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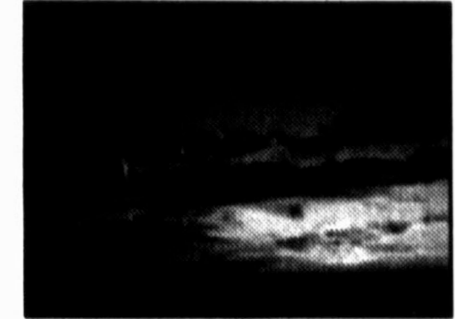
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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies
Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-40s, south wind 10 to 15 mph, becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph late.
Thursday: Mostly sunny and warmer with a high around 80, southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low around 50.



Extended forecast
Friday: Partly cloudy, high around 85.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 40s, high in the mid-70s.
Sunday: Mostly clear, low near 45, high around 80.
Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 47; low, 42; precipitation, 0.08 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

■ Money flows into coffers of the state's high court justices

AUSTIN (AP) — The nine members of the Texas Supreme Court raised \$11 million in their most recent general elections, much of that money from large corporations and lawyers, according to a report released Tuesday by a nonprofit campaign-finance advocacy group.
"Corporations and their high-powered law firms pour in millions of dollars, and the court cranks out pro-business opinions," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice. "It's business as usual at the Texas Supreme Court."
Supreme Court spokesman Osler McCarthy said the justices support changing the campaign contribution system, but that the change must be done in the Legislature. He also denied that the justices allowed campaign contributions to influence cases.
"There's nothing surprising here. Money is in judicial races and most judges on this court would have it otherwise, if they could," McCarthy said Tuesday.
"I don't think any judge on this court would say there's not the possibility of an appearance of impropriety, but there's not a judge on this court that I know of that votes his campaign contributions," he said.
The report, which tracks campaign contributions reported to the Texas Ethics Commission from 1994 to 1998, shows that lawyers and law firms supplied \$5.2 million or 48 percent of the justices' campaign money.

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Here's what I'm going to do

Painting contractor Michael Gavina tells Deaf Smith County Museum/E.B. Black House Director Paula Edwards (second from right) and members of the county historical society how he will proceed with the repainting of the historic E.B. Black House. The Black House was painted a few years ago; however, the old structure needs a makeover, as well as some repairs to areas where the wood has decayed. Gavina has contracted the repainting job for about \$6,000, which is approximately \$2,000 less than expected. Gavina plans to start the job in June.

BRAND/Julie L. Carlson

Gonzalez prevails in runoff

■ County Democrats select nominee for Precinct 1 position



ARMANDO GONZALEZ
To face Wayne Betzen in Nov. 7 election.

Staff and wire reports

Armando Gonzalez defeated Joe Henry by 71 votes in Tuesday's runoff election to capture the Democratic nomination for Deaf Smith County Precinct 1 commissioner.
Gonzalez, who led the field in the March 14 primary, will face Republican incumbent Wayne Betzen in the Nov. 7 general election.
Deaf Smith County voters followed the state trend by avoiding the polls,

with just 325 voters casting ballots in the Democratic runoff and 109 participating in the GOP runoff. There were no county races on the Republican ballot.
Gonzalez outpolled Henry, 180-109. Most of Gonzalez' support came from Election Day voters, as he handily outpolled Henry 141-46. However, Henry received the bulk of the early votes, 63-39.
County Democrats also followed the state trend in the runoff for

U.S. Senate, favoring retired Air Force lawyer Gene Kelly over former state lawmaker Charles Gandy, 139-107.
Kelly, a perennial statewide candidate who has lost six previous races, won a low-key Democratic race to face incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison. Hutchison drew no opposition in the GOP primary.
Unlike Gandy, Kelly did virtually no campaigning. Hutchison, whose campaign has more than \$6 million in the bank, will be a prohibitive favorite this fall.
With all Texas precincts reporting today, Kelly had 143,970 votes, or 58 percent, to 102,315, or 42 percent, for Gandy.
In three races for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Republicans fa-

vored Sharon Keller for presiding judge, Charles Holcomb for Place 1 and Barbara Parker Hervey for Place 2 on the state's highest criminal bench.
Keller, who currently sits on the court, defeated fellow Judge Tom Price. She will face Democrat Vance in November.
Holcomb, of Jacksonville, outpolled Guy Williams of Corpus Christi. No Democrat filed for that seat. And Hervey, of San Antonio, ran ahead of Jim Wallace of Houston. She faces Democrat William Barr in the general election.
In Deaf Smith County, Keller outpolled Price, 25-11; Holcomb was favored over Williams, 30-6; and Hervey received 28 votes to 8 for Wallace.



Buds are open — The flowers have already fallen off, but this cactus on 15th Street still managed to catch the photographer's eye. The succulent is a mass of open buds, another sign that despite Tuesday's wintry weather, spring is here.

BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

CONGRESS

GOP readies plan to expand drug insurance for the aged

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are ready to unveil the outlines of an election-year plan to make prescription drug insurance available to senior citizens, with the government subsidizing low-income individuals as well as those with unusually high expenses for medication.
House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and other key Republicans arranged a news conference today to present the proposal, which is designed to serve as a counterpoint to President Clinton's plan for optional, limited drug benefit available to all Medicare beneficiaries.
According to a draft statement that circulated Tuesday night, Republicans intend to say their proposal is affordable, available and voluntary.
"We will reduce the cost of medi-

cine, but not with an expensive Washington-based, one-size-fits-all program that kills the research and innovation of lifesaving cures," it says.
Republicans have set aside \$40 billion in their budget over the next five years to pay for prescription drug coverage, and their proposal is designed to make insurance available to all Medicare-eligible Americans, those 65 and older as well as some disabled individuals.
Key lawmakers have been laboring over the details in recent weeks, with Hastert playing an unusual, personal role. He has attended the meetings, and according to one participant who spoke on condition of anonymity, has prodded rank and file lawmakers to compromise their differences in the interests of a party position.

Democrats try to force Senate votes on some of their issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — After rejecting a temporary rollback in the federal gas tax, the Senate encountered immediate Democratic resistance as Republicans tried to move a bill cutting income taxes for married couples.
Democrats put the brakes Tuesday on the GOP's 10-year, \$248 billion tax cut in a bid to force Senate votes on some of their priorities, such as a prescription drug benefit for Medicare and their own

"marriage penalty" bill.
"We don't want to hold up a good debate ... but a good debate entails offering alternatives, other ideas," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.
The Republican bill, intended partly to ease the penalty paid by 25 million two-income couples, would expand the 15 percent and 28 percent income tax brackets so that

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ELIAN: Government's plan for father-son reunion on hold

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government plan to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father at a Miami-area airport Thursday is on hold while officials wait to see whether the boy's Florida relatives and his father can arrange an exchange of their own, a government official said.
Elian was being taken today by great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez to the Miami Beach house of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said the nun's house would be a quieter setting for Elian.
Lazaro Gonzalez has proposed her house as a neutral site for a meeting

between the Miami relatives and Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.
O'Laughlin, the president of Barry University, had initially said she had no opinion about whether Elian should be returned to his father in Cuba, but after playing host to his grandmothers in January, she said she believed he should remain in the United States.
On Tuesday night, a Cuban exile group had told a Capitol Hill news conference that Elian's Miami rela-



Elian Gonzalez

tives would bring the 6-year-old shipwreck survivor to Washington for a meeting with his father at noon today.
Shortly before midnight, Lazaro Gonzalez, who has been caring for Elian since he was rescued off the Florida coast in November, declared that the meeting was off because the boy did not want to go. A crowd outside his Miami home erupted with cheers.
Elian was "extremely afraid" about the proposed meeting in Washington, family lawyer Roger Bernstein

said on NBC's "Today." He said it would be helpful if any meeting between Elian and his father were delayed until Marisleys Gonzalez, a Miami cousin who has become close to the boy, could accompany him. She has been ill.
Some Cuban-Americans in Miami, bitter enemies of the Castro government, have threatened to form a human chain around the home of Lazaro Gonzalez if federal officials try to take Elian away. Miami Mayor Joe Carillo said today there would be no violence.
Police used chains to safeguard the barricades in front of the great-

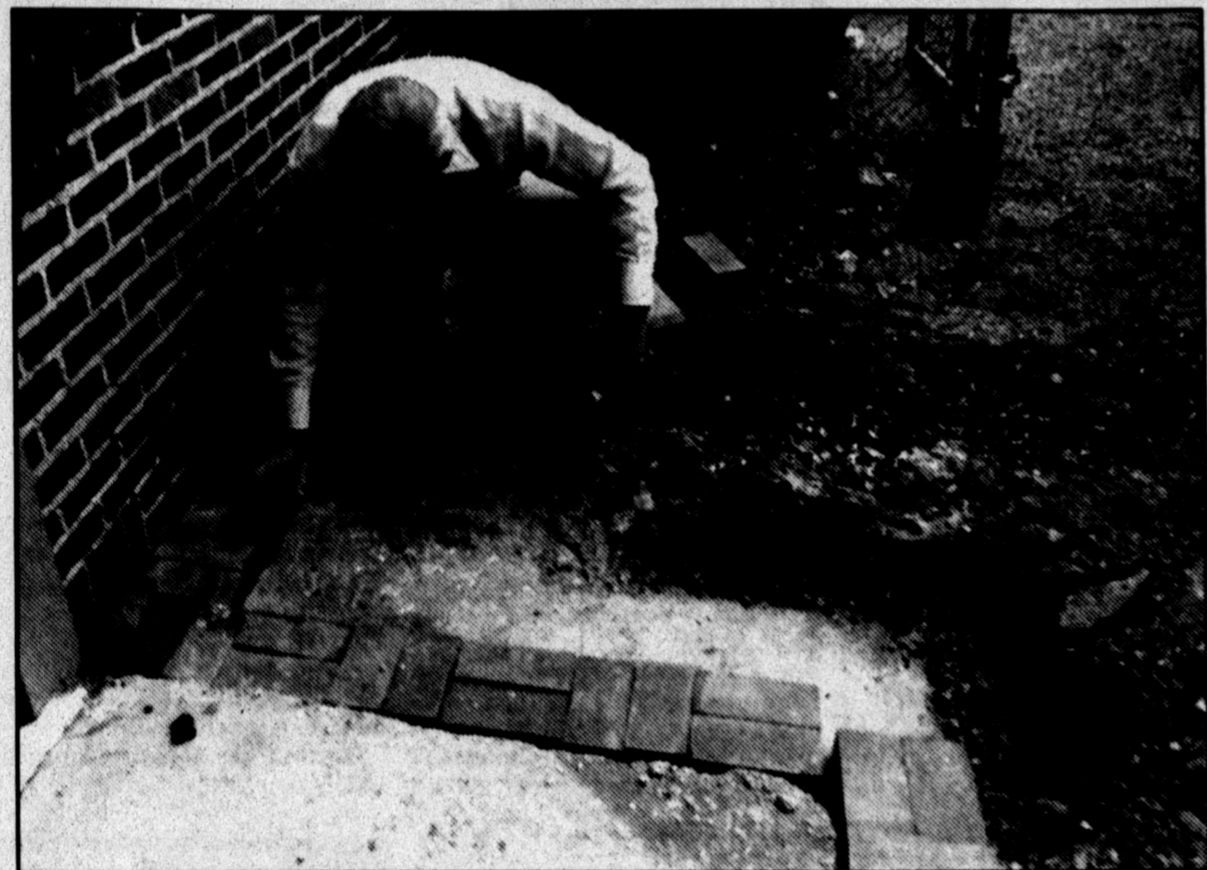
uncle's home. Resting on the fence in front of the house is a large sign — "Castro, this is how I want to see you" — with a drawing of Fidel Castro's face atop a coffin.
A spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Maria Cardona, confirmed that efforts were being made to arrange a meeting of the Miami relatives with Juan Miguel Gonzalez.
"While no meeting is yet officially confirmed, we continue to focus on trying to get all of Elian's family to communicate and are trying to resolve this promptly and cooperatively," she said.

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LIFESTYLES

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MUSEUM PATIO



Dale Henson finds a pattern to use for a brick patio which is being laid behind the Deaf Smith County Museum. Henson volunteered for the job, which is expected to be complete by Saturday evening. Once complete, a bench will be placed on the patio and a tree, which has been previously planted, will provide shade for the tired museum goer.

Garden Beautiful Club names slate of officers for 2000-2001

Donna Kemp gave a report on the history of Hereford Regional Medical Center at the April 7 meeting of the Garden Beautiful Club in the home of Marguerite Cole with Vada Axe as co-hostess. During the business meeting conducted by Helen Spinks, the nominating committee made its report, naming officers for the 2000-2001 year. They are Doris Bryant, president; Marguerite Cole, first vice president; Louise Streun, second vice president; Marcella McLain, secretary, Audine Dettmann, reporter and

Dorothy Noland, treasurer. The club voted to make donations to three organizations: Deaf Smith County Crisis Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Home. During her presentation, Kemp told of the many new services which the hospital now provides, stressing they treat the whole person, not just the one ailment. They attempt to be prepared to take care of any health problem which may arise. The next club meeting will be

May 5 and will be a luncheon at the hospital. Members present were Darlene Walker, Axe, Bryant, Cole, Dettmann, McLain, Spinks and Streun.

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Montgomery gives La Afflatus program

Aileen Montgomery gave the history and story of the Big Thicket as the program for the recent meeting of La Afflatus Estudio Club in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library with Alberta Higgins as hostess. Montgomery told of the struggle to preserve the 8,600 acres of the park so that the 85,000 visitors from last year will have the opportunity to visit again. She also told stories of the many Indian remedies made from

the vegetation of the thicket. Margaret Baxter, president, called the business meeting to order and Virginia Curtsinger lead the Club Collect. There was discussion of the next meeting which will be a trip to Boys Ranch on April 18. Debra Buck was welcomed as a new member of the club. Refreshments were served to one visitor Katherine Acton and members Roxie Phipps, Della Stagner, Emily Suggs, Leola Cook, Montgomery, Higgins, Baxter, Curtsinger and Buck.

DAR to host Honors Tea

Los Ciboleros Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will host its annual Honors Tea at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hereford Community Center. The 1999-2000 American History Essay winners, the

Christopher Columbus Essay winners, and the DAR Good Citizens will be recognized. Parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, teachers, principals and librarians of these students are welcome to attend the tea.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: "Steve" and I have been married for more than 20 years. Our marriage has had many hills and valleys. Lately, however, the Internet seems to be increasing the number of valleys, and the hills are becoming steeper. Three months ago, I stumbled upon a search my husband was doing on paternity. This was terribly upsetting, because I thought he must be in some sort of legal trouble, although I never would have suspected him of infidelity. Most of all, I was angry, because if I could come across this, I reasoned that so could our two children. His defense was that he never believed our daughter was his, and he wanted her tested. Before she was born, the only men I ever talked to were grocery checkout clerks and gas station attendants. His accusation was so out of the blue, I couldn't understand why he had never mentioned it before. A few days later, our teenage son opened the e-mail, and found a letter from a dating service matching my husband up with 20 potential women. When I confronted him, he said he did it because he wanted to give me a "wake-up call," and because I was not passionate enough. I believe this is a tremendous lie, a midlife crisis crock or a symptom of mental illness.

What is your take on it, Ann? Believe me, I am — Not Feeling Particularly Passionate in the Nation's Capitol. **Dear Not Feeling Passionate:** Your husband's paranoia, suspiciousness and erratic accusations indicate that he is not well. Urge him to get some professional help. And I think perhaps you need some, too, in order to cope with his strange behavior. Life with this man will not be easy. **Dear Ann Landers:** You recently printed a letter from a woman whose sister, "Robin," had herpes, and had not informed her boyfriend. You told Sis it was not her place to tell her sister's boyfriend, but that she should try to convince Robin to tell him herself. Your advice was not enough, Ann. Believe me, love comes and love goes, but herpes is forever. Over the years, I have been warned about potential partners who had sexually transmitted diseases. I always appreciated knowing what was going on, and being able to make an informed decision about whether or not to continue seeing that person. You should have told Sis to give Robin a deadline to tell her boyfriend about the herpes infection. If Robin failed to meet that deadline, Sis would then inform him. By the way, if the guy contracted herpes from Robin, he could sue her for not informing him of the health risk. You should have told her that, too. I hope you will fill in the missing blanks when you answer in the paper. I'm signing this — Still Healthy in Texas. **Dear Still Healthy:** You filled in the blanks very nicely, and I thank you. It is unconscionable for a person who has a sexually transmitted disease to engage in unprotected sex and not inform his or her partner. No excuse for such recklessness is good enough. I do not, however, go along with the idea that a person should sue for not having been told that his (or her) partner has a communicable disease, especially if the couple is practicing safe sex. Concealing such information shows a horrendous lack of integrity, but taking it to court is beyond the pale. I realize lawsuits of this kind have been filed in the past, but I do not agree with the tactic. Unprotected sex always carries the risk of disease as well as pregnancy, and when one chooses to engage in such behavior, one must accept the consequences. Sexual protection is the responsibility of BOTH partners. **Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong?** "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 2000

Special education is topic of program given by Farr for Hereford Study Club. Hereford Study Club met at Hereford Senior Citizens Center with Francie Farr as guest speaker. Farr teaches special education at Tierra Blanca Primary School. She advised that special education classes serve 570 special needs children. There are 30 certified teachers, 27 aides and one director involved in the program. The business meeting was conducted by president Betty Martin. Refreshments were served to members Mildred Garrison, Virginia Winget, Elizabeth Hellman, Barbara Allen, Helen Spinks, Nedra Robinson, Doris Bryant, Jean Ballard, Carole McGilvary, Hazel Ford, Mary Stoy, Betty Gilbert and Martin.

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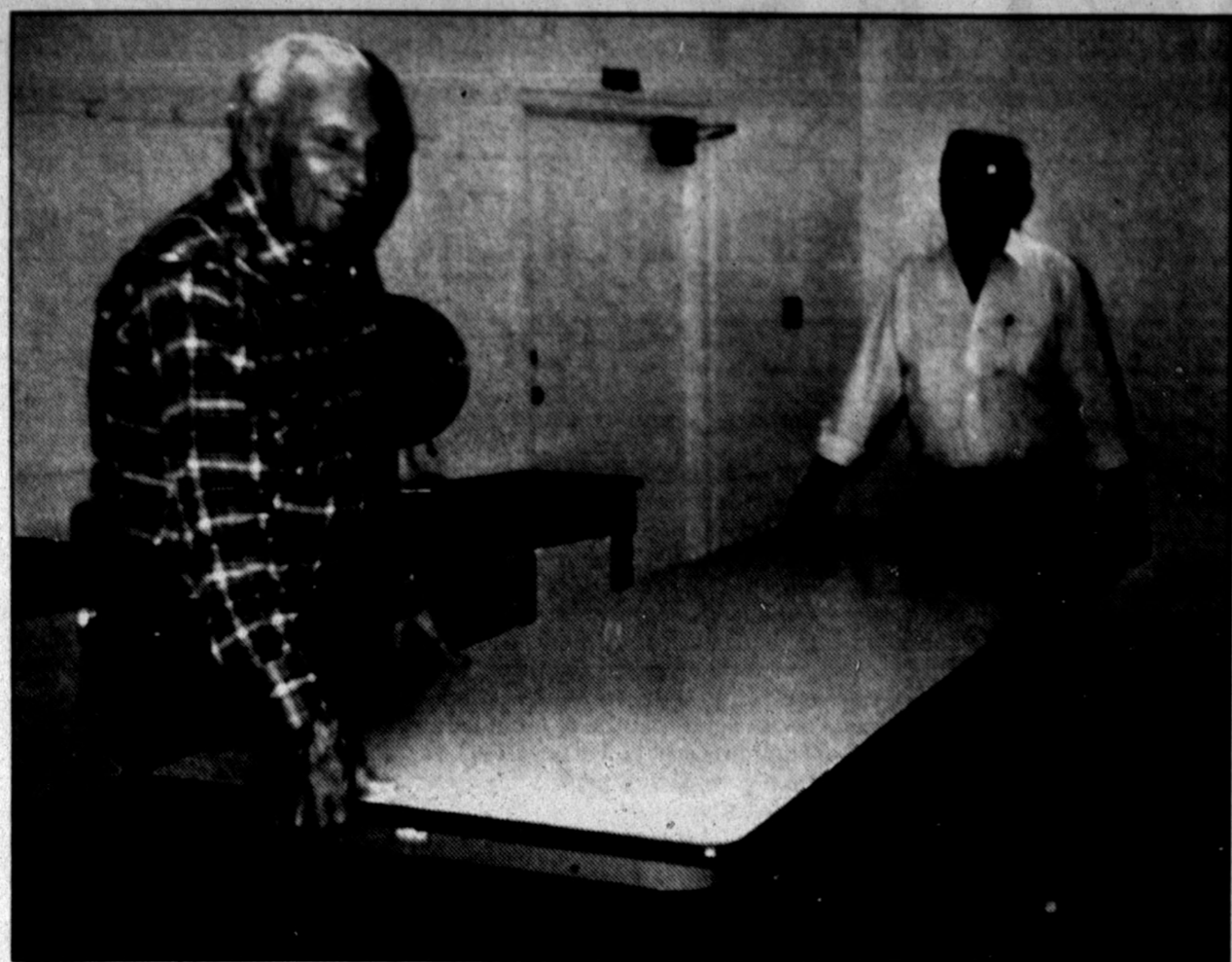
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Methodist Men from Wesley United Methodist Church were busy setting up tables and chairs for the church's Annual Stew Supper to be held from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fellowship Hall, 410 Irving. Pictured are Gene Scott, left, and Gene Brownlow. The cost is \$4 per person for all the stew, cornbread and dessert you can eat. Tickets will be available at the door.

AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Polish sausage, cheese grits, buttered peas, carrot and raisin salad, banana pudding; or chicken breast, kraut, D'zerta pudding.

FRIDAY-Fried fish scribblers, mashed potatoes, zucchini squash, coleslaw, lemon cake; or cook's choice, lemon pudding.

MONDAY-Salisbury steak, baked potatoes with sour cream, baked beans, relishes, ice cream with fruit topping; or barbecue weiners, sherbet.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak

with gravy, mashed potatoes, pickled beet salad, black-eyed peas, fruit cobbler; or smothered pork chop, vanilla wafers.

WEDNESDAY-Roast pork with gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potato patties, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit pie; or hamburger steak.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., DSHHC bp/bs 9 a.m.-noon, Thrift Store 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting

9 a.m.-3 p.m. line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Toastmasters noon.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 9 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Robbins is recipient of HRSEA award for volunteer service

Hereford Retired School Employees Association met April 10 for a luncheon and monthly meeting at the Hereford Seniors Citizens Center.

Reports on the state convention in San Antonio were given by delegates Murlene Streun, Carlynn DeLozier, Leona

Schilling and out-going president Betty Jo Carlson.

Texas Retired Teachers Association now has a membership of 45,000, having shown a 19 percent growth in membership in 1999. Dues that are paid by members provide the opportunity for their voices to be heard in Austin concerning health care,

annuities and needs of active as well as retired members.

Carolyn Robbins was the recipient of the volunteer service award in the local unit. She was presented a certificate as outstanding contributor in time and service on a volunteer basis from District 16 Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Precautions outdoors can help avoid ticks, diseases they carry

Mild weather for months at a time means outdoor activities in Texas are often at the top of the "to do" list. Camping, hiking, backpacking, picnics or just walking outdoors highlight the spring, summer, fall and sometimes winter seasons.

But warm days, especially in the spring and summer, can also bring out ticks along with the diseases they can transmit. A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy or grassy areas; but animals also may carry ticks.

Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH) points to the Lone Star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, as one to watch for. "In Texas, this is the tick likely to carry disease," she said. While many tick species prefer attaching to an animal and staying there, this variety readily feeds on human blood. An adult lone star tick is about the size of a watermelon seed.

Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country, is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite. People usually are infected April through June, months when the lone star tick is most active.

Treatment is with antibiotics. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to the joints, the heart and nervous system. In Texas, more than 1,680 possible cases of Lyme disease have been reported since 1990. Of those, just over 580 cases met the case definition for Lyme disease. Rawlings also notes that where studies have been conducted "about 1 to 2 percent of ticks carry the Lyme disease bacterium."

Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis, other diseases carried by ticks, can be fatal if not treated quickly. Symptoms resemble flu with high fever, headaches, muscle aches and high fever. There also can be a measles-like rash.

"The best prevention for any of these diseases is to avoid ticks," Rawlings said. She advises keeping fleas and ticks off pets-animals also can get Lyme disease-and discouraging unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home.

To protect from ticks:
• If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They attach to any part of the body.
• Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush

and tall grasses.
• Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites; wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

• Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you do find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common

practices but are not the best procedure, Rawlings said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH Laboratory. "The tick should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on," Rawlings said. "They should never be placed loose in an envelope." Call the TDH Laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available for people from ages 15-75. Contact your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. "If people have any flu-like symptoms-with or without a rash-after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention," Rawlings said.

College Report

Joshua R. Briones from Hereford High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 2000-2001.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 2000-2001, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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Lady Whitefaces take down Borger, 7-6

■ Emotions run high as Hereford moves up in district standings with 13-9 record

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It didn't take long as an observer to figure out that emotions were high at Tuesday's softball rematch between the Lady Whitefaces and Borger.

In a game filled with questionable calls and heated arguments, the Herd had to fight its way back to a 7-6 win in seven innings.

Hereford won the first game in Borger by a score of 9-4. The Lady Bulldogs came out Tuesday and were not going to be beaten as easily. In the last game, Hereford pitcher and first baseman Teresa Zimmerman almost single handedly shut down Borger.

Zimmerman hit three doubles in the victory for Hereford, but she would come through in a different way Tuesday evening.

Zimmerman was brought in during the third and held the game close making a comeback possible for the Lady Whitefaces.

"We always plan to pitch Victoria (Perez) first and follow her with Teresa," head softball coach Penny Summers said. "The change of speed makes her our secret weapon."

The Whitefaces fell behind early allowing two runs in the second inning off a single by Borger left fielder Becca Scott. Another single by Bulldog right fielder Fleming made the score 2-0.

The Whitefaces were held scoreless until the bottom of the third. Catcher Crystal Reece walked to first base and was followed by a single off to center field by center fielder Janae Schlabs. The hit was the first of three for the Lady Whitefaces' center fielder. After a sacrifice hit by Erica Albracht the Herd tied the game 2-2.

The Bulldogs refused to back down in the fourth scoring another run off two singles regaining the lead 3-2. Borger's pitching seemed to settle in by also shutting down the Lady Whitefaces in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Hereford pitching continued to keep Borger at bay by holding them to no runs after they loaded the bases in the fifth. With only one out, the Herd got two key outs after a failed bunt attempt and an easy grounder to short stop April Treviso.

The Bulldogs again refused to go quietly by tacking on



Backing up third base—Short stop Clarissa Juarez backs up a throw to third base by catcher Crystal Reece. Juarez has been filling in for the injured April Treviso. Treviso made her first appearance Tuesday since having eye surgery last Friday.

COURTESY PHOTO/Bryan Hedrick



Janae Schlabs

Treviso was in the lineup after having eye surgery on Friday. Summers said having her back was great, and she is proud of those players who stepped in and filled her position.

"It was good to have April back," Summers said. "I am very proud of Dayanara (Garcia) and Clarissa (Juarez) for stepping in."

Reece again led off the inning by getting on base. The catcher hit an infield single and beat out the throw to first. Schlabs followed with a double that scored Reece. The errant throw by Borger to home plate also helped Reece cross the plate with ease tying the game at 3-3.

The Bulldogs again refused to go quietly by tacking on

two more runs in the sixth. Zimmerman loaded the bases off two walks and by hitting a batter. Zimmerman kept her cool and still limited Borger to only two runs in the inning.

The bottom of the sixth inning turned out to be an unusual sight. The controversial inning began with one out and a single by short stop Treviso. Hastings followed with another single putting runners at first and second with only one out. Right fielder Emma Ozuna continued the Lady Whitefaces' roll by hitting another single loading the bases. After the second out, the hot bat of Schlabs played a major role once again. Schlabs smacked a single driving in two Hereford runs tying the game at 5-5. During the hit, a Borger's

catcher decided to block the plate and was stamped by Hereford base runners. The Bulldog bench and coach were infuriated with the contact, but the umpires held their ground and called the runners safe.

"Emotions were really high," Summers said. "It just kind of got out of hand."

During the ensuing play, Borger's short stop neglected to plant her feet and ran directly into Schlabs. The call rightly went to Hereford and two more runs scored giving the Herd the lead for the first time 7-5.

The Borger coach again was extremely animated about the call, but her argument was to no avail as the Lady Whitefaces took the lead for good.

After some minor crowd problems, the game continued as Zimmerman allowed another run in the seventh but held on for the win.

"It was a really big win for us," Summers said. "They were really down after losing to Dumas, and they had to win this game."

Summers said Friday's game is equally important to the team's playoff hopes.

"Our goal this year has been to make the playoffs," Summers said. "We have to win on Friday."


The Lady Whitefaces will face Caprock who stunned them last week in Amarillo. The Herd fell to the team 8-1. Summers said she feels this

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Bracket Genius—Key Harrison receives a \$100 prize for his entry in the Power Points contest. Harrison is pictured with advertising manager Julius Bodner.

Local coach wins NCAA Championship contest

It does not take a genius to know that this year's NCAA tournament was a little unusual.

All of those who filled out a bracket sheet for Hoops 2000, Power Points, Inc. probably thought they had picked a winner but the tournament said otherwise.

The nationwide tournament offered a \$25,000 prize to the person who received the most points. A local reward of \$100 was also offered.

Tim McGovern, president

of Power Points, Inc., said nearly 500,000 entry forms were received from readers of 92 newspapers across the country.

The local winner from Hereford was head girls basketball coach Key Harrison. Harrison scored 643 points out of a possible 2000 points for the victory.

Nationwide, Noreen Buehler of Scott City, Kan., nailed all four finalists. Buehler guessed that Florida, North Carolina, Michigan State and Wisconsin would

make it, and North Carolina and Florida would play for the championship with Florida taking the crown.

Buehler was the only person in the country who correctly guessed the four finalists. Only 13 contestants nationally picked three out of four. McGovern said he felt this year's contest was quite bizarre.

"We're still cleaning up the blood," McGovern said. "I have a feeling that parity has struck college basket-

couldn't very well contest it when they said Howard was already in."

The Cardinals knew what was going on.

"The only way you can make a switch when you have a pinch-hitter is to let them throw a pitch," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "You have to understand we have a very potent lineup and they made a couple of mistakes and we took advantage of them."

The Astros know Howard from his stint with Houston in 1997.

"I think it's personal," joked Jeff Bagwell. "I know he just had a baby so I guess he thinks he needs to make some more money. He's a tough hitter."

Holt then walked pinch-hitter Eli Marrero and Fernando Vina. Henry finally relieved and Edgar Renteria homered for the second straight night, getting a career-high four RBIs.

Edmonds also homered for the Cardinals, who hit into four double plays but won their fourth straight and improved to 7-1, matching their best start ever (1986).

Edmonds had three hits and is 7-for-7 in his last two games, raising his average to .529 (13-for-25). He has reached in nine consecutive plate appearances.

Bagwell and Moises Alou hit two-run homers for the Astros, who dropped four games behind St. Louis in the NL Central. Houston had gone ahead with a six-run third.

There have been 19 homers in five games at Enron Field, which opened last Friday, including nine by the Astros, just 1-4 at their new ballpark. On Tuesday, the teams combined for eight homers, a record for a major league game in Houston.

The game drew 37,463, the fourth straight time since the opener that the Astros failed to sell out.

Garrett Stephenson (2-0) allowed six runs and seven hits in six innings, while Holt gave up nine runs, seven hits and five walks in 6 1-3 innings, his ERA rising to 8.74.

Edmonds, who was 3-for-3, homered in the second, and

the Cardinals made it 3-0 in the third on Vina's RBI triple and Renteria's sacrifice fly.

Houston came back in the bottom half on Roger Cedeno's two-run triple, and the homers by Bagwell and Alou.

Knight caught on tape

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana University officials are convinced of the authenticity of a tape showing basketball coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him backwards.

"Clearly it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," university spokesman Christopher Simpson told The Associated Press.

Two university trustees are investigating the outspoken and controversial coach following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members.

Last month, CNN/Sports Illustrated reported former player Neil Reed's allegation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The videotape obtained by CNN/SI, and first aired Tuesday night, shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck, pushing him backward. The player's head appeared to snap backward.

Reed, who left Indiana in 1997, said he is the player on the videotape after watching it for the first time Tuesday.

"I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told CNN/SI.

Although Reed told CNN/SI in its March report that two

assistant coaches had to separate him and Knight, the videotape reveals no such action.

Instead, it shows Knight releasing Reed and the two walking their separate ways. Reed told CNN/SI on Tuesday he still recalls the incident unfolding that way, even though the footage shows otherwise.

"That's how I remember the thing happening. As far as people coming in between, I remember people coming between us," Reed said.

Current Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, one of the Indiana assistant coaches Reed said separated him from Knight, has denied the allegation.

The other assistant coach Reed mentioned, Ron Felling, has not spoken about the subject, but one school official believes Felling is the likely source for the videotape.

Softball

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time they will be ready for the Longhorns.

"When we come off of a win we are usually pumped," Summers said. "I'm really proud of them, but I will be prouder on Friday night."

The game begins at 4:30 on Friday at Kids Inc field. On Saturday, the team will face Fritch in a non-district game in Hereford at 1 p.m. at the Kids Inc field.

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Houston manager fails to take out Holt before big St. Louis inning

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston manager Larry Dierker made up his mind too late, and it cost the Astros a grand slam and, perhaps, a win.

Chris Holt had just loaded the bases, with the Astros leading St. Louis 6-3 in the seventh inning. He visited the mound, went back to the dugout and noticed that switch-hitting Thomas Howard was pinch-hitting for Mike Matheny.

Dierker attempted to return to the mound to bring in Doug Henry, but plate umpire Dan Iassogna stopped him because Howard already had been announced.

"We had been looking for a break and we got it," said Howard, whose first career slam led the Cardinals to a 10-7 win.

"I knew he wanted to take him out," Howard said. "So I got real anxious and real aggressive. He left one up and I jumped on it."

It was the Cardinals' first pinch slam since Ron Gant connected off Mark Gardner on May 8, 1996.

St. Louis, which wasted a 3-0 lead, loaded the bases when Holt (0-2) walked to Mark McGwire and Eric Davis around a single by Jim Edmonds. Then came Howard, and Dierker was stunned by the turn of events.

"I did not see when the umpire brought him into the game," the manager said. "I wanted to bring a left-hander in. I was asking for a ruling on why I couldn't, but I

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INSIDE

Doctors admit falsifying claims to help patients

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News digest

CHICAGO — Doctors have their own terms for it — covert advocacy, manipulating reimbursement rules, gaming. But to insurance companies, misrepresenting patient information is plain, old fraud. A new study suggests the practice is on the rise as doctors feel more pressure to provide treatment not authorized under managed-care plans.

More than one out of every three doctors admitted they deceived insurance companies to help patients get necessary care, according to the national survey reported today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Tactics included exaggerating the severity of an illness to help patients avoid being sent home early from the hospital; listing an inaccurate diagnosis on bills; and reporting nonexistent symptoms to secure insurance coverage.

In the 1998 mail survey of 720 doctors, 39 percent said they had used at least one of those tactics "sometimes" or more often within the preceding year.

"As pressures to control health care costs increase, it is likely that manipulating reimbursement systems will increase," wrote the researchers, led by Dr. Matthew Wynia of the AMA's Institute for Ethics in Chicago.

"Health plans in which the use of these tactics is common should carefully review their rules and procedures and

work with physicians to reduce the perceived need for covert advocacy."

Bush plans meeting with gay Republicans

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush plans to meet this week with a carefully selected group of gay Republican activists, part of the ongoing effort to nudge his presidential image back to the political center by reaching out to constituencies that don't traditionally vote for the GOP.



GEORGE W. BUSH

His campaign staff already has signaled that he'll attend meeting with gay Republicans with a not-so-open mind.

But his campaign already has signaled that he'll attend with a not-so-open mind.

"The Bush campaign called me in advance of the meeting and assured me that his positions would remain intact," Michael Farris, a conservative activist and advocate of home schooling, said Tuesday.

The campaign billed Thursday's meeting as a discussion of common conservative ground, such as reforming the education, health care and tax systems, that was unlikely to touch on stickier social issues, like gay marriage, which the presumed Republican presidential nominee opposes.

"What they wanted to do is try to get a real good cross section of gay Republicans," said Plattburgh, N.Y., Mayor Dan Stewart, who was invited to the closed-door session.

Some suggested political expediency might be the Texas governor's real motivation.

Kathleen Begala, a spokeswoman for Democratic presidential rival Al Gore, said the

activists should put more weight into Bush's actions than his words during the meeting.

Congress looks to keep older workers

WASHINGTON — Congress is brainstorming more ways to help older Americans stay at work as employers complain of labor shortages caused by the humming economy and a huge wave of baby boomers near retirement age.

"We have to make sure federal laws don't hurt older workers. Our economy will depend on it," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. Already this year, Congress has repealed the Social Security earnings limit, removing the threat of reduced federal retirement

benefits for those who continue to work past age 65. President Clinton signed that legislation into law Friday. Now lawmakers are considering how to break down private-sector barriers for older workers. The aging committee explored options at a hearing last week.

Among the ideas being considered are changing federal tax and pension laws to encourage phased retirement plans that could allow older people to collect partial pensions while continuing to work part time.

That would benefit people like Sherman Sorem of Marshalltown, Iowa, who after 35 years of service took an early retirement buy-out when he was 61 and his company,

Fisher Controls International, downsized. He was offered a lower-paying, less-demanding job. But that would have ultimately meant a lower pension since, like most corporate retirement plans, his was based on earnings during final years of service.

"I said no, you're not going to beat me out of that, I'll take early retirement," said Sorem.

Peru's Toledo calling for runoff election

LIMA, Peru — President Alberto Fujimori was hanging

on the edge of a questionable re-election victory while challenger Alejandro Toledo demanded a second-round runoff to avoid social upheaval.

Chanting "Down with the dictatorship," about 30,000 Peruvians rallied Tuesday outside the downtown hotel where Toledo issued his demand.

"Alejandro Toledo will not lead disturbances or violence," said the 54-year-old economist-turned-candidate. "But I should say forcefully that we won't hesitate for one second to defend democracy and the rule of law."

In Washington, the Clinton administration weighed in with a strongly worded appeal for fairness, telling Fujimori that the United States expects a runoff and would question the legitimacy of a first-round win.

Peruvian election authorities said final results from Sunday's ballot would be released today.

With 90.8 percent of the ballots counted, officials said Tuesday that Fujimori had 49.96 percent of the vote and Toledo had 40.39 percent. Various other candidates split the rest.

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House OKs tougher gun bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans followed through on their promise to strengthen gun enforcement with a bill rewarding states that impose tough mandatory minimum sentences on gun-toting criminals. Democrats urged them to go a step further and support tough gun safety legislation.

Every single day Congress waits, we lose 12 children, nearly 90 people overall, to gun violence. Congress should follow Maryland's lead," he said. The bill is modeled after a mandatory minimum sentencing program initiated by the Justice Department in Richmond, Va., once one of the nation's most crime-ridden cities.

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