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**DPS Trooper Eddie Aguilar, K-9 officer**

## Hawk's joining the fight

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Public Safety is committed to removing illegal drugs from Texas roadways, and now the Northwest Panhandle regional offices have another tool in that fight — a 6-year-old black Labrador named Hawk.

Hawk and his handler, DPS Trooper Eddie Aguilar, recently returned from an 11-week training session in Austin.

Aguilar decided to accept the K-9 officer's post when the trooper from Amarillo vacated it.

"I just like working with dogs," he said. "This lets me combine my love of dogs and doing searches while I work."

Hawk, veteran drug dog from the Dallas area, is responsible for the confiscation of more than \$2 million worth of illegal drugs. Now he has come to help fight the war along the U.S. Highway 60 drug route.

"He's just another tool in the fight," said Aguilar.

An uninformed bystander might have a hard time believing Hawk is just a tool.

Aguilar spends a minimum of 10 hours a week training and working the black lab.

Working Hawk appears as long games of tug-o-war, chase and fetch.

Aguilar uses a leather drug bag, tied to a rolled-up towel, to keep Hawk's senses tuned to the smell of drugs.

"He's a great dog, and he's got a good, strong nose," said Aguilar. "But to him all this training is just fun and games."

During the training, Aguilar stresses the need to keep Hawk focused and working at a fast pace during each exercise. In between exercises, Hawk returns to the carrier in the back of Aguilar's Jeep, for a word of praise and cool drink of water.

When a day's training or a successful bust is completed,



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DPS Trooper Eddie Aguilar uses leather drug bag, rolled-up towel in Hawk's training

Hawk's reward is the towel. He chews them into shreds and renders the towel useless for any future use.

"He loves the towels," said Aguilar. "I go through several a week."

Coming from the Dallas area, Aguilar wanted to allow Hawk time to acclimate to this area; however, within just a few days of his arrival, they were called to Vega to do a

drug search. "I put him on active duty after that night. He located 87 pounds of marijuana," said Aguilar.

Aguilar, partnered with Hawk will travel the highways from Tulia, Canyon, and Dimmitt, west to the New Mexico border and north to the Dalhart area, searching out illegal drugs.

Hawk is trained for both

vehicle and building searches, but Aguilar said Hawk will not be doing school searches, although he will be called in when the DPS drug task force enters an area suspected of housing drugs.

Hawk is certified for marijuana, cocaine, heroine, hashish, and methamphetamines.

"If the drugs are out there," said Aguilar, "Hawk will find them."

## Analysts: Boosting economy ensures SS plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The size of Social Security's trust fund is not a good measure of whether the nation will be able to afford to pay retirement benefits to a huge wave of aging baby boomers, congressional analysts say.

Instead, lawmakers should concentrate on using the government's expected future surpluses in ways that improve the economy, such as paying off the national debt or cutting taxes, the analysts told Congress on Tuesday.

"In the Social Security trust fund, we have debt, not assets," said Dan L. Crippen, director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. "It's the size of the economy that ultimately determines the ability of the nation to support a growing elderly population."

Crippen gave lawmakers at hearings in both the House and Senate the CBO's preliminary analysis of the Social Security rescue plan President Clinton proposed

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**Dan L. Crippen** in his State of the Union speech last month.

Republicans in Congress have criticized the plan, but have not yet come up with a unified counterproposal.

On Tuesday, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said he will introduce legislation requiring that most of the federal budget surpluses expected in coming years go toward paying off the national debt, unless lawmakers agree to use them to help along reforms that would control Social Security's costs in the future. To spend the money on anything else would require agreement by more than a majority of Congress.

Domenici said his approach would leave money for the broad tax cuts Republicans want, which is precluded by Clinton's plan.

"He's gone to great lengths to see that there are no tax cuts available to the American people for quite some time," Domenici said.

Clinton's plan would use about two-thirds of federal budget surpluses expected over the next 15 years to pay down the government's debts to private investors who hold Treasury bonds.

Then, the president would put IOUs in Social Security's trust fund based on the expectation that more money would flow from a bigger economy and could be used to pay off those IOUs. CBO analysts agreed with Republican critics who say that wouldn't set aside cold, hard cash to pay retirement benefits in the future.

## Atomic bombings top list of century's events

By Arlene Levensin

The Associated Press

The top news story of the 20th century was America's atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, according to a survey by prominent U.S. journalists and scholars released today.

The 1945 bombings, which killed thousands and led to the end of World War II, topped 99 other stories of the century. The list was compiled for the Newseum, a museum about news gathering, in an exercise likely to kindle debate around the country.

The No. 2 choice was an achievement of science, peaceful and wondrous: U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon in 1969.

Third place went to Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor.

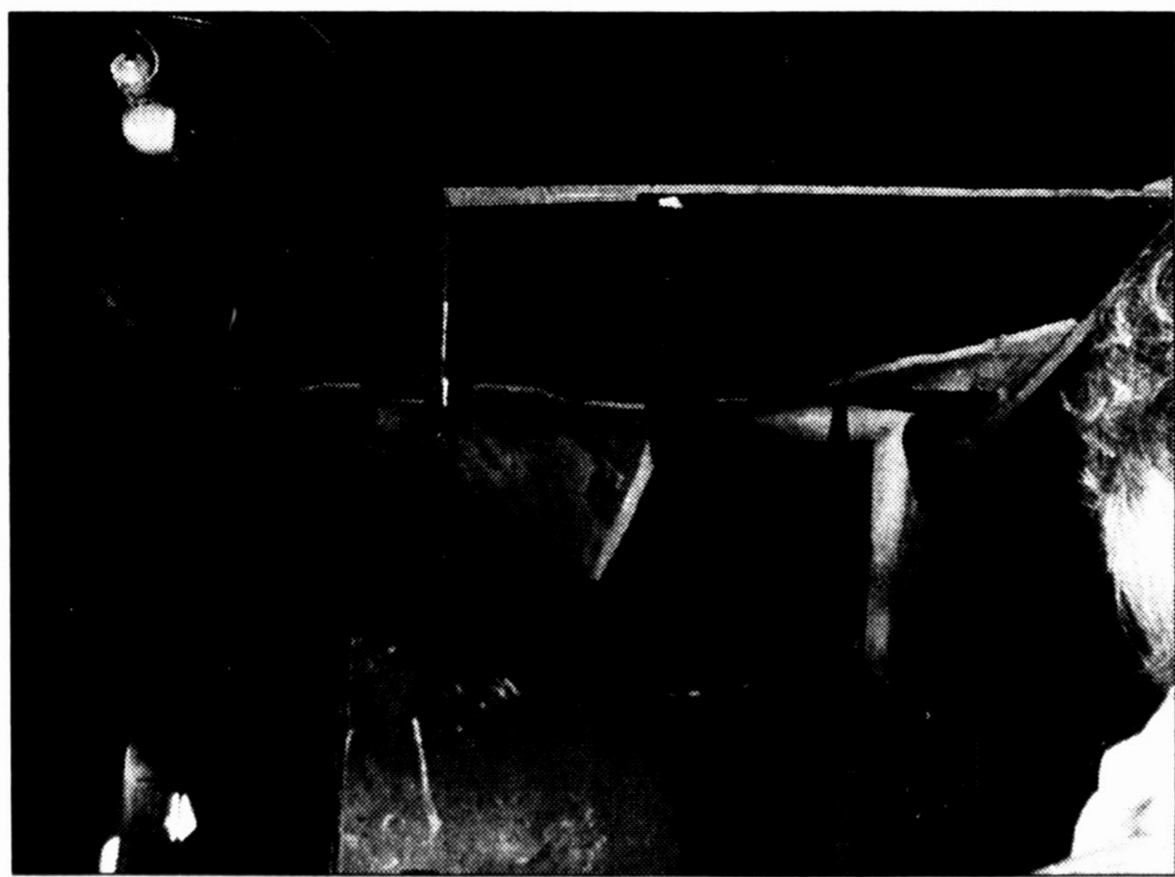
Participants were each asked to select the 25 most important news events, and their lists were combined to produce a final ranking of 100. That list, rearranged in chronological order, now becomes a ballot that the public can vote on.

"It was agonizing," CNN anchor and senior correspondent Judy Woodruff said of the selection process.

She too concluded the century's lead news event was the atomic bombing. "Because so many people died, it drove home the awful power of this new instrument," said Ms.

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## Blaze burns out a dream



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A Wednesday morning blaze swept through a turn-of-the-century ranch house at 401 N. Lee owned by Tillie Boozer. The structure was being renovated by Boozer as a counseling center and emergency shelter for battered women. The fire, which destroyed a back room and caused severe damage throughout, originated in the northwest portion of the house, which would have served as the kitchen. Boozer said the fire represents "the end to a dream" of converting the structure into the women's shelter. See story, Page A7.

## Insurance deregulation plan draws criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer groups are criticizing a proposal that would give auto-insurance companies more freedom to set their own rates.

Insurance companies already have broad discretion in setting auto rates. Giving them greater flexibility under the new deregulation proposal will mean higher premiums, said Rob Schneider, senior

policy analyst for Consumers Union.

"The experience that we've had with them points to concerns about further deregulating them," Schneider said.

"We're against further deregulation until the companies demonstrate that they're going to be responsible with flexibility and use it to the

benefit of consumers rather than their own," he said.

The insurance industry is backing a deregulation bill by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, to remove rate regulation of auto insurance from the Texas Department of Insurance.

The Insurance Department currently uses a wide range of

data, including a company's profits and the number of claims filed against it, to decide whether the average rate should be raised or lowered.

The insurance commissioner then sets a "benchmark" rate for 52 territories around the state — what the average rate should be — and the insurers can set rates between 30 percent below or above that.

While much of the insurance industry is regulated by the department, some companies classified as county mutuals are not. Those companies serve about 25 percent of the market.

**Wentworth's bill is SB600.  
Dutton's bill is HB1637.**

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# LIFESTYLES

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## Merrick home site of bridal shower

Wendy Chamblee, bride-elect of Mark Kriegshauser, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Susie Merrick.

The couple plans to be married March 13.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Kris Chamblee, mother of the bride-elect; Judy Kriegshauser, mother of the prospective groom; and Emelene Kriegshauser and Genevia Summers, grandmothers of the prospective groom.

Amanda Kriegshauser, sister of the prospective groom, presided at the guest register.

Serving refreshments of ham and asparagus quiche, cinnamon rolls, mini muffins, mixed fruit, koulouria and pineapple slush punch were Melissa Meier, Amanda Whatley and Tammy Marnell.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered with a spring floral bouquet of branches of flowering cherry, purple Dutch

iris, delphinium and greenery.

A washing machine was the gift from hostesses Karen Abney, Reni Mason, Diane Hoelscher, Shelly Diller, Yiota Malouf, Cathy Friemel, Annette Albracht, Jeri Bezner, Carolyn Maupin, Virginia Campos, Jody Keese, Patsy Hoffman, Ginger Wallace, Christine Marnell, Pat Simnacher, Melody Betzen, Jan Weishaar, Donna Albracht, Connie Backus, Darlene Cornelius, Bernadette Kalka, Susie Merrick and Mary McWhorter.



Wendy Chamblee, right, bride-elect of Mark Kriegshauser, was the honoree at a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Susie Merrick, second from left. Also pictured are, from left, Judy Kriegshauser, mother of the prospective groom; Amanda Kriegshauser, his sister; Genevia Summers and Emelene Kriegshauser, his grandmothers; and Kris Chamblee, mother of the bride-elect.

## At the Center

### Senior Citizens

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barbecue sauce, D'zerta pudding.

**TUESDAY**-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered Scandinavian vegetables, raspberry Jello with bananas, pound cake with whipped topping; or sliced ham, D'zerta salad.

**WEDNESDAY**-Smothered hamburger steak, seasoned noodles, buttered mixed green, pear with cottage cheese salad, bread pudding with raisin sauce; or lima beans with ham cubes, mixed fruit.

#### ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**MONDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis Club 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, ceramics 12:30-4:30 p.m.

## Hacker bride-elect is shower honoree

A bridal shower in honor of Jill Fredrickson, bride-elect of Santry Hacker, was held Saturday in the home of Lori Hall.

The couple will be married March 20.

Joining the honoree in greeting guests were Evelyn Dowell, mother of the prospective groom

and Dodie Fredrickson, sister of the bride-elect.

Refreshments were chocolate covered strawberries, angel food cake roll, rye squares, bacon crisp and apricot bread.

Brass and crystal appointments were used on the table which was centered with an

arrangement of fresh mixed spring flowers in a brass urn.

A set of Main Ingredients cookware was the gift from hostesses Karen Abney, Joan Allsup, Sue Andrews, Shirley Carlson, Nancy Denison, Linda Gililland, Lori Hall, Stacy Lea, Nicky Walser, Delores Webster and Judy Williams.

## FCE Council meeting has seven clubs represented

The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council met Monday following the annual Appreciation Luncheon during which 50-year-plus members were recognized, club and council members were given awards for perfect attendance, "Tonie Vaughn was named "Club Woman of the Year," and Argen Draper was announced as the first "Heart of FCE" nominee.

Council chairman Jo Lee called the meeting to order.

Seven clubs were represented with four having 100 percent attendance. Visitors welcomed were Dorma Kirby and Coreen Odom.

Maudette Smith, education chairman, reminded members of the cultural arts on March 2 at the community center and the leader's training at 1:30 p.m.

The District meeting will be March 30 in Borger. Delegates are Lee, Smith, Mariellen Homfeld, and alternate Tonie Vaughn. Deaf Smith County will assist with a silent auction and a raffle.

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Jill Frederickson, center, bride-elect of Santry Hacker, was feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Lori Hall. Greeting guests with the honoree were Evelyn Dowell, left, mother of the prospective groom and Dodie Frederickson, right, sister of the bride-elect.

## Correction

In an article in the Sunday edition of The Hereford Brand concerning the Hereford CattleWomen's annual Sweetheart Dinner, the names of Don and Jodi Lawson, Brandi Charlesworth and guest Mark Eakin were omitted from the list of those in attendance. The Brand regrets the error.

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Evening Worship ..... 7:00 pm

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Breakfast Meeting - Fellowship Hall ..... 6:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 pm

You'll experience firsthand the personality and the teachings of Jesus - complemented by a series of other Bible characters, including Judas, the betrayer of Jesus, and a Roman centurion present at the Crucifixion. It's a community-wide spiritual event you won't want to miss.

## Chill and music



Folks enjoyed both the chill and the music served at the annual Dawn Chili Supper Saturday evening to raise funds for the Dawn Volunteer Fire Department. As soon as places at the tables in the Dawn Community Center were vacated, they were filled again by county residents who ate their fill of homemade chili and listened to music provided by the Barn Church Band.



## Community concert to feature dance troupe

Hereford Community Concert Association will present a unique musical experience with the Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble. This company of professional musicians and dancers has been enjoying an international career for many years. The Rajko Ensemble will perform in Hereford High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The exceptional professional skills of the Rajko Ensemble are due to a special educational method that concentrates on preserving their natural aptitude for improvisations.

The Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble is touring the U.S. with the *Splendor of Europe* program. The company singers, musicians and dancers, resplendently clad in costumes, will perform everything from

energetically authentic folk repertoire to waltzes and court dances, including the romantic music of Liszt and Brahms and the passionate music of Gypsy.

There is one remaining concert for the current Hereford Community Concert season. The concert is Mary Burt Seifert, soprano. For information, call 364-5584 or 364-5736.

The Hereford Community Concert Association wants to alert all who attend this concert and any future ones at Hereford High School that the parking situation is not convenient. The most desirable parking will be the west lot on the corner of Avenue F and Union Street. There is also a small parking lot west of the cafeteria. The streets bordering the high school are available as well.



The Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble

## Covington, Duke present program for Westway FCE

Members of the Westway Family Community Education Club held their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening in the home of Bonnie Duke.

Roll call was answered by each member present telling their plans for leaving their special possessions to others.

President Carolyn Evers presided over the business meeting. Grace Covington gave the Council report and plans were discussed for the annual appreciation luncheon which was

held Monday.

"Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" was the title of the program presented by Covington and Duke. Ways and means for the distribution of special belongings or non-titled property that you hope to pass on or transfer to others was discussed.

Following a valentine gift exchange, refreshments were served to members Helen Brown, Rosie Valdez, Covington, Duke, Evers and guest Randy Evers.

## WD Council approves budget

The Executive Council of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division met recently to review the annual budget.

The budget was accepted as presented by the budget committee which consisted of Joyce Skelton, Kristi Hollingsworth, Vesta Mae Nunley and Shannon Redwine.

The council also reviewed a calendar of events for 1999. It was agreed that this year's

membership drive should be held during the second quarter with new members and contest winners to be announced at the summer picnic in July.

It was noted that the Miss Hereford and Little Miss Hereford pageant committees will meet soon to begin making plans for these events.

Council members in attendance were Kim Leonard, Shannon Redwine, Francie Farr, Gail Richardson and Rita Bell.

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** My husband is a letteraholic. He writes to old girlfriends he hasn't seen in years and women he finds in coffee shops. He romances them with his poetry, and sometimes, he sends roses. Recently, I caught him pulling feathers from my canary and sending them as sensitive gifts from "Nature Boy."

Last week, I found a letter he hadn't mailed. It was an invitation to "have coffee and get better acquainted." That's the first step. The second step is lunch. Then, he tries to get them in bed. He keeps a post office box for some of the women's letters, and others come to our home with no return address. Several times a week, I will pick up the phone, and the caller will hang up. Of course, I know it's one of his lady friends.

I have accepted the fact that

my husband will never change and am resigned to a life that includes his chasing women. I just wish these women would give me a break. If they call and I answer, they can ask for my husband, and I will get him, no questions asked. The same goes for those letters without return addresses. Women who slip around with married men should be aware that the wives almost always know what's going on.

So, please give us credit for having some sense. We have subscribed to the Ann Landers formula, "Ask yourself, would your life be better with him or without him?" Most of us have decided we would be better off WITH him. — Nameless, Of Course

**Dear Nameless:** Many women would throw the bum out and suffer financial consequences that can be devastating, especially if there are children. My applause for handling this situation in the way that is best for you.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I was upset by the letter from the

woman who did not want a male technician to perform a breast sonogram. I am a registered nurse who happens to be a man. According to the latest statistics, less than 5 percent of the R.N.s in Canada are male.

Discrimination against health-care providers based on gender offends more than just the workers involved. Due to the overwhelming imbalance of women in nursing and other health professions (except physicians), most male patients have no choice but to receive care from women. Why extend to female patients the privilege denied to males — that of selecting the gender of their caregivers?

Many women who express discomfort with male nurses and other providers are, at the same time, quite comfortable seeing male physicians. Women are doctors, lawyers, engineers, politicians, welders, auto workers and involved in other formerly men-only trades and professions. Nobody would suggest that a woman at GM or Ford could only work on certain types

of cars. Why treat health-care providers any differently? — R.N. in Alberta, Canada

**Dear Alberta:** If, as you have stated, fewer than 5 percent of the registered nurses in Canada are male, you can be sure that the patients up there have very little choice. Male patients are going to be treated by female nurses. Period. The law of supply and demand works in every area of life — health-care services included.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I just read the letter from "Ohio Nightmare," whose in-laws repeatedly showed up every Sunday morning unannounced and uninvited. I had the very same problem, and it drove me crazy — until I hit on a solution. When all else failed, I decided to answer the door buck naked. My wife was horrified, and it took a lot of nerve, but I did it. After three more visits, the problem was solved. The in-laws never showed up without phoning first. Pass it on, Ann.

— Jack in Bayside, N.Y.  
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# SPORTS

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## LA Lakers fall against Vancouver

By The Associated Press

He's not exactly a white knight riding in on a majestic steed. It doesn't matter to the Los Angeles Lakers, who will take just about any hero right now.

On the night that Dennis Rodman, the seven-time NBA rebounding champion, signed with the Lakers, the team lost its third game in as many days and sank to 6-6. Just 24 hours after an overtime defeat at Denver, the Lakers fell to another lowly team, the Vancouver Grizzlies, 93-83.

"I don't think it's the distractions," Shaquille O'Neal said. "I'm annoyed with myself and my teammates. We have to prepare much better and play much better."

Maybe that will happen with Rodman aboard — he is expected back for Friday night's game with the Clippers.

"No one needs to point fingers," O'Neal said following a 20-minute closed door, players-only meetings. "If you guys want to blame anybody, blame me, don't blame (coach) Del Harris. I'm the leader of these guys and I've got to get my guys ready."

They weren't ready for the Grizzlies, who snapped a three-game slide. The Lakers were outrebounded 49-41. They put the Grizzlies on the free-throw line 45 times. And the Lakers shot a miserable 28-for-79 from the floor.

Grizzlies forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored seven of his 28 points in the final 1:39 to seal the win.

"These are the types of games that we can win, and I expect us to win games like these," Abdur-Rahim said. "We should've won this game, I'd have been disappointed if we didn't."

In other NBA games, it was Miami 96, Washington 80; New York 82, New Jersey 74; Milwaukee 90, Chicago 88; Houston 98, Seattle 86; Detroit 106, Toronto 80; Dallas 89, Atlanta 85; and

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# Herd drops 65-63 double OT thriller

By Mauri Montgomery  
Hereford Brand Publisher

PLAINVIEW — Head Hereford High School basketball mentor Randy Dean watched quietly from his vantage point just outside the hushed confines of the Whiteface locker room while the Frenship Tigers cut the ceremonial victory net off the rim.

The depth of Dean's disappointment, while cloaked, still

washed over his determined features after Hereford suffered a 65-63 double overtime loss to the Class 4A bi-district rival here Tuesday night at Wayland Baptist's Hutcherson Center.

The could-haves, should-haves were now history — a prize held briefly, and then snatched away.

There was no solace for Dean, nor for the Whitefaces after they overcame an 11-point first-quarter deficit to tie

regulation play at 49-49, only to lose a 55-50 lead in the first overtime and eventually the game by two points in the second OT.

"We had chances — more than enough chances to win here tonight," Dean said quietly. "We fought an uphill battle all night long after the first quarter, finally gained some control, and then missed some big rebounds and free throws."

Frenship's Luke McDonald

sank two free throws with less than a minute remaining in the first overtime to give the Tiger's a 63-62 lead.

Hereford's Greg Ewing then hit the tail end of a one and one to tie the score at 63-63 before Frenship's Sean Green hit two free throws with just over 30 seconds remaining for a two-point 65-63 Tiger advantage.

Ewing sent one more arc from the baseline on Hereford's next possession, but it hit metal instead of net.

The win improved Frenship's overall mark to 25-8 and advanced the Tigers to a Region I area game against Clint.

The Whitefaces finished their season at 23-9.

Hereford guard Cody Hodges, who netted a team-high 23 points gave Hereford its first opportunity for a win after he drove down the lane and dropped a twisting layup in to tie the regulation play at 49-49 with three seconds left.

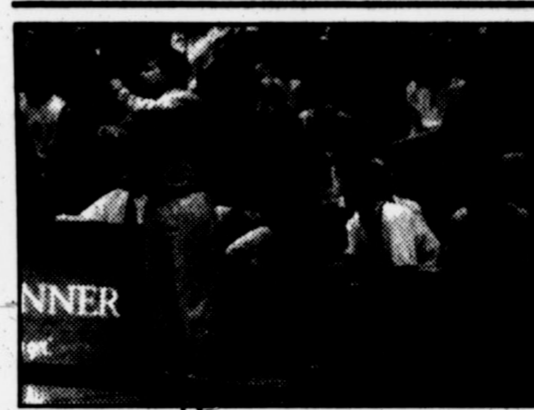
The monumental effort came after Hereford had worked its way back into the contest after a miserable show in the first period — trailing 42-23 at halftime and by only four points at the end of third quarter play, 34-30.

Both teams traded misses from the field in the opening minute of the extra session, but the Whitefaces jumped out to

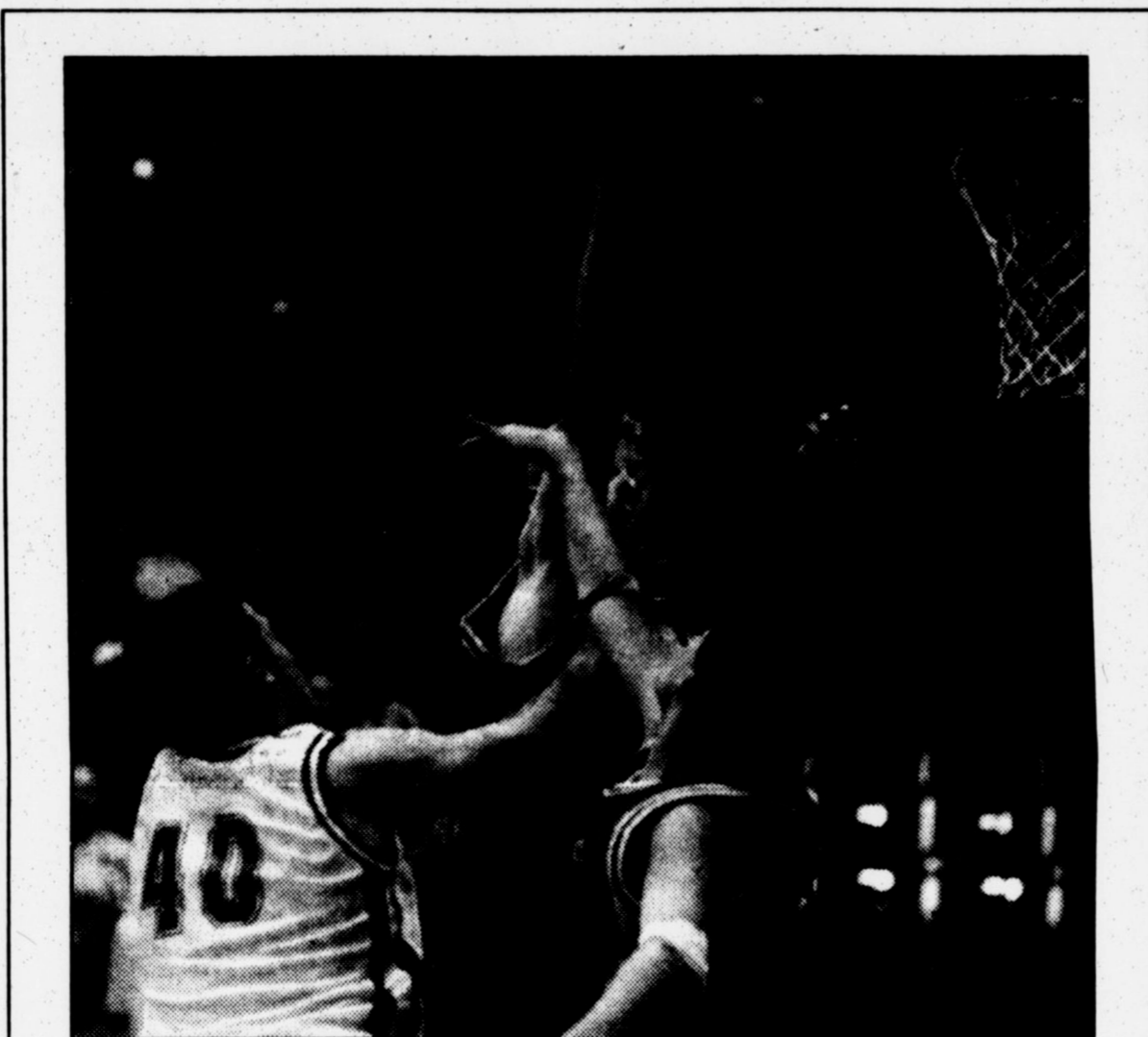
52-49 OT lead behind two free throw shots from Chayse Rives and a perfect three-way fastbreak scoring drive that went from Cody Hodges to Slade Hodges and finally to Mitch Wagner who dropped in a jumper under the basket.

Cody Hodges followed with a layup to bring Hereford out front 55-50, but went 1-6 from the foul line in the waning half of the round. With 30 seconds left, Frenship pulled to within 56-55 on a

McDonald 3-point shot, and then tied the topsy-turvy contest for the third time with 12 seconds remaining after Brandon Jones went 1-2 at the foul line.



Listen — Randy Dean steers his troops.



In the fray — Mitch Wagner (40) tries to block a Frenship score.

### Game Results

HEREFORD	8	23	30	47	56	63
FRENSHIP	16	24	34	47	56	65

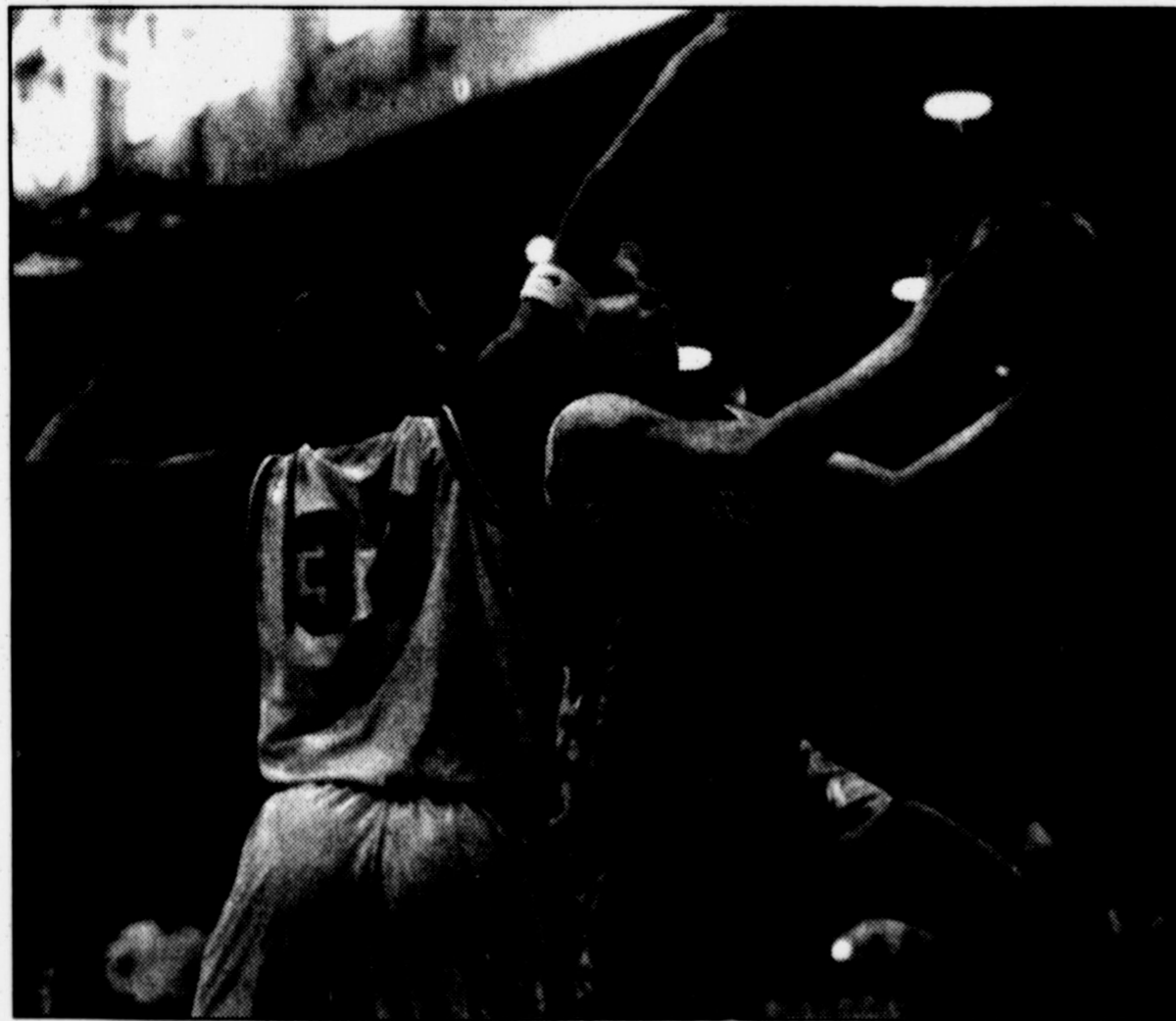
HEREFORD — L.J. Vallejo 3 2-3 9, Greg Ewing 0 1-2-1, Eric McNutt 2 0-0 5, Cody Hodges 10 1-1 23, Slade Hodges 3 0-0 7, Brent Huseman 0 1-2 1, Mitch Wagner 1 0-3 2, Chayse Rives 3 4-4 10, Cody Marsh 1 2-4 4. Totals 23 11-19 63.

FRENSHIP — Sean Green 2 3-5 7, Patrick Shelby 3 0-1 6, Robert Caballero 1 1-2 3, Brandon Jones 9 4-6 22, Luke McDonald 11 2-2 27. Totals 26 10-16 65.

Three-point goals: Hereford 6 (C. Hodges 3, Slade Hodges, L.J. Vallejo, Eric McNutt); Frenship 3 (McDonald). Total fouls: Hereford 16, Frenship 14. Fouled-out: Cody Hodges.

RECORDS: Hereford 23-9, Frenship 23-9.

# Palo Duro rocks Lady Whitefaces in playoff



Kristen Fangman (54) moves past Palo Duro's Casey Jackson on her way to the board.

## Hereford crumbles under crushing Palo Duro offensive and defensive play



Going over — Hereford's Tori Walker shoots over Palo Duro's Casey Jackson (32).

By Mauri Montgomery  
Hereford Brand Publisher

PLAINVIEW — The full wrath of Amarillo Palo Duro fell on the Lady Whitefaces here Tuesday night as Hereford's further Class 4A playoff hopes were first dimmed, and then crushed 67-37 before more than 1,100 area

basketball fans at Plainview High School.

Hereford, having previously lost twice to the District 3-4A champion Lady Dons by a total point-spread of only 100-87, saw the real tenaciousness of Amarillo's offensive and defensive attacks for the first time this year.

Unfortunately, they saw it at the worst possible time — in the regional quarter finals.

It wasn't a pretty sight, and it only got worse as the night wore on.

The Lady Don's highly-touted guard Lakisha Harper netted 11 points in the first quarter, mostly in driving layups, and maimed Hereford for a total of 16 first-half points in what would become the Lady Whitefaces' closest play against Amarillo.

The Lady Whitefaces, despite 13 first-half turnovers and an early nine point deficit after the first quarter, managed to stay within eight points of Palo Duro heading into the half.

But the full onslaught of Amarillo's balanced attack arrived in the third quarter after the Lady Dons held Hereford to only four points while amassing a 46-27 lead.

Hereford's Valerie Guzman, who led Lady Whiteface scoring with 12 points, answered a Lakisha Harper bucket with less than two minutes gone in the third quarter as she slide inside for a layup that brought the score to 33-25.

Then, after committing three successive turnovers, the Lady Whitefaces watched Palo Duro reel-off 10 unanswered points and a 15-4 barrage before the close of the third period.

Guzman added two more points late in the third, but Palo Duro answered with two free throws to give the Lady Dons a sweeping 46-26 lead.

The stifling Amarillo defense created 13 additional Hereford turnovers in the second half and kept the Lady Whitefaces' big scoring at bay through the finish.

Tori Walker, who has made her presence known from the field all season long, was held to only one field goal in the first quarter. Eight of her 11 points in the tilt came in the final period on free throws before she fouled-out of the game with 2:50 remaining.

Amarillo walked away with a 10-point advantage in the

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## Bar group finds most say courts are unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Too many Americans believe the nation's courts do not provide equal justice for racial minorities, the American Bar Association's president said, as the group released a poll showing nearly half of Americans feel that way.

"This is a very serious problem ... we cannot afford to ignore," Philip Anderson, a Little Rock, Ark., attorney, said Tuesday. "We are concerned that the current perception of bias will eventually erode confidence in our system of justice."

Of 1,000 people surveyed by telephone in August, 47 percent said they strongly disagreed with a statement that "the courts treat all ethnic and racial groups the same." Only 39 percent agreed with the statement, and 14 percent voiced no view.

Asked whether courts treat men and women alike, 55 percent said yes, 30 percent said no, and 15 percent expressed no view.

Anderson noted that another recent ABA poll indicated great disagreement between white and black lawyers over racial fairness.

"This raises the obvious question that if people believe the justice system is tainted with bias, how long can they expect the courts to remedy bias elsewhere in our society?" Anderson said. "Right now, the high degree of confidence in the courts exists side by side with the perception of bias in the courts. As the minority populations increase in America, will the perception of bias increase?"

He said the 350,000-member ABA "will intensify our efforts to eradicate gender and racial bias in our courts."

The poll released Tuesday contains some seemingly inconsistent findings. For example, most people — 51 percent — believe the justice system "needs a complete overhaul," but 80 percent also believe America's system is the world's best.

A large majority of Americans, 78 percent, also voiced confidence in the jury system.

Among the poll's other findings:

- 90 percent believe wealthy people and companies often wear down their opponents by dragging out legal proceedings.

- 77 percent say it costs too much to go to court.

- 27 percent believe the best lawyers are selected to serve as judges.

### Business recognized



**Members of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Business Retention Committee recognized Hereford Grain Corp. for its contribution to the area economy. The business was started by Joe Artho in 1962 and has grown to 21 locations, with 18 in Deaf Smith County and requires 289 sections of cultivated land to fill its elevators to capacity. Employees attending the ceremony were Dennis Artho, Richard Jackson, Gloria Mullins and Fritz Backus.**

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## Judges asked to decide who investigates Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a new player in the game of who gets to investigate Kenneth Starr: The panel of judges that appointed the prosecutor back in 1994.

Three appeals court judges, headed by Reagan appointee David Sentelle, responded to a conservative group's request for action by stepping into a dispute over whether the Justice Department can probe Starr's office. Starr says no. The department says yes.

However the argument turns out, Starr and his prosecutors face an inquiry of whether they conducted themselves properly in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

Once before Sentelle was a focus of controversy in regard to Starr.

The judge lunched with North Carolina Sens. Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth, both conservative Republicans and longtime friends of the judge, while weighing who should head the investigation of the Clintons. A month later, the three-judge panel replaced prosecutor Robert Fiske with Starr. The lunch prompted a citizen's complaint. The federal appeals court's chief judge in Washington concluded nothing inappropriate occurred.

The judges are requiring responses from the Justice Department and the prosecutor's office within 15 days on the question of who will investi-

gate the investigators.

One option: The Justice Department could question whether the special panel of judges has jurisdiction in the matter.

The Landmark Legal Foundation contends the department cannot investigate Starr — that although Attorney General Janet Reno can fire an independent counsel, only Congress has authority to oversee the actions of such prosecutors.

The Independent Counsel Act says a counsel can be removed "by the personal action of the attorney general and only for good cause" or disability. If a counsel is fired, the attorney general must promptly give the reasons in writing to Congress and the special court that appointed the counsel.

Some department officials say that means she has the authority to investigate Starr.

The law allows the counsel

to appeal his firing to the U.S. District Court in Washington, which could order a counsel reinstated if the firing is not merited. The act forbids any member of the special court from hearing this appeal.

Starr's office did not respond to a request for comment on the judges' move and Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said officials there are reviewing the court order.

"We hope the court's order is the first step toward stopping the attorney general's persistent efforts to undermine Judge Starr's authority and independence," foundation president Mark Levin said in a statement.

## Fire severely damages house, killing a dream

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

A faulty electrical outlet is being blamed for an early morning house fire at 401 N. Lee.

Firefighters responded to the call at 3:39 a.m. Wednesday and had the blaze under control within 15-20 minutes, according to fire department officials.

Fire Marshal Jay Spain said although it took only a few minutes to control the blaze, 30 volunteer firefighters worked for more than three hours before the fire was finally extinguished.

At 9:28 a.m., firefighters returned to the scene when a rekindle alarm came in. They arrived to find smoldering embers had sparked in the crawl spaces between the stories.

The turn-of-the-century ranch house, owned by Tillie Boozer, was being rebuilt for use as a counseling center and women's emergency shelter.

"I'm afraid this is the end to a dream," Boozer said. "I so wanted to have the women's shelter. I'm just glad no one was living here when this happened."

The fire originated in the northwest portion of the house, which was to serve as the kitchen, and rapidly engulfed the back wall. The fire destroyed the back room and caused severe damage to most of the building.

The room being used as an office sustained only smoke damage.

Spain estimated damage to the structure is well into the thousands.

Boozer expects the insurance adjusters to give more details later.

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# FARM & RANCH

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## Experts warn of pros and cons of eradication programs

Cotton growers assessing the pros and cons of establishing a boll weevil eradication program should seriously consider the potential for a secondary pest outbreak.

Rod Summy, a retired USDA entomologist from the Weslaco area, addressing the 95th annual Texas Farmers Union convention, recently warned producers of the possibility of high buildups of possibly detrimental pests if boll weevils are eradicated.

Summy explained that during the 1995 growing season, officials predicted 400,000 bales from 350,000 acres. With

the eradication of the boll weevil, the crops sustained costly damage from aphid, beet armyworms, and sweet potato whitefly reducing the crop to only 53,000 bales.

The scourge of pests followed numerous pesticide treatments, including as many as 13 treatments sanctioned by the boll weevil eradication program.

Summy compared the pest induced crop devastation on the U.S. side of border to that of the Mexico counterparts.

Mexico growers at Tamaulipas, treated their fields with a single early-sea-

**"Experts don't know everything. Many make a living by promoting the program"**

**Rod Summy, retired USDA entomologist**

son pesticide for fleahoppers and only three or four treatments to control boll weevils and armyworm infestations.

After studying insect damage in more than 20 cotton fields in three Texas counties and at least 12 fields in north-eastern Tamaulipas, Summey was certain the overtreatments were the cause of the most severe damage.

"The contrast between study

areas in pesticide use patterns, their close proximities and the similarities in weather conditions, overwhelmingly implicate heavy pesticide usage as the primary factor," he said.

Summy said farmers should put the weevil problem in perspective, and turn a deaf ear to the scare tactics, when considering secondary pest outbreaks.

He stresses the need to make any decision in a calm and rational manner, and farmers should not feel pressured one way or the other when deciding to vote for or against the boll weevil program.

South Plains growers in 10 counties will decide later this month if a \$104 million-plus eradication program is suitable for this area.

Should farmers vote for the program, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will start the process this fall with a treatment of diapause,

followed by four more treatments in the following years.

An eradication zone was approved by growers in the western counties and another is being considered for the north-western portions of the Panhandle.

Summy warned growers to limit the faith they put in "expert advice".

"Experts don't know everything," he said. He then added many are making a living by promoting the program and that most don't count on the cotton drop for their livelihood.

## Water district releases soil moisture surveys

Area producers may need up to 8 inches of pre-plant moisture

Deaf Smith County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need anywhere between two to eight inches of water to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to spring planting.

The Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service recently released a report on the pre-plant moisture readings made during November and December.

According to the report, approximately 33 percent of the Deaf Smith County served by HPWD needed about two to four inches of moisture to bring

the soil to field capacity. Another 45 percent needed four to six inches of moisture with remaining 22 percent in dire need of six to eight inches of water.

Water district staff members note that two precipitation events have occurred since the pre-plant soil moisture survey was conducted.

Precipitation from these events totaled as little as one-half inch to as much as three inches in the 15-county Water District service area.

"This precipitation reduced the soil moisture deficit. Therefore, it is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture

conditions in their individual fields before the start of pre-plant irrigation," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS Soil scientist.

Experts recommend, if pre-plant irrigation is needed, that it be done early enough so that the 1999 crop has a full soil moisture profile to draw on during the growing season.

Historical data shows that above average crop yield are more likely when the five-foot root zone soil profile is at or near capacity.

It is important to keep the soil in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation

that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. In addition, producers are reminded to utilize techniques such as furrow diking to keep rainfall from running off the field.

"Once moisture is stored in the soil, producer should help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," Crenwelge said.

Copies of the regional and/or Deaf Smith County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting local USDA-NRCS offices or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office.

Residents in the High Plains Water District service area can request a free copy of "Estimating Soil Moisture by Feel and Appearance", a guide to assessing a fields water needs by contacting the HPWD office at (806) 762-0181.

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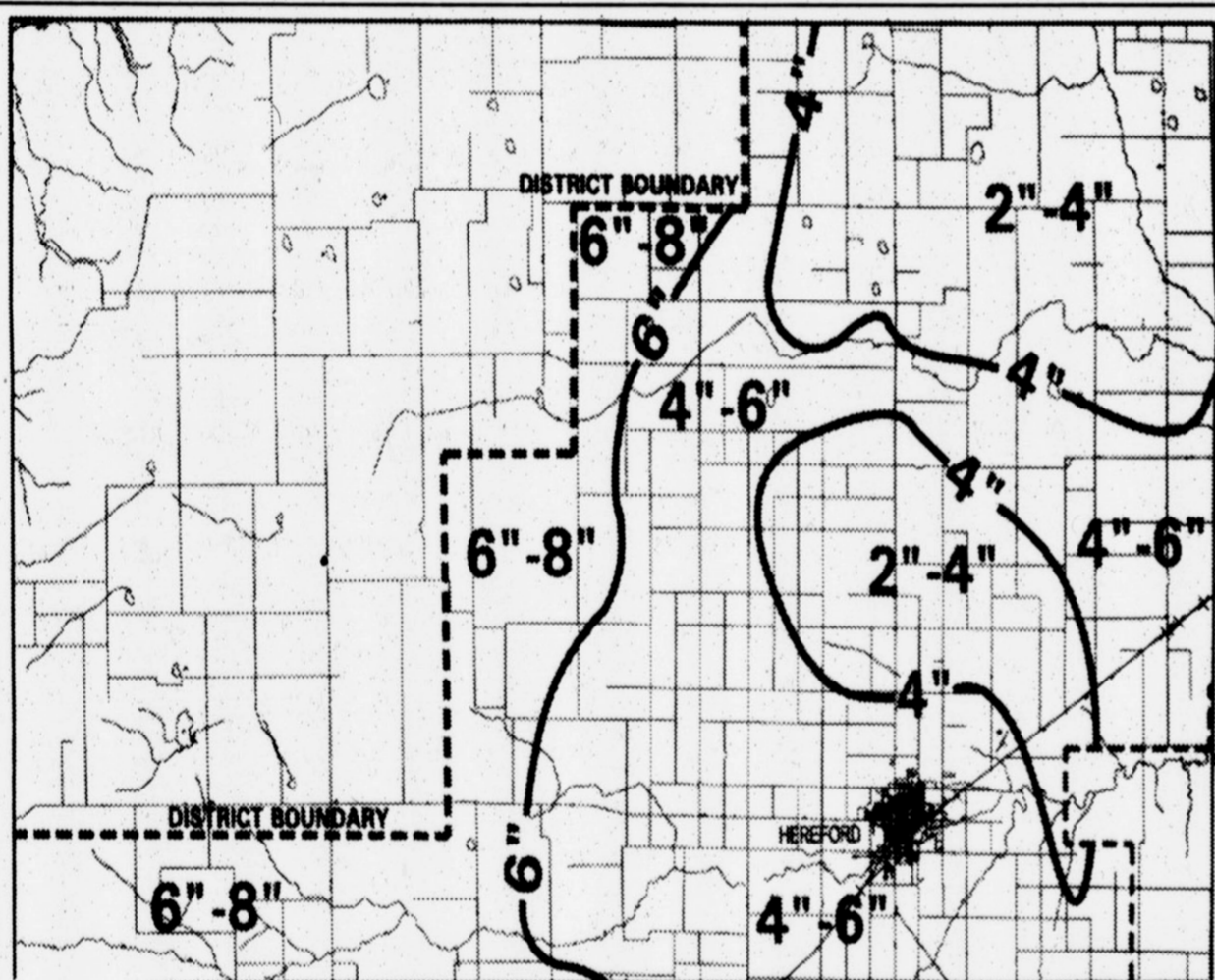
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The Boll Weevil has invaded Deaf Smith County.

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A: Mild winters, natural habitat areas, C.R.P., etc.

**Q: Can you grow cotton in Deaf Smith County with the Boll Weevil pest?**

A: Yes, you can partly control it with chemical pesticides, but you will still have some yield loss.

**Q: What can we do about the Boll Weevil?**

A: Join Bailey, Castro, Lamb and Parmer counties in an eradication program.

**Q: How long will this take?**

A: Four years.

**Q: How much will it cost?**

A: \$12 per acre irrigated, \$5 per acre dryland maximum. Landowners pay their part.

**Q: How can we get rid of this cotton pest?**

A: Vote for Boll Weevil Eradication.

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# Spelling Bee qualifiers

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF R.L. BLAKELY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of R.L. BLAKELY, Deceased, was issued to me, the undersigned, on the 22nd day of February, 1999, in the proceeding below my signature hereto, which proceeding is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons who may have claims against said estate which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to me at my residence address in Deaf Smith County, Texas, and with my post office address being: 230 Northwest Drive, Hereford, Texas 79045, before suit upon same is barred by the Statutes of Limitation, and within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1999.

/s/ Opal Blakely  
Independent Executrix of the Estate of R.L. Blakely, Deceased, No. PR-4458, in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

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HISD will hold a public sale of surplus computer and audio visual equipment on Saturday, 02/27/99, from 8:00 A.M. until sold out. The sale will be held in the Administration Building. Sale will be on a first come first serve basis. All sales will be cash only. Equipment must be removed from the premises at the time of purchase. All equipment will be sold "AS IS." No warranties or returns. HISD reserves the right to reject any offer. Questions should be directed to Dianna L. Drew, Director of Technology, 806-363-7600.

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Nazarene Christian Academy winners -- Spelling Bee winners from Nazarene Christian Academy were (front, from left) Junior Bee qualifier Matthew Harris and alternate Jonathan Iler; and (rear) Senior Bee qualifier Cade Hansard and alternate Disney Poarch.



Walcott School -- Top spellers at Walcott School were Senior Bee qualifier Alisha Sanchez (top) and Cody Matsler.



St. Anthony's top spellers -- St. Anthony's Catholic School bee winners are (from left) Junior Bee qualifier Ean Noyes, Junior Bee alternate Amanda Dorado, Senior Bee qualifier Jamie Gerber and alternate Stephanie Briones.

### Spelling Bee competition

The Senior Bee competition will begin at 8 p.m. March 4 in the Heritage Room at the Deaf Smith County Public Library, 211 E. 4th.

The Junior Bee competition will begin at 8 p.m. March 3 in the Heritage Room at the library.

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-24 CRYPTOQUOTE

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ASHICGX CJUSOCGW KX ICGX

GKTC. — UAKHMI M FCHLSI

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### GRAIN FUTURES

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### METAL FUTURES

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## Stories

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Woodruff, who was born the following year. "The one thing for which this century will be remembered 500 years from now was: This was the century when we began the exploration of space," said historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., whose choice for No. 1 was Armstrong's moon walk. That event gave many a sense of infinite potential. "People always say: If we could land on the moon, we can do anything," said Maria Elena Salinas, co-anchor at Miami-based Spanish-language cable network Univision, who also made it her first choice. Though third on the list, Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor was No. 1 for Ben Bradlee. "I'm going to write the next one of these things in disappearing ink," said the journalist of 50-plus years. At 77, Bradlee was alive for most events he chose from. Now vice president at-large at *The Washington Post*, his choices for the top 25 were as personal as they were professional. "World War II was 25 percent of my life at one time," Bradlee said. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy was No. 6 on the final list, No. 2 for Bradlee. "He was a friend." The Watergate scandal? The event his reporters uncovered and which led to the resignation of President Nixon, was No. 7 for Bradlee, No. 14 on the list of 100.

The Newseum, based in Arlington, Va., is a project of The Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation that promotes understanding between news media and public. Forum spokeswoman Susan Bennett said the public can cast votes by visiting the Newseum; its traveling exhibit, NewsCapade, scheduled to visit 30 cities this year; or, starting today, its Web site, [www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org). The sex scandal leading to President Clinton's impeachment ranked No. 53 on the final list. It was not among Ms. Woodruff's 25, however. "When I think about the amount of time we spent on the Lewinsky story..." she said. "There's so much more important going on in the world." With his 81-year-old eyes, historian Schlesinger looked forward. "I put DNA and penicillin and the computer and the microchip in the first 10 because they've transformed civilization. Wars vanish," Schlesinger said, and many people today can't even recall when the Civil War took place. "Pearl Harbor will be as remote as the War of the Roses," he said, referring to the English civil war of the 15th century. And there's no need to get hung up on the ranking, he said. "The order is essentially very artificial and fictitious," he said. "It's very hard to decide the atomic bomb is more important than getting on the moon."

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News roundup

**Verdict is guilty; jury to decide punishment**  
JASPER, Texas — Janell Brown was hovering over the radio at Smokers Island tobacco store when the verdict came over the air. Her one-word reaction seemed to sum up the feelings of an entire town: "Yes!" Jurors spent less than three hours deliberating Tuesday before finding white supremacist John William King guilty of kidnapping and murdering James Byrd Jr., a black man who was chained behind a pickup truck last summer and dragged along a road until he was torn to pieces. "I knew justice would be served," said Jasper's mayor, R.C. Horn, after the verdict. "Thank God." The jury must now decide whether King, a 24-year-old laborer and convicted burglar, should get the death penalty or life in prison for one of the nation's grisiest racial crimes since the civil rights era. Additional testimony in the penalty phase was scheduled for today. As the jurors filed into the courtroom to announce the verdict, King leaned forward slightly, drawing near to one of his attorneys. The foreman, the only black on the panel, gave the papers with the jury vote to a bailiff.

**Albanians fear fresh violence talks inconclusive**  
PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — With peace talks on the future of Kosovo inconclusive, Serbs threatened to continue their military campaign against ethnic Albanian rebels and Kosovo Albanians expressed fears of more violence in the weeks ahead. Many Serbs and ethnic Albanians heard the disheartening news of failed negotiations in Rambouillet, France, from televisions and radios in the smoky, ethnically segregated cafes that form the backbone of society in Pristina, the provincial capital. Serbs seemed relieved yet defiant, happy that NATO strikes were for the time being averted and insisting that the ethnic Albanians who have a 90 percent majority in the province will never win independence. "Americans want to try to change history, but sometimes it just doesn't work," said Dusko Arandjelovic, 41, a patron at a Serb restaurant in downtown Pristina. "Kosovo is Serbian, no matter what campaign the West launches." On the other side of town, ethnic Albanians in their cafes expressed approval that their negotiators requested two weeks to consult popular opinion in Kosovo before signing any deal. At the same time, they insisted that no agreement is possible without guarantees for a referendum on the independence for which ethnic Albanian rebels have been fighting for almost a year. "Any deal must respect independence," said Binak Kelmendi, chief editor of the outlawed Albanian newspaper *Rilindja*. The talks, which are to resume March 15, deadlocked over ethnic Albanian insistence on a referendum, which Serbs and international powers oppose, and Serb refusal to allow NATO troops to enforce a peace deal in Kosovo, a poor southern province in the Serb republic that dominates Yugoslavia.

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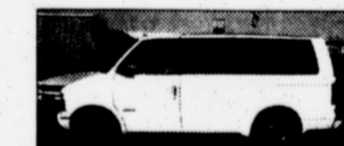
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