

# The Hereford Brand



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## Storm brings rain to town

From Brand, AP Reports

More stormy weather is in store across all of Texas tonight and Saturday following a stormy night in which a tornado threatened the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

In Hereford, the rains started early Friday morning and by 8 a.m. had dumped 0.30 of an inch of rain on the city.

As of 10 a.m., that total had risen to 0.51 of an inch, according to the weather station at KPAN Radio.

More rain was forecast for Hereford the rest of the afternoon and tonight, with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight.

A severe thunderstorm containing a tornado roared across the southern suburbs of Dallas early Friday morning.

At one point, it was located near Lancaster, the suburb where a deadly tornado killed three people and damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes Monday night.

The storm did not touch down in any of the densely populated areas. There were no reports of injuries, but authorities expected to find damage from large hail that pelted the area. High winds and heavy rain accompanied the storm weather as it moved through the area during the night.

Baseball-size hail was reported in several areas, including Garland, a suburb located well to the north of the

tornado's path. Reports of golf ball-size hail were commonplace throughout the Dallas area.

Forecasts called for more showers and thunderstorms through Saturday. And forecasters warned that some of them could reach severe levels.

Skies will be clearing from the west across West Texas on Saturday and across North Texas by Saturday night.

A flash flood watch was in effect for a large part of North Texas and for a vast area of South Texas today. In South Texas, the heaviest rainfall will be in Southeast Texas.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s in the Panhandle and in the 40s and 50s elsewhere in West Texas, the 40s and 50s in North Texas and in the 60s in South Texas.

Highs Saturday will be in the 50s in the Panhandle and in the 60s and 70s over the rest of West Texas, the 60s and 70s in North Texas and in the 70s and 80s in South Texas.

Thunderstorms were reported from Laredo to Del Rio in South Texas, spreading eastward to San Antonio and Austin.

Early morning temperatures were in the 30s in the Panhandle and in the 40s and 50s over the rest of West Texas, the 50s in North Texas and in the 60s and 70s in South Texas. Extremes ranged from 35 at Dalhart to 76 at Brownsville.



### Watering a tree

Al Daniels gets a close-up view of his work recently as he worked on a drip irrigation system he was installing around new trees planted at Hereford Care Center. The trees were donated by the Rotary Club and planted by work-release inmates of Deaf Smith County Jail. Daniels has volunteered his time to set up

the irrigation system and integrate the new trees into a complete landscaping around the north side of the year-old nursing home. Assisting him with the planning was Jan Furr of the Hereford Beautification Alliance. The new trees can be seen today at an open house noting the center's first anniversary of operation.

## Hall becoming voice in health reform debate

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas Congressman Ralph Hall has become a pivotal voice in the debate over health care reform.

It's not that the Rockwall Democrat has authored a health care reform plan of his own. Rather, it's his position on one of the major committees of jurisdiction in the debate - and the fact he has yet to commit his vote - that have made him a player.

As one of 27 Democrats on the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, Hall is receiving more attention than some of his colleagues because he has yet to pledge his vote.

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., is seeking votes for a scaled-down version of the Clinton plan that would be less onerous on small business.

Dingell, who remains a handful of votes shy of what's needed for committee approval, has met individually with Hall and other undecideds to determine what it would take to obtain their votes.

"He's still talking to everyone and still trying to figure out what he wants to do," Hall spokeswoman Janet Perry said Thursday.

The Clinton administration also has been wooing Hall, a conservative Democrat who has broken with the White House on several high-profile votes, including the North American Free Trade Agreement and deficit-reduction package.

Earlier this month, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala traveled to Hall's district for a joint appearance. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who headed President Clinton's task force on health care reform, also has talked to Hall. So has Vice President Al Gore's wife, Tipper Gore.

On the flip side, groups opposed to the Clinton plan's employer mandates, health purchasing alliances and price controls also are weighing in to ensure their voices aren't ignored.

For two days, radio advertisements have been airing in Hall's district urging listeners to contact him and express their thoughts.

## John Paul II suffers broken leg in fall

By BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope

John Paul II broke his right leg in a fall and was taken into surgery today. Doctors predicted weeks of recovery then a long period of therapy.

The 73-year-old pontiff was expected to receive an artificial bone replacement in the area where the femur meets the hip joint. The operation began around 1:30 p.m. (7:30 a.m. EDT).

The pope fractured the top of his right thighbone and dislocated a joint when he slipped in his bathroom late Thursday. He was taken to Gemelli Polyclinic hospital in Rome, the same facility where he was treated in November when he fell down some stairs and fractured his arm.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the pontiff did not fall because he lost consciousness or was sick.

The hospital director, Emilio Tressalti, described the pope as a "very strong man" whose general health condition was excellent. He said the operation called for the top of pope's thighbone to be replaced with an artificial bone, either metal or a metal-ceramic blend.

Doctors predicted the pope could be confined to a bed for several weeks then face months of physical therapy.

The injury may impede the activity of the pope, who planned to travel extensively in May. He was to have gone today to Sicily, where he was expected to speak out against the Mafia.

The pope has had two previous operations at Gemelli Polyclinic - in 1981 after he was shot in the stomach by a Turkish gunman, and in July 1992 for the removal of a benign intestinal tumor.

He was elected pope in 1978.

## Volunteer effort brings landscaping, garden to Hereford Care Center

Look across the north end of the Hereford Care Center and likely you'll see evidence that Al Daniels has been by.

It is along that side that the nursing home boasts a row of trees, each with a timber border to protect it from hungry lawn mowers, that will eventually provide a wind break for the facility.

The public has been invited to see the new trees -- as well as everything else that has happened at Hereford Care Center the last year -- at an open house today honoring the first anniversary of the business.

The event was scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and included a

chicken fried steak lunch.

Scheduled to perform from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. was the Senior Citizens Choir, while a pianist was to perform from 3:40 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is the second spring Daniels has donated his time to the center to work on its gardening needs.

Last year, said director Melba Patton, he planted a garden on the west side of the center. This year, that garden will be expanded and planted again.

"They (the residents) love the garden," she said, noting that some of the fruits of the garden are harvested and cooked in the center kitchen. This year, activity

director Brenda Blacksher also plans to set up a vegetable stand to raise money for the center's activity budget.

In his new project, Daniels -- working with the Hereford Beautification Alliance -- has planned to pair the trees with buffalo grass, a ground cover that takes little water to maintain.

In addition, he installed a drip irrigation system around the trees and bordered them with landscape timbers.

Patton said the nursing home provided the irrigation materials, but Daniels has taken on the responsibility for installing the system.

Daniels said he wanted a drip system because it was one that could just be turned on and left, making it very simple for center personnel to operate.

The trees were donated to the center by the Hereford Rotary Club and planted by work-release inmates from the county jail.

Daniels said he moved some of the trees when he began work, because they were planted to close together and the line strayed away from the building some.

Patton could not say enough in praise of Daniels, who last year volunteered to take on the work.

"He's doing such a wonderful thing up there," said Melba Patton, director of the center.

## Bush, Richards trade accusations on school finance, district troubles

By PEGGY FIKAC

Associates Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Democratic Gov. Ann Richards and Republican challenger George W. Bush are sparring over school finance.

Bush's campaign accused Richards on Thursday of being "out of touch" with school districts' problems and giving property taxpayers no leadership.

Richards' campaign defended her work and said the man who hopes to unseat the Democratic governor in November "never really cared" about school finance until he began campaigning.

Bush's campaign blasted Richards for a letter about school funding she sent to a resident of Clear Creek Independent School District, in Harris and Galveston counties.

The letter signed by Richards - apparently in response to concerns from the resident - said the Legislature has increased funding for public schools and targeted most of the new dollars for enrollment growth.

Lawmakers still fell short, however, of funding all the expected growth for this two-year budget period.

Many homeowners also have lost an exemption from their local school property taxes this school year.

Richards' letter said taxpayers only lost tax breaks "where school districts failed to take action to protect those exemptions."

"With regard to taxes, no one likes to take responsibility for levying taxes. Whether taxes are collected at the state level or the local level, they still come out of the same pocket,"

her letter said, adding that Texans sent a "no-new-taxes" message to the Legislature.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Deborah Burston-Wade said the letter is "filled with misleading innuendo and half-truths."

She said Richards didn't mention that the state's share of education costs in Clear Creek ISD has decreased since the governor took office in 1991. According to the school district, the state is to pay about 8.9 percent of its operating budget this year.

The state share of basic school funding has been dropping for years statewide, with local property taxes picking up a bigger share. In 1985, the state-local funding split was 50-50; this school year, it's about 45-55.

Ms. Burston-Wade also blamed Richards for taxpayers' loss of homestead exemptions.

Under a previous school funding law, homeowners in most school districts voted themselves a 20 percent homestead exemption that applied to a big portion of their school tax bills. That was in addition to the \$5,000 exemption that all homeowners get.

A tiny part of a school reform law passed last year eliminated the 20 percent exemption, unless school boards acted to keep it. To continue the tax break for this school year, a board had to act by April 30, 1993.

However, Ms. Burston-Wade pointed out, Richards didn't sign the new law until last May 31.

According to the Texas Association of School Boards, 272 of Texas' 1,000-plus school districts are offering extra homestead exemptions this school year.

Richards' campaign, in a statement from House Public Education Committee Chairwoman Libby Lineberger, noted that Republicans last year led opposition to a school finance reform measure that would have retained on the exemption.

That plan, which was defeated by voters, was similar to the reform law that Richards ended up signing, in an effort to meet a court order to even out school funding.

"George W. Bush and his cronies must share responsibility for higher

property taxes," said Ms. Lineberger, D-Manchaca.

Ms. Burston-Wade said that Richards "has provided no leadership for the property taxpayers of Texas. She has listened to the vested educational interests in Austin and is out of touch with the problems of school districts like Clear Creek."

Richards spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said, "That's absolutely not true. She certainly has been more involved with the school districts of Texas than has George W. Bush.

"George W. Bush never wrote a letter, never attended a hearing, never offered a suggestion. He never really cared until he woke up and decided to be governor," she said.

## District Court defendant pleads guilty to cattle theft

A defendant charged with stealing cattle changed his plea after a jury was seated in 222nd District Court Thursday morning.

Jesus Jose Martinez, 34, first entered a not guilty plea, then changed to guilty, with provision that the jury set punishment.

A term of nine years' probation and a \$2,000 fine were assessed by the jury.

He was charged with theft of six head of cattle, with a value of \$20,000, from Jerry Curtis, in January 1993.

With guilt already decided the jury heard testimony in the punishment phase of the trial Thursday

afternoon.

The defendant testified in his own defense and the prosecution presented testimony by Kenneth Chambers, investigator for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and from the other of the cattle, Jerry Curtis.

David Martinez, attorney for the defendant, asked the jury for a probated sentence for his client.

Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul made the state's summation, calling for no probation in the case.

Formal sentence will be pronounced by Judge David Wesley Gulley at a later date.

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# Church News

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The public is invited to all services and activities at the church. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Adult Bible study, Teen "Club Paradise," and Kids Kare Groups.

Everyone is encouraged to share in Celebrant 1994, a youth led praise service this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We have such a wonderful group of teenagers led by our youth pastor, Jim Pope who will be preaching. Susie Merrick will lead the teen choir.

The care groups and Pastor Ted Taylor's Bible study will meet Sunday evening. Also, Susie's choir kids will have a party.

A group of church men went to Promise Keepers "Wake Up Call" meeting recently at the Amarillo Civic Center. They began planning the trip to Boulder, Colo. scheduled July 20-30. Any men interested in going are asked to call the church office at 364-8303 or Jeff Torbert at 364-7350.

The children at Bluewater Gardens are invited to attend Saturday morning Children's Church called God's Gorilla Gang. The group will meet from 11 a.m. until noon Saturday.

A new care group is forming called P.S. (Positive Singles). They will meet beginning at 6 p.m. this Sunday in Jacob's Well, located upstairs in the NCA.

Pastor Taylor's Sunday school class will begin "Bible Answers to Questions You've Always Wanted to Know." This class will give Bible answers to difficult questions you may have had on your heart for a long time. Come join us in the NCA library at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. This is open to all ages.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. In conjunction with the event, a prayer breakfast is planned from 6:30-7:45 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The 1994 church men's softball league is now forming. If you are interested in playing this year, please see Mark Andrews or call him at 364-3429 or 364-7792.

## ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

A roll of film was found in church last Sunday after the celebration of the sacraments. It can be claimed at the school.

JOY liturgy for May has been moved up to Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 7. Other youth liturgies are on the following Sunday, May 15: 9 a.m. for the seniors and 11 a.m. for the children.

C.F.C. closing liturgy is planned at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. Parents, teachers and all members of the families of CF students are encouraged to worship together at this end-of-the-year service. This is on the vigil of Ascension Thursday.

Deacon Jonny Cloud has been elected president for another two-year term on the alliance.

Nominations are being sought for the parish advisory council. To make nominations, contact Tom Schlabs at 364-2800; Vicky Valdez, 364-0156; or Herb Vogel, 364-6151. The deadline is May 10.

The Catholic Life Insurance Company is sponsoring an essay contest for 9-12 grade students and 55 plus older senior citizens. "Why I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag" must be written in 250-500 words. Essay and entry forms are due in San Antonio by May 27. Prices are \$250,

\$100 and \$50. For additional information, call Al Simnacher at 364-6844.

If you would like to donate an altar bouquet in memory of someone or to honor someone on their birthday or anniversary, call Linda Briones at 364-0419.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Church invites all who are searching for a church home to join with them in worship and other activities. Sunday's schedule of events: Youth breakfast at Troy's Sweet Shop, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; evening worship service, 6 p.m.; confirmation class, 6 p.m.; and UMYF snack supper and program, 6 p.m.

The Carol and Sunshine Choirs will enjoy a fun day at the church on Saturday. Along with a host of fun activities, the choirs will rehearse their upcoming musical, "And the Show Goes On."

Those wishing to view the United Methodist Women's Assembly worship service in Cincinnati by telecommunication satellite are asked to meet at the church at 4 p.m. Saturday. Betty Wolle will be driving the church van to San Jacinto United Methodist Church in Amarillo for the telecast.

A city-wide prayer breakfast will be held at 6:30 a.m. May 5 in the Hereford Community Center in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. Tickets are \$3.50 and may be purchased at the church office or at the community center as you enter. There will be a short program with Susie Merrick as guest speaker and a video will be shown. The program and breakfast will be timed so that it will be over for those needing to be at work by 8 a.m.

The Golden Cross Fund will be the recipient of Sunday's special offering. This fund helps persons in this conference who are not able to pay for their hospitalization at the Methodist Hospital. Those attending the service may leave gifts to the fund on the communion rail or designate them for the fund and place them in the offering plate during worship.

## ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"True Love" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

Christian education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday with children and youth meeting in the education wing and the Adult Class meeting in the church parlor. The Adult Class continues with "Spring Potpourri: A Miscellany of Things Anglican, Episcopalian and, God Willing, Christian." The video and discussion this coming Sunday will focus on "A New Journey Together," on the installation of Presiding Bishop Browning and a look at what a celebration of a new ministry means for the Episcopalian tradition.

The regular Wednesday service will be the daily office of evening prayer with the Litany of Healing led by St. Thomas' lay readers. The prayers will be those of St. Monnica, mother of St. Augustine.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency or to make

appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 1-353-1734.

The community is invited to a celebration of a new ministry with St. Thomas and Father Wilson who will be instituted and induced as rector of St. Thomas on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m., the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.

## CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Located at 401 W. Park Ave., Christ's Church Fellowship strives to exalt Christ and teach the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Pastors Otto and Pat Schaufele invite you to worship with us this Sunday morning. The adult 9:30 a.m. classes will be combined for a teaching on "The Ministry of Hospitality." The sermon for the 10:45 p.m. service will be "Intercession."

CCF encourages everyone in the community to attend the city-wide prayer breakfast at 6:30 a.m. May 5 at the Hereford Community Center. It will give all believers in the community the opportunity to agree together on the burning issues not only facing our city, but our nation. Susie Merrick will be the speaker. Tickets are priced at \$3.50 per person and may be purchased in the church office.

This Sunday, the Children's Christian Youth Club will provide the noon meal for the church family. The program will include a video presentation of the activities of the CYC over the past school year.

There will be a Mother-Daughter luncheon Saturday, May 7, at the Hereford Country Club. Tickets are priced at \$8 per person. Reservations need to be made with Connie Gilbert by May 1.

The men of the church meet each Sunday at 6 p.m. Their study is entitled "Maximized Manhood." The women meet at 7 p.m. on Mondays and at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Their new series is entitled "Holiness." The teens meet every Sunday at 6 p.m.

For information about CCF or any of its activities, or to request prayer, please call the church office at 364-0373.

## WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school for all ages begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. A special children's sermon is held each Sunday.

Choir practice is planned at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The church congregation wishes to thank each and everyone that supported their recent stew supper. Appreciation is also extended to The Hereford Brand and KPN Radio Station for the publicity.

The Wesley United Methodist Men will have their Sunday morning breakfast at the church at 9 Sunday. Visitors are always welcome to attend all services and activities at the church.

## TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor H. Wyatt Bartlett and the congregation at the church, located at 700 Ave. K., invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday.

Sunday school and Bible study begin at 9:45 a.m. with the preaching service at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

The mid-week prayer meeting is held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday with the Sanctuary Choir meeting at 7:45 p.m.

This week we would like to encourage everyone to come to the city-wide prayer breakfast Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. This is being held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Annual National Day of Prayer city-wide prayer breakfast is planned at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and are available from the Hereford churches or by calling 364-8303.

The adults will be studying "A Full and Meaningful Life in Christ" at 5:15 p.m. Sunday in Room #103. This is a good tool to use with people who do not know Christ. The Children's Discipleship continues to meet every Sunday at 5:15 p.m. in the fifth grade room.

The VBS Clinic is scheduled at 7 p.m. May 9 and at 9:30 a.m. May 10 in Amarillo's First Baptist Church.

Items for kits for the homeless are still needed: washcloths, mouthwash, small shaving creams, hair brushes and child-size tube socks. Place articles in gallon sized zipper bags if possible and put in the box in the foyer downstairs.

## DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to visit with us during each and every service. Bible study begins at 9:50 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday school classes are available for each age group and nursery care is provided during Sunday school and the morning worship hour.

The Sunday morning message will be taken from Jeremiah 33:3 and other selected passages. The title of the message is "Hearing the Voice of God." During the Sunday evening service, we will continue our study of the book of Acts.

The time for the Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer time has been changed to 8 for the summer months. This week we will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Don Shepherd will deliver the message "Beyond Routine" during the 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday worship service. The scripture to study is John 15:1-8. The sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed at that time.

The Spring Bazaar is planned from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Campership applications need to be turned in by session meeting on May 3.

The World Day of Prayer breakfast is scheduled at 6:30 a.m. May 5 at the Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$3.50 per person.

May 8 will be youth Sunday.

## CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

We at the Central Church of Christ want to invite all who are in the community to come and worship with us at 148 Sunset Drive.

In our diligence to serve God, we

meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 for classes and at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. for worship services.

A church spokesperson said, "We have classes that appeal to all ages groups and also several activities that encourage everyone to use their life to reflect God and Jesus Christ."

## TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is extended an invitation to attend services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

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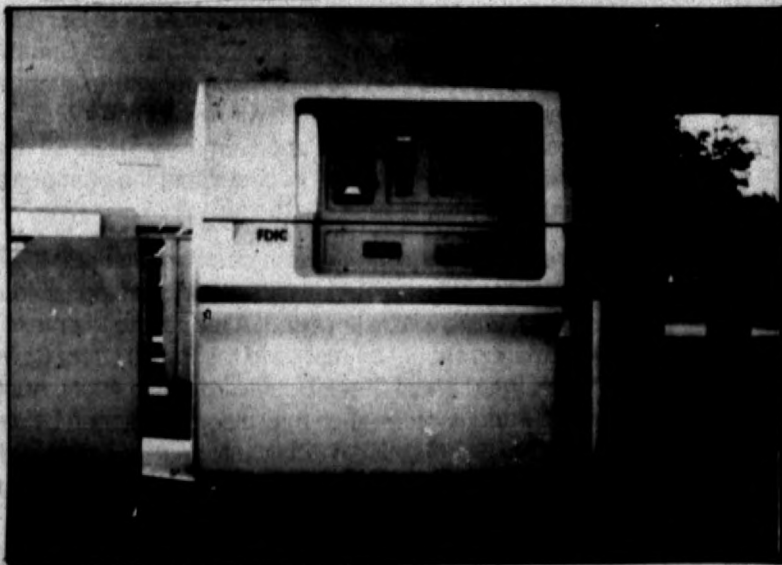
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# Sports

## Herd track athletes to face tough challenge from competition at Region I-4A Track Meet

By JAY PEDEN  
Sports Editor

The Hereford athletes who will compete at the Region I-4A Track Meet, set for tonight and Saturday in San Angelo, know they've got to perform at their absolute best to succeed against the tough competition there.

Brandon Gearn, a senior, was the only Whiteface who won a district championship--several others will compete as second-place finishers. He won the 100-meter dash and was second in the 200.

The favorite at regionals will be Johnny Smith, the defending regional champion in both sprints. He has the second-fastest 100-meter time in the

state (including 5A schools), and he has the third-fastest time in the 200.

Other than Smith, there are top sprinters at San Angelo Lakeview and Estacado, according to Herd coach Ron Young, and then there are always good ones from near Fort Worth.

"The competition will definitely be there--lots of it," Young said.

Sprinting is obviously a simple sport; when Young was asked what Gearn would have to do to win, assistant coach Bill Bridge piped up, "Run fast."

Gearn's personal bests are 10.84 in the 100 and 12.8 in the 200. Those times are fast, but may not be fast enough.

"Time-wise, he's going to have to run both of those just to get in the finals," Young said. "Beyond that, it's like Bridge said: Run fast."

Krista West finished third in the 200 dash at last year's regional meet, and she's back to try again. The bad news is that so is the defending champ: Tonisha Jackson of Fort Worth Arlington Heights. West also faces tough competition from her own district: Damaris Lopez of Dumas beat her at the district meet.

"We know there are at least two girls in the region that (have times that) are faster than Krista, but we know we're not out of the race," girls coach Martha Emerson said.

"We like to think that when you get to the meet, you throw out what has happened before," Emerson said.

Emerson also is taking to San Angelo discus thrower Jenny Parker, shot putter Michelle Brock and two relay teams, the 800 and the 1,600. The 800 relay team will consist of West, Courtney Gearn, Cassie Abney and Marie Crox. The 1,600 team will be West, Gearn, Abney and either Crox or Jamie Harrison.

"Our 800 relay is sitting in a good place," Emerson said. "Pampa's got a good relay and they've beaten us. The other teams we can run with. We don't know of any better than we are."

She didn't mean to imply that her team couldn't run with Pampa, she added. Pampa won at district by half a second; Hereford beat Pampa by 0.64 at the Hereford meet.

"It just depends on who does everything right that day," she said.

Pampa's 1,600 relay may be the favorite at the meet. Pampa has run a 4:01, and Emerson said it may break 4 minutes. Hereford ran a 4:10.09 at the district meet, and that was by far its best time this year.

"From what we've found out, there's four or five teams that run around 4:10," she said.

Parker in the discus and Brock in the shot put, both seniors, both had personal-best efforts at the district meet and finished second. Unfortunately, they'll both need to do even better to place at the regional meet. Emerson, looking over the state rankings, said there were seven shot putters and six discus throwers who'll be there whose best throws are better than Parker's and Brock's.

Of the events involving Hereford athletes, only the girls' discus will be completed today.

Third-place finishers at the district meets serve as alternates to the regional meet, and Hereford had several of those: Mark Kuper in the 110 high hurdles; Richard Hicks in the high jump; Marquise Brown in the 100 dash; Erin Dunn in the 100 hurdles; Beth Haile in the discus; Crox in the 300 hurdles; and the girls' 400 relay team of Gearn, Abney, Crox and Anna Witkowski.

Most of those listed above will attend in the unlikely but possible event that one of District I-4A representatives cannot compete.

"The worst thing in the world is to be at the regional meet--or at state--and hear the PA announcer say, 'The runner from (a high school) cannot compete. Is the alternate here?' and he isn't there," Young said.

## Borger must lose for Herd to have shot at district title

Since Hereford and Borger have wrapped up the two baseball playoff berths from District I-4A, the only suspense left is from who'll win the district title.

So if you're rooting for Hereford, you'll be pulling for Dumas, too. Dumas, which is 2-5-1 in district and 8-13-1 overall but did manage a tie at Hereford, is playing Saturday at Borger (8-0, 16-7)--field conditions permitting.

Today's hard rains hit most of the Panhandle and might force postponement of the weekend's games. Hereford Boys' Athletic Director Danny Haney had been in contact with Canyon (Randall) AD Mike Wartes, Haney said, but no decision on Hereford's game at Randall was made by noon today.

(See BASEBALL, Page 5)

## Kitchens Classic starts today

The Third Annual Cuby Kitchens Classic youth basketball tournament starts today in Hereford.

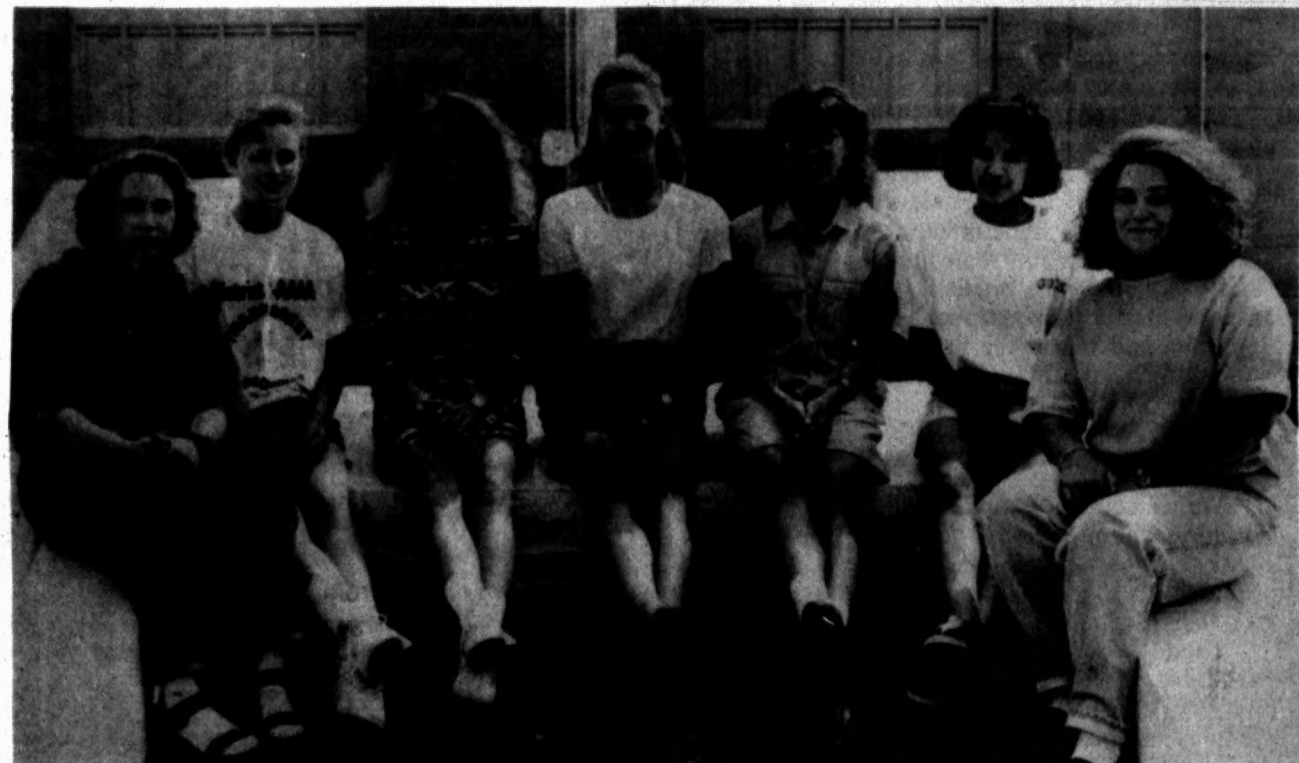
This year, 76 teams of boys and girls from three states are coming to Hereford to compete for titles in eight age-divisions.

The tournament will use courts at the junior high, the high school and at Stanton. Games will fill the day and much of the night: 5-11:30 p.m. today; 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

The age divisions are 11-under,

12-under, 13-under and 14-under for boys, and 12-under, 13-under, 14-under and 15-16 for girls. Each division has at least one team that is predominantly made up of Hereford kids.

Weekend passes are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, and allow access to all games all weekend. Daily passes are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students. A concession stand will be open at the junior high, serving hamburgers and other items.



### Regional qualifiers

Several Hereford track athletes will compete at the Region I-4A Track Meet today and Saturday in San Angelo. From the girls' track team (pictured above) are: (left to right) Michelle Brock, Jamie Harrison, Krista West, Cassie Abney, Courtney Gearn, Marie Crox and Jenny Parker. Pictured below are Brandon Gearn (far left) and alternates (left to right) Richard Hicks, Marquise Brown and Mark Kuper.



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On February 22, 1994, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell" or "Company") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to restructure the Company's Local Transport and Directory Transport categories of its Switched Access Service. This matter has been assigned to Docket No. 12784. The tariff sheets in Southwestern Bell's application, if approved, will bring the Company's intrastate Access Service Tariff into structural parity with the Company's interstate Tariff No. 73 for Local Transport. Southwestern Bell's companion interstate tariff became effective on January 1, 1994.

The transport rate elements provide for the transmission facilities between the customer's premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

Southwestern Bell proposes to implement the revised tariffs on a revenue neutral basis. Although the proposed tariff changes will affect all customers subscribing to Switched Access Service, the Local Transport and Directory Transport categories of Southwestern Bell's Switched Access Service is primarily for interexchange carriers. If approved, this application will result in an increase in Southwestern Bell's revenues of approximately \$1682.00 during the first year. Southwestern Bell proposes that the changes be effective on December 1, 1994.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 6, 1994.

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# Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I met a young woman at college who has it all--looks, brains and personality. I finally got up enough nerve to ask her out, and she accepted.

After we had been dating for a few months, it became apparent that she was beginning to feel as strongly about me as I felt about her, so we made plans to go on our first out-of-town (overnight) trip together--a drive to San Diego for a three-day weekend.

Although I didn't know for sure that anything was going to happen, I thought I'd better be prepared, so I stopped by a drugstore on the way home from school to buy some condoms. I had never bought condoms before (I usually got them from friends), so I was a little ill at ease. I tried to make small talk with the pharmacist as he rang up my purchase and foolishly blurted out that I might "get lucky" over the weekend.

When I went to pick up my girlfriend the next morning, imagine my shock when that pharmacist answered the door. He was her father.

I was so embarrassed I couldn't speak. Fortunately, my girlfriend was ready on time, and we managed to leave after a brief introduction.

We had a lovely weekend, but I didn't tell her that I had bought the condoms from her father. I now am feeling guilty and uneasy. Should I say something and get it over with or keep quiet?--Van Nuys, Calif.

**DEAR V.N.:** Keep quiet. It's enough that YOU are embarrassed. Why make your girlfriend uncomfortable, too?

There are times when the less said, the better, and this happens to be one of those times.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** Please warn your older retired readers about the telephone sharks who sell everything from ballpoint pens to worthless gems. They are fast talkers and very convincing.

My widowed father has been cheated out of a great deal of money by crooks whose initial contact was by

telephone. He fell for a scheme from a high pressure salesman who convinced him that he would double his money. His first investment was a stock that turned out to be worthless. Then he bought some phony gems that were supposed to be sapphires and rubies but turned out to be glass. The last rip-off was his acquisition of underwater real estate.

Ruthless people prey on vulnerable and lonely senior citizens who are easy targets for slick talk. My father now knows that the only smart answer for a phone solicitor is "NO, I never buy anything over the phone." Please get the message across, Ann.--Sharked in Kentucky

**DEAR SHARDED:** I've dealt with this subject before, but once more won't hurt. Thanks for the opportunity to play it again, Sam. Tell your father that the best way to double his money is to fold it once and put it back in his wallet.

**Gem of the Day:**  
Mary: "Mama, you know that pretty

vase you said had been handed down from generation to generation?"

Mother: "Yes, dear. What about it?"  
Mary: "Well--this generation just dropped it."

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I am 23, and my parents have been divorced for 20 years. When I was 9, I was injured in a car accident. One month after my recovery, my mother married her boyfriend. Three months after the accident case was settled, Mom left for her honeymoon.

Soon after, I began having seizures. My mother sent me to a counselor, not a physician. When I was 17, I moved in with my father. Within six months, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. I had been suffering from it, untreated, for eight years.

At age 19, I received my settlement money from the accident--\$23,000. My mother immediately asked me for a very large loan. My father told me to tell her, "No," which I did. I later found out that my mother had received \$6,000 when we went to court, which I assume went toward her honeymoon.

Until this day, my mother holds it against me that I didn't loan her that money. Ann, it's not as if she were desperate. Mom is very well off. She has a new car, a new house and every convenience. It's obvious, though, that she has never forgiven me. She gave me used clothes for my birthday present and hasn't been to my apartment in two years.

I still call her every day, but she only calls me from her car phone on her way home from work. The worst of it is that she doesn't believe I really have epilepsy. My medical bills are overwhelming. Employers refuse to keep me for more than three months because they think I may hurt myself.

I still need my mother and wish she would be closer to me. Where can I get information on epilepsy that might help her accept my condition?--Dallas Daughter

**DEAR DALLAS:** See a counselor, and get some help in coming to terms with your mother. There are many loose ends in your life that need to be tied up.

For information about epilepsy, write to: Epilepsy Foundation of America, 4351 Garden City Dr., Landover, Md. 20785, or call 1-800-EFA-1000.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** After reading the letters about a surviving

pet's reaction to the loss of a partner, I had to write.

My dog, Pepper, and my cat, Nuthin, had been raised together. When Pepper died eight years ago, Nuthin refused to come into the living room. She spent all her time asleep on the pillow she shared with Pepper.

I had Pepper cremated, and two weeks later, the ashes were delivered in a small box, which I put on the bottom shelf of my bookcase. That night, Nuthin came into the living room and sniffed around until she spotted the box. She then sat on top of it, purring. Later, Nuthin curled up on my feet in my bedroom for the first time since Pepper died. It was as if she knew Pepper was home again.

When Nuthin died last May, I had her cremated and the ashes put in the same blue urn with Pepper. Today, it sits on the bookcase, and no one knows what is inside. But I know they will always be together, and that gives me enormous comfort.--Julie in Minnesota

**DEAR JULIE:** Your letter really moved me. I'll bet many of my readers were also teary-eyed. Thanks for writing. Nuthin sounds like "somethin" to me.

**Gem of the Day:** Love is a condition of the mind that often strikes when the mind is not in very good condition.

## CHURCH

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

The congregation and Pastor Dorman Duggan would like to invite everyone to come and worship with them Sunday.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is available.

The junior and senior high choir from the Community Christian School will be performing Michael W. Smith's musical, "The Big Picture," at the morning service. In the musical, the difficult question, "If God is an all-powerful God, why doesn't he stop pain and suffering?" is tackled. The musical talks about how through God's Providence, He is able to use us throughout "The Big Picture!"

The youth groups meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church. Also, meeting on Wednesdays are the Children's Choir at 7 p.m. and the Home Groups which meet in various homes at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church school is at 10 a.m. at the church located at 100 Ave. B. The Adult Sunday school class will not meet Sunday.

During the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, "The Vital Vine" is the title of the sermon taken from John 15:1-8. The sermon will be delivered by Bob Hamer. Liturgist will be Dr. Kenneth Joyce and the lector will be Marvin Tohm.

Confirmation class will meet at 7 p.m. May 5.

### TEMPLO CALVARIO

The public is invited to all services at the church located at 137 Ave. G. (across from Hereford High School).

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service starts at 11. Youth night is at 6:30 p.m. each Monday and the Wednesday word study and preaching is at 7 p.m.

A special presentation entitled "The Trial" will be performed at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1. The public is invited to attend.

## Brumley to participate in classroom internship

Abilene, Texas -- Angela Brumley, a McMurry University senior from Hereford, has been selected to participate in the Presidential Classroom Collegiate Internships in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Brumley, who served as secretary general of the West Texas Model United Nations sponsored by McMurry University, was selected from a pool of more than 1,200 applicants.

Presidential Classroom selects approximately 30 outstanding men and women from colleges and universities across the nation to come to Washington, D.C., for the internship experience. Interns from the fields of education, the social sciences, business, history, journalism, communication and hotel-restaurant management work with outstanding high school juniors and seniors from the United States and abroad during the Classroom's Senior High School Program.

Classroom interns work in a variety of support positions, enabling them to work directly with the high school

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Thanks for writing! — Heloise

### EXPERI-HINTS

Dear Heloise: For loose sheets over arthritic toes, feet and ankles, make a "toe pleat" in the sheet and other bed covers when making the bed. Thoughtful nurses and other bed-makers use them a lot.

At the foot of the bed, make an overlapping fold in the top sheet and blanket several inches above where the feet will be. This unfolds when the sleeper turns over or stays supine and leaves plenty of room for the feet. — W.R. Caine, Culbertson, Neb.

### SHOPPING CART

Dear Heloise: When I go shopping, I buy in large quantities. To get more groceries in my cart, I put all the large bottles around the edges and then fill the middle. I wedge the cereal boxes around the top. I never need two carts. — Carolyn Short, Crown Point, Ind.

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## Spring Rituals conducted

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Spring Rituals were conducted recently. Receiving the ritual for Preceptor Degree were (seated from left) Connie Matthews, Holly Bixler, Peggy Hyer, Linda Arellano, (standing from left) Kay Williams and Gaye Reily, (all from Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter), Virginia Jackson (Alpha Alpha Chapter), Susan Shaw (Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter) and Murlene Streun (Alpha Alpha Chapter).

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Football is not an end in itself, Gale Sayers warns youth who want to follow his cleat marks into the National Football League.

"It's not a career. It's a stopping-off place. That's it," the

former Chicago Bears running back said. "A career is what you're going to do for the next 25 years."

Sayers began preparing for his second career after his rookie season in 1965. He earned a master's degree and became a stockbroker. He was

ready when a 1971 injury forced him to retire.

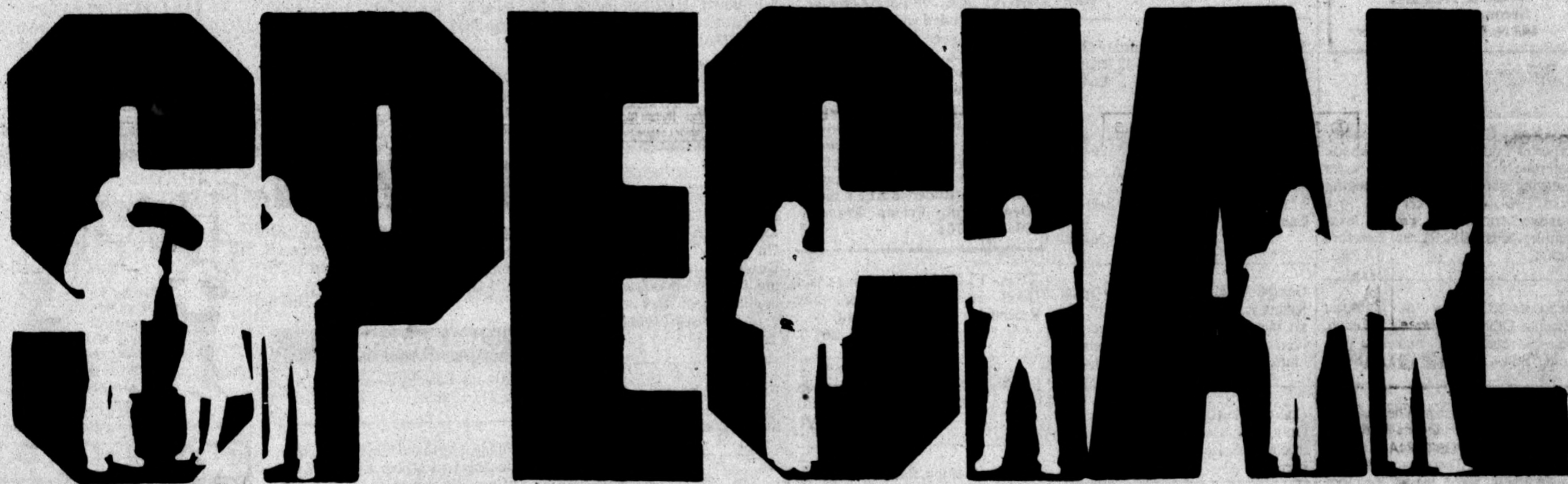
Sayers said he tells young players to have something to fall back on. "By the time you're 24, 25 years old, you're looking for another job. At 30, you're old," Sayers said.



## Taylor takes office

At the recent Pilot International Texas District Convention, Outgoing Lt. Gov. Linda Minchew, at left, is shown congratulating incoming Lt. Gov. Betty Taylor.

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### Spring Rituals held

Three Hereford Chapters of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority recently participated in the Annual Spring Rituals ceremony. Receiving the Preceptor Laureate Degree were (top photo, from left) Marcia Mardis, Nan Gauthreaux and Lynda Brown, all of Alpha Alpha Chapter. Gwen Betzen, a member of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, (at left) received the Ritual of Jewels Degree.



### Receiving Exemplar Degree

Members of the three chapters of the Hereford Beta Sigma Phi Sorority recently participated in the sorority's Annual Spring Rituals. Women who received the Exemplar Degree were, from left, Danell Culp, Marrie Leverett, Jaime Broman and Wanda Huseman. They are members of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter.

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Dec 25.85 25.85 25.85	25.85	25.85	25.85	25.85
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## Visit to Holloman AFB allows Perry to see Stealth up close

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE (AP) - Defense Secretary William Perry, known as the "father of the Stealth" for his work overseeing new defense technology under President Carter, has finally seen the fruits of his labor up close.

And he assured reporters Thursday that Holloman need not fear future base closures. The F-117 Stealth fighter is, he said, "one of the three or four most significant (weapons) systems" in the U.S. arsenal.

"This is the first chance I've had to get this close to it," he said.

All 54 of the planes are at Holloman, near Alamogordo.

But Perry and the Air Force acknowledge there are problems with maintaining the Stealth which have kept the plane on the ground more than the armed forces would like, although Perry insisted Thursday that things are getting better.

"We have an absolutely first-class effort in maintaining the aircraft," he said.

Capt. Bill Harrison, spokesman for the Air Force's Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va., said the F-117s are supposed to be combat-ready 83 percent of the time.

Yet, according to figures provided by Harrison, as recently as last November the planes were only ready to fly 50 percent of the time. In July 1993 the readiness rate had been 67 percent, meaning the planes spent an average of one out of three days grounded by maintenance problems.

By January, Harrison's figures showed, the rate had risen to 75 percent.

He blamed part of the problem on parts.

Air Force budget cuts last year created a shortage of Stealth maintenance parts, particularly cockpit display screens for night flying and high-tech exhaust panels designed to mask the plane from radar.

Also, the Air Force said it lost skilled Stealth maintenance people

when it transferred the planes here from Nevada in 1992. Some people didn't want to move with the planes.

The Air Force said it recognized the shortages last year and began a buildup. The parts started rolling in last December and January, Harrison said, and the 1995 budget includes more money for parts.

Also, he said, the Air Force is moving to transfer skilled maintenance personnel to Holloman.

The Stealth planes were credited with a major role in the Persian Gulf War because of their ability to bypass enemy radar and drop laser-guided bombs.

"I say with some confidence this base is secure," Perry said. "As far as I'm aware, the missions Holloman is now performing have a long tenure ahead of them."

When Perry was undersecretary of defense for Jimmy Carter, work began on the F-117 Stealth fighter, the B-2 bomber and the cruise missile.

"In some circles, he's considered to be the father of the Stealth," said Maj. Earl Shellner, base spokesman.

Perry also said nearby Fort Bliss, Texas, home of the Patriot missiles that downed Iraqi SCUD missiles during the gulf war, should be safe from closure.

"The Patriot is a very important program, and that would suggest, of course, that Fort Bliss will have a very important role as well," Perry said.

He declined to comment on Albuquerque's Kirtland Air Force Base or Clovis' Cannon Air Force Base, saying he had not been briefed on them.

## Desert Storm veteran slams medical care

By PAUL RECER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Carol Stauffer came home from Operation Desert Storm with some of the same symptoms reported by many other veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

She had chronic fatigue, headaches and a general feeling of having a permanent case of the flu.

After months with no relief, she went to a Veterans Affairs hospital and asked for help.

The examination she got, Stauffer said Thursday, "was appalling."

"The examinations they gave would result in a failing grade for a third-year medical student," she said.

She ought to know. Stauffer is a medical doctor, a fact she didn't tell the VA physicians until after their examinations.

"If my experience is typical, the U.S. government is finding in Gulf War veterans exactly the type of illness they want to find - none," she told a special National Institutes of Health panel.

Stauffer joined other veterans testifying before an NIH committee of experts that is studying the health of Gulf War veterans who are

reporting symptoms that include rashes, chronic fatigue, headaches, bleeding gums, loss of concentration and shortness of breath.

Some studies have attributed the symptoms to a high level of chemical exposure. Many American troops in the Persian Gulf area lived for months under a sky filled with dense smoke from burning oil wells. They also reported breathing fumes from burning landfills containing toxic wastes. These exposures have led some to speculate that the symptoms are caused by sensitivity to chemicals.

Inoculations for diseases, Iraqi chemical warfare weapons, parasites and combat stress also are suspected.

The disorder is not a recognized service-related disease, although some groups have given it a name: "Gulf War Syndrome."

Stauffer said VA doctors are not treating the disorder seriously and often imply that it is psychological or the creation of people who are trying to get a benefit from the government.

"I am asking for answers and for some hope of getting well - not a damn handout," said the doctor.

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