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## Fighting gangs

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By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Anger, fear, frustration and a feeling of hopelessness are reasons given again and again by young people who have joined gangs.

Unfortunately, nearly all communities now feel the negative effects displayed in the form of graffiti and gang mottos.

Once simple signs of various cultural traditions, like the Star of David, have now been claimed by the violent gangs.

But all is not bleak, according to Lou Serrano, Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Officer.

"There are a lot of resources in this little town for parents and youth," Serrano said. "You just have to look for it."

"In Hereford, it's only three or four gangs that keep it going," he said. "Not every assault or every crime is gang-related."

Serrano is only one of several law enforcement officials who say it is always the same individuals causing trouble.

Young people who get involved with gangs sometimes start as young as 7 or 8 years old, by imitating actions and mannerisms of older family members. Most adolescents begin real gang activity about the age of 12 to 13.

Serrano said young people see gangs as glamorized, but don't see the trouble and fear associated with them until they get involved.

Tilli Boozer, a local counselor and psychotherapist, agreed with Serrano.

"Most kids join gangs because they need a feeling of belonging," Boozer said. "The techniques used to get kids involved in gangs is almost like brainwashing. They never see the problems until they get in."

One of the good things about local gangs is the lack of loyalty among its members, explained Serrano.

"Often we'll get a kid claiming loyalty to one gang, but when we look really close you'll see tattoos from a previous year's gang."

Knowing all of this does little for property and business owners who see the gang graffiti painted on their walls and fences.

"The best thing for the property owner is to repaint the area as soon as possible," said Serrano. "Otherwise, other gang members see it and mark it out and put out their own message, bigger than the first."

Property owners, like David Burns, owner of West Park Drug, feels it's a waste to keep repainting, just to let the gang members have a clean slate.

"If you don't repaint it," said Serrano. "It's like throwing your hands up and saying 'they win'. We can't let the gangs win."

He's quick to point out changes in the laws are helping to prosecute gang members.

"Any charge combined with participating in organized



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Evidence of gang activity is shown by the graffiti on the side of a Hereford building

criminal activity increases the severity of an offense," he said. "Our district attorney uses it pretty frequently, and the consequences get the attention of arrested gang members."

He said a number of gang members were arrested when this law first came in to use, were put on probation, but when they failed to keep the terms of probation were sent to prison.

The stiff consequences, by all accounts, are the best way to defeat the spread of gangs.

Serrano and Boozer both said the consequences of gang involvement have to be consistent in every case.

"It boils down to maintaining an open line of communication," said Serrano. "Kids need to know they will never get what they think they will from gang(s)... They need to know that not every night is going to be exciting."

Serrano said parents must be involved to keep kids from turning to gangs.

"If parents see signs of gang or drug involvement, I urge them to take a tighter hold ... stop their association with questionable teens and search their rooms," Serrano said.

That statement alone is probably enough to get most teens up in arms, but Serrano said as long as it is still the parents' home, they have a right to search.

"The kids need some privacy, but if parents feel their kids are into something dangerous, to themselves or others, then a search is in order," said Serrano.

"The majority of kids in town are doing really well," he said. "They'll do normal teen-age stuff, but most will do OK. Parents should be more worried about the drug problem than gang involvement."

Serrano, Boozer, and others that work with teens say parents should be alerted if their teens show abnormal attitude problems, start associating with wilder, different crowd, tattoos, or show signs of total defiance.

They also suggest that parents know their kids friends, who they are with, and where they are going.

"It's all interconnected," said Serrano. "The kids are looking for a place to fit in. Sometimes it's just easier for them to be bad."

## Impeachment Conviction may not receive a simple majority in Senate

The Associated Press

Poised to acquit President Clinton, senators returned today to their secret deliberations at the impeachment trial with the lone remaining drama centering on whether even a simple majority will vote for his conviction and removal from office.

Majority Leader Trent Lott said 37 senators had yet to speak and his hopes for a vote today had dimmed. "I don't think that is going to be possible at this time," he told senators before the sergeant-at-arms closed the chamber doors for the debate.

The president's defenders were already looking ahead to life after impeachment. White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Clinton would campaign vigorously to return the Congress that impeached him to Democratic hands in 2000 but wouldn't specifically target the 13 GOP House managers who prosecuted him.

Lockhart said several of the prosecutors were in districts with little or no competition and "I don't think the House managers are the most likely people" that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and others will target.

With Republican hopes for a 67-vote conviction margin now just a distant memory, attention turned to the struggle for a mere majority — a legally empty result that nevertheless would offer rebuffed House prosecutors a symbolic achievement for their uphill work. Three Republicans have announced they will vote to

acquitt Clinton.

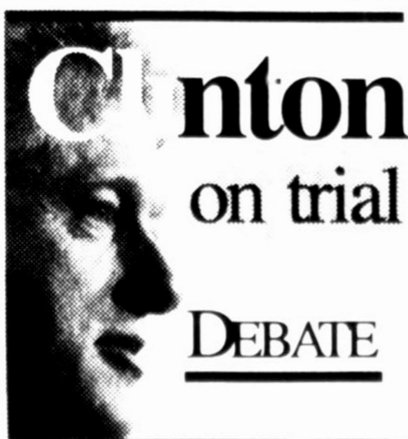
"The drama is going to be whether obstruction gets 50 votes or not," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

The article cited by Schumer, obstruction of justice, has been considered the stronger of two charges in impeachment trial deliberations that enter their third day today. Numerous senators have predicted the perjury article against Clinton would not achieve a majority.

Three Republicans said Wednesday they will not vote to convict Clinton. If three more do so and all 45 Democrats vote to acquit, the articles would fall short of a majority. Opinion polls have shown consistently that about two-thirds of the public think Clinton shouldn't be convicted and removed.

"I wouldn't be surprised if others would make a similar announcement — how many I don't know," Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., said of anti-conviction Republicans. Mack did not announce his position.

Nearly half the 100 senators had not addressed their colleagues after the second day of closed-door deliberations ended Wednesday. Votes on the articles were possible late today, but senators were prepared to delay the verdict until Friday. The votes would be in open session.



Clinton on trial  
DEBATE

"We're off to a good start. ... I think it's an indication people are understanding this is a program to have high standards and early interventions."

Gov. George W. Bush



## Senate panel likes plan to bar social promotions



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Bivins

AUSTIN (AP) — Future students would have to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in third, fifth and eighth grades to be promoted — unless their parents successfully appealed — under a bill approved unanimously by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday.

The effort to stop the passage of students from grade to grade when they're not academically prepared, known as social promotion, is a key initiative of Gov. George W. Bush.

"If we continue to let this happen, it is we who are failing, not the students," said committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, sponsor of the bill.

After the bill was forwarded to the full Senate on a 9-0 vote, Bush said, "We're off to a good start. ... I think it's an indication people are understanding this is a program to have high standards and early interven-

tions."

Under the measure, the TAAS requirement would kick in with the fall 1999 kindergarten class. Students already in school wouldn't have to meet the standard.

Backers envision \$203 million in extra funding for programs to ensure students get the skills they need. Teachers would get stipends to participate in training seminars focusing on reading. Students who fail the TAAS would get more than one chance.

The initiative drew favorable comments from business people and educators — including those whose school districts have instituted their own anti-social promotion programs, such as Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District.

State law already says students may be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency. But there's no state standard to ensure students aren't passed without demonstrating knowledge.

"We looked at it as parents. ... I wanted to make sure my son can read, write and perform mathematics," said Thom Vines, assistant superintendent at Lubbock-Cooper ISD.

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# LIFESTYLES

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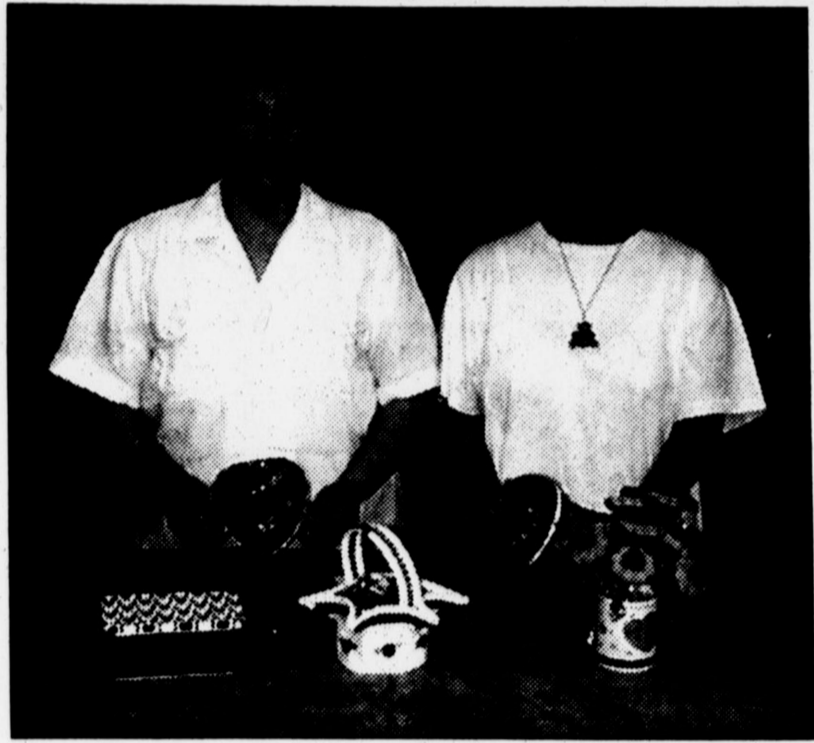
## Quilting leads to thinking

A program titled "Cherishing the Past" was given by Pat Fisher at the recent meeting of Hereford Study Club in the home of Virginia Winget with Jean Ballard as co-hostess.

Fisher, who is a master quilter, displayed quilts she had made. She said quilting is a quiet activity that leads to contemplation and inward thoughts.

Mary Stoy, president, conducted the business meeting.

Members present were Doris Bryant, Morgan Cain, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Elizabeth Hellman, Betty Martin, Carole McGilvary, Nedra Robinson, Helen Spinks, Evelyn Wilson, Joan Yarbro, Gladys Setliff, Ballard, Stoy and Winget.



**Sale offerings**—Juanita Diaz, left, and Corena Garcia display some of the items that will be offered during the Valentine Bake Sale sponsored by Sugar Works Cake Decorating Club from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Thriftway East, 610 McKinley. Sale items will include decorated cookies and cakes. Proceeds benefit Hereford Satellite Center.

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## Ann Landers



**Dear Ann Landers:** Your criticism of people who test their blood and inject insulin in public raised quite a stir among the readers of Diabetes Interview, an independent monthly publication about diabetes. Although some readers agreed with you, most considered your answer off-base. I would like to tell you why.

Diabetes care has improved dramatically in the past two decades. In the old days, we took one or two injections of long-acting insulin once or twice a day. This low-maintenance routine was convenient, but it did not control the diabetes sufficiently to prevent complications such as blindness and kidney and heart disease.

These days, diabetes is treated aggressively. We have portable blood-testing equipment and rapid-acting insulins. We often take four or more injections a day — before each meal and at bedtime. Since these insulins work as soon as they are injected, the best time to take the injection is when the plate is in front of us.

Insulin injections do not have to attract attention. There is no need to pull up one's shirt and expose skin. We can inject right through clothing, and often, nobody at the table notices. Blood testing is more obvious, but it is an essential part of our basic health care. For those who must do eight or 10 tests a day, even the best bathrooms are not sanitary enough.

Hiding the facts of our health care suggests that we are doing something shameful. We need insulin to survive. Banishing us to the bathroom undermines efforts to accept our diabetes in a positive, healthy way. I hope this gives you a better idea of the concerns and cares of over 8

million Americans who take insulin. — Scott King, publisher and editor in chief, Diabetes Interview, San Francisco

**Dear Scott King:** Thank you for a letter that will educate millions of readers, me included. I'm pleased that you wrote. Keep reading for more:

**From Dublin, Ireland:** My daughter is 6 years old and diabetic. No way will I give her an injection in a dirty bathroom or make her feel that taking her medication is something to be ashamed of. Please tell your readers about the wonderful, courageous children with diabetes who face daily injections, blood tests, restricted diets and the discrimination of adults who don't understand.

**Baltimore:** Diabetics must test themselves and take insulin at mealtime. If seeing a drop of blood makes people sick, well, too bad. They shouldn't look.

**Moreno Valley, Calif.:** I would never teach my two diabetic children that "good table manners" means to hide or be embarrassed about their condition. People should be educated about diabetes so they won't be grossed out.

**Provo, Utah:** I try to be discreet when administering insulin in public. No one is offended by a heart patient who takes a pill at a meal or a person with asthma using an inhaler. Why should diabetes be any different?

**Piggott, Ark.:** Are you out of your mind? Fast-acting insulin must be taken immediately before eating. Nowadays, a diabetic can inject insulin in the stomach, right through the clothing.

**Orange, N.J.:** My 16-year-old son has diabetes, and he agrees with you, Ann. He feels that diabetes is part of his personal life and should remain private. He does not wish to have strangers see him test his blood or inject his insulin. Your comments were right on.

**York, Pa.:** I am a diabetic. Many of us talk about being treated "like anyone else," and

then, we go ahead and make sure everyone within viewing distance knows we have a condition that requires attention. I prefer some privacy, thank you.

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## New Arrivals

Eric and Annette Trujillo of Dumas are the proud parents of a daughter, Danica Leigh, born Feb. 9 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed 5 pounds, 7-3/4 ounces and was 18 inches long. Danica has two older brothers, Andrew, 6 and Raul Jess, 4.

Grandparents are Raul and Nora Guerrero and Albert and Harriet Trujillo, all of Hereford.

Great-grandparents are Angel and Rosa Moya of Hereford.

## Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 10:

Milton C. Adams, Jennifer Marie Casarez, infant girl Casarez, Janey Gallagher, infant girl Gallagher, Joyce L. Thomas, Verna F. Tucker.

## Dones is speaker for Veleda Study Club

Joy Dones, president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Hereford, was speaker at the recent meeting of Veleda Study Club in the home of Frances Crume.

Dones related her experiences in getting help for her son and others and explained the high cost of medications which help with mental illness.

Following Dones' presentation, club members voted to give a book on mental illness to the Deaf

Smith County Library. President Marcella Brady conducted the business meeting. Members answered roll call with a blessing.

Present for the meeting were Juanita Brown, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Betty Gilbert, Joyce Ritter, Theda Seiver, Margaret Zinser, Brady and Crume.

The next meeting will be at Ritter's home with Jean Beene presenting the program.

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What's Happening

## Area Events

**PANHANDLE**  
The Square House Museum in Panhandle presents "Sojourn: Musings on Time and Place in Texas."

This is an exhibit of 48 photographs, some in color but most black-and-white, taken in rural small towns across Texas. John Mattson and Karen Zimmerly began this very personal photodocumentary in 1982, exploring the small towns around San Angelo with camera and road map. Since then they have traveled all over Texas, along secondary highways and the numerous farm roads that criss-cross the state. The public is invited to a reception in the gallery from 2:30-4 p.m. on Feb. 28. It will be an opportunity to meet these talented and sensitive artists. Refreshments will be served.

"Sojourn" can be viewed in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building gallery through March 28. Admission is free. The museum is located in Panhandle at the intersection of Hwy 207 and Fifth St.

**CANYON**  
Gerald P. Peters III of Santa Fe will be the featured speaker at the Third Annual Meeting for the Friends of Southwestern Art (FOSA) at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on Feb. 20.

Peters has been involved in the art world for more than 25 years as a collector, dealer, appraiser and consultant. He will lecture on the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies, his new gallery, and his dealings with the work of Georgia O'Keeffe.

The FOSA Annual Meeting dinner will be held in the museum's Hazlewood Lecture beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

For more information or reservations, call the museum at 806-651-2244 or 651-2245.

**BOVINA**  
St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its annual German Sausage Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third St.

The menu will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread, butter, desserts, tea and coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 8 and under. Take out plates will be available.

**AMARILLO**  
This weekend Continental Shows is staging its Antique Show and Sale at the Amarillo Civic Center. Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. One price admission of \$3 covers all three days of the show and children are

free when accompanied by an adult.

Exhibits of antiques will range from glass, furniture, jewelry, art, pottery, china, silver, primitives, advertising, linens and much more. Everything on display will be for sale.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services (TPMHA) is offering a parenting class for parents of adolescents on Feb. 20 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the TPMHA Administration Building, 1500 S. Taylor.

"Back in Control" was written by Gregory Bodenamer, a former juvenile probation officer. TPMHA child and adolescent staff, Lupe Schneider, M.Ed., and Randy Smiddy, M.Ed., LPC, are the instructors.

The curriculum is hard hitting, yet compassionate and is based on a highly successful program that has helped thousands of parents regain control over their children.

The class will cover a wide range of problems - whether a teen is simply ignoring household rules, or perhaps lying, or stealing - to more harmful problems, such as drug and alcohol abuse or unsafe sexual activities. Parents will learn how to avoid potentially explosive situations, ways to use tested solutions to averting immediate danger - and preventing these behaviors from happening again.

Certificates of attendance will be presented at the end of the class. The cost is \$15-\$5 for the class and \$10 for the book. Pre-registration is required. Call 806-354-2191 for additional information.



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## Genealogical society meeting set on Monday

The Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the game room of Hereford Community Center.

A program titled "Searching for Women in Your Heritage" will be given by Sylvia Murray.

Murray is a highly respected genealogist in this area who teaches a course in genealogy and often conducts workshops.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in pursuing their heritage.

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# SPORTS

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## Ditka to receive further heart analysis

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints coach Mike Ditka wants to be sure the fluttering of his heart was not an indication of anything more serious than an irregular heartbeat.

Ditka planned to have further tests to follow up on the emergency treatment he received last week.

"I want to get an angiogram, and then make sure I don't have any blockage," Ditka said. "If I have blockage, then I have to get done what has to be done whether they have to bypass it or whatever."

Ditka, 59, had a heart attack in 1988. A mild electric shock was administered to his heart on Feb. 2.

"It went out of rhythm, and I had to get it shocked back into rhythm," Ditka told Chicago reporters before returning to New Orleans on Wednesday. "But I feel pretty good. I've been working out every day."

Ditka has also been working everyday, Saints general manager Bill Kuharich said.

"That happened last week and he's been in here every day same as always," Kuharich said on Wednesday. "It hasn't had any affect on him that I can see."

Ditka said the experience of his old friend, Dan Reeves, head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, made him cautious despite his lack of problems. Reeves had quadruple bypass

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## Schedules set in BCI tournaments

Organizers for the Basketball Congress International Pre-League Tournament recently announced tournament schedules for fourth and fifth grade boys and girls, sixth grade boys and girls and 12-game league play at the West Texas A & M University Activity Center in Canyon.

The fourth and fifth grade boys and girls tournament has been set for February 26-27. The sixth grade tournament is scheduled for March 6-7, and 12-game league play for fourth grade through varsity boys and girls has been slated for March 26-27.

Persons wishing to obtain more information about the tournaments may call Robby Owens at (806) 499-3776.

## Registration begins for summer baseball

Hereford Kids Incorporated baseball and Babe Ruth baseball will be conducting a sign-up for summer baseball at the Hereford Community Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 20.

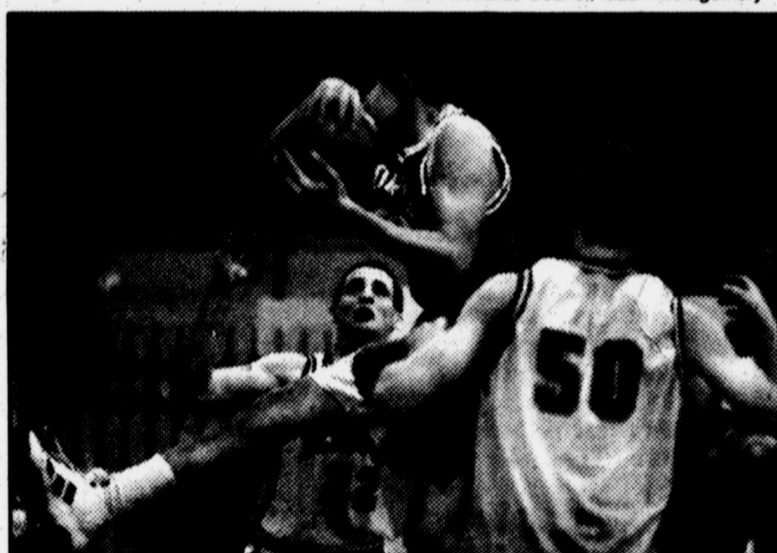
The age criteria for sign-ups are as follows:

Kids Inc. — Open to all boys and girls who are five-years-old by August 1, 1999.

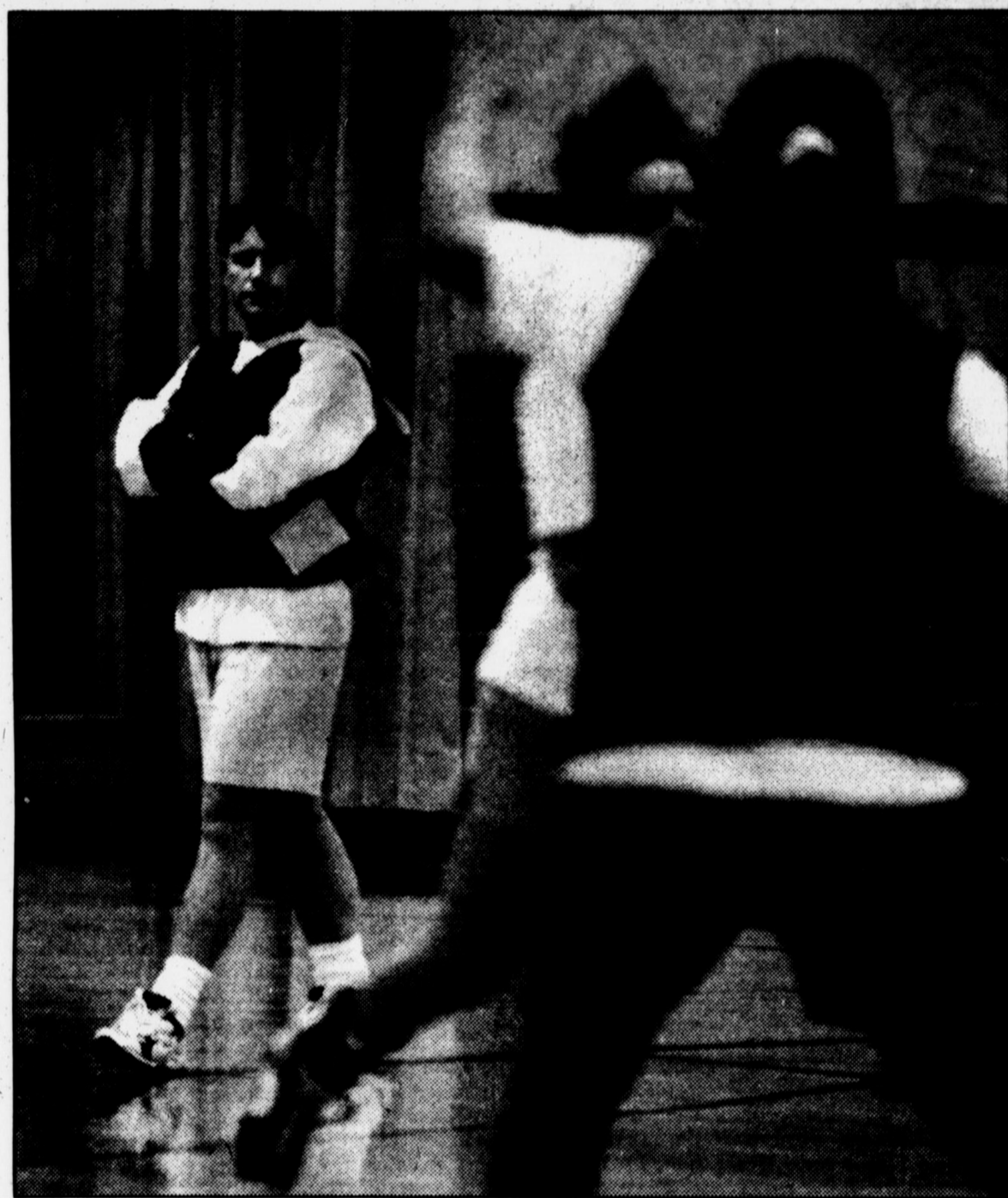
Babe Ruth — Boys who are between the ages of 13 and 15. Participants can not be 16-years-old on or prior to August 1, 1999.

## It's just a game, right?

BRAND/Julius Bodner, Mauri Montgomery



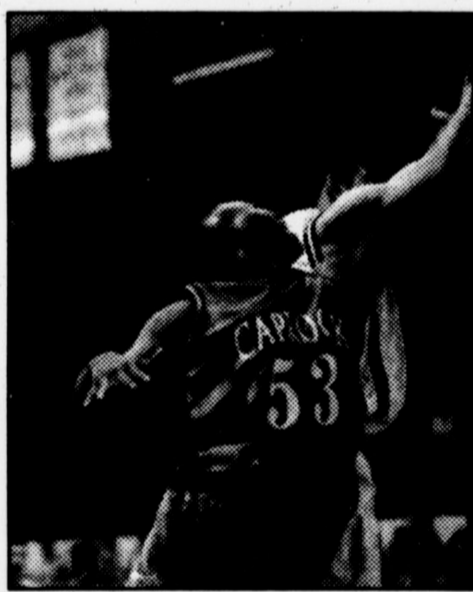
Hereford's Cody Hodges (22) and Chayse Rives (50).



Key Harrison, head Lady Whiteface coach, recently watches his crew during practice.

## Guess Again:

## The Whitefaces are looking for some playoff court time



Cody Marsh hits the boards

By Mauri Montgomery  
Hereford Brand Publisher

The Hereford boy's and girl's varsity basketball programs will be putting the mounting Whiteface tradition of making playoff appearances on the line Friday and Saturday.

Both embark on separate journeys, but both hope the end result will be the same — to place Hereford basketball among the ranks of other unforgiving District 3-4A contenders, now and for years to come.

The dreams are big ones, but no larger than the play that fostered them — both teams earned their 21<sup>st</sup> season victories with wins over the Caprock Longhorns Tuesday night in Amarillo.

And the fact that the Whiteface boys clinched a playoff berth after Tuesday's match with two games yet remaining, still brought no outward reassurance to Hereford coach Randy Dean's demeanor.

Though, it's a trait he comes by honestly. He has harped on his players about good defense so long, it's ingrained in his personality.

"We need to win our two remaining games," Dean said. "When we do that, we'll talk about being in the playoffs."

Hereford, now 6-2 in the District 3-4A race, holds a one-game edge over Caprock and Borger who are tied for third place in the league with 4-4 marks.

The top-ranked Amarillo Palo Duro Dons rest at the crest of the pack sporting a perfect 8-0 record, while Pampa (2-6) and winless Dumas (0-8) sit in the cellar of the district race.

The Whitefaces will meet Dumas here Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Whiteface Gym.

After Hereford (then 3-1) routed Dumas 62-44 in first-half district play, Dean said he felt like his troops were in good position to be competitive when district laurels were divvied-up.

Even then, as any good defensive coach is prone to do, he was being cautious in his optimism.

The Whitefaces are now indeed a

District 3-4A item, and few in the league are betting against their chances in winning their last two games on the regular season schedule.

### Lady Whitefaces tackle a familiar opponent

First-year head girl's varsity basketball coach Key Harrison has watched his Lady Whitefaces falter only four times in loop play this season.

Two of those losses came at the hands of the league's domineering Amarillo Palo Duro Lady Dons (9-1); one came from Dumas (7-3) and the other came from Borger, now tied with Hereford for third place in District 3-4A at 6-4.

The records tell the district story and offer a glimpse of the chapter which will be read Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Amarillo High School Gym as Hereford and Borger face each other for the fourth time this season.

The Lady Whitefaces, coming off two back-to-back wins (one against Borger), will pit their skills once more against the tough Lady Bulldogs — a match up that increasingly sends reformed nail-biters back into the habit.

But the prospect of another intense meeting between the district foes wasn't particularly unsettling to Harrison after his girls beat Caprock in Amarillo Tuesday night.

"For some reason, we always seem to perform better when we're playing a tough team," Harrison said. "Hopefully we'll rise to the occasion again against Borger. We have to. We have no choice. At this point, our season ends when we don't rise to the occasion."

Hereford met and beat Borger the first time in early non-district tournament play, then dropped a game to the Lady Bulldogs 41-40 here before earning a narrow one-point 39-38 victory over the Borger squad on its own home court this past weekend.



Tori Walker shoots in Tuesday night's 47-41 win over Caprock.

## IOC promises continued crackdown

### Report implicates 10 additional members in corruption ring

LONDON (AP) — With 20 percent of its members implicated in the Salt Lake scandal, the International Olympic Committee promised Wednesday to consider expelling more of them to restore its damaged credibility and

assuage big-money sponsors. "We will act decisively," said Anita DeFrantz, an IOC vice president from the United States.

IOC leaders read the 300-page report issued Tuesday by a Salt Lake ethics panel, a document detailing more than \$1 million in cash payments and other favors lavished on IOC members during the city's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

The report linked an addi-

tional 10 IOC members to the scandal, bringing to 24 — a fifth of the total membership — the number of Olympic delegates accused of accepting excessive benefits.

The IOC said the ethics report was being forwarded to its own six-man panel investigating the Salt Lake case.

The decision-making IOC executive board expects to receive "the earliest possible recommendations" from the panel, the IOC said in a state-

ment from Lausanne, Switzerland.

"The IOC remains fully committed to investigating and taking action based on all available evidence," the statement said.

Last month, the IOC panel identified 14 members involved in alleged excesses stemming from Salt Lake's bid.

Nine of those members have either resigned or been expelled by the IOC executive

board. Three others — including powerful executive board member Kim Un-yong of South Korea — remain under investigation, one received a warning and one has died.

The IOC noted that last month's expulsions were "based on evidence available at the time."

Further expulsions are now likely before the special IOC assembly in Lausanne, March

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INSIDE

'Payback' a switch for Gibson

By Douglas J. Rowe

The Associated Press

'Payback' is a switch for Mel Gibson.

His latest movie serves as a vehicle that Mad Max would love to drive. But it's been years since the 43-year-old Gibson played the postapocalyptic antihero. So the advertising campaign has braced his fans — who've grown accustomed to a heroic, if somewhat flawed, Gibson — for Mean, Mad Mel.

Gibson doubts it will be a hard sell.

"Apart from killing people and stealing, he's not a bad guy," Gibson says, with a glint in his cerulean blue eyes.

His character, named Porter, has a few legitimate gripes — he was robbed of \$70,000, double-crossed by his wife, and left for dead.

So Gibson thinks moviegoers will empathize somewhat with the man.

"I think everybody knows what it feels like to want to get even. You're starting from a very good place there," he says. "Very few people actually help it along. Most of us, hopefully, depend on karmic retribution."

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"Point Blank" starring Lee Marvin.

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Along with his longtime friend, accountant Bruce Davey, Gibson set up Icon in 1988, and their movies include the box-office hit "Maverick," "Immortal Beloved," 1995's best-picture Oscar winner "Braveheart," — for which Gibson also won the Academy Award for direction — "187" and "Fairy Tale."

Long ago, however, Gibson didn't give much thought to acting, let alone being a producer and director and having "final cut." After graduating from high school in Australia, where his family had moved from upstate New York when he was 12, Gibson thought about becoming a chef or a journalist.

Then his sister submitted an application for him, without his knowledge, to the National Institute of Dramatic Art at the University of New South Wales. He decided to go through with the required audition.

Barely out of drama school, he got his first job. And such critics as *The New Yorker's* Pauline Kael and *The New York Times's* Vincent Canby were gushing about his talents and star quality.

Selected *People* magazine's first-ever Sexiest Man Alive in 1985, he's also starred in the lucrative "Lethal Weapon" series, "Ransom" and "Conspiracy Theory."

The sixth of 11 children himself, Gibson and wife Robyn have six kids, the oldest an 18-year-old daughter, and five sons — and a seventh is due in April.

"Payback" is showing at Moovies 6, 400 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Grisham didn't always draw crowds

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — John Grisham is accustomed to cheering crowds at book signings, but it wasn't always that way.

Among old friends in his hometown who turned out Tuesday for a signing of his latest book, "The Testament," Grisham, 44, recalled a very different event on the Gulf Coast in 1989. That was one of

his first bookstore receptions, shortly after the former Mississippi lawmaker had written "A Time to Kill."

"I went to a store at a mall down there, and the staff was so glad to see me. They got me coffee ... They put me at a table at the front of the store, right out in the mall where people could see me."

"Hardly a sold-out event. People waiting by the door would look at me like I was a criminal when the store manager's body was going to show they got busy with me. I put up a sign that said 'Over. A buddy of mine from law school finally showed up and we talked for an hour and a half. I didn't even look at

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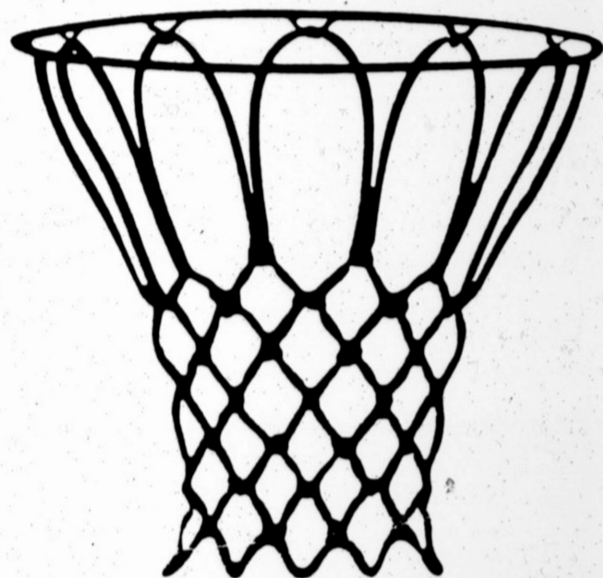


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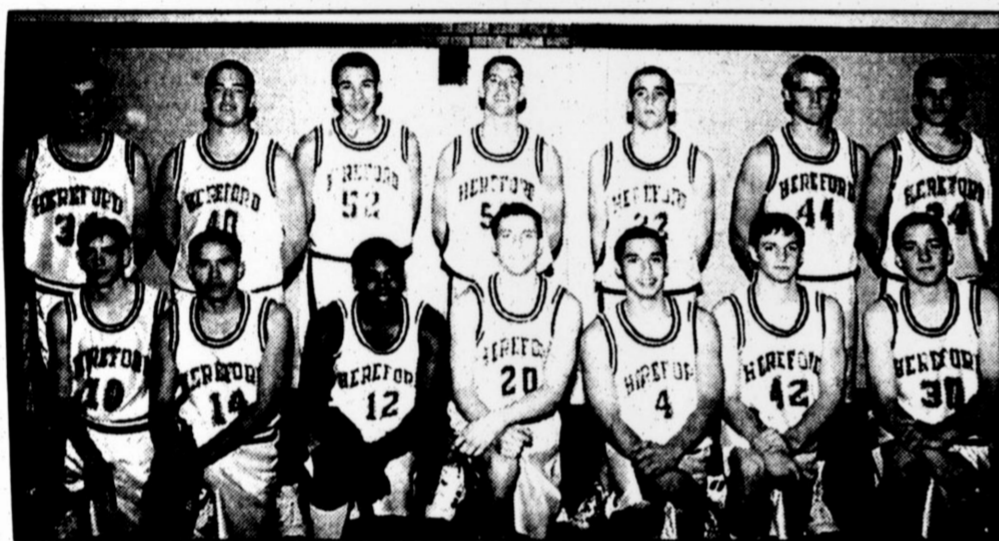
## HOOP IT UP!



### 1998-99 Hereford Hoops Schedules



Boys			Girls		
Day	Site	Time	Day	Site	Time
Jan. 15	Pampa	There JV/V 6:00-7:30	Jan. 15	Pampa	There V/JV 6:00-7:30
Jan. 19	Borger	Here JV/V 6:00-7:30	Jan. 19	Borger	Here V/JV 6:00-7:30
Jan. 22	Caprock	Here JV/V 6:00-7:30	Jan. 22	Caprock	Here V/JV 6:00-7:30
Jan. 26	Dumas	There JV/V 6:00-7:30	Jan. 26	Dumas	There V/JV 6:00-7:30
Jan. 29	Palo Duro	Here JV/V 6:00-7:30	Jan. 29	Palo Duro	Here V/JV 6:00-7:30
Feb. 2	Pampa	Here JV/V 6:00-7:30	Feb. 2	Pampa	Here V/JV 6:00-7:30
Feb. 5	Borger	There JV/V 6:00-7:30	Feb. 5	Borger	There V/JV 6:00-7:30
Feb. 9	Caprock	There JV/V 6:00-7:30	Feb. 9	Caprock	There V/JV 6:00-7:30
Feb. 12	Dumas	Here JV/V 6:00-7:30			
Feb. 16	Palo Duro	There JV/V 6:00-7:30			



Back row left to right: Brent Huseman, Mitch Wagner, Cody Marsh, Chayse Rives, Cody Hodges, Bryan Matthews, Tim Dudley. Front row left to right: Mack Nielsen, Robert Chavarria, Greg Ewing, Eric McNutt, L.J. Vallejo, Steven Northern & Slade Hodges.

### Hereford Whitefaces

4 L.J. Vallejo	5'9"	Jr.
10 Mack Nielsen	5'9"	Sr.
12 Greg Ewing	5'10"	Jr.
14 Robert Chavarria	5'9"	Sr.
20 Eric McNutt	6'0"	Jr.
22 Cody Hodges	6'0"	Soph.
24 Tim Dudley	6'1"	Soph.
30 Slade Hodges	6'0"	Soph.
34 Brent Huseman	6'0"	Sr.
40 Mitch Wagner	6'1"	Sr.
42 Steven Northern	5'11"	Jr.
44 Bryan Matthews	6'2"	Sr.
50 Chayse Rives	6'2"	Soph.
52 Cody Marsh	6'2"	Fr.

Head Coach: Randy Dean  
Asst. Coaches: Clint Coley, Tim Anuszkiewicz

### Lady Whitefaces

10 Amy Perrin	5'8"	Sr.
12 Brionne Yosten	5'6"	Soph.
14 Valerie Guzman	5'8"	Jr.
20 Toni Eicke	5'8"	Jr.
32 Amanda Hill	5'9"	Jr.
34 Makesha Rives	5'6"	Sr.
44 Rachel Chavez	5'9"	Sr.
50 Ashley Fangman	5'9"	Soph.
52 Tori Walker	5'8"	Jr.
54 Kristin Fangman	5'10"	Sr.

Head Coach: Key Harrison  
Assistants: Donnie O'Rand, Pam Dean  
Trainer: Ed Morrow  
Managers: Emily Fry, Emily Parker, Mandi Klein, Franziska Scheuber



Back row left to right: Holly Schilling, Ashley Fangman, Shyla Martin, Kristin Fangman, Rachel Chavez, Amy Perrin, Valerie Guzman. Front row left to right: Toni Eicke, Amanda Hill, Makesha Rives, Tori Walker, Brionne Yosten.

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