fires in the county.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Two cases of telephone harassment reported.
- Two cases of domestic dispute reported.
- Runaway reported.
- 31-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 34-year-old female arrested for theft by check.
- 44-year-old male arrested for criminal non-support.
- 29-year-old female arrested for out-of-county warrants on driving while intoxicated.
- 22-year-old female arrested for violation of probation.
- 27-year-old male arrested for parole violations.



Top math olympians

Several Nazarene Christian Academy students competed in the Association of Christian Schools District Math Olympics in Plainview. The students competed against more than 17 other students in the Northwest district in each category. Pictured, front row from left, Nathan Cole, fourth in fourth-grade computation; Roger Gonzales, fourth in fourth-grade reasoning; Leanna King, first in third-grade computation; and Carrisa Hicks, fifth in fifth-grade computation; back row from left, Keeton Walden, third in fourth-grade reasoning; Tyler Keeling, third in eighth-grade computation; Teel Merrick, fifth in sixth-grade computation; Erin Noland, first in sixth-grade reasoning; and Alyssa Hill, second in sixth-grade computation.

Indian tribes drain funds, donate \$170,000 to DNC

CONCHO, Okla. (AP) - Two impoverished Indian tribes drained their emergency fund to donate \$107,000 to the Democratic National Committee, hoping to regain tribal land taken by the federal government more than a century ago.

Since the donation last year, tribal leaders have been wined and dined in Washington. But the land hasn't been returned, and now tribal leaders say the DNC and Democratic lobbyists are back asking for more money.

"Of course we've been taken advantage of," Archie Hoffman, secretary of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes' business committee, said Monday. He conceded no promises about the land were made.

"We weren't hoping for any short-term results," said Tyler Todd, the tribes' senior adviser on governmental affairs. "We were hoping to make things a little more easy on that long-term goal."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday he didn't know President Clinton's reaction to news reports of the tribes' donation.

"I know that he does not feel any contribution should change any legitimate effort by the government to review the status of a land claim," McCurry said.

Amy Weiss Tobe, a spokeswoman for the DNC, said her organization was looking into the matter.

"The only thing that is clear is there is internal dissension within the tribe," she said. "The DNC is trying to ascertain the facts and we haven't been able to talk to tribal leaders and other players yet."

The tribes are trying to reclaim 7,500 acres the government took in 1869 to build Fort Reno. The fort was closed in 1948 and the land is now used for a federal agricultural research project.

The tribes want to turn Fort Reno into a tourist attraction and use the surrounding land for agriculture.

About 80 percent of the tribes' 10,700 members are unemployed, and the political donation came from an emergency relief fund that provides \$150,000 each year to pay for food, medical care and other necessities, Hoffman said.

Obituaries

BARBARA ROSE WARD

March 7, 1997

Barbara Rose Ward, 58, of Dalhart, died Friday. Her daughter, Nancy Cruz resides in Hereford. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Peoples Church with the Rev. Jerry Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery by Hass Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ward was born and raised in Dalhart. She worked at the Sands Restaurant for more than 20 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Emerson Ward.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Barrow, Boyd Barrow and Rowdy Ward, all of Dalhart; two daughters, Nancy Cruz of Hereford and Ann Floyd of Missouri; three brothers, Leroy Cagle of Lubbock, Gene Cagle of Phoenix and Darrall Cagle of Prescott, Ariz.

"We could use that money elsewhere," Hoffman said. "But we need help."

The tribes expect to make up for the donation with money raised by bingo halls, smoke shops and other enterprises, Hoffman said.

Since the big donation, Todd said, a DNC fund-raiser called this year and asked repeatedly for \$25,000 for the presidential inauguration. Todd said he refused because the tribes had no more money to give.

And tribal lawyer Rick Grellner said Nathan Landow, a longtime DNC fund-raiser, has been trying to broker a deal in which the tribes would pay \$100,000, plus \$10,000 a month, to Clinton-Gore campaign manager Peter Knight's lobbying firm for its help in winning back the land.

"If you don't keep your writing six-figure checks, then you're out of the game," Grellner said.

Tribal officials also said Landow demanded a percentage of profits from development on the land and

royalties from mineral rights for 20 years.

Hoffman said the tribes won't deal with either Landow or Knight.

Both Landow and Knight have denied pressuring the tribes, but acknowledged they were in negotiations to represent them.

A call to Knight's office was not returned Monday. Landow told The Philadelphia Inquirer he has decided not to pursue the matter, saying he did not have "the interest or the time and effort to put into it."

For their \$107,000 donation, about 10 percent of the tribes' annual revenue, their leaders got to eat at the White House with President Clinton.

Now a tribal faction has asked the DNC to return the money.

"We are a poor people and the amount of money donated we cannot afford," tribal member Melvin WhiteBird said in a statement. "This was done by a few that seem to be living a dream world with visions of grandeur."

Palestinians feel 'cornered' by Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) - Saying they feel cornered by Israel, Palestinians called on the United States today to intervene in peace talks and warned of a new explosion of violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A senior Palestinian official said Yasser Arafat ordered a suspension of contacts with Israel, but Arafat spokesman Nabil Abourdenah later denied such an order was given. He said informal contacts continued, but that there were no negotiations for now.

King Hussein of Jordan, meanwhile, wrote a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he had "not an ounce of trust" in the Israeli leader and that Israel would be held responsible for wrecking the peace process.

With the crisis deepening, it appeared unlikely Israel and the Palestinians would begin talks on a permanent peace agreement next Monday, as planned.

Despite Palestinian anger, Israel will not give up more West Bank land than the 9 percent planned for now or reverse a decision to build a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem, said David Bar-Illan, an aide to Netanyahu.

Palestinian leaders had expected to take control of 30 percent of the West Bank in this week's planned pullback, the first of three to be

completed by mid-1998.

Arafat invited diplomats from the United States, Russia, Japan, European countries and the Arab world to Gaza City this weekend to discuss the impasse in the negotiations, Abourdenah said.

The growing crisis of the last few days has been accompanied by daily clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian stone throwers in the West Bank. An Israeli soldier guarding a Jewish West Bank settlement was stabbed and seriously wounded Monday, and Israeli troops arrested two Palestinian suspects.

"Israel is pushing us into a corner, making us desperate," Mohammed Dahlan, a senior Palestinian security official, told the Maariv daily. "The street is heating up and about to boil."

He said Palestinian police would prevent the use of firearms, but left open the possibility that protesters might resort to stones and bottles, as they did in the 1987-1993 Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

The uprising led to the peace talks.

Three days of gun battles in September between Palestinian police and Israeli troops left dozens dead, brought U.S. intervention, got Netanyahu focused on the peace talks and in the end helped produce an agreement on a troop pullback in Hebron.

Gasoline prices fall slightly

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Gasoline prices fell nearly a cent per gallon in the past two weeks, continuing a months-long decline caused in part by lower crude oil prices, an industry analyst said.

The average price nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.28 per gallon on Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

That was a dip of nine-tenths of a cent over two weeks. The price has

fallen 2 1/2 cents since mid-January, Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

"The continued slippage was due in part to lower demand this time of year and lower crude oil prices in recent weeks," she said.

At self-serve stations, the average prices were \$1.2307 for regular unleaded, \$1.3297 for mid-grade and \$1.4119 for premium.

Prices at full-serve stations were \$1.5821 per gallon for regular unleaded, \$1.6687 for mid-grade and \$1.7357 for premium.

Student art on display

In keeping with the Hereford Independent School District Policy to highlight and encourage student endeavor, framed artwork from local student artists is displayed at the HISD administration building. Pieces are chosen by teachers on Hereford campuses. The artwork is then framed and hung in the main hall of the building. This six-week cycle features student artists in the fifth-grades and tenth-grades. Visitors are encouraged to view this art every business day from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between now and April 4.

The current student artists are: Esther Avila, Vincent Burrows, Magaly Chavez, Elizabeth Claudio, Carlos Flores, Marisol Fuentes, Neihidy Garcia, Gustavo Higuera, Isaac Jimenez, Jesus Nunez, Joshua Olivo, Eliana Ortega, Jose Pacheco, Vanessa Rodriguez and Mario Salazar, of Bluebonnet Intermediate School;

Also, Crissy Barrick, James Baxter, Kitt Jennings, Carmen Lucio, Mayra Nava and Miguel Zuniga, of Hereford High School; Amy Barnes, Rebecca Fry, Eddie Garcia, Astrid Gomez, Oscar Hernandez, Seth Hoelscher, Landry Lloyd and Drew Middleton, of West Central Intermediate School.

State concerned over plans to privatize welfare

AUSTIN (AP) - Some state legislators say it's time to take a second look at plans to privatize welfare.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday the lawmakers are concerned over legislation passed two years ago that has become a proposal for a \$2 billion contract to make Texas the first state to let private companies control who gets welfare benefits.

Even as the state is pushing the federal government to approve the Texas Integrated Enrollment Systems proposal, doubt is growing in the Legislature over the project's merits, the newspaper said.

"I've been supportive of privatization when it makes sense, when there are cost savings, and we can perform a better service for the state," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, House Appropriations Committee chairman. "I'm not sure that's true in this case."

Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said the objective of the legislation that started the proposal - to simplify the way Texans sign up for welfare and other benefits - has been lost in the push to go private.

"Everybody is reviewing (the project) to see if there are other options," said Coleman, who cosponsored the 1995 welfare reform law.

Already, the potential role of the private sector is being reduced.



TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 1-19-26-28-34 (one, nineteen, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty-four)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-9 (two, eight, nine)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-6 (four, nine, six)

By The Associated Press

One ticket(s) correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$9 million.

The ticket was sold in: Houston. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7-19-21-24-33-48

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Worker attests Green Thumb really isn't 'too good to be true'

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor
For many older workers, Green Thumb, Inc. can dispel the old adage of "too good to be true."
Green Thumb is the nation's oldest and largest employment and training program for older Americans and "it works -- it's great," said Marchetta Hutcheson, a local Green Thumb participant.

Green Thumb operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program under a grant with the Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor with federal funds appropriated under Title V of the Older Americans Act.

Sponsored by Texas Farmers Union, the program provides part-

time employment and training opportunities for economically disadvantaged seniors age 55 and older.

Hutcheson was made aware of the program by Margie Daniels, executive director of Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

Hutcheson had retired after 40 years as a beauty operator, but like so many older Americans, she was not receiving adequate retirement benefits to meet her necessary living expenses.

Daniels contacted Mary Ann Resch, area Green Thumb supervisor. Resch took Hutcheson's application and was able to place her with a host agency in a very short time.

Hutcheson's host agency for almost two years has been the Hereford Women and Children's

Health Clinic. Her duties include pulling and filing charts, preparing educational material and chart material, stocking supplies and collecting specimens.

"Sometimes Marchetta even babysits for some of our patients," said Nancy Griego, administrative manager of the clinic.

"I love it. I love kids and it's fun to take care of them," Hutcheson said. Green Thumb's mission is to improve the quality of life of all Americans by using and developing the talents and skills of older individuals through training, employment and community service.

Green Thumb was founded in 1965 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" and was designed to put the "green thumb" of older rural Americans to work beautifying parks and highways.

Participants -- individuals who are 55 years of age or older, eligible to work in the United States and meet certain income guidelines -- are assigned to either work part-time for a qualified government or nonprofit organization, called a host agency.

While participants receive training, supervision and work experience directly from their host agencies, their wages and fringe benefits are paid by Green Thumb.

Green Thumb participants are assigned to perform a wide variety of duties. However, all assignments must meet the following four requirements:

*Community service - Create new community services or expand existing services.

*Training - Provide participants with meaningful opportunities to be productive, learn new skills and improve their potential for obtaining employment.

*On-site supervision - Provide on-site, day-to-day direct supervision.

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Most participants will be offered an average of 20 hours of community service work a week and are paid minimum wage.

Mayor Bob Josserand has signed a proclamation declaring the week of March 9-15 as "Hire the Older Worker Week" in Hereford.

Each year "Hire the Older Worker Week" spotlights the contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities and experience.

"This is an important week. We need to recognize the contributions of our senior workers. We encourage employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings," said Fay Varner, program/job developer aide.

According to Hutcheson, the Green Thumb program can help other senior workers the way it has helped her.

Any older worker or employer who is interested in finding out more about Green Thumb should call Resch at 806-364-2743 or the Region 2 office in Waco at 817-776-4081.



Bridal shower held

Shanda Smith, center, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Beverly Bryant. Smith and Eric Calhoun plan to be married April 5. Also greeting guests were Eloise Smith, left, mother of the bride-elect and Pat Roeh, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Smith is bridal shower honoree

Shanda Smith, bride-elect of Eric Calhoun, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Beverly Bryant.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Eloise Smith, her mother and Pat Roeh, mother of the prospective

bridegroom.

Refreshments of cake with raspberry sauce, chocolate covered strawberries, brunch casserole, coffee and punch were served from a table covered with an antique lace tablecloth and centered with a Victorian floral arrangement,

featuring crystal and silver appointments.

A selection of Arthur Court serving pieces and accessories in an elephant motif were gifts from hostesses Bryant, Cindy Burns, Cindy Cassels, Linda Daniel, Joan Fuston, Betty Lady, Reni Mason, Susie Merrick, Teresa Munoz, Susan Robbins, Carolyn Simpson, Mary Beth White, Adelle Clements and Evelyn Hacker.

Lingerie shower is held

A lingerie shower honoring Shanda Smith was held Saturday afternoon in the home of Sue Smith. Miss Smith and Eric Calhoun plan to be married April 5.

Guests were greeted by the honoree; Eloise Smith, her mother; Pat Roeh, her future mother-in-law; and Heather Gililand, her maid-of-honor.

Refreshments were individual cherry cheesecakes, shortbread cookies, wedding punch and fruit kabobs.

The table was centered with a decorative yellow water can filled with yellow, pink and purple tulips and pansies and flanked by yellow candles. Serving pieces were of

crystal and silver.

Guests played games and made a ribbon and bow bouquet for the rehearsal ceremony.

Hostesses were Sue Smith, Heather Gililand and Amanda Smith.

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Green Thumb participant

Marchetta Hutcheson, right, is a local participant in the Green Thumb program which provides employment for seniors age 55 and older. Nancy Griego, left, is administrative manager of her host agency, the Hereford Women and Children's Health Clinic.

Lee is presiding officer for Wyche FCE meeting

Maudette Smith, FCE Council chairman, presented a program titled "In the Balance" when the Wyche Family Community Education Club met recently in the Hereford

Community Center.

Jo Lee presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president.

Hostess Carol Sartain gave the opening exercise reading two poems, "Hugs" and "God Is Like."

Roll call was answered with "The most ridiculous law you know."

Argen Draper, program chairman reviewed programs for future meetings and appointed members to participate in the Alzheimer's program on March 20.

Lee reported on the annual Appreciation Banquet stating more than 80 people were in attendance. She also reported that the District meeting will be April 10 in Perryton and each club is asked to send one member.

The cultural arts meeting will be March 21 at the A&M building in Amarillo.

Refreshments were served by the hostess Sartain to Thelma Auten, Vada Batterman, Kay Behrends, Virgie Duncan, Camilla Jones, Carol Worthan, Draper, Lee and Smith.

Breast cancer screening set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 E. Park in Hereford on March 14.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

The total cost is \$75. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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Sports

Hereford finished 2nd in 4A at SA Classic

By Tommy Wells
Managing Editor

SAN ANGELO - It was a tale of two tournaments in one for Hereford golf coach Stacy Bixler this past weekend.

On Friday, the Whitefaces took to the San Angelo Country Club course as one of the midgeets on the block. Hereford was the only 4A team competing against an all 5A lineup in the first round of the San Angelo Golf Classic.

And it showed. The Herd put together a first round package of 355.

The following day, Hereford walked onto

the Riverside Country Club course as part of a 4A division that included 12 teams from their Region I-4A field they'll face later in the year.

Again, the Whitefaces showed the effects of being in the group.

Hereford fired a final round of 311 and finished second among all 4A schools in the meet, just eight strokes off the top pace set by San Angelo Lake View. The Whitefaces' District I-4A stablemates from Borg-er placed third at 314.

"We knew that first day was going to be tough," said Bixler. "But I thought having the chance to play with Lubbock Coronado

and San Angelo Central would help us later on. I was pleased with everyone's play. The first day we hit the ball pretty well but hard greens and the wind gave us some trouble."

"We played real well the second day. It (the tournament) was a pretty good look for us in that we saw a lot of teams we'll see later on, and played on the course where the regional tournament will be," Bixler added.

Keith Riley led Hereford's 44-stroke improve on Saturday by firing a 76 on the final round. Riley, who had scored an 83 on the first day, finished with a final mark of 159.

Greg Reinart also scratched in a 76 on the

final day, closing out his meet with a two-day total of 172. He shot a 96 in the first round.

Heath Henderson finished as the Herds' second-best performer at the Classic with a two-day mark of 166. He posted a 78 during Saturday's finale.

Jeremiah Baros and Cory Schumacher finished at 176 and 180, respectively.

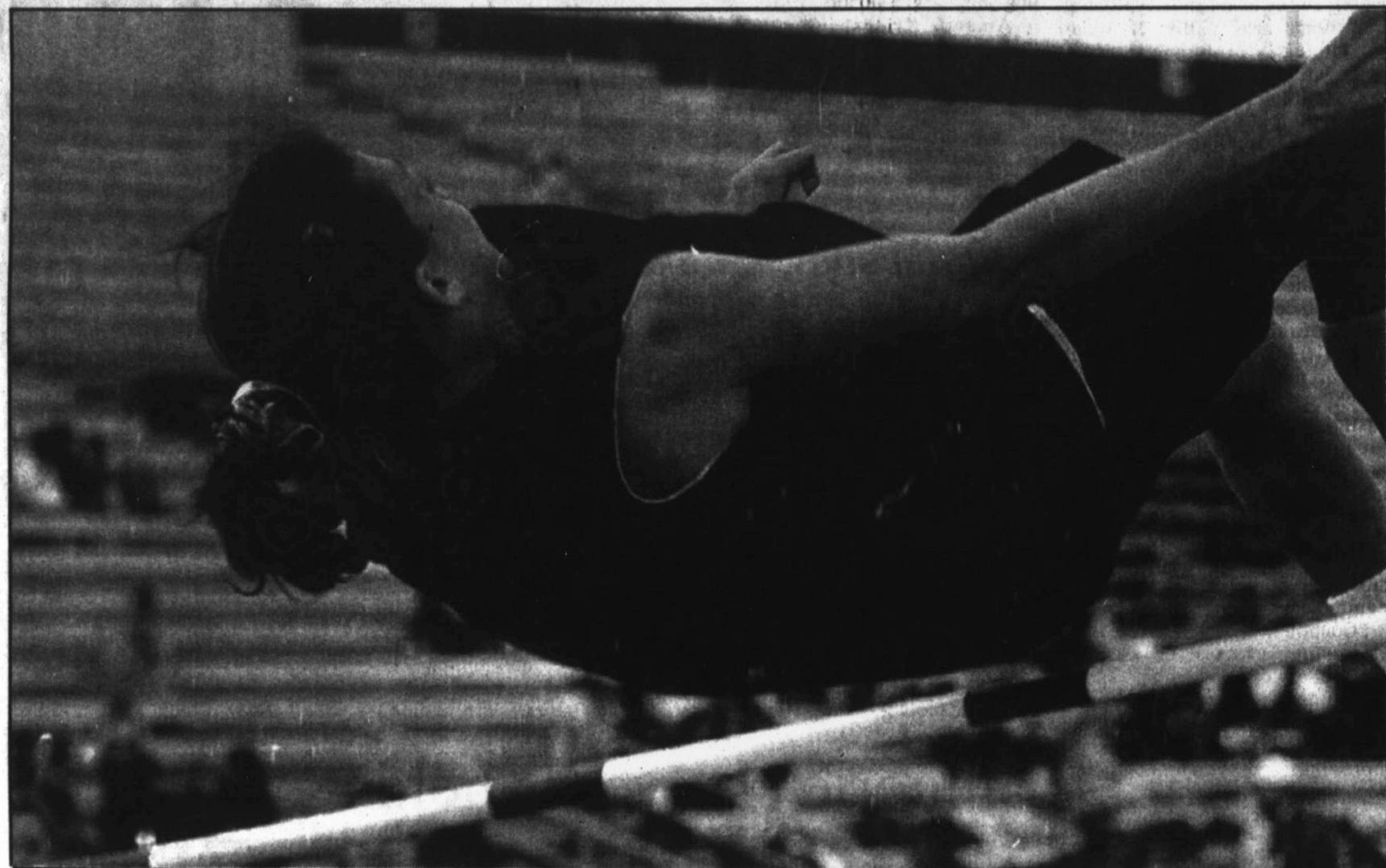
The Hereford varsity wasn't the only Whiteface team doing well, however. The HHS freshman and sophomore squad took fourth in the Friona Varsity Tournament Friday, finishing just four strokes off the lead with a final tally of 356.

Cal Wallace paced the Whitefaces with a round of 84. Kent Reinart and Steven Northern finished close behind with scores of 87 and 92, respectively.

"That was a good tournament for some of our younger players to get experience," Bixler said.

Brent Carlson and Mack Nielson chalked up rounds of 93 and 101.

The Whiteface varsity linksters will compete in the Amarillo Relays this weekend. The HS Lady Whitefaces, who had the week off, will play in Dumas this weekend in a non-district tournament.



Herd thinclads take 4th at West Texas Relays

By Tommy Wells
Managing Editor

ODESSA — The Hereford Whitefaces took a page from the United States Marine Corps. book this past weekend at the annual West Texas Relays.

You know. The Few, The Proud...

The Whitefaces placed in just five events at the meet, which drew over 50 schools from throughout the state, but managed to capture fourth place honors in the 4A Division of the West Texas Relays. The Whitefaces rolled up 56 points and finished behind only Lubbock Estacado, San Angelo Lake View and El Paso Burgess. Eastacado and Lake View tied for the overall team title with 111 points apiece.

Henry Hernandez highlighted the Whitefaces' day with a stellar effort in the 400-meter dash. Hernandez claimed the top spot in the event, covering the course in a time of 51.63 seconds.

Miguel Carillo and C.J. Kubacak posted medal-winning efforts at the meet. Carillo earned a silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with an elapsed time of 40.94. Kubacak claimed a bronze in the 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 15.87.

The Hereford 400- and 1600-meter relay squads carried the brunt of the Whitefaces' scoring power, however. The two relay squads racked up 24 of the team's total points by taking third in both races.

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Soaring to the top

The Hereford seventh and eighth grade Lady Whitefaces soared near the top of the final standings this past weekend in the Hereford Junior High Track Meet. The HJH thinclads each finished fourth in their respective divisions. Complete results of the meet will appear in Wednesday's edition of *The Brand*.

Hereford netters finish in tie for top spot in Fort Stockton Invitational

By Tommy Wells
Managing Editor

FORT STOCKTON - The Hereford Lady Whiteface breezed through the Fort Stockton Invitational Tennis Tournament like a tumbleweed through a empty field this past weekend. The Whiteface boys and girls combined to win six of the 18 events in the meet and never looked back. Hereford racked up 110 points in the meet and finished win a tie for top honors with Fort Stockton.

Fort Stockton also won six matches, including two doubles titles.

Rob Reinauer and Andrew Carr gave Hereford a dazzling effort to start the meet. Reinauer won the Boys' No. 1 singles title while Carr nailed down the No. 22 honors with relative ease.

Reinauer cruised to easy wins in his first two matches, dispatching Fort Stockton's Auden Velasquez in straight sets and Tornillo's Felipe Trevizo in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, and 6-1, 6-0, respectively.

From there, he claimed a 7-6 (7-0), 6-2 win over El Paso Austin's Gabe Galindo.

Carr posted a 6-1, 6-1 win over Alpine Adam Vandenhas in the first

round. From there, he hammered out an easy 6-0, 6-1 win over San Angelo Lake View's Max Guerrero to reach the finals, where he clipped El Paso Austin's Robert Guzman, 6-3, 6-4.

Brent Berend gave the Whitefaces a third-place finish in the No. 3 bracket. Following a 6-3, 6-2 loss in the second round to a El Paso Austin, Berend rebounded with a fury. He hammered out a 6-0, 6-0 win over El Paso Ysleta's Manny Zubia in the third place match.

The Whiteface netters were far from through, however. Carey

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Lyles and Nelson Beville also played well. Lyles took second in the No. 5 bracket, while Beville rebounded from a first-round loss in the No. 4 bracket to win the consolation honors.

Lyles suffered a 6-4, 6-1 loss to Fort Stockton's Javier Yanez in the finals of the No. 5 singles bracket.

Riley Hall also turned in a strong performance for the Whitefaces. He took third in the boys' No. 6 bracket.

Reinauer and Carr kept the Herds' impressive outing going in the boys' No. 1 doubles. They cruised through the first two rounds before finally settling for the runner-up honors with a loss to El Paso Austin.

Berend and Beville also won second in the No. 2 doubles bracket.

The Lady Whitefaces had a little more success in the meet. The Hereford girls won four brackets, including three singles honors.

Amanda Kriegshauser, Diana Detten and Brynne Bryant paced the Lady Whitefaces in singles action, winning the No. 4, 5 and 6 titles. Kriegshauser edged El Paso Austin's Tanya Lopez 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 for the No. 4 crown.

Detten and Bryant had little trouble in claiming the No. 5 and 6 titles, respectively. Detten breezed past Fort Stockton Juli Bello, 6-6, 6-1, while Bryant claimed a 6-2, 6-3 win over Lake View standout Jennifer Darby.

Duncan first repeat winner since Shaq

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Four players from last year's All-America basketball team were eligible to return to college this season. The only one who did find his way back to the first team.

Tim Duncan of Wake Forest was a unanimous selection Monday for the All-America team, becoming the first repeat choice since Shaquille O'Neal of LSU five years ago.

The 6-foot-10 senior center was named on all 68 ballots by the national media panel and received 340 points, four more than Keith Van Horn, who missed being a unanimous choice by two votes.

The other first-team selections were Ron Mercer of Kentucky, Raef LaFrentz of Kansas and Danny Fortson of Cincinnati.

Marcus Camby of Massachusetts, Allen Iverson of Georgetown and Ray Allen of Connecticut all declared for the NBA draft after making the All-America team as underclassmen last season. The other first-team member was senior Kerry Kittles of Villanova.

Duncan led the Demon Deacons to a 23-6 record

FORT STOCKTON INVITATIONAL MEET	
TEAM	SCORE
1. Hereford	110
1. Fort Stockton	110
3. EP Austin	.88
4. SA Lake View	.54
6. Lamesa	.28
6. EP Ysleta	.17
7. Tornillo	.16
8. Alpine	.8

Annie Hoffman almost joined the winner's list. She finished second in her bracket, falling in straight sets

to Fort Stockton's Camber Bowen. Holly Weishaar won consolation honors in her No. 1 bracket, beating back Tornillo's Claudia Aveytia, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, Hereford rode the talents of Tamara Diller and Bryant to the top spot in the No. 3 bracket. The Lady Whiteface tandem cranked out a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

Weishaar and Detten claimed third in the girls' No. 1 bracket. Kriegshauser and Hoffman also won third place honors in their bracket.



City Champions

The Stars captured the 1997 Hereford YMCA 13 & Under championship this past weekend by taking an exciting 13-11 win over the Rockets. Members of the Stars include (front row, left to right) Celeste Louder, Callie Hansard, Abby Horrell, Megan Stubbs, Melissa Stubbs, Juanita Davis, (back row) Coach Amy Tijerina, Adriana Porras, Isavel Ontiveros, Kali Gerber, Jordan Davison and Coach Alma Salinas.

Hodges, Hereford eighth graders take second at Borger Invitational

By Tommy Wells
Managing Editor

BORGER - Cody Hodges won both the long jump and the triple jump competitions this past weekend and helped lead the Hereford Junior High eighth grade Whitefaces to second overall in the Borger Junior High Track Meet.

The Whitefaces rolled up 151 points in the meet.

Hodges had little trouble in proving he was one of the top athletes at the meet. He claimed the first of his wins with a solid leap in the long jump - sailing 17-10. He posted a win in the triple jump with a leap of 17-6 1/2.

Hodges was far from through. He also won a silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles, and turned a strong leg, along with Kyle Artho, Joe Mendoza and Ramiro Zambrano, on the first-place winning 400-meter relay squad.

Hodges wasn't the only Whiteface to earn a medal at the meet, however. Artho won the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.86. HJH high jumper Tim Dudley earned a silver medal for his second place finish. Tony Escamillia took third in the

300 hurdles, while Jonathan Soto was third in the 110 hurdles.

The 800-meter relay squad of Artho, Valentine Sustaita, Escamillia and Zambrano won top honors in their race.

Rafael Flores and Zambrano also did well in the triple jump event. Flores, who also garnered a fourth place mark in the 400, captured fourth place accolades, while Zambrano took sixth.

Kris Hammerbeck, like Hodges, also had a solid outing in Borger. The HJH standout placed fourth in both the shot put and discus events. Trey Madrigal was fifth in the shot, while Valentine Diaz was fifth in the discus.

Jesse Edwards was sixth overall in the pole vault, while Javier Alonzo placed sixth in both the 110 hurdles and 400.

The Whiteface seventh grade was just as impressive, taking third in the overall team standings. Hereford won three events in the meet, including the discus, pole vault and 110-meter hurdles.

Luis Carrizalez and Jerome Miller had great days for the Herd. Carrizalez won the discus competi-

tion, and then came back to pick up a bronze medal in the shot put. Miller won the 110-meter hurdles, took fourth in the triple jump, took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles, tied for fifth in the high jump and then turned in a solid leg on the HJH 1,600-meter relay squad that finished second.

Joining Miller on the 1,600-meter squad were Geoffrey Marquez, Juan Ayala and Will McGowan.

Kriegshauser and Marquez also finished in a fifth place tie with Miller in the high jump.

Carlos Perez added his name to the Whitefaces' gold medal list in the pole vault.

The Hereford 400-meter squad, which consisted of Perez, Marquez, Francisco Hernandez and Ayala, took fourth in their race, while the 800-meter foursome of Josh Coronado, Perez, Marquez and Hernandez also placed fourth.

Chris Sheppard was fifth in the 1,600-meter run, and Ayala placed sixth in the long jump.

The Hereford Junior High School Whitefaces will take to the cinder again this weekend at the Springlake Meet.

Army become member of Conference USA

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) - More than a century after it began playing football as an independent, Army has broken with tradition and joined a conference.

The Black Knights will begin playing in Conference USA in 1998, giving the league eight teams. Conference members include

Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville, Memphis, Southern Mississippi and Tulane, with East Carolina to begin play this fall. Alabama-Birmingham will join in 1999.

"This is an exciting day," Army coach Bob Sutton said Monday. "From a football aspect, we recognize that it will be a great challenge

for us. We've played East Carolina before, we've played Louisville before, so we know the competition that we will be involved in. The challenge for us is to be able to do that week after week."

Kids Inc to hold final registration March 18

Kids Inc. will be holding its third registration session from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center On March 18. The league, which expects to field approximately 60 teams again this season, will be fielding teams for both boys and girls.

Boys, ages 5-15, are eligible to play this summer, while girls, ages 5-16, can participate in the league's softball program.

Persons who would like to regis-

ter Saturday for the league should bring with them a copy of their birth certificate. There is a \$35 registration fee for the youth leagues, and a \$45 sign-up fee for the Babe Ruth program. There will be a \$10 late registration fee for all persons who sign-up after 9 p.m. March 18.

Anyone having any questions concerning the Kids Inc. program should contact Steve Bigham at 364-3545 after 5 p.m.

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Health care early in pregnancy is vital for healthy baby, mother

Prenatal care is absolutely essential for a healthy newborn and healthy mother, according to Nancy Griego, RN, BSN, administrative manager of the Hereford Women and Children's Health Clinic, a service of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

"What is more wonderful than a happy, healthy newborn?" Griego said. "Every mother wants that for her child, but not every mother understands the importance of getting care as early as possible in the pregnancy."

In fact, Griego recommends that prenatal care should really begin before the couple decides to have children.

"We provide family planning by helping the prospective parents look at their situation realistically; such as their financial status, living arrangements and even their personal educational goals. We want parents to decide if they are really ready to have children and if they can afford the expenses associated with having a child," Griego added.

"We also give very practical advice, like, helping decide what type of contraceptive method is best for the couple. It's also important for them to know a method should be discontinued before a pregnancy, for example."

Planning and talking about a pregnancy is important. When a

woman first thinks she is pregnant, she needs to seek medical care then, according to the Women's Nurse Practitioner at the Clinic, Carolyn Jansa, RN, WNP.

"We sit down with the patient, gather appropriate background information and then perform a pregnancy test. Then we'll set up an appointment with the 'parents-to-be' to obtain the patient's and the patient's family health history. We encourage the fathers to be part of ever visit, if possible, because their involvement is an important part of the parenting process," Jansa said.

Jansa also explained that it is important for the woman to have a complete physical if she is pregnant. "We want to screen for diseases that might cause problems in the pregnancy, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, even cancer," she said. "We'll then draw blood samples for the state-required laboratory work, screening for HIV, STDs, Hepatitis 'B', etc."

During the woman's pregnancy, the Clinic provides education about nutrition, exercise, risks, dangerous drugs, alcohol and drug use. "We also provide information about child birth classes, help them set up a financial program payment plan for the clinic and hospital, and explain clinic procedures," Griego added. "The

danger of no prenatal care is that the woman doesn't know when to take appropriate action for the unborn child's health. We'll help the mother-to-be decide about the amount of rest they will need, their diet, and the amount of exercise, etc., that is necessary."

"There's a big difference between a woman and a pregnant woman," Jansa said. "We want to help women understand all the things they need to do to stay healthy during pregnancy."

During the pregnancy and even after the child is born, parents have several sources in the community to learn about parenting skills. "Hereford Regional Medical Center and the school system offer parenting classes that I think are very important for new parents," Griego said. The mother-to-be is also assigned a professional social worker/case manager, if needed, to provide on-going home care of social services.

"Our role here at the Hereford Women and Children's Health Clinic is to help the mother deliver a healthy baby. After the baby is born, then we can assist with well-baby checkups, immunizations and important screenings," Griego concluded.

For more information about prenatal care and other services at Hereford Women and Children's Clinic, call 364-2401.



Shower honors couple

Shambryn Wilson and Matthew Huie plan to be married June 14. They were honored with a shower Saturday in the home of Brenda Campbell. Pictured are, from left, Bobbie Wilson and Betty Phipps, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Shirley Wilson, mother of the bride-elect; the bride-elect and prospective bridegroom; and Janice Huie, mother of the prospective groom.

Campbell home is site of shower

A bridal shower honoring Shambryn Wilson, bride-elect of Matthew Huie, was held Saturday morning in the home of Brenda Campbell.

Miss Wilson and Huie greeted guests along with Shirley Wilson, mother of the bride-elect; Janice Huie, mother of the prospective bridegroom; and the hostess Campbell.

Guests were served refreshments of fresh fruit, cheese blintzes, lemon bars, fruit breads, sausage balls,

bacon crisps, punch and coffee by Karen Wilson and Heather Wilson, sister-in-law of the bride; Kinann Campbell and Sharon Guy.

The refreshment table was covered with an ivory antique lace tablecloth. The centerpiece was a spring bouquet of fresh flowers in a crystal vase and appointments were of silver and crystal.

A queen-size comforter was the gift from hostesses Eileen Alley, Cheryl Betzen, Treva Blair, Brenda Campbell, Linda Daniel, Christine

Evans, Dolores Foster, Carolyn Fry, Sherry Harder, Pete Hodges, Terri Johnson, Leota Kelso, Renee Kuper, Jo Lee, Evelyn Lyles, Janie Matthews, Micah Noland, Dorothy Ott, Barbara Rule, Blanch Sanchez, Sandra Saul, Cindy Sublett, Denise Teel, Betty Wilcox and Judy Williams.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I was married last Valentine's Day. I am 26, and "Curtis" is 28. I have no children of my own, but Curtis has an 8-year-old son. I consider myself a good person, loving and warm, and I have always loved children -- until now. Frankly, I don't know what to make of it.

I'm ashamed to say I hate this little boy. I've tried very hard to overcome these hostile feelings. I have prayed. I have told myself night after night that it is not the child's fault. His natural mother ran off with another man when the boy was 7 months old, and no one's heard from her since.

The boy hasn't done anything wrong, but even so, I can't stand the sight of him. I get furious just thinking of how many years I'm going to have him around now that I have married his father. I am angry at myself for feeling this way, Ann, but I can't help it. I have tried to tell myself that my marriage will be better if I open up my heart to the child and that I will be a better person

for it, but nothing works.

Please tell me what to do about this dilemma. I don't know how to change the way I feel, and I would be horrified if anyone ever found out. Can you help me? -- Desperate in California

Dear California: I admire your willingness to admit your true feelings about this child. If you understood why you hate the boy, your hostility would be greatly reduced. Perhaps I can help you see things more clearly.

You are, in a strange way, competing with the youngster for Curtis' love. Also, the boy represents a time in Curtis' life that you were not a part of, and it bothers you.

I urge you to get counseling at once. Unless you resolve the conflicts in your feelings and get rid of the hostility toward that innocent child, your marriage to Curtis is doomed.

Dear Ann Landers: Today, I received a letter from the U.S.

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Garden tips were given by Dorothy Noland about noxious weeds. These needed to be sprayed in February. Also pruning should be done before spring.

Helen Spinks, program chairman, introduced Audine Dettman, who

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Dettman related how Cosby rose from the slums of New York to the success he has had in night clubs, movies and television.

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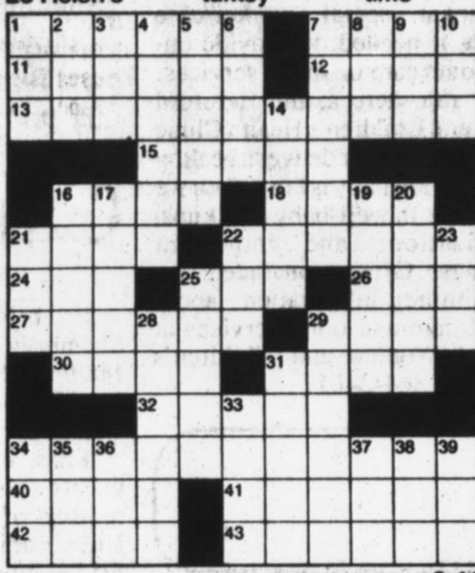
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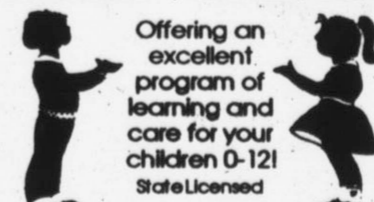
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Illinois governor declares part of state's border disaster area

GRANDVIEW, Ind. (AP) - Leaning against his pickup, Scott Basham stepped into chest-high waters to walk across a flooded street to what was left of his home.

The year-old trailer was destroyed as Basham tried to move it to higher ground when the Ohio River swept into town last week. He hoped to find a pair of pliers in the wreckage, where he had earlier put a sign that read "SS Minnow" in a joking reference to TV's "Gilligan's Island."

"It's a wreck," Basham said Monday. By today, the dangerous crest of the river had moved past Evansville, well protected by its 25-mile levee, and into the rural areas of western Kentucky and southern Illinois, where residents prepared for the worst.

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar declared his state's southern border a disaster area, and sandbagging was under way from Old Shawneetown to Cairo, near the confluence of the Ohio and the Mississippi River. In between, families abandoned their homes in Metropolis as rising water swamped sandbag barriers in advance of a crest not expected until Friday.

Upriver, flood-ravaged towns and hamlets along more than 200 miles of the Ohio from Owensboro, Ky., to Cincinnati began to take a close, painful look at the damage. Tornadoes and floodwaters have killed 59 people in the region since March 1,

and two men were missing after their canoe capsized near Owensboro.

While workers dismantled flood gates in Louisville, residents of hard-hit Falmouth, Ky., piled their ruined belongings in heaps along city streets. The 83-year-old mayor, Max Goldberg, was 30 miles away in a hospital after heart problems he blamed on seeing the Licking River swamp his town, killing five.

"I hadn't cried in 50 years, but I had to when I went down through there," Goldberg said.

In Grandview, some of the 190 people who fled the surging Ohio returned for the first time to look at their ruined homes.

Volunteers used boats to ferry anxious residents down flooded streets, driving slowly to avoid shattering the windows of swamped houses and trailers with their wakes. No one was allowed to move back in.

The town's new riverfront playground was swamped by 12 feet of murky water, its red-roofed park shelter barely visible in the depths.

Jeff Grose brought his 4-year-old son to look at their century-old home. Justin's bedroom, decorated with animals and clowns, held nearly 2 feet of water.

"He was kind of sad," Grose said. "He said, 'Daddy, just open the doors and windows and get that water out of there.'"

Farther downriver, where the Ohio is expected to rise at least a foot on

Thursday, sandbagging continued around the clock at the earth levee protecting the western Kentucky town of Smithland.

Water has seeped through the packed mud and sandbags in increasingly powerful streams since Friday.

Hog farm creates hot topic in small Illinois community

RANKIN, Ill. (AP) - The way Tom Theesfeld sees it, planning a large-scale hog farm down the road from his place without telling anyone just wasn't the neighborly thing to do.

up, we wouldn't have a problem," says Theesfeld, a seed corn salesman. "But who do I call at the mega hog farm to ask them to keep it from stinking?"

Theesfeld says he first found out about the \$3 million, 3,200-sow project in January from the driver of a bulldozer he spotted moving dirt in a cornfield near his rural home.

Hog farms are a hot topic in several states as "mega" farms - those with thousands of sows producing tens of thousands of piglets - are becoming more common. In 1994, for example, nearly two-thirds of the nation's hogs were produced by the 9.1 percent of hog farms with more than 2,000 animals, according to the National Pork Producers Council.

"Around here, good neighbors don't do things like that," Theesfeld says.

Months later, Theesfeld says, he still has problems getting straight answers from the project's developer: Heartland Pork Enterprises Inc. of Alden, Iowa, the nation's 11th-largest hog producer. The project is going forward despite opposition from officials ranging from the Butler Township Board to Republican state Rep. Bill Black.

Critics of the large hog farms, including many who live near them, say they produce an intolerable stench and can pollute streams and underground water supplies. A burst pipe at Heartland Pork's 14,000-hog farm in Edgar County, Ill., last year spilled 25,000 gallons of hog waste, killing more than 3,200 fish along a 5.5-mile stretch of a nearby creek, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

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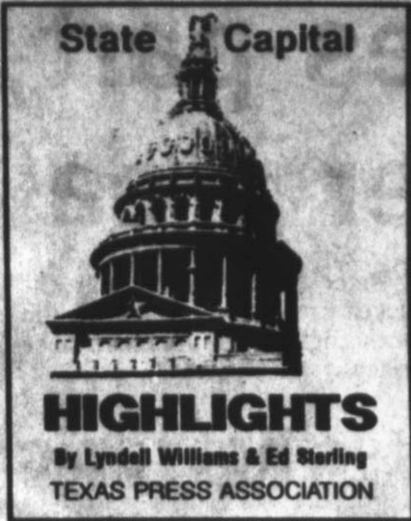
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Aug	71.75	71.50	71.25	Jul	204	204	204
Sep	72.75	72.50	72.25	Aug	204	204	204
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Dec	38.25	38.00	37.75	Nov	31.00	31.00	31.00
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AUSTIN — In looking at ways to answer the governor's call for property tax relief, the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding last week asked the Texas comptroller's office for a list of organizations and businesses exempted from the state's franchise tax.

Comptroller John Sharp's office reports those exemptions cost the state \$700 million a year. Among those entities presently exempted are hundreds of country clubs, yacht clubs and raquet clubs, and certain:

- Lobbying groups and state associations;
- Civic groups;
- Homeowner groups; and
- Religious organizations.

Committee member Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, said it's time to look at sacred cows: "...The public needs to realize that if we are going to tackle this major reform that the governor has put on the table, any and all funds are fair game."

At a later meeting, the panel concluded that it could raise about \$5 billion a year by taxing items now exempt from the sales and franchise taxes, including utilities, school lunches, manufacturing equipment, aviation fuel and advertising.

Only food, drugs and a few other goods would be exempt from sales taxes. Also taxed would be services provided by physicians,

attorneys, accountants, real estate brokers, barber and beauty services and freight hauling.

Committee chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, said the committee was attempting to determine how much money would be raised if lawmakers chose to eliminate various exemptions. He said that the panel would make a decision later on which exemptions, if any, would be retained.

Insurance Rates on Internet
The Texas Department of Insurance announced a new service last week: an on-line guide that makes it easier to comparison-shop for auto and home rates.

It can be found on Internet home page <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>. Many public libraries provide free Internet access. And, printed rate guides that will be ready later this month, can be ordered by calling 1-800-599-SHOP.

"Texans should shop as carefully for home and auto insurance as they do for any big-ticket item because rates can vary widely from one company to another," said Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer.

For example, for a Dallas driver, the premiums listed in the guide for minimum liability coverage required by law range from as little as \$291 a year to as much as \$1,932.

"The examples may not fit your home or auto exactly," Bomer said, "but they can provide a useful way to compare the range of premiums offered by different companies."

Senate Reconfirms Bomer

The Texas Senate voted 30-0 to confirm Insurance Commissioner Bomer for a second two-year term.

On Feb. 11, Gov. George W. Bush announced Bomer's reappointment to a term expiring Feb. 1, 1999.

Bomer, a 61-year-old Democrat, served four two-year terms in the Texas House of Representatives, from 1981 to 1985. Last year, Bush appointed him chairman of the Governor's Citizens Committee

on Property Tax Reform.

Child Support Overhaul Sought
Rep. Leticia Van de Putte last week filed a bill that would create a new state commission to oversee child support, stripping the responsibility from the attorney general's office.

The commission would do a better job of collecting billions of dollars in unpaid child support, said Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

"If we didn't feel we were absolutely forced against the wall, we wouldn't be doing it," she said.

But Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, told *The Dallas Morning News* Van de Putte's bill is at best uninformed and at worst, politically motivated.

The bill has 28 sponsors: 11 Democrats and 17 Republicans.

Panel Eyes Affirmative Action

An informal, nine-member Senate committee is trying to come up with a plan that would reduce the importance of race, gender and ethnicity in state contracting and hiring programs.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, a committee member, said the group wants a race-neutral plan that makes programs available to persons "who are disadvantaged."

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, the committee is considering two bills to change affirmative action policies for state agencies and higher education institutions. One would govern contracting programs and the other would direct hiring and promotions.

Committee member Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said the current affirmative action program allows companies to bend the rules or gives preferential treatment to businesses that don't need a helping hand.

"It included all African Americans ... and all women," Wentworth told the *American Statesman*.

"If you were a woman worth \$10 million, by law you were socially disadvantaged, and therefore qualify for affirmative action contracting programs."



Adjusting the valves

Tyler Keeling, an eighth-grader at Nazarene Christian Academy, works on his science fair project. Keeling's project was on hydroponics, the process of growing plants without soil. The students' projects were judged in the school gym on Monday.

HUD program raises maximum income guidelines for counties

A program that has been helping first-time home buyers save about 35 percent or about \$100 a month on their home mortgage interest payment, has raised its maximum income guidelines.

Newly applied federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) median income guidelines have increased for a number of Panhandle counties and cities who participate in the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation (PRHFC) Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program.

"These new HUD guidelines will allow a greater number of Panhandle residents to participate in the program," said Gary Beddingfield, president of PRHFC. For example, in most counties the maximum income for an individual or family of two has increased to \$41,600. Higher rates apply in larger families.

However, he cautioned the program will end Dec. 31, 1997. "Anyone who wants to take advantage of this money-saving program should see a Realtor or a participating lender immediately to begin the home buying process," Beddingfield added.

He explained that the MCC program gives qualified first-time home buyers the opportunity to get a 35 percent dollar-for-dollar income tax credit on the interest of their mortgage loan for the life of the loan.

The program is available in the cities of Booker, Darrrouzett, Follett

and Perryton, and in the counties of Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler.

The current program provides for the income tax credit as along as the purchaser resides in his/her home and makes the loan payment. In order to be eligible for an MCC, home buyers may not have owned a home within the past three years.

Normal interest deductions apply for interest above the credit. The income limit for a one or two-person family is \$41,600. For a family of three or more, it is \$47,840. Income limits are slightly higher in Carson and Hemphill counties.

The maximum purchase price for an existing home in all counties is \$59,877, and for a newly constructed home it is \$94,716.

A mortgage interest deduction differs from a mortgage tax credit in

a number of ways. For example, all home buyers - regardless of income - may take a mortgage interest deduction, whereas mortgage tax credits are available only to holders of MCC's.

The dollar value of a mortgage interest deduction depends on the home buyer's tax bracket. For example, if the home buyer is in the 15 percent tax bracket, he/she will save 15 cents in taxes for each dollar of mortgage interest paid. With the MCC, the saving will be \$1 for each dollar of credit received.

The MCC is issued by the PRHFC through local participating lenders. In Hereford, lenders are FirstBank Southwest and Guadalupe Economic Service Corp. A free informational brochure lists all the lenders in the Panhandle, and its available by calling 806-356-3456. Interested individuals should ask a Realtor or a participating lender about the program.



"Old Faithful" of Yellowstone Park is probably the world's most famous geyser. It's called Old Faithful because it erupts for 4 minutes once in every 65 minutes and has not missed an eruption in 80 years.

Census Bureau to conduct survey

The nation's basic date on employment, unemployment, and characteristics of the labor force will be collected the week of March 16, when employees from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau will be in the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

Data from the CPS will include additional questions on income,

poverty, noncash benefits, health insurance coverage, migration and work experience. Data are kept strictly confidential.

Information collected in the March survey is used by government officials and policymakers to chart the effectiveness of government assistance programs, determine trends in migration patterns for planning

location of schools and transportation systems, and gauge the economic well-being of the country.

Local households selected for the survey will receive a letter from Martha Farnsworth Riche, director of the Census Bureau, informing them of the survey. Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card.

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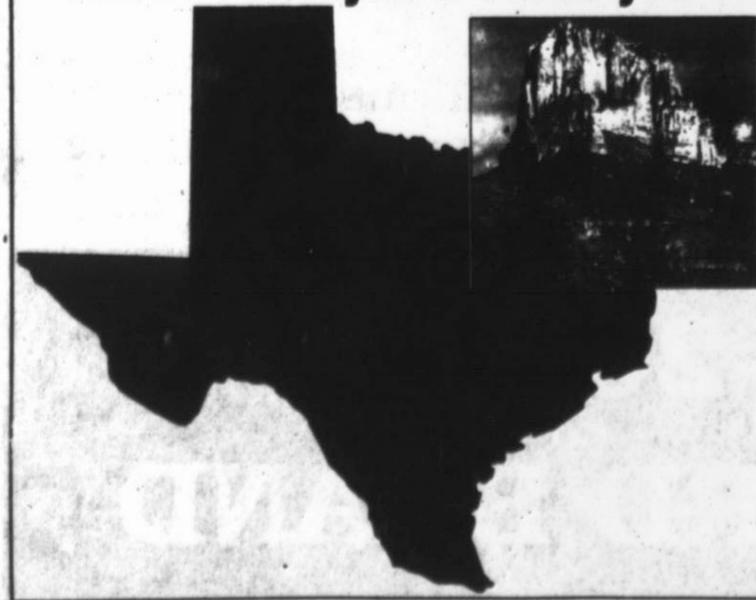
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