## Hereford BRAND

## HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Ruby \& Louls Hernandez <br> Today's weather - 1 O O

Flash flood watch A lash flood watch in effect until 6 p.m. today in
Olodam counties. Tonight: Showers and a lew thunderstorms, raintall may be heavy at
times, low in the uper 30s, east to northeast wind 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.
60 Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chancee of showers and
thunderstorms in in the upper 50s, northeast wind tio to 20 mph becoming northwest. Thursday night: A 20 percent
chance of showers in the evening chance of showers in the evening,
otherwise becoming partly cloudy Extended forecast Friday: Partly clody high aroun

Saturday: Mostly clear, low 40 to
45 , high in the lower 70 . 45, high in the lower 70 s.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance oi sot showers andy with a thunder
storms. low 40 to 4 , high in the storms. low 40 to 45 , high in the
lower 70 s.
Hereford weather Tuesday's high, 41; low, 36; pre-
ciptation, 1.21 inches, according to Rain continuing across the state New waves of showers and thun-
derstorms are expected through
Nitase Thursday tor wide sections of Texas as a strong Pacitic cold tront and
upper-level weather system move upper-level weathe
throught the state.
Winter weather advisories were
posted tor the Panhandie and West posted
Texas.
Showers and thunderstorms were
still scattered across North and East still scattered across North and East
Texas, stretching along the Red Texas, stretching along the Red
River Valley between wichita falls and Paris and dow to Tyler. STorms were also over tine
and Permian Basin.
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More than an inch of rain fell
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near Mciriney in the Dallas-Fort
Worth arean beginning on Tuesday. Worth area, beginning on Tuesday.
A hall-inch was reported at Dollas.
ath Fort Worth International Airport, with
six-tenths of an inch at Denton si-entins or an then al Dention.
Light rain was faliug near Lub-
bock and was accompanied by pathy tog in the Hill Country. Early-morring temperatures range
trom the mid-30s in the Panhande tom
to 70 in the Rio Garanee Valley. Wichita
It Falls, wa at Dagheest at Wichita Angelo; 61 at Killeen, Georgetown
and Burnet; and 73 at MCAllen, and Burnet,
Haringen and Laredo.
Winds were mosty southeasterly at 101015 mph in land and near 20 and gusty along
the coast and near storms Showers and thunderstorms mained in the forecast. A deepening low pressure trough continued over West Texas, bringing more
warm, moist air from the Gult Mexico in advance of the developing trontal system that stretched to just west of Wichita Falls.
Atternoon highs will range from the 40 s in the Panhancle to 10 s
80 s along the Rio Grande, with lows trom the 30 s to 60 s.

Tax exemption for condoms irks governor

AUSTIN (AP) - A new, \$160 mimen state sales tax break on over
the-counter medicines will include
condoms, the state comptroller said
 ing promiscuity, yet that's exactly what it's doing,' said Cathie Addms,
president of the Texas Eagle Forum. president of the Texas Eagle Forum.


Dick Fellers (left), Charles Meyers Jr. (center)
and Floyd Schueler were re-elected Tuesday and Floyd Schueler were re-elected Tuesday
night to new terms on the WTRT board.

## WTRT incumbents re-elected

By Dlanna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staf Writer
Incumbents carried the night as the members
of West Texas Rural Tephen of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative de-
cided to make no changes on the cooperative's cided to make no changes on the cooperative's
board of directors.
The election of three directors was the main focus of business at the cooperative's $46^{\prime \prime \prime}$ annual meeting.
Re-elect meeting.
Re-elected were Floyd Schueler, Parmer ex-
change; Dick Fellers, Dawn exchange: change; Dick Fellers, Dawn exchange; and
Charles Meyers Jr., Hub exchange. Schueler was unopposed in his term, however, Fellers beat out Harold Sides term; however, Fellers beat out Harold Sides
and Meyers turned back the challenge of Terry

## Board approves contract

- Vote completes action on Taylor's appointment as hospital's CEO


## By Donald M. Cooper

 contract with James Taylor, who had
been named hospital administrator
last month. Taylor, a former finance last month. Taylor, a former finance
officer with Northwest Texas
Healthcare System, was named act ing administrator in January, replac
ing interim administrator J.O. Lewis The hospital has been without a
permanent administrator since last permane
summer
signed.
signed.
Taylor originally came to HRMC in Nover originally came to 199 as interim chief
financial officer following the resig financial officer following the resig
nation of Rodney Bailey. The veteran healthcare profes
sional was among the candidates fo
the HRMC administrator's position the HRMC administrator's position
who had been selected by TMSI, the
Austin-based managemet firs. Austin-based management firm con
tracted to run the daily operation tracted
of the hospital.
Under the terms of the contract Taylor will receive a base salary of
$\$ 80,000$ annually, with benefits in creasing the value of the agred the
to $\$ 85,700$.
The directors also accepted
resignation of Steve Lawlis from the board.
Lawlis, who was elected to the
board in May 1999, will relocate his


Global warming arrives? Scientists say global warming is
affecting Earth's weather patterns, but allecting Earth sweather patterns, but the climate hasn't warmed quite as temperature sign at the corner o temperature sign at the corner of
Fourth and Main streets indicated Passers-by must have gotten a shock this morning when they saw temperatures hitting 154 degrees. Bank president Mike Schueler (right) and an unidentified technician reset the sign.

Hospital administrator James Taylor (left) reviews reports during Tuesday's meeting of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board's meeting while administrative assistant Carolan Garza takes notes. Larry D. Krupala, president of the hospital management company TMSI (right), and director Bobby Owen Iback to camera) listen.


## ANOTHER BOOST

## Fed increases interest rates



## HEREFORD BRAND <br> Local roundup

Prom workers wanted
Senior parents will work on prom decorations Tuesdays and come by and pick up work that can be taken home.

## Bucket-calf time

Bucket bucket-caif time again.
Bucket calves are newborn or orphan calves raised on a oottle or out of a bucket. The Bucket Calf program is open to
hildren ages 5 -12. Calves raised under this program will be exhibited during the Town and Country Jubilee in June. Calves need to be purchased by March 27 .
Anyone interested in participating in the 2000 4. H Bucket Calf Project or needing help finding a calf sh
extension office at $364-3573$ or come by the office.

Family Frameworks meeting Family Frameworks will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Tierra
Blanca Primary School, 615 Columbia. Blanca Primary School, 615 Columbia. . D
The theme for this session is "How Do Listen to Me?"

School plans open house
An open house will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Hereford Junior High School, 704 LaPlata Drive.
Following the open house, the HJHS Booster Club will meet from 7:30-8:30.

Rivera benefit fund at HSB A beneffit fund has been established at Hereford State Bank
for Eliseo Rivera, a freshman at Hereford High School who wa or Eliseo Rivera, a freshman at Hereford High School who was injured in an accident on Feb. 17. Rivera has had on-going
medical problems and was recently re-hospitalized for lasting THE ASSOCIES.

## News digest

Former carwash employee arrested RVVING, Texas (AP) The assailant who went on
shooting rampage at a Dallas area car wash was still standing over three bloody bodies when a witness entered the business,
court documents show
court documents show
Robert Wayne Harris, who was fired from the Mi-T.Fine Car Wash just days before five employees were shot to death and another critically wounded, has reportedly confessed to the attack in which robbery may have been a motive.
Jose Guadalupe said he can't believe his friends, Augustin and Benjamin Villasenor, are dead
While all three are from Central Mexico, Guadalupe didn'
meet the brothers until about six months ago when he started working at the Mi.T.Fine Car Wash in Irving.
They were both very good people who worked hard,"
Guadalupe. 26, said. "They wanted to stay in the Unite Suadalupe. 26, said. "They wited to stay in the United
But the Villasenor brothers' plans for their life in America
which for one included - which, for one included a new child - ended Monday when orked. A sixth co-worker remains hospitalized.
Harris. 28 , remained in custody today after his arrest by
Dallas police tactical officers who had monitored his overnigh tald in a northeast-side home. His brother, William Harris Lold The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that th.
suapect broke into tears as he admitted to the mass slayings. Investioators found the office safe open and mampty siayings.
Including
aperwork and U.S. currency," an affidavit states.
Jason Shields said three fellow employees he had watched
nite before walking across the car wash parking lot were

## Uncounted ballots found

ounted ballots from last week's primary here, bu
ote totals from them did not change the outcome of any
The discovery of 43 unprocessed ballots from the Democratic
Timary came early. Tuesdacessed as Bexallots from the Democratic preparing ballot boxes for next month's runoff, County Clerk
frerry Rickhoff told the San Antonio Express-News. -the container bever was opened. Ricxhoff, after obtaining a court order to add the uncounted
o the final Election Day tally, summoned Democratic Qesi.i.s of the primary will be official after a vote canvass 1.0.0. other problems from the March 14 primary, some the right to challenge incumbent Repub-
tey Hutchison in November, the Texas

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A full house -. A crowd in excess of 600 met Tuesday Cooperative board of directors meeting. The event was evening for the annual West Texas Rural Telephone catered by Ken Branum Catering.

## USDA proposes inspection cuts

Department could move torandom daily checks
WASHINGTON (AP) - Cutto meat processing plants could ave millions of dollars in over ime pay that is borne by the
industry, while allowing the government to concentrate on facilities where food is most
likely to be contaminated, fedlikely to be conta
eral officials say.
Inspectors currently are required to visit each processing
plant once a shift, including overtime runs. The Agricul ture Department wants to
switch to daily, random checks, starting in a year.
"By having our resources
allocated based on risk allocated based on risk the

## Lottery commission chairwoman resigns

Wacoresident takes position
 tery Commission Chairwoman
Harriet Miers resigned Tues. Harriet Miers resigned Tues-
day, saying she wants to de-
vote her time to pursuing personal commitments.
Miers, a Dallas Miers, a Dallas lawyer, told
staff members that her decistaff members that her dec
sion to quit had nothing to d wi been under fire for lagging
sales and player interest. Appointed to the position
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W. Bush, Miers said that by
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said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center
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Overall foodborne illnesses have been dropping, and health officials say the decline is due in part to a new science-based inspection system that is now being used in processing plants nationwide.
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at Southern Union Company
in Austin, was appointed to the Lottery Commission Nov 16, 1998.
Betsy Whitaker, a lawyer
from Dallas, was appointed by from Dallas, was appointed by
Bush to replace Clowe. The appointment is subject to SenAnthony J. Sadberry, a law yer from Cypress, is the third commissioner.
Harriet Miers has done an outstanding job as chair of the successfully led this agenc successfully led this agency
through a difficult period. I
wish her all the best in her wish her all the best in her
future endeavors," Bush said. future endeavors," Bush said.
The commission has been under pressure recently as its biggest game, Lotto Texas, con inu

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HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency services
Activities reported by emer-
gency services personnel for gency services personnel for
March 21,2000 , include the POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests - A 23 -year-old woman was arrested and charged with a
Potter County felony warrant Potter County felony warrant ery of a controlled substance. - An 18 -year-old man was Avenue $C$ and charged with no drivers license, no liability, and exhibition of acceleration. The driver was transported to Incidents

- A resident in the 200 block garding nuisance animals garding nuisance animals.
- Criminal trespass wa lon to prevent the depletion garding nuisance animals.
of a criminal trespass was re-
But the reserve fund.
Bormmission back- ported in the 200 block of West Eighth.
- An attempted suicide was
reported in the 200 block of
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ANIMAL CONTROL The Hereford Animal trol office has the following animals available for adoption

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- a red mixed breed female puppy, about eight weeks old. mals may be obtained from the Hereford Animal Control But the commission back
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increasing the payout from 50 percent of sales to 55 percent, prizes by doubling lower-tier prizes by bringing awards to
between $\$ 5$ and $\$ 2,500$. maler prizes currently
between $\$ 3$ and $\$ 1,500$.
Although higher jackpots would create more interest, to win would also make it harder
$1-\mathrm{in}$ - 15.8 millasing odds from 1 -in- 15.8 million to 1 -in- 25.8
million.

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- A motor vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block
of East First. The driver hit a curb, lost control of the vehicle then struck a utility pole
and a stop sign. The stop sign hit a trailer parked on a private lot. No injuries were re-
ported.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
6:09 p.m. Firefighters re.

Honesty, Professional Services, and Prices are Important...

## LIFESTYLES

## Awarded for essay



Book presented - Ruth Newsom, right, American History Essay chairman for Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, presents the book, "Growing Up in Colonial America," by Tracy Barrett to West Central Elementary School in honor of Brooke Bigham, center, overall winner in the 1999-2000 essay contest. Brooke's name has been 1799" was judged to be the best of the essays submitted. Janice Carr, left, West Central librarian, is receiving the book on behalf of the school. Brooke is the daughter of Steve and Kim Bigham and is in Jean McCathern's fifth grade class at West Central.

## CREATORS SYNDICATE

## Ann Landers

 Landers County to thank you the Nating the letter about ing Day last year. The received calls from teens who wanted to know how to find help for their parents, from elderly persons concerned
about loneliness and drinking, and from others who just needed to find the locations of available services. Many people
who called were between 30 and 50 years of age, and had started drinking to deal with personal problems. They were
concerned about losing their concerned about losing their Participants attending screening hear an educational presentation on alcohol problems, and complete a written opportunity to talk one-on-one with a health professional, and are given the names and phone numbers of support services
and treatment facilities in the and treatment facilities in the
area. All screenings are free and anonymous.
Every call we receive gives us the opportunity to educate
the public about alcohol abuse the public about alcohol abuse,
risky drinking, alcohol treat risky drinking, alcoho treat-
ment and related mental-health issues.
Often, individuals with alcohol problems have other disorders such as depression, anxi-
ety, manic-depression, and so ety, manic-depression, and so
on, and are undiagnosed. Na-
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is a great place to start. Thank celed when asked to bring
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wrong. For some people, it IS Dear Gay Williamsi I ap- a big deal. Do you have any preciate being able to alert idea how much a pair of down my readers yet another time to National Alcohol Screening Thursday, Apld this year on be 2000 sites try, 500 of them the councampuses, offering free, anonymous screenings for those who as well as froms with alcohol, loved ones as for those whose problem.
Nearly Nearly 14 million American
adults have' an all aduits have an alcohol-use disorder, and nearly 17 percent
of children under of children under age 14 live
with an adult who drinks with an adult who drinks
heavily or has an alcohol probheavily or has an alcohol prob-
lem. Toens and college students are at risk as well. Young persons who begin
drinking before age 15 are four times as likely to develop alcohol dependence as those who begin drinking at age 21 .
Alcohol is frequently a factor Alcohol is frequently a factor
in auto crashes, homicides and in auto crashes, homicides and
suicides for 15 - to 24 -yearsuicides for 15 - to 24 -year
olds, and 81 percent of frater nity and sorority members report binge drinking.
Readers, if Readers, if you have any
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Irish heritages are discussed during genealogy meeting

"May your blessings outnum- June 25, which is the $50^{\text {th }}$ ber the shamrocks that grow anniversary of the beginning ever you go," was the Irish blessing with which Donita Rule, Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society vice presi-

dent/program chairman, concluded her talk on Ireland during their regular meeting, to "Erin Go Braugh" translates logical Society members confessed to varying degrees of Irish heritage, including one member whose great grandfa-
ther came straight from the ther came straight from the
old sod in the early 1800s. Rule gave a brief tour of Irish web sites on the Internet, including "The A to Z of Irish Genealogy; the site currently
only carries items through the letter "D".
President L.J. Clark presided President L.J. Clark pre,
at the business meeting, Members received a request
from the Los Ciboleros Chapfrom the Los Ciboleros Chap-
ter NSDAR for any names of Korean War veterans. It was also announced Korean veter-
ans have been asked to contact any DAR member or call Jean Beene at 364-6117. The purpose of the Korean Roster
being prepared by DAR is to being prepared by DAR is to
honor Korean veterans on
$\qquad$ announced two genealogical workshops of interest to local people:
The
$12^{\text {mh }}$
Annual Genealogical Workshop led by Sylvia Murray will be held this Sat urday, in the Latter Day Saints Chapel in Amarillo; and, the will have their annual workshop April 8 at the Texas Tech
University School of Law building. Their speaker is a reguing. Their speaker is a regu-
lar leader on the "Family His-
tory Show" tory Show."
Both work
Both workshops offer lower
fees for early registration. For fees for early registration. For
more information on these more information on these
workshops contact Wilma Clark at $364-3176$.
Members in attendance were Nolan Grady, Troyce
Hanna, Juanita Brownd, Clora Hanna, Juanita Brownd, Clora
Smith, Beene, Rule and L.J. and Wilma Clark.

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Sheelk presentation - Susan Daniel, left, service unit couting program from the American Business Club of Hereford president Pat Michael. AMBUCS is a service club whose national mphasis is providing opportunities for people with disabilities. Locally, the club sponsors a "Canes for the Community" project, as well as contributing to a number of non-profit organizations, such as Girl Scouts.

AT THE CENTER

## Senior Citizens

MENUS THURSDAY-Mexican stack panish rice, pinto beans, salad ausage patties.
FRIDAY-Fried fish scribblers. mashed potatoes; zucchini squash, coleslaw/vegetable, lemon cake: or cook's choice, lemon pudding.
MONDAY-Beef stew contain. ing potatoes, onions, celery carrots and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, coleslaw/fruit,
oatmeal cookies; or pasola vanilla wafers.
TUESDAY-Pepper. steak on seasoned rice, buttered carrots, fruit salad, vanilla pudding: or eets, D'zerta pudding
WEDNESDAY-Roast turkey,
giblet gravy, cornbread dressing;
sweet potato patties, seasoned
weet potato patties, seasoned

## Kid's birthday parties become elaborate, at-home bashes

ducing a movie or producing a movie or a play.
There are endless discussions bout the theme, the scenes, how one mon
into another.
The preparations begin fore the actual presentation Props are discussed and ob ained laboriousiy, sometimes rom stores, sometimes from riends, painstakingly as-
sembled from bits of this and that.
Finally, the show begins he show which, no matte ew scant hours. The show which, after all, is nothing more - but nothing less han a childs birthday party. worked parents hang ont heir last shred of sanity by oing to a roller rink or bowng alley or pizza place wher or you for $\mathbf{X}$ amount of dol. ars per head, there are still a handful of moms and dads ou here tackling the homemado irthday par
Thats right, no clown with
nimal balloons. No face paint
ng, no pony, no video game
no swimming.
dith games. "It's a dying art," says Kim Kelty of Plano. "But I love it. birthdey party on Feb. 19 the theme is "Over The Rainbow" as in "The Wizard of Oz ," favorite story for Kelty and er daughter
As the party guests arrive wear on her party dress. The take turns writing in Emily nemory book. Then they hey are greeted by bucket chalk in a rainbow of blues. pinks, yellows and greens alongside a silhouette for each Kest to color.
Kely
pumpkin pie; or roast pork. THURSDAY-Pool classes quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ol
painting 9.11 a m., exerciseclass
$10.10: 45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Thif a.m.-5 p.m., Defensive Driving 10 a.m.-noon and 1.3 p.m.
FRIDAY-Pool FRIDAY-Pool classes, qu it-
ng 9a.m.-3p.m. line dancing $10-$ 11 a.m., Thrift Store open $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., Defensive Driving 10 a.m.-n. non and 1-3 p.m.
MONDAY-Pol ng9a.m.-3p.m. line dancing 10ng 9a.m.-3 pom. line dancing 10
11 a.m., doll class $1-4$ p.m., Toastmasters $11: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
TUESDAY-Pool TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m.,Golden K Kiwanis WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, uilting 9 a.m. -3 p.m., ceramic noon-4 p.m.

## Today in History

Py The Ascoelatod Pross in Paris.
Ioday is Wednesday, March In 1933, during Prohibition, 22. the 82nd day of 2000 . President Roosevelt signed There are 284 days left in the measure to legalize wine and year.

Today's Mighlight In History: enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from Stamp Act to raise money from the American colo-
nies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

On thls dates
In 1638 , religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled
from the Massachusetts Bay from
In 1820 , U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James
Barron near Washington D.C. Barron near Washington D.C.
In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy,
In 1894 In 1894, hockey's first game was played; the home team Montreal Amateur Athletic Association defeated the
Ottawa Capitals, 3 Ottawa Capitals, 3-1. Lu 1895, Auguste and Louis Lumiere showed their first
movie to an invited audience beer containing up to 3.2 per-
cent alcohol. In 1945, the Arab League In 1945, the Arab League
was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt. In 1946, the British manan end. Transjordan came to In 1972, Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution to the states
for ratification. It fell three for ratincation. (It fell three
states short of the 38 needed states short of
In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the
73 -year-old patriarch of 73-year-old patriarch of "The act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotels
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- An emotional win brings the Whitefaces to $8-6$ on the year.

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Hereford Brand Sports Editor
The Lady Whitefaces proved they have the ability to come from behind on Tuesday. The Varsity softbal team
fell behind on Tuesday $3-8$ and fell behind on Tuesday $3-8$ and
came back to defeat the Harvesters 9 -8.
"The girls came out flat and didn't start hitting until later
in the game," head coach duro Saturday.

## Boy's golf team third in Borger



Peyton Ward practices putting at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course

By Joff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor
On Tuesday, the men's golf team traveled to Borger for a first round district match. In a round threatened by placed third with a score of 319 Leading the way for the team was Peyton Ward who Hoffman finished the day a 81 while Tyler Keeling and Thomas Maldonado finished at
 WESTERN ITI
MULIPLICAIIO afternoon round of 85 .
Even though the course con-
ditions were pitiful, head coach
James Salinas said he felt his
team did a great job.
"My first thought was that
319 wasn't too bad considering
the weather," Salinas said.
"That was until I saw the
Borger and Dumas scores."
Borger and Dumas finished
ahead of Hereford in the dis-
trict match. Borger finished in
first place with a 304, and
Dumas finished second scoring
a 311.
Coach Salinas said he feels

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Penny Summers said. Summers said the pitchers Arter falling behind early in were able to keep the team in
the game, the Lady White-
the game allowing them to faces rallied to score nine runs rally for the win.
over four innings. "I was very proud of them "We still need to work on for coming back in the end," said. "We have got to have all (Perez, Zimmerman) threw a of our team batting over 500 ," great game."
Summers said.
Summers said her team has in emotional moment came Summers said her team has in the bottom half of the fifth ness it to win. "Our tean. ent," Summers said "We talto strive for that winning atti-
tude.
Junior pitcher Victoria Perez
started the game for started the game for the Herd allowing seven runs while striking out six Pampa bat-
ters. Teresa Zimmerman was brought in for the save in the
fifth and she did just that fifth, and she did just that finish off the Harvesters. inning when Salina Hastings was injured in the Le. Hastings faces' loss to Dumas last Tuesday. Hastings was hit in the hand by a pitch which required her to have 10 stitches. She came into the fifth and
helped the Herd rally with hit. ${ }^{\text {Salina }}$ came in and had a crucial hit that picked up the

See SOFTBALL, Page A6
the two top teams in district. "We have some work ahea obviously but at the same time
I have confidence these guy I have confidence these guy
can come back," Salinas said can come back," Salinas said peck need at at pase two in the lead."
Peyton Ward is currently in Peyton Ward is currently in
third place under the individual competition. Ward finished at 74 while Charlie Romero of Dumas and Cole Register of Borger are tied for
first with scores of 72 . first with scores of 72 . be on March 27 in Pampa.

## BULL RIDERS



Marty Wilson-Hereford High junior bull rider Marty Wilson, right, attended Tuff Hedeman's Championship Challenge for Professional Bull Riders in Ft . Worth. Wilson is pictured with Michael Gaffney, one of the top 45 riders.

## Herd blasts Lobos, 7-2

- The Herd
runs. Carst inning and set the tone Castillo began the game
with three strikeouts in the See BASEBALL, Page A6

By Jeff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The cold weather could not keep the Herd from dominatAt Whiteface Field on Tuesday, the varsity baseball team chill that dipped as low as 14 . Pitcher George Castillo and limited the bitter climate and limited the error plagued
Lobos to three hits and two

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a winning record at 7.6 . The next game for teice ceam wiil be Saurday at 4.3.0. The Herd face Field for a final tune-up before district play. The team begins district play next Tuesday when they will
battle the Dumas Demons at Dumas.
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## Sorbal <br> From Page 45

## momentum <br> game," Sum-

 In Tuesday's game, shortpositions and scenarios to get with an injury to her thumb. The team's next district Coach Summers said Trevizo challenge will be on Fridaywill be having x-rays to deter- when the Lady Whitefaces will be having $x$-rays to deter- when the Lady
mine whether the injury is a travel to Borger to face the
 Stansell said she is glad the Saturday to take on Fritch in
team has players who can step a non-district showdown at $\begin{array}{ll}\text { team has players who can step } \\ \text { up when athletes go down. } & \text { a } \\ \text { home at } 1 \text { p.m. }\end{array}$

## Baseball

## From Page 45

| the game for the Herd. <br> The game remained score- | a winning record at 7-6. The next game for the team will |
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| less until the bottom of the be Saturday at 4:30. The Herd fourth when the Herd scored will take on Randall at White- |  |
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| two runs and then went on | final tune-up |
| to score the winning run in |  |
| e bottom of the fifth. Here- | The team begins district play |
| ford tacked on four more runs next Tuesday when they will in the bottom half of the battle the Dumas Demons at sixth giving the Herd a little Dumas. |  |
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| Levelland's only offense came off a Fowler home run |  |
| in the sixth inning. Castillo got the win for the |  |
| Whitefaces bringing his overall record to 5-1. Castillo is beginning to string together <br> a great year for the Herd. <br> The baseball team now has |  |
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Levelland
W-Castillo (5-1)
YMCA Champs-The Rattlers won the YMCA third and fourth grade boy's basketball division. The team was composed of (back left) coach Thomas Reed, Dillon Welch, Sawyer Reed, Ryan Gerries, Eric North, (front row

Alou ready to rejoin Astros
KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) -
Moises Alou wants to give the
to find some playing time for Moises Alou wants to give the
Houston Astros another big season just like he did two more careful how he exercises and even plans to be more
open. Alou had a great beginning with the Astros, putting up he expected to do even better in 1998. That was before he knee prior to spring training and just before he tried to come back, he fell off a bike
riding with his kids. Season "I missed playing and hitting the ball hard," Alou said. "I had a great year the year
before and I knew I was going to have a better year. And, I
missed hanging out with the guys." Alou also looks forward to
addressing another issue. He's pledged to be more open. "There are a lot of people who misjudge me sometimes because I stay to myself and
think about what I'm going to do," he said. "It's not like I need to clean anything up but The press this year. I apologize if haven't always been there all the time but I'm going to try my best this year. You will know the real Moises." after leading the Florida Marlins to the 1997 World Series to their he helped the Astros to their second straight NL
Central Division title. He hit 312 and had career highs with 38 homers and 124 RBIs. After the bicycle injury, Alou pretty much stayed at home
in the Dominican Republic, and then caused some rumbling when he didn't show up for the first-round playoff series against the Atlanta Braves,
who eliminated Houston 3-1. "I've been in the situation Moises was in when you are hurt," teammate Jeff Bagwell said. "You don't feel like a
part of the club. It's hard to part of the club. It's hard to
be around. Sometimes you get pushed aside and you feel unwanted."
$\underset{\text { During the offseason, }}{\text { Bisited }}$ Dominican Republic for family get-togethers.
chody has had any ill feel. ings about Moises at all," put in the media and our front office. That was something that didn't bother any of us.
We knew we had a job to do." Alou has been playing right
to find some playing time for
Daryle Ward, who had a strong
rookie season and fits best in rookie season and fits best in "I have no problem with that. The manager can play me anywhere he wants," Alou said. "I've played the position
before." The move would give Dierker the flexibility of pla-
tooning Ward and Richard tooning Ward and Richard
Hidalgo in left. Hidalgo in left. Since he's a veteran, I'
like to leave him in one place Dierker said. "If he stays in
left field, he probably left field, he probably has to move when Ward plays."
Without Alou, the Astro Without Alou, the Astros
advanced to the playoffs even though they had only the eighth-highest batting average
in the league at .267 and were in the league at 267 and were
11th among the 16 teams in home runs with 168. "I won't try to make anything up because I didn't play last year," Alou said. "I wanted
to play but I couldn't. When I'm out there I know that I'm one of the best and I try to
play like I'm one of the best." play like I'm one of the best."


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## Anti-smoking lawmakers bid to snuff court ruling

## News digest



Reed, D-R.I, said he was introducing legislation giving the
secretary of Health and Hu man Services the authority to
regulate the manufacture and distribution of tobacco products. Sen. Edward Kennedy,
D.Mass., said the Senate
". "should be abbe to act expeditiously to grant the FDA the
full authority it needs."


POPE JOHN PAUL II Makes prayerful, politically Bethiehem.
Prayer, polltics during pontiffs journey BETHLEHEM, West Bank and welcomed by Yasser Arafat, Pope John Paul II embarked today on a prayer-
ful and politically sensitive pil and politically sensitive pligrimage to the
town of Bethlehem, revered as the place of Jesus' beverth. Greeting the frail 79 year-
old pope, Palestinians lost no old pope, Palestinians lost no
time in driving home the mes. sime in driving home the mes-
sage of their hopes for statehood. "Welcome to our land,"
Arafat told him at a formal Arafat told him at a formal reception by Palestinian cler
ics, diplomats and officials that
kicked off the only day the
pope was spending in Pales pope was spending in Pales.
tinian territory during his weeklong visit to the Holy Land.
After After meeting Arafat, the pope traveled by his bullet-
popemobile" to Bethlehem's packed Manger Square for an ecstatic wel come at the traditional site of Along the route, girls with Along the route, girls with
baskets of flowers hurled blos soms into his path, festooning the hood of the popemobile
In the square, draped with In the square, draped with
Palestinian and Vatican flags,
shouts of "Viva Baba!" - the shouts of "Viva Babal" - the
Arabic adaptation of the word Arabic adaptation of the word
pope - rang out. Elderly nuns pope - rang out. Etaerdders to catch a glimpse of the pontiff. Clad in a golden robe, John Paul waved his hand in greetng and blessed che crowd of Peace be upon you." As or
gan strains signaled the star gan strains signaled the start
of the Mass, he leaned heavily of the Mass, he leaned heavily
on his silver scepter, bowing on his silver scep
Despite the festive mood, security was heavy. Streets around the square were close off and pilgrims' bags were
checked at electronic security Clinton addresses indian Parliament NEW DELHI, India - Presi dent Clinton made an impas sioned plea to India's Parlia
ment today to retreat from ment today to retreat from
the nation's growing nuclear the nation's growing nuclear
weapons program and to reach out to rival Pakistan to restart peace talks.
is nothing a nuclear standoff, there is nothing more dangerou
than believing there is no dan than believing there is no dan-
ger,
o both houses of Parliament. tal. Afterward, the president He said the former Soviet was headed for Agra, where despite their distance apart and mix tourism with a plea for their elaborate set of safeguards, "came far too close to
nuclear war." uclear war."
Although w
Although warmly applauded address, Clint portions of his nuclear weapons and on Pakistan drew monstly silence from
the legislators in the chamber
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { The speech wrapped up air pollution in India. } \\ \text { The corst } \\ \text { Flinton's visit to India's capi- } & \text { Fearful that the smog could }\end{array}$
e discoloring the Taj Mahal the city has embarked on a the city has embarked on a
tree planting program with
help from the U.S. Parks Ser-
vice. vice. The new violence in the
disputed northern territory of Kashmir, where militants illed more than three dozen minority Sikhs earlier this week, continued to cast
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## Sales tax

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Rylander, acting under a law passed by the 1999 Legislature, listed prophylactiss among some
100,000 items that will be exempted from the 100,000 items that will be exempted from the
6.25 percent state sales tax and local sales taxes beginning April Eligible
Eligible items include allergy products, antac-
ids, cold remedies, eye care products and drass ids, cold remed
ings for wounds
Rylander said Tuesday the law dictates what items - including condoms - are be tax-free. To qualify, a product must be a drug, medicine, article or substance used in diagnosis, cure,
mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or
suffering. It must be intended for human use and have a National Drug Code number issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, she said. "It's not a matter of interpretation, it's a Republican Gov. George W. Bush, who proposed the tax break idea during his re-election
campaign, never wanted condoms included, said campaign, never wanted condoms included, said
his spokeswoman, Linda Edwards.
"Gove Bush never wanted condoms to be Gov. Bush never wanted condoms to be
exempt. But we understand FDA regulations say condoms prevent disease, and under the Texas law a drug or medicine that has a National Drug
Code must be exempt" Edwards said. Code must be exempt," Edwards said. But others, including the Texas Family Plan-
ning Association's Pegg Romberg, said making ning Association's Peggy Romber
condoms tax-free is a good idea.
"We're talking about public health here. They prevent the spread of sexually transmitted dis.
ease - HIV and AIDS - and should be looked
at as a preventative product and a public health product," Romberg said. IIt's perfectly appropriate that they be ex
cluded from the tax. It's unfortunate that extremist groups have been unccessfule in dis tracting people like the governor from what should be the maij concern of the state -
public health and well being of its citizens," uhe said.
The Eagle Forum's Adams said exempting condoms from the sales tax flies in the face of the consistent message teen-agers need to "Our teen-agers need a solid message. This is something that's very consistent with Governor Bush's message of teaching children (sexual) abstinence until marriage," she said.
"I understand the FDA has listed them, but look who's leading our federal government a man who doesn't know how to define is.' If this is coming from them, I think it should be challenged." ${ }^{\text {The condor }}$
The condom controversy aside, Rylander
said the tax break should save Texas families about $\$ 160$ million during its first full year, 2001. That's around $\$ 17$ per family annually, spokesman Mark Sanders estimated. "Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long overdue," Rylander said.
Prescription drugs have been tax-exempt the state sales tax was enacted in 1961 . Paying sales tax on nonprescription medicine
is a bitter pill to swallow.

## Federal funding for arts promoted

WASHINGTON (AP) -
Growing up in Staunton, Va., Growing up in Staunton, Va.;
Erin Lise Tabscott had no elementary school art teacher and
had to share her high school had to share her high school
drama teacher with the drama teacher
middledrama major, wants to
teach after graduation from teach after graduation from
Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. in the world," Tabscott said Tuesday, "but if you don't have anyone who wants to do the
work and be passionate about work and be passionate about
it, you're not going to have a
production; youll just have people standing up on a stage." Tabscott was among movie stars and fellow drama students
in Washington on Tuesday to in Washington on Tuesday to
press for more federal spending press for more federal spending
on the arts. Unlike previous
pleas, these were supported by ing or playing an instrument
helps a schoolchild do well in all lessons.
A study from the University A study from the University
of California, Los Angeles, found that a national sample of stu-
dents who studied the arts in dents who studied the arts in
grades eight through 10 made higher grades, scored better on
standardized tests and were less likely to drop out of school.
Seven in 10 of Seven in 10 of arts students made top scores in reading,
history, geography and citizenhistory, geography and citizen-
ship compared with the 45 per-
cent of students who had few cent of students who had few arts classes or activities and
still did as well in reading still did as well in reading. Just
1.4 percent of the arts-involved 1.4 percent of the arts-involved
children left school by 10 th
grade, while almost 5 percent
of the nonarts children did.
Another University study from Stanford also gave to which the groups that students who spent at least 10 hours a week in arts classes or activities were four times as likely to participate in mathematics or science fairs.
Advocates said additio Advocates said additional re-
search is needed to determine search is needed to determine
whether the differences reflect whether the differences reflect
merely that the mostadvantaged students get chances
to participate in arts to participate in arts programs.
In all, about 200 representatives of arts advocacy groups participated in the rally, called to show by the Stanford and
UCLA reports that arts education deserves. a place in
America's classrooms. America's classrooms.
"Every child deserves access
to the arts, "said Bob Morrison,
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lobbying group. lobbying group.
The advocacy pal mission Tuesday ad princiington was to seek a $\$ 50$ million boost for the National Endowment for the Arts, which
annually gives about $\$ 100$ milannually gives about $\$ 100$ mil-
lion in matching federal grants lion in matching federal gra
to local arts organizations.


Hot tamales - Third-grade students at Aikman Primary School are preparing for the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) testing with a variety of contests. cis group
started out on top of the week's "Hats on for TAAS" compettion by placing first in their respective classes and earning the "Hot Tamales" award of candy. The students are (from left, front) Nohemi Ramos and Shelby Zaneski; (center) Sadie Bustamante, Trisha Randall, Samantha Gavina and Kayle Gavina; and (rear) leachers Mary Ann O'Rear and Jan Reeve and Principal Charles Lyles.

## Australia demands NRA jerk a video airing on website

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) today that the National Rifle Association pull a video airng on its Web, site claiming that the nation's gun reform
laws had backfired. The video, presented as a
television news story, claims that crimes involving guns have increased in Australia
since the laws, which ban all automatic shotguns and pump
action shotguns, were introaction shotguns, were intro Federal Attorney General
Daryl Williams said the NRA was using inaccurate statistics and urged the group to
remove "any reference to Ausremove "any reference to Aus-
tralia" from its Web site.
"I find it quite offensive that the NRA is using the very successful gun reform laws introduced in 1996 as
the basis for promoting ownthe basis for promoting own-
ership of firearms in the
United States," he said United of ftates," he said.
Williams Williams sent a letter to-
day to NRA president Charlton day to NRA president charito
Heston, asking for the imme Heston, asking for the imme
diate withdrawal of mislead ing information.
Australia's gun-related ho-
micide rate micide rate was 0.28 per
100,000 people in 1998 com pared to 4 per 100,000 in the United States, Williams wrote in the letter, which was dis
tributed to reporters. ributed to reporters.
"There are many things
hat Australia can learn from "How to manage firearm ownHow to manage firearm
Austratia one of them." Australia adopted the gun
laws after an April 1996 ram laws after an April 1996 ramopened fire with military-style pened fire with military-style
rifles at the Port Arthur his-
oric site in Melbourne Bryant, who killed 35 people life sentence.
More than 640,000 firearms were removed from the Aus tralian community under a video shows footage of guns
being sawed to pieces, and thousands of destroyed guns piled on scrap heaps,
South Australia's Attorney General Trevor Griffin - who is seen in the video talking about crime - said he was not interviewed by the NRA
and a quote from him was and a quote from him was
taken from a previous inter view and used out of context. The video claims that after the gun laws took effect
armed robbery in Australi went up 69 percent, assault involving guns rose 28 per 19 pent, gun murders increased 19 percent and home inva-
sions rose 21 percent. It does not give a source for the data Dr. Adam Graycar, directo of the Australian Institute of
Criminology, said the statistic Criminology, said the statistic
were misleading.

## Powell not interested in being on GOP ticket

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retired Gen. Colin Powell said Tuesday he would not run for vice president, but did not
rule out possible service in the Cabinet of the next president. Responding to a question during a broadcast from the
Reserve Officers Association, Powell said he gave the idea of running for office "the greatest consideration you ca give to an issue," but he said he stands by his 1995 elective politics. Powell, 62 and a registered Republican, is now being
mentioned as a possible running mate for George W. Bush, the likely Republican presidential nominee.
"You have to have a certain feeling for it, a commitYou have to have a certain feeling for it, a commit-
ment, passion," said Powell. "And if Id said I had it, I wouldn't have been honest to myself, I wouldn't have been honest to the American people.
Thave no desire for political office," he said.
But he did not rule out serving in the new Cabinet But he did not rule out serving in the new Cabinet.
The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been mentioned as a possible candidate for secretary of state.

## Vote hints at trouble for Bush

CHICAGO (AP) - George W. Bush and Al Gore cruised to victories in Illinois prima-
ries, but about $a$ third of ries, but about a third of
Republicans withheld their votes from Bush in what some analysts said could be a sign
of trouble for the likely GOP nominee.
Chris Mooney director of the Illiniois Legislative Stud-
ies Center at the University of Illinois at Springfield, said ome GOP voters probably
sant to
wand want to send their nominee
a message by voting for a message by voting for Sen.
John McCain or Alan Keyes. "After it's sewn up, its safe to vote for the odd candidate in order to make a state-
ment," Mooney said after ment", Mooney said after
Tuesday's voting. "That's.
something Bush obviously has
to deal with Ho has
In primary races around the country a week ago, Bush co deal with. He has not dealt
with the McCain question." With 97 percent of precincts reporting in the Republican primary, unofficial returns showed Bush percent, and
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McCain with 154,968 votes, or 22 percent. Keyes had 64,321 votes, or 9 percent.
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GOP nominee, Bush was win. ning in every district.
On the Democratic side with 97 percent of precinets reporting, Gore had 662,809 votes, or 84 percent, accord-
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Bradley had 112,575 votes or 14 percent.

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during the three-day trial that opens today is which faction represents the Reform Party,
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against an independent panel's decision to exclude from the ofricial presidential debates any
candidate with less than 15 percent support in national public opinion polls,
The commission's The commission's decision most directly affects Pat
Buchanan, the former Republican seeking the Reform presidential nomination, who has single-digit support in most polls.
The infighting also steals attention from Buchanan, as



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