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Fire danger mounting

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 35, northwest wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming northeast late and increasing to 10 to 20 mph.

Friday: Increasing clouds and cooler, less than 20 percent chance of showers, high around 50. North to northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.



Extended forecast

Saturday: Cloudy, low in the lower 20s, high 40 to 45.

Sunday: Partly cloudy and warmer, low near 30, high 55 to 60.

Monday: Partly cloudy, low in the lower 30s, high 60 to 65.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 77; low, 41; no precipitation.

■ Spain says combination of high winds, dry conditions is giving cause for concern

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Wildfire!

In a blink of an eye, a single spark can ignite fields of dry grass, sparking a fire which causes thousands of dollars of damage.

This is the warning being issued by Deaf Smith County Fire Marshal Jay Spain.

"The fire danger is extremely high. We're coming into the windy season and from now until April or May, it's only going to get worse, unless we get some rain. And, it doesn't look like we're going to get any."

Spain warns even if the area received a sizeable amount of rain, it would only help for a few days, then the wind would dry it up again.

With the grass being dry and dead wind gives cause for extreme caution when clearing off refuse in rural areas.

"Don't even light a fire if the wind is blowing more than 10 miles per hour," Spain said. "Landowners need to plow around improvements and plow about a 20-foot-wide strip around CRP fields."

Officials across the Panhandle are advising people to use extreme caution when doing anything that might create sparks in the dry grass.

"People need to watch where they park. A car's hot

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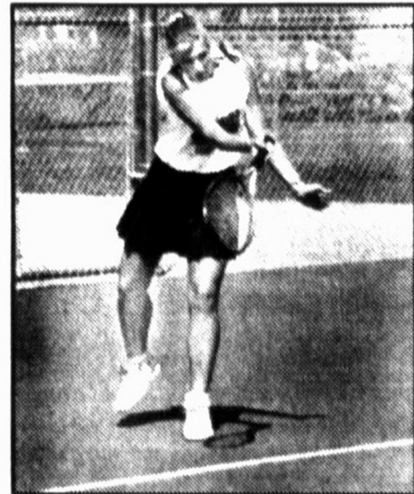
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Smoke envelopes firefighting equipment at grass fire on County Road 8.

Inside Today

"We are not expecting much, but we've worked really hard and I hope we can just make anything happen that we can. We are looking forward to playing a lot and playing number one should be fun, even if I don't win much. That's OK, because I've worked hard at it."

■ Ivory Isaacson, Hereford High School tennis player, assessing the squads prospects for the spring season.



■ Hereford netters lack experience as they prepare for the season. — Page A5

Court upholds 'Oprah' verdict

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court said Wednesday that Oprah Winfrey "melodramatized" the mad cow disease scare but did not give false information about it or defame cattle producers.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a verdict two years ago by a federal jury that rejected cattlemen's claims against the talk show host, her production company and vegetarian activist Harold Lyman.

The judge at the trial had ruled that the case could not be heard under Texas' "veggie libel" law, and was instead a conventional business defamation case. That meant the cattlemen had to show that Winfrey or her show deliberately or recklessly made false statements which hurt their business.

The appeals court refused to rule on the scope of the "veggie libel" law, which was designed to protect food products from false disparagement. However, one of the appeals

Judges, Edith H. Jones, wrote that she believes cattle are covered under the law.

She said the law specifically covers aquaculture, and "an act designed to protect ... a relatively new Texas industry could not have meant to exclude cattle raising, which is intimately bound with Texas' history and current economy."

The ruling affirms people's right to speak their opinions and reaffirms that "editing is what editors are for, and not for judges or the legal system," said Charles L. Babcock, Winfrey's attorney.

Calls to attorneys for the cattlemen were not immediately returned.

On the show's April 16, 1996, episode, Lyman said including processed cattle in cattle feed — a practice later banned — could spread mad cow disease to people in the United States. The brain-destructuring disease has never been found in cattle in the United States but is suspected of killing 23 people in Britain.

Winfrey at one point said the information "just stopped



OPRAH WINFREY Appeals court upholds verdict that rejected claim by cattlemen that she defamed beef.

me cold from eating another burger!"

Cattle prices and cattle futures dropped drastically after the show aired.

The appeals court said that Lyman's claims, which Winfrey described during the show as exaggerated, were based on facts and therefore could not be challenged under business disparagement law.

"Stripped to its essentials, the cattlemen's complaint is that the 'Dangerous Food' show did not present the mad cow issue in the light most favorable to United States beef," the court said. "This argument cannot stand."

ELECTION 2000 Deadline's near for registration

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Texas' primary election is still more than a month away, but the first of several deadlines facing voters is near.

The last day to register to vote in the Republican or Democratic primary election is Monday, while the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is March 7.

Early voting in the March 14 Democratic and Republican primaries, which will include the presidential campaign, will be Feb. 28-March 10 in the County Clerk's Office of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse.

The primary runoff election will be April 11. Voters who want to register to cast ballots in the runoff have until March 13 to submit their applications.

Voters who didn't make an application for a ballot by mail for the March 14 primary must apply by Friday for a mail ballot for the runoff election. The deadline for applying for a ballot by mail is April 11.

Early voting in the primary runoff will be April 3-7.

Candidates seeking county, state and federal offices in the party primaries are:

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

Commissioner, Precinct 3
Democrats: none
Republicans: Mike Brumley; (i) Troy Don Moore.

Sheriff
Democrats: (i) Joe Brown.
Republicans: Brent Harrison; Fidel Reyna.
Tax Assessor/Collector
Democrats: Teresa Garth.
Republicans: Jeannine Zimmerman.

Constable
Democrats: none
Republicans: (i) Bryan Hedrick.

Congress 19th District
Democrats: none.
Republicans: (i) Larry Combest.

Texas Legislature House District 86
Democrats: none.
Republicans: (i) John Smithe.

STATE President
Democrats: Bill Bradley, Al

Gore, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.
Republicans: Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin G. Hatch, Alan Keyes, John McCain

U.S. Senate
Democrats: H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly, Bobby Wrightman-Cervantes

Republicans: (i) Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Railroad Commission Full term:
Democrats: None
Republicans: (i) Charles Matthews.

Unexpired term
Democrats: None.
Republicans: Andy Draughn, (i) Michael Williams.

Texas Supreme Court
Place 1
Democrats: None.
Republicans: Valerie W. Davenport, (i) Nathan Hecht.

Place 2
Democrats: None.
Republicans: (i) Priscilla Owen.

Place 3
Democrats: None.
Republicans: (i) Al Gonzales, Rod E. Gorman.

Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge
Democrats: Bill Vance.
Republicans: Sharon Keller, Connie Kelley, Tom Price, J. Gary Trichter.

Place 1
Democrats: None.
Republicans: John Boston, Alan Curry, Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb, Guy Williams.

Place 2
Democrats: William R. Barr.
Republicans: Pat Barber, Barbara Parker Hervey, W.B. "Bennie" House, Sally L. Ray, Jim Wallace.
(i) — incumbent

Prayer will be mixed with politics on the Texas GOP primary ballot.

State party officials have voted to place a non-binding referendum on the GOP ballot that asks: "Shall student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"

The referendum responds to recent court rulings banning student led-prayer before football games and gives Texans a chance to express their "outrage," said Susan Weddington, Republican state chair.

Voters proving to be fickle

RECENT POLL RESULTS

The Associated Press

Some results from recent polls in South Carolina, Michigan, California and New York, key upcoming primary states, on the race between GOP presidential candidates Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain compared with earlier state polls. Results do not total 100 percent because the remainder supported other candidates, didn't know or declined to answer. The dates of the primaries are in parentheses.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Feb. 19)

February
Bush, 40 percent
McCain, 44 percent

MICHIGAN (Feb. 22)

February
Bush, 43 percent
McCain, 45 percent

ARIZONA (Feb. 22)

February
Bush, 33 percent
McCain, 51 percent

NEW YORK (March 7)

February
Bush, 46 percent
McCain, 35 percent

CALIFORNIA (March 7)

February
Bush, 46 percent
McCain, 27 percent

November
62 percent
15 percent

November
71 percent
7 percent

October
35 percent
31 percent

December
59 percent
15 percent

December
47 percent
12 percent

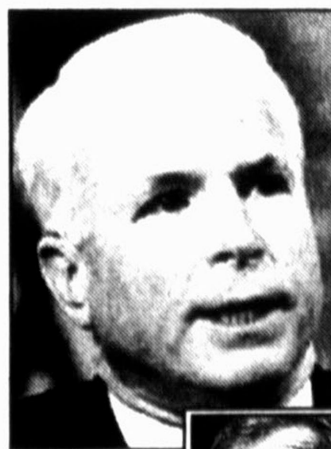
By Will Lester

Associated Press Writer

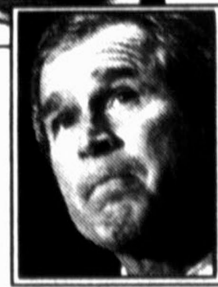
Louisiana school teacher Linda Jones says she knows Gov. George W. Bush has more money and endorsements than Sen. John McCain, but she's starting to think the Arizona senator has a good chance in the Republican presidential race.

"I'm a very conservative Republican and I did vote for his father," the 38-year-old Shreveport resident said of Bush. "But to me, it looks like the country is ready for a change, the pendulum seems to be swinging."

Bush ruled national and



McCain now is on the rise; Bush's poll numbers are dropping.



state polls for much of last year with his well-known name, a huge bankroll and an aura of inevitability. But McCain has surged in polls in many key states after his big win in New Hampshire's GOP primary more

than a week ago.
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Local roundup

Ministerial Alliance meets Tuesday

Hereford Ministerial Alliance will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Juanita's Burritos, 437 N. 25 Mile Ave. Topics to be discussed will include March for Jesus and the high school baccalaureate service.

HISD begins HERD

The Hereford Employment Readiness Development (HERD) Program will soon be a reality in Hereford.

The Texas Governor's office has agreed to fund a school and community to work program in the local area.

Initial funding for the program will be \$374,650. The program will address the needs of students as they anticipate graduation from Hereford High School with skills that will provide immediate employment as well as transfer to the skills needed for successful completion of higher education goals.

The HERD program will be working with local businesses to provide updated training for current employees who wish to enhance their work skills.

WTRT offers scholarships

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

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

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

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

Applications must be returned before April 3, 2000.

PCS offers funds, classes

The Panhandle Community Services has funds to assist with gas and electricity costs.

Participants will need to attend management classes at the Hereford Community Center to be eligible for assistance.

For more information or to determine eligibility contact the PCS office at 364-5631 or come by the office at 1011 E. Park Avenue.

Cotton conference scheduled

The Southwestern Panhandle Cotton Conference is scheduled for Feb. 11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The conference will feature presentations on cotton management, weed control, insect control, genetically manipulated cottons, selection of seed treatments, cotton marketing opportunities, cotton fertilization, cotton physiology, controlling herbicide drift, safe handling of pesticides and risk management.

In addition, there will be trade shows, displays and poster presentations from agricultural support industries, universities and other organizations.

Five continuing education units will be available for both private and commercial pesticide applicators. Application has also been made for CEUs for certified crop advisors.

Registration is \$10 and includes lunch.

Those planning to attend should contact the Deaf Smith County Extension office at 364-3573.

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News digest

Man holds police at bay

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities this morning arrested a man who led them on a 75-mile chase from East Texas and then held them at bay for three hours on a Dallas interchange, clogging rush-hour traffic.

The unidentified man was taken into custody without violence, said officials with the Mesquite Police Department.

The chase started near Canton, 57 miles southeast of Dallas, after the man was stopped before dawn today on suspicion of drunken driving.

The man was wanted on a felony warrant for allegedly slugging a police officer, authorities said.

The man fled, heading east into downtown Dallas and then onto U.S. 80.

The chase ended in a standoff at the interchange of Interstate 635 and U.S. 80, where the man produced a gun and threatened to kill himself.

The man gave up when police with body armor and shields advanced to his car.

Drifter indicted for murder

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — A Val Verde County grand jury has indicted a 35-year-old drifter and former carnival worker on capital murder and attempted murder charges five weeks after an attack that left one girl dead and a second injured.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, was indicted Tuesday.

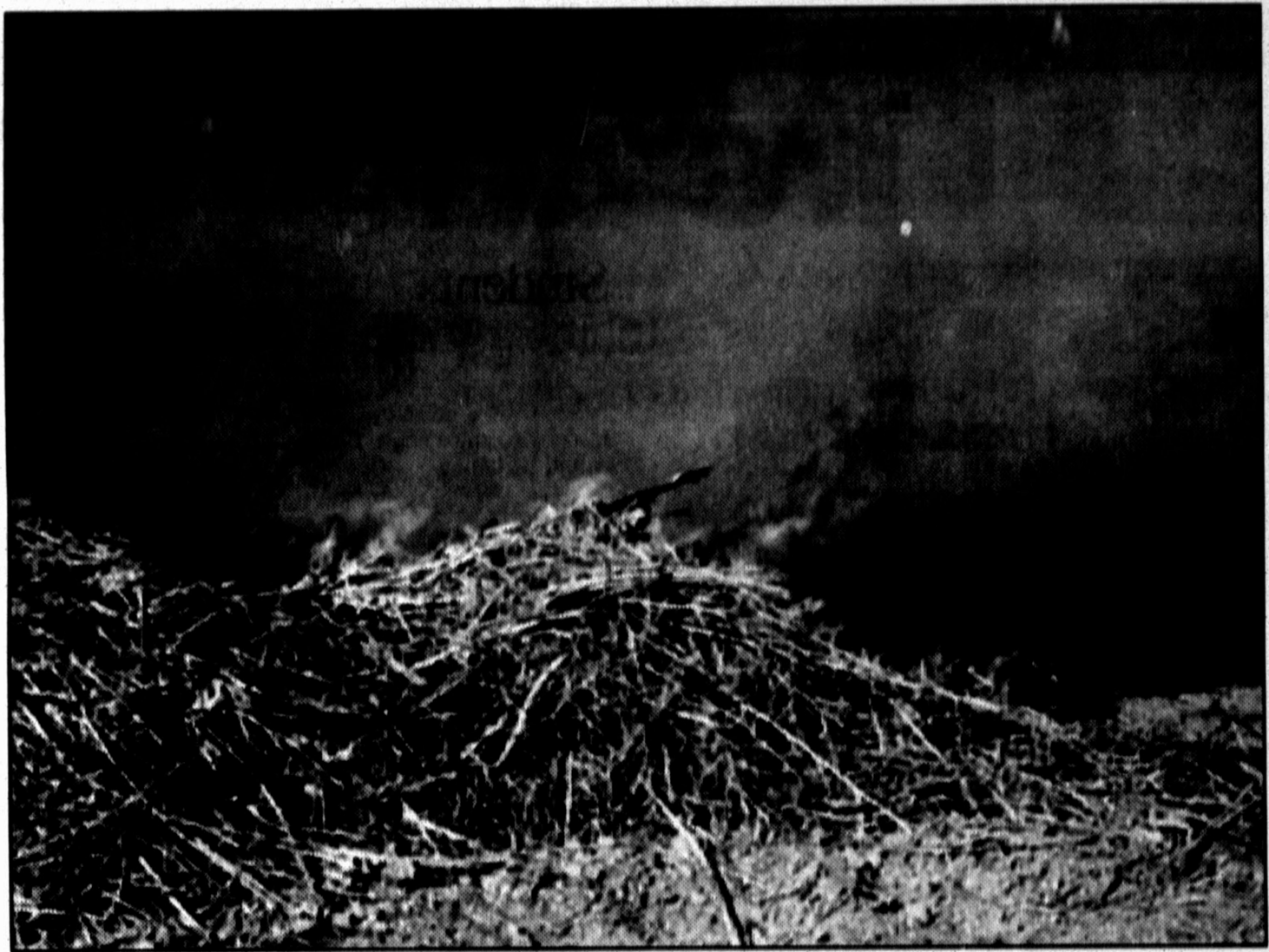
A suspect in several murders in other states, Sells was arrested Jan. 2, two days after Kaylene Harris, 13, was killed and Krystal Surles, 10, was badly wounded. Both were attacked in their beds at the Harris family's mobile home near Del Rio.

Sells has confessed to slitting the throats of Harris and Surles on Dec. 31 with a boning knife. Harris died almost instantly, while Surles ran to a neighbor's house to call authorities. She survived and helped create a composite portrait that identified Sells as her attacker and led authorities to him.

Elsewhere:

SAVE THE TURTLES: Environmentalists on Wednesday called on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to implement more strict restrictions on shrimping along the Texas coast to help curb the high number of sea turtle deaths.

Wildfire and winds



Racing the wind -- Firefighters raced the wind late Wednesday afternoon to control a fire that got out of hand from a simple clean up chore. The fire, fanned by high southwest winds, quickly consumed nearly 30 acres of CRP land and 35 large round bales of hay. Officials warn that because of dry conditions threat of fire is extremely high and all precautions possible should be taken with any open fire.

Minority college enrollment rises

College enrollment for black and Hispanic high school graduates climbed steadily during the 1990s, according to a new report that also includes disquieting news about both groups.

The rate of blacks finishing high school fell in the late 1990s, and Hispanics lagged far behind whites and blacks in getting their high school diplomas, according to the report released today by the American Council on Education in Washington.

The study analyzed Census

and Education Department figures for 1996-97, the latest available. The GE Fund, the charitable arm of General Electric Co., paid for the research.

College attendance at any time among all high school graduates ages 18 to 24 reached a record high of 45 percent in 1997. Among whites, the figure was 45 percent, up from 41 percent in 1991; blacks, a record 40 percent, up from 32 percent in 1991; Hispanics, 36 percent, vs. 33 percent in 1994.

Enrollment for blacks, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and American Indians rose 4 percent between 1996 and 1997, the study found. Between 1994 and 1995, their numbers climbed by just under 3 percent.

The number of minorities who went to college represents such a small part of the total that it had negligible effect on the overall figure of 45 percent, said Terry Hartle, the council's senior vice president.

The study was too soon to gauge the full effect of drop-

ping affirmative action in college admissions in the two most populous states, California and Texas.

The University of California system did away with affirmative action beginning with the undergraduate class that entered in 1998. After a federal court ruling, Texas ended racial preferences at state schools beginning with students applying to enter in the fall of 1997. Washington state voters banned race and gender criteria in admissions starting in 1999.

As for the high school graduation figures, the dropout rate represents "a very serious problem for African-Americans, for Latinos a catastrophe," said Gary Orfield, professor of education and social policy at Harvard University.

Nearly 83 percent of whites ages 18 to 24 had high school diplomas in 1997, compared with about 75 percent of blacks. In 1990, the rate among blacks was 77 percent.

Whites holding high school

diplomas were 8 percentage points ahead of blacks in 1997, the widest gap since 1992.

The gap between whites and Hispanics was far greater: Only 62 percent of Hispanics ages 18 to 24 had completed high school in 1997. That was some improvement, up from about 58 percent the year before.

Orfield blamed high-stakes testing — "They don't pass the test. They get discouraged. They drop out." — the push to end social promotion and poverty afflicting both schools and students. Among Hispanics the problem is also a lack of English among immigrants, he said.

Gwendolyn Cooke at the National Association of Secondary School Principals blamed teachers with low expectations and inadequate training.

"Teachers that lack the skills to be responsive, push kids away," Cooke said. Zero-tolerance policies that eject misbehaving students also take a toll, with blacks receiving the harshest punishment, she said.

El Paso initiates emergency water plan

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The lack of snow in the north could mean one West Texas city may have to adopt emergency water conservation measures in the coming months, water officials said Wednesday.

The news also means residents of El Paso would be asked to use less water this summer.

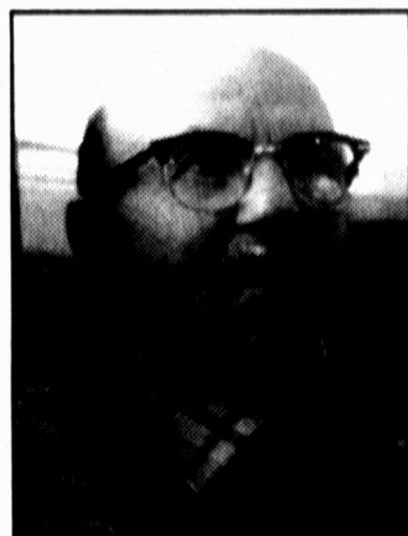
Ed Archuleta, general manager of El Paso Water Utilities, warned the members of the utility's governing body, the Public Service Board, that the snowpack in the mountains of southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico is far below normal for this time of year. He also said the National Weather Service's long-range forecast is not good for the city.

"We need to be ready because it looks bleak," said Archuleta, who was quoted by the El Paso Times. "The runoff, as projected, could only be 24 percent of normal."

Of Texas' 254 counties, 95 already have received drought disaster declarations from weather and agriculture officials and 13 others await such declarations.

El Paso draws about half its annual water supply from the Rio Grande, according to the Times. The amount of river water that rolls through El Paso depends on how much is released upstream at Elephant Butte Reservoir in southern New Mexico.

HEREFORD BRAND
Obituaries



FRANK BURNS
Feb. 8, 2000

Services for Frank Burns, 74, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Friday at Parkside Chapel with Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Burns died Tuesday at his home.

He was born July 16, 1925, in Douglas, Ariz., to Robert and Frankie Burns. He served in the Navy during World War II and served in the Asiatic and Pacific theaters. He earned the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, and the Presidential Citation. He married Nancy Carpenter in May 1976. He moved to Hereford in 1983. He had worked as the ranch manager of the Adams Ranch in Dawn.

Mr. Burns was a member of the American Legion of Deming, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Larry Elliott of Hereford; two daughters, Laurie Blount and Sheila Jones, both of Mobile, Ala.; one sister, Mary Lou Bloom of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 9, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- A report of a female juvenile assaulting another student with a sharp object was reported in the 700 block of La Plata. Police officials said one female juvenile stabbed another in the upper thigh with either a letter opener or a small knife. School officials said only the police are continuing an investigation. Police say charges have been filed.

- A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of East Third. A woman had told her husband to leave, then had him come babysit. He later refused to leave when asked again. No charges were filed.

- A civil matter was reported in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. A man followed his estranged wife into a business.

- A theft was reported in the 100 block of Sunset.

- Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Avenue A.

- Loud music was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of West Park Avenue.

- A building alarm was reported in the 1400 block of La Plata.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 20-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft

by check over \$20 and under \$500.

- A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with evading arrest.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 3:41 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire three miles east of U.S. Highway on County Road 8. Approximately 30 acres of grassland was burned and 35 round bales of hay.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket(s) was/were worth an estimated \$18 million.

The ticket(s) was/were sold in: Pleasanton.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: **29-32-9-21-38-50**

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

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-3-8

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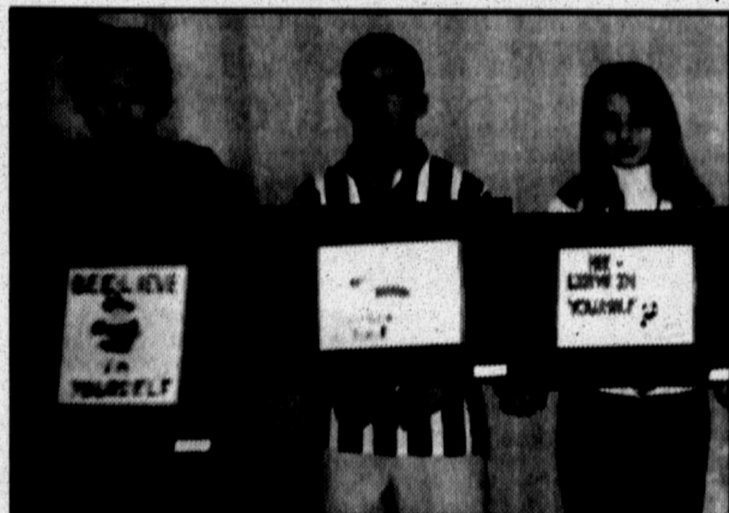
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Bee-Lieve in Yourself



Roy Rincon, Leroy Ward



Marcos Escamilla, Garrett Pickens, Kimberly Jackson



Front, Matthew Agan, Chris Wright
Back, Bianca Morales, Larry Vallejo

Students enter T-shirt design contest sponsored by ALTA

Seventeen students from Hereford Junior High, Bluebonnet, Shirley and West Central entered the T-shirt design contest sponsored by the Academic Language Therapist Association in Dallas.

The shirts were to depict the theme for the ALTA Spelling Bee, "Bee-Lieve in Yourself."

Local students who submitted T-shirt designs were Krystal Fellers, Marcos Escamilla, Larry Vallejo, Bianca Morales, Matthew Agan, Chris Wright, Thomas Hammarbeck, Lina Vallejo, Garrett Pickens, Ricky Cobos, Jason Seward, Leroy Ward, Caleb Pietsek, Madison Urbanczyk, Victoria Garcia, Roy Rincon and Kimberly Jackson.

Leroy Ward's design was selected in the top three. It was printed on note cards.

Matthew Agan's design was selected in the top 10 of the more than 200 entries in the contest.



Krystal Fellers



Victoria Garcia, Madison Urbanczyk, Jason Seward



Lina Vallejo, Thomas Hammarbeck, Ricky Cobos

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a male reader who is very much interested in the letter signed "Finding My Way in Tampa."

The writer was saying how important it is to have life insurance. Please let your readers know that it is a good idea for a man to carry life insurance on his wife, whether or not she works outside the home.

Several years ago, my wife died of breast cancer, leaving me a widower at the age of 35. We had two children, 6 and 8 years of age. I did not have life insurance on my wife. Fortunately, I had enough savings to take care of the funeral and burial expenses without borrowing, but there wasn't much left over.

I soon discovered I could not provide the stable home life environment that my wife had supplied, and went through one child-care provider after another. I had to cut way back on my working hours, which did not endear me to my employer and co-workers when they had to pick up the slack. I became dependent on a lot of people for a long time.

My advice is this: Both spouses should get life insurance policies that will enable either one to maintain the independence and lifestyle he or she has today, in case tragedy strikes. It seems my experience with the untimely death of my wife is becoming all too common. — J.A. in Pensacola, Fla.

Dear Ann Landers: No one can sound a warning as effectively as someone who has "been there," and you certainly have. The idea that a wife who is a homemaker should be covered by insurance may seem like a needless luxury, but you have pointed out that it could be a godsend. Thank you on behalf of all my readers who heard your wake-up call.

Dear Ann Landers: I was in an auditorium recently, listening to a speaker, when someone seated behind me pulled out a piece of candy and proceeded to unwrap it. The cellophane made such a racket, you could hear it from as far away as the balcony. The person obviously assumed the noise would be less annoying if she unwrapped the candy slowly. The result was a protracted "crinkle, crinkle, crinkle," which went on for quite some time. It was so annoying, I was unable to concentrate on the speaker.

I don't expect that clods will realize how disruptive they are, so I would like to address my complaint to the candy industry. Why can't manufacturers make a soft wrapper that would be silent when unwrapped? — Irritated in Oregon

Dear Oregon: You have made a valid point, and I hope the candy manufacturers are listening. In a hushed auditorium, the sound of crinkling cellophane can be heard clear across the room. Those with dry throats should bring a bottle of water, which seems to be quite fashionable these days. I have seen women in mink coats and sable stoles carrying bottled water to the theater and the opera, no less. It's considered chic.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband likes to tell the grandchildren HIS version of how we met. I want to set the record straight. He tells them he saw a note on a wall that said, "For a good time, call Dawn." He then says he called me, and I picked him up and took him to a motel, where we spent the night.

Here is the REAL story: While attending college, I worked part time as a van driver for a motel that had contracts with local trucking companies. One night, while working the graveyard shift, I was called to pick up a trucker and bring him back to the motel. It was love at first sight. We've been married 13 years, have a blended family of nine children and eight grandchildren, and are very happy. — Dawn in Missouri

Dear Missouri: I hope your grandchildren see this. Thanks for writing.

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For first time in 33 year history of Planned Parenthood

For the first time in its 33 year history, Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and Texas Panhandle has begun accepting most private insurance and major credit cards for patients at its clinic in Hereford at 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite G.

At a time when federal funds have been cut substantially, this new system will allow more patients to access needed medical services in an affordable manner. For those not covered by private insurance, a sliding fee or no fee is available for those approved for federal subsidies.

Services include annual physical exams, family planning methods and counseling, emer-

gency contraception, mid-life services, education, teen pregnancy prevention, and screening for hypertension, diabetes, anemia, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections regardless of ability to pay. All services are confidential.

The clinic is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special evening hours till 7 p.m. are available by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 364-5641. Planned Parenthood is a not-for profit health care organization serving women and men in 13 offices covering 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,500 Texas A&M University graduates, including three from Hereford, during fall commencement ceremonies.

Receiving degrees were Aimee Rachelle Alley, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance; Terri Anne Reiter, Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing; and Traci Rae Reiter, Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

A&M University has also named it honor students for the 1999 fall semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15

semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

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Hereford students included on the Dean's Honor Roll were Cassie Suzanne Abney, Krista Michelle Beville, Dusty Brooke Bryant, Amy Suzanne Perrin and Jaime Lee Steiert.

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Lots of cooking going on — Brenda Thomas, left, and Marcie Ginn are shown as they began preparation of the ground meat which will be used during the Mexican Stack Supper Thursday, sponsored by the Pilot Club of Hereford. The annual fund-raiser will be from 5-7 p.m. in Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door and there is no extra charge for carry-out.

What's Happening

Area Events

AMARILLO

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services is offering a parenting class for children/adolescents ages 0-18 called "Real Life Parenting" on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 22 through March 28 from 7-9 p.m. The class will meet at the TPMHA Administration Building, 1500 S. Taylor, Amarillo.

The parenting class curriculum was written by Stan Waddell, LPC, and Gene Ann Grant, BBA. Waddell has spent more than 15 years and Grant more than 25 years working with children.

Waddell is the children's rehabilitation services director of TPMHA Child and Adolescent Services. Grant is the family and community education director of TPMHA.

The goal of the class is to help parents look at themselves and their parenting challenges, and learn some new ways to raise their children to be responsible,

productive members of society.

The cost of the class is \$5 for the six-week course. Pre-registration is required. Call 806-354-2191 to register. Childcare is not available.

— Stan Waddell, M.A.M.F.C., LPC, will speak on "Depressed Children and Adolescents" at the fourth Education Series on Mental Health at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 S. Coulter, from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Waddell will discuss the warning signs of childhood depression, as well as the symptoms of depression and suicide in children and adolescents.

The public is invited to this free mental health series. For more information, call 806-354-2191.

— The 17th annual Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Bridal Show will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 in the Amarillo Civic

Center Grand Plaza.

The event is sponsored by Gingiss Formalwear, KFDD News Channel 10 and the Amarillo Globe News, and benefits the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tickets for admission are available at the door for \$3.

— The third annual Saturn National Donor Day is Saturday at Saturn of Amarillo, 2525 S. Georgia from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Participating Saturn retailers nationwide will celebrate National Donor Day encouraging people to drop by and donate blood, fill out an organ donor card; join the National Marrow Donor Registry; or simply learn more about donation and how it saves lives.

Local organizations sponsoring SNDD include Coffee Memorial Blood Center, Amarillo Marrow Donor Program, LifeGift and TRIO Texas Panhandle.

25th Amendment was effective beginning on this date in 1967

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2000. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On February 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

On this date:

In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Company in New York.

In 1942, the former French liner "Normandie" capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U-S Navy.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1981, eight people were killed and 198 injured when fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989, Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to head a major U-S political party.

In 1998, Dr. David Satcher was confirmed by the Senate to be surgeon general.

Ten years ago: South African President F.W. de Klerk announced that black activist Nelson Mandela would be released the next day after 27 years in captivity.

Five years ago: The House passed a GOP crime bill boosting funding for state prisons but requiring states to get tougher on violent criminals before they could receive any money.

One year ago: Resigned to losing their case, House prosecutors said public opinion polls had made a stronger impression on senators than any evidence that President

Clinton committed high crimes and misdemeanors. A federal judge ordered American Airlines pilots to end a sickout that had grounded 2,500 flights, stranded 200,000 travelers and left businesses scrambling for cargo carriers.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 73. Movie composer Jerry Goldsmith is 71. Actor Robert Wagner is 70. Singer Roberta Flack is 61. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 60. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 50. Actress Kathleen Beller is 45. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 40. Former presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos is 39. Actress Laura Dern is 33. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 28.

Thought for Today: "Culture is on the horns of this dilemma: if profound and noble it must remain rare, if common it must become mean." — George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).

Foot care discussed for Wyche FCE Club

Wyche Family Community Education Club's program titled "Oh, My Aching Feet" was presented by Jo Lee during a regular meeting Feb. 3 in Hereford Community Center.

In preparation for the program, members answered roll call with "my favorite foot care product." Lee conducted the business

meeting during which those in attendance were advised that the appreciation luncheon has been changed from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28. Tickets will be sold on a quilt made by FCE members to be given away at the luncheon.

Those attending the meeting included Audrey Rusher, Carol Sartain, Dorma Kirby, Shirley Brown, Roxie Cosper, Thelma Auten and Lee.

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The Hereford Junior High wrestling team is fresh off a district-championship performance, in which they beat teams from Dumas, Borger and Boys Ranch. Members include (top row, from left) Coach Bobby Nino, Fausto Mendoza, Scott Murphey, Chris Galvan, James Lucero, Jimmy Cook, George Garcia, Phillip Haphner, Eddie Garcia Jarom Brown, coach Rene Cano; (middle row, from left) Jose Cardenas, Andrew Witkowski, Gus Higareda, Frank Hollman, Herbert Hinojosa, Angel Sustaita, Johnny Porras, Jerry Garcia, Henry Castillo; (bottom row, from left) Steven Balderaz, Eddie Villalobos, Matt Espinoza, Richard Martinez, Rob Hazlett, Justin Armendariz, Nathan Alaniz and Austin Ward.

Boys 9th Hoops keep on track

■ Basketball teams prepare for district championship tournaments

From Staff Reports

The Hereford 9th grade boys 'A' and 'B' basketball teams continued to win as they prepare for the district tournaments on Thursday and Saturday.

The 'A' team recorded two wins over the past week. On Feb. 5, the Whitefaces, led by Derek Mendoza's 22 points and Jorge Gonzalez's 21, defeated Canyon 66-44.

On Feb. 7, Gonzalez's 12 points and Stewart Carr's 15 points helped Hereford beat Pampa, 55-41. They improved to 12-5.

Pampa will be Hereford's first opponent in the district tournament, which will take place Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Amarillo's Caprock High School.

The 'B' team won three games over two weeks to improve to 11-1 in district, 11-3 overall.

The Whitefaces defeated Valley View 62-60 on Jan. 31. They also beat Canyon on Feb. 5, 60-29, and took care of Pampa, 53-51 on Monday, Feb. 7.

The 'B' team will be the number one seed in the 'B' team tournament, which starts Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Rodman starts in Dallas debut

DALLAS (AP) — It didn't take long for Dennis Rodman to make his presence felt in Dallas, on and off the court.

Playing before a boisterous sellout crowd that featured Deion Sanders and Emmitt Smith sitting courtside, Rodman grabbed nine rebounds and took a hard foul that briefly knocked out Seattle's Ruben Patterson in just his first half as a Maverick.

Rodman, who wore No. 70, didn't look like a 38-year-old guy who has been out of the NBA for 10 months. In 16 minutes, he also had three fouls and a length-of-the-court assist following one rebound. There was one sign of rust: he got caught playing illegal defense twice, the second giving Seattle a technical free throw.

Rodman was aggressive from the get-go, snatching the game's first miss and being fouled by Vin Baker. Then Patterson made the mistake of trying to drive to the hoop through Rodman. Both went down, but only Rodman got up. Patterson, who was called for a charge, remained flat on his face for several minutes.

Rodman sat out the first few minutes of the second quarter, but he grabbed the first available rebound when

he returned. There was a near blowup soon after, though, as he was called for two quick fouls — both of which he disagreed with.

Rodman, obviously peeved, ran upcourt cupping the ball as if he were going to heave it, but instead marched to the far sideline and placed it down softly.

He spent the last 2:42 of the quarter on the bench, then walked silently to the locker room at halftime with a towel over his blonde head. Seattle led 59-51 and won 117-106. Rodman finished with 13 rebounds in 32 minutes.

The fans who made this just the second sellout of the season made it obvious who they were here to see as they howled for everything Rodman did.

Some had homemade signs, such as "Oh my God, it's Rodzilla" and "Welcome back Worm. We missed you. Go Mavs." Six shirtless teenagers wore goofy hats and wigs and had R-O-D-M-A-N spelled on their chests. Others painted their hair blue and green and a few had very fake-looking earrings and nose rings.

This was easily the Mavs' most-anticipated home game since the Western Confer-

ence finals in 1988. The team issued more than 100 extra media credentials, forcing some of the overflow to be stashed in the hockey press box. Such attention is unheard of for a team that's last playoff win came before Rodman had his first tattoo.

Rodman, though, was unfazed by it all.

He shook hands with singer Montell Jordan during pregame warmups, then rocked nervously from side to side as Jordan sang the national anthem. When Rodman was the first starter announced, he danced in place under a spotlight without even cracking a smile.

Rodman got the evening off to a good note by showing up five minutes earlier than he had to, getting into the locker room at 6:10 p.m. even though his teammates had been at Reunion Arena for well over an hour.

Rodman was all business as he collected several pairs of shoes and went straight to an off-limits workout room. That's when he found out he was in the starting lineup.

"He's going to start eventually anyway, so we might as well throw him right in there," coach-general manager Don Nelson said.

Nelson laid out his first

game plan of the Rodman Era to the other 11 players during a 5 p.m. shootaround and walkthrough. Shawn Bradley was the demoted starter and he didn't take it well, hurling a ball towards a rack then sulking against the hoop standard while the rest of the team simulated plays.

Outside the arena, the frenzy was already in high gear.

Herb and Wanda Patlis drove about 90 minutes from Waco to see Rodman in action. In an unintentional yet fitting tribute to Rodman, they were hoping to cash in on his presence by selling a framed, autographed poster of Rodman as a Chicago Bull for a couple hundred bucks.

"I like his showmanship," Wanda Patlis said. "I just think he's always done a good job of promoting himself. That's why I'm here. I just hope he behaves himself."

The Mavericks are risking only about \$460,000 on having Rodman the rest of this season, and they seemed poised to recoup their investment in one night.

In addition to the sellout, blue and green road jerseys of Rodman's No. 70 were rushed to the concession stands and going for \$43. T-shirts weren't yet available

because there were no action shots of Rodman as a Maverick.

Sonics 117, Mavericks 106

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman gave Dallas the rebounding it was looking for, but Gary Payton's all-around performance and Rashard Lewis' big fourth quarter spoiled the Worm's return and carried Seattle to a 117-106 victory Wednesday night.

Payton had 25 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds, and Rashard Lewis scored 16 of his career-high 30 points in the final period.

Rodman, who had only one practice to prepare for his first game since April, was the reason the game drew a season-high 18,203 fans and he didn't disappoint.

In 32 minutes, he had 13 rebounds — one shy of the team's individual season-high — and had one assist on a long baseball pass.

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Study links hog farms, illnesses

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — People living near hog farms report more headaches, diarrhea and minor respiratory problems, according to a study by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The survey also found that people who lived within two miles of an industrial-style hog farm reported a reduced quality of life. Fewer residents enjoyed outdoor activities when compared to those who did not live near hog operations.

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study, funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, were first reported last year. Final results will appear in March in the scientific journal "Environmental Health Perspectives."

The researchers interviewed 155 people in three counties. One group lived within two miles of a 6,000-head hog operation; another lived near two adjacent cattle farms; and the third group, a control, lived in a farming area with-

out large livestock operations.

Residents were asked how many times they experienced a range of health problems, and about quality of life issues.

Researchers found the greatest differences in quality of life, but also found a higher incidence of some health problems reported by those who lived near the hog farm.

Hog industry officials said the study is pseudo-science.

"It's just junk science. I do know that you can skew these so-called studies to get the results you want," said Walter

Cherry, director of the N.C. Pork Council. "From a tax standpoint, that money was wasted if your trying to prove something."

Cherry said the survey questions, coupled with the fact that the hog farm in the study had been the target of organized protests from residents, made it clear the kind of responses that researchers wanted. A valid study would have relied on medical examinations for hard evidence to back up the conclusions, he said.

Wing said some of the respondents may have known the survey concerned the effects of hog farms, but said no mention was made of hogs, livestock or odors.

He agreed that some people may have reported more symptoms because of their negative feelings about hog farms.

But researchers found no difference between some types of health symptoms — such as sore muscles and joints, blurred vision, or hearing problems — among those who lived near hog farms and among those who did not.

That finding, Wing said, suggests the greater incidence of health problems reported by people who lived near hog farms — sore throats, coughing, burning eyes, headache and diarrhea — were not imagined.

Researchers did not have enough money to do physical exams and trace long-term health effects, he said.

"This study has a number of limitations which we discuss pretty openly," Wing said. "We need more research. But I am aware of people ... who feel there is enough evidence here already."

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Fire

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exhaust can ignite the grass on roadsides," Spain said. He also warned against flicking cigarettes from vehicles or any other open flame.

Spain acknowledged this is the time of the year when many landowners choose to do clean-up chores, but he said the burning of the trash should wait until the wind calms down

and grass starts to green up. Spains warning followed a grass fire Wednesday afternoon on County Road 8 that burned more than 30 acres and more than 35 round bales of hay.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call and then asked for assistance from Dawn. Earth moving equipment was put into use to contain the fire before it could destroy any other property.

Spain said a burn ban has not yet been posted, but it will be discussed at the next county commission meeting.

Voters

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Bush's overwhelming support in the polls may have been paper-thin. But veteran pollsters caution that McCain's bounce may be just as ephemeral.

The Vietnam War hero emerged with his victory just as people were starting to pay attention to the presidential campaign, polls suggest.

Listen to A. Paul Naney, a retired physician from Flora, Ill.

"There seems to be a trend away from Bush," he said. "I think I'm going away from him. ... I'm not sure, not all the way gone. McCain seems to be more forthright and outspoken. Bush laid back and did nothing and you're not quite sure where he stands."

In the Detroit suburb of Livonia, 64-year-old Anthony Trozask said he just started paying close attention because the Michigan primary is in a few weeks, on Feb. 22. And the Bush supporter is suspicious of all the media attention given to McCain recently.

"He has been very willing to speak to anyone, anytime," Trozask, a Republican-leaning independent, said of McCain. "Up until now, Bush has been less available."

McCain himself knows things could change again quickly.

"That's why it's so critical to maintain momentum," McCain said Wednesday in South Carolina. "I have seen many occasions when dear and loyal friends have been MIA when things start to go bad."

State polls in South Carolina, Michigan and New York in recent days have shown a close race after Bush held an overwhelming lead for months. In a poll out Wednesday, McCain has pulled 18 points ahead of Bush in McCain's home state of Arizona, where the race had been close. He also has moved up in several national polls, though Bush is still ahead by 20 points or more nationally.

Bush "had a significant name ID advantage, the whole aura of inevitability," said unaligned Republican pollster Tony Fabrizio, who gauged public opinion for former GOP candidate Elizabeth Dole. "Now the rush of media attention (for McCain) is overcoming the name ID lead."

Mark Hess, a coin laundry owner in North Charleston, S.C., said he was drawn to McCain's integrity and honor.

Administration expecting U.S. productivity to slow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The current economic expansion, already the longest in U.S. history, will keep going this year and beyond, but the remarkable surge in productivity that has helped to hold down inflation may not last, the Clinton administration said today.

The administration used this year's "Economic Report of the President" to pat itself on the back for the country's good economic times, with both unemployment and inflation, except for energy prices, turning in the best performance in three decades.

"Today, the American economy is stronger than ever," President Clinton said in a report, that, like the \$1.84 trillion budget he released Monday, had many of the signs of a Democratic campaign document.

"More than 20 million new jobs have been created since Vice President Gore and I took office in January 1993," the president said in five-page transmittal message to Congress that made frequent references to Gore, who is running to succeed Clinton.

The economic report, prepared by the president's three-member Council of Economic Advisers, contained details of the administration's updated economic forecast, which formed the basis of the bud-

get surplus projections released Monday along with the budget.

The administration projects the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, will slow this year to a growth rate of 2.9 percent, when measured from the fourth quarter of each year.

The administration said the slowdown will occur because of an expected decline in the rate of growth of consumer spending. Consumers, bolstered by the low unemployment and a soaring stock market, have been spending with abandon with purchases outstripping income growth for the past seven years, a fact that pushed the personal savings rate to a record low of 2 percent last year.

Martin Baily, chairman of the president's economic council, said spending cannot continue to outpace incomes and

for this reason the economy should slow this year.

Baily conceded that economists have been forecasting such a slowdown for the past three years only to be proven wrong as the booming economy has outpaced expectations.

Part of the economic strength has come from a remarkable jump in productivity growth, the amount of output per hour of work. The government reported Tuesday that productivity in 1999 increased by 2.9 percent in 1999 and has been rising at an average annual rate of 2.9 percent since 1995. That represents a significant improvement from the weak annual increases of 1.4 percent for two decades from 1973 until 1995.

This surge in productivity is credited as a major reason that workers' incomes have shown significant improvements without triggering higher inflation. Employers have been able to boost wages and pay for it with the increased output rather than resorting to higher product prices.



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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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Hunger called U.S. problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Churches and volunteer groups are launching a campaign to combat the problem of hunger that recent reports say persists in America despite growing prosperity.

The latest study by Bread for the World today scores the world's wealthiest nation for "doing less than any other developed nation to combat pervasive hunger."

One in 10 American households is unable to afford the food it needs, the report said. Citing Agriculture Department data, the report pushes a plan for increased wages and nutrition programs it says could end hunger in the United States.

Globally, non-government organizations have adopted a goal of cutting hunger in half by 2015 by pushing governments to add about \$4 billion for a variety of programs.

The campaign is buoyed by progress in recent years. The proportion of world hungry has dropped by 50 percent and the actual number by 17 percent in recent decades.

But 31 million Americans and 791 million people in poorer countries "still face hunger as a regular fact of life," the report said.

"The level of effort required to end widespread hunger is relatively small," Bread for the World said, noting that U.S. aid to other countries continues to decline while other nations' contributions rise.

Hijackers release hostages

STANSTED, England — The hijackers of an Afghan plane released their nearly 150 hostages safely and surrendered early today, ending a four-day standoff at an airport outside London.

British officials now faced the task of finding out why the heavily armed hijackers seized the Ariana Airlines jet on its domestic flight in Afghanistan and brought it on a meandering route to London.

Authorities would not disclose details of how the unknown number of hijackers had surrendered after days of negotiations. But they indicated they had not been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for freeing the hostages.

"We are now into a very complex and involved criminal investigation," said John Broughton, an Essex County assistant chief constable. "We're in the process now of building a detailed picture of what is required and what people want."

Before dawn, the passengers left the aircraft with little warning — first a group of around 85 at 3:50 a.m., then 65 more two hours later. Women and children came first down the runway, illuminated by bright lights from police vehicles on the tarmac.

WHITEFACE HOOP UP! BASKETBALL



1999-2000 Whiteface Basketball Schedule

Jan. 14	Tulia	Here	6:00-7:30
Jan. 18	Borger	There	6:00-7:30
Jan. 21	Caprock	There	6:00-7:30
Jan. 25	Dumas	Here	6:00-7:30
Jan. 28	Palo Duro	There	6:00-7:30
Feb. 1	Pampa	There	6:00-7:30
Feb. 4	Borger	Here	6:00-7:30
Feb. 8	Caprock	Here	6:00-7:30
Feb. 11	Dumas	There	6:00-7:30
Feb. 15	Palo Duro	Here	6:00-7:30

1999-2000 Lady Whiteface Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7	Dumas	Here V/JV	6:00-7:30
Jan. 11	Palo Duro	Here V/JV	6:00-7:30
Jan. 14	Pampa	Here V/JV	6:00-7:30
Jan. 18	Borger	There V/JV	6:00-7:30
Jan. 21	Caprock	There V/JV	6:00-7:30
Jan. 25	Dumas	Here V/JV	6:00-7:30
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Feb. 8	Caprock	Here V/JV	6:00-7:30



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0	Hodges, Slade	6'01"	Jr
3	Soto, Cesar	6'01"	Sr
5	Dudley, Tim	6'02"	Jr
10	Carroll, Justin	5'10"	Sr
12	Celaya, Nick	5'11"	Sr
14	Harmon, Jerry	5'07"	Sr
20	McNutt, Eric	6'	Sr
21	Holman, JP	5'11"	Jr
22	Hodges, Cody	6'01"	Jr
34	Bedolla, Mike	6'01"	Sr
40	Marsh, Cody	6'03"	Soph
50	Rives, Chayse	6'03"	Jr
55	Northern Steven	6'	Sr

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 Assistants: Clint Coley, Tim Anuszkiewicz
 Managers: Monique Balderaz & Sonia Valdez

Lady Whitefaces

10	Sarah Griffin	5'10	Fr
12	Brienne Yosten	5'6	Jr
14	Valerie Guzman	5'8	Sr
20	Toni Eicke	5'9	Sr
24	Nicole Bailey	5'4	Sr
30	Tiffany Mercer	5'2	Fr
32	Amanda Hill	5'6	Sr
42	Shyla Martin	5'11	Sr
44	Janae Schlabs	5'9	Sr
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