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## NEW HOSPITAL?

### Today's weather OUTLOOK

**Mostly cloudy, showers likely**  
Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, some storms may be severe. Lows should be in the lower 40s.

Wednesday, mostly cloudy, windy, and cooler with a 20 percent chance of rain, high in the lower 50s, north wind 20-30 mph and gusty, diminishing late. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a low around 30.

**Extended forecast**

Thursday, partly cloudy, high in the lower 50s.

Friday, partly cloudy, low around 30, high in the mid-50s.

Saturday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-30s, high in the mid-60s.

**Monday recap**

High, 65; low, 56; precipitation, trace.

### Early voting will begin Wednesday

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Early voting in the May 1 municipal, school district and hospital district will begin Wednesday.

Early voting by personal appearance will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through April 27 at the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office at the courthouse, 235 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Applications for mail-in ballots should be received on or before April 23.

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District board will have a new look after the May 1 elections as three incumbents decided not to seek new terms as directors.

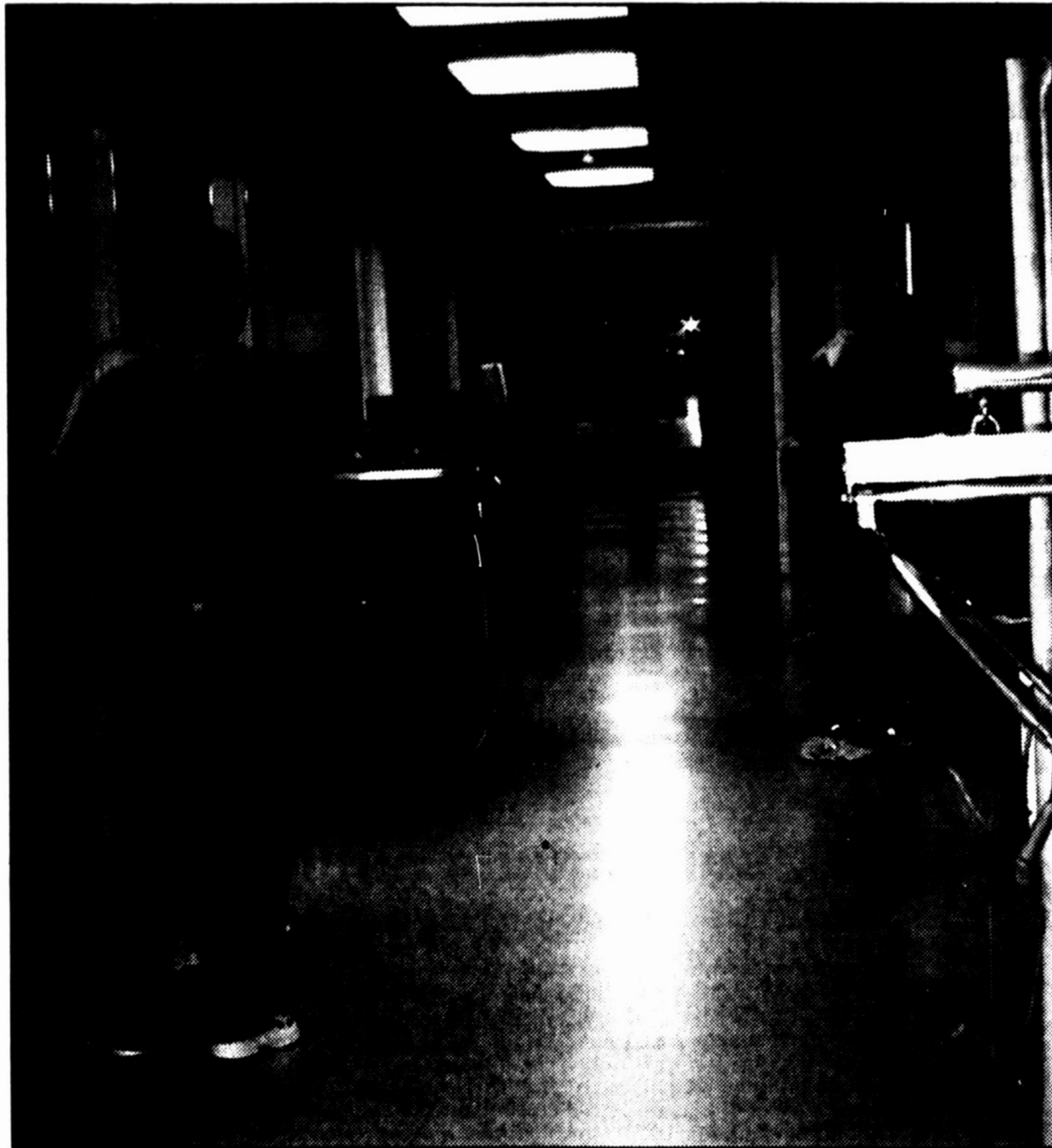
Candidates for the three at-large seats on the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors are Bobby Owen, Pat Stone, Ernest Flood, Dr. Steve Lawlis, Joe Hamby, Shelly Brock and Jesse E. Rincones.

The three seats are now held by Mal Manchee, who serves as board president; Chip Guseman and Chris Leonard. The three decided not to seek re-election to the hospital board.

Only one race for Hereford City Commission is contested. In Place 1, incumbent Silvana Juarez is facing a challenge from Joe Garza and Martha Rincon. Rincon was an unsuccessful candidate in 1998 for the commission.

Two other city candidates, incumbents Mayor Bob Josseland and Commissioner Tom Conaway, had no opposition. They already have been declared winners in the election and their names will not be on the ballot.

In the Hereford Independent School District, there are two contested races. In District 2, incumbent Charlie Arrellano is being challenged by Raul Valdez, while incumbent Tracy Straghan is being opposed by Lou Serrano.



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Architectural consultants who evaluated Hereford Regional Medical Center found the corridors in the existing hospital serve few of the departments along their length. Also, the consultants reported the corridors, which are used for return air in the hospital's heating/cooling system, also would fill with smoke if there is a fire in the structure.

### Directors must weigh pros, cons

Construction of new HRMC to be expensive, but there are advantages, disadvantages with all of the options

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

In deciding if they want to call a bond election to build a new hospital, the Deaf Smith Hospital District directors will have to consider if there are sufficient advantages to taking on a debt load estimated to run more than \$19 million.

As with any project, there will be advantages and disadvantages to be weighed before asking the hospital district's taxpayers to commit to such an undertaking.

What are some of the advantages to construction of a new Hereford Regional Medical Center?

As outlined by Mary Crites, a consultant with the Lubbock architectural firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the major advantage would be the increased space for new services or improved services for the community.

The architectural consultants, who conducted a lengthy evaluation of the existing hospital, determined the 55,000-square-foot facility, portions of which date back to 1926, has insufficient space to provide the level of health care desired by the hospital board, administration, medical staff - and the community. A proposed new hospital would encompass 88,000 square feet and would have adequate room for additional expansion if needed.

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## Consultants cite problems

If the Deaf Smith County Hospital District decides to build a new hospital, a report by a Lubbock architectural consulting firm likely would prove persuasive.

Mary Crites of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper has outlined the major problems existing with the Hereford Regional Medical Center physical plant.

In looking at the problems with the hospital for the Master Facility Plan, which was built in 1926 and for which the most recent addition was constructed in 1976, the consultants concluded the most pressing need is insufficient space.

The major increases in space, which the consultants contend are needed to provide adequate health care, are needed for the emergency unit, obstetrics, respiratory, occupational therapy, radiology, dietary, business office, medical records, housekeeping, pharmacy, constant-care unit, nursing units and personnel.

The consultants found that all departments are below space guidelines established by the Hospital Licensing Standards.

New hospitals must comply with the current state and federal code requirements and additions/renovations to existing facilities also

### Existing facility has serious lack of space, fails to comply with latest state, federal codes

must meet the latest codes.

After conducting their evaluations of the HRMC plant, the consultants reported there are major deficiencies in the hospital.

The areas in which the hospital does not comply with current codes include:

**Fire safety:** The hospital does not have a fire sprinkler system; much of the material

used in the building fails to meet fire resistance standards; smoke compartmentations is inadequate; circular wings are too close to other portions of the building; the original building's exits are inadequate and improperly located on the second floor; the medical gas storage room has inadequate ventilation; and areas of the hospital are constructed of wood, which is no longer allowed by regulatory agencies.

**Handicapped accessibility:** The hospital does not have handicapped accessible facilities, including an accessible route from accessible parking through an accessible entry with

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### County taps administrator for insurance

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Representatives of the West Texas Rural Counties Association believe their organization can help the county ease its problems with health insurance.

And, the Deaf Smith County commissioners apparently agree. The commissioners voted Monday to authorize WTRCA to act as case managers for the county's health plan for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

As compensation, the WTRCA will receive 20 percent of any savings realized in the county's health plan. The association's work will be evaluated before the commissioners make a decision on naming it the county health insurance provider. If WTRCA is selected to handle the county's insurance plan, it would go into effect with the start of the next fiscal year.

Kathleen Miller, director of pool administration of the organization, told the county

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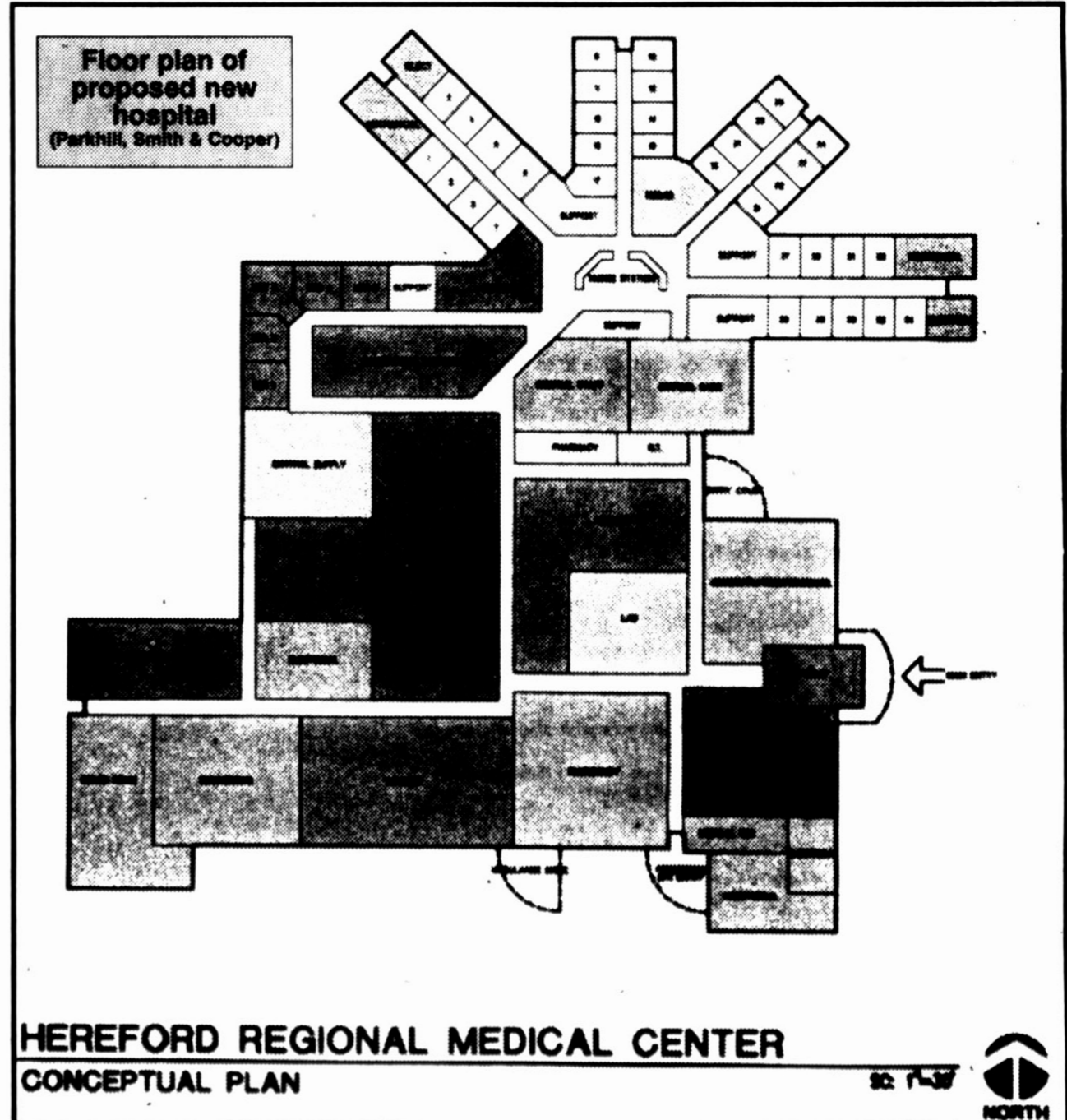
### What it means to the taxpayers

If the Deaf Smith County Hospital District decides to build a new hospital, what would the financial impact be on the district's taxpayers?

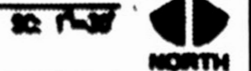
Hereford Regional Medical Center financial director Rodney Bailey conducted an evaluation of the cost of a \$19,104,750 bond issue and concluded the annual debt service to the hospital would be \$1,565,678 for a 20-year payout; for 25 years, \$1,389,692; for 30 years, \$1,278,431. Bailey's projections were based on the assumption the tax rate would be 5.25 percent for the general obligation bonds.

What will this mean to the district's taxpayers?

Cost	Annual Debt Service Requirements General Obligation Bonds (5.25 percent)		
	20 yrs	25 yrs	30 yrs
\$19,104,750	\$1,545,678	\$1,389,692	\$1,278,431
* Added rate	28.26 cents	25.08 cents	23.07 cents
* estimate			
Payback effect on taxpayers' annual bill (Based on property valued at \$100,000)			
	Current	Additional	Total
20 years	\$214.20	\$282.57	\$496.77
25 years	\$214.20	\$250.81	\$465.01
30 years	\$214.20	\$230.73	\$444.93



HEREFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
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# LIFESTYLES

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## Crazy Dress for Crazy Day



First Place - Kid's Alley  
Judy Detten and Judy Cloud



Honorable Mention - Renee's Repeat Boutique  
Renee Huckert



Second Place - Bealls  
Inez Ruiz, Luz Villarreal, Doris Slatten, Elisia Castillo, Lidia Olvera



Third Place - Boots and Saddle Western Wear  
Sonya Cash, Butch White, Tenna Reinauer



Honorable Mention-Sweet Pea Sandwich Shoppe  
Ruth and Don Parr

Retail merchants participated in a customer appreciation day Saturday with Crazy Day. Pictured are local retailers who dressed in "crazy costumes" for the day and were judged winners in the dress-up contest.

Customers who visited the participating stores and registered were entered in a drawing. Lucky winners of \$100 each in Hereford Bucks were Melissa Fox, 440 Hickory; Ryan Buchanan, 103 Pecan; Rondi Redmann; Jeff Torbert, 232 Ranger; and Mary Castillo, 411 Paloma Lane.

## FCE clubs give reports

### Bippus FCE Club

Alta Mae Higgins presented the program titled "Triad, Law Enforcement and Seniors Working Together" at the recent meeting of Bippus Family Community Education Club in the home of Mariellen Homfeld.

Higgins stressed that everyone needs to work together to reduce crimes committed against the elderly.

Higgins presided at the business meeting. Sue Thweatt was in charge of the opening

exercise.

Roll call was answered by responding to the question, "What are some of the fears as you grow older?"

Kate Bradley, Council delegate, reported on the Council agenda.

Members were reminded of the annual Tasting Bee which will be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Hereford Community Center.

Following adjournment, refreshments were served.

### Cultural FCE Club

Cultural Family Community Education Club met Friday in Hereford Community Center for a combined March/April meeting.

Perry Keyes gave programs for both months, "Bugs, Mildew and Mold," and "Triad, Law Enforcement and Senior Citizens Working Together."

Keyes presided at the business meeting. Marilyn Smith

led the prayer and pledges and Nell Pope led the opening exercise.

Council delegate Tonie Vaughn gave the Council report and reminded all members of the annual Tasting Bee which will be held Thursday.

Members present included Edna Marnell, Vernis Parsons, Virginia Sumner, Wilma Goettsch, Vaughn, Smith, Pope and Keyes.

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## Wall treatment is club program topic

Stewart Turnquist, manager of Sherwin Williams, and Michelle Garza, assistant manager, presented the program at the Thursday meeting of La Madre Mia Study Club at Hereford State Bank.

They demonstrated different wall treatments including

ragging, combing, sponging and color washing. The presentation included a video and a demonstration of the necessary tools.

President Cindy Cassels conducted a short business meeting. The next meeting will be April 22.

Refreshments were served by hostess Susan Hicks to members Linda Cumpton, Lajeane Henry, Gladys Merritt, Mary Herring, Marline Watson, Bettye Owen, Carolyn Baxter, Georgia Sparks, Ruth Black, Nicki Walser, Betty Taylor, June Owens, Tricia Sims and Judy Williams.

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## Wishes. Bridal Registry

Bridal Shower This Week

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**Poster earns bicycle**  
The poster above was drawn by Jose Enriquez, third grade student at St. Anthony's School, in the "Ag Week" coloring contest sponsored by Hereford CattleWomen and was awarded first place in the contest. As the winner, Enriquez, at left, was the recipient of a bicycle which was donated by Boots and Saddle Western Wear, Gayland Ward Seed and AzTX Cattle Company.

## Annual FCE Tasting Bee is Thurs.

The annual FCE Tasting Bee will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the ballroom of Hereford Community Center. Chef salad accompanied by many of the fruit and vegetable recipes featured in this year's section of the cookbook will be included in the \$10 ticket price. The Tasting Bee has been a five-year project that has previously featured main dishes; breads and pastries; nutritious snacks, appetizers and beverages; and desserts.

A special feature of this year's book will be a section honoring past Home Demonstration, Home Extension and Family Community Education members titled "Our Kitchen Legacy." Heirloom recipes from past members are featured in memory to the legacy they left in building families and the community of the future. Proceeds from the Tasting Bee go toward providing an annual scholarship to a graduating senior.

For anyone unable to attend the Tasting Bee, recipe books are available at the County Extension Office, Room 402 of the County Courthouse.

## Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on April 12:

Gladys I. Allan, Stacy L. Esqueda, infant boy Esqueda, Hope Herrera, Ruth E. King, Willie M. Phipps, Billie Primrose.

Patients on April 13:  
Gladys I. Allan, David Berumen Sr., Hope Herrera, Lane Hutchens, Ruth E. King, Sonia M. Oltivero, infant boy Oltivero, Willie M. Phipps, Billie Primrose.

## Alpha Alpha chapter will collect Crisis Center items

Alpha Alpha Preceptor chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met Tuesday in Phyllis Neill's shop with nine members present.

Members of the sorority have agreed to collect T-shirts and other sleeping attire to be donated to the Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center.

Tentative plans were made for the sorority's weekend trip to Ruidoso. Members need to contact Lillie Shipman for details.

Reminders were made of Spring Rituals on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Hereford Community Center and Founders Day on April 26 at 6:30 p.m., also at the community center.

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# Ann Landers



**Ann Landers**

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have been involved in a passionate, wonderful relationship for the past two years. The man I am in love with happens to be my sister's ex-husband.

We have kept this relationship a secret so far, but now, we want to tell our families. My sister has been divorced from "Austin" for five years. Unfortunately, Austin's parents cannot stand his ex-wife and want nothing to do with any member of our family. I am afraid that once his folks find out about me, they will force him to end our relationship or risk losing his entire family.

I am not sure what to do. Austin is a great guy, and I love him, but sometimes, I think it would be better to move on and try for a relationship that is less complicated. I am so stressed out, I can't think straight. Can you help me? — Baton Rouge, La.

**Dear Baton Rouge:** A lot depends on how strong the relationship is between you and Austin. Will it endure the clobbering you might get when his family finds out you are the sister of his ex-wife? Only time will tell. Meanwhile, bide

your time, and make sure Austin is equal to the challenge if you are.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Thank you for your recent words about the inhumanity of our country's approach to drug use. You are right — 30 years in prison for a minor possession makes no sense — not for the individual who can become a hardened criminal while in prison, not for his family and not for society, which must spend huge amounts of money to punish someone for what is essentially harmless behavior.

I am a graduate student in the department of history at the University of Massachusetts. I have been researching the war on drugs for a number of years, and the whole thing strikes me as being tragically mishandled. It makes me sad to see so many people's lives destroyed for the sake of the careers of some opportunistic politicians.

Our country must not throw away many of the freedoms we once considered precious. We must be careful not to go too far and risk turning ourselves into a police state. — J.G., Amherst, Mass.

**Dear Amherst:** Your letter is sure to create some controversy among students on a great many campuses. This space is open to all sorts of opinions, and I'm pleased to

hear from anyone who wishes to express him- or herself.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a military wife stationed in Greece with my husband and two children. I feel isolated because there are few American families here, and I do not speak Greek. I home-school my kids because there is no English-language school in the area.

It has been five months, and I still can't get over the culture shock. I spend my days cooped up with my kids, unable to do the simplest things. I can't seem to live up to my husband's expectations, and he has become quite critical. This is hurting our marriage. Please help me before I go crazy. — Anonymous Sufferer

**Dear Sufferer:** Instead of staying cooped up with your kids, take them into town so they can experience the wonders of Greek culture. It would be a shame not to enjoy the benefits of your time in that great country (at the government's expense).

Buy a Greek language book, and learn a few phrases. Visit a local bakery or two, and ask for recipes and guidance on how to make Greek pastries (baklava is my favorite). This would be a fine start in learning how to communicate in Greek. Stop feeling sorry for yourself, and get moving.

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# SPORTS

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## Softball team bombs Lady Eagles, 22-11

**From staff reports**  
CANYON — The Hereford Lady Whiteface batting rotation gave the Canyon defense a workout here Saturday after eight of nine hitters scored runs to win their first district game decidedly, 22-11.

Whiteface pitcher Vickie Perez earned the win, which brought the unseasoned softball team to 6-14 overall, and to 3-6 in district play — but, perhaps more importantly added some sorely-needed wind to the sails of Hereford's game as the girls conclude their season with two home games this week.

The Lady Whitefaces have endured every imaginable obstacle normally associated with inexperience and a fast-pitch softball program that has been split straight down the seams in order to field both a junior varsity squad, and a varsity team.

But Saturday's victory should have eased some of this year's pain, even if it was, as head girls' coach Jack Fox simply put it, "The first time in a while that we finally settled down and played some good ball."

"We've played them before and we 10-ran them then, but we came out and got some hits at the right time."

Hereford, which took 11 hits and 22 walks away from Canyon, held a commanding 8-1 lead by the bottom of the second inning and added another run in the top of the fourth before allowing the Lady Eagles four runs in the bottom of that inning.

Hereford, relying on a 8-5 lead, pushed five more scores across the plate in the fifth while holding Canyon scoreless, and then came out and blasted the Lady Eagles for eight more runs in a sixth inning finale.

Stewart had a hard time finding the corners and gave Hereford's Teresa Zimmerman and Dayanara Garcia free rides to base. Janse Schlabs then popped-out and walks by Jessica Gaitan, Salina Hastings and Amanda Vallejo brought in two Whiteface runs and left the bases loaded.

An Erica Dominguez strike-out brought Canyon within one out of closing the top of the sixth, but a Crystal Reece base hit and a double from Perez brought in two more scores while Zimmerman doubled to score one, and Garcia doubled to bring in Hereford's final two runs.

Canyon managed a six-run rally in the bottom of the sixth before the Whiteface defense shut the Lady Eagles down — but not without incurring some expense after Hereford short-stop Dayanara Garcia suffered a season-ending ankle sprain while tagging a slider at second to put Canyon away.

The injury will further drain the thin depth of the squad going into a two-game homestretch.

Hereford was scheduled to host Dumas today at 4:30 p.m. and will face Randall here Saturday in a season finale set for 1 p.m.

## Hereford netters take fifth at Dumas tourney

**From staff reports**  
DUMAS — Hereford's varsity boys' and girls' doubles and singles varsity tennis teams had their boat loaded here this past weekend, finishing fifth out of eight teams in the Demon Invitational.

Hereford compiled 63 points behind Dumas' first place 113; 2. Vernon, 106; 3. Lubbock High, 80; and Borger's fourth place 65 points.

Hereford's Ivory Issacson and Brent Berend stayed in the winner's bracket long enough to split 2-4 in boys' and girls' singles play.

Berend skimped by with a slim 7-6 win in his first set with Lubbock High's Jordan Boydston, but came back to win the second set 6-0 to advance to the next round, which he lost to Cody Crouch of Dumas. He then beat Borger's Aaron Trahem 6-2, 6-2 before falling to Lubbock's Brian Oller 6-2, 6-2 for sixth place.

Issacson met a similar fate in the girls' singles portion after she won her first match over Vernon's RandiBrooke Powell, but then fell to Dumas' Steph Lechner in three sets 6-4, 5-7, 6-0.

Nelson Beville lost his first match in boys' singles, but then won two matches in the tournament's consolation bracket for an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Hereford posted a seventh place finish in boys' and girls' doubles competition.

Diana Detten and Noel Merrick beat Randall's Edwards-Settle easily 6-1, 6-0 before running into the wall of Vernon's Gooch-Schur in their

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## City sets scramble

John Pitman Municipal Golf Course has announced Wednesday Scramble play is scheduled to start April 14.

Players must pay their fees and sign up by 5:30 each Wednesday in order to play. Tee-off time each Wednesday is set for 6 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded to each week's winning team, and will be carried over to the next week's play, in the event of a tie.

## Raider Day golf tournament, dinner scheduled this month

The Sherrod/Legate Memorial Golf Tournament and personal appearances from members of the Texas Tech University coaching staff, including head football coach Spike Dykes and Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers, are expected to highlight this year's installment of the annual Hereford and Dimmitt Red Raider Day which has been set here Wednesday April 28.



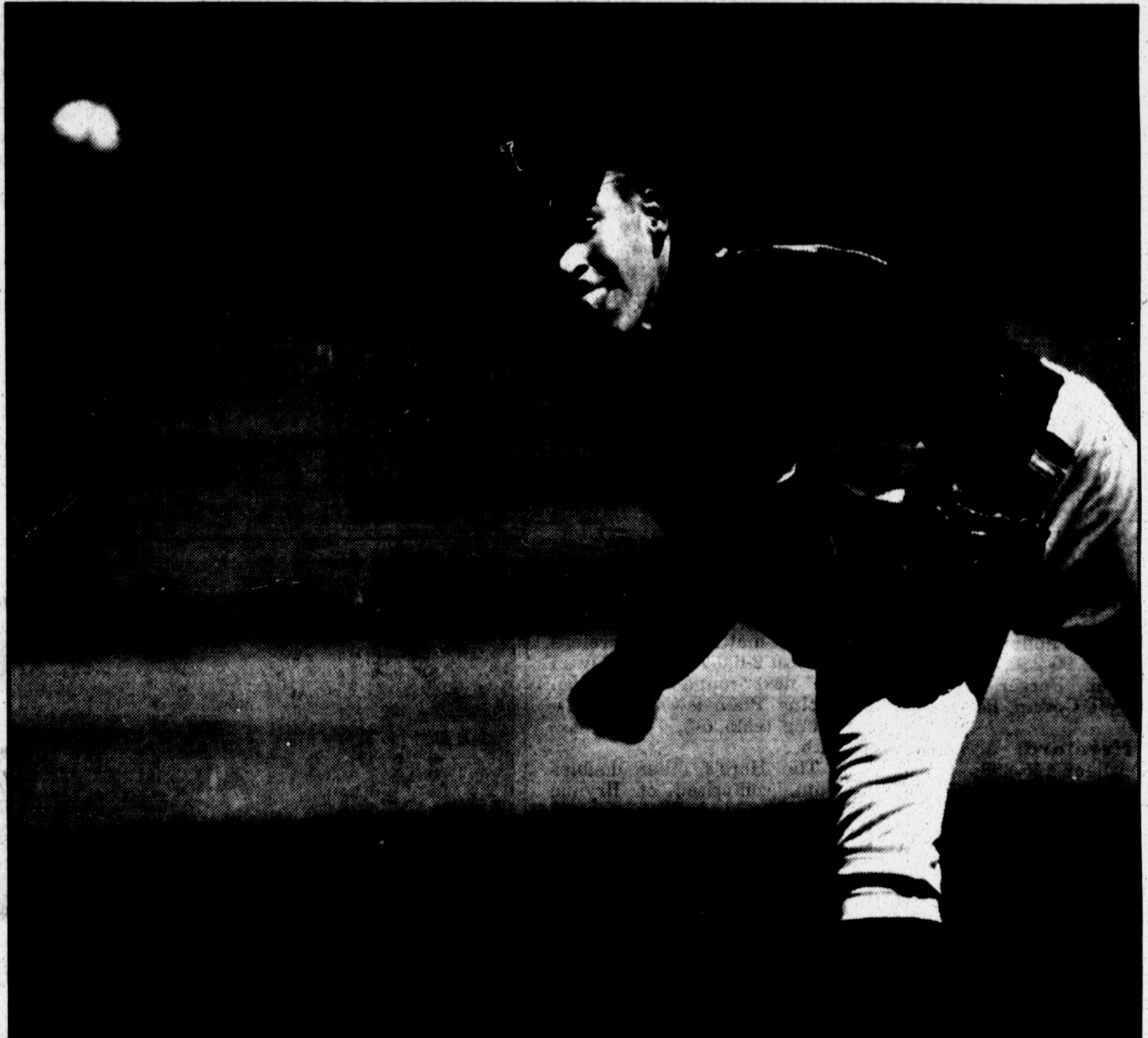
Following a sign-in at 1 p.m., Tech coaches and boosters are scheduled to play their annual version of the Red Raider Cup Matches at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course beginning at 1:30 p.m. The tournament will be played as a Florida scramble.

Red Raider Day will conclude with a social hour and dinner at the Hereford Country Club from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., where boosters will also receive the latest updates and previews for Texas Tech sports.

The event is open to all Texas Tech sports fans. A \$45 entry fee includes green fee, cart rental, the social hour and dinner. Non-golfers are also invited to attend. The cost for only the social hour and dinner is \$15.

The deadline for golf entries is Monday, April 26. Entries may be made by calling the course Golf Shop at 363-7139; by mailing entries to Dave Hopper at Box 150, Hereford, Texas 79045, or by calling Hopper at 258-7255.

## Tongue twister



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

**That little extra** — Sophomore Hereford pitcher Eddie Lacey seems to be sticking his tongue out at the batter while he launches a throw toward its mark. The tongue lashing, no doubt, is just another facet of the hurler's throwing routine. Lacey earned a victory here Saturday after the Herd pelted Borger 9-3.

## Herd shocks Borger, 9-3

**By Mauri Montgomery**

Hereford Brand Publisher

Both Hereford and Borger received some new experiences here Saturday afternoon in a first-half district showdown that ended with Hereford on top 9-3.

Hereford played the spoiler and snapped a seven-game losing streak with its first district win — and doing it against a team that had given the league's front-runner, Pampa, all it wanted earlier this year.

Borger, almost incredulous, walked off the field with its first district loss against a Cinderella cellar dweller.

The victory improved the Whitefaces to 1-3 in district and to 4-12-3 for the season. Borger dropped to 3-1 in loop play and to 6-11 overall. Josh Minyard absorbed the loss for the Bulldogs.

Texas Panhandle weather and high school ball — if you don't like what you're getting from either, then just wait, they're fixing to change.

And the winds of favor changed for Hereford when the final warmups were complete.

Led by Eddie Lacey, who turned in his first district victory on 10 strike-outs, five walks and only three runs on five hits, the Whitefaces held Borger to only one run in the first inning while racking-up four in its half to begin pushing the scales.

George Castillo, Brady Daniel, L.J. Vallejo and Ramero Zambrano all had RBIs in the opening frame to give the Whitefaces four runs on four hits. The Whitefaces would eventually add to that tally, finishing the day at nine runs on 10 hits.

Hereford scored again to take a 5-1 lead in the bottom of the third after Castillo came to the plate and unleashed a one-run homer — a hit that sailed out of the park at the right field fence and sent the ballplayer down to the ground with a

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## Lady harriers earn second place finish at Amarillo meet

**From staff reports**

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces held on and paced their way to a second place team finish in the Amarillo Relays this past weekend — the last trial before they face some of the same talent again for real in the upcoming District 3-4A meet in Pampa Friday and Saturday, April 16-17.

And if appearances are anything to go by, the team seems to be peaking at just about the right time.

Hereford, pushed by first place

finishes in the 800, the 400 and the 1600 relay, earned 76 team points to play runner-up to district powerhouse Pampa.

Pampa led the 10-team field

with 123 points. Clovis finished third with 74; 4. Palo Duro, 70; 5. Amarillo High, 62; 6. Canyon, 57; 7. Dumas, 46; 8. Tascosa 37, 9. Randall 24; and Caprock brought 16 to finish the team standings.

Hereford's 1600 relay team, comprised of Audra Witkowski, Amy Perrin, Lyndi Carlile and Brionne Yosten, turned fourth

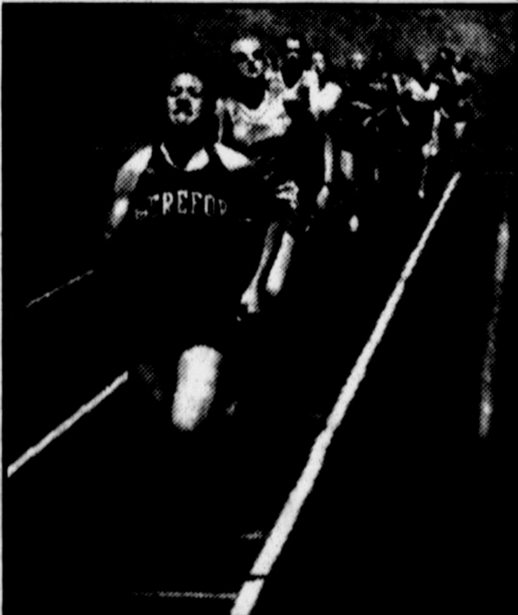
place into first place at the midway to beat their nearest competition by nearly three full seconds.

The squad clocked-out at 4:08.58 to best Randall's second place

time of 4:11.66. Carlile also led the field in the 400 after she raced to a

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## Tacking on the mileage



**Out front** — Brionne Yosten leads the pack in the 800-meter run during the Amarillo Relays.



**HHS SPRINT**

Lyndi Carlile crosses the finish line for first place in the 400-meter run.

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# Clinton briefs lawmakers on options in Kosovo

WASHINGTON — With the Pentagon preparing to approve a NATO request for hundreds of additional U.S. warplanes to use against Yugoslavia, congressional leaders are urging their members not to rush to judgment on the divisive issue of ground troops in the Balkans conflict.

NATO's military commander, Army Gen. Wesley Clark, requested "several hundred" more U.S. aircraft, and Defense Secretary William Cohen was expected to give quick approval, said defense officials, speaking Monday night on condition of anonymity.

The reinforcements would be in addition to the 500 U.S. aircraft already part of the 700-plane NATO force. The additional planes would in-

clude ground-attack jets, radar-jamming planes to disrupt Serb air defenses and refueling tankers to allow allied pilots to stay aloft longer.

"The goal is to increase NATO's ability to attack to Yugoslav army and security forces in Kosovo," one official said. "Secretary Cohen has already said he is going to approve any request from General Clark for additional assets. I would anticipate that the request will be approved expeditiously."

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, was pressing its insistence that the conflict in the Balkans could be resolved by air power alone, despite a movement in Congress to arm Clinton with the ground troop option.

"I think it's too early to have that vote," House

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said following a Monday night meeting with President Clinton.

Even so, advocates of authorizing ground troops were circulating language and pressing for an early vote as lawmakers returned from a two-week recess. Kosovo seemed destined to dominate discussion this week on Capitol Hill, even if no votes were planned.

## Judge cites Clinton for contempt in Paula Jones case

WASHINGTON — President Clinton faces a new blot on his record and thousands of dollars in fresh legal expenses after a federal judge cited him for contempt of court. Historians believe he is the first chief executive to

receive such a penalty.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright concluded Monday that the president lied about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky in a Jan. 17, 1998, deposition in the Paula Jones case.

"Simply put, the president's deposition testimony ... was intentionally false," Wright wrote.

The judge ordered Clinton to pay Mrs. Jones "any reasonable expenses including attorneys' fees caused by his willful failure to obey this court's discovery orders" and also to pay \$1,202 as reimbursement for the judge's travel in the case.

One option is for Clinton to use his legal defense fund, which has raised \$4.5 million, to pay the sanction. Clinton's lawyers were

leaving their options open until they see what sort of penalty Mrs. Jones requests. One of her lawyers said Monday night it could be tens of thousands of dollars.

Wright, however, hinted in her ruling if Clinton attempts to contest her findings, it could have political costs for a president eager to put the impeachment crisis behind

him that ended in January when he was acquitted on perjury and obstruction of justice charges in the Senate.

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## Pros, cons

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The consultants contend a new hospital also would help reverse the trend of out-migration, which sees an increasing number of patients going to Amarillo or Lubbock for medical care; would allow HRMC to market its health care services to other cities and counties in the region; and would be a selling point for other industries that might consider investing in Hereford.

Also, a new, state-of-the-art facility would be a selling point in recruiting new physicians and other specialists, such as an orthopedic surgeon and ob-gyn specialist, now unavailable in Hereford.

Other advantages for the construction of a new hospital include:

- Would enable medical personnel to utilize more modern technology;
- Lower maintenance, repair and utility expenses;
- Would provide flexibility to meet changing needs in health care delivery systems;
- Location could be selected for the best market position;
- Would allow the existing hospital to continue operations with little or no revenue loss;
- Eliminates all compliance problems in one program;
- Future expansion can be planned ahead; and
- Revives emphasis on the local healthcare industry.

The consultants also concluded there are three major disadvantages to the construction of a new hospital.

- Any construction project will require community support to finance the replacement hospital. According to the preliminary estimate of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, a new hospital - if construction begins within 24 months - will cost about \$19.1, and that doesn't include expenses associated with extending utilities, new street paving and relocation of the outpatient clinic building. Also, there are associated costs - legal fees, architectural fees, surveying, bonding/finance charges, moving expenses and installation of telephone and computer systems. These associated costs would add another \$2.3 million.
- Large initial investment.
- Additional property acquisition phase required.

The consultants describe the existing hospital as "landlocked" and contend any new hospital should be built at another location, recommending a 20-acre site. The Master Facility Report concludes that "in any consumer-oriented service, the creed 'Location is everything' is true and is true for the healthcare industry as well. ... A perception of 'poor location' hurts ... revenue because of lost patients. If the community perceives the hospital is in an unsafe area, your patients will look elsewhere for provider service."

## COUNTY

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commissioners on Monday she already has been in contact with County Treasurer Nan Rogers, "looking at the figures." She said the county's health insurance claims situation last year "was bad and this year is looking worse."

The county's search for a solution to its health care plan has generated some controversy because proposals presented would increase the costs to county employees while reducing the benefits. For example, there has been discussion about increasing the deductible to as much as \$1,000 per year and increasing the co-payment provisions for prescription drugs.

Commissioner Wayne Betzen was singled out for criticism from Deputy David Castillo, an 18-year veteran of the sheriff's office.

Castillo said he was not speaking to the commissioners as spokesman for county workers; however, he "represents the people who are under my supervision."

"It's my observation - I direct my attention to Mr. Wayne Betzen because of some of the comments he's made. ... I believe Mr. Betzen wants to be the center of attention. ... you (Betzen) will decide if you cast a vote to leave the insurance the same or raise the insurance," Castillo said.

The deputy asked Betzen to look at himself as a county employee, not as a county commissioner, whose sole source of income is his county paycheck and who has been informed his child has been

diagnosed with a terminal illness.

"How would you vote? To go ahead and raise the insurance or vote to keep it the same?"

Castillo then said he was withdrawing the question and said all he wanted was for Betzen and the other commissioners to look at the insurance issue from the perspective of the county employees.

He emphasized he respects the commissioners who are the elected representatives of the people and he will respect their decision, no matter what it is, but he urged the commissioners to consider the impact of any decision on the people who work for the county.

Betzen responded he doesn't "want to be the center of attention," adding his decision on the insurance issue will be based on what he believes to be in the best interest of the 19,000 residents of the county, "not just county employees."

County Judge Tom Simons said the commissioners are trying to find a reasonable solution to the problem.

"We're not any different than any other county. The issue is going to be added at some point by everyone," he said. He also predicted at some point the Congress also will become involved.

In her presentation, Miller said her organization works as a pool, with counties under 25,000 population participating. She said the association negotiates pricing with

## Problems

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accessible amenities (restrooms, drinking fountains and telephones) to all rooms; all public restrooms, including 10 percent of patient rooms and 50 percent of all entries should be accessible; and the ramped corridors within the building are too steep.

**Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing:** There are no remote alarms for medical vacuum in the operating room and surgery, and nitrous oxide in surgery; alarms for bulk and standby oxygen are needed, and some zones have more than one shutoff valve; CCU, nursery, surgery, recovery, labor/delivery and the emergency room have no medical air and do not have enough oxygen/vacuum outlets; surgery has no anesthesia evacuation system.

Also, the emergency power is improperly apportioned, with the number of mechanical/electrical systems not connected to the generator exceeding the minimum requirement; most of the mechanical systems fail to meet filtration standards; there is no standby heating system; the fire alarm, public address and nurse call systems are deficient; and ceiling tiles, floor tiles and other materials contain asbestos.

**Maintenance:** The HVAC systems need to be replaced; OB, nursery, ICU and Nurse's Station No. 2 are on a two-pipe system, which cannot provide both heating and cooling on a given day; newer systems do not meet current filtration standards; the heating/cooling systems are deteriorating, with extremes in temperature ranges which results in higher utility costs; parts for some of the systems are no longer manufactured; one corner of one patient wing apparently is sinking; the roof leaks and the existing roof is out of its warranty period; plumbing drainage and supply piping needs to be replaced.

Also, the consultants concluded the "hospital is inefficient in maximizing staffing ratios due to the antiquated layout of the facility. ... the current hospital was designed primarily for inpatient use while current trends favor a facility that can accommodate outpatient use as well."

Other problems noted with the HRMC layout include:

- Corridors serve few, if any, departments along their length;
- Isolated departments are too distance from backup personnel and other related departments;
- Nursing units, such as CCU and OB, are isolated from other nursing units;
- Dietary and housekeeping are isolated from the departments they serve, which leads to wasted travel time and longer response time.

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Although the primary hospital for the network in this region is Baptist St. Anthony's of Amarillo, Miller said local hospitals, such as Hereford Regional Medical Center, that are part of a hospital district will be included in the same payment arrangements as the primary network hospital.

The administration costs of the plan is 7 percent of the base rate, which is considerably less than the industry average, she said.

Although Deaf Smith County likely would pay a higher initial rate for the first year if it decides to participate, the base rate this year is \$179 per month for an employee. An employee's family can be added to the coverage for \$179 per month.

Within the network, there is a \$15 co-payment for visits to a physician's office, \$250 deductible, \$1,000 ceiling on out-of-pocket expenses, and 90/10 co-insurance after the deductible is reached.

The co-payment for prescription drugs in the network is \$8 for generic, \$16 for name brands. That is for a 30-day supply.

All of the Deaf Smith County physicians are members of the BSA Health Provider Network, she noted.

In other business, the commissioners approved a request to cross a county road in Precinct 4 with a water line.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Doctors are warning surprisingly several new weapons at cancer — the tomato.

Many studies have shown that men who eat lots of tomato-rich food, such as pasta sauce, are less likely to get prostate cancer. New research takes this a step further, showing for the first time that a tomato extract actually seems to shrink prostate tumors.

If the new findings pan out in larger studies, they suggest that the luscious tomato may offer a way to prevent cancer.

No one knows exactly how tomatoes might ward off cancer, but many suspect it's because the fruit has a natural substance that makes cancer cells more vulnerable to the support for tomatoes has come from studies that follow the eating habits of large groups of people over time. Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Harvard Medical School reviewed 72 studies that looked for a link between cancer risk and food made with tomatoes.

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