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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF **Richard & Rosemary** Davila

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Cloudy skies tonight Tonight Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, some storms may be severe, low near 40, east to southeast wind 15 to 25 mph with higher

gusts Thursday Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, some storms may be severe. Breezy with a high in the mid 50s, west to northwest wind 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

Thursday night Partly cloudy, low around 30.



Extended forecast Eriday Partly cloudy, high in the lower 60s.

Saturday Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms late, low in the mid 30s, high 60 to 65

Sunday Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms early, low in the upper 30s, high 60 10 65

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 63, low, 35, no precipitation.

Inside

Soil samples are key to how city proceeds on wastewater plant

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Lilitor Results of soil samples from the Hereford landfill are expected sometime this week from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, according to the Hereford city manager.

Chester Nolen said when the TNRCC review of the samples is returned, the city administration will know if it will be feasible to open the city landfill as a Type I AE facility.

Nolen already has filed an to Canyon application for a Type I AE

landfill. In 1994, the city closed its Type I landfill because of costs associated with the federal Clean Water Act. The expense of lining the landfill with clay or a polyvinyl material in addition to a leachate collection system and monitoring well would have exceeded \$400,000.

After closing the landfill, the city began hauling its solid waste to a commercial landfill at Canyon City officials estimate about \$205,000 per year is saved by hauling the waste-

eased the rules regarding landfills in arid arwhich CBN. would allow a city to operate a Type I arid exempt (AE) landfill in addition to other

to comply with all of the more stringent regulations governing the non-exempt landfills.

WAITING ON THE WORD

landfills that aren't required ing and ply or insitu liner, veys and/or protests from adwhich would mean a significant reduction in the cost of

> depending on complications associated with geotechnical sur-



CHESTER NOLEN When results of sampling is returned, city will know how to proceed.

jacent property owners. Meanwhile, an Amarillo

company is completing its core The permit process could sampling on the subsoil adja-

Please see CITY, Page A9

Journalism scholarships are available

Applications are being accepted for two \$2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press and Texas Press associations, according to Hereford Brand Publisher Mauri Montgomery.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Hereford students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Hereford Brand's membership

operating a landfill. The Type I AE landfill doesn't require the leachate take six months to two years, cent to the city landfill, Nolen collection, groundwater monitoring, methane gas monitor-However, the TNRCC has **ESCORT OUT OF TOWN**



PROPOSALS

Proposals, presented by Oller Engineering Inc. for the city's wastewater treatment plant are:

1.Renovate the existing plant with disposal at the city farm. Estimated cost is \$3.8 million;

2.Renovate the existing plant with disposal at the city farm and at the municipal golf course. Estimated cost is \$4.5 million;

3.Build aerated lagoon system at city farm. Estimated cost is \$4 million; and

4.Build facultative lagoon system at city farm. Estimated cost is \$6.1 million.

Today **SPORTS**

"We knew coming in this was going to be the kind of game it was, with bod ies flying everywhere.

 Hereford guard forward. Slade Hodges after the Whitefaces defeated Plainview to advance to the Class 4A. regional semifinals.



Hereford avenues earlier loss with 40-34 victory over Plainview Bulldogs in Class 4A regional quarterfinal Page A5 contest.

POLITICS



Bush-whacked Republican voters in Virginia, Washington and North Dakota favor



lexas governor Anzona ()V()I senator, while Democrats in Washington state

overwhelmingly support Al Gore in his race with Bill Bradley Page A7



Hereford Whitefaces got a police and motorcycle escort Tuesday quarterfinals. Hereford won 40.34 and will play in the semifinals as the boys basketball team left for Odessa, where the Herd was - Friday night in Odessa

Sometimes being escorted out of town is a good thing. The scheduled to take on Plainview in the Class 4A regional

Lotto losing favor in Texas

"I'm sad to say we've reached the limit ... with trying to hold out on our minimum jackpot at \$4 million."

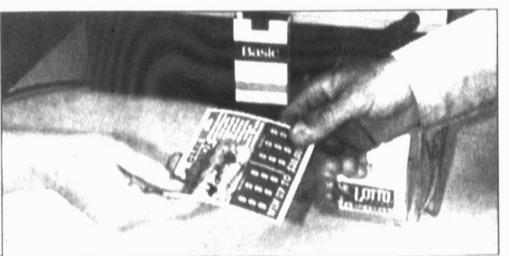
Linda Cloud, director, Texas Lottery Commission

DALLAS (AP) Lotto Texas is losing its luster, with high guaranteed jack pots for the twice weekly 181

Wenk ticket sales are a money losing proposition. for the state, which probably will lower the minimum ers on Tuesd, y inckpot for each drawing to ministrators say

multistate, high stakes games - jackpot," she said such as Powerball

reached the limit with try Massachusetts and California has surfaced in each of the ing to hold out on our minimum jackpot at \$4 million,"



INTAND Inset Carlson

game on the endangered. A Hereford resident purchases a Lotto Texas scratch off Wednesday morning at a local convenience store. Lottery officials are concerned because sales are

Balgung

"It is going to be necessary sage by lack of participation \$3 million within weeks, ad to make an announcement to our players in the next couple voting with their money, and The state's other alternal of weeks that we are going to lit's a pretty convincing vote so tive is to join in one of the have to reduce the minimum far," she said

"I'm and to say we've all sales behind New York, -time ever a jackpot winner

Texas Lottery Commission people are beating the game's Executive Director Linda chairwomán, agreed that 15.8 million to one odds Cloud told lottery come equion - changes are needed and that

players are sending that mes-"The people of Texas are

Part of the problem, opera-Texus is now fourth in over tors say, is that for the first Harriet Miers of Dallas, last five drawings Too many That meant the prize money

that usually carries over to the next drawing hasn't been available to increase the jackpot and the total has been too low to attract more players.

"It's just a string of bad luck" for the state, said Larry King, director of Texas operations for Gtech Corp., the lottery operator.

The mini um Lotto Texas jackpor was set nt \$2 million in November 1992, when the online game started.

The lottery's guaranteed minimum was

taised to \$3 million in January 1994 and to \$4 million the following year. The payout could be higher, depending on ticket sales.

But Cloud said jackpots this fiscal year have averaged \$7 million, compared with \$11.4 million last year and \$12.2 million in 1998.

"The only solution to this situation is to introduce larger inckpots for Texas players," she snid

in WTPA.

careers.

The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin, and will be awarded to a graduating

high school The scholarsenior and a ships are college junior or senior named in pursuing honor of the journalism late West Craig. Texas pubwho died in lisher Bob 1981, was Craig of the longtime publisher of Hamlin, and the Hamlin will be Herald and member of awarded to a West Texas graduating Press board high school of directors. He served 18 senior and a years on the college junior board in all or senior capacities, including pursuing president in journalism 1967 and secretary/ careers. treasurer in

1969. Each scholarship will be divided into two payments of \$1,000 for two semesters. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

Prospective applicants in Deaf Smith County may secure a form from the news office of the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

Applications and essays should be sent to Mark A. Jordan WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 149. Decatur, TX 76234, and be postmarked no later than June 15.2000.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 70th Annual Summer Convention July 20-22 in the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso, N.M.

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Local roundup

Senior prom work days begin

Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited to participate in work days in preparation for the annual senior prom.

Work days will be 7 p.m. Thursdays in the old NAPA building, 1001 W. Park Ave.

STAR hosts seminar

The Amarillo College STAR (Student Training and Retraining) Program will host a "College Ready Seminar" 6-8 p.m. March 9 at the College Union Building on the Washington Street Campus.

Prospective students will learn about enrollment, career options, financial aid, testing, advising, counseling and applying for college. They also will have an opportunity to tour the Washington Street Campus.

For more information, contact Maury Bird at 371-8027.

WTRT cooperative meeting

West Texas Rural, Telephone Cooperative will have their annual stockholders meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Three directors will be elected. Charles Myers, Jr., and Terry Copley have been nominated from the Hub exchange; Floyd Schueler from Parmer County; and Dick Fellers and Harold Sides from Dawn.

A meal will be served and door prizes will be given away. The meal begins at 6 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Kids Inc. schedules sign-ups

The Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. will have a sign-up for all baseball and softball leagues on March 4 at the Hereford Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This sign-up is for all ages of boys and girls who are at least five years old by Aug. 1, and all leagues including Babe Ruth, who are interested in the program.

League participation fees are: first child, \$35; second child \$30; third child, \$25; fourth child is free and all Babe Ruth players, \$45.

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Inmate insists he's innocent

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Convicted killer Odell Barnes is adamant about his innocence.

"I'm being executed for something I didn't do," Barnes, 31, says of his lethal injection, set for this evening for the slaying of a Wichita Falls woman more than 10 years ago. "I know the odds are stacked against me ... but you just don't give up."

The prosecutor who put him on death row is just as adamant that Barnes, with nine felony convictions, is dangerous and violent.

"I sincerely believe, based on his conduct, based on his record, he is a violent career criminal and unquestionably would commit violence again," Wichita County District Attorney Barry Macha says.

Barnes, whose convictions include five for robbery, two for rape and one for burglary, plus the capital murder, would be the 10th condemned killer put to death in Texas this year and

Midwinter blooms



Flowering trees at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, above, ionguils at the Golden K Kiwanis Park, right, and blooming forsythia at a residence on McKinley, below, bring bright colors to dreary winter days.





Flower gardens and roadside landscapes are bursting forth with colors as if the blooms don't realize the area has yet to see any real winter weather. Many trees are already sporting bright green buds, and homeowners have begun the seasonal tasks of mowing and watering yards.

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the first of four set to die in March.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 18-0 earlier this week against recommending a reduction of his sentence. The panel also rejected a request for a 360-day reprieve.

The courts also refused to halt the execution. The U.S. Supreme Court in November refused to review his case and state courts threw out another attempt to review the case two weeks ago.

Barnes was convicted of killing Helen Bass, a 42-year-old nurse, at her home in Wichita Falls during a robbery. Bass was raped, beaten, stabbed and shot.

Track team overcomes tragedy

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) - Coach Hoover Wright used to wonder why his life was spared and four Prairie View A&M athletes died when their van crashed en route to a track meet nearly three weeks ago.

Now he knows. -

Someone had to tell the team they had to put the tragedy behind them

The Panthers followed their 71-year-old coach's words by successfully defending their Southwestern Athletic Conference indoor track championship Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

Ron Nelson won the high jump and finished second in the long jump. Lewis Turner won the 55 meters and placed second in the 100 meters, and the Panthers easily outpointed runnerup Grambling State 132-1011/2.

Broken ribs, a shoulder injury and numerous bumps and bruises he suffered in the Feb. 10 accident couldn't dampen Wright's pride as he spoke of the team's victory while recuperating Tuesday at his home.

"I'm very proud of them," Wright said. "We asked them to look forward and to step up even though part of our team died and some got broken up like me. I didn't go to the meet, but apparently they did a good job.'

U.S. attorney seeks delay

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal prosecutor has asked a Houston judge to delay sentencing an informant in the racketeering case against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards.

Eddie Jordan, U.S. attorney in New Orleans, sent a letter asking state District Judge Bill Harmon to postpone the scheduled Friday sentencing of Patrick Graham until the end of Edwards' public corruption case in Louisiana.

The move could stall efforts to depose two informants who are key to corruption cases in Louisiana and Texas.

Jordan said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Letten and FBI agent Geoffrey Santini want to give the judge information about Graham's cooperation with the government

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AUSTIN (AP) - An Austin saying in the Austin Amerielementary school is closed indefinitely after tests found high levels of a potentially harmful mold in the classrooms and floating in the air.

School district officials on Tuesday closed Hill Elementary and announced they'll move the school's pupils and teachers to other schools for the remainder of the academic year.

"It's a prudent and cautious step we're taking," Superintendent Pat Forgione said at a news conference at a district administration building, where Hill's 777 students were taken by bus about 11 a.m. after the closure.

"We cannot take a risk when we have a health concern and we don't know the specific nature and extent of it," Forgione was quoted as

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can-Statesman, adding that he hoped to reopen the school by fall

The closure came after several Hill teachers and at least one student were treated at. hospitals this year for health problems, many attributed to mold. On Friday, one of the school's teachers was rushed from the campus to an emergency room after an asthma attack, the newspaper reported.

Tests of the air have found elevated levels of mold. But samples of drywall taken last week revealed that a more dangerous type also was present in classrooms, prompting officials to close the school. The second mold, stachybotrys, was found behind bulletin boards.

potential Stachybotrys'

and allergy-like symptoms to skin rashes, inflammation of the respiratory tract, bloody noses, fever, headaches, malaise, neurological problems and suppression of the immune system.

health effects range from cold- tered.

The mold has been found at several schools and other buildings across the nation, experts said. In March 1998, stachybotrys was found in a U.S. Senate day care center under construction in Washington, D.C.

The other mold detected at Hill is penicillium, some strains of which also can produce allergy-like symptoms and more serious respiratory problems. Based on students and teachers' symptoms, one state health official said he doesn't think they pose a long-term health risk, particularly now that Hill is shut-

Built 30 years ago, the school has been struggling with mold and moisture problems as teachers and students reportedly suffered allergy symptoms over the years. Officials blamed leaks and poor ventilation for Hill's elevated mold counts.

The school also sits atop a cavern where mold has grown.

Conditions worsened this fall after renovations began at the school. Teachers and parents say black mold is visible on ceilings and walls in some rooms. In at least one classroom, they say, the chalkboards are warped from excessive moisture.

In addition to the hospital admissions, students and teachers have complained about headaches, itchy eyes, sneezing, constant coughing and breathing problems.

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Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 29, 2000, include the following

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of North McKinley and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Incidents

- Police responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 400 block of Avenue I. Two small children were left alone. The grandmother arrived soon after the police.

- A theft was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F. No suspects have been named.

- Theft was reported in the 600 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- Criminal non-support was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A juvenile was detained in the 600 block of Irving for criminal trespass.

- A domestic disturbance and

assault were reported in the 300 block of Avenue A.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Norton. A window of a 1998 Mercury was broken.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with two counts of violation of probation, one for theft and one for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 32-30-37-7-5

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-9

OLLIE THELMA BRADSHER Feb. 28, 2000

CHARLESTON, Miss., - Services for Ollie Thelma Bradsher, 80, of Canyon will be 2 p.m. Friday at Newsom Funeral Home Chapel in Charleston, Miss. Burial will be in Magnolia Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Newsom Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bradsher died Tuesday in Canyon.

She was born March 13, 1919, to James and Nettie Nelson Browning in Charleston, Miss. She moved to Canyon in 1958 and had lived in both Dawn and Canyon. She attended the Presbyterian Church in Canyon.

Survivors include one daughter, Catherine Marasco of Dawn; one son, Bruce Bradsher of Canyon; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three great-greatgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice

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Wilma Curtsinger, 82, formerly of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. H.W. Bartlett, Pastor of Temple Baptist Church officiaiting. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Curtsinger died Monday at the Lubbock Hospitality House.

She was born Dec. 29, 1917. in Hereford to Guy Smith and Ada Cassels. She married E.W. "Dub" Curtsinger on April 4, 1936, in Hereford. She was a Baptist, a homemaker and a co-owner of a dry-cleaners.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Curtsinger of Lubbock, and Jerry Curtsinger of Stafford, Va.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1994.

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Emergency services WILMA CURTSINGER

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Coronado gives talk

Linda Coronado, coordinator for the Women's and Children's Crisis Center, gave the program at the recent meeting of Veleda Study Club in the home of Della Hutto.

Coronado provided statistics such as, in Texas a woman is beaten every nine seconds and on the average, a person has to make seven attempts before successfully leaving an abusive relationship.

The Crisis Center operates a 24-hour hotline to aid victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. When a victim is picked up, they do not have time to pack, so the Crisis Center is always in need of gowns, toiletries, groom-ing products, disposable diapers, etc

Members of Veleda Study Club voted to bring such items to the next meeting to be donated to the Crisis Center.

Those present were Marcella Bradly, Juanita Brownd, Frances Crume, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Della Hutto, Joyce Ritter, Norma Walden and Margaret Zinser.

The next meeting will be March 13 with a program by Jo Lee titled "Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate."



Deaf Smith County Women and Children's Crisis Center honored its newest volunteers Tuesday night with a supper and certificates of accomplishment. This is the first year men and teenagers have completed the 30 hours of training required to practice counseling. New volunteers are (seated from left) Jessica Casarez, Debbie Gaitan and Patsy Sanchez, (standing from left) Vanessa Orozco, Frankie Orozco, Greg Platt and Fred Gamboa. Not pictured is Tasha Gonzalez. For more information on the Women's and Children's Crisis Center or to become a volunteer, call Linda Coronado at 363-6727.

CREATORS SYNDICATE Ann Landers

Dear Ann

"Jerry," and I

been



Ann Landers have

for apart nearly four years. The divorce was my idea. He tried to change my mind, but I was stubborn, and refused to consider counseling. Until now, I never doubted my decision. Last night, a mutual friend phoned to tell me Jerry got married over the weekend. The news hit me like a ton of bricks. I was overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy. All of a sudden, I began recalling our honeymoon, the great times we had during our courting days, how sweet he was on our anniversary, and so on. It seems like I have blocked from my memory how Jerry spent money recklessly, drank too much, and ran around on me.

is solid and stable, loves my child, and would do anything in the world for me. So, why am I now thinking about Jerry, and with such warm feelings? What is wrong with me? Please help me think this through. — Crazy Clara in St. Catherine's, Ontario

Dear Clara: It is perfectly natural to have such feelings when a former spouse remarries, especially if you are still single. Give yourself a little ter. When this relative had a wedding last year, I sent a lovely gift that could easily be returned. I feel as if she has slapped me in the face.

Is there any way I can tactfully tell this person how I feel, or should I stop speaking to her altogether? - Deeply Hurt in Tennessee

Dear Tennessee: I see no reason for you to do either. Why lower yourself to her of the game of life alive. You level? Just make a mental note that the woman is cheap, and let it go at that. I'm sure that whenever she sees you, she will wonder if she got away with it. Her guilt and uncertainty will be punishment enough.

chipped in for the tip. What is your opinion? — George in New Jersey

Dear George: When you graciously pick up the check, you become the self-appointed host. This means YOU leave the gratuity. If, however, someone in the group insists on

leaving the tip, don't argue. Gem of the Day (Credit Les Brown): No one gets out either die in the bleachers, or

District I FCE meeting planned in Hereford

Deaf Smith, Brisco, Randall, Armstrong counties to be hosts

The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council met at the Hereford Community Center Monday following the annual FCE Appreciation Luncheon.

At the luncheon, Audrey Rusher, a member of the Wyche FCE Club, was named as the FCE Club Woman of the Year. She was presented an engraved silver tray by Becky Thorn, Lifestyles Editor of the Hereford Brand.

Council chairman Mariellen Homfeld presided at the meeting with the executive committee as hostess. Kate Bradley read "Just Be Yourself" as opening exercise. Welcomed visitors were Shirley

Brown, Mary Doris and Evelyn Crofford.

Six clubs were represented with four having 100 percent attendance.

Standing committees gave their reports as did Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

There was discussion of the District I meeting which will be

held in Hereford on March 28. Cluster Four, which consists of Brisco, Randall, Armstrong and Deaf Smith county FCE clubs, will be hostesses.

Local delegates are Maudette Smith, Bradley and Brown. Alternates are Tonie Vaughn and Grace Covington. Registration is \$8.50 and needs to be paid at the next council meeting which is March 27.

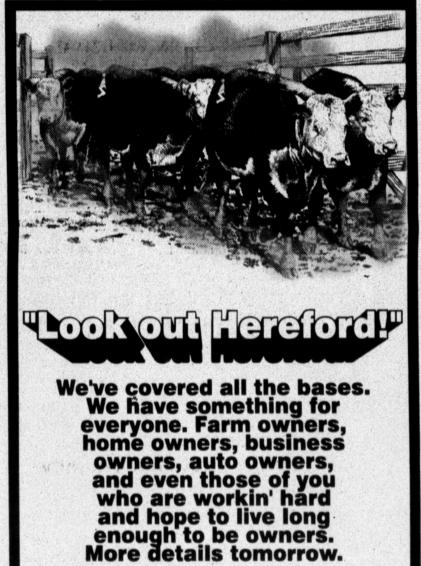
The Cultural Arts Exhibit will be May 18.

The winner of the FCE quilt was Shelly Menke of Hereford.



Friendship. A friend knows when you're feeling blue...doesn't ask why...and isn't comfortable with silence. With a friend, it's okay to be yourself because friendship has no con Friendship. We're more than "just a busin





For the last several months, I have been dating a very decent guy who is seriously interested in marrying me. He

more time, and if you don't feel better in a month or so, please get some counseling.

Dear Ann Landers: My daughter received a wedding gift from a relative who had obviously been using it for a while. It was a crystal bowl, and there was some dried food stuck to the sides.

I tried to give this woman the benefit of the doubt, thinking maybe the store had sold her some used merchandise. I called her and asked where the gift had been purchased, so it could be returned. She said she couldn't remember the name of the store, but to go ahead and wash the bowl, and it would be good as new.

I am deeply offended by such tackiness, and so is my daugh-

Dear Ann Landers: This is not an earth-shattering problem, but I really need an outside opinion. When I asked my wife to help me decide if I am being too critical, she said, "Write to Ann Landers." So, that's what I am doing.

While on a vacation in Arizona, 10 of us went out to dinner. I decided to pick up the check. The question is this: Should I have also left the tip, or should the other nine have offered to do it? I believe they should have

on the field. So, you might as well come out on the field, and go for it.

"A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect little gift for that special someone who is impossible to buy for. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.25).

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Breast cancer screeings are offered at local health clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park. on March 10.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

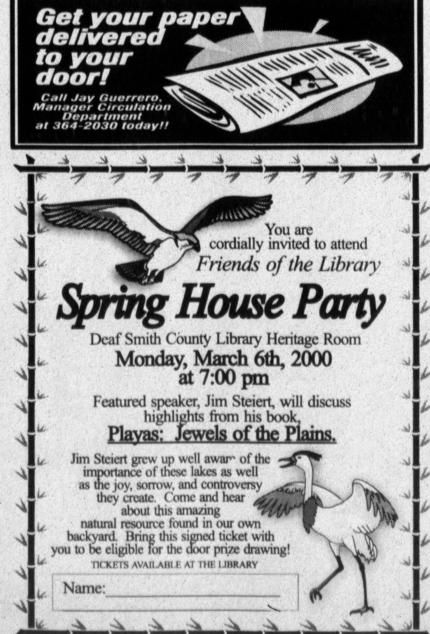
A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

· This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.



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Caroline and Roy Campbell Missionaries to speak

Campbell are coming to the Hereford Church of the Nazarene at 6 p.m. on March 5.

The Campbells have spent most of their married life as laymen in the Nazarene Church.

They have been to the Philippines twice, to Venezuela

Hereford Flame Fellowship will hold its regular monthly

meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in

the Hereford Community Center

with Lynda Hunter of Amarillo as

involved in the Lord's work for 27

years. She and her husband Roy

founded and pastored Liberty

Hunter has been actively

speaker.

Missionaries Roy and Caroline responsibilities include consulting on registration and building buildings in Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia and the Ukraine.

They are involved in preach-

She has had Bible studies in

her home for many years and has

conducted women's seminars in

several states. She and Roy also

They are actively involved in the work of the Gideons in

minister to the Navajo people.

Everyone is invited to hear the and to Moscow. Their main Campbells speak on missions.

Amarillo.

Church for five years.

ing, out reach, church plants and compassionate ministries.

Lindbergh's son was AT THE CENTER taken this date, 1932 Senior Citizens

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, March 1, the 61st day of 2000. There are 305 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

LIFESTYLES

in History:

On March 1, 1932, the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains iden-tified as those of the baby were found the following May.) On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles

of Confederation. In 1790, Congress autho-rized the first U.S. Census.

In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone

National Park. In 1940, "Native Son" by Richard Wright was first published.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: The controversial Seabrook, N.H. nuclear power plant won federal permission to go on line after two decades of protests and legal struggles.

Five years ago: Somalia

militiamen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid seized control of the Mogadishu airport after peacekeepers with-drew. At the 37th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Sheryl Crow won record of the year for "All I Wanna Do" while Tony Bennett's "MTV Unplugged" was named best album.

One year ago: The Gen-eral Accounting Office released an audit of the Internal Revenue Service which found chronic problems in the agency's record-keeping. An attack by Rwandan Hutu rebels in a Ugandan national park left eight foreign tourists, including two Americans,

and a park guard dead. Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 74. Singer Harry Belafonte is 73. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 73. Actor Robert Conrad is 65. Author Judith Rossner is 65. Actor Dirk Benedict is 55. Actor Alan Thicke is 53. Actor-director Ron Howard is 46. Actress Catherine Bach is 46. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 46.

MENUS

THURSDAY-Stuffed bell peppers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, tossed green salad, bread pudding with raisin sauce; or fried fish, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY-Salmon patties with dill sauce, hashed brown potatoes, buttered yellow squash, coleslaw, lemon cheese cake; or cook's choice, D'zerta cheese cake.

MONDAY-Chicken breast, sweet sour sauce, rice pilaf, Capri vegetables, pound cake with pineapple topping; or Polish sausage. TUESDAY-Baked ham with

raisin sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered green beans, raspberry gelatin with applesauce, meringue pie; or hamburger steak with gravy, D'zerta salad, D'zerta pudding. WEDNESDAY-Catfish, corn

O'Brien, fried okra, garden salad, mixed fruit cobbler; or chicken and noodles, fruit cup.

ACTIVITIES THURSDAY-Pool classes,

quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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SATURDAY-Braschler Music Show gospel 2:30 p.m., variety 5 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Toastmasters 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Nutrition Council meeting 1 p.m.

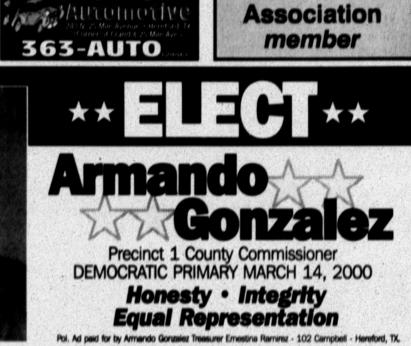
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Herd shackles ' Dogs,

By Paul Mason Special to The Brand

ODESSA - On December 13, 1999, Hereford was pummeled by the Plainview Bulldogs in basketball 76-48. Sweet revenge came Tuesday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland as the Whitefaces eliminated the Dogs 40-34 in a regional quarterfinal game. Being outsized by as much as 30-pounds per man should have intimidated the Whitefaces. But then again, the Whitefaces are used to being the smallest they ignored an obvious

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players never made it to the free-throw line until late in the third quarter, and when they did, it ended the Bull-

The Bulldogs led at the end

of every quarter — except the last one. That quarter was salvaged by Cody Hodges. With a little more than one

'minute left in the third quarter, Hodges committed his fourth foul and was

"When I got my fourth

foul," Cody said, "Coach Dean

just told me to catch a breath.

He told me to keep working like I was and said 'your shots

Hodges returned to the

game with 4:46 on the clock in

the fourth quarter with Here-

ford behind 29-27. He sank

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his game high 17 points and send the Dogs packing. One of the key factors in

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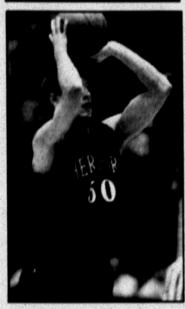
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Plainview squad.



CHAYSE RIVES -Looks for an open teammate.

Plainview weight advantage and did what they do best, played their hearts out in a basketball war.

In a see-saw battle from the opening tipoff, the game had no lack of "physical contact."

"We knew coming in this was going to be the kind of game it was, with bodies flying everywhere," guard Slade Hodges said after the game.

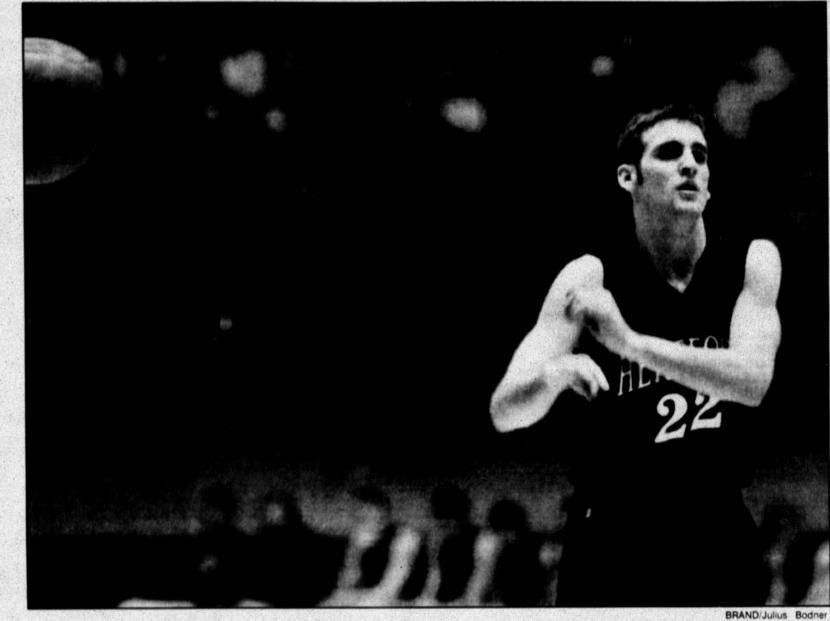
Even so, the Hereford

"The thing that allowed us to stay in the game was that we rebounded well," Coach Randy Dean said. "I thought we established ourselves on the boards right at the very beginning of the game and really held up all the way

through," he said. "We worked on offensive rebounds a lot this week. Cody Marsh and Chayse (Rives) both did a great job of "bodying" up and attacking the glass," Cody Hodges said. Hereford finished the game

with 36 rebounds, 13 by Marsh and 8 by Slade Hodges, while Plainview had 32. Plainview ends its season at 24-7, and Hereford now advances with a 23-10 record, counting the post-district win against Hale Center.

Hereford will now meet Denton Ryan in the regional semifinal game. The other semifinal game will feature Canyon Randall, which beat Amarillo Palo Duro 59-55 in overtime. Both games will be Friday night in Odessa.



Watch the hands, not the eyes - Cody Hodges launches a peripheral cross-court pass during Hereford's regional guarterfinal against the Plainview Bulldogs.

Lady Whitefaces down Tascosa, 10-9

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Improve to 8-4 on the season with win



Hereford third baseman Salina Hastings guards the base as a Rebel runner slides.

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Lady Whiteface softball team improved their record to 8-4 after beating Tascosa 10-9 in Hereford on Tuesday.

The team scored eight runs through five innings and then scored two runs in the sixth to finish off the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Whitefaces were led by a strong pitching from junior performance

Teresa Zimmerman that included seven strikeouts. Zimmerman also helped offensively contributing two doubles to her pitching effort. Juniors Crystal Reece and Salina Hastings drove in two runs a piece,

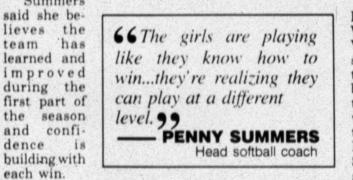
The win gives first year coach Penny Summers and the Lady Whitefaces a much needed boost.

"The girls are playing like they know how to win," said



Summers. "They are realizing track we should be on course they can play at a different level." Summers

for a bi-district playoff birth," said Summers. The



"I think the girls have goals she has set for the team learned a lot, and if we stay on



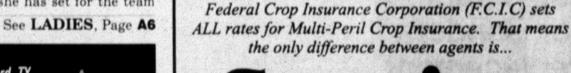
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a d y Whitfaces Varsity softball team will begin district play when they travel to Dumas. Summers said the





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Spurs beat Miami Heat, 93-69

(AP) — While the injuries pile up around him, David Robinson is playing his best basketball of the season for the San Antonio Spurs.

With All-Star forward Tim Duncan sidelined with a lower abdominal injury, Robinson has averaged 20.3 points the last three games, including 19 Tuesday night as San Antonio routed the Miami Heat 93-69.

"Our defense is key for us," Robinson said after Miami was held to a season-low point total. "They were missing Alonzo Mourning. That made it tough for them. We knew Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn could be threats, but we rotated good. Everything starts from our defense." Terry Porter added 15 points and Avery Johnson 14 for San Antonio, which has won three of four games.

"I'm pleased, you have to give the guys a lot of credit," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said after watching his re-serves combine for 46 points and 23 rebounds. "We did what we needed to win. The bench played great. It was a great team effort."

In 31 minutes against Miami, Robinson went 5-of-12 from the floor and 9-of-11 at the freethrow line with eight rebounds.

"My minutes are going to be increasing," Robinson said. "We have to use everyone right now. We just need to buckle down and get better."

Miami, which had a fourgame winning streak snapped, was led by P.J. Brown's 16 points. The Heat played without Mourning, who was out with a sore left ankle.

"We really couldn't do anything effectively for any sus-tained period of time," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "It was one of those nights where our shooters are just not making their shots. Our offense was abysmal, which left us with no answer to their big offensive runs.'

The Spurs received more bad news in the first quarter

when Duncan's replacement in the starting lineup, Malik Rose, went down with a sprained right ankle. He missed the remainder of the game.

"Malik is not in good shape," Popovich said. "We'll have to get it looked at, but he'll probably be out a while."

San Antonio, which never trailed, led 24-12 after the first quarter as Miami managed to shoot only 6-of-23. "When they disrupt what

you want to do and take you out of your game plan you have to find your shots," Riley said. "When they smelled blood in

the third quarter, they took off.

Porter scored 10 first-half points as San Antonio led 45-32 at halftime.

In the second half, Miami could get no closer than 13 points. San Antonio took a 74-52 lead into the fourth quarter as Antonio Daniels connected on a running jumper at the third-quarter buzzer.

"We ran great, we were aggressive," Johnson said. "We seemed to have more energy. We want to try and get as many wins as we can with this energy because wins are hard to come by."

The Spurs' largest lead was 78-53 on Jaren Jackson's 3pointer with 10:32 remaining.



Mavericks fall to 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Dallas coach Don Nelson wasn't buying the possibility the Mavericks would not have toface Allen Iverson.

"Oh, we didn't believe that for a minute," Nelson said about Iverson's questionable status for Tuesday's game. "Not that he doesn't have a sore shoulder, but I figured if he showed up, he'd be the usual Iverson, and he was."

Iverson, playing with a partially torn rotator cuff, made 15 of 18 shots and scored 35 points as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Mavericks 106-87.

The All-Star guard was listed as day-to-day with the right shoulder injury, but he had no doubt he would be able to play.

"I've been playing with this injury, but I don't make excuses," said Iverson, who wore a bandage on his shoulder blade. "I didn't want to tell anybody about it because I didn't want to risk someone telling me I can't play.'

Iverson scored 7-for-9 in the first quarter for 15 points. His 83 percent shooting was a career best, surpassing a 13for-19 (68 percent) performance against Denver in December 1996. Asked how Dallas tried to contain Iverson, Nelson said, "It didn't matter what the plan was. Nothing was going to work the way we played.' Sixers coach Larry Brown said he was most impressed with Iverson's ability to bounce back from injury. "He's been playing hurt without saying anything," Brown said. "That's more impressive. Maybe he had peace of mind with the diagnosis."

on Feb. 20, struggled in his previous five games 53-42 lead at halftime.

Iverson went to the sideline with 5:41 left in the game and did not return.

"I don't want to see him get hurt, but he's a warrior and he wants to play," said Theo Ratliff, who had 19 points on 9for-10 shooting.

The Sixers shot a seasonhigh 63 percent (46-for-73). Toni Kukoc had 13 points on 5for-9 shooting, and Eric Snow had 11 assists, seven rebounds and six points.

Michael Finley led Dallas with 15 points. Sean Rooks had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Dennis Rodman played just 19 minutes, grabbed three rebounds and did not attempt a shot. It was the first time

Rives named to Gatorade player list

Hereford High School basketball post Chayse Rives was this past week selected by head basketball coach Randy Dean as a recipient of the Gatorade Will To Win Ath-

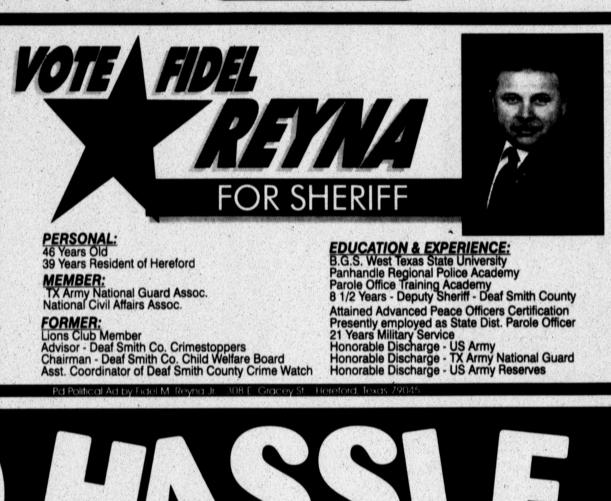
lete Award.

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Rodman was held under 12 rebounds in his eight games with the Mavericks.

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are definetly reachable. "I would like to see my girls make bi-district playoffs, and I want the girls to reach their own personal goals," said Summers. "The girls are seeing the full picture, and they are pulling through."



Iverson, who originally injured his shoulder in an 87-84 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers

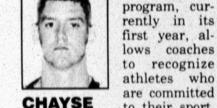
'Boys look for Sanders replacement

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys are focusing on the cornerback position this week, interviewing a couple of free agents in advance of All-Pro Deion Sanders' departure.

Free agent cornerback Ryan McNeil, who led the National Football League with nine interceptions in 1997, was interviewed Tuesday. Phillippi Sparks, another free agent cornerback, gets his turn today.

"I would hope that we can make a decision and get something worked out," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

McNeil of Miami, who appears to be the Cowboys' top choice, was persuaded by the team to remain in Dallas Tuesday night instead of returning home.



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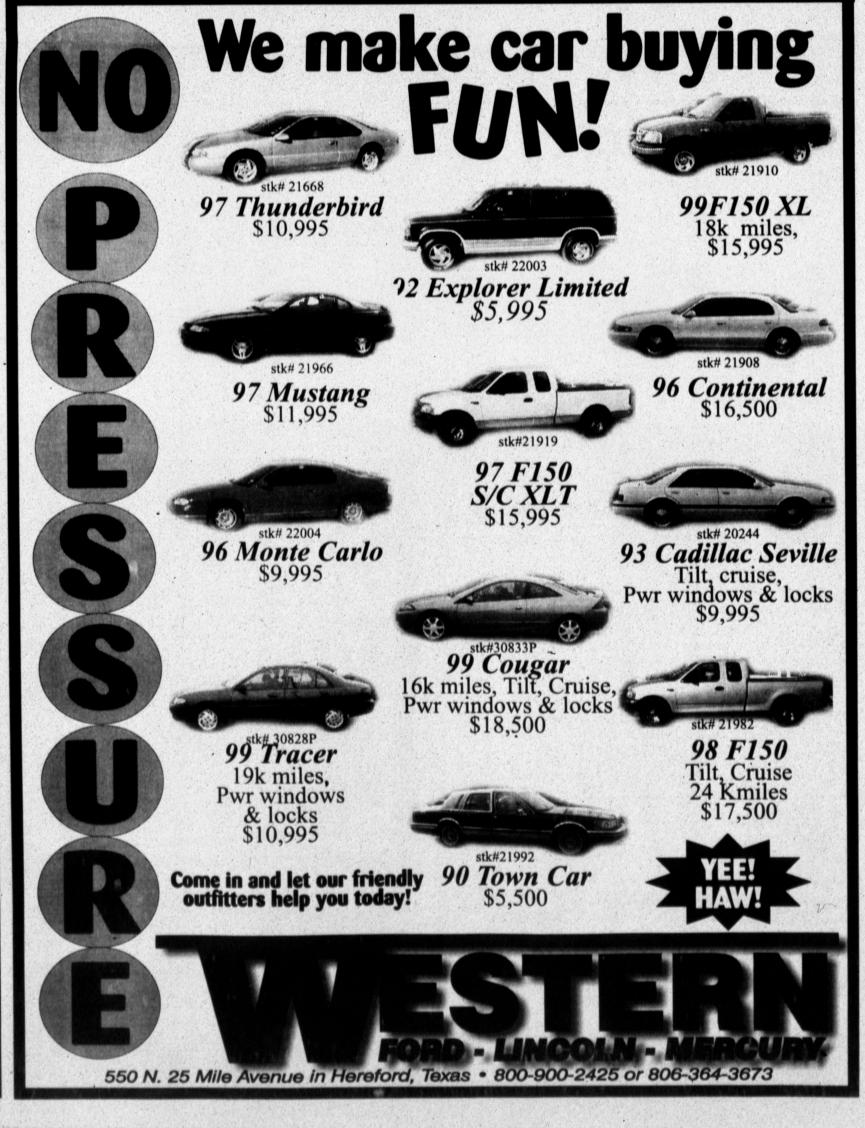
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BUSH-WHACKED



Republican rivals turn attention to Super Tuesday after Bush swept primaries in Virginia, Washington and caucus in North Dakota

The Associated Press

Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain turned their Republican hostilities toward the main event - Super Tuesday - after the Texas governor won a three-state parlay to recapture the lead in the struggle for the GOP presidential nomination. They traded accusations

of divisive, low-road campaigning, and posted rival victory forecasts for the climactic tests ahead. Saying he's

"not going to rest" yet, Bush told ABC's "Good Morning America" that candidates like McCain who use name-calling and accusations

"get hurt at the polls."

Vice President Al Gore rebuffed Bill Bradley's last-chance bid for headway in his faltering challenge before Democratic contests in 15 states next Tuesday that could decide who wins that nomination. Gore won overwhelmingly in Washington state's primary, gaining no delegates but denying his rival any basis on which to claim a boost in the

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"This is really a sweet, sweet victory," Gore said in a conference call to his Washington supporters. "We climbed another mountain tonight."

Bush outdistanced McCain in Virginia's Republican primary and captured the North Dakota caucuses by a land-slide. He won

the Republican primary in Washingstate, ton where McCain gained his only success by leading separate balloting among voters affili-

In Washington's non-binding Democratic primary, Al Gore (left) overwhelmed rival Bill ated with neither political

> party. $\sqrt{$ In Virginia, with all of the precincts reporting, Bush had 350,185 votes, or 53 percent, and McCain had 290,779, or 44 percent. Alan Keyes had 20,294 votes, or 3 percent.

> Virginia's was an open-to-all primary, but Republicans cast two-thirds of the vote and rallied overwhelmingly to Bush, as they have in earlier contests, an exit poll showed. √ In North Dakota, with all

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districts reporting, Bush had 6,865 votes, or 76 percent, and McCain had 1,717 votes, or 19 percent. Keyes had 481 votes, or 5 percent.

√ In Washington state, with 98 percent of precincts report-ing, Bush had 214,611 votes, or 58 percent, and McCain had 141,151 votes, or 38 percent. Keyes had 8,955 votes, .or 2 percent.

The column that counts is delegate strength, and Bush regained the lead McCain held briefly. Bush won all 56 delegates in Virginia, and 14 in North Dakota, where McCain got four and Keyes one. He led for seven of the 12 at stake in Washington, McCain for 5. The state's other 25 delegates there will be chosen by caucus next week, as will all the Democratic delegates.

A candidate needs 1,034 delegate votes to win the GOP nomination. Bush now has 170 delegates, McCain 105, and Keyes 5. The Democratic candidate needs 2,170. Gore has 42 to Bradley's 27.

Bradley spent five days in Washington state campaigning for at least a strong showing in the primary and a boost into next Tuesday. Instead, he suffered his fourth loss.

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Buchanan defends Bush

ST. LOUIS (AP) Reform Party presidential contender Pat

Buchanan has come to George W. Bush's defense, saying he is being unfairly targeted in a "religious war" within the Re-publican Party.

"I have opposed the Bush family in politics for almost the entire decade of the 1990s," Buchanan said Tuesday. "Let me say there is not a shred or iota of bias or bigotry or anti-Catholic bigotry in any member of the Bush family."



to court Reform Party members, but in a meeting with reporters spent most of his time defending Bush.

The former Republican presidential candidate said Bush has been unfairly criti-cized for his appearance at Bob Jones University, a South Carolina school accused of religious bigotry. Speaking to students does not mean a person accepts the school's theo-logical beliefs, he said.

"How do I know that? Because I've spoken twice from r of the Bush family." the same podium at Bob Jones Buchanan was in St. Louis University," said Buchanan, a

conservative commentator. "I'm a traditional Catholic, and I was received with friendship, graciousness and respect on both occasions.".

Sen. John McCain, Bush's rival for the Republican presidential nomination, has criti-cized the Texas governor for appearing at the school and not denouncing its views. McCain also used a telephone campaign to link Bush to anti-Catholic bias.

Bush has apologized for what he says was a "missed opportunity."

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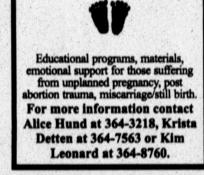
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'GRANNY D' Great-grandmother, 90, walks across the country in fight

for campaign finance reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — A -year-old great-grandmother no walked 3,000 miles across which languished after being filibustered in the last session. The House passed a compan-90-year-old great-grandmother who walked 3,000 miles across the United States to fight for campaign finance reform got a little help in the end.

Three members of Congress aided Doris "Granny D" Had-

steps of the Capitol, saying they wanted to support her on the final leg of her trip because of her extraordinary efforts to draw attention to an issue they've championed for several years.

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Haddock's final steps Tues-day marked the completion of a 14-month journey that began Jan. 1, 1999, in Los Angeles.

"Wake up, America, recog-nize what is happening to your country and do some-thing about it," she said. The trio of lawmakers —

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass. - blamed their colleagues for "taking away the country and the elections from the people.

Feingold and presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., are co-sponsors of a campaign finance reform bill

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - Here's how to work it:

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used

ion bill last year. "I really believe this is the kind of symbol of commitment that an individual American can make that can actually dock as she climbed the east win the cause," said Feingold. "We are aw-

fully grateful to her." "Wake up, America, recognize what is hap-Haddock called on Senpening to your country ate Majority

that if someone walked across the country, he expected "you'd talk about something that would affect people more di-rectly" like education, or So-

cial Security. Later in the day, police ar-rested 16 people who were demonstrating for campaign fi-nance reform inside the Capitol, said Lt. Dan Nichols, Capitol police spokesman. The demonstrators chanted and unfurled banners demanding public funding for elections.

They were charged with demonstrating within the Capitol building.

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Digging up highway — A bulldozer begins to remove subsoil from the southbound lanes of U.S. 385 (North 25 Mile Avenue) near the Northgate Plaza shopping center. The work is part of

the Texas Department of Transportation rehabilitation project. The project is expected to take about 15 months and will be done in 600-foot increments.

Classes closed after student killed

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

MOUNT MORRIS TOWN-SHIP, Mich. - Classes were canceled today at the school where a 6-year-old girl was fatally shot by a fellow firstgrader, a boy who is by far

nation's growing list of vio-lent attacks. Authorities were trying to sort out how the boy, also 6, got the .32-caliber handgun that he pulled from his pants and turned on his classmate Tuesday morning - and what's to become of him.

the youngest suspect in the

"His actions were naughty, in his mindset," said Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur

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Busch. "What he understood he did is another matter."

Kayla Rolland died a halfhour after she was shot in the neck at Buell Elementary School. Busch said there may have been "some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground" between the two a day earlier

in which one slapped the other. The boy, who has not been identified by authorities, was questioned and released. Police said he would be put in state custody.

The boy lived with his mother, a man described as an uncle and a younger sibling, Busch said. The boy's father is serving time in the county jail, but Busch said he didn't know what he was charged with.

Clinton may try to turn back oil price increases

WASHINGTON - Faced with lawmakers irate over the soaring cost of heating oil and gasoline, the Clinton administration is edging closer to tapping the government's emergency oil stockpile as a way to force down prices.

Administration officials, who until recently have steadfastly insisted that no oil would be used from the emergency reserve to manipulate prices, emthasized that no decision has yet been made on a release.

But President Clinton made clear Tuesday that he has not ruled out using some of the nearly 600 million gallons of oil stored in salt caverns on the Gulf Coast to try to ease tight supplies and drop prices that have hovered around \$30 a barrel.

"I have not taken the petroleum reserve issue off the table," said Clinton, calling such a release of oil a possibility "in the event that we don't seem to have any other options" to get gasoline prices to retreat.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson was expected to face sharp questioning from lawmakers today about the administration's plans for dealing with soaring oil costs when he appears before the House International Relations Committee.

British list names 350 art

treasures possibly looted LONDON — Britain's mu-seums have joined more than 40 countries trying to return artworks stolen by Nazi looters, but rightful owners may still face an uphill task establishing claims to the masterpieces.

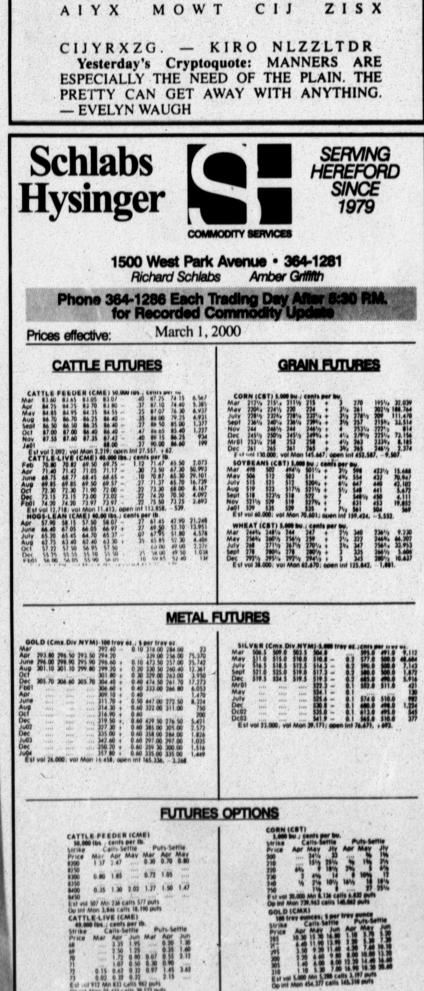
A British tribunal set up to mediate ownership disputes won't be legally binding, and court claims may be thrown out if the art was acquired in good faith at least six years ago, legal experts said. Arts minister Alan Howarth

said the problem is further complicated because current law bars museums from disposing of art held in trust for the nation.

"Just as it was wrong to take paintings off Jewish people in the circumstances of the Nazi era, so it would be wrong without a proper basis of evidence to take paintings off the national collections which are held for the public benefit," Howarth said a Brit-ish Broadcasting Corp. interview.

On Tuesday, British museum directors published on the Internet a list of 350 art treasures in 10 major museums that might have been stolen by the Nazis during World War II. The National Museum Directors' Conference hopes to discover whether the works — which include paintings by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet and Auguste Renoir — once belonged to Jews and other victims of Adolf Hitler's Germany. The items, estimated to be worth tens of millions of dollars, have "gaps or question marks" over their history between 1933 and 1945, when the Nazis oversaw the looting of hundreds of thousands of paintings and sculptures.

and do something about Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., it." **Doris Haddock** and Sen. Mitch ("Granny D") McConnell, R-Ky., to end their opposition to campaign finance reform. Lott responded by saying



said.

After the samples are analyzed, the city will know how to proceed on the wastewater treatment plant project, Nolen said.

If the city does not have to install clay linings on the lagoons at the treatment plant, Nolen said there will be substantial savings when the city begins work on the facility, which is not in compliance with state regulations. In December, Nolen sent a letter to state regulators

explaining the commissioners are reviewing recommendations about how to bring the city's wastewater treatment plant up to state standards.

Nolen's letter also notified the TNRCC that the city commissioners are reviewing the engineer's plans and will select one for implementation.

The city's wastewater treatment plant doesn't meet state standards, so the city submit a plan to the TNRCC that will bring the plant into compliance. The city's engineer, Oller Engineering Inc., developed rec-

ommendations to bring the plant up to the TNRCC standards. The recommendations range from adding new treatment units, renovating the treatment units or building a new plant.

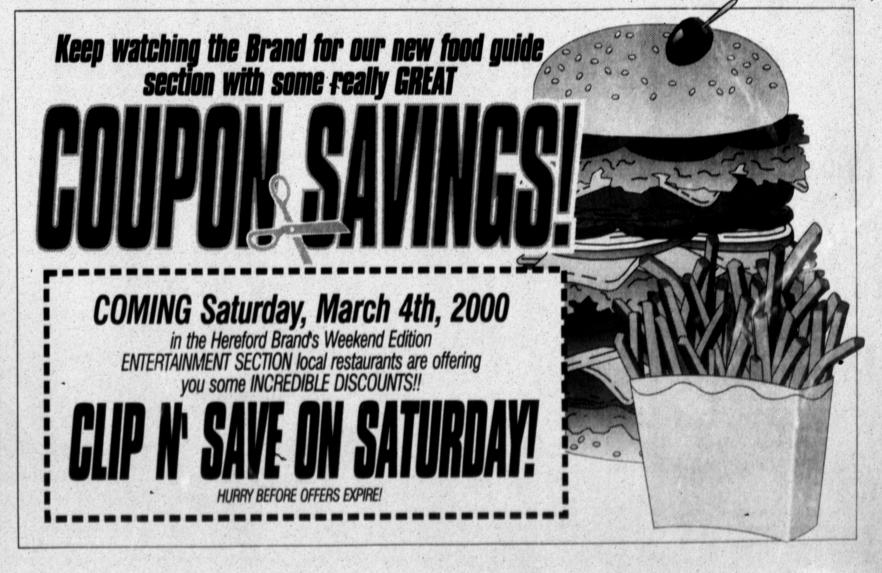
The estimated cost of the recommendations range from a low of \$1.4 million for the minimal work required to meet state standards to \$6.1 million for construction of a new plant.

The city has about \$1.2 million available for the project. In anticipation of this situation, the city commission had authorized 10-percent increases in water/sewer rates for three years, with the extra revenue to be set aside for improvements to the aging facility. The last of the three annual increases went into effect last summer.

Richardson returned on Tuesday from a weeklong trip that took him to Mexico, the Persian Gulf and Europe, including visits with oil ministers in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, where oil production levels and world prices were the center of discussion.

Some oil producers, including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, indicated that they were ready to boost production, but the timing and the amounts have yet to be determined. The OPEC countries, which curtailed production a year ago by 4.3 million barrels a day to boost prices, were to meet later this month to decide production strategies.

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SLEEPOVERS

Fund-raisers who assisted Bush get to stay overnight in mansion

WASHINGTON (AP) -Eight fund-raisers who helped George W. Bush amass a record \$70 million for his Re-publican presidential bid stayed at least one night in the Texas governor's mansion during the past year, records show.

The Bush campaign says the fund-raisers included a cousin, a fellow governor and six friends. It dismissed any suggestion that the Texas governor used overnight stays like President Clinton used the Lincoln Bedroom to reward big Democratic donors in the last election. At the time, Bush's father, former Presi-dent George Bush, criticized Clinton for the White House sleepovers.

The donors, who included Bush's chief fund-raiser and seven "pioneers" who raised at least \$100,000 each, accounted for a quarter of the 31 overnight visitors that Bush entertained at the Austin. Texas, mansion since Jan. 1, 1999, according to records released at the request of The Associated Press.

"The governor and Mrs. Bush always enjoy having family and longtime friends visit them at their home," campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said, noting most of the eight also had stayed at the mansion prior to 1999 when Bush began his presidential bid.

"This basically means that the fat cats that give money to Governor Bush's campaign and help him raise mil- Bush lions of dollars

are rewarded with the kinds of perks that virtually no other citizen can enjoy.'

Charles Lewis, director Center for Public Integrity

Charles Lewis, director of the Center for Public Integrity, said there were similarities between Bush and Clinton.

"It's the same concept. The only difference is one is in Austin and one is in Washington," said Lewis, whose watchdog group first disclosed the Lincoln Bedroom visits in 1996. "The average citizen does not stay overnight in the governor's mansion.

"This basically means that the fat cats that give money to Governor Bush's campaign and help him raise millions of dollars are rewarded with the kinds of perks that virtually no other citizen can enjoy," Lewis said.

Clinton's frequent use of the Lincoln Bedroom to reward big Democratic donors emerged as a key issue in the fundraising scandal that exploded after his 1996 re-election.

"I wouldn't do it," former President George Bush said after the Clinton controversy after the Clinton controversy erupted. In the Bush adminis-tration, he said, "There was never any quid pro quo in terms of use of the White House, staying in the White House, anything to do with that, Air Force One, Camp David — you name it." David — you name it." Don Evans, a close friend of

the Texas governor and the national finance chairman of his presidential campaign, stayed at the mansion seven times last year. Seven other guests were members of Bush's "pioneers," a designa-tion meaning they raised at least \$100,000 each.

The pioneers included Don Jordan, chairman of Reliant Energy; Brad Freeman of the investment firm Freeman, Spogli & Co.; Texas Public Safety Commissioner Jim Francis; and Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith.

Other big fund-raisers to spend at least one night at Bush's gubernatorial mansion last year included Michigan Gov. John Engler; Craig Stapleton, a cousin and execu-tive with Marsh & McLellan, an insurance and investment firm; and Roland Betts of the development firm Chelsea Piers Management.

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Construction spending shoots up by 27 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) -Spending on construction projects shot up by 2.7 percent in January, the biggest increase in nearly two years,

borrowing costs.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones was down around 30

also reported rising prices of two more shots across the raw materials and increased bow to get back to its desired bow to get back to its desired speed limit."

The index of the manufacturing economy rose to 56.9

and the manufacturing sector grew solidly in February.

The reports released today suggest the rip-roaring economy started the first quarter with plenty of momentum.

The Commerce Department reported that construction spending surged to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$751.8 billion, an all-time-high monthly level. The jump was led by substantial increases in spending on housing, commercial buildings and big government projects.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said the manufacturing economy grew last month at rate slightly higher than the previous month. The industry group

points in morning trading and the technology-heavy Nasdaq index soared at record levels, up 60 points.

While the manufacturing report added to inflation jitters, the purchasing group said its members were worried that competition would prevent them from passing along higher prices to consumers.

"The economy has gathered up momentum and will speed ahead in the coming months,' said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research Corp. The two reports, he said, would justify more than one interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve before midyear to slow red-hot growth. , "The Fed might have to fire

Court rejects early release

WASHINGTON (AP) - The sessing and intending to dis-Supreme Court today made it more difficult for convicted criminals to cut short their terms of supervised release after they leave prison, even if they should have been set free earlier.

The justices, voting unani-mously in a Michigan case, ruled that the time ex-cons must spend on supervised release generally begins the day they leave prison, not any earlier date they should have been freed.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the court, said federal law makes clear that a term of supervised release does not begin until someone "is released from imprisonment."

"To say (someone) was released while still imprisoned diminishes the concept the word intends to convey," he said. "The statute, by its own operation, does not reduce the length of a supervised release term by reason of excess time served in prison.'

The decision, which resolved conflicting rulings by federal appeals courts, was a defeat for Roy Lee Johnson. He was convicted in Detroit 10 years ago on multiple counts of pos-

tribute cocaine and use of a firearm during a drug-trafficking offense.

Johnson was sentenced to four years and three months for the cocaine convictions and 10 years for the firearm convictions. His sentence on the cocaine charges included a mandatory three-year term of supervised release after the 51-month term behind bars.

In 1995, the Supreme Court narrowed the scope of the federal law that stiffens the prison sentence of anyone who "uses or carries" a gun while engag-ing in drug trafficking. The court said then that prosecutors must show "active employment" of a gun, not mere possession.

A federal judge subsequently wiped out Johnson's gun-related convictions and, because he already had served more than 51 months in prison, ordered him released. The judge rejected Johnson's attempt to have the duration of his supervised release reduced by the extra time he spent in prison due to the gun convictions.

A federal appeals ruled that Johnson's time on supervised release had to be reduced.

percent in February from 56.3 percent in January, the association said. A reading above 50 percent indicates growth in the manufacturing economy, and February marked the 13th straight month of expansion.



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