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## Board suspends search

■ Directors call off plan to hire HRMC chief; ponder a lease

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

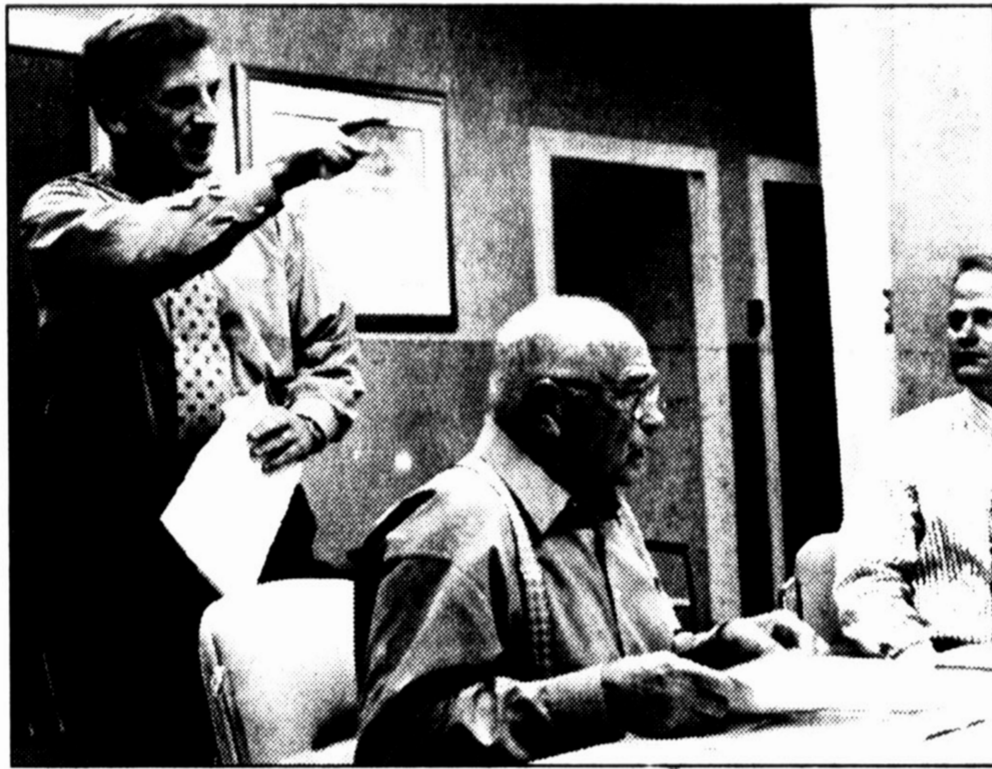
It's back to square one in the search for an administrator for Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Maybe.

On a night when they were expected to name their selection for chief executive officer of the hospital, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors voted unanimously Wednesday to suspend its search pending

completion of a financial analysis of hospital operations by a not-for-profit hospital management company.

Earlier in the day, the board received notification that Alan Markowitz, one of two finalists for the HRMC administrator's position, had decided to withdraw from con-



BRAND/Don Cooper

CHC president Michael D. Williams (standing) discusses a possible lease agreement between his not-for-profit company and the Deaf Smith County Hospital District. Listening to Williams' presentation are Directors Bobby Owen (left) and Steve Lawlis.

sideration. Markowitz' decision left Ted Strote as the only candidate for the position.

The consensus expressed by the directors expressed some reservations about Strote.

The board's decision to suspend the search for a hospital administrator followed a lengthy presentation by

Michael D. Williams, president/chief executive officer of Community Health Corp., about a possible lease arrangement with HRMC by the not-for-profit company.

CHC, which is based in Dallas, was established in 1996 as a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization. It was created

by the members of VHA Southwest Inc., a cooperative of not-for-profit hospitals in Texas and New Mexico. It is supported financially by several of the hospitals, including Baptist St. Anthony's Health System of Amarillo and Covenant Healthcare System of Lubbock, as well as VHA Inc., a nationwide cooperative of 1,800 not-for-profit hospitals.

According to Williams, the purpose of CHC is to provide assistance to community-based health care organizations. The assistance can be in the form of education/consultation, management assistance through a management

contract, a joint venture designed to provide effective operating control, lease of the hospital, or purchase of the hospital.

In his presentation, Williams said before entering into any agreement with the hospital district, the company would conduct a complete fi-

nancial analysis of the hospital operation. The analysis would examine the hospital's most recent fiscal year performances, develop a five-year forecast on cash flow and operating assumptions, and debt service.

The report also will look at the hospital's market position, any strategic plans that are in place, effectiveness of the current management and leadership of the district board.

As for the market position, the report will ask these questions:

- Who are you serving?
- What services are you providing?
- Who are the physicians providing these services?
- Who could you service?
- With what services?
- Is the medical staff adequate to provide these services?

Williams said many rural, community hospitals have a shortage of physicians, difficulty in recruiting specialists, deteriorating infrastructure and out-migration.

The out-migration of patients, primarily insured and younger people, to large metropolitan facilities leaves the small community hospital with primarily indigent and elderly patients.

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### Today's weather OUTLOOK

**Mostly clear skies**  
Tonight, mostly clear, low in the mid-50s.  
Friday, partly cloudy, high in the mid-80s.



### Extended forecast

Saturday, partly cloudy, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high in the lower 80s.

Sunday, mostly cloudy, slight chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high in the lower 80s.

Monday, mostly cloudy, chance of showers or thunderstorms, low mid-50s, high 75 to 80.

**Hereford weather**  
Wednesday's high, 70; low, 60; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



TED STROTE

## Field day focuses on drip irrigation

Special to The Brand

Area producers who want to learn more about drip irrigation as a way to improve irrigation application efficiency are urged to attend a demonstration field day later this month.

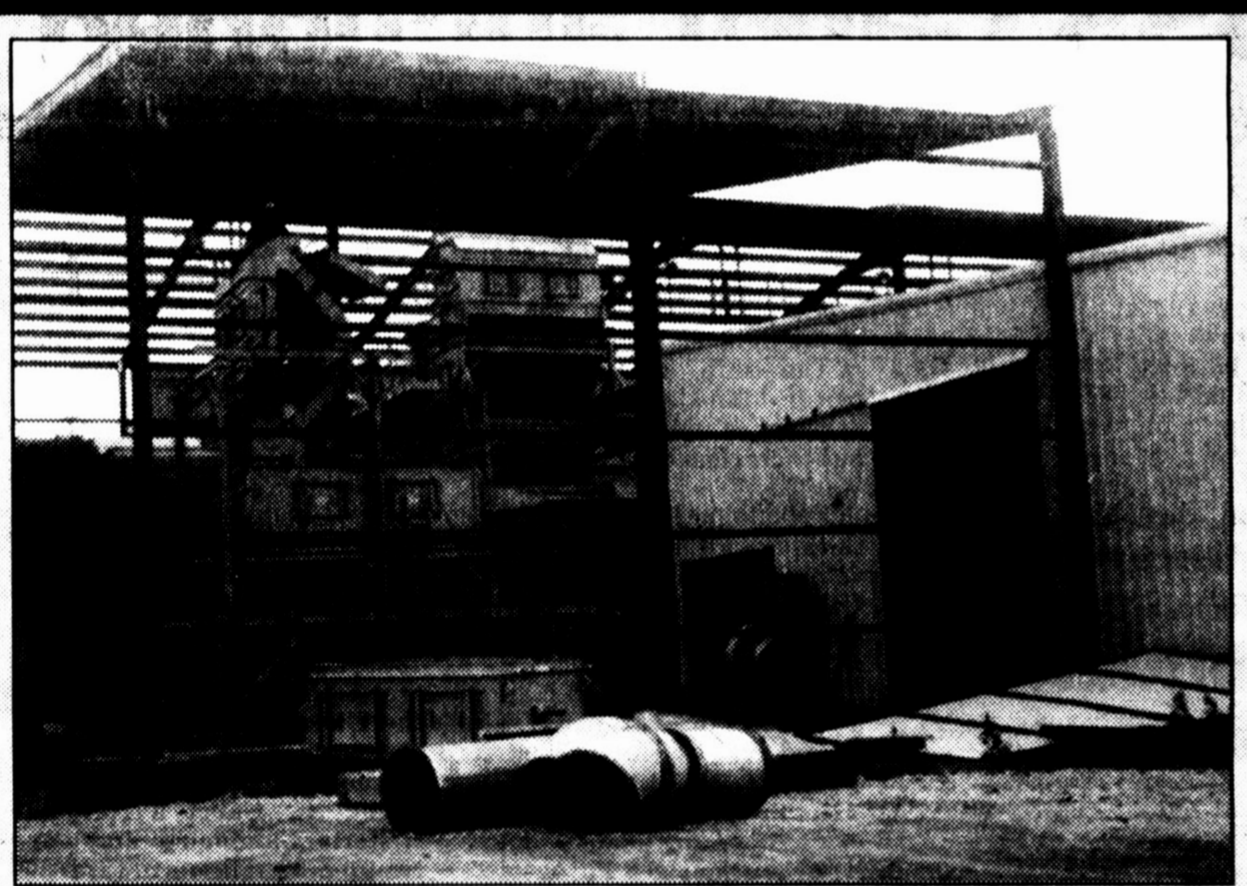
The field day, which is sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Ronnie Owens farm, located 6 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Highway 60 and 1 mile north on Country Road E.

Producers are invited to stop by at any time during the field day for a one-on-one discussion of drip irrigation and other water conservative techniques.

The drip irrigation field day will focus on the installation and management of drip irrigation systems, according to district assistant manager Ken Carver.

"Drip irrigation is slow, frequent applications of small amounts of water to the soil area directly surrounding plant roots. Water losses caused by evaporation, deep percolation and runoff are virtually eliminated. Using drip irrigation can save as much as 30-40 percent of the water used by furrow irrigation," Carver said.

The drip tape is installed on 20 acres at the site and has been in operation since February 1997. Owens' system operates in a series of three stations.



BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

Renovations under way at Farmers Gin Cooperative will boost ginning capacity

## HEDC supports co-op's request for assistance

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Following considerable discussion Wednesday among directors of the Hereford Economic Development Corp. over a \$60,000 grant for the Hereford Farmer's Gin Cooperative, the board voted to recommend the Hereford City Commission approve the proposal.

Gin manager David Varner presented current information to the HEDC members detailing the progress the gin has made in recent years and the changes he hopes to bring about.

Varner said by 1973 all three Deaf Smith County gins had closed and farmers were having to haul cotton to Dimmitt, Friona or somewhere else.

"In April of 1973, a group of farmers banded together to form the co-op," Varner said. "They chipped in \$200 apiece and were able to gin between 300 and 400 bales by harvest."

By 1996, when the cooperative ginned more than 14,000 bales, gin board members decided to do the first renovation.

The renovation in 1997 increased production to 16 bales per hour and cost \$800,000.

"By the end of the 1997 cotton season, we baled 20,000 bales and 25,000 in 1998. This growth demanded another expansion," Varner told the HEDC.

"Our current expansion will nearly

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"Our country can survive bad judgment. But the thing that really undermines the integrity of government is whether there were bad acts — whether the government killed people."

John Danforth

## Danforth agrees to direct probe of Waco tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Republican Sen. John Danforth, accepting appointment today to investigate the FBI's 1993 Branch Davidian siege, said he will determine whether there was a cover-up and "did federal officials kill people?"

"Our country can survive bad judgment," he said in a news conference convened by Attorney General Janet Reno. "But the thing that really undermines the integrity of government is whether there were bad acts — whether the government killed people."

Reno has been under attack since the revelations that the FBI, contradicting a position it took for six years, had used some incendiary devices on the last day of the 51-day standoff, which ended in a fire and the deaths of cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers. Both Reno and the FBI maintain that the devices did not cause the deadly fire.

A Justice Department press release quoted FBI Director Louis Freeh as saying, "I wel-

come the attorney general's selection of Senator Danforth."

"Jack Danforth is a man of impeccable credentials, a record of integrity and a determination to get to the truth," Reno said in the news release. "Questions have been raised, and he is the perfect person to find the answers."



JANET RENO

Attorney general draws strong criticism

"Getting the facts. That's order No. 1," Danforth said. "It is clear to me that the quality of the product that we hope to produce is going to depend upon the quality of the people we get to produce it."

He said U.S. Attorney Ed Dowd has agreed to assist him in the investigation, describing Dowd as "a person who is very highly regarded in our community, a very respected prosecutor," and will be deputy special counsel.

A defiant Reno said she had no plans to resign, despite calls from some Republicans to do so. "I don't run from controversy," she said.

Danforth said he had accepted the job with some misgivings but is eager to get the work under way.

## Rural elderly shut out of health plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-quarters of elderly Americans living in rural counties don't have the option of joining an HMO because none of the health plans in their area participate in Medicare, says a study by a liberal group that advocates universal health

care. About one-fourth of Medicare's 39 million beneficiaries, or 9.2 million, live in a rural county, according to the study of Medicare and Census Bureau figures released by Families USA.

Among them, 6.7 million,

or 73 percent, do not have access in their home county to private health plans, known as HMOs, that are paid a flat fee by the government to provide all necessary care for Medicare-covered enrollees.

Another 17 percent of senior citizens in rural counties

— or 1.6 million — have only one HMO open to them. Only 10 percent, or about 900,000, have more than one health plan to choose from.

Medicare beneficiaries who do not have access to an HMO still get care through the nation's health insurance pro-

gram for the elderly and disabled. The government simply pays each of their medical bills directly.

However, HMOs are attractive to senior citizens because many offer extra benefits, such as prescription drugs, which are not usually covered by

Medicare.

Authors of the report also said the lack of participation by HMOs in rural areas raises questions about the viability of Medicare reform proposals, supported by many lawmakers.

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# LIFESTYLES

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## Xi Epsilon program on water aerobics

"Water Aerobics" was featured at the Sept. 6 meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The program was held at the Hereford Aquatic Center, with employee Erin Whipple leading the pool exercises. Following the session, some members even traversed the huge slide.

The group then moved to the home of hostess Melinda Henson for its business meeting.

Opening ritual, led by president Shelley Lewis, was repeated by Linda Arellano, Kami Eades, Henson, Peggy Hyer, Diane Kreig, Connie Matthews, Tamara Mimms, Gaye Reily and Susan Shaw. Guests present were Kristen Hicks, and Lewis' infant daughter, McKenna.

Matthews announced that a fund-raising garage sale had been set for Sept. 18 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 340 Centre.

Votes were cast for a new chapter sweetheart with the winner to be announced at the Sept. 21 meeting.

The next meeting will be held at First Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. with a program of love songs presented by Dr. Duffy McBrayer and Lesley Woodard.

A barbecue social is tentatively set for Sept. 25 at the Eades' home.

Following adjournment, Henson served refreshments of brownies ala mode, tea and coffee.

## Camp set for seniors

Folks 50 and over are invited to experience nature at its best this year "deep in the heart of Texas" during Octoberfest '99, according to Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

The event, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be Oct. 18-21 at Lake Brownwood.

Opportunities will include hands-on learning centers where one can learn painting, woodworking, holiday crafts, and other exciting projects. Education programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing, tennis, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games are all available. Fun and educational tours are planned.

A special "Walk on the Wild Side" theme featuring a costume contest will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. The theme party and the closing banquet will feature exciting activities and entertainment.

If interested, call the county Extension office at 364-3573.

## College Report

Christopher Lyles of Hereford has been recognized for his participation in Texas A&M University's Engineering Scholars Program (ESP).

Lyles, a computer engineering major, was among 16 May graduates who received framed certificates during a ceremony held at the Zachry Engineering Center on the Texas A&M campus. Speakers at the event included Dr. Karan Watson, associate dean of engineering, and Dr. C. Roland Haden, vice chancellor and dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering.

Members of ESP must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.4, take honors level courses, attend ESP seminars and conduct research.



**Contribution** — Make-A-Wish representative Mike Harris, right, accepts a check from American Business Club president Pat Michael. Harris presented the program at the Tuesday noon meeting of AMBUCS at the Ranch House Restaurant.

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### Ann Landers



Ann Landers

again. Maybe it will wake people up to the realization that everyone, regardless of color or creed, can contribute to the betterment of mankind. — A Faithful Reader in Virginia.

**Dear Virginia:** That column first appeared in July 1981. It was written by Sam Levinson. Here is the updated version printed in 1991. The research was done by David Gaus, who was then a student at Tulane University Medical School. An Answer to an Anti-Semite

It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews if you don't want to, but if you are going to be an anti-Semite, you should be consistent and turn your back on the medical advances that Jews made possible.

I am talking about the vaccine for hepatitis discovered by Baruch Blumberg, the Wasserman test for syphilis developed by August Von Wasserman, and the first effective drug to fight syphilis developed by Paul Ehrlich. Bela Schick developed the diagnostic skin test for diphtheria. Insulin would not have been discovered if Oskar Minkowski had not demonstrated the link between diabetes and the pancreas. It was Burrill Crohn who identified the disease that bears his name. Alfred Hess discovered that vitamin C could cure scurvy. Casimir Funk was the first to use vitamin B to treat beri-beri. Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine, and later, Albert Sabin developed the oral version.

Humanitarianism requires that we offer these gifts to all the people of the world, regardless of race, color or creed. So, the anti-Semites who don't want to accept these gifts can go ahead and turn them down, but I'm warning you, you aren't going to feel so good.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Please tell "Jane in Wisconsin," who is depressed over the death of her infant son, to get help from The Compassionate Friends. It helps the grieving process to tell the story of your child, and The Compassionate Friends listen because they know the terrible, all-consuming pain and sorrow that follows the death of a child, no matter what the age. You never get over it, but with time, it is possible to put the sadness behind you and live a normal life again. — Dottie in Virginia

**Dear Dottie:** Your letter was one of many that reiterated the healing results of The Compassionate Friends. I'm pleased to print your letter.

Once again, I urge individuals who are having a difficult time recovering from the loss of a loved one to contact this splendid organization and avail yourself of the help that is there for you. The address is: The Compassionate Friends, Inc., P.O. Box 3696, Oak Brook, Ill., 60522-3696 (Internet: www.compassionatefriends.org).

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am the mother of a 4-year-old daughter. She is starting to receive invitations to children's birthday parties, and this has created a problem. We spend at least \$15 on each gift, but we rarely receive any thank-you notes from those who have received them. I would not dream of sending my daughter to a party without a present, nor would I prevent her from attending these parties, because she would feel left out. I am, however, beginning to feel like an open checkbook. What should I do about this? — Budd Lake, N.J.

**Dear Budd:** Emily Post says when a gift is opened and the donor is thanked personally, no thank-you note is necessary. Sorry — I do not agree with Emily. In my opinion, a verbal thank you is not sufficient. Anyone who takes the time and trouble to buy a gift should receive a handwritten note.

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## Essay contest topics announced by DAR

Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring two separate essay contests this fall.

"An Obituary for George Washington: 1732-1799" is the topic of the American History Essay Contest for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

The topic for the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for students in the ninth through 12th grades is "If Christopher Columbus returned to the 'New World' in the year 2000, what evidence of his discovery would he find?"

The American History essay, an obituary written for a local newspaper at the time of George Washington's death, should focus on only one or two facets of his life. Focus could be placed on such roles as that of statesman, military leader, or agriculturist.

All fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in a public, private or parochial school, or in a sanctioned home study program are eligible to enter the American History Essay Contest.

DAR members judge the essays on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness.

Every student submitting an essay will receive a certificate of appreciation while first place winners in each grade level in each school will receive a bronze medal and second place winners are given certificates of award. These certificates and medals are presented at closing school assemblies.

One essay in each grade is selected as the chapter winner and is forwarded to the state competition. A non-DAR judge selects the best overall essay from the finalists. A book on American History is given to the school that the overall winner attends with a name plate honoring that student.

An essay entered in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest should provide specific examples of evidence of Christopher Columbus' discovery that might be found. Included could be such examples as the origin of geographical names, cultural events or celebrations, monuments, literature or music.

Detailed information for both contests has been distributed to schools in Deaf Smith County as well as schools in Adrian, Friona and Vega. Public libraries in Hereford, Friona and Vega have been provided contest instructions with a suggested bibliography to assist with research and for home study students wishing to enter the contests.

The deadline for either contest for submitting essays to the local chapter is Dec. 6. Winners will be announced in February.

An Honors Tea will be given by the chapter in April to recognize the winners of the contests. The students, their families, friends, teachers and school administrators will be guests of Los Ciboleros Chapter DAR at the tea.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has sponsored the American History Essay Contest since 1956 and Los Ciboleros Chapter has been a sponsor since organization of the chapter in 1970.

For further information, contact contest chairman Ruth Newsom at 364-0420.

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Aquatic Pavilion Sunday, September 12 10:00 - 10:00 Lacomb Family	Veteran's Pavilion Sunday, Sept. 12 4:00 - 8:00 Suzanna Cantu
NW Corner Dameron Park w/V-Ball Sunday, Sept. 12 2:00 - 7:00 Mendoza Family	Aquatic Pavilion Monday, Sept. 13 4:00 - 10:00 Becky Sierra

Reservations are taken for a special park location on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be made in person at the City Hall.

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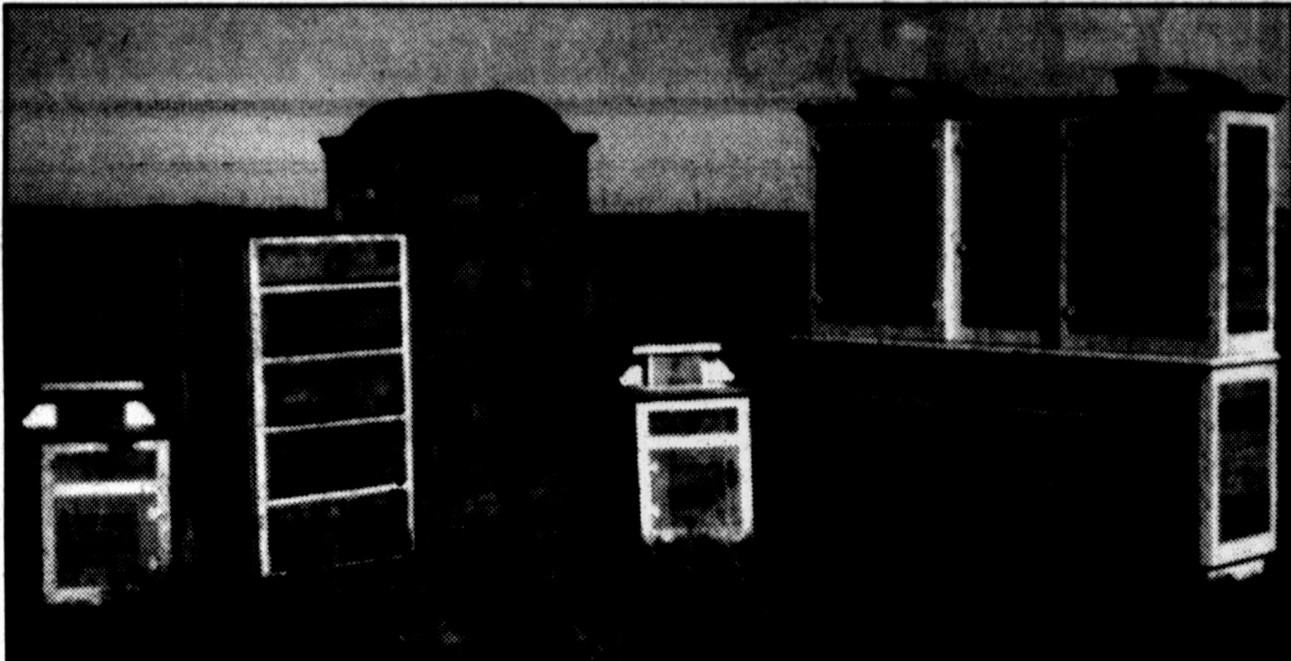
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What's Happening

## Area Events

### CANYON

*Canyon Rhythms*, an art show and sale benefitting the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Artists from throughout Texas and the Southwest will showcase their work throughout the weekend event.

The Preview Gala and Auction will be from 7-10 p.m. Friday and will provide a time to meet the artists and purchase pieces of art. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the museum.

The art show and sale will continue Saturday from 12 noon - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

There will be no admission charge to the museum on Saturday and Sunday.

Beginning Saturday and continuing through Nov. 28, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present 82 photographs documenting new Deal art in New Mexico.

Organized by the Office of the Secretary of State of New Mexico, the exhibition documents 65 murals, 667 pieces of portable art and numerous Hispanic and native American craft objects.

Well known artists from the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies worked on New Mexico New Deal art projects, along with eastern New Mexico artists. The exhibition includes photographs of works by these artists and many others who were among the 167 who crated works for the New Mexico New Deal.

Speaker for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Auxiliary fall luncheon will be Jodi Thomas, national best-selling author of 12 novels and four short story collections. She will present a program on how authors mix fact with imagination in making history come alive.

The luncheon is planned for Sept. 14 in the Buffalo Room at the West Texas A&M University Dining Hall. Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased at the Museum Store between 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The auxiliary is the volunteer organization for the PPHM.

Anyone interested in membership is encouraged to attend the luncheon.

### AMARILLO

The Amarillo Museum of Art's 1999-2000 exhibition season begins Saturday with the opening of "Illusion and Reality: Edo Period Japanese Prints and Scroll Paintings from the Collection of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Price."

The exhibition is the culmination of a year and a half of research by the museum's consulting curator for Asian art, Dr. John Teramoto.

The exhibition will continue through Jan. 9, 2000.

The museum is located at 2200 S. Van Buren, Amarillo. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; and closed Monday.

Admission is free. Call 806-371-5050 for more information.

Members of the Southwest Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents will meet this weekend in Amarillo. Travel agents from the four-state area of Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma will attend.

The meeting will consist of seminars, including one on Internet Searches by Eric Spellmann of ARNet, Inc., as well as visits to some of the top tourist areas of the city.

Also included will be tabletop trade show giving suppliers and attractions, from the area and from the entire chapter, a chance to give the travel agents the latest information on their travel and tourism product.

The eighth annual Amarillo Fall Arts and Crafts Festival will be Saturday and Sunday in the Amarillo Civic Center. More than 150 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Westgate Mall is sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Center Court in the mall. Media sponsor is 95.7 The KAR and will do a live remote from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center serves 24 counties in the Panhandle. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in the community and these needs are only met through the generosity of volunteer blood donors.

A specially designed T-shirt will be given to each donor as a thank you for giving the gift of life.

BSA Hospice is presenting a volunteer training/community education class on "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" in eight class sessions.

Classes begin Sept. 13 and continue on Monday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. through Oct. 7 at the BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler.

The training is free of charge to all participants. Continuing education units will be awarded by Amarillo College.

For more information, call 212-8716.

### PANHANDLE

A special exhibit of the work of artist Robert McKenzie is on display at the Carson County Square House Museum through Oct. 31.

In his exhibit titled, "Creation," McKenzie reaches deeply into a his religious faith and shows a man who has brooded deeply over what mankind has done with God's gift of creation.

The exhibit can be seen in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The building is located at the intersection of Texas Hwy. 207 and Fifth Street in Panhandle.

### CLARENDON

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon, the oldest Catholic Church in the Panhandle, is holding its second annual St. Mary's Day celebration from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

The celebration will be an old-fashioned Sunday afternoon featuring barbecue, beans and potatoes, games for all ages, raffles, a country store with home baked goods and craft items as well as lots of just plain fun for the whole family.

For more information, call 806-874-2846.

## United States named on this date

### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 1999. There are 113 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

### On this date:

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) was created by the Radio Corporation of America.

In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1957, President Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that would kill 43 people.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82.

In 1993, PLO leaders and Israel agreed to formal recognition, clearing the way for a peace accord.

Ten years ago: West German Steffi Graf won the women's tennis title at the U.S. Open in New York, defeating second-ranked Martina Navratilova.

Five years ago: The United States agreed to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt the flight of refugees. Prosecutors in Los Angeles said they would not seek the death penalty for O.J. Simpson. The

space shuttle Discovery blasted off on an 11-day mission.

One year ago: Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr delivered to Congress 36 boxes of material concerning his investigation of President Clinton. Four tourists who had paid \$32,500 each were taken in a tiny submarine to view the wreckage of the Titanic, 21/2 miles below the Atlantic off Newfoundland.

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Leland Shelton cleans a golf ball on the 10th hole at John Pitman Golf Course Wednesday during Golf Scramble. Brand/Yuri Soto

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# Davenport advances

Hingis to face Venus Williams today in other women's semifinal match

NEW YORK (AP) — Defending champion Lindsay Davenport survived two match points and finally slipped past Mary Pierce today to move into the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

Pierce, seeded fifth, double-faulted on match point to give Davenport the rain-splattered victory 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

In the battle of baseline boomers, Pierce won 12 consecutive points on her serve early in the final set and broke Davenport in the seventh game. When she held at love, she led 5-3 and was one game from victory.

Serving for a berth in the semifinals, Pierce reached her first match point at 40-30, on to have Davenport ripped a backhand crosscourt that just nipped the sideline. On her second match point, Pierce committed an unforced error, slapping a backhand long.

Davenport finally broke through on the 12th point of the game when Pierce buried a forehand into the net, evening the match at 5-5.

That brought on the rain, sending the players into the dressing room for 70 minutes.

When they returned, Davenport held to 6-5, then had a first on Pierce's serve, her first match point. Pierce

saved that one by pulling a forehand down the line.

Five points later, Davenport had her second match point. Pierce put her first serve into the net. Her second sailed long, ending her dream of upsetting the tournament's second-seeded player and the reigning Wimbledon champion.

In Friday's semifinals, Davenport will play the winner of tonight's quarterfinal between No. 4 Monica Seles and No. 7 Serena Williams.

The other semifinal will pit Martina Hingis against Venus Williams. No. 1 vs. No. 3.

"I think it will be very, very close," Anke Huber predicted. "It's going to be a tough match for Martina, I think. Venus is hitting the ball hard and very aggressive."

Huber lost to Hingis 6-2, 6-0 in a wind-swept quarterfinal Tuesday, while Williams joined the semifinal party by stopping No. 12 Barbara Schett 6-4, 6-3 in a night match, setting up the Hingis-Williams match Friday.

The possibility still exists that the Williams sisters will meet for the title.

In her first U.S. Open two years ago, Venus Williams

reached the final, where she quickly lost to Hingis.

"Last time, I honestly did not know what I was doing," Williams said. "I'm a different player now."

Last year, Williams reached the semifinals, only to fall to Davenport.

The men completed their quarterfinal matchups Tuesday with yet another retirement. Fifth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten advanced when Magnus Norman retired with a strained back after losing the first set 7-6 (7-4).

In other matches, Cedric Pioline ousted 14th-seeded Tommy Haas 6-4, 7-5, 6-3; Slava Dosedel defeated Jiri Novak 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; and No. 7 Todd Martin rallied for a 5-7, 0-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 9 Greg Rusedski.

Hingis and Venus Williams will be meeting for the 11th time. Williams is 19, three months older than her Swiss opponent. Hingis has won seven of their matches, including their last meeting in San Diego this summer.

"We both go out there knowing we're going to have to play good tennis," Venus Williams said. "We both go out there ready to play. ..."

"The key for me is definitely to abandon all unforced er-

rors. In order not to play her and myself, I have to stop making errors."

Against the hard-hitting Schett, Williams dominated at the net and the baseline, punctuating the first set with an overhead that caromed into the stands on set point. She broke Schett three times in the second set, the last time closing the match with a backhand return Schett couldn't touch.

Williams sparked at night but Hingis had to solve the blustery winds during the day. She lost the first two games before winning the next 12 against Huber, playing as if the wind was part of her game plan.

"She used the wind very well today to her advantage," Huber said. "She's just a very smart player, smarter than anybody else on the tour."

"The wind wasn't always against me, but it looked like it. I just overpowered the balls a little bit, made too many mistakes. It was very difficult because I play more aggressive than her. My shots are not as safe as hers. I thought maybe in these conditions, she's going to miss a little bit more, but she just didn't make any easy mistakes or any mistakes at all."

# YMCA Flag Football

*The YMCA Flag Football League is designed for boys. Everyone is eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship.*

- THE LEAGUE:** Everyone plays in every game. We will have 3 divisions: K-5 thru 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS.
- DATES:** FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS NOW THRU SEPT. 9TH. All divisions will play on Saturdays. Teams play & practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of Sept. 13th & games will begin on Sept. 18th. (Coaches will be notified of game location)
- LEAGUE FEE:** League fee will be \$20.00. All participants must by YMCA members. Y-memberships are \$29,000 a year & include the use of the facility throughout the year. If membership expires during the season it must be renewed at the time of registration. Entry fee for a 2nd child in the same family will be \$15.00. ENTRY & MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM!
- COACHES:** There will be a coaches meeting on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Rules and practice sessions will be discussed and team assignments made. Time of meeting will be announced. Plan to attend if you wish to coach.
- For more information please come by the YMCA office and pick up a registration form. Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance. Contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 364-6990.  
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There are player restrictions which include: 1) May play on only one Co-ed team, 2) There is no age limit and 3) Mens church league - 50 & over, must be from the same church. Depending on the number of teams entered, divisions may be combined. There is a minimum of (4) teams needed to form a division, and if combined handicapped system will be in effect for co-ed leagues.

Division clarification: Co-ed A -- Modified power rules, Co-ed B -- Recreation rules and Mens church league 50 & Over -- Recreational rules. Game days will be on Monday and Tuesday nights depending on the number of teams entered. Games will start at 7:15 p.m. and will be held at the YMCA. Let us know if you need to play on a certain day, we will try to be flexible. The sign-up deadline is September 9th.

Eight games will be played plus a double elimination tournament at the end to decide the winner. Team roster must be final by September 28th. Everyone on the roster must be a full paid participant, fee is \$102.00 per team.

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"The managed care industry has virtually ignored Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas," said Families USA executive director Ron Pollock.

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double our production to 35 bales per hour. We've added four full-time employees in the last four years and six seasonal workers," Varner said.

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The out-migration is a continuing problem for HRMC, which has about 62 percent of its potential clients using medical facilities in Amarillo or Lubbock.
Williams presented a "partnership lease model" used by CHC.
Under the model, CHC would lease the hospital assets, accept the transfer of liabilities and create a new board to oversee the operation of the hospital.

BUSH & BARNES
Former Texas politico's name surfaces in race
By Michael Holmes
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