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Tax filing deadline is today

WASHINGTON (AP) - The day many dread, today's tax filing deadline, is serving as a convenient backdrop for politicians of all stripes to step forward with plans to overhaul the nation's tax system.

Republicans in Congress have geared up for a week's worth of events making a case for dramatic tax reform and focusing on allegations of mismanagement and computer problems at the Internal Revenue Service.

The House is scheduled to vote on measures today to make it a criminal offense for IRS workers to casually browse through taxpayer files and to amend the Constitution to require a two-thirds vote of Congress to raise taxes.

Analysts don't expect the constitutional amendment to gather the two-thirds vote needed for passage, while the anti-browsing bill is expected to zip through the House, especially since the IRS asked for it in the first place.

But tax day is as much about symbolism as substance, which explains why tax reform groups plan to gather in Lafayette Park across from the White House in a "Taxpayer Day of Outrage Rally" and Congress' GOP leadership will appear at numerous tax-related events.

"I am convinced that if most members of Congress did their own taxes, we would have had tax reform long ago," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

It's the annual midnight tax return run.

The United States Post Office in Hereford will hold its regular operating hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To receive an April 15 postmark, taxpayers must drop their returns in the Hereford postmark slot inside the post office by midnight.

Post offices in nearly every major city will extend hours or offer late mail pickups tonight.

City will test tornado sirens

The City of Hereford will be testing its tornado sirens Wednesday morning, according to Hereford Police Department.

The test of the sirens is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, weather permitting. If the weather is cloudy and overcast, the sirens will not be sounded.



Helping make Hereford more beautiful

The Junior Girl Scout Troop #239 has been working on designs to beautify Main Street in Hereford. The troop presented a monetary donation to the Hereford Beautification Alliance to assist their community project. Here, Cassandra Pesina, Kathryn Spain, Blayre Hatley and Bianca Riley draw their designs.



Candidates Forum: 15 hopefuls quizzed about city, school, hospital board races

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

The sixth annual Candidates' Forum, conducted Sunday afternoon in the HISD Administration building, drew 15 candidates who will be on the May 3 ballots for election to positions on the city commission, school board or hospital board.

Approximately 50 people turned out for the meet-the-candidates event which is co-sponsored by the

Hereford Educators Association and Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. It started at 2:30 p.m. and was completed shortly before 5 p.m.

The candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell why they were running for election in opening and closing statements, and a prepared list of questions was posed to the candidates by HEA members Deidra Drake and Carolyn Waters.

Wes Fisher, chairman of the chamber's legislative committee, welcomed citizens to the forum and introduced Drake and Waters.

With 18 candidates on the ballots for the three local elections, only three were absent from the forum - one in each election. The event was conducted smoothly and drew plenty of comments from the candidates, as the program lasted almost an hour past the scheduled 4 p.m. ending.

City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County Hospital District candidates were presented in the first session, and eight HISD board candidates followed in the second part of the forum.

Following is a breakdown of comments and views presented by candidates, as well as some personal information gleaned from opening statements and election applications:

City of Hereford

Mayor Bob Josserrand and Tom Coneway, Place 3 commission candidate, are unopposed in the city election. Maria Carrillo is a candidate for the Place 1 position. Incumbent Sylvana Juarez was not present.

"When I ran four years ago, one of my goals was for the city to regain that hustlin' attitude that we had for so many years," Josserrand said in his opening statement. "I am proud of the cooperation shown by the various taxing entities, and I believe we're starting to get back that hustlin' Hereford attitude."

In response to a question about top accomplishments in the city during his tenure, Josserrand mentioned water development plans, progress made on the economic development program, development of city infrastructure, and progress made on quality of life for city residents. The cooperative between the city, school, county and hospital district has helped make Hereford a better place, said the mayor.

Maria Carrillo is a native of Hereford. She and her husband, Raymond - who is employed with HISD - have four children. This is her first time to seek political office.

"After living here for 31 years and with all my children now in school, I decided it was time I tried to do something for my community," said Mrs. Carrillo.

Coneway, a water well surveyor and farmer, is a 1974 graduate of Hereford High and a graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife, the former Betty Banks, have three children in school here. He is active in First United Methodist Church. "My parents live here and my grandparents are buried here," said Coneway.

Why did you run for office?

Carrillo: "I keep hearing young people say nothing is happening here and I don't think that is correct. The city is growing and I would like to see young people return to the community and help the town develop."

Coneway: "I have no axe to grind. Scott Hall decided not to seek reelection and I heard someone say that each citizen should see what they can do to make this a better place."

What challenges do you see?

Carrillo: "I am very nervous about serving on the commission, but I am willing to learn. Being new will be a big challenge."

Coneway: "I think the first challenge is to work with other commissioners ... I am partial to water development and the golf course. I grew up on the course here." He said the city golf course is important to recreation and in landing new industry.

Do you think it is important for the city to work with other taxing entities?

Carrillo: "I believe it is very important to work with the other governmental units ... the Aquatic Center serves as a good example. We should just be careful not to step on each other's toes."

Coneway: "I think the governmental units can help each other." For example, he said the high school auditorium needs remodeling. "I think we all need to work on economic development."

Hospital Board

Peggie Fox has been a local resident for 45 years. She and her husband, Fred, have been married 43 years and have three children. Fred is chief officer of the appraisal district. They attend the Central Church of Christ where she is a former secretary. She was employed in local law offices for many years, worked at Hereford Regional Medical Center for seven years, and now is employed with Hereford Home Health Care. She is a charter member of Pilot Club and has been active in the Women's Division of the Chamber.

Bryan Hedrick is a local teacher in the public schools and has worked for governmental entities most of his life. He is active in the Crimestopper organization.

Chris Leonard is a CPA with McGinty & Associates and has lived here 11 years. He and his wife have two children.

Mal Manchee has served six years on the board and is the current president. He has lived here since 1968 and was a teacher and HISD administrator. He retired from public school and went to work for Nazarene Christian Academy.

The hospital race is an at-large election for three places. Manchee is the only incumbent. The top three in the balloting will be elected. Chip Guseman, the fifth candidate, was not present.

Why are you running?

Fox: She said she is familiar with the hospital programs and would like to work to improve some. "I think we need to plan our work and work our

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District VI School candidates

Five candidates will vie for the vacated District VI seat on the Hereford School Board. The race was declared open to anyone in HISD when no one filed by a specific date. Pictured during the Candidate Forum Sunday are R.L. Johnson and Dori Wimberly of Dawn (top); and (below) Norman Smith, Lloyd Ames and Linda Minchew.



'Goldilocks economy' lives on, ignites Wall Street rally

WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer prices, helped by a record decline in natural gas costs, edged up a tiny 0.1 percent last month despite the biggest increase in a year in airline ticket fares. The report ignited a rally on Wall Street.

The scant rise in the Consumer Price Index was substantially below the 0.3 percent advance in February and even better than economists predicted.

The Dow Jones industrial average,

which had plunged 148 points Friday following a worrisome report on wholesale prices, was up 72 points in the first half-hour of trading today. That increase followed a 60 point rise Monday that reflected surprisingly strong earnings reports for a number of companies.

Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds tumbled to 7.09 percent this morning from 7.17 percent late Monday that had been the highest level since July. The yield moves in the opposite

direction of a bond's price.

"The Goldilocks economy lives. This continues to be the best of all possible worlds," said Robert Dederick, economist at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "Despite tight labor markets, inflation is refusing to emerge."

Even with today's good news, the market is likely to remain edgy as investors fret about what the Federal Reserve will do at its next meeting on May 20. At the March 25 meeting, the central bank nudged a key interest rate up by a quarter percentage point, the first increase in rates in more than two years.

Many analysts say the economic expansion now in its seventh year - third longest in history - is too rapid and the resulting wage and price pressures will trigger higher inflation unless the Fed dampens demand by increasing borrowing costs.

Fed critics, who attacked the March rate increase as premature because there are no signs of inflation, were certain to point to today's report to bolster their argument.

In a second report today, the Commerce Department said that business inventories were up 0.3 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted \$1.02 trillion following a revised 0.4 percent January increase.

Analysts said the increases in unsold goods were not worrisome because they were still being outpaced by rapid increases in sales. Total business sales were up a strong 1.4 percent in February.

For the first three months of this year, consumer prices were rising at an annual rate of just 1.8 percent, far below the 3.3 percent increase for all of 1996. The improvement reflected moderation in both food and energy costs, which had been adding to price pressures most of last year.

In March, the cost of gasoline, home heating oil and natural gas all declined. The 4.2 percent drop in natural gas prices was the biggest one-month decline since the government began keeping records in 1952.



City commission candidates

Tom Coneway and Maria Carrillo spoke as city commission candidates at the Candidates Forum Sunday afternoon. Coneway is unopposed for Place 3, while Mrs. Carrillo faces incumbent Sylvana Juarez for the Place 1 position.

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Local Roundup

Spring book fair opens

The Northwest Primary School will hold its Spring Book Fair from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. April 14-18 in the media center. On Tuesday, the book fair will have extended hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Discounted books will be available at the book fair, which is open to the public.

Cloudy, high in 60s Wednesday

Hereford had a high of 71 degrees Monday and a low of 39 this morning, reports KPAN. The Weather Bureau calls for partly cloudy skies tonight with a low in the middle 30s. Northeast wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the middle 60s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph, becoming south in the afternoon. Thursday through Saturday, dry with lows in the upper 30s to middle 40s. Highs 70 to 75.

Obituaries

JESUS MARTINEZ ROMO

April 12, 1997

Jesus Martinez Romo, 82, of Mercy Catholic Church, Wellington, died Saturday in Hereford. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Elsa Nickell, in 1969, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jesse Romo of Amarillo, Daniel Romo of Wellington, and Raymond Romo of Hereford; four daughters, Susie Wheat of Dallas, Elena Cardenas and Alice Cocanauger, both of Hereford, Mary Thomas of Wellington; 11 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Romo was born in Mexico. He married Mary Rose in 1941 at Kyle. They moved to Wellington in 1949 from Kyle. He farmed for Raymond Ward for 22 years. He had worked for the Farmers Co-op Gin for 30 years. He was a member of Our Mother of

VERA BYRNES HIGGINS

April 12, 1997

Vera Byrnes Higgins, 85, of Littleton, Colo., formerly of Hereford, died Saturday. She married George T. Higgins in 1951 in Clayton, N.M. They moved to Colorado, where they were involved in ranching. They moved to Oregon in 1958, where they were involved in ranching. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988. She then moved to Littleton, Colo. She was a homemaker and a member of Powell Butte Christian Church. Survivors include her brother-in-law, A.D. Higgins of Hereford, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in West Park Cemetery with Dr. Tom Fuller officiating. Arrangements are by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford. Mrs. Higgins was born in Paris, Texas. She attended school in Tulia. She then attended business college in Plainview. She worked with her father in the grain elevator business in Dimmitt. She also worked as a loan officer for

News Digest

HUNTSVILLE - Almost 22 years after a disabled 62-year-old Houston woman was fatally beaten with a frying pan, the man convicted of killing her was put to death. Billy Joe Woods, 50, who was sixth in seniority among the state's 456 condemned inmates, received lethal injection Monday evening.

DALLAS - Auditors have uncovered millions of dollars in overtime fraud in the Dallas Independent School District, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

AUSTIN - Not satisfied with simply moving the "welfare poor" up one level to the "working poor," groups representing needy Texans rallied at the Capitol. "Next year I hope to pay taxes instead of receiving (welfare) benefits," said Stacy Peoples, a 27-year-old mother of three.

LUBBOCK - While the Texas Supreme Court wrestles with the constitutionality of the state's boll weevil eradication program, the litigation might jeopardize another campaign that's been around 33 years.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 800 block of Irving Street.
- Criminal trespass warning issued in the 400 block of Avenue F.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.
- Possession of controlled substances investigated in the 400 block of Mable Street.
- Contributing to the delinquency of minors filed against 46-year-old woman.
- Assault reported in the 300 block of South Texas Street.
- Assault reported in the 900 block of 16th Street.
- 24-year-old male arrested for assault in the 500 block of Whittier Street.
- 21-year-old male arrested for traffic charges.
- Twelve traffic citations issued.
- One motor vehicle accident without injuries reported.
- 17-year-old male arrested for theft in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Burglary of a habitation reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.
- Assault reported in the 100 block of Pine Street.
- Assault reported in 600 block of Irving Street.
- Fourteen citations issued.
- 20-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 600 block of North Miles Street.
- 22-year-old male arrested for

public intoxication in the 600 block of North Miles Avenue.

- Burglary reported in the 100 block of Pine Street.
- Animal bite reported in the 100 block of Aspen Street.
- Burglary of a vehicle reported in the 600 block of McKinley Street.
- Criminal attempt burglary reported in the 100 block of North Main Street.
- False report to peace officer reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- Possible criminal mischief reported in the 700 block of Grand Avenue.
- Eight citations issued.
- One accident with possible injuries reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- No calls.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 23-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 19-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 23-year-old arrested for alias capias.
- 35-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 57-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 28-year-old male arrested for theft by check.
- 17-year-old female arrested for non-compliance to compulsory school attendance.
- Theft of livestock reported.

House panel reduces targeted cut on school property taxes

AUSTIN (AP) - A House committee trying to lower local school property taxes has reduced its targeted cut by \$500 million a year but has proposed a plan to help schools pay off their current debt.

The new plan could be voted on by the committee as early as this afternoon.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding had been expected to vote soon on a proposal to lower local school property taxes by about \$3 billion a year. That did not include help paying off current debt on school buildings.

The new proposal would lower those taxes by about \$2.5 billion a year and includes a state promise to dedicate about \$300 million over the next two years to help pay off current debt.

The committee is considering a plan to replace local school property taxes by expanding the state business tax, increasing some other taxes and adding to the list of goods and services subject to the state sales tax.

That list of goods and services was changed Monday after hearings last week in which Texans told the committee why they opposed some of the proposals, including sales taxes

on taxi rides, commercial leases and haircuts.

All those services, and some others, no longer are being considered for sales taxes or higher taxes. New items being considered are increases on parimutuel racing fees and annual fees on automated teller machines and coin-operated machines like car washes.

Rep. Paul Sadler, committee chairman said the list was changed after considering public testimony that some proposals would hurt the economy. He said lobbyists had little to do with the changes.

"The testimony was very good.

These final changes have been carefully thought out," said Sadler, D-Hereford.

The new plan also would guarantee state funding to help pay off debt for current schools and would give some money to help pay for new schools.

"This is where the Supreme Court said we were lacking," Sadler said, referring to three school funding plans ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court before the current plan was adopted in 1993.

The current funding system includes the so-called Robin Hood funding formula in which 91 school districts with an abundance of taxable property have to share their income with districts low on taxable property.

That system would be replaced with a state tax on business property, rather than local school taxes on business property.

The latest changes would lower the cap on local residential taxes for school operation and maintenance to 70 cents from the current \$1.50 cap.

The cap on business property would fall to \$1.05 from \$1.50.

The cap on local taxes for school buildings and debt would remain at 50 cents per \$100.

Schools would get up to \$53 per student from the state for each penny in their tax rate, compared with \$21 per student per penny. A tax rate of 70 cents would draw \$3,710 per student, compared with the current \$3,150 for the \$1.50 cap.

Local voters could approve an additional 10 cents in taxes for extra programs. About two-thirds of the schools would get an additional \$90 per student for the 10 cents, or \$9 for each additional penny, based on wealth.

Sadler said the new proposal continues to meet objectives set by Gov. George W. Bush that taxes be cut overall, property taxes be substantially lowered and that it treat all taxpayers fairly.

The proposal does not contain a provision to force property owners to share their tax cuts with renters. Sadler said such a provision still is being developed.



Girl Scouts make donation

The Junior Girl Scout Troop #239 presented a donation to the Pat Reily, center back, of the Hereford Beautification Alliance. Pictured, front row from left, are Kathryn Spain, Bianca Riley, Kim Artho, Blayre Hatley, Ashly Spain; back row from left, Kale Hollingsworth, Stephanie Shaw, Candace Caraway, Cassandra Pesina, Ashley Fortenberry, and Lacey Bridges. The troop leaders are Julie Hatley and Marva Spain.

Bill would prevent schools giving business tax breaks

By PEGGY FIKAC

AUSTIN (AP) - School districts lose millions of dollars by giving businesses tax breaks, according to Texas senators who want to end the practice.

"It is not right for a business to demand an educated workforce, yet also demand tax breaks that create a hardship on the local school district," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

His bill, approved Monday by the Senate and sent to the House, would prevent school districts from giving new property tax exemptions or taking part in new tax increment financing plans after Sept. 1.

Under a tax increment financing plan, which can be initiated by a city, a portion of taxes paid by a property owner is put into a fund used for improvements benefiting the property. For example, property taxes may be used to pay for a mall parking lot.

School districts would be able to honor agreements approved before Sept. 1, but they could not increase their level of financial participation in the deals after the law takes effect. The bill, which was approved on a non-record vote, goes to the House for consideration.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth disagreed with Sibley on the need for the bill.

Brand seeking senior pictures

The Hereford Brand staff is currently working on the Senior Section, a special section featuring Hereford High School seniors.

The following pictures need to be turned in to The Brand office: Claudia Campos, Monalisa Chavez, Amanda Guzman, Stephanie Herrera, Gabriel Kelly, Susan D. Kidd, Stephanie Kreighauser, and Ed Mireles.

Also, Michele Ochoa, Ekaterina Petrova, Manuel Reyna, Annakaye Stumbaugh, Jamie Valdez, Christa Webb, Misty Wilson, and Mark Ybarra.

Pictures need to be turned in as soon as possible. Otherwise, the picture will not be printed in this section.

The special section will be published in late May.

saying economic development decisions should be left at the local level.

"I've had calls from local school boards that say ... it's good for us, and we don't want to be deprived of this tool," said Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

School board and administrator groups, however, have said they face pressure to grant the tax breaks.

"For years, the industries have been playing one region against another," said Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio.

In 1995, 160 school districts forfeited \$143 million in tax revenue after abatement agreements removed \$9.9 billion in property from local tax rolls. A total of \$480 million in local property tax revenue was lost between 1985 and 1995 due to tax abatements, according to state figures.

James Crow of the Texas Association of School Boards has said tax exemptions, known as abatements, are a lose-lose proposition for school districts because they

both lose the property from their tax base and may qualify for less state funding, which is based on property value.

School districts that participate in tax increment financing plans do not forfeit state aid. But Sibley said that means the rest of the state is subsidizing their deal, because they otherwise would be collecting more local taxes and getting less state aid.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, said the bill would be a smart business move and benefit public education.

"Texas' future depends on the investment we make today in the minds of our youth," Bullock said. "The guarantee of an educated workforce - not special-interest tax breaks - will help Texas maintain its competitive edge."

Also Monday, the Senate approved a bill by Sibley that would require local governments that grant tax abatements to first perform a cost-benefit analysis. The bill goes to the House.



Certificate of appreciation

Henry C. Reid, left, was recognized by Ed Mason, microenterprise consultant, for his leadership abilities and start-up support of the Hereford/Deaf Smith County Small Business Support Group. The group was organized to give assistance to owners of small businesses in business skills training, networking and as funds become available, financial assistance.

Esquivel earns academic award

Damian Esquivel, a representative of the Hereford High School academic decathlon team, was recognized by South Plains College at an awards luncheon for his academic success as part of the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence.

The award was presented at a special awards program in Levelland.



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

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 10-15-25-28-33-47.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$15 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-4-3
(four, four, three)
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

8-14-15-19-32
(eight, fourteen, fifteen, nineteen, thirty-two)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-9-7
(nine-nine-seven)

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Lifestyles

Hall home site of bridal shower



Tiffanie Dewbre, bride-elect of Daniel Garvin, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Lori Hall.

The couple plans to be married May 3.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Melinda Whitfill, mother of the bride-elect; Cheryl Calloni, mother of the prospective bridegroom; and Bea Bullard, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Other special family members in

attendance were Contessa and Michah White, sisters of the bride-elect and Shannon Hammonds, sister of the prospective bridegroom.

Refreshments of sausage balls, egg casserole, quiche squares, sweet bread, pastry puffs, cinnamon rolls, chocolate covered strawberries and strawberry punch were served by Kali Hall and by the sisters of the bride.

The serving table was centered with a floral arrangement of stargazer lilies, red carnations and babies

breath in a brass urn. Brass serving pieces complimented the arrangement.

A Bainbridge Collection comforter set was the gift from hostesses Cathy Bunch, Peggy Danley, Jane Coplen, Kay Williams, Peggy Hyer, Deann Harris, Joan Fuston, Amy Schumacker, Pat Confer, Lori Hall, Jill Dockery, Gaye Reilly, Pattie Urbanczyk, Evelyn Taylor, Norma Walden, Pat Holcombe, Holly Bixler, Donna Rives, Michelle Brisendine and Norma Hendon.

Bridal shower held

The home of Lori Hall was the site of a bridal shower Saturday honoring Tiffanie Dewbre, bride-elect of Daniel Garvin. In attendance were, from left, Shannon Hammonds, sister of the prospective bridegroom; Cheryl Calloni, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Tiffanie Dewbre, the honoree; Melinda Whitfill, mother of the bride-elect; Bea Bullard, grandmother of the bride-elect; and Michah and Contessa White, sisters of the bride-elect.

HRMC observes volunteer week by recognizing those who serve

"Hospital volunteers give freely of their time to help others," Jim Robinson, administrator at Hereford Regional Medical Center, said. "Their altruistic dedication to our hospital and to our patients shows the high idealism that is the basis of volunteer work." The volunteers are honored this week during National Volunteer Week, when hospitals across the

nations pay tribute to their volunteers.

Volunteers perform a variety of functions at the hospital, Robinson said. "They run the gift shop, assist with guest services, and help with special business office activities and community mailings. Their friendly willingness and assistance to our patients and their families, and their

upbeat, positive attitudes are their biggest contribution to the hospital."

"Our volunteers also make a significant financial contribution to the hospital through monies collected from a very progressive fund-raising program," Robinson added. "One of their fall projects included new draperies and wallpaper boarder for the HRMC recovery room. The auxiliary members also purchased two "Baby Think It Over" dolls for the HISD."

Other recent projects have included the purchase of nine sleeping recliners for each of the OB rooms along with two new straight back chairs for the labor and delivery rooms.

"Through these and other projects, HRMC Auxiliary volunteers continue to enrich the quality of health care in our community."

"The HRMC Auxiliary is open to all adults. Many of our volunteers have retired from business or teaching, and they want to find new ways of making a difference. Volunteering is very satisfying because we know that we are doing something useful," Robinson said.

Volunteers are very important members of the health care team at HRMC and we are very appreciative of their generous time and talent, Robinson concluded.

Gospel Jam IV to be held

First Presbyterian Church will host Gospel Jam IV beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday in the church sanctuary.

A chicken breast dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$5 and proceeds will benefit a special fund for indigent senior citizens who have special needs which are not covered by medical assistance.

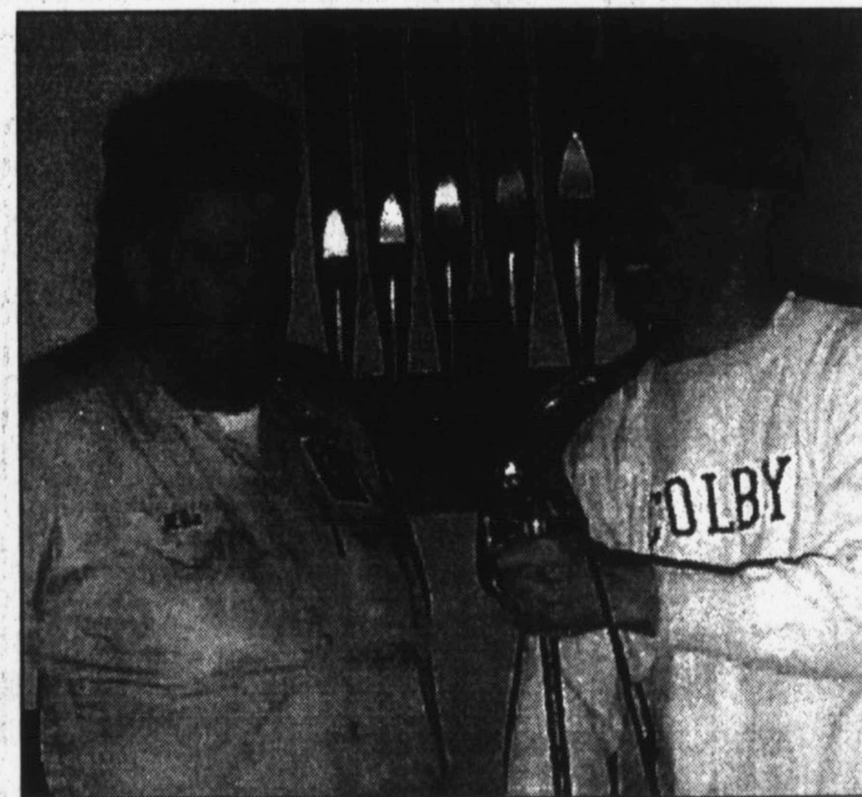
There is no admission charge to attend Gospel Jam, according to Jan Metcalf, who has helped organized the event.

Rev. Jeremy Grant will serve as master of ceremonies again this year.

"We will have performers representing almost every denomination, as well as choral groups like Texas Plains Choral Society and the Young at Heart Choir," said Grant.

There will be more than 100 performers, including the choirs, according to Grant.

Every one who attends will be able to "get into the act" as there will be some congregational singing as well, he said.



Setting the stage

Mike Bridges, left, and Rev. Jeremy Grant make some adjustments to the microphone during practice for Gospel Jam IV to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in First Presbyterian Church. There is no admission charge. Gospel Jam will be preceded by a chicken breast dinner at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$5.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My mother passed away a month ago, and I found this column of yours in her box of "special things." I hope you will print it again. A lot of parents should see it. -- Charlotte in Mountain, Wis.

Dear Charlotte: Thanks for asking. This essay was originally prepared by the police department of Houston, Texas, and appeared in my column back in 1959. It received a great deal of positive comment then, and I am pleased to run it again. Here it is: Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children

1. Begin in infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way, he will grow to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait till he is 21, and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe, later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around -- books, shoes and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility onto others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your child. In this way, he will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified.

Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be apt to have it.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently read the parrot story in your column and thought it was mediocre. Here's a better one:

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Mother said, "Oh, my heavens! Don't tell me you ate the bird. Did you know he could speak five languages?"

The man replied, "If he could speak five languages, why didn't he say something?" -- L.P. in Washington, D.C.

Dear L.P.: Thanks for the story. It's a hoot.

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Sports

Herd lands 10 spots in Region I-4A meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor
DUMAS - Kristen Fangman and Jamie Harrison should probably try and work out a deal the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. They might well be the best spokesman the soft drink industry could find. No, really. Who else do you know who can run around a track, enduring a wind that

pushed the chill index to minus-11 and still emerge with a smile. Harrison and Fangman, as well as the rest of the Hereford Lady Whiteface track squad, had a lot to smile about Saturday afternoon as they cruised to the runner-up spot in the weather-hampered District I-4A Meet. The meet had to be postponed one day because of rain and

frigid conditions. Pampa won the overall girl's district championship, claiming their 12th title in 14 years by cranking out 167 points - doubling Hereford's mark of 83 1/2. Caprock was third with 81 points. Borger and Canyon tied for fourth with 69 apiece. The wait, and the weather, didn't

affect Harrison or Fangman much. Each earned two spots in the Region I-4A Track Meet by finishing either first or second in two events. The regional track meet is scheduled to be ran in San Angelo on April 25-26. Fangman won the 100-meter hurdles, cruising to the gold medal in a blazing time of 16.38 seconds. She missed her second gold medal of the meet by a scant .12 seconds in the 200-meter dash. Fangman finished second in the event to Caprock's Ashlie White, who covered the course in a time of 12.69.

Harrison finished second in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. In the four-lap 1,600-meter race, Harrison turned in a time of 5:36.52 and edged out teammate, and third-place finisher, Bethany Townsend

for the regional berth. She turned in a time of 12:16.35 in the two-mile race - again edging Townsend. Kate Denison and Lyndi Carlile finished third in the 400 and 300 hurdles, respectively. Denison checked in with a run of 62.30—.02 seconds slower than second-place finisher Shannon Soria of Caprock. Carlile legged out a time of 50.32 in her race.

The Hereford 1,600-meter relay squad took third. Fangman and Harrison weren't the only HHS stars shining brightly. The Whiteface thinclads, who finished third in the boy's standings, also earned four individual spots in the regional track meet, as well as spots in both relays. The Hereford 400-meter relay quartet claimed a thrilling win over

Canyon and Dumas, edging Canyon by one-tenth of a second when Henry Hernandez leaned across the tape. Hereford's foursome, consisting of sprinters Stephen Cloud, Miguel Carrillo, Marl Rodriguez and Hernandez, ran the race in 43.22. Canyon, the overall district champion with 134 total points, finished at 43.23 - 1/10th of a second faster than Dumas.

The Hereford 1,600-meter squad placed second in its race with a time of 3:31.78. Borger won the race at 3:26.00. Hernandez and Carrillo both earned spots in the regional showcase as individuals. Hernandez won the pole vault competition by clearing 12-feet, while Carrillo breezed

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San Angelo bound

Hereford's Rob Reinauer earned a spot in the Region I-4A Tennis Tournament yesterday by taking second in the District I-4A meet. Reinauer edged out teammate Andrew Carr for right to advance in singles action.

Reinauer takes second in district, advances to Region I-4A tourney

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor
You probably won't see Rob Reinauer sitting nude astride a motorcycle, but on Monday afternoon the Hereford tennis standout did have something in common with NBA bad boy Dennis Rodman - he was as bad as he wanted to be. Bad, as in good. Real good. Reinauer, the Whiteface boy's captain, nailed down a berth in the Region I-4A Tennis Tournament by placing second in the District I-4A boys singles competition yesterday. His win highlighted a tournament that was marred by bad weather and

delayed somewhat since Friday. The weather forced District I-4A officials to move the second round of the meet to Amarillo on Saturday, before returning to the Whiteface Courts for the finals. By finishing as the District I-4A runner-up, Reinauer qualified for the regional tennis meet, which will be held April 21-22 in San Angelo. In all, the top two finishers in singles and doubles play from each district meet in Region I advances to the San Angelo tournament. Reinauer, who had been the No. 1 seed in the tournament, earned his spot in the regional mix by edging

out a regional contender last year - and his fellow teammate - Andrew Carr in a straight set playback match. He downed Carr, 6-3, 6-2. Carr had been ranked the No. 3 seed in the event. No. 2 seeded Eric Marable, of Canyon, won the boy's single crown. After clipping Carr by a 6-1, 7-5 margin in the semifinals, he managed to upset Reinauer in the finals, 6-3, 7-5. Reinauer had managed to reach the finals by ousting Randall's James Larramore in straight sets, 6-

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Questions linger as Popovich decides his future with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Will he or won't he? Gregg Popovich isn't saying. Not yet, anyway.

With the Spurs season grinding to its painful close and the injury-ravaged team continuing its plunge toward record-setting losses, speculation as to whether Popovich will remain Spurs coach next season abounds.

Popovich, who as general manager fired Bob Hill in December and took the helm himself in his first NBA head coaching job, refuses to comment on his plans.

"My concern now is the team," Popovich said in the San Antonio Express-News. "I have not taken time to be concerned about other matters. When the time comes, I will concern myself with that."

Popovich has the green light from his bosses to give himself a coaching contract for the next few seasons.

"The decision is in his hands," said Spurs chairman Peter Holt. "If he wants to coach, I will support that 100 percent. I'd love to see him coach. I think he's done a great job under difficult circumstances. He knows the situation better than any-

body. He knows the dynamics of the team."

Spurs president Jack Diller also is in Popovich's corner, but he said the coaching decision is up to

Popovich. "Pop will talk with his family, have his exit interviews with the players and then make up his mind."

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 15, the 105th day of 1997. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson, modern baseball's first black major-league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

On this date:

In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the attack on Fort Sumter, S.C., President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after he was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1912, the British luxury liner

Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington, D.C., to begin a goodwill tour of the United States.

In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya says 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84.

Ten years ago: A jury in Northampton, Mass., found Amy Carter, Abbie Hoffman and 13 other protesters innocent of charges stemming from a demonstration against CIA recruiters at the

University of Massachusetts.

Five years ago: Russia's deeply divided Congress of People's Deputies formally endorsed President Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms. Countries barred Libyan jets from their airspace and ordered diplomats to go home because of Libya's refusal to turn over suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. Hotel magnate Leona Helmsley began serving a prison sentence for tax evasion (she was released from prison after 18 months).

One year ago: President Clinton began a weeklong, round-the-world trip, heading for a three-day visit to Japan after a brief stopover in Cheju, South Korea. Funeral services were held in Pescadero, Calif., for Jessica Dubroff, the 7-year-old girl who died trying to become the youngest person to fly across America.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 75. Country singer Roy Clark is 64. Actress Claudia Cardinale is 58. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 53. Actress Amy Wright is 47. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 38. Singer Samantha Fox is 31. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 29.

Thought for Today: "History would be an excellent thing if only it were true." - Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).



Bride-elect honored with shower

Mandy Douglas, second from left, bride-elect of Jason Cornelius, was the honoree at a bridal shower held Saturday in the home of Joan Fuston. Greeting guests with the honoree were, from left, her mother, Kathy Douglas; her grandmother, Mary Douglas; her sister, Brook Douglas; and her great-grandmother, Sylvia Douglas.

Bride-elect of Cornelius honored with shower held Saturday in Fuston home

A bridal shower honoring Mandy Douglas, bride-elect of Jason Cornelius, was held Saturday in the home of Joan Fuston.

The couple plans to be married May 31.

Guests were greeted by the bride-elect; Kathy Douglas, her mother; Mary Douglas, her grandmother; Brook Douglas, her sister; and Sylvia Douglas, her great-grandmother.

April Sanders presided at the guest register.

Ana B. Mejicanos and Rachelle Skiles served refreshments of pigs-in-a-blanket, fruit platter with dip, petite cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit breads and sparkling white grape juice.

The refreshment table was covered with a jungle green cloth with white lace overlay, centered with an ivy arrangement and featured crystal appointments.

Parklane stemware was the gift from hostesses Joan Fuston, Pat Confer, Janet Coleman, Karen Smith,

Amy Schumacher, Linda Davis, Nelda Fortenberry, Sharon Johnson, Shannon Redwine, Gloria McNutt, Lynn Andrews, Renee Kuper and Pat Holcombe.

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Gililand gives program for La Madre Mia Club

Amy Gililand, Hereford resident who performs with Amarillo Little Theatre, gave the program at the recent meeting of La Madre Mia Study Club.

Gililand's presentation included the procedures involved in organizing theatrical productions, a history of Amarillo Little Theatre, a discussion of the various people who are members, how the cast is selected and rehearsals are arranged.

Gililand will portray Old Sally in ALT's next production, "Oliver". There will be a total of 60 people in the production and the Amarillo Boys' Choir will be featured.

Mary Beth White, La Madre Mia vice president, presided at the

meeting which was held in the Friendship Room of Hereford State Bank.

Members answered roll call by naming their favorite actor or actress.

Thank you letters were read from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Opportunity Plan for La Madre Mia's financial support.

Refreshments were served by Mary Herring, June Owens and Mysedia Smith to special guest, Bernice Pycatt from Clyde and to members Carolyn Baxter, Ruth Black, Francyne Bromlow, Cindy Cassels, Linda Cumption, Susan Hicks, Gladys Merritt, Jan Meicalf, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Marline Watson, Judy Williams and White.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Recently I attended a shower for a bride who was about to enter her second marriage after widowhood. Both she and her future husband had homes and all the possessions they felt they needed and the bride did not really want a shower.

We gave her one anyway, but, instead of gifts for the bride, we all brought gifts for the local food pantry. Everyone made colorful boxes and wrappings so the bride had "gifts" to open and those who were really in need benefited also.

I felt this idea could be used for a local homeless shelter, battered women's shelter or any other organization in need of help. — Dianne Burelle, Nottingham, N.H.

You bet it is, and I'm thrilled to pass on your heart hint. — Heloise

ADDRESS LABELS
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Aquatic Center offers classes

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plan." Hedrick: He is interested in helping work on the budget and in improving health care facilities here.

Leonard: "I believe my experience as a CPA could be valuable on the board. As the community changes, so does the hospital and I'd like to be part of that process."

Manchec: He said he would like to finish up some things the board has been working with, and he has seen the financial situation change for the better. "There are a great number of changes in the medical field and the board needs to focus on the changes that will help our health care needs."

Do you personally utilize local doctors and the hospital?

All agreed that they do except when an out-of-town referral is made by their physician.

What challenges do you see?

Fox: Keeping the hospital open and expanding some services were listed by Mrs. Fox.

Manchec: He thinks operating in the black without raising taxes is a big challenge. He also sees a need to focus on services which produce revenue.

Hedrick: Top challenge is for tax entities to work together...to work with the chamber and economic development board in bringing new business and people here.

Leonard: Thinks financial condition of hospital is very important. He said progress has been made past few years, but board needs to keep close watch.

Some other responses:

Hedrick: "I'm not one who claims to know all the answers. If I don't know, I am not scared to ask. I have asked a lot of questions since deciding to run for office. If I have an emergency, I want to know the hospital is there."

Leonard: "There are a lot of issues to be decided in the next two years. There is a lot of competition in the health care field, and I believe the hospital can adapt and meet that competition."

Manchec: Asked about how much control Baptist/St. Anthony had over the local hospital: "BSA has no control over our hospital. Their contract with the district is to provide help and assistance when we ask for it."

School Board

District I

Karen Sherrod: She has lived in Hereford eight years. Her husband, John, is president of FirstBank Southwest, and they have two children in public schools. She is active in First Baptist Church and is director of the Bell Choir, and has been active in the United Way of Deaf Smith County. She is filling out an unexpired term on the school board. She taught school for 11 years before moving to Hereford but had to quit the classroom because of a voice problem. She is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University.

Angie Alonzo: Was not present for the forum.

District III

Randy Tooley is the incumbent and has served three years. He is a farmer in the Dawn area and is a 1966 graduate of Hereford High School.

Mark Landrum: Owner of Mark's Diesel Service. He and his wife, Billie, have been married 23 years and have two children - a junior and an 8th grader. Active with Boy Scouts for 15 years, he is active in First United Methodist Church, the King's Manor Foundation Board, and Kiwanis Club.

District VI (To fill vacated seat)

Linda Minchew: A resident here for 29 years, she is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. She and her husband, Charles, have two sons and three grandchildren - one who will start school here next term. She is active in Pilot Club and is a past Lt. Governor of the Texas District; Toastmasters; and a new member of the Women's Division of the Chamber. She worked in local CPA offices for a number of years and has been employed by Arrowhead Mills for four years.

Lloyd Ames: A graduate of Oklahoma State University, he has lived in Hereford for 19 years. He has been general manager of Hereford Cablevision for 12 years. A single parent, his daughter is a freshman at West Texas A&M, and his son, Craig, is a junior in HHS. Ames is a past president of Kiwanis Club and the YMCA board; works in the HOSTS program, and active in First Baptist Church.

Norman Smith: A former business manager at HISD, he retired after 25 years in school finance business work, serving four different school districts. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He and his wife have been married 42 years and have five children.

Dori Wimberly: She calls herself an "Army brat," having lived "everywhere a little." She finished her education at the University of Missouri with a BS in education. Has lived in Dawn 11 years with her husband, Bill, and is "a fulltime mother and farmhand." They have three children in school - a sophomore, 7th grader, and kindergarten.

R.L. Johnson: He reported he "finally" got married about two years ago, and his wife teaches at Hereford High. A farmer in the Dawn area, he is a deacon in the Dawn Baptist Church and a member of the Dawn Volunteer Fire Department. He graduated from HHS in 1971 and from West Texas A&M in 1975. He has been a member of the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Reserves.

Have you visited any school campuses?

Tooley: Has visited most of them over the past three years and thinks it is an important function of board members to oversee school programs.

Wimberly: Have visited schools where children have been, which mostly includes Shirley, Aikman and high school. Likes to check with her children's teachers on regular basis.

Smith: Has not visited a campus since he retired, but visited most of

them before that. Said he was impressed with Aikman where morality is taught. The students are taught, "I am responsible for my own actions," said Smith. "If that thought was carried throughout the system, everything would be better."

What changes need to be made to make sure we have successful graduates?

Sherrod: She said with the new technology prevalent in so many jobs, "we face a real challenge in keeping up and making sure our students get all the training they need."

Johnson: "I agree that we need to have the technology training, but my concern is that we should do it in a cost effective manner. We can spend too much on technology for what we get out of it. My basic concern is to teach the student how to process the information out there. By the time we teach them some technology, the information changes."

Landrum: "Teaching technology is very important - I see changes in my own business. We need to provide the information, develop a policy and have the superintendent carry it out."

HISD is trying to meet the need of every student; would you be willing to help accomplish that goal through programs like SOAR (Step Out and Reach)?

Several board members responded in a positive manner to this question.

How do the role of the trustee and the superintendent differ?

Landrum: Teamwork is the number one effort in the relationship. But the board develops policy and the superintendent carries it out.

Smith: "There has to be an honest discussion between the board and superintendent, so it's a team effort. But, again, the board develops the policy and the superintendent manages."

Tooley said he agreed with those two responses.

Who is responsible for student behavior and punishment?

Ames: "The responsibility is primarily with the parents. That's the policy in my house, but all parents may not agree." He said the board should discuss policy on punishment.

Smith: "It's a shared responsibility, but it starts with the parents." He added that if parents provide discipline, there is less problems in the classroom. "When the child is in school, the authority passes to the teacher."

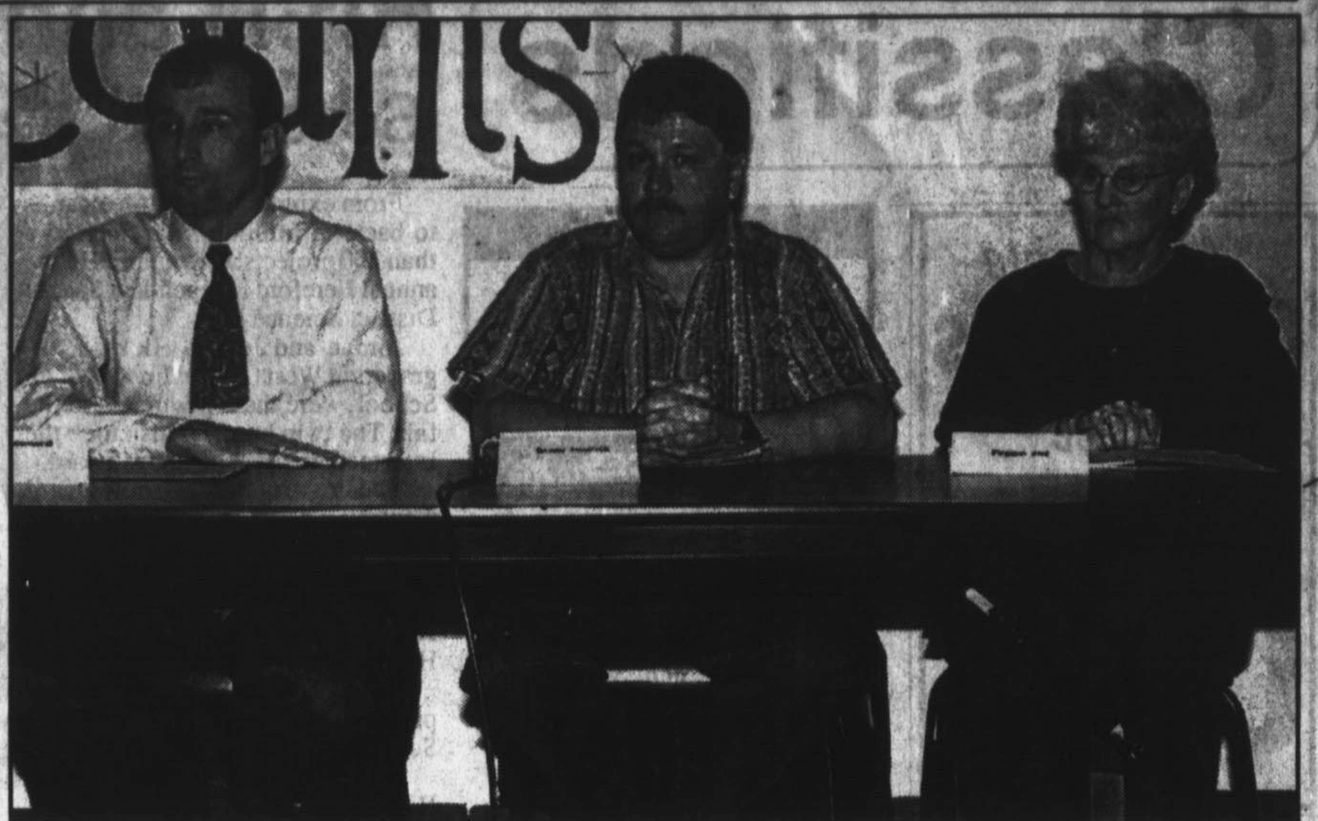
How do you feel about extracurricular activities?

Johnson: Some of these activities are important in the education of a child. If the student has a passion for an activity, such as FFA, band, or athletics, it plays a role in the overall education.

Landrum: "If the activity is important to the student, it carries over to his or her interest in the entire education process."

Do you see any positives taking place in our school system?

Tooley: He said there are a lot of positives taking place. "Technology



Hospital board hopefuls

Chris Leonard, Bryan Hedrick and Peggie Fox were among the four hospital board candidates to answer questions Sunday afternoon at the Candidates Forum, sponsored by Hereford Educators Association and Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. Incumbent Mal Manchec, not pictured, also participated. Chip Guseman, the fifth candidate in the at-large race for three seats, was not present.

is one area, as well as curriculum changes for the better."

Johnson: "We have good facilities, good programs in place and technology is being well developed."

Wimberly: "Wonderful things are happening, which I can personally see with my children in school. There are broader courses in high school, and well-managed programs in other schools."

Sherrod: "I see that we have top administrators, excellent staff people, and a dedicated board that wants the best for all students, and all are working with the community to see that it happens. It's also good to see the TAAS results improving."

Ames: "From the outside looking in, I see a board that is using teamwork."

How do you feel about salary increases and budget cutting?

Ames: He said we need to keep up with other schools, but also must do that while keeping our budget in line. He also noted that the board may face new challenges if the state passes a property tax reform bill.

Minchew: "Good employees must be rewarded in any job, but money doesn't necessarily make for a better

education program."

Smith: "Prudent use of money leads to a better education for students. Some people don't understand the budget process. It's difficult to just say, 'Let's cut the budget by 10 percent.' Sometimes it is difficult to make cuts without effecting programs." He pointed out the school district has the largest payroll in town. "We could lose good teachers if the salary is not right."

Landrum: "I think we must remember that for each student we help succeed, it is money well spent." In all the board's decisions, said Landrum, "We must blend together like voices in a choir for the success of the entire program."

The forum was video-taped by Hereford Cablevision. It will be shown on Channel 19 at 7 p.m. on April 17-22-24-28-30, and on May 2.

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Freezing temperatures harm wheat

ENID, Okla. (AP) - The world is waiting to hear how Oklahoma's wheat crop survived last weekend's freeze.

Roger Gribble, area agronomist with the Enid extension office, said he received up to 50 phone calls Monday morning from farmers, other agronomists, and one from Dow Jones in Chicago.

"They were wanting to know how bad the wheat is," Gribble said.

Wheat farmers may have lost up to half of their crop to freezing

temperatures but Gribble said it will be difficult to tell for sure for another 72 hours.

Spring freeze injury only occurs when the wheat is at a sensitive growing period, which happens to be the case in northwest Oklahoma, he said.

Wheat from Highway 70 north of Wichita, south to Vernon, Texas, and west to the Kansas-Colorado border is reported to have been affected.

Most of the wheat in northwest Oklahoma is in the boot stage, which

means that the kernels are already formed and in the protective main stem that surrounds them.

Wheat at this stage can only endure a temperature of 28 degrees for less than two hours before damage to the wheat crop yield will ensue.

Temperatures in northwest Oklahoma remained under 28 degrees for 19 hours over the weekend, and were under 24 degrees for 4 hours.

The daily low temperature was below freezing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

"We don't know yet, but if we took a severe hit, we might lose up to 50 percent of the crop," Gribble said.

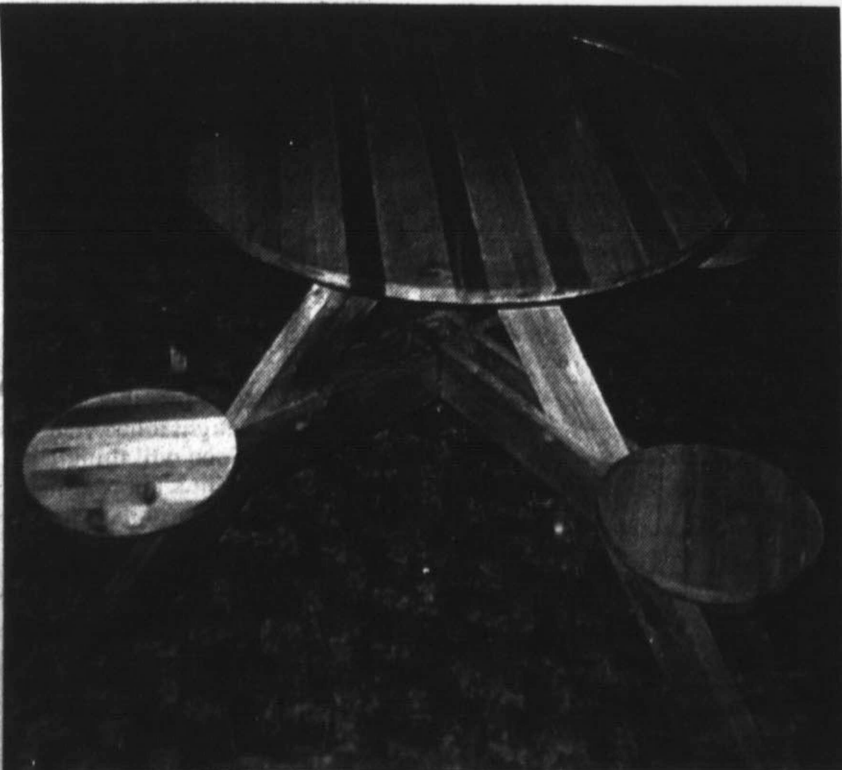
He said, however, there is hope. "A wet freeze is better than a dry freeze, and we had good growth that kind of acts as a blanket for the wheat," Gribble said.

Oklahoma produces about 5-6 percent of the nation's wheat crop, said Omer Skaggs of Great Plains Commodity Services.

"I think that Oklahoma will be down about 75 to 80 million bushels and Kansas will be down about 200 to 250 million bushels," Skaggs predicted.



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Something for the kids

One item that will be included in the silent auction during St. Anthony's Carnival Krazy is this children's table and bench set made and donated by Zeb Menius. The auction will be held in the Country Store. Carnival Krazy, a major fund-raiser for St. Anthony's Catholic School, will be held from 12 noon to 5 p.m. April 20 at St. Anthony's School.