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Forum to feature candidates

**Today's weather
OUTLOOK**

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low in the mid-30s, east to southeast wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 65 to 70, south to southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.
Wednesday night: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, low in the upper 30s.
Extended forecast
Thursday: Becoming partly sunny, high near 60.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-40s.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, low near 20, high in the lower 50s.
Hereford weather
Monday's high, 68; low, 41; no precipitation.

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Candidates in the March 14 Democratic and Republican primary elections will have an opportunity to express their views at a "Meet the Candidates" forum later this month.

The forum, sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and the Hereford Educators Association, will be 2-4 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Hereford Independent School

District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

All candidates in the primary elections are invited to attend. Each candidate will be given 2-3 minutes to make introductory remarks, after which there will be a question-and-answer session with questions selected before the forum. After the question-and-answer session, the candidates will be given two minutes to make a closing statement.

Unlike the 1998 primaries,

both parties have several contested races this year.

Two county commission seats are on the ballot, and both incumbents, Wayne Betzen in Precinct 1 and Troy Don Moore in Precinct 3, have drawn opponents in the Republican primary. Alfred Ortiz is challenging Betzen, while Mike Brumley is taking on Moore.

On the Democratic side, three candidates — Armando Gonzales, Joe Henry and Mar-

garet Del Toro — are vying for the Precinct 1 nomination.

Another contested race is for sheriff, where Brent Harrison and Fidel Reyna are seeking the Republican nomination.

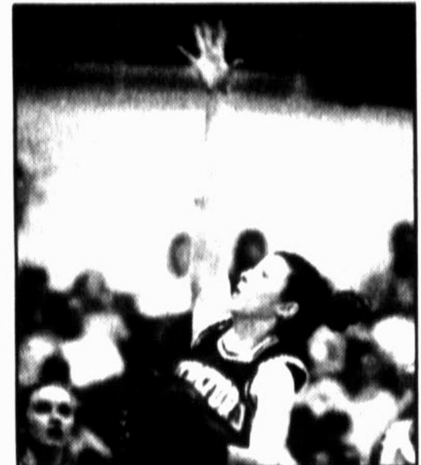
DEAF SMITH COUNTY Commissioner, Precinct 1
Democrats: Armando Gonzales; Joe Henry; Margaret Del Toro.
Republicans: (i) Wayne Betzen; Alfred Ortiz.
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Democrats: none
Republicans: Mike Brumley; (i) Troy Don Moore.
Sheriff
Democrats: (i) Joe Brown.
Republicans: Brent Harrison; Fidel Reyna.
Tax Assessor/Collector
Democrats: Teresa Garth.
Republicans: Jeannine Zimmerman.
Constable
Democrats: none
Republicans: (i) Bryan Hedrick.

Inside Today

"We came out flat in the third quarter. It seemed like we couldn't buy a bucket. It just snowballed from there and we couldn't get anything going."

■ Coach Key Harrison, following the Lady Whitefaces' 55-48 loss to the Randall Lady Raiders.



■ Cold third quarter dooms Lady Whitefaces' hopes of advancing in playoffs. — **Page A5**



■ Running back L.J. Vallejo signs to play with WTAMU ...



■ ... as does another Whiteface, linebacker Seth Pietsek. — **Page A6**

■ On eve of Republican debate, George W. Bush offers a campaign finance reform plan similar to one promoted by his chief rival, John McCain, who says it is a "major change on his part." — **Page A9**

LET'S HEAR IT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Julie Carlson of Hereford displayed the spirit of the day Monday when she wore her heart-shaped earrings, a Valentine's Day gift from her parents. While not everyone received special jewelry from loved ones, millions of people received flowers, candy and cards on the special day commemorating love.

Commission deals with full agenda

By Julie L. Carlson
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

It took an hour and 45 minutes, but the Deaf Smith County commissioners worked their way through the longest agenda of the year.

The county received bids for chemicals for 2000-2001 from Helena and Tri-State Chemical. After discussion, the commissioners accepted the Helena bid.

The bid was:

- \$247.91 per 2½ gallons — Arsenal;
- \$37.48 per 2½ gallons — Round-up; and
- \$9.50 per 1 gallon — 2 4-D

Also approved was an insurance bid presented by Insurance Solutions for county public officials, county law enforcement and county liability for a total of \$48,194. The coverage also includes earthquake insurance, because of concerns about an earthquake that shook the Panhandle in the summer of 1966. Plains Insurance, the previous company to handle the county's insurance, offered a high bid of \$58,324.

After several months working on renovating the county's Law Library, Assistant District Attorney Kie Watkins presented the court with two bids for computers with printers to allow Law Library access via computer CD's. David Bridges with

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Earthquake shook Hereford in 1966

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Although the Deaf Smith County commissioners' decision to purchase earthquake insurance generated some snickers around town, some residents can remember being shaken awake by a weak tremor.

An account of one "very weak" quake was published in the July 21, 1966 edition of the *Hereford Brand*.

According to the article, some "Panhandle residents were shook up Tuesday night as a very weak tremor passed up a 100-mile strip of Texas, causing no damage but surprising a lot of Texans, including Hereford residents."

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Biggest producers to reap benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new program that will let farmers skirt restrictions on crop subsidies could mean millions of dollars going to as many as 2,600 of the nation's biggest producers.

Farmers who have reached the payment limit will be allowed to take crop subsidies in certificates, instead of cash, which they can redeem for government-held commodities.

The program effectively abolishes the current \$150,000-per-farmer limit on crop subsidies, which already was doubled from \$75,000 last year, critics say. The subsidy program pays farmers the difference between the market price of major commodities and government-set minimum prices.

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director of the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb.

Among operations that stand to benefit most, according to Agriculture Department officials, is cotton giant J.G. Boswell Co., which controls an estimated 160,000 acres in California's San Joaquin Valley. At current subsidy rates, a cotton farm can reach the \$150,000 payment limit with fewer than 1,000 acres. All major commodities would be eligible for the certificate program.

Congress authorized the program last fall, and Agriculture

Secretary Dan Glickman said Monday that he agreed to implement it under pressure from lawmakers.

"The certificate program is one that the Congress is very clear they want," he said.

Glickman's advisers said he had little choice but to approve the program, given the bipartisan congressional support for it and the possibility that farmers facing the payment limit would otherwise forfeit up to a million bales of cotton to the government this year.

USDA rules allow farmers to put crops under short-term federal loans and forfeit the commodity to the government instead of repaying the loan.

Farmers would make a profit off the forfeiture — which doesn't count toward the \$150,000 subsidy limit — because the market value of the crop is less than the value of the loan.

The National Cotton Council, which led lobbying for the certificate program, argued that it would provide for a more orderly marketing of the cotton than dumping it on the government, which would have sold it later, possibly depressing prices. The government also would save on storage costs.

Instead of agreeing to issue the certificates, Glickman should have tightened the loan program to make it less advantageous for farmers to forfeit their crops, Hassebrook said.

The decision comes when Glickman is pushing Congress to put more restrictions on government farm payments

and target assistance to small and medium-sized aid.

Keith Collins, U.S.D.A.'s chief economist, acknowledged that the certificate program would do just the opposite.

"There's no doubt it's a concern," he said.

U.S.D.A. estimates that 2,600 farms will reach the \$150,000 cap.

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Local roundup

VFW scholarships

Veterans of Foreign War Post 4818 has announced its intent to award a scholarship(s) totaling \$2,000 this May to qualified Hereford High School graduates who may be related to, or siblings of any United States Armed Service veteran.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded to qualified candidates who are planning to attend a college or trade school.

Scholarship applications may be obtained through HHS counselor Sara Pesina, and those wishing to receive more information may call Earl Stagner, VFW scholarship chairman, at 364-2231.

WTRT offers scholarships

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is now accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded in May, 2000.

Scholarships are open to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Applicants must be either candidates for spring graduation, completed high school or received their GED.

Eligible, qualified applicants must be from Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian or Vega schools.

In Hereford applications can be picked up only at the WTRT offices. In other areas applications can be picked up in the counselor's office.

Applications must be returned before April 3, 2000.

Electric Co-op offers scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediated families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, and Oldham counties or the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 10, 2000. Awards will be announced within 60 days.

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Obituaries

PATRICIA L. MAXWELL
Feb. 8, 2000

AMARILLO—Services for Patricia L. Maxwell, 62, of Amarillo were Saturday in Paramount Terrace Christian Church with Rev. Mike Nuthman officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Maxwell died Feb. 8.

She has been an Amarillo resident for more than 40 years. She owned and operated the Thrifty Nickel and was a member of the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club.

Survivors include three sons, David Lyn Spring of Dallas, Larry and Brian Spring, both of Beaumont; a daughter, Debby Kay Burnett of Amarillo; twin brothers, Bernie Maxwell of Aztec, N.M., Vernice "Shorty" Maxwell of Hereford; one sister, Joyce Marie Wudrow; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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MARION B. "COTTON" BOYDSTUN
Feb. 14, 2000

DIMMITT --Services for Marion B. "Cotton" Boydston, 71, of Dimmitt, were today at West Park Cemetery with Dr. Nathan Stone, of Fellowship of Believers Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Boydston died Monday at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

He was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Durant, Okla., to Clarence Boydston. He married Iva May Ford on May 28, 1971, in Vernon. He served in the Army during World War II and had worked in feedlot construction. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife;

four sons, Clarence Boydston of Lubbock, Marion Boydston, Jr., Mark Boydston, and Roy Boydston, all of Killeen; four daughters, Patricia Lee Boydston Bloyce of Tennessee, Judy Boydston of Turkey, Delene Dalano of Lubbock, Barbara McDaniels of Killeen; one step-son, Red Crump of Boise, Idaho; one step-daughter, Alice Reynolds of Georgia; one sister, Cleo McCutchen of Hereford; a half-sister, Beatrice Williams of Plainview; 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son in 1974.

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CHARLES ANTHONY LINDEMAN
Feb. 13, 2000

WICHITA FALLS - Services for Charles Anthony "Chuck" Lindeman, 23, formerly of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church with Rev. Father Ivor Koch, of Sacred Heart Catholic Church officiating. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Owens & Brumley Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Windthorst Cemetery by Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

Mr. Lindeman died Sunday in Wichita Falls.

He was born May 14, 1976, in Hereford to Joe and Donna Lindeman. He was a graduate of Tarleton State University and was working on his Master's degree at MSU.

Survivors include his parents; one sister, Nikki Lindeman of Austin; grandmother Mary Batchelor of Sulphur Springs; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorials be made to MSU Athletics Scholarship Fund, Notre Dame School, or St. Anthony's School Endowment Fund.

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Tumbling tumbleweeds



Roll on -- The resident of this house on North Avenue K wishes the tumbleweeds would just keep on tumbling through, but every day the wind blows they find new deposits of dry, dead weeds in the side yard and car port. An open field across from the house provides an ample supply of the prickly, round weeds. The resident

says she ought to be used to it by now, because it happens every spring. This year it just started a little earlier than usual. Not only do the loosely rooted weeds cause ugly pile ups, but during dry weather they create terrific fire hazards. Officials advise residents to avoid chance fires by removing weeds before they pile up.

Judge overturns internet alcohol purchase ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has ruled the state law barring out-of-state shipments of alcoholic beverages directly to consumers violates the interstate commerce protections

of the U.S. Constitution. U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon of Houston issued the ruling Friday, according to The Dallas Morning News. She said the Texas law has the effect of

favoring in-state business over out-of-state commerce.

A lawsuit was filed on behalf of three wine lovers — former state Rep. Randy Pennington and two Houston

men. The three men had tried unsuccessfully to purchase wines from the Wiederkehr Wine Cellars in Altus, Ark., that are unavailable in the Houston market, according to the court.

The Texas law, the plaintiffs argued, "discriminates against interstate commerce or has the effect of favoring in-state economic interests over out-of-state interests and therefore is a per se violation of the commerce clause."

The judge's ruling in favor of the plaintiffs is similar to rulings have come recently in Indiana and Illinois. Lawsuits are also pending in Virginia and Florida.

"This means Texas consumers will be able to order a bottle of wine from an out-of-state winery just as you might order a pair of shoes from L.L. Bean," said Sterling Steves of Fort Worth, who represents the wine fanciers.

The lawsuit was filed against Doyne Bailey in his capacity as head of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

In her ruling, Judge Harmon cited an appeals court finding that states' reliance on police power to protect the health, safety, welfare, morals and temperance of citizens is insufficient to justify the direct shipment ban.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 11-14, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 24-year-old woman was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of North Main and charged with public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 1000 block of East First Street and charged with providing false I.D. to a police officer and other traffic offenses.
- A 26-year-old woman was arrested at Highway 385 and Lake and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 800 block of Knight and a suspect was arrested.
- A woman was arrested in the 200 block of Brevard and charged with a Potter County warrant.
- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Bowie and charged with unlawful carrying a weapon in a weapon free school zone and disorderly conduct.
- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Bowie and charged with disorderly conduct.
- A 37-year-old woman and a 19-year-old woman were arrested in 1300 block of East First Street and charged with disorderly conduct.
- A 26-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with a felony warrant for aggravated assault and two misdemeanor warrants.

Incidents

- A class C assault was reported in the 900 block of West Third.
- An accident was reported in the 900 block of Cherokee. No injuries were reported.
- Suspicious people and vehicles were reported in the 600 block of Star resulting in at least 22 minor in possession of alcohol citations.
- Three stolen bikes were

recovered in the 400 block of Avenue J. Charges are pending.

- A vehicle struck a gas meter in the 800 block of Brevard. The driver was cited for failure to comply with regulations for striking a stationary object.
- A class-B theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue C.
- Loud music was reported in the 400 block of Avenue J.
- A theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue C. No suspects have been named.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore. No suspects and no witnesses have been named.
- A trash fire was reported in the 600 block of North Schley. Officers found a resident using a barbecue grill.
- An aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 800 block of Irving.
- An incident was reported in the 500 block of Myrtle.
- A domestic disturbance and assault was reported in the 800 block of South Schley.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Jackson.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Ironwood.
- Theft was reported in the 500 block of Avenue J.
- An assault was reported in the 100 block of West Park Avenue.
- An aggravated sexual assault was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.
- Two vehicles were reported racing in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Criminal mischief, class C, was reported in the 700 block of Avenue H.
- Criminal mischief, class B, was reported in the 700 block of Avenue H.
- A dog bite was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.
- A gasoline theft was reported in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 400 block of Centre.
- Officers assisted Children's Protective Services on a child abuse investigation in the 100 block of South Ranger.
- An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Park

Avenue.

- A domestic disturbance and assault was reported in the 800 block of South Schley.
- A criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Jackson.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Ironwood.
- Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Kingwood.
- A trombone was reported stolen in the 200 block of Avenue F.
- Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of West First.
- A suspicious fire was set in the 100 block of Avenue G that spread to the backyard.
- A 16-year-old runaway from Lubbock was located in the 1500 block of South Avenue K. She was released to her father.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Blevins.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with two counts of surrender of surety.
- A 25-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a delivery of marijuana, under four ounces, conviction.
- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a criminal non-support conviction.
- A 71-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check.

Incidents

- An assault was reported.
- A criminal mischief was reported.
- Burglary of a building was reported.
- Theft was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Feb. 13

- 10:24 p.m. Firefighters responded to a Dumpster fire in the alley of Union and Avenue G.

Feb. 14

- 1:53 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire 8 miles south on FM1055 and one mile east. The wind blew sparks from an underground incinerator out, on to the grass.
- 6:59 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire at 122 Avenue G.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
11-22-26-33-39

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-3-7

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

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The ticket was sold in Brenham.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were
3-10-17-36-3-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-2-3

LIFESTYLES

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CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers when football season starts, I become completely invisible. In the last several years, he's become a rabid basketball fan, so now, he is obsessed 365 days a year.

I knew I was in trouble on our honeymoon. While sunbathing on a beach in beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, my husband said, "Enough of this. Let's go back to the hotel room." I was delighted — thinking he had romance in mind. The truth was, he wanted to watch the NBA finals.

I've told him how I feel, and tried my darndest to get him interested in things we can do together. Nothing works. I even tried to watch with him, but the games have no meaning for me, and I don't enjoy them. I realize these sporting events provide a great deal of pleasure for my husband, but if he changes the channel "just to see the score" one more time while I'm watching my favorite TV show, I may call a lawyer. Any suggestions? — Couch Potato's Wife in Arizona

Dear Arizona Wife: Don't call a lawyer. Pay a visit to a store that sells TVs. Buy yourself a table model, and save your marriage, for Lord's sake.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a professional videographer. Not long ago, I was hired to videotape a wedding and reception for a young couple. When they received their videotapes, they were heartbroken to see that a favorite aunt was nowhere to be seen. She also did not show up in any of the photographs. The bridal couple thought we had not done our job, because "Aunt Nellie" wasn't included in our coverage.

Ann, I remember that woman distinctly. She ran away every time she saw me coming with the camera. She complained loudly that she hated to be

photographed, and resented me sticking "that damned camera" in her face. She waved her hands at the lens every time I tried to catch her in a group. I had to edit her out of the finished videotape, because she ruined every shot she was in.

This sort of behavior is more common than you might think. Please tell your readers that most people who hire videographers and photographers do so because they want a memory to cherish and are willing to pay for it. Urge them to be good sports. We would appreciate it. — The Video "Pest" in Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Oak Park Pest: You told them — and I'll bet every videographer and photographer in the United States, Canada and other places where this column appears will be extremely grateful.

People who avoid cameras because "they always make me look old, fat or goofy" should bear in mind that those photos and videotapes are part of a record of the event, not auditions for a film contract.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 16-year-old high school junior who is very independent. I usually like to work things out for myself, but I am desperate now, and need help.

My grandfather died a year ago, and my mother and her sister have been fighting ever since. I'm not sure what the problem is, but it's something minor that has gotten completely out of hand. They are both too stubborn to compromise, and are no longer speaking to each other.

My cousins and I are very close, and our mothers' fighting has made it difficult for us to spend time together. We have tried to find a way to fix things, but so far, no luck. Can you help? — Helpless in North Dakota

Dear N.D.: Show this column to your mother, and send a copy to your aunt with this advice: Kiss and make up, Sisters. Call it a belated New Year's gift to your children. It will be the best gift they will ever receive.

ANN LANDERS (R) COPY. RIGHT 2000



Homespun linen, like this worn by George T. West of Canyon, was typical attire for members of the county militia during the Revolutionary War. West was the guest speaker at a brunch meeting sponsored Saturday by Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR at the Hereford Community Center. The rest of West's clothing was representative of authentic period costume. He spoke on medical practices during the war, based on research he has done on this fifth great-grandfather, Dr. James Craik, personal physician to Gen. George Washington.

Villanueva is toastmaster

Lydia Villanueva served as toastmaster at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters in the Ranch House Restaurant.

Presiding officer was Margaret Del Toro. Dan Hall led the pledge and Wayne Winget gave the invocation.

Timer for the meeting was Ryan Norsworthy, AH counter was David Castillo and grammarian was Tronica Owens. As wordmaster, Paula Edwards in-

roduced the word "panache."

Topicmaster was Clark Andrews. Topic speakers and their topics were Jeannine Zimmerman-Redo Hwy 385 Again; Sharon Cramer-Mental Relief; Winget-Pro Bowl Games; and Hall-MD80 Stabilizers. Hall won the vote for best topic speaker.

Speaker for the morning was Lisa Rose. Her topic was "The Power of Positive Thinking." Cramer served as evaluator.

General evaluator was Jigger Rowland.

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Price gives program on 'Love' for HRSEA

Lee Price presented a Valentine's message entitled "Love" as the program at the monthly meeting of the Hereford Retired School Employees Association held at the Senior Citizens Center on Monday.

Price, youth director at First Baptist Church, told that LOVE is "Learned, Original, Vital and cannot be Earned," as an acrostic of the word.

During the business session, the following slate of officers was elected for the next biennium: Leona Schilling, president; Murlene Streun, first vice president and membership chairman; June Owens, second vice president and program chairman; Carlynn DeLozier, secretary; and Sue Inmon, treasurer.

Membership chairman Louise Witkowski reported an enrollment of 109 members plus five associate members.

Volunteer hours worked by HRSEA members for 1999 total 19,812. Carolyn Robbins had the highest number of hours with a total of 3,364. The report was submitted by Annell Holland, community service chairman.

June Owens, health and fitness committee chairman, presented tips on a healthier lifestyle as well as information about initial enrollment in Medicare benefits.

Results of a recent legislative priority survey were reported by Betty Mercer, legislative committee chairman. Num-

ber one on the priority list is continued and enhanced funding of Texas Retirement System health insurance and pharmacy benefits for all retirees.

Dempsey Alexander introduced Mary Dziuk, who told important guidelines to be used when shopping on the Internet, listing advantages and disadvantages.

Carol McGilvary won the drawing.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13 with Roy Pennington, district president of Texas Retired Teachers Association, as a guest. At that meeting, Elizabeth Abernethy, superintendent, will talk about the current program of work for the Hereford Independent School District.

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Dawn Annual Chili Supper
Saturday, February 19, 2000
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Dawn Community Center
Chili - Drinks - Dessert & Entertainment
Door Prizes
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Bowling teams — Members of Xi Epsilon Alpha are getting ready for the second Annual Bowl for Kids Sake on April 1 at the Hereford Recreation Center. Members are, back row from left, Kay Williams, Shelley Lewis, Debbie Holmes, Kim Hollingsworth, Melinda Henson, Diane Kreig; front row from left, Peggy Hyer, Pattie Urbanczyk and Tamara Mimms. For more information call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford at 364-6171.

SENIOR ASSET PROTECTION WORKSHOP
Hereford Community Center Game Room
100 Ave. C, Hereford TX
1:00 - 3:00 PM, Wednesday, February 16, 2000

- Learn how millions of Americans have legally reduced their current income tax on their interest earnings or Social Security earnings.
- Learn how to avoid losing over 75% of your IRA, TSA, SER, 401K or Keogh to estate and income tax.
- Learn how Babe Ruth kept the majority of his wealth intact through the great depression.
- Learn how to protect your assets from catastrophic illness and nursing home costs without buying expensive nursing home insurance.
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Marnell gives first aid instructions at meeting of Gold Star 4-H Club

Denise Marnell, lab technician at Hereford Regional Medical Center, was special guest at the Monday meeting of Gold Star 4-H Club in Hereford Community Center.

Marnell gave instructions on first aid and emergencies. The club learned what should be done for such things as cuts and animal bites. She also taught about burns and how to help when someone is choking.

Attending the meeting were members Madison Urbanczyk, Shayla Wilcox, Stephanie Shaw, Kasi Gallagher, Chelsea Campbell, Kalya Esqueda, Jessica Blakley, Erika Culp, Rebecca Noggler, Kinsey Reeve, Amy Adams, and leaders Brenda Campbell and Sheri Adams.

The next Gold Star Club meeting will be March 13 and the program will be needlepoint.



First aid for choking victims was just one of the things demonstrated by Denise Marnell at the recent meeting of the Gold Star 4-H Club.

Recent 'Newsweek' article will be discussed by Alzheimer's group

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

At this week's gathering the

group will review and reflect on "Newsweek's" (Jan. 31, 2000) feature article entitled, "Alzheimer's." The article explores the latest in scientific research as well as suggestions on caring for loved ones.

One very telling statistic is that while there are presently some 4 million Americans afflicted with Alzheimer's, estimates are that by the end of the decade that number will grow to 6 million, and by mid-century it will mushroom to 14 million.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver

a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, **The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life** by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club and the Fellowship of Believers Church, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

STAR program offered by TPMHA

Special to The Brand
Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA) offers a broad spectrum of services

for youth and families. Through a contract with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, TPMHA is part of a

statewide initiative known as the Services To At-Risk Youth (STAR) program.

STAR funds allow youth-serving agencies to provide counseling and support to runaway and truant youth, as well as youth in family conflict. This program targets youth age 7 to 17 and their families in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Nathan Abernethy, LMSW, is the STAR coordinator for Hereford and works closely with youth and their families in identifying positive strengths and developing skills to enhance relationships and resolve conflict.

The STAR office in Hereford is located at Stanton Learning Center and provides services for Deaf Smith and Oldham counties.

The STAR program collaborates with other local agencies to provide services. Schools, parents, police, juvenile courts and other non-profit groups can refer youth in conflict to TPMHA's STAR program with a phone call.

STAR also offers individual and family counseling in the home or a designated location; advocacy training for parents to help develop skills to support their children; training to develop skills in problem solving, communication, anger management, decision making and conflict resolution for youth and families; residential placement in emergency situations; and 24-hour crisis hotline for youth and families.

To refer a youth or learn more about the STAR program, call Abernethy at 363-7695.



Trailblazers 4-H club members decorate oatmeal cookies with help from 4-H leader Gay Duggan. Gay demonstrates icing decorating to club member Jordan Duggan. Trailblazers also learned effects and different names of sugar as well as food handling safety. Members are, from left to right, Kevin Prisk, Shane Wilcox, Jordan Duggan and Chad Dollar.

Trailblazers decorate cookies for Valentines

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to decorate Valentine cookies.

The 4-H Trailblazers club cookie decorating and sugar awareness presentation was led by 4-H volunteer Gay Duggan. Members decorated oatmeal cookies with white icing, red hot cinnamon candies and red sprinkles during their monthly meeting held Monday night. They also learned effects and different names of sugar as well as the history of Valentine's Day and food handling safety techniques.

The completed decorated cook-

ies were given to Hereford Day Care Center.

Trailblazers present were Shane Wilcox, Chad Dollar, Jordan Duggan and Kevin Prisk.

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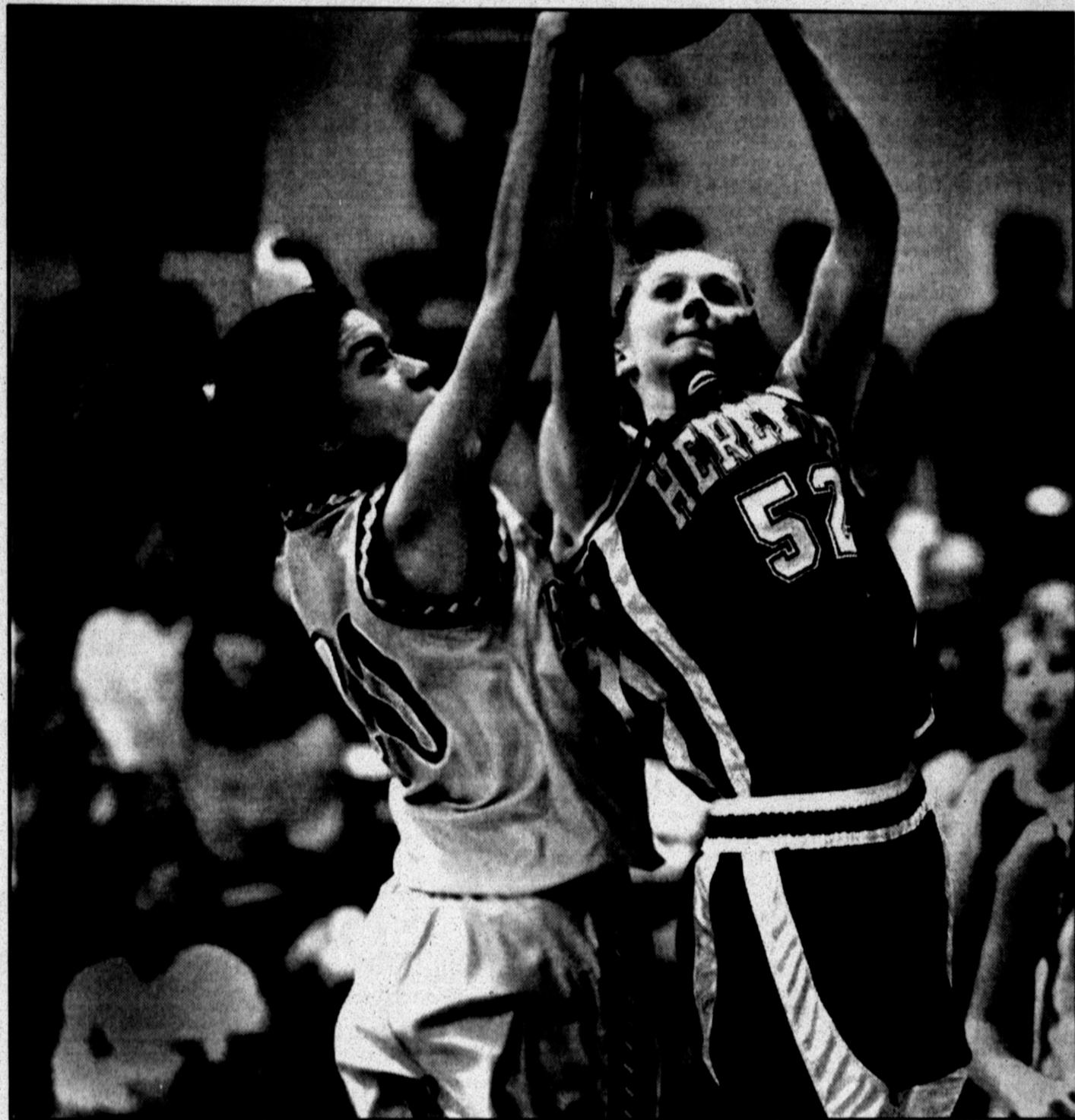


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Randall ends playoff hopes



Wrestling for control — Senior Lady Whiteface Tori Walker (52) goes up against a Canyon Randall opponent as she tries to haul down a rebound during Monday night's Class 4A bi-district at the Box on the campus of West Texas A&M. Randall ended Hereford's season with a 55-48 victory.

■ Lady Whitefaces lose bid for extended post-season, fall to Canyon Randall, 55-48, in Class 4A bi-district playoff

By Paul Mason
Special to the Hereford Brand

Three was a very unlucky number for the Lady Whitefaces in Canyon Monday night as they fell to the Randall Lady Raiders, 55-48.

Leading 9-7 after the first quarter and 24-21 after the half, Hereford was bogged down in the third quarter by turn-overs and cold shooting while Randall ran-off nine unanswered points, closing out the third quarter 38-30.

There were 44 turn-overs and 37 fouls by both teams in a game that went from mugging to patting calls, with little consistency in what would be termed a foul. But neither side gained advantage from the referees and the outcome would be determined by Hereford's turn-overs and cold shooting.

"We came out flat in the third quarter," Lady Whiteface Coach Key Harrison said after the game. "It seemed like we couldn't buy a bucket. It just snowballed from there and we couldn't get anything going."

Harrison, closing out a 24-8 season said, "They all played their hearts

out and I'm proud of them. It just wasn't their night tonight."

The Lady Whitefaces were led in scoring by senior Toni Eicke with 13 points, followed by Valerie Guzman with 12 and Tori Walker with seven.

Anika Holmes of Randall topped all scorers with 17, while Stephanie Gibson scored 14 and Allyson Reed had nine points for the Lady Raiders.

In a tearful interview with some of the Lady Whitefaces, all acknowledged that they were a little flat coming out in the third quarter.

"Randall came out with a tougher defense in the third quarter," said senior Tori Walker, "and we had some key turn-overs." Walker will play again in the Box, but for West Texas A&M as a volleyballer in the fall.

Eicke, who will enter Texas Tech as a freshman in the fall, said, "You just can't let a team that good get that much of a lead and expect to come back."

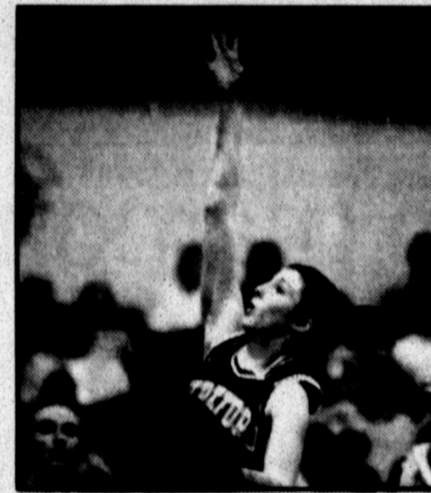
With 3:06 left in the fourth quarter, down by 18 points, Eicke tried to pull the Lady Whitefaces closer with back-to-back three pointers, cutting the lead to 50-38.

Valerie Guzman came back with 1:24 left and whittled the Lady Raider's lead to 10 on a three pointer, and after Randall scored a duce, Guzman brought Hereford back to within single-digit distance with another 3-pointer, 53-44.

The scoring ended when Randall's Holmes connected on both ends of a free throw opportunity, and Walker and Guzman each scored a bucket in the final 28 seconds.

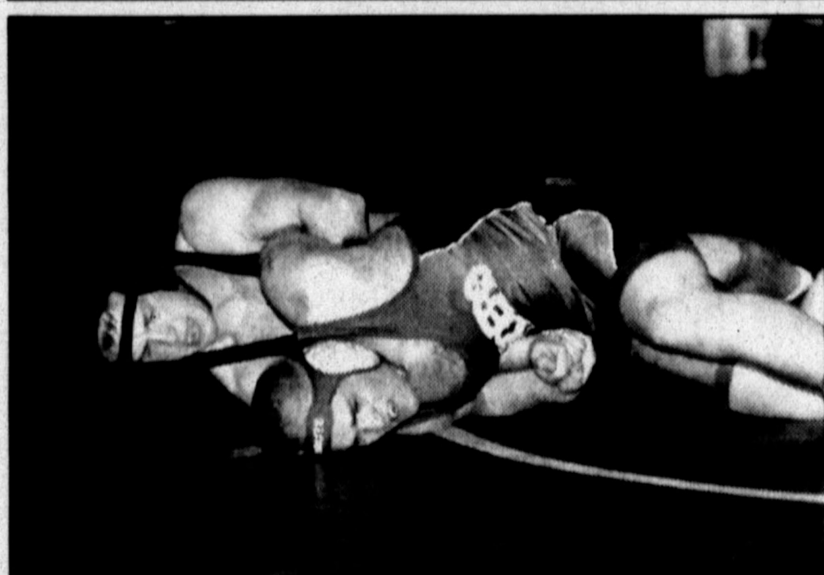
In team stats, Hereford shot 17

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Lady Whitefaces give it their best shot

ONE MATCH AT A TIME



Wrestlers advance to state

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

Four Hereford High School wrestlers will take the floor when the state's premier schoolboy wrestlers convene during the state wrestling championships at the Austin Convention Center Feb. 25-26.

For all but one, the trip will mark a return — an opportunity to better the benchmarks which last year set the tone for a fledgling first-year program and proved experience is envied but not always a

HHS grappling team to make second consecutive appearance at state championships

prerequisite for success.

Seth Pietsek, a senior who, between football demands and injury setbacks, has had the near-equivalent of one full season of competitive mat time; will join state heavy-weight veteran Kris Hammerbeck, Rachael

Rodriguez and Danielle Garza at the state level after all four placed in the Region I wrestling tournament this past weekend at the Tascosa Activity Center in Amarillo.

And though his young program has enjoyed a better than average rate of success,

head HHS wrestling coach Mike Dominguez still considers experience to be a wrestler's best friend.

"Our greatest strength right now, today, is our mental toughness and desire," Dominguez said, "but our worst liability is still experience."

"The experience gap really shows up when you get to this level. I mean it really shows," he smiled.

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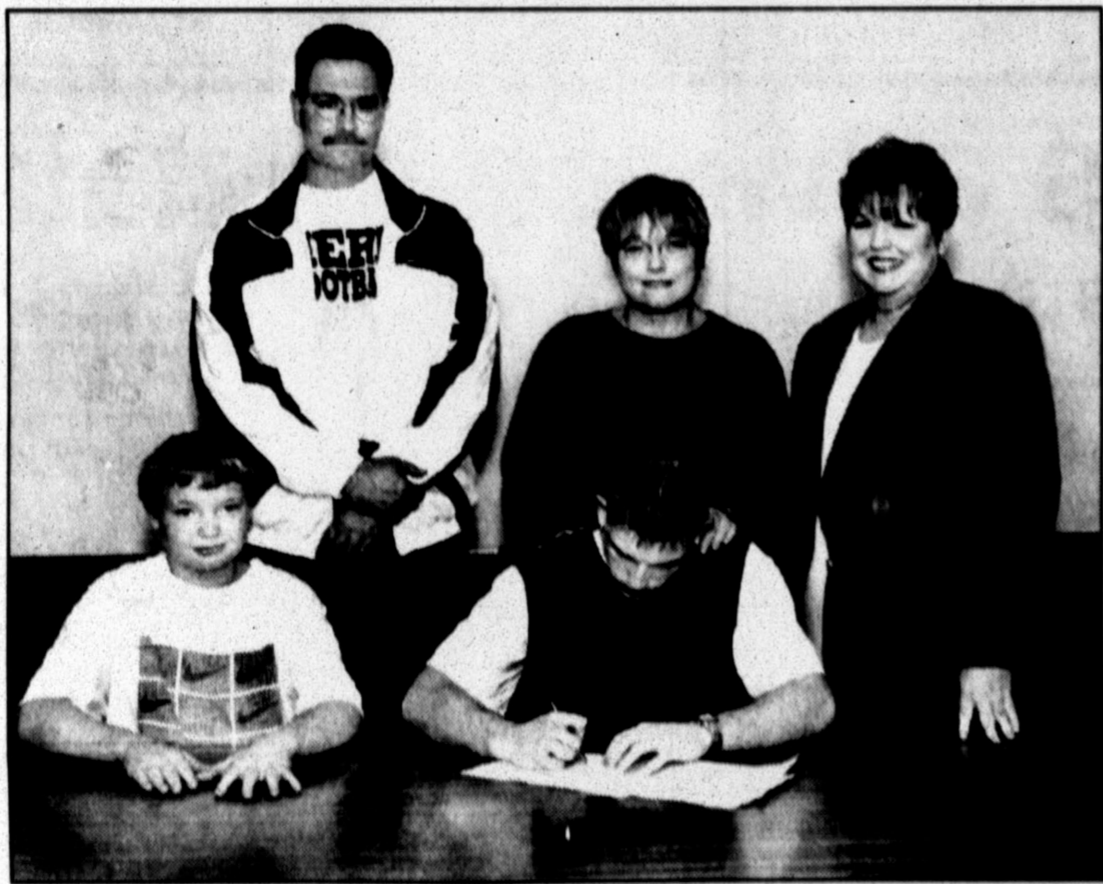
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Two more sign with West Texas A&M



Keep maroon in their blood

Stand-out running back L.J. Vallejo and stalwart linebacker Seth Pietsek made Monday a collective collegiate signing day as both Hereford Whiteface seniors announced their intent to play football for the West Texas A&M Buffs. The signings marked West Texas A&M's second and third Hereford commitments in recent weeks, after senior defensive lineman Daniel Fangman signed with the program earlier. (Above) Vallejo, pictured with head football coach Craig Yenzler and his parents Lydia and Lupe Vallejo, rushed for more than 1,000 yards and compiled an additional 317 yards receiving before he was injured in the Hereford Whiteface's final regular season game against Caprock. (Below) Pietsek, pictured with Yenzler and, from left, his cousin Trevor Baird, his aunt Mary Ruth Baird and his mother Charlene Pietsek, finished the 1999 season with 29 unassisted tackles, 92 assists, three fumble recoveries, one sack and one interception.



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And beyond a sheer lack of numbers — the HHS squad size contrasts starkly with more established and bigger wrestling programs — Dominguez says his wrestlers, even those who are returning from last year's squad, still haven't seen enough competition.

"Realistically, a seasoned wrestler, one that has around 100 matches under his belt — or 30 each year beginning as a freshman, is naturally going to fair better than those who accumulated only 60," he said. "The problem is that we are wrestling kids who have 500 matches going for them. They were wrestling in youth programs before they even got to junior high or high school."

Still, Dominguez can't dispute the facts. Hereford is making its second consecutive appearance at the state tournament. And the HHS squad is doing it in a year where

according to Dominguez, "everyone, all the teams are having a hard time keeping their head above water because general wrestling technique seems to have improved straight across the board."

"You still have the perennial powers, but I don't think there was a team in our region that was singularly intimidating," he said.

Six HHS wrestlers earned the right to compete at region, and four scratched and clawed their way out of the tourney, bringing home a 13th place team finish out of 36 teams in the boys' division and 5th place in the girls' division out of an 11-team field.

Junior veteran Javier Alonzo split opening bracket competition in the 130-pound weight division with a 19-14 win over Omar Escobar of El Paso Fabens and a narrow 3-2 loss to El Paso Del Valle's Alex Martinez. He then earned three straight wins to advance to the consolation finals before

he was hurt, incurred an injury default and was then challenged with a wrestle-back where he took a 6-2 loss and a fifth place finish.

Another Hereford fatality came after Luis Perez took two early pins to enter the championship semifinals of the 119-pound weight division, but lost the next three matches for sixth place.

But Seth Pietsek finished fourth in the 180-pound division after sweeping his first two matches, then falling 8-4 against Kenny Holmes of Caprock before defeating El Paso Del Valle's Anthony Evans 5-3 and Vernon's Roger Rodriguez 7-3 in the consolation bracket.

Hereford heavyweight Kris Hammerbeck pinned Austin Davies of El Paso Franklin in 2:47 and beat Lubbock High wrestler Eric Villarez, but then took a 2-1 sudden death semifinal loss to Rocky Morin of Caprock before winning two matches, one on a pin and the other by a count of 3-1, in the consolation bracket for third place.

Rachael Rodriguez, a junior wrestling in the 138-pound division, pinned Lourdez Ena of El Paso Burgess in 49 seconds, pinned Caprock's Carmela Gonzales in 1:19 and then pinned a Jefferson El Paso wrestler in 1:49 to earn an outright berth as the Region I champ.

HHS senior Danielle Garza received two byes to the finals to wrestle Casey Brittan of Palo Duro, but lost the match to take second place in the 165-pound weight division.

Judge grants Ray Lewis bond on murder charges

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Lewis was free to return to Maryland after a judge gave the Baltimore Ravens linebacker a \$1 million bond allowing him to await trial on murder charges at home instead of in jail.

After hearing from Lewis' family, two professional football players and Ravens owner Art Modell, Superior Court Judge Doris Downs ruled Monday that Lewis posed no significant risk to flee or to intimidate witnesses in the case.

Lewis, 24, and two companions are charged with murder in the Jan. 31 stabbing deaths of two men during a brawl at a post-Super Bowl party. He had been held without bail since his arrest last that day.

Lewis was indicted Friday

on murder charges along with Reginald Oakley, 31, of Baltimore and Joseph Sweeting, 34, of Miami. Sweeting surrendered to Atlanta police Monday; Oakley remains at large.

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for 42 field goals and Randall shot 14 of 32. But at the charity line, the Lady Raiders went to the line 31 times to Hereford's 11 — making 24 good, while Hereford sank only 7.

RANDALL 55, HEREFORD 48

Canyon Randall — (20-10): Keelie Sherrod 3 0-0 8, Anika Homes 4 9-12 17, Stephanie Gibson 4 6-6 14, Amy Trevino 1 2-4 4, Allyson Reed 2 4-5 9, Mandy Thomas 0 0-0 0, Michelle Martin 0 2-2 2, Sara Clay 0 1-2 1, Kara Cornelius 0 0-0 0, Andi Field 0 0-0 0, Ashley Mosey 0 0-0 0, Jennifer Areas 0 0-0 0, Marcy LeGrand 0 0-0 0. Totals: 14 24-31 55.

Hereford — (24-8): Valerie Guzman, 4 2-2 12, Tori Walker 2 3-6 7, Ashley Fangman 3 0-0 6, Sarah Griffin 2 0-0 5, Toni Eicke 5 0-0 13, Tiffani Mercer 1 0-1 3, Amanda Hill 0 0-0 0, Shyla Martin 0 2-2 2, Nicole Bailey 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 7-11 48.

Halftime — Hereford 29, Lubbock High 24.
Three-Pointers — Hereford 7-14 (Guzman 2-4, Walker 0-2, Griffin 1-2, Eicke 3-3, Mercer 1-2, Hill 0-1); Randall 3-8 (Sherrod 2-3, Trevino 0-1, Redd 1-2, Thomas 0-1, Martin 0-1). Total fouls — Hereford 22, Randall 15. Fouled Out — Eicke, Martin. Technical fouls — none.

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2-15 CRYPTOQUOTE
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Apr	51.50	0.25	51.75	51.25	51.50	51.50
May	50.50	0.25	50.75	50.25	50.50	50.50
Jun	49.50	0.25	49.75	49.25	49.50	49.50
Jul	48.50	0.25	48.75	48.25	48.50	48.50
Aug	47.50	0.25	47.75	47.25	47.50	47.50
Sep	46.50	0.25	46.75	46.25	46.50	46.50
Oct	45.50	0.25	45.75	45.25	45.50	45.50
Nov	44.50	0.25	44.75	44.25	44.50	44.50
Dec	43.50	0.25	43.75	43.25	43.50	43.50

GRAIN FUTURES

Month	Price	Change	High	Low	Open	Settle
Mar	2.15	0.02	2.17	2.13	2.15	2.15
Apr	2.10	0.02	2.12	2.08	2.10	2.10
May	2.05	0.02	2.07	2.03	2.05	2.05
Jun	2.00	0.02	2.02	1.98	2.00	2.00
Jul	1.95	0.02	1.97	1.93	1.95	1.95
Aug	1.90	0.02	1.92	1.88	1.90	1.90
Sep	1.85	0.02	1.87	1.83	1.85	1.85
Oct	1.80	0.02	1.82	1.78	1.80	1.80
Nov	1.75	0.02	1.77	1.73	1.75	1.75
Dec	1.70	0.02	1.72	1.68	1.70	1.70

METAL FUTURES

Month	Price	Change	High	Low	Open	Settle
Mar	1.15	0.01	1.16	1.14	1.15	1.15
Apr	1.10	0.01	1.11	1.09	1.10	1.10
May	1.05	0.01	1.06	1.04	1.05	1.05
Jun	1.00	0.01	1.01	0.99	1.00	1.00
Jul	0.95	0.01	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.95
Aug	0.90	0.01	0.91	0.89	0.90	0.90
Sep	0.85	0.01	0.86	0.84	0.85	0.85
Oct	0.80	0.01	0.81	0.79	0.80	0.80
Nov	0.75	0.01	0.76	0.74	0.75	0.75
Dec	0.70	0.01	0.71	0.69	0.70	0.70

FUTURES OPTIONS

Month	Price	Change	High	Low	Open	Settle
Mar	0.15	0.01	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.15
Apr	0.10	0.01	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10
May	0.05	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05
Jun	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jul	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aug	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sep	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oct	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nov	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dec	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00



REPUBLICAN DEBATE

■ On eve of GOP faceoff in South Carolina, Texas Gov. George W. Bush (left) rolls out campaign finance plan that is similar to proposals promoted by his rival, Arizona Sen. John McCain.



Proposal would ban 'soft money'

IRMO, S.C. (AP) — Taking up John McCain's big issue just before a key debate, George W. Bush rolled out a campaign reform proposal today that would ban corporate and union "soft money" donations and block lobbyists from giving to lawmakers while Congress is in session. McCain immediately termed Bush's proposal a "breakthrough" and a "major change on his part" but wouldn't say more until he saw the full plan. Both Republican presidential candidates were positioning themselves for tonight's debate, their last meeting before the South Carolina primary on Saturday. A longtime advocate of overhauling the fund-raising laws,

McCain has made reforms including a ban on "soft money" — the unlimited contributions given to political parties by corporations, unions and individuals — the centerpiece of his campaign. Bush said that, unlike McCain's, his plan would preserve the right of advocacy groups to pay for "issue ads" during political races. And Bush, who has long argued Republicans would suffer under McCain's plan because it allows labor unions to continue aiding Democrats, called for a "paycheck protection" law to prevent unions from spending their members' dues in support of candidates without the members' consent. Bush also said candidates

should be required to quickly disclose all donors on their Web sites, as he has done. He said federal candidates shouldn't be allowed to rollover contributions from a campaign for one office to a race for another — as McCain has done with Senate campaign funds. And he called for restrictions on giving by lobbyists to Congress members, reflecting another of his criticisms of McCain. "These are reforms that will make the system work better. These are real reforms. These are wholesale reforms," Bush told supporters in a community banquet hall. "These are reforms that respect individuals." McCain, also campaigning

in South Carolina, said "obviously he's come a long way" on campaign finance reform and, noting how much the issue mirrored his own, joked, "The next thing you know he's going to be moving to Arizona." McCain told reporters he was committed to raising the tenor of a race mired in charges and countercharges. He rebuffed suggestions that he was pulling back because he had gone too far in attacking Bush, and said he felt halting his negative ads was the right decision. "I'm as interested in how this campaign is judged as I am in winning or losing," McCain said. "I've always had a sense of history."

DEMOCRATS

Gore picks up backing of abortion-rights group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore is being endorsed by the nation's top abortion-rights group, which has abandoned its neutrality in the Democratic presidential contest in hopes of ending questions about Gore's mixed record on abortion. Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, was appearing with Gore this afternoon at a Washington hotel to deliver the endorsement.



Abortion-rights group's endorsement to give Vice President Al Gore (left) a boost on what's been a vulnerable issue in the battle with former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic nomination.

The backing will give Gore a boost on what's been one of his most vulnerable issues in the battle with former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic nomination. The two candidates have been courting core Democratic voters, including blacks and women, where Gore holds a strong lead over Bradley, according to national polls. Aside from the NARAL endorsement, Gore also was discussing his education plans at a Baltimore college, his second straight day on the issue. He promoted his ideas for tuition tax credits and savings accounts in a speech Monday at the University of Rochester.

Bradley, meanwhile, was pursuing another core Democratic constituency — organized labor — with an address to the Teamsters conference in Atlantic City, N.J. While most national unions have endorsed Gore, the Teamsters have stayed neutral. The endorsement for Gore was the second time in a week that he picked up support from a group that had planned to stay neutral in the Democratic race. Gore wrung a similar nod last week from the Human Rights Campaign, a large gay rights group. NARAL's endorsement came after a weekend of discussion, said spokeswoman Julie Piscitelli. "After two days of thoughtful discussion and de-

liberation by our board, they voted unanimously to endorse Gore," she said. In the past, Michelman has said both Gore and Bradley are reliable supporters of abortion rights. "American women can count on either one of them," she said last year. She also has expressed confidence in Gore's support for abortion rights now, even though he cast a series of anti-abortion votes when he was in Congress. Bradley's campaign was disappointed with the news. "It really sends a very bad

message to officeholders about what they can expect to get from NARAL," said Rep. Diane DeGette, D-Colo., a Bradley supporter. "The message is, 'We're going to do whatever's politically expedient for us at the time.'" Abortion often is an issue in Republican presidential primaries, with candidates trying to prove they are sufficiently against it. But rarely has the issue so sharply divided Democrats. Gore has said he's always believed abortion should be legal, saying he only had reservations in the past about government paying for abortions for poor women in Medicaid. But as details of his record emerged, he was forced to admit that his position has changed. In 1987, he said in a letter to a constituent that abortion was "arguably the taking of a human life." And in 1984, he voted to define the word "person" to include "unborn children from the moment of conception." Bradley has tried to capitalize on the issue. He ran a TV ad in New Hampshire calling himself the only candidate who "has been pro-choice ... all the time." Gore has responded with a slew of endorsements from feminist leaders and women in Congress.

County

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BMB Technologies furnished a bid of \$1,281 and Sam Metcalf offered \$1,468 for a computer with printer. The commissioners' accepted Bridges' bid. Watkins announced with the renovation and cleanup of the Law Library, the county has saved about \$12,000 using these new advancements for the Library. In addition, commissioners adopted an accident prevention plan resolution from the Texas Association of Counties. Since adoption was prior to the discount date of Feb. 18, 2000, the county will save 10 percent of the premium or about \$5,300. In other business, the commissioners:
• Authorized advertising the sale of an ironworker in Precinct 4;
• Granted permission to cross a cross county road in Precinct 1 with a gas line;
• Approved a contract with the Texas Department of Protective Regulatory Services from Aug. 31, 2000-Aug. 31, 2002; and
• Appointed Tom Bailey, Elizabeth Abernethy and Alva Lee Peeler to the Child Welfare Board. The commissioners also took no action on other items. They will be taken up at a later date. These items were:
• U.S. Highway 385 and 60 construction millings to be dealt with in Precincts 1 and 2;
• Purchase of a water pump for the San Jose Community located in Precinct 2; and,
• Permission to cross county road in Precinct 1 with a water line.

Quake

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The article also stated the quake, which was recorded at 3:05 a.m. July 20, was felt in Borger, Dimmitt and Amarillo, with Amarillo apparently feeling it more than the other communities. "Persons in more than one building described the event as similar to a sonic boom," the article stated. The quake was monitored at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and stretched along an area of about 130 miles, extending into northeastern New Mexico. Although earthquakes are a relatively rare occurrence in Texas, several have been recorded. According to the National Earthquake Information Center, a quake Oct. 22, 1882, shook heavy machinery in Sherman, bricks were thrown from chimneys and some objects were overturned. The quake apparently was centered in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) or Arkansas and was felt in an area covering about 375,000 miles. Cracked plaster was reported and children were evacuated from a school building on March 28, 1917, when a quake occurred at Panhandle. An earthquake on Aug. 16, 1931, damaged several buildings in Valentine, but there were no fatalities. The quake, which was measured at 6.4 on the Richter scale, also was felt in Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. After-shocks were felt Aug. 18 at Alpine, Lobo, Pecos and Valentine, as well as at Carlsbad, N.M. Other quakes that were felt in the Panhandle were:
• June 19, 1936: Effects were noted at Gruver and White Deer;
• March 11, 1948: Effects were felt at Amarillo, Channing, Dalhart, Electric City, Panhandle, Perico and Perryton;
• June 20, 1951: Damage to plaster reported in Amarillo and Hereford;
• Feb. 15, 1974: Minor damage caused at Booker and Perryton. Similar effects reported at Liberal, Kan., and Texhoma and Woodward, Okla.

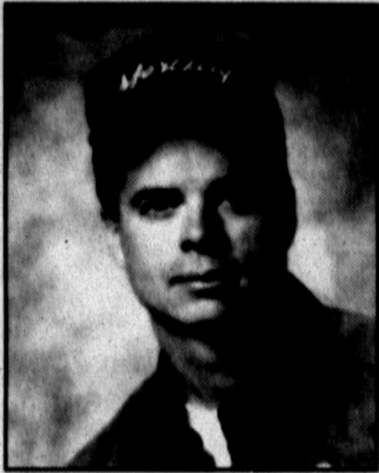
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Those who consider hunting and fishing to be religious experiences will have an opportunity to hear someone else share the same gospel truths at 7 p.m. Thursday when Glenn Chappelle conducts a Wildgame Banquet.

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Chappelle, the founder of Sportsmen's Outreach Inc., is a professional bass fisherman on the Bassmaster Trail and the Forest L. Wood Tour. A Mission Service Corps Volunteer for the North American Mission Board, Chappelle is also a graduate of Clemson University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as minister to students at First Baptist



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For tickets, contact Chuck Cosper at 364-2888.

Donaldson session to air

■ TV correspondent to meet journalism students for KACV

Special to The Brand

AMARILLO — Veteran television journalist Sam Donaldson will be featured this week in a session with area journalism students.

Donaldson, who is the ABC

News White House correspondent and panelist on the network's Sunday morning news show "This Week," will be featured in "Perspective: A Conversation with Sam Donaldson" at 8 p.m. Friday on KACV-TV, the area public television station. The program will be rebroadcast at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 10:30 p.m. Feb. 28.

"Sam Donaldson has a lot

to share with tomorrow's journalists, which is why we received such terrific response from the students participating in the program," said KACV-TV Executive Producer Ellen Robertson Neal. "His experiences as a national network reporter, anchor and political commentator are exceptional. The access he's giving to these students is a rare privilege."

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Georgians begin to pick up the pieces

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

CAMILLA, Ga. — When the tornado that had leveled his house finally moved away, Harris Malcom crawled out from under a mattress and looked up into blinding rain and lightning.

His living-room rafters were crushed like toothpicks. But poking out from a 3-foot-thick pine tree that caved in his roof were two branches, forming a makeshift cross.

"You find out what kind of faith you've got when something like this happens," Malcom, pastor of First Baptist Church in Camilla, said Monday.

Although Malcom's home was destroyed, he emerged from the tornadoes that hit southwestern Georgia early Monday relatively unscathed. However, at least 22 people

died and more than 100 were injured in the storms, the state's deadliest twisters since 1936. The oldest victim was 85 years old, the youngest 8 months. Many likely were killed as they slept, police said.

The tornadoes smashed mobile homes, flipped automobiles and demolished trees into splinters. Mitchell County, about 30 miles north of the Georgia-Florida line, was hardest hit, with 14 dead, when two separate twisters cut a 1.5-mile-wide, 10-mile-long path through the county.

"It was just total destruction," said Kenneth Hill of Camilla, who spent Monday night at a shelter after a tree crashed through his roof. "Mobile homes on top of mobile homes — houses blown away, just frames."

Families of the injured and missing scrambled to see if loved ones were among the dozens sent to hospitals from Albany to Tallahassee, Fla.

Online auction scams are under scrutiny

WASHINGTON — Buyer beware: That Beanie Baby up for bids online may be stuffed full of lies.

Stuffed toys, computer systems and collectible lunch boxes are among the millions of items available at online auctions, one of the fastest growing areas of the Internet for both consumers and the con artists who prey on them.

Federal and state law enforcement agencies announced a crackdown Monday against Web scammers who offer goods they don't have or accept payments and don't deliver.

"We want Internet auction users and the online auction industry to know that the e-con artists who capitalize on them are going, going, gone," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "We don't intend to let a handful of rogues erode consumer confidence in Internet commerce or Internet auctions."

Bernstein said the number of complaints the FTC has

received about Internet auctions has ballooned to nearly 11,000 in 1999 from 107 in 1997. Millions of auction transactions take place each day.

Columbine students found shot to death

LITTLETON, Colo. — Once again, students at Columbine High School are in mourning, trying to make sense of another tragic shooting.

Two Columbine sophomores, high school sweethearts, were found shot to death in a fast-food restaurant Monday, just two blocks away from the school.

The killings shocked residents of Littleton, still reeling from the massacre that killed 15 at Columbine last year. About 100 students were so shaken they left school for the day, and the school's 25 counselors were kept busy comforting those who remained.

Kohl's party must give up millions

BERLIN (AP) — Parliament President Wolfgang Thierse announced today that the scandal-plagued Christian Democrats must forfeit \$20.5 million in government funds as a result of illegal campaign financing carried out under former Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

It was the first financial consequence of the scandal that already has exacted a high political price for the conservatives: a dramatic decline in opinion polls and likely losses in upcoming state elections.

Thierse said the penalty will be withheld from government matching funds calculated for 1998 because the Christian Democratic Union did not declare all of its assets for that year. The amount withheld will be distributed to other political parties.

"The matter is not closed with today's decision because much still needs to be cleared up," Thierse said.

The conservatives also face a punitive fine for accepting donations and not recording them, but that will be determined after further parliamentary investigation.

The forfeiture was based specifically on the Hesse state party branch's failure to declare \$9 million in assets in 1998. The action today only covers that year because it is the period being used to determine the Christian Democrats' matching funds from the government.

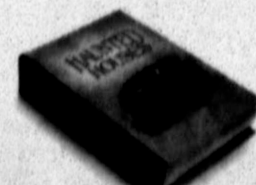
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