HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Jesse Rincones

Today's weather



### Chance of showers

Tonight: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers after midnight, low in the upper 30s, southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Friday: Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers, high near 50, northeast wind 15 to 25 mph.

Friday night: Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain, low in the upper 30s.

### **Extended forecast**

Saturday: Cloudy morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon, slight chance of showers, high in the mid-50s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the lower 40s, high in the upper 60s.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, low around 40, high near

### **Hereford weather**

Wednesday's high, 61; low, 32; no precipitation.

## **FORUM**

## County officials ask public for comments on a juvenile center

Officials of the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Department will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center about possible location of a 45-60 bed juvenile detention center.

Public opinion will be very important in regards to the possible location of the facility at the closed Golden Plains Care Center in the 400 block of Ranger, according to county juvenile officer Lou Serrano.

The facility has the poten-tial if located in Hereford for an additional 30 jobs, with possible expansion in the future. The facility would be operated by a private company, Civigenics.

## Clinton says Syrian leader 'stonewalling'

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton says Israel has offered to relinquish a "significant" portion of the contested Golan Heights while Syrian President Hafez Assad is simply stonewalling on terms for peace.

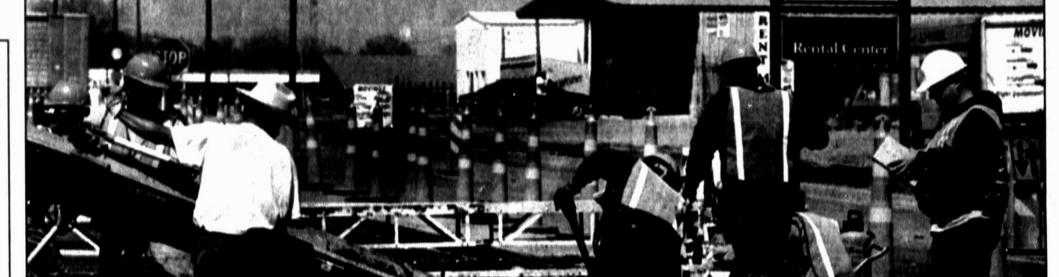
It is not enough that Assad say, "I don't like your position" and demand all the land Syria lost in the 1967 Middle East war, Clinton said Wednesday at a news conference.

"Once you know what the other side wants and you don't think you can do it, then you ought to come up with some alternative way of trying to respond to the underlying concerns that are behind the position," Clinton said.

Clinton, who made no headway in a three-hour meeting Sunday with Assad in Geneva, Switzerland, was sympathetic to Assad's demands.

He said if the Syrian president disagreed with Israel's "quite significant" territorial proposal, "then there should be some other proposal, I think, coming from the Syrians about how their concerns could be handled."

Syria's official media today rejected Clinton's statement Tuesday that because he had clarified for Assad the options for an accord.



Highway 385, just north of 15th Street. The state highway department is to complete.

Pouring concrete — Workers with Pioneer Concrete of Hereford took rehabilitating the roadway from the north city limits southward to U.S. Highway advantage of a sunny day to pour concrete Wednesday at a section of U.S. 60 (First Street). The construction project is expected to take about 15 months

# **Board to interview 2 prospects**

■ Cotten, Martin expected to fill vacancy as hospital district director

### By Donald M. Cooper Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors will meet today to interview two prospects to fill a vacancy on the board.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the board room at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Gayle Cotten, a partner in the Hereford accounting firm of Warrick & Cotten, and Conny Martin, an assistant principal at Hereford High School, are scheduled to be interviewed by the directors, who are expected to make their decision after the sessions.

The vacancy on the board was reated by the resignation of Steve Lawlis. The directors also accepted Lawlis' resignation at the March 21 meeting.

board in May 1999, will relocate his medical practice to Georgetown later this spring. In his letter of resignation, Lawlis stated he has "many obligations which will not allow me to devote the time necessary to serve the board to the capacity that I

believe I should." At last week's meeting, board president Dean Crofford said he had been contacted by some county residents who recommended Martin, an assistant principal at Hereford High School, be appointed to complete Lawlis' term.

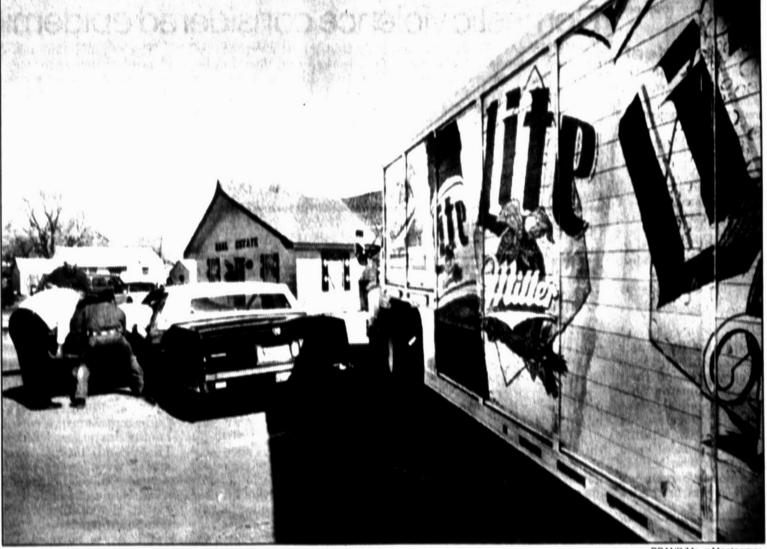
Director Bobby Owen made a mo-Lawlis, who was elected to the tion that the board appoint Hereford

accountant Gayle Cotten to the position. However, directors Jesse Rincones and Mark Collier said they would prefer to meet with Martin and Cotten before making a deci-

The board then decided to set up the interviews with Cotten and Mar-

If either Cotten or Martin is appointed to complete Lawlis' term, it will be the second time in less than six months that the board has been forced to appoint a new director.

Last fall, Rincones was named to complete the unexpired term of Jeremy Grant, who resigned...



Accident under investigation - Hererford Police Department traffic investigators are continuing to review the cause of a two-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon at South 25 Mile Avenue and Norton Street. A beer truck and an automobile collided, with both drivers transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center. Their condition was unavailable at press time.

# **Economy** grows by 7.3 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The supercharged U.S. economy soared to an annual growth rate of 7.3 percent in the final three months of 1999, the strongest performance in 15 years, the government said today.

The increase in the gross domestic product marked a better-than-expected upward revision from an estimate a month ago that the GDP was expanding at a 6.9 percent rate in the fourth quarter. The higher final estimate reflected

new data showing that U.S. exports were stronger than previously believed and business construction was increasing at a faster pace than earlier estimated. The Commerce Department's last

look at GDP performance in 1999 underscored just how much momentum the economy had going into 2000. The Federal Reserve has already raised interest rates twice this year, in February and last week, following three rate increases in 1999.

Financial markets took the report in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 10 points at late morning, even though analysts saw the stronger fourth-quarter growth

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## Economy helps SS, Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) - Social Security and Medicare are benefiting from the continued strong economy, experts say, resulting in more optimistic predictions about how long the retirement programs will be able to support aging baby boomers before running short of

The improvement is expected to be reflected in the annual report of the Social Security and Medicare trustees, scheduled for release

"The cliff will recede," said Robert Reischauer, a former head of the Congressional Budget Office.

The good news could wipe out what little drive remains in Con-gress to risk changing the nation's popular pension and elderly health care programs in a hard-fought elec-

"I think politically, you will find a lot of people that don't want big reforms to the programs will latch on to the trustees report and say 'Aha, we don't need to do anything," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, which pro-motes federal budget discipline.

Stronger-than-expected economic growth has added new years of life

to the retirement programs in recent years, even as lawmakers have debated what to do about projections that they will ulti-mately be overwhelmed by the huge baby boom generation — the 77 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964. Just three years ago, when Con-

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### HEREFORD BRAND

## **Local roundup**

Crisis Center advisory board meets

The advisory board for the Deaf Smith County Crisis Center will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 in the classroom at Hereford Regional Medical Center. Items on the agenda include a shelter fund-raiser and the crisis center report.

Benefit concert set at Senior Center

A Gospel Music Benefit Concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 in the Senior Citizens Center Auditorium, 426 Ranger. Featured performers will be Cecil White, Harold Manning, Barn Church Band and Calvary. A love offering will be taken to benefit Dimmitt resident James Davis who formerly lived and worked in Hereford. Davis has recently suffered life-threatening seizures due to multiple sclerosis and has no financial assistance other than Medicare.

Pliot Club holds 'Game Night'

The Hereford Pilot Club's "Game Night" will be 7-10 p.m. tonight in Hereford Community Center.

Admission is \$5. Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize drawing for a card table and chairs will be held.

Farm Safety Camp

The Texas Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety, Inc. is sponsoring a Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp April 18, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bull Barn.

The camp will be offered to approximately 425 are fifth grade students. The goal of this camp is to prevent farm injuries and deaths by teaching children about farm related hazards and how to avoid them.

The organizers need volunteers to help with registration, food preparation and other tasks. Individuals wishing to help should contact the Deaf Smith County Extension office at 364-

District Convention Saturday

Deaf Smith County Democratic County/Senatorial District Convention will be held 9 a.m. Saturday in the Lounge of the Hereford Community Center.

Delegates and alternates will be elected to attend the Democratic State Convention June 9-10 in Fort Worth. Participants are asked to come to the west door.

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **News digest**

### Cars pummeled by hall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Car dealers estimate losses in the millions today after hail pounded hoods and shattered the windshields of unprotected cars in open-air lots.

Just as Fort Worth and the Dallas area mid-cities were getting pounded by deadly tornadoes Tuesday evening, a hailstorm swept across Central Texas.

"We're looking at a huge loss, probably well over \$1 million," David Chidester of Gillespie Ford told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "We have an inventory of about 850 cars, and we have damage on most every car."

Other dealers in San Antonio are also suffering. "It pretty much wiped us out," said John Deloach, general manager of Ingram Park Chrysler. "We have 65 to 70 cars with broken glass, and the rest just about everything on our lot with dents. We also have massive damage to the structure of the buildings. I've been here seven years, and I've never seen

anything like this. It's sickening. The only vehicles spared were some in the showroom and

under an awning, he said.

At Gunn Honda on Bandera Road, no vehicles escaped damage, new-car sales manager Paul Osterman said.

### Ex-POWs rebuilding life after ordeal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Steven M. Gonzales fell from the exposed turret of his Humvee into its protective cocoon, suddenly realizing it was being hit by bullets.

"I can't believe this is happening," Gonzales kept repeating to himself. "I can't believe this is happening." A year ago Friday, Gonzales and Staff Sgts. Christopher J.

Stone and Andrew A. Ramirez became the first and only American POWs of the 78-day Kosovo air campaign.

In a land where yellow ribbons long have dotted trees and car antennas in remembrance of POWs and hostages, they became instant heroes, soldier-celebrities, the object of letters,

Beaten frequently by a sadistic guard, constantly confined to a pr n cell and forced to mark the days off a crude calendar, issed his 22nd birthday.

B due year he'll celebrate in style with old friends at To as A&M University.

### **ELSEWHERE**

TANK PROBLEM: An overheated tank containing flammable acrylic acid was soled ate Wednesday, allowing authorities to lift an evacuation order that kept hundreds of workers off their jobs for some seven hours at 14 plants along the Houston Ship Channel. Officials at the Houston-area petrochemical plant sprayed the 250,000-gallon tank containing 80,000 gallons of acid with cool water. ... PADRE ISLAND PURCHASE: Wildlife conservationists have purchased thousands of acres of land near a Gulf Coast city to protect wildlife habitat. The Nature Conservancy of Texas closed a deal with developer Terrabrook to pay \$7.5 million for 24,532 acres in eight tracts on Padre Island.

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## Elks donate anti-drug information



Free Information -- Janice Holmes, representing the local Elks Lodge, displays the anti-drug materials being distributed to the schools.

By Dianna F. Dandridge ord Brand Staff Writer

Drugs are everywhere. Parents, counselors, school personnel and law enforcement officials are constantly on the look-

ment officials are constantly on the lookout for any means of informing potential
users of their dangers and consequences.

This year, the local Elks Lodge, represented by the soon to be new local drugawareness chairperson Janice Holmes, will
distribute thousands of drug information
pamphlets, coloring books, book markers,
and other information to local schools,
businesses and organisations.

The information is part of the National
Elks Drug Awareness programs and is
distributed free to the schools.

"This information is appropriate for all
ages, from little kids to parents who are
not sure of signs of drug use," Holmes
said.

The materials deal with all the illegal drugs and even fads which young people sometimes turn into drugs, such as inhal-

"We want this to be an addition to the anti-drug programs being used in the schools," Holmes said. "This one thing must be hammered into our kids if we are to keep them away from all drugs."

The materials were to arrive in the Hereford Independent School District administrative office early this morning and be redistributed to the individual cam-

puses.

Holmes said the local Elks Lodge is willing to provide similar material to any organization who needs it.

Later in the year the Elks will hold a fund raiser to help raise money to provide red ribbons for Red Ribbon Week and other drug-alert programs will be planned.

Holmes hopes to contact other lodges in an effort to get excess materials to other school districts, such as Friona and Dimmitt.

## Bilingual students now face TAAS

AUSTIN (AP) - A new state law requiring bilingual students to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test is being called a mixed blessing by educators who say they want to do right by all students but worry about what lower test scores will mean to school

Beginning next year, students who previously have been exempt from taking the TAAS test because they weren't proficient in English must take the exam.

Students who immigrated to the United States within 12 months of TAAS testing may get a one-year waiver, as well as students who are considered "unschooled" by the state.

But many bilingual students will begin taking the test this April. The test is given annually in grades three through eight. Students must pass the final exam, first given in tenth grade, in order to receive a diploma.

'The word 'pressure' is the key word here. Pressure from the superintendent on down to the kids," said Donna Haschke, vice president of the Texas State Teachers Associa-

"However, that being said we have got to prepare these kids to live in a world where English is the primarily language, and the sooner we do that the better off they will be," Haschke said Tuesday.

Before this spring, students not proficient in English were allowed to waive the test for up to three years. About 45,000 Texas public school students received such waivers in 1999.

Some say scores, which have steadily increased since the inception of the TAAS test in 1990, will go down next year with more bilingual students taking the English exam, which many educators fear students will not understand.

The state's school rating sys-tem, based partially on TAAS scores, holds each district accountable for the performance of its students, putting more pressure on teachers and administrators to make sure students do well on the test.

The organization scheduled

today that was to be attended

by officials from the Texas

gave the group a \$400,000

grant to help handle the in-

creased demand by hiring

English-speaking children Also beginning Tuesday, all limited-English students are being required to take a separate reading proficiency test in English. Domestic violence considered epidemic

Ervin Knezek, assistant su-perintendent of Hays Consoli-dated School District in Kyle, said his district is ready for a press conference for later

"Unfortunately, many schools have neglected bilin-

gual students because they weren't in the accountability system," Haschke said.

included, she said, "More attention will have to be paid in

the bilingual programs and more attention will have to be

paid to these students who were neglected in the worse

case scenario, or in the best

case scenario were not afforded

the same opportunities as the

Now that those students are

the new rules. The district has been phas-

ing bilingual students into TAAS testing for the past several years to prepare, he said. Knezek said he's concerned

about students very new to the country. "That rule change, with just

a one-year bye, is really going to be difficult for our students who have recently immigrated to the U.S.," he said. The Dallas Independent School District's deputy super-

intendent said that as many as a third of the district's 73 schools could be rated lowperforming by the TEA be-cause of the TAAS change. "It is very scary," William Webster told The Dallas Morn-

ing News. "The problem is, it's also something we're go-ing to have to get out to the public somehow."

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

Lotto Texas

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

13-17-20-29-37-41 Saturday night's drawing will

be worth an estimated \$9 mil-

The winning Pick 3 num-bers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Pick 3

### Council on Family Violence "The bad news is that the and Philip Morris Companies upsurge in call volume gener-Philip Morris, which also makes food products, this year

national domestic violence hotline have surged 70 percent since launching of a national public awareness campaign last fall, highlighting a problem an official from the organization calls epidemic. The good news is that the

AUSTIN (AP) — Calls to a

results of this advertising campaign demonstrate unequivocally that public awareness efforts works," said Sheryl Cates, executive director of the National Domestic Violence Hotline in Austin.

ated by the ad shows that domestic violence is an epidemic in this country," she

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## **Emergency services** Activities reported by emer-

gency services personnel for March 29, 2000, include the following: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents - A disruption of class citation was issued in the 100

block of Campbell. - An assault was reported in the 100 block of South Progressive. The assault was believed to be due to a parking dispute.

- Criminal trespass, due to problems between a separated couple, was reported in the 300 block of Fir.

- A terroristic threat was reported in the 300 block of Fir. A woman reported her estranged husband made threats by telephone.

 Children not getting along was reported in the 400 block of Roosevelt.

 A two-vehicle accident was reported on 25 Mile Avenue. A beer delivery truck and car collided. Both drivers were taken to the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault. - A 20-year-old man was

arrested and charged with violation of probation on a burglary of a habitation. A 30-year-old man was

arrested and charged with parole violations. - A 35-year-old woman was

sentenced for violation of probation on a possession of marijuana, under two ounces, conviction. - A 21-year-old man was

sentenced for a possession of marijuana, under two ounces. A 25 year-old man was sentenced on a second driving

while intoxicated conviction. - A 47-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

ANIMAL CONTROL The Hereford Animal Control office has three female mixed breed puppies, approximately 8-9 weeks old for adoption.

For information contact the Hereford Animal Control officer at 363-7120.

## HEREFORD BRAND **Obituaries**

more advocates.

### THELMA BANKS March 26, 2000 AMARILLO - Services for

Thelma Wallene Banks, 74, of Colorado City, were Wednesday in Primitive Baptist Church in Amarillo with Elder Lonnie Jarrett and Elder R.A. Tindell officiating. Arrange-ments were under the direc-tion of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home of Lubbock

Colorado City. She was born in Union County, N.M., and graduated from the Amarillo School of Nursing. She married Carl L. Banks

in 1967 in Amarillo.

Mrs. Banks died Sunday in

Survivors include her husband; one son, Randy of Bull Shoals, Ark.; two daughters, Beth Hartness of Mansfield and Sue Scivally of Baytown; four brothers, Vic Pagett of Raton, N.M., Jack Pagett of Clayton, Lavon Pagett of Lubbock and Ronald Pagett of Hereford; six grandchildren; eig.1 great-

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## TAFCE District I meeting convenes in Hereford



Keynote speaker at the TAFCE District I Spring Convention held Tuesday at Hereford Community Center was Trooper Wayne Beighle, Department of Public Safety public information

District I Texas Association for Family Community Educa-tion members convened for its annual Spring Convention on Tuesday in Hereford Community Center.

Special speaker for the convention was Trooper Wayne Beighle, Public Information Officer for the Department of Public Safety. Beighle gave a humorous presentation often based on actual events related to his profession.

More than 220 attending were welcomed to the meet-ing by District I TAFCE director Mateel Brown of Amarillo. Local TAFCE chairman Maudette Smith offered the prayer and American Legion Post 192 posted the colors.

County Judge Tom Simons presented a welcome to the convention of members.

Deaf Smith County 4-H member Abby Wilks entertained the crowd during the luncheon with vocal selections.

Following a silent auction held to benefit the charitable

efforts of the District TAFCE, the voting delegates retired to conduct business. Serving as local delegates were Maudette Smith, Shirley Brown and Kate Bradley.

The afternoon session included three workshops. "Moving Mountains" was presented by LaJuana Thames, state vice president for public policy;
"Mrs. Clean Fights BAC" was
presented by Velma Tate of
Fort Worth, state chairman,
and Bobbie Elmore of Fort
Worth, editor of the Messenger; and "Reading Aloud to
Children" was presented by
Cheri Sherley, with Region
XVI Headstart program.

XVI Headstart program.

Local businesses providing support for the activity included FirstBank Southwest, First American Bank, Hereford State Bank, First Na-tional Bank, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Stevens 5-Star Car and Truck Center, Western Ford Lincoln Mercury, Farm Bureau Insurance. Plains Insurance Agency, Deaf

Smith County Chamber of Commerce, The Secret Gar-den and Messer Construction

Hosts for the District 1 Spring Convention were Deaf Smith, Armstrong, Randall and Briscoe counties.

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## **Ann Landers**

Landers: I've

never written

to anyone for

advice before, but I am truly

desperate. My

husband and I



Ann

will be cel-Landers ebrating our second anni-We have four versary soon. children from previous marriages; two live with us. I am afraid that our commitment to

each other is in trouble, and I

need your help. My elderly mother-in-law came to visit over the summer for a few weeks. She became incapacitated, and has been living with us, in our two-bedroom apartment, ever since. We moved her into our bedroom, and our two daughters have the other bedroom. My husband and I are sleeping on the pull-out bed in the living room. This means we have absolutely no privacy. Anyone can walk into the living room at any time. My husband and I can no longer be intimate without worrying about who is going to barge in, so there has been no sex.

I thought I could handle

this, but now, I find myself becoming angrier by the day. There is so much resentment building inside me I feel as if

Seward reached agreement

with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2

million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

On this date:

United States territory.

ted to the Union.

War II.

In 1822, Florida became a

In 1870, Texas was readmit-

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World

In 1964, John Glenn with-

I'm going to explode. My husband sees no solution, and is content to let the situation stay as it is. Meanwhile, I am losing my mind. Please help me, Ann. I feel like — A Time

Bomb in the Southwest Dear Time Bomb: Hold tight, and don't let this nightmarish arrangement ruin your marriage. You are indeed the unfortunate victim of a lousy situation, but there IS a solu-

Move the two girls into the living room, assuring them that this is just a temporary arrangement, and that they must do their part as members of the family "team." You and your husband will then have the privacy of the bedroom, and your mother-in-law will have the second bedroom. You will not regret this sacrifice. Meanwhile, start looking immediately for a three-bedroom apartment. It will be

worth the extra money.

Dear Ann Landers: I am
a 29-year-old woman who has been married to a wonderful 30-year-old man for seven years. When we were newlyweds, our sex life was terrific. I could not have asked for a better lover. That continued for three years. Then, he began to put on a lot of weight. He now no longer considers

attempt to have marital relations for nearly four years. I have never said anything to him about his weight, because I know he is sensitive about it, nor have I complained about his lack of interest in me sexually.

I know for a fact that he is not having an affair, because that is not his style. I do believe, however, that his behavior is not normal. He refuses to see a doctor, and will not discuss the subject with me. Ann, I love my husband with all my heart. Will you please tell me what to do? — Waiting in Atlanta

Dear Atlanta: Let me get this straight. You are a 29year-old woman whose husband has not made love to you for nearly four years, and you are just now getting around to suspecting there is something wrong with him? For heaven's sake, get thee to a counselor, and find out why you have tolerated this unnatural relationship for so

long.
You must insist that your "wonderful" husband see a doctor for a check-up, and then, a counselor about his lack of interest in sex. There is a lot of work that must be done to make your marriage "normal." I am well aware that some himself sexy, and has made no couples do not consider sex

important, and opt to do without it. You, however, are not willing to do this, and I don't blame you. Get going, and good luck.

Gem of the Day (Credit Gene Hegel of Elgin, Ill.): Never do card tricks for the

group you play poker with.

That first kiss, that first embrace ... Remember all those things that brought you and your loved one together? Ann Landers' new booklet, "How We Met," is now available. This collection of sentimental love stories will make a terrific gift for that special someone. For a copy, please send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.50 (this includes postage and handling) to: How We Met, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.50).

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Secretary of State William H. resigned as U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, and was succeeded by Graham A. Mar-

In 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.

Ten years ago: Idaho Gov.

Cecil Andrus vetoed a highly restrictive state abortion mea-

gees, fleeing violence in Marlboros for four decades.

drew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

Burundi, began a two-day trek to sanctuary in Tanzania. Poperies suffered in a fall.

John Paul II issued the 11th encyclical of his papacy in which he condemned abortion and euthanasia as crimes that no human laws could legiti-

One year ago: Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic insisted that NATO attacks stop before he moved toward peace, declaring his forces ready to fight "to the very end." NATO answered with new resolve to sure, saying the bill gave a wreck his military with a releast answered with new resolve to wreck his military with a releast are assault. A jury in lentless air assault. A jury in Portland, Ore., ordered Philip Morris to pay \$81 million to the family of a man who died of lung cancer after smoking

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Nutrition Bowl participants were, from left, Katie Marnell, Stephanie Shaw, Amy Adams, Shayla Wilcox, Madison Urbanczyk, Cindy Marnell, Craig Campbell and Chelsea Campbell.

## Local 4-H members participate in District I Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Deaf Smith County 4-Hers participated in the District I Nutrition Quiz Bowl on the West Texas A&M Campus on Satur-day. The youth have been preparing since October to participate in this project and contest which is new to the 4-H program. Teams from District I 4-H clubs answered questions ranging from nutrition and disease prevention to food safety, food terms, equipment used in food preparation and economics of food choices.

The team consisting of Cindy and Katie Marnell and Amy

Adams made it through all an effective way of teaching rounds to participate in the nutrition to youth in a fun and championship round. They placed second in the overall competition losing the champion-ship round to Randall County.

The team consisting of Stephanie Shaw, Shayla Wilcox, Madison Urbanczyk and Chelsea Campbell participated in the consolidation bracket losing to Potter County youth. Other youth entered in the project but not participating in the contest included Nichole Goodall, Sandra

Navarette and Sandra Martinez. The contest has proven to be competitive way. Youth learn to perform with poise in this highly competitive contest requiring indepth food and nutrition knowl-

Craig Campbell, District I 4-H president, assisted with the Dawn awards ceremony. Auckerman served as a teen leader and 4-H leaders Sheri Adams and Denise Marnell served as coaches for teams. Former 4-Her and Texas Tech graduate school intern, Karon Harder, was a judge for the event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Area Events**

LUBBOCK

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center has announced its line-up of classes and workshops for April. All classes meet at the Center, 4215 University Ave.

Serena Beaty, owner of "The Little Hands Art School" in Anton, will teach "Mystery Drawing" for ages 3-5. The class will teach beginning drawing skills and help develop eye-hand coordination. Classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, April 3-12 from 10-11:30 a.m.

"Bird Watching" will be instructed by Wayne Greene.
Greene will teach participants how to identify bird and habitats as they take field tips. Participants must provide their own transportation, binoculars and field guide. The class meets Saturdays, April 8-May 13 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

H.V. Green, former professor of art at Texas Tech, will instruct a class in "Oil Painting" on Mondays, April 10-May 8 from 6-9 p.m. Participants will focus on color mixing and design ele-

"Introduction to Jewelry Making" will be instructed by Robly Glover from 6-9 p.m. on April 12-14. This entensive workshop is for those who have little or no experience in jewelry making.

On Saturday, April 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., local artist

Florence Lawrence will lead the children's Easter workshop "EggsActly Art." Children ages 6-12 will create a unique piece of art that incorporates drawing, painting and clay with an Easter

"Intermediate Life Drawing" will be instructed by Fred Cowart, on Tuesdays, April 18-May 8 from 6-9 p.m. Cowart will cover a full range of free hand drawing techniques for begin-ning to intermediate students. JoBeth Gilliam will instruct a

"Watercolor" class created for beginners and intermediates from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 18-May 4. Gilliam will cover methods of color mixing, painting on dry and wet paper and compositional

For supply lists, cost of classes or more information, call 806-

FamilyLife Marriage Conferences will be held in Lubbock April 14-16 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289.

More than 50 different couples serve as speakers for the conferences. They are authors, teachers, ministers, executives and psychologists, among other professionals. They are also husbands, wives, fathers and mothers. Their presentations are biblically sound and practically proven in their own homes.

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West Texas A&M University will celebrate Greek Week April 2-7, capping the annual event with a dance to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Th dance will be 8 p.m.midnight Friday, April 7 at the WTAMU Fieldhouse. Admission is \$5 and raffle tickets for prizes will be available.

Other events taking place during Greek Week 2000 are an Alumni Barbecue at 2 p.m. on Sunday; a "Nooner Forum" with Dr. Russell C. Long, University President from 12:15-1 p.m. on Monday; "Fill the gap: Volunteerism" panel discussion at 7 p.m. Monday; and the all-day "Faculty/Staff appreciation Day" on Wednesday on Wednesday.

Memories.

Home. Childhood. School days. Vacations. Holidays. Family and friends. Images so real that, in an instant, yesterday becomes today.



### Screenings Computer Training Coming to Hereford available at local 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 April 7. 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.

An "Essential Computer Skills" class will be presented in Hereford on Tuesday, April 14th by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center of Amarillo. teaches material that will take most computer users years to learn on their own. In just one session students learn techniques that they will use for a lifetime."

Two classes will be held in Hereford, an afternoon class and an evening class, at the FirstBank Southwest Community Room, 300 N. Main. The cost is \$69 per person, payable at the door. Group discounts are available. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat

discounts are available. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat.

The class is suitable for all beginning and intermediate computer students. Each student will be given a reference guide that will probably be the student's constant companion for all Microsoft Applications. This permanent guide gives the simple keystrokes that separate the computer competent person from the person who lacks computer skills.

For more information about this class, call (888)320-5552. Full deatils will be faxed or mailed to you about Tuesdays'

## Relief funds sought by Red Cross

By Deanna Edwards

Tri-County Chapter Manager
As you know the Forth Worth area has been hit by a tornado and they need our help. The projected job cost is one million dollars. And damage assessment is still being done.

The Tri-County Chapter would appreciate all the financial support you could give to this disaster. Let's support our fellow

Texans as well as we helped support the victims of Hurricane Floyd.
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disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help victims of this and other disasters,

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Contributions to the disaster relieffund may also be sent to the Tri-County Chapter, P.O. Box 1371, Hereford, Texas 79045 or brought by the office at 224 S. Main. Make sure your donation is designated for the Fort Worth Tornado.

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# In the thick of it

Hereford team glad to be home for third district round

By Jeff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor

They do not wear ruby slippers, and they are not from Kansas, but home will be a pleasant sight for the Here-

ford High School golf team.
On Saturday, every golf team from district 3-4A comes to Hereford to take on the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Unlike the last couple

of years, the Whitefaces hope the home course will work in their favor.

"It seems like the last two years we haven't done very well at

our home tournament," head golf coach James Salinas said. "Hopefully it will be different this year."

district has done well on their home course so far, and he would like to do the same.

"Borger got out to a big lead because they played their home course," said Salinas. "Monday in Pampa we were able to catch up."

Going into the Pampa tournament Monday, the boys' team from Borger combined for a total round of 304 to lead the district. Dumas was second district. Dumas was second place at 311, and Hereford scored 319 to come in third. After the Pampa district round,
Borger is still in first but only
by three strokes. Hereford and
Pampa are tied for second right
behind the Bulldogs. Salinas
said he is proud of the varsity
guys closing the gap, but he is
constantly reminding the team
a lot of golf

is left.

"This is "This is only the end of only the the second quarter...we still second quarter," Salinas said. "We have a long way to go." HHS golf coach James Salinas still have a long way to

> The Hereford district round is the third out of five rounds that determine the district win-



Thomas Maldonado eyes his tee shot at the ninth hole during Wednesday's practice round in Hereford, Maldonado will try to repeat his performance from Monday when he led the team with a 76.

ners. Only the top two teams from each district will be able to go to the regional competi-

Salinas said he told his team at the beginning of the year the district race would be open to anyone. Salinas is glad he was right.

"I told them that the dis-

trict was wide open this year," Salians said. "I told them that are a little rough.
"I would like to see nice by the Hereford match I thought we could be in the hunt, and here we are in the

thick of it." Salinas said he still likes his team's chances if the weather is a little windy. He thinks his team can play great

in Hereford if the conditions

weather for the match, but I wouldn't mind a little wind," Salinas said.

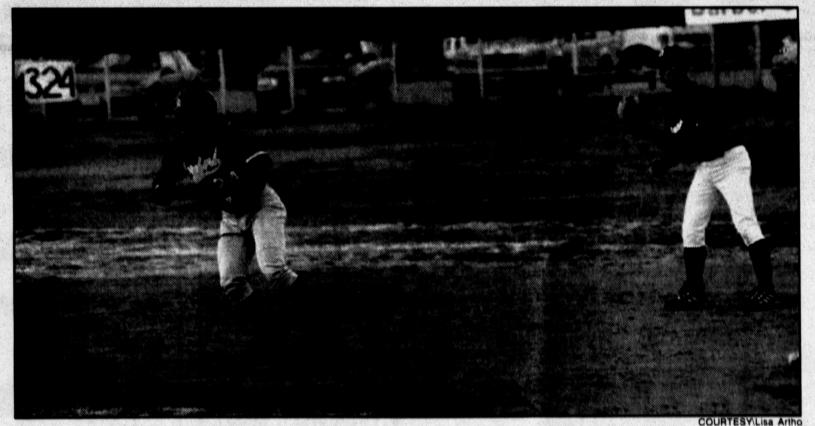
Salinas said there are advantages to playing at a home course. He said on all of the holes the home golf team

will already know what type of shot they are going to play, a luxury visiting golf teams will not have.

"Our course is really long,"
Salinas said. "You have to have
good iron play and know where
to lay up to do well."

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## **GETTING A LEAD**



Eyeing home plate — a Hereford base runner eyes home plate in the varsity team's 6-4 loss on Tuesday. The Herd will face Palo Duro Saturday at Whiteface Field.

## Hereford JV's streak continues

■ Herd rolls Dumas JV 12-8 on Tuesday

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor The Hereford High School junior varsity baseball team is

on a roll. After sweeping a double header from Palo Duro, the junior varsity first team beat the Dumas Demons 12-8 Tuesday to extend their winning

Roman Alaniz tossed a complete game for the win. The team has compiled a 4-3 record on the season.

Third baseman Isaac Alonzo was the spark for the Herd leading the team by batting

4-4 with two doubles.

Dumas made a late come-back in the bottom of the seventh narrowing the White-face lead to 12-8. With a run-ner at second base and two

hit a line drive

to the

gap in eft

center. HHS

fielder Albert

Cruz

sprinted

to his left

HEREFORD

and made a diving catch to end the

game. On Saturday, junior varsity one beat the Dons 9-2, and the second team won 6-3.



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## Golf

From Page A5

Peyton Ward will try to tighten his hold onto an indi-vidual medal on Saturday. Ward is currently in third place with rounds of 74 and 81. Ward struggled at Pampa but continues to work hard to but continues to work hard to

Ward trails the top individual, Daniel Hueston of Pampa, by only four strokes. Jeremy West of Borger is currently in second place two behind Hueston.

The varsity girls' team did not fair as well as the boys

did at Pampa.
The Lady Whitefaces combined for a round of 450 put-ting themselves behind the leader by over 100 strokes. "We shot ourselves out of

it," assistant coach Mark Stokes said. "We just couldn't

hit the fairway."
Stokes said the team's immaturity showed on Monday by having such a bad round. Stokes said he believes this will only make them better.

"The two top teams in dis-trict are made up mostly of seniors, when they graduate the district will be wide open,"

Stokes said.

The girls' varsity team is made up of freshman and sophomores, and Stokes be-lieves the experience of dis-trict play will help in the fu-

"The experience will only help us for next year," Stokes

Coach Stokes wants the team to focus on this weekend and just play the type of golf

they are capable of.

"I just want them to go out and not worry about district or regionals and play golf,"
Stokes said. "Here on out we

just want to play good golf."

The district match begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

## YOUTH BOWLERS



Youth Bowlers — Several Hereford youths performed well at a Young American Bowling Association Tournament at Eastridge on February 26-27. In picture are (back left) Sandra Navarette, Jessica Hernandez, Randall Berryman (front) Joshua Flores and Charles Berryman. Navarette placed third in handicap in all events while Hernandez won the handicap singles event. R. Berryman and Hernandez placed second in doubles play. Flores placed second in team and third place in doubles.

Baylor trotted out of the

dugout to the first-base side

in his direction to shake

gave a "oh, well" look and

make sure was on the 25-

man roster and, finding out immediately after the game that Huson was eligible,

Both teams, which arrived in Japan last Saturday, were to leave on Friday.

The Cubs planned an early workout at the Tokyo Dome

- the ballpark was needed

dropped the protest.

walked away.

## Chicubs fall in 10 innings,

Agbayani raises questions about his future with Mets

TOKYO (AP) - The New York Mets are sure glad they decided to take Benny Agbayani on this little detour. Agbayani hit a grand slam

in the 11th inning tonight and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 for a split of their season-opening series in Ja-

In a game featuring strange sights - Rey Ordonez making an error, and Cubs manager Don Baylor not shaking hands with counterpart Bobby Valentine - perhaps the oddest one was Agbayani hitting the first

slam of the 21st century.

Agbayani recently was told
he would be sent to Triple-A Norfolk on April 9, when Glendon Rusch is promoted to be the Mets' No. 5 starter. Agbayani did not take the demotion well, and asked for a

The Mets, having room for an extra player, took the Hawaiian-born Agbayani to Ja-

Agbayani's two-out drive to center field made it a disappointing major league debut

for loser Danny Young (0-1). Young emerged from the bullpen to pitch the 11th after

nine years in the minors. He retired the first two batters, but Todd Zeile singled, and walks to Ordonez and Melvin Mora loaded the bases for

In Japan, hits that end the game in the bottom half of an inning are called "sayonara" hits. Agbayani's blow did not qualify for that title, not that it mattered to him or the

The Cubs stranded a pair of runners in the ninth and left the bases loaded in the 10th when Dennis Cook struck out

H e n r y Rodriguez. Cook (1-0) was the winner. K y l

Farnsworth threw the first pitch at 7:10 p.m. local time making it 5:10 a.m. EST in New York and 4:10 a.m. CST in Chicago. While

Cubs and Mets were playing for real, a world away it was still spring training. Back in the United States, exhibitions were BAYLOR set for later in

the day at places such as Vero Beach and Clearwater,

DON

Fla., and Tucson, Ariz.

The crowd was announced as another sellout at 55,000, yet once again it was relatively quiet inside the Tokyo Dome. Games in Japan usu-ally feature frenzied fans carrying drums and horns — to the disappointment of the Cubs and Mets, they were discour-aged from such behavior by local officials.

There was a dramatic im-

provement in the dirt on the the Cubs' turn to line up. mound and batter's boxes. Players on both teams complained about the foreign soil after the Cubs' 5-3 win in Wednesday night's opener and the problems seemed solved.

Ordonez's streak of 101 straight games without an error, a major league record streak for shortstops, ended when he charged in and overran Damon Buford's roller in

the first inning.
It was his first error since last June 13 against Boston, a span in which he cleanly handled 418

chances. T h e three-time Gold Glove showed no ill effects later making a nifty play up the middle on on Sammy Sosa's grounder and taking part in two double plays. The Mets turned six DPs in the

Zeile the newcomer to New York's slick infield. made a wild throw to set up an unearned run in the

series.

fifth that made it 1-all. A pair of walks and a sacrifice by pitcher Rick Reed led to Rickey Henderson's sac-

rifice fly in the fifth. The evening got off to an odd start during the pregame introductions, surely a carryover from opening night when Valentine filed a protest with one strike left in the

The Mets were announced first tonight, and then it was



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and Valentine seemed to lean hands, as they had done the previous night. Baylor just stood there and Valentine BUSINESS OFFICE CALL: 364-0101 MOVIE HOTLINE CALL: 364-8000 Valentine lodged the pro-test after Baylor mistakenly Fri.,March 31st thru Fri., April 7th left off backup shortstop Jeff Huson from his lineup card. Valentine said he wanted to

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at night for the opener be-tween the Hiroshima Carp and Tokyo Yomiuri Giants before heading back to Chicago for a short stay. WHATEVER IT TAKES The Cubs next play at Cincinnati on Monday while the 1:45 & 4:10 7:10 & 9:10 Mets will be home that day Adults \$5.00 • Kids & Seniors \$3.00 to face San Diego. Bargain Matinees on Weekends Rand wash most vehicles 15 **800 N. 25 Mile Avenue - 364-7850** HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-6:00 pr

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## Castro: Boy's father ready to go to Miami

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## News digest

HAVANA — President Fidel Castro says the father of 6year-old Elian Gonzalez is ready to travel to the United States to stay with his son as long as there are guarantees the U.S. government would turn the boy over or at least make a maximum effort to do

on Cuban television came at a crucial time: the eve of the U.S. Justice Department's deadline for Elian's Miami relatives to sign an agreement promising to give up the boy if they lose their legal

appeal. Lazaro Gonzalez, the Miami great-uncle Elian has been staying with, has said he would be willing to release the boy to his father if he personally came from Cuba to

pick him up.

Apparently calling the greatuncle's bluff, Castro said not
only would Juan Miguel
Gonzalez go to the United States, but he would stay for the entire court process.

The father in the past has said that he would be willing to travel to the United States to claim his boy if he could just pick him up and come back to Cuba.

anyone has said that Gonzalez was willing to stay in the United States during the legal



Elian Gonzalez

Wednesday's announcement that he is ready to travel immediately. Dispute is at impasse as

new deadline approaches
MIAMI — The Elian
Gonzalez case rushed toward an uncertain future today, with his Cuban father apparently ready to jump on a plane to retrieve him and talks between the U.S. government and the boy's Miami relatives ending with only a promise to meet

again. The Immigration and Naturalization Service late Wednesday did delay the revocation of Elian's temporary residency status 24 hours until 9 a.m.

Friday. It was clear that the INS and the boy's relatives remained at an impasse over the government's demand that they agree to surrender Elian if they lose their court fight to

keep him.
The two sides met for five This is the first time that hours Wednesday and more talks were scheduled for to-

The 6-year-old boy has been process. It is also the first living her with his great-uncle time that it has been said Lazaro Gonzalez since he was

found in November on an inner tube off the coast of Florida. The boy's mother and 10 others died when their boat sank as they tried to reach the United States.

The governments of both nations want the boy returned to his father in Cuba, a plan that has stirred threats of civil disobedience from Miami's large Cuban population. The Miami relatives went to court to keep Elian and their lawsuit is now before a federal appeals court in Atlanta, with arguments scheduled for the

week of May 8.
INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said the agency will tell the boy's great-uncle how and when he is to relinquish custody of Elian unless the two sides reach an agreement. She refused to discuss details. Seismic activity rises;

experts warn of eruption DATE, Japan — Nearly 10,000 people evacuated from their homes kept a nervous vigil today as a volcano in northern Japan rumbled back to life, setting off a series of powerful earthquakes and threatening to erupt at any

Experts warned an eruption of Mount Usu on the northern Japan island of Hokkaido was imminent. Observers on a military helicopter found cracks on the volcano's western slope and near its base. Officials said the crack on the western slope stretched 100 yards.

For the third day, quakes rocked this normally serene hot springs resort area at the base of the volcano. And with the frequency and intensity of the tremors increasing, nerves were beginning to fray.

"I wish it would just erupt and get it over with," said Toshiko Oishi, a 69-year-old housewife who had evacuated to a local elementary school. "But I'm worried about my house because it's near the mountain."

Oishi was one of 9,300 people who had been evacuated from the most dangerous areas by this morning. Truth seems difficult

to find in Kashmir CHATI SINGHPURA, India - Women's anguished wails pour from every other brick house in this Kashmir village surrounded by apple orchards, rice fields and sparkling Hi-

malayan snow peaks. It has been a week since the killers came in the night, ordered the men from their

shops and homes and shot them to death outside the temple and in front of a hay barn. Hardly a family was not touched by the March 20 massacre of 35 Sikhs.

The gunmen wore Indian army uniforms. They spoke Urdu, the language of mostly Muslim Kashmir and neigh-boring Pakistan. The government has identified the killers as 17 men, mostly foreigners, from two Pakistan-based mili-

Mujahedeen and Lashkar e-Toiba, both fighting to sepa-rate Kashmir from India. Home Minister L.K. Advani

said the militants carried out the massacre to publicize India's 52-year dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir during President Clinton's visit to South Asia.

Pakistan and the militant groups denied that, and claimed India massacred its own citizens to discredit the Kashmir separatist movement.

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Kashmir is swarming with armed groups.

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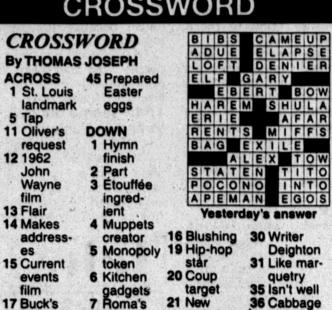
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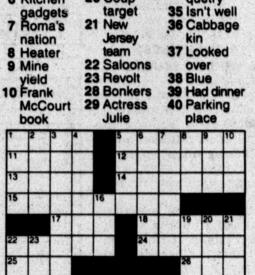
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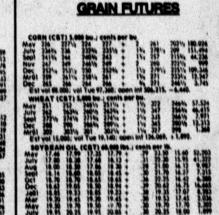


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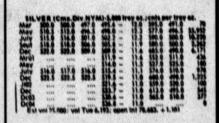
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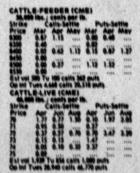


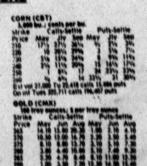
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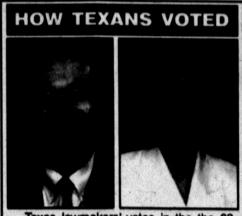


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## Flag-desecration bill dies



Texas lawmakers' votes in the the 63-37 roll call by which the Senate failed to approve a constitutional amendment giving Congress the power to prohibit the
physical desecration of the flag. A twothirds majority was needed for approval.

On this vote, a "yes" vote was a vote
to approve the amendment and a "no"

vote was a vote to defeat it.

Voting "yes" were 12 Democrats and
51 Republicans.

Voting "no" were 33 Democrats and 4 Republicans.

Texas Phil Gramm (R) Yes; Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) Yes.

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Economy

Film and television production in Texas

Since 1910, more than 950 movies and television programs have been shot in Texas, including Wings (San Antonio, 1927), The Last

Picture Show (Archer City, 1971) and Michael (Austin area, 1996).

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Producción cinematográfica

Más de 950 películas y programas de televisión se han filmado en

Texas desde 1910, entre las que se incluyen Wings (San Antonio, 1927) The Last Picture Show (Archer City, 1971) y Michael (en las afueras de

Austin, 1996). Entre las películas de largo metraje filmadas en Texas en 1999 se incluyen Any Given Sunday (Irving) y All the Pretty Horses (San

Antonio). En la última década, los presupuestos de producción para

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as evidence the Fed will keep pushing interest rates higher.

"The economy is rocking," said Stan Shipley, senior economist at Merrill Lynch in New York. "Despite the good news on productivity, growth is too fast for the Fed. We expect them to tighten in May."

Many economists are predicting at least two more rate boosts before midyear as the Fed continues trying to cool an economy

it believes is growing faster than the country's ability to supply

workers and products for a seemingly insatiable consumer.

The rate increases are designed to raise borrowing costs for

big-ticket items such as homes and cars and in that way cool off

demand and keep inflation from getting out of hand.

Critics have charged that the Fed is fighting a phantom

menace with no signs, outside of energy, of any price pressures despite the rapid growth.

An inflation index tied to the GDP showed that prices remained well-controlled in the fourth quarter of last year, rising

at an annual rate of just 2 percent, up only slightly from a 1.7 percent rate of increase in the third quarter.

In a second report today, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 3,000 last week to 266,000. Even with the slight

increase, the nation's job market remained the tightest it has been in decades. The four-week moving average for claims declined to 268,000, the lowest level since Dec. 15, 1973.

The report on jobless claims was just the latest indication that the economy has continued to speed ahead this year. Many

analysts are predicting first-quarter growth will come in well above 5 percent. While that will be slower than the fourth quarter, it is still above the Fed's speed limit of around 3.5

corporate profits were up 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter, the best showing since a 7.4 percent jump in the first quarter of 1999. The Commerce Department also reported today that after-tax

percent for growth at this stage of the expansion.

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El bienestar de Texas

Feature films produced in Texas in 1999 include Any Given Sunday (Irving) and All the Pretty Horses (San Antonio). In the last decade, the production budgets of film and television projects in Texas totaled

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate attempt to give the American flag constitutional protections again fell short, with support-ers failing to move dug-in opponents who said the measure would undercut basic free speech

rights.
The 63-37 vote Wednesday was four short of the two-thirds majority needed to amend the Constitution and almost identical to the 63-36 vote when the Senate defeated the amendment in 1995.

The author of the amendment, Senate Ju-diciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, vowed that he would try again: "We are not going to quit until we win."

He said a large majority of Americans want Congress to be able to punish those who des-

ecrate the flag and that "this place is filled with elitism among those who are voting against the amendment."

But those in opposition argued that attacks on the flag are rare and don't justify what they said would be the first time in the nation's history that the Constitution is changed to qualify First Amendment free speech rights.

"A desecrated flag is replace-able. Desecrated rights are lost forever to those who experience the loss," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. He noted that among the nations that ban flag des-ecration are Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The amendment consisted of one sentence, that "Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Hatch and others argued that

the amendment was needed because the Supreme Court in 1989 struck down a Texas state flag desecration law and the

next year a law passed by Congress, both times on the grounds that they infringed on First Amendment rights. Both votes were 5-4.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the high court had made a mistake. "In my opinion, flag-burning is not speech, it is conduct of the most offensive kind."

But in a setback for supporters, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., one of 14 Democrats to vote for the amendment in 1995 and a leading constitutional scholar, on Tuesday announced to the American Legion, backers of the amendment, that he was changing his vote.

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Democrat Sen. Richard Bryan
of Nevada, another supporter
in 1995, also switched his vote. Republican Sens. James Jeffords of Vermont, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Robert Bennett of Utah again voted against the amendment. Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I.,

### Programs Reesing an Eve on Texas

gress was trying to pass legislation to balance the federal budget, Medicare had been projected to run short of cash in 2001. The trustees have gradually pushed that date back, however, and last

trustees have gradually pushed that date back, however, and last year pegged it at 2015.

Likewise, Social Security's insolvency date has been extended from 2029 in 1997 to 2034 in last year's trustees report. The trustees have said that in 2014, the program will need to start drawing on its currently accumulating trust fund when incoming taxes are no longer sufficient to cover benefits.

"I think the message is that we don't need to be stampeded into action by imminent financial collapse. We should carefully consider in what ways the structure (of retirement programs) should be retained and what ways it should be changed," said Henry Aaron, an economist at the Brookings Institution think tank.

Give or take a few years, however, the bottom line remains, Reischauer said: "Sooner or later the nation is going to have to restructure Social Security and Medicare and the longer we wait to take on that challenge, the more wrenching those adjustments will have to be.'

Economic factors contributing to the brighter prospects for Social Security and Medicare continued last year, including the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. With more Americans working, more are also paying the payroll taxes that support the two programs, padding their balance sheets.

Low inflation also saves Social Security money because yearly

cost-of-living raises to retirees are smaller.

In addition, Medicare spending decreased slightly in 1999, by about 1 percent — the first decline in the program's history. Experts attributed it to restrained inflation, cuts mandated by Congress in 1997, and a crackdown on fraud and billing errors.

Medicare spending is not expected to continue to fall, however, mainly because the nation's elderly population is growing. Other factors also could temper the optimism of the traditionally conservative trustees, who include the secretaries of labor, treasury and health, plus the Social Security commissioner and

A private advisory panel last fall recommended, for example, that the trustees boost their current assumptions for Americans' increasing life expectancy. That would tend to dampen financial forecasts because people who live longer cost retirement programs more. Social Security is the largest federal benefit program, sending

checks to 44 million Americans. In addition to payments to retirees, Social Security also makes payments to disabled people and to the survivors of workers who die young.

Medicare, which provides health coverage for 39 million elderly and disabled Americans, already is spending money from a dwindling trust fund to pay hospital benefits. Outpatient benefits provided by the program are paid for separately, however, with income taxes and participants' monthly premiums.

## House won't force Kosovo withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) -Averting a showdown with President Clinton, the House refused today to require him to withdraw U.S. peacekeepers from Kosovo unless European countries deliver more of the aid they have promised for the

Yugoslav province. By a 219-200 vote, lawmakers rejected a bipartisan effort to use the threat of withdrawal to pressure the Europeans to deliver millions of dollars more for economic, humanitarian and policing assistance. Clinton would have had to begin withdrawing troops in June.

The vote came a year after the 78-day air war against Yu-goslavia began, during which the U.S. flew about three-fourths of the bombing missions. There are 37,000 NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo, including 5,300 Americans.

The least they can do after we flew all those sorties ... is to simply keep their word" and contribute more, said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio.

Opponents said the provision would have ended up giving Europeans the power to make decisions on U.S. troop deploy-

Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said Kosovo is a

"permanent dilemma" for U.S. policy-makers. Speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Talbott said the administration is seeking "the right mixture of priorities and values."

out flatly for independence, that could destroy what has been accomplished in the province, which remains part of Yugoslavia, he said. And the administration could lose the support it has among European allies.

Talbott said if the United

States appeared to be against independence and for putting

Kosovo back in Yugoslavia, "we would be wrong."

Bombing of Serbia last year forced Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to withdraw Serbian forces and special police from Kosovo, which is dominated by ethnic Albanians.

The proposal to threaten withdrawal was offered to a wide-ranging, \$13 billion measure containing \$2.1 billion for the costs of U.S. troops in

Kosovo.

Had the restriction become law, the \$2.1 billion would have been cut in half on June 2 if Clinton had not certified that the European contributions had been delivered.

## DDT in ocean concerns EPA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal officials say they will toughen measures to prevent consumption of fish tainted by a huge deposit of DDT on the ocean floor.

The pesticide has contaminated Santa Monica Bay's Palos Verdes Shelf for a halfcentury and earned a Superfund designation. "This is the largest DDT

contamination site in the country," the Environmental Protection Agency's Keith Takata said Wednesday. "The first step to protect the public health is to make sure people aren't eating white croaker contaminated with dangerous levels

Additionally, the EPA in July will launch a three-month pilot project to cap 180 acres of ocean floor along the Los Angeles coast with sand and silt to prevent the spread of the pesticide.
The \$5 million experiment

will take place in waters about 200 feet deep, said Fred Schauffler, the EPA's project manager.

The contaminated area has an estimated 100 tons of DDT

spread across 17 square miles of ocean floor. There are also about 10 tons of PCBs.

Chemical manufacturer Montrose Corp. allegedly dumped residue, including DDT, into the sewage system

from 1947 until 1971. The area was declared a Superfund environmental cleanup site in

DDT, which was banned in the U.S. in 1973, has been linked to cancer and reproductive problems in humans.

Because contamination levels of DDT are the highest in bottom-feeding fish, such as the white croaker, the EPA will call for more aggressive enforcement of the catch limit and the commercial fishing ban in the area, Schauffler

The agency also will launch an educational campaign and

monitor contamination levels of white croaker sold in mar-kets, Schauffler said.

Montrose and other compa-nies responsible for the pollu-tion have challenged the EPA's capping plan as being too

"We ... disagree with the Montrose folks who claim there's no significant human health risk and the problem is going away on its own by virtue of biodegradation of DDT," Schauffler said. "Here we are 30 years after the last we are 30 years after the last significant discharge and we still have a very major prob-lem on our hands."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has found the rengest evidence to date" that exposure to Agent ange is linked to diabetes, improving the chances that stnam veterans suffering from the disease will receive

The Air Force said Wednesday the connection so far is only statistical and is yet to be proved by biological study. Air Force planes sprayed 11 million gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam between 1962 and 1971 to destroy jungle cover for communist supply lines, expose enemy sanctuaries and bases and destroy crops needed to feed enemy troops. The operation was equated by some critics at the time to chemical warfare.

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## Carmakers to give Gore peek at high-mileage automobiles

WASHINGTON (AP) -With high gasoline prices as the backdrop, Vice President Al Gore is joining the Big Three automakers to promote development of higher mileage vehicles.

Gore gets his first look today at new fuel economy test cars built by Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler AG as part of a government-industry effort that began in 1993.

Through the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, the Clinton administration challenged the automakers to develop a family-size sedan that gets at least 80 miles per gallon, and all three have come close in the last few months to meeting the goal.

Gore said the U.S. auto industry is leading the world and the partnership can help it stay on top.

"I believe we have to use this moment to make the investment that will keep our progress and prosperity going far into the future," Gore said.

"By reducing our depen-dence on foreign oil, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and by positioning the American auto industry as the world leader in a crucial new market in this new economy, the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles can help to keep our eco-

nomic engine humming for decades to come," he added. The Energy Information Administration this week said average gasoline prices na-tionwide had dipped by 2 cents during the past week to \$1.55 a gallon for all grades. The private Lundberg Survey showed a \$1.59 average at 10,000 service stations it

monitors. The high cost of gasoline has been a hot topic in Washington, with truckers jam-ming city streets in protest and lawmakers scrambling for

a way to bring prices down. During a news conference Wednesday, President Clinton said Gore "has taken the lead" on the partnership and he hopes the price increases will promote efforts to become more energy efficient and develop more alternative fuels.



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