



Grandmother fights diseases, asks help with medicine bills

1998 Christmas Stocking Fund



When you have your health — you have everything . . . It's a familiar, and very true saying, and the gift that many applicants for assistance from the 1998 edition of the Christmas Stocking Fund would most love to have.

Numerous applicants are battling health problems this year. One is a 74-year old retired grandmother whose sole income is her Social Security pension. This lady has worked hard her whole adult life, but health problems weigh heavily upon her now. A diabetic, she requires insulin injections, and is also battling cancer with chemotherapy treatments.

This lady and her 82-year old husband see most of their Social Security check go to pay for medication. They've asked CSF for help with their local pharmacy bill this year season.

The caring and sharing of residents of Hereford and Deaf Smith County make this sort of help available during the Yule season, through Hereford's homegrown holiday charity, the Christmas Stocking Fund.

Now in its eighteenth season of operation, CSF makes the Christmas season a little brighter for the community's less fortunate through assistance with food, clothing, and payment on bills for medicine, utilities, and health assistance.

CSF is not affiliated with any governmental entity or organization, and is funded exclusively by the donations of local residents. A committee of anonymous volunteers who represent a broad cross-section of the community screen applications for assistance and make the decisions on help that is extended.

You may donate to CSF in person at *The Hereford Brand*, 313 N. Lee, or mail your gift to CSF in care of Box 673, Hereford. *The Brand* will periodically publish a list of donors and a tally of contributions. Should you wish your gift to CSF to be anonymous, please notify *The Brand* at the time that you make your gift.

PUC plans to ask 76th Legislature for more authority

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission delayed cutting the fee for making in-state long-distance calls Tuesday, saying they needed a commitment that the savings would be passed on to consumers.

The delay sets up a legislative fight over the commission's ability to intervene in the in-state long-distance telephone market.

"This process has been underway for years now and has been delayed too many times," said Kitty Fox-Hessler, regulatory affairs vice president for AT&T's Southwest region.

Ms. Fox-Hessler said she was disappointed in the PUC's decision.

"The PUC bases its delay on a perceived need to regulate the specific way in which the rate reductions will be

accomplished for consumers," she said.

Long-distance companies have complained for years about the 12 cents per minute access charge they pay Southwestern Bell to complete in-state long-distance calls.

The commission considered cutting the access charge by 3 cents a minute, benefiting long-distance companies, while establishing the Universal Service Fund. The \$500 million fund, paid for by customer surcharges, would compensate local phone companies for service to rural customers.

Since long-distance companies would be saving million on the reduction in the access charge, PUC commissioner Judy Walsh said she wanted assurances that some savings would be passed on.

Senator presents session preview

By Don Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Teel Bivins came to town Tuesday to "get his marching orders."

Bivins, whose Texas Senate District 31 encompasses Deaf Smith County, was on the first leg of a swing through the district to get a feel for what his constituents want in the 76th session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January 1999. In addition to Hereford, Bivins made stops Tuesday in Canyon and Muleshoe. He plans to visit Dumas, Borger, Pampa and Canadian next week.

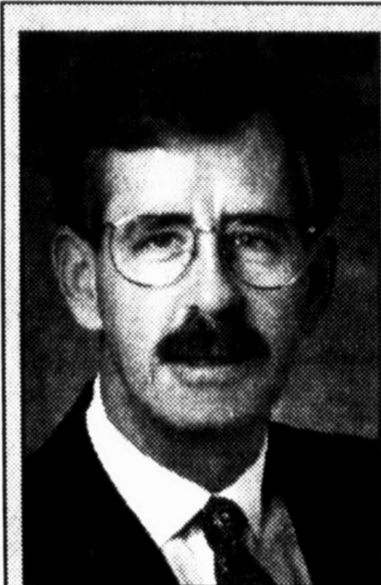
While saying he wanted the suggestions of his constituents about the issues, Bivins used most of the town hall meeting to outline what he sees as the major issues confronting the Legislature when the session begins next year.

Bivins contends the major issues will be:

- The budget;
- Education;
- Deregulation of electricity.

When lawmakers arrive in Austin, they will be in unfamiliar territory: a projected budget surplus of a record size.

Outgoing Texas Comptroller John Sharp has estimated the state's revenues in the next biennium will be \$6.3 billion more than its projected expenditures. That preliminary figure could increase to as much as \$6.7 billion when the comptroller's office certifies its



"There are people who say that unless we go to a voucher system, we will see a collapse of Western civilization. Then there are those on the other side who say the voucher system will make the Earth stop spinning on its axis."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo

estimate before the session opens.

Bivins said he has never started a session in which a budget surplus is projected. Some "of the old-timers" have said a surplus can mean a more contentious session than one in which the lawmakers are struggling to make up a deficit, he said.

In fact, Bivins joked the incoming lawmakers already have "about \$87 billion worth of ideas" floating around.

"My priorities are the school children of Texas and the

Senate panel says children's health to be a top priority

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas should spend up to \$151 million annually in state funds to expand its health insurance program for low-income children who don't have coverage, a Senate committee has recommended.

"Legislators from El Paso and other border communities have known for a long time that children's health should be a top priority for the state," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. "If we don't provide care for these children now, they are likely to end up in local clinics and hospital emergency rooms with acute conditions in need of costly treatment. It makes far more sense to spend the money up front, where it can do the most good."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock appointed Shapleigh and two other lawmakers to the Senate Interim Committee on Children's Health Insurance to look at implementation of a federal program established last year. Their recommendations will be considered by the 1999 Legislature.

Among the committee's recommendations is extending the program to children whose parents' incomes are above the federal poverty level but still not enough to pay for health insurance.

"Many of these children live in low-income working families who are not eligible for Medicaid or other public program, are not covered by employer-based policies, and cannot afford private health insurance," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, chairman of the committee.

The state began implementing the insurance program this summer, covering 15- to 18-year-olds whose families have incomes below the federal poverty level, now estimated at \$16,450 for a family of four.

property taxpayers of Texas," Bivins said.

He said he wants to increase the state's funding for education, which he said will enable local school districts to decrease the ad valorem taxes which are a school district's only source of local revenue.

"We can't cure the problems, but we can make some progress," he said.

Bivins said he and Gov. George W. Bush are in agreement on establishing education as the No. 1 item on the legislative agenda.

He also said the policy of social promotion, which advances students to the next grade level even if they have not met the academic requirements, will be stopped as part of Bush's education program.

Bush wants legislation to ensure all students, starting with the incoming class of kindergarten children, read at their grade level by the third grade.

Bivins said the focus in schools should be on remediation, not promotion.

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Group to help fight voucher program

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The National Education Association plans to help train teachers, parents and civic leaders to fight a school voucher program begun by a private foundation in the Edgewood School District.

The Texas State Teachers Association asked the NEA to intervene in the voucher controversy, as the education lobby group has in two other states, the *San Antonio Express-News* has reported in a copyright story.

"This issue is probably the

most controversial issue dealt with since the Brown decision," said the NEA's Sheila Simmons, citing the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court case on segregated schools.

The national group also has plunged into voucher debates in Milwaukee, Wis., and Cleveland, Ohio, where the state pays for students to attend private schools.

The Edgewood district in a poor, predominantly Hispanic area of San Antonio has been in the public spotlight for 30 years since launching a legal

battle to equalize the state's method of funding public schools with property taxes.

In the early 1990s, the court case led to a new school-finance system labeled the "Robin Hood" plan that allotted more money to poorer districts such as Edgewood.

Last spring, the Edgewood district was targeted by the private Children's Education Opportunity Foundation, which began a 10-year, \$50 million Horizon Scholarship voucher program for students in the district.

The scholarships provide fully paid private school tuition — up to \$3,600 for elementary and middle school and up to \$4,000 for high school — for low-income families in the Edgewood district. The foundation has doled out some \$3 million in vouchers in the project's first year.

Advocates say state vouchers empower parents, giving them the financial freedom to choose whether to send their children to private or public

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U.S. home sales post increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — New-home sales rose a modest 0.8 percent in October for the second consecutive month, remaining at a record-setting pace for all of 1998.

New single-family homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 851,000, up from a revised 844,000 the month before, the Commerce Department said today. Previously, September sales had been reported at an 822,000 rate.

Low interest rates and resilient U.S. economic growth in the face of world financial turmoil are fueling the busiest year for new-home sales since the government began tracking them in 1963.

Sales are running 8.7 percent ahead of last year's pace, when 804,000 were sold and should easily surpass the record 819,000 sold in 1977.



Building boxes — Achievers 4-H Club and the Deaf Smith County 4-H Council members have shown Christmas spirit by building boxes which will be used by the Christmas Stocking Fund for the charitable organization's food deliveries.

"Unless the Republican leadership — yourself or the speaker-elect (Bob Livingston) make an effort to assume responsibility for bringing this matter to a final conclusion this Congress, this investigation will needlessly plague the next Congress."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, letter to Speaker Newt Gingrich

Impeachment expansion unlikely to affect inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just weeks before their self-imposed deadline for ending a presidential impeachment inquiry, House Judiciary Committee Republicans are pushing hard for material on potential campaign fund-raising abuses.

Although some GOP lawmakers said they were skeptical that the material would alter their year-end deadline, House lawyers planned to ask a federal judge today to permit transfer of the information to the committee.

U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson last Friday rejected, in a sealed ruling, the same request for the two memos on alleged campaign fund-raising abuse in President Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, committee officials said.

But a Republican committee spokesman, Paul McNulty, said Tuesday that committee attorneys believe a subpoena approved Tuesday would strengthen the legal arguments.

After the committee's 20-15 party-line vote authorizing the subpoena, House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt warned

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Local roundup

Key Club fundraiser

The Hereford High School Key Club is sponsoring a parent's day out 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the HISD Administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in crafts, games, caroling and a vista from Santa for only \$5.

A portion of the proceed will be donated to the Iodine Deficiency Disorder.

For more information contact Paige Parks or Shelby Counts at 363-7620.

Hereford High School Open House

Hereford High School staff and faculty invites all parents, guardians, and grandparents to the 1998 HHS Christmas Open House 6-7 p.m. Dec. 10.

The school will be decorated and refreshments will be available. Door prizes will be awarded.

Showers possible

Tonight, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a low 40 to 45, south to southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Thursday, occasional showers and thunderstorms with a high in the upper 50s, variable wind 5-15 mph, becoming west.

Thursday night, decreasing clouds with a low in the upper 30s.

Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy with a high 60 to 65.

Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy, turning colder late, low in the mid- to upper 30s, high 60 to 65.

Sunday, mostly cloudy and colder with a chance of showers, low in the mid-30s with a high in the mid-40s.

Tuesday recap

High, 65; low, 44; no precipitation.

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New in brief

Exxon-Mobil deal the industry norm

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid the superlatives surrounding Exxon's purchase of Mobil — the richest deal ever, the world's biggest company — came the harsh reality: Some 9,000 jobs worldwide will be lost.

Exxon agreed Tuesday to acquire Mobil for \$73.7 billion in stock, combining the biggest U.S. oil companies and reuniting two of the biggest pieces left by the 1911 government breakup of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil empire.

The new Exxon Mobil Corp. is the latest example of rapid consolidation in the oil industry, where profits have been battered by a deep price slump caused by worldwide overproduction and weak demand.

"We need to face some facts. The world has changed," Mobil chairman Lucio Noto said. "The easy things are behind us."

Oil companies are to seeking to slash costs as a way to boost profits, especially with the low prices not expected to recover for years. Exxon and Mobil expect that together they will be able to save \$2.8 billion annually, much of that coming from eliminating overlapping businesses and workers.

Jurors recall death-row escapee's trial

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Jurors who sent Martin Gurule to death row don't believe the escaped prisoner will try to return to Corpus Christi.

But two men who prosecuted Gurule for shooting a restaurant owner to death are not taking chances.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported that Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez and one of his deputies, Mark Skurka, have both taken extra security precautions since Gurule's escape early Friday from the state prison near Huntsville.

"It concerns me that he's on the loose, for Carlos, for myself, for everybody," Skurka said. "I think he's a pretty dangerous individual."

The brother of Gurule's victim said he is haunted by the chance Gurule could return.

Search for escapee begins sixth day

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Investigators combing some 17,000 acres of woods and marshy creek beds for an escaped death-row inmate hope a new search strategy will force Martin Gurule to make his move.

For six days, Gurule has eluded capture despite the efforts of more than 500 searchers walking and riding the 7-mile perimeter surrounding the Ellis I and Estelle units north of Huntsville.

Most of that time, prison officials on horseback and walking with dogs have focused on a tight triangular "containment" section near the Ellis I fence that Gurule scaled early Friday morning.

But on Tuesday the state prison system's executive director, Wayne Scott, who thinks Gurule is still alive, said the search would take a different tact.

"We're going to discontinue most of the direct pressure within the containment area," Scott said. "If he sees the pressure diminished, he may decide it's time to move."

Hepatitis warning issued by blood center

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Blood possibly contaminated with hepatitis C may have been used in thousands of transfusions up to a decade ago, the head of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center warns.

Letters are being sent to as many as 3,000 people who got blood or blood-related products from the center from 1988 to 1992, said Dr. Norman Kalmin, the center's president and chief executive officer.

Kalmin said Tuesday at a health district clinic that the local blood supply may have been partially tainted as recently as 1992.

Before that year, blood, plasma and platelets from donors couldn't be screened effectively for hepatitis C.

Since then, some of the center's previous donors have tested positive for the virus, Kalmin said, adding that residents who got blood or blood-related products from those donors may have been infected.

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Radiation slows hard to treat vision loss

Treatment could help thousands regain sight

CHICAGO (AP) — Low doses of radiation can slow vision loss in many patients with a difficult-to-treat condition that blinds thousands of people every year, a researcher said.

The condition, age-related macular degeneration, affects about 170,000 Americans, usually over age 60, and affects more women than men. The researcher, Dr. Robert Sagerman, was to present results of his study today at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North

America.

"If this treatment delays progression of the condition by even two years, it's worth it," said Sagerman, professor of radiation oncology at the Health Science Center at the State University of New York, Syracuse.

Radiation can be used only in the "wet" type of macular degeneration, in which tiny blood vessels break through the membrane behind the retina and leak blood and fluid, blurring central vision while leaving peripheral vi-

sion intact.

The macula, in the center of the retina, is exposed to a low dose of radiation once a day for up to two weeks, which closes off blood vessels and stabilizes vision.

In Sagerman's study of 146 patients, 90 percent reported that their vision remained stable after six months, with no side effects, he said.

Laser therapy currently is the standard — the only one Medicare will pay for — but only 15 percent to 20 percent of patients can have the treat-

ment, doctors said.

Physicians not involved in the study warned that the long-term effects of radiation therapy are unknown. Randomized clinical trials are needed to determine the therapy's effectiveness before it is recommended, said Dr. Robert Kalina, an ophthalmology professor at the University of Washington.

Sagerman's study had no control group — patients who get no treatment — and participants will be followed for only two years.

"Radiation effects on blood vessels in the optic nerve and on the retina can show up months or years after treatment," Kalina said. "Radiation therapy is less precise than laser treatment, so it treats a wider area and has more potential to have harmful effects."

"I'm not saying it doesn't work; there's just not enough information to say it is really a useful treatment."

Dr. Wayne Fung, a retina specialist at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, said he also believes clinical trials are necessary. But he said he would help patients obtain radiation therapy if they wanted it.

"I would tell them that the results so far are inconclusive and that they would have to bear the cost," he said.

Radiation therapy costs about \$5,000, Fung said, while laser therapy costs around \$1,500, part of which could be paid by Medicare.

Sagerman said the dosage used during treatment is low, about one-fourth of the radiation dosage used for eye cancers. And because patients already are older — the average age in his study was 75 — long-term negative effects are not a top concern, he said.

He said it would be difficult to conduct a clinical trial because the condition will certainly worsen without treatment, and nobody wants to be in a control group.

"We have all these people getting older and losing their eyesight who don't want to wait for a study," he said.



Holiday decoration — Residents around town are taking advantage of the Indian summer days and early evening hours to get out the decorations around their homes. Emily Fry, 17, left and her sister, Katherine Fry, 15, busily set up the lights over a hedge at their home across from Hereford Jr. High while dear old mom untangled the remaining light sets.

Golf course beer machines removed

HOUSTON (AP) — Beer on tap is okay, but beer from a vending machine is illegal, according to the state attorney general.

As a result, some private golf clubs in the Dallas area that installed the machines this summer apparently will have to remove them.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agreed in June to allow the machines, but a state legislator and an official with Mothers Against Drunk Driving protested. They cited the state's Alcoholic Beverage Code, which says coin-operated machines or "similar

devices" can't be used to sell alcohol.

The Oklahoma City vending-machine company argued that its machines aren't covered by the law because they dispense drinks when a customer enters a personal identification number.

Judge says pumping limits set illegally
Edwards Aquifer uses allowed to pump all time highs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has opened the floodgates on the Edwards Aquifer.

Ruling in a lawsuit filed by catfish farmers and irrigators, state District Judge Joseph Hart said pumping limits were illegally adopted. Thus, the plaintiffs may use as much water as their individual all-time annual highs.

Hart ruled in Austin that the authority failed to prop-

erly adopt its rules that establish who gets how much water under a state law regulating withdrawals from the Edwards Aquifer, San Antonio's sole source of drinking water.

The judge's opinion was rendered in a four-page letter faxed to attorneys involved in two lawsuits challenging the rules, the San Antonio Express-News reports.

Hart said the authority

failed to follow the state's Administrative Procedure Act by not having a written order giving "reasoned justification" for the rules when it adopted them Jan. 20.

"The lack of that document was the reason the rules were invalidated," said Greg Ellis, the authority's general manager.

Ellis and his staff were to use the rules to determine how much water each pumper

gets while also trying to stay within the legislatively-suggested annual maximum withdrawal of 450,000 acre-feet.

An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons, enough to supply the needs of two average families of four for a year.

Under the interim pumping authorization set out by the act creating the authority, pumpers can take out up to the maximum they withdrew in any one year between 1972 and 1993.

That collectively amounts to 792,000 acre-feet, although the most ever pumped in one year was 542,000 acre-feet.

Observers said that even without formulas in place to limit pumping, Tuesday's decision shouldn't lead to excessive water use before the two-year-old authority can adopt new rules by next spring.

Russ Johnson, attorney for the San Antonio Water System, the aquifer's largest pumper at about 175,000 acre-feet a year, said the decision "represents an unfortunate delay, but I think it's imminently correctable readopt the rules in strict compliance with the procedural rules."

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 1, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests

— A 14-year-old boy was arrested at a residence in the 200 block of Avenue C. The boy had run away from home, returned and started assaulting family members.

— A 45-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving at night without headlights and for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

— A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with furnishing alcohol to minors and for driving without a valid license.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with having alcohol in his possession.

Incidents

— A prowler was reported at a residence in the 200 block of Avenue B.

— A shoplifter was reported at a store in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue.

— Several glass windows were damaged with B-Bs at a residence in the 100 block of Avenue B.

— A go-cart valued at \$100 was stolen from a residence in the 500 block of Blevins.

— Approximately \$50 worth of vandalism was reported to Christmas lights in Mother's Park.

— A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Cherokee.

— Three prowlers were re-

ported in the area of Plains and Texas.

— A prowler was reported in the area of 800 East Park.

— A two-car accident was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Avenue D.

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Obituaries

M.O. SOWELL

Dec. 1, 1998

COLEMAN - Funeral services for Dr. D.O. Sowell, 84, of Coleman will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman with James Bailey officiating. Burial will be in the Coleman Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Sowell died Tuesday. He was born Sept. 24, 1914 in Winters to John Russell Sowell and Julia D. Barrett Sowell. He graduated from Hereford High School. He attended chiropractor college in Davenport, Iowa, and gradu-

ated form chiropractor college in San Antonio. He married Clonnie Martin in 1968. She died in 1977. He married Mary Gilliam in 1978. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Oddfellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Marshal varisco of Bryan, Patty Brown of Panhandle, and Julie Sowell of Taos, N.M.; a step-son, Freddie Vance Gilliam of Dallas; one sister, Lois Moore of Hereford; six grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, five brothers, and one son.

Correction

The Tuesday edition of *The Hereford Brand* misspelled the Rancher of the Year winner. The correct spelling should be Chris Cabbiness. We regret the error.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-18-25-34-38

Pick 3

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

6-2-9

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Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits; or smothered chicken, oriental rice, seasoned green beans, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY-Fried fish with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, Normandy vegetables, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon ice box pudding; or Salisbury steak, D'zerta pudding.

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, herbed green beans, tossed green salad, garlic bread, sherbet; or chicken al la king, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn O'Brien, peach-cottage cheese, rolls, Boston cream cake; or sliced ham, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, rolls, vanilla-buttered pudding; or smothered pork, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-NO DANCE.
MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Nutrition Council 1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis Club-noon, NARFE-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics noon-4 p.m.

Annual bazaar to be Saturday

Wesley United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Hereford Community Center.

The annual fund-raiser features only hand-made arts and crafts items from a variety of local artisans.

There is also a concession stand which offers baked potatoes with all the trimmings, including homemade chili.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Dec. 2:

Christina Arsula, Shawn C. Bartz, Katrina Brock, infant boy Brock, Mary Conway, Maria Garcia, Juana Garza, infant boy Garza, Samantha Ludwig, infant boy Ludwig, Lucy Maldonado, Elizabeth L. Manley, Lola B. Noyes, Mary Brock Parker, George A. Paschel, Doris Rush, Pearl B. Schaefer, Dale Smith, Ollie Walker, Imogene C. Zinck.

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PG-13	MEET JOE BLACK	MATINEES 1:00	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 4:15 9:45
R	ENEMY OF THE STATE	MATINEES 1:45 & 4:20	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00
G	RUG RATS	MATINEES 1:50 & 3:45	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:05 & 9:00
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Couple honored—Kinann Campbell and Jay Sage were feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Shirley Wilson. Guests were greeted by, from left, Juanita Burk and Leta Campbell, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Chelsea Campbell, sister of the bride-elect; Brenda Campbell, mother of the bride-elect; the honorees; and Jan Sage, mother of the prospective groom.

Campbell, Sage feted with shower

A bridal shower honoring Kinann Campbell and her future husband, Jay Sage, was held Saturday in the home of Shirley Wilson.

Greeting guests with the honorees were Brenda Campbell, mother of the bride-elect; Jan Sage, mother of the prospective groom; Juanita Burk and Leta Campbell, grandmothers of the bride-elect and Chelsea Campbell, sister of the bride-elect.

Refreshments of pumpkin roll, sausage balls, pull-apart pecan bread and ambrosia salad were served by Teri Campbell, sister-in-law of the bride-elect, and Tracie Gilbert.

The serving table was covered with an ecru crocheted tablecloth and centered with a gold leaf pedestal angel holding a holiday dela robia. Appointments were in crystal, silver and gold.

A comforter and dust ruffle were gifts from hostesses Treva Blair, Jo Lee, Linda Daniel, Carolyn Fry, Bess Donaway, Marcia Ginn, Delores Phipps, Susan Hicks, Denise Teel, Beverly Harder, Sue Powell, Evelyn Lyles, Linda Gililand, Gayle Binder, Connie Gilbert, Shirley Carlson, Cheryl Betzen, Brenda Yosten, Shirley Wilson, Patti Urbanczyk, Sherry Harder and Judy Phipps.



Demonstrator—Terry Sparks, of Terry's Floral and Design, will give demonstrations on making Christmas arrangements during the open house and Christmas tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Deaf Smith County Museum.

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Local Business Brief

National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals has included Teresa C. Horst, RN, director of nurses at King's Manor Methodist Home in its 1999-2000 edition.

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Teresa Horst

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I keep reading letters in your column from women who blame their husbands because their sex life is lousy. I have no sympathy for them. It's their own darn fault.

When I was younger and single, the greatest gift a woman ever gave me was when she looked me straight in the eye after sex and said, "Is that all there is?" My wife and I have been married for 20 years, and we are still on our honeymoon. Why? Because she tells me what she likes. There is no faking and no guessing games.

Whose fault is it that sex isn't good? Men aren't mind readers. If you don't ask for what you want, you shouldn't complain about what you get. If a woman goes into a restaurant and is served a lousy meal, she probably won't order it again. But if she keeps ordering the same food because she doesn't want to offend the cook, she is likely to get the same lousy meal over and over.

I hope you can clean this letter up so it will be suitable to print. — Ed in Carpentersville, Ill.

Dear Ed: I didn't have to clean it up. Your letter was just fine the way you wrote it. Thanks for a frank presentation that will be helpful to many.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 34 years old and about to have my first baby. My husband and I are thrilled beyond words.

So what's the problem? When I told my dad that he is about to become a grandfather, he said, "Not really. I am

not your father." I was devastated when he told me that and immediately confronted my mother. She said, "Your dad doesn't know what he is talking about." My father says, "Your mother knows the truth and is lying through her teeth."

I don't know what to make of this. Should I have a paternity test done to settle this once and for all, or should I just drop it? Why would my father tell me such a thing after all these years? I am in a state of shock. Please help me figure this out. — Totally Baffled in Spokane, Wash.

Dear Spokane: In order to prove paternity through a DNA test, you and your father would have to be tested. I doubt that your father would be willing to do this.

Your mother appears to be much more stable. Take her word for it. For your father to tell you at this stage of your life that he is not your real dad suggests that he may be a few bricks short of a load. Let's hope that when the baby comes, he will be so thrilled, he will forget about this nonsense.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the column about the married couple who put a dollar into a box every time they made love. By their 50th wedding anniversary, they saved up enough for a trip to Hawaii. I thought your readers might enjoy this little story:

A pair of newlyweds put a box in their bedroom, and each time they made love, the husband put a dollar in the box. On their 50th anniversary, the husband opened the box to see how much money was there. To his surprise, he found not only singles but some 10s, 20s and even a few 50-dollar bills.

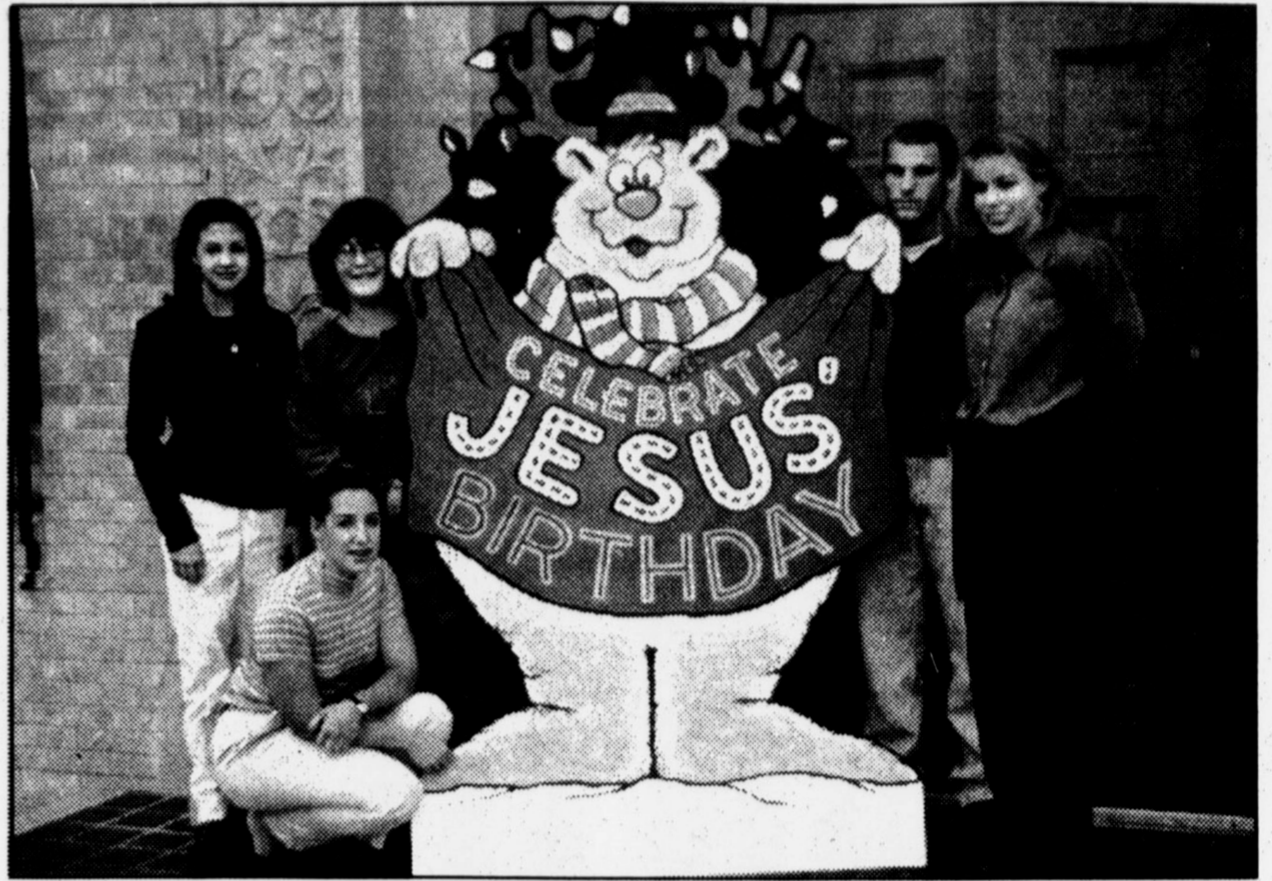
He said to his wife, "Look at this! I could have sworn I

only put singles in there." His wife replied, "You did. But not every man is as cheap as you." — Bob on the Internet

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Prize in drawing—St. Anthony's High School Youth are having a drawing for this Christmas yard sign which was painted by the youth and a "Glory Bear" Beanie Baby. Tickets are \$1 each. The drawing will be held Sunday at St. Anthony's Parish Meal. Tickets are available from any of St. Anthony's High School Youth, by calling Jessica at 364-1994 or 364-4290, or at the parish office.



Cast members—Amarillo Little Theatre Academy Junior Company will present "Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf," a musical based on the fables of Aesop, for K-5 through third graders in Deaf Smith County.

ALT Junior Company will perform for local students

"Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf," a production by Amarillo Little Theatre Academy Junior Company, will make its debut Friday in Hereford.

The production is sponsored by L'Allegria Study Club with proceeds from the annual geranium sale. There will be three performances in order that all Deaf Smith County youth in grades K-5 through third will be able to view the show.

The script for "Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf" is a musical based on the fables of Aesop. The different fables are brought together by a

troupe of eight performers who explain what a play is and then act out the various stories.

Each student attending the shows will receive a study guide that will enable the students and teachers to utilize points from the productions in the classroom.

The study guide was compiled and edited by Sara Youngblood, education director for the ALT Academy. The cast includes Darwin Carlisle, Katie Hamilton, Heather Johnston, Katt Krause, William Krause, Cub Kuker, Beccah Schwartz and Alex Shankles.

Flame Fellowship will not meet in Dec.; will resume in January

The Flame Fellowship will not meet the first Thursday in December.

Meetings will resume Thurs-

day, Jan. 7, 1999.

Speaker for the Jan. 7 meeting will be announced prior to that date.

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Pitcher gets 2nd chance at his dream

By Neil Hohlfield
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Gripping a baseball always had been so simple, so joyful for Andy Yount. Grab the ball, launch into the windup, and let it go with a humming velocity that only a few young men can dream about.

At this time last year, however, a series of events seemingly had robbed Yount of his talent and derailed what had the makings of a successful career as a pitcher. Gripping a baseball suddenly had become so complex, so maddening.

It was not even the main focus of his world anymore. Getting a grip on his life had become far more important. Now, at age 21, Yount is back on track to fulfilling his dream of pitching in the majors.

He once again has a grip.

Yount recently completed a successful Fall Instructional League season with the Detroit Tigers and is looking forward to next spring, when he will resume a career that seemed over six months ago.

"I thank God that I'm able to throw the ball again," said Yount. "For two years, I didn't think I'd be able to do that. It was a pretty dark time."

Once, Yount was among the brightest pitching prospects in the nation. He was a star pitcher at Kingwood High School and the No. 1 selection of the Boston Red Sox in the June 1995 amateur draft. He signed a contract that included a bonus of nearly \$1 million.

He could consistently throw a fastball in

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— Andy Yount

the mid-90-mph range and was learning the nuances of other pitches to set it up. In his first professional season in 1995, he was voted the No. 2 prospect in the Gulf Coast Rookie League. Yount's success seemed almost predestined. There was little doubt he would advance rapidly through the Boston minor-league system and pitch at Fenway Park. There was no limit to what could happen.

But in November 1996, a tragedy begot a stunning change in Yount's fortunes. While Yount was pitching in the Florida Instructional League, he received news that his best friend, Nathan Hicks, had been killed in a car accident in Houston. In November, Yount visited his friend's grave back home and for some reason was holding a glass in his right hand. Overcome by grief over the loss of his friend, Yount squeezed the glass harder and harder until it shattered. His hand was cut from the top of his middle finger to the middle of his palm.

A tendon in the middle finger was severely damaged. One operation led to another and another and another. Nine times, doctors tried to repair the damage. The tendon was shot, and Yount had no feeling in his middle finger, which was permanently locked in a claw-like position. He couldn't throw with any consistency, and his spirits understandably sank.

"There were times when I'd sit and stare and wonder what had happened, why it had happened and what was going to happen," Yount said. "Every day, I'd wake up and look at my hand and just know that I was going to wake up and this nightmare would be over."

"I'd wonder what would have happened if I hadn't taken that glass to Nathan's grave. I'd wonder where I'd be pitching, what kind of year I'd be having. I tried as hard as I could not to play the what-if game, but it was hard not to."

Yount enrolled at the University of North Texas in August 1997 in an effort to try to put baseball behind him. He hadn't pitched in over a year when the Red Sox released him. "The whole time in the back of my mind, I kept thinking, 'Well, this time the operation will work, and things will go right back to the way they were,'" Yount said. "Then I got released by the Red Sox, and it hit home. It pretty much destroyed me."

Though his love had revolved around baseball since he was a small boy, Yount turned away from the game. He quit watching it on TV and following the standings in the paper. He wondered how his Kingwood High teammates Mike Mangum (the No. 1 pick of the Colorado Rockies in 1997) and Jeff Austin (the No. 1 pick of the Chicago White Sox in 1998) were doing, but even their success

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Herd rallies past Dimmitt

Hereford 54, Dimmitt 49

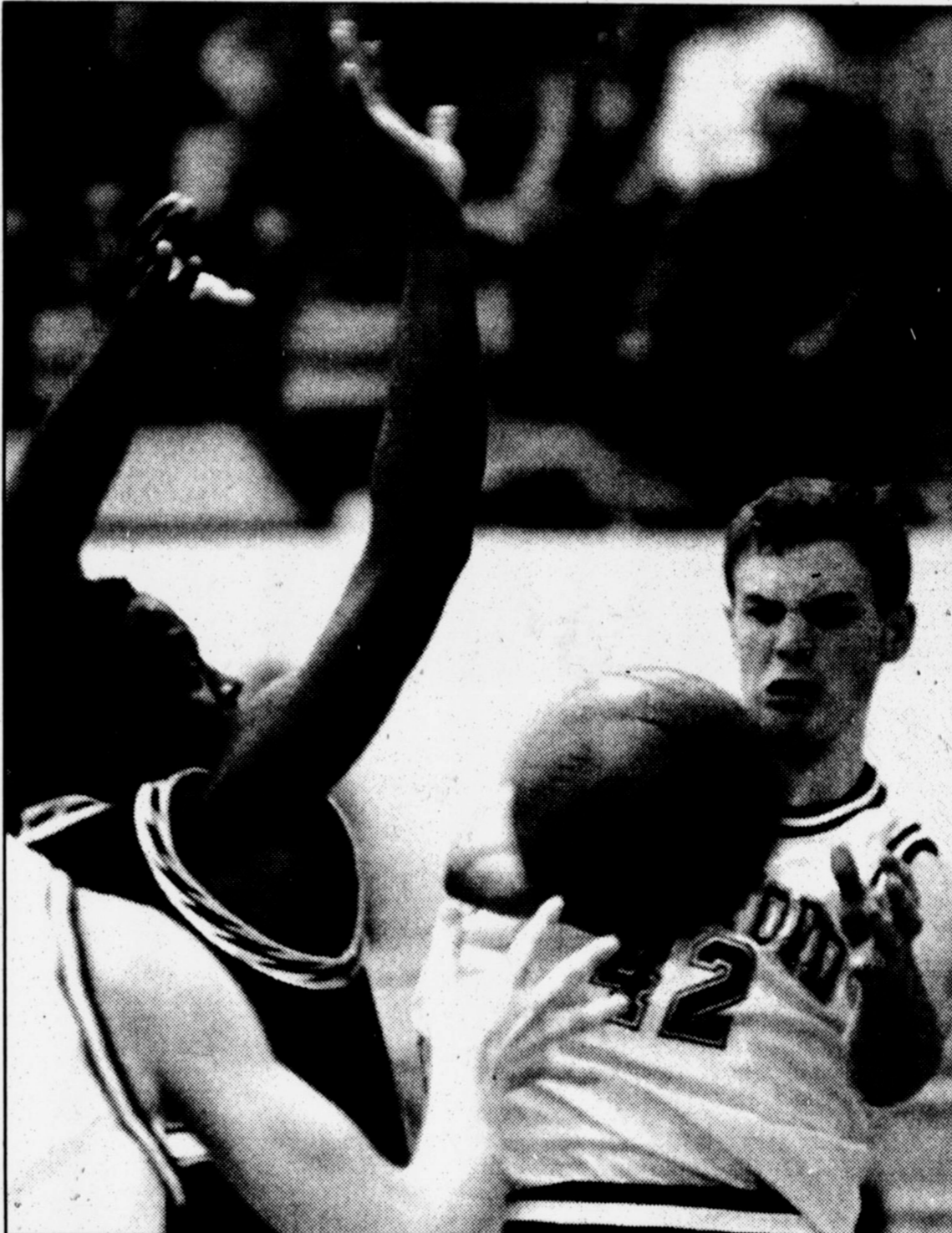
DIMMITT (3-2): Buckley 6-14-4, 5-17, Prieto 0-0-0-0, Matthews 0-5-0-0, Wright 0-0-0-0, Sanders 0-2-0-0, Flores 0-1-0-0, Thomas 8-18-4-7-20, Larra 6-16-0-12. Totals 20-56 8-12-49.

HEREFORD (2-3): Vallejo 2-40-0-4, Nielsen 0-0-0-0, Ewing 1-3-1-2-3, Charvonia 0-1-0-0, McNutt 6-15-0-15, C. Hodges 4-4-4-5-13, S. Hodges 0-5-3-4-3, Huseman 3-4-1-2-7, Wagner 1-4, 3-4-5, Northern 0-5-0-0, Matthews 0-2-0-0, Rives 2-5-0-4. Totals 19-52 12-17-54.

Halftime-Dimmitt 32, Hereford 18. 3-Point goals-Dimmitt 1-11 (Buckley 1-8, Larra 0-3), Hereford 4-16 (McNutt 3-8, C. Hodges 1-1, Ewing 0-1, S. Hodges 0-4, Northern 0-2). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Dimmitt 34 (Larra 10), Hereford 28 (Wagner, Rives 6). Total Fouls-Dimmitt 16, Hereford 12. Turnovers-Dimmitt 13, Hereford 10. Junior varsity-Hereford 60, Dimmitt 30. A-750 est.

Steven Northern of Hereford (42) and Jerry Thomas of Dimmitt battle for the ball underneath during a nondistrict game Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Whitefaces improved their season record to 2-3 with a come-from-behind 54-49 win over the Bobcats.

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Slade Hodges of Hereford works for a shot inside Tuesday night against Jerry Thomas of Dimmitt during a nondistrict game. Hereford won, 54-49.

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Cody Hodges of Hereford puts up a shot inside Tuesday night against Dimmitt's Tyler Matthews Tuesday night. Hodges came off the bench to score 13 points in the second half in his first action of the season.



Julius Bodner/Brand

By Bob Varnette
Hereford Brand Sports Writer

Never... say... die. It was about as bleak as it could get for the Hereford Whitefaces. With 3:07 left in the first quarter, they had yet to score a point.

And they were down 16-0 to the Dimmitt Bobcats. And it would get worse with Dimmitt extending its lead at one point in the second quarter to 20 points.

But then it all started to fall apart for Dimmitt and fall into place for the Whitefaces.

Hereford slowly pulled its way back into the game, and then pulled out an improbable 54-49 nondistrict win over Dimmitt Tuesday night in Whiteface Gymnasium.

"I think the guys showed a lot of character," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "I thought it started right before the half when we cut a 20-point lead back to 14... I just thought we outworked them in the second half, especially our defense."

Work was evidently not on the minds of the Whitefaces when they first took the floor to start the game. The Bobcats got out to that 16-0 margin on 7-for-11 shooting from the field while Hereford was a dismal 0-for-5.

"We were lackadaisical in the way we were playing," Dean said. "The thing that was most disturbing was the way they were beating us off the dribble. We didn't have anybody that could contain them."

Jerry Thomas picked up nine points in the first period for Dimmitt (3-2) on the way to a game-high 20 points. Derek Buckley added 17 for Dimmitt and Jacob Larra had 12.

Eric McNutt had 15 to lead Hereford (2-3) — 11 in the second half. Cody Hodges returned to the court the first time this season after missing the first four games due to a football injury and scored 13 points — all in the second half — on a 4-for-4 night that was crucial to the Hereford rally.

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Bobbies drop Lady Whitefaces, 43-32

By Bob Varnette
Hereford Brand Sports Writer

It isn't often a team can shoot 32.7 percent from the field and turn the ball over 25 times, and still win a basketball game.

But it doesn't hurt your cause when your opponent shoots 30.9 percent and turns the ball over 26 times.

Which doesn't make for a very pretty game, but a win is a win and it's one the Dimmitt Bobbies will take as they slogged past Hereford 43-32 in nondistrict girls basketball Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium.

"We turned it over a lot and got out of control," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "I knew Dimmitt was going to play like that and that's the way they like to play. We can't do that and we got to playing their game. It got out of hand."

Tanya Robertson led Dimmitt (4-3) with 15 points. Carol Summers added nine points for the Bobbies. Toni Eicke was the only player for Hereford (5-3) to reach double figures with 11 points. Makesha Rives added nine for the Lady Whitefaces.

While it was a sloppy game, it was an exciting one nonetheless. Dimmitt had the biggest lead of the game at 25-14 at the end of the first half.

Hereford got out to a quick 6-0 lead on the Bobbies, getting a three-point play from junior Tori Walker and then a 3-pointer from Rives from the left wing. Dimmitt then outscored the Lady Whitefaces 8-2 and tied the game at 8-all with 4:26 left in the first quarter when Robertson hit a



Julius Bodner/Brand

Tori Walker of Hereford (52) and Tanya Robertson of Dimmitt battle for a loose ball Tuesday night during a nondistrict game at Whiteface Gymnasium.

layup—one of her three buckets in the first period.

Dimmitt led 11-9 at the end of the quarter, but the second quarter was where the game started to slip away from Hereford. The Bobbies by no means were lighting a fire from the field, but the Lady Whitefaces went stone cold in the second quarter, going 6-for-24.

"The (Wolforth Frenship) tournament may have taken a lot out of us, just having played so many games," Harrison said. "We may just have been flat coming off the weekend. We had some pretty easy shots, I thought, that we missed in the second quarter... That was kind of it."

Hereford also struggled off the glass, getting outboarded 19-11 by the Bobbies. "They're shooting free throws and they miss it, and we don't box out," Harrison. "It

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Williams and Nguyen earn Big 12 honors

By Donne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — It was a play in the Texas-Texas A&M game that said a lot about the two most famous players playing in it.

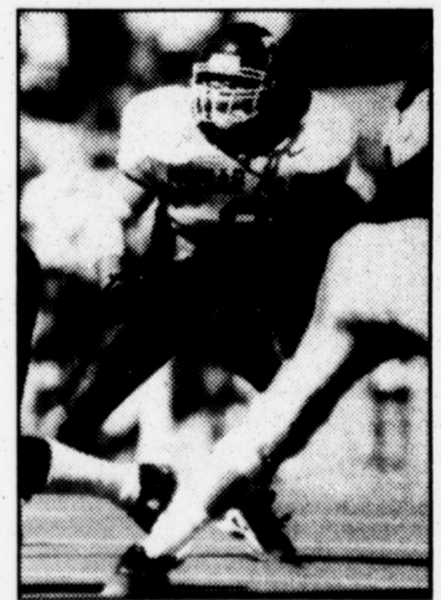
Ricky Williams cut back up the middle on one of his 44 runs for the Texas Longhorns and Texas A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen grabbed one of the running back's churning legs and held on for dear life.

Williams dragged Nguyen several yards like a plowhorse before he went down with the ground torn up behind him by Nguyen's shoes.

Both players showed the grit and determination on the play that symbolized their season. It was the kind of play that helped make them The Associated Press Big 12 offensive and defensive players of the year.

Texas redshirt freshman quarterback Major Applewhite was named the AP offensive newcomer of the year and Missouri defensive end Justin Smith was honored as the defensive newcomer of the year.

Williams, a senior from San Diego, rushed for 259 yards against A&M to finish at 6,279 yards, breaking



Courtesy Photo/Texas A&M

Nguyen on the prowl.



Williams

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AREA HAPPENINGS

Caprock beats Hereford frosh

From staff reports

Amarillo Caprock defeated Hereford 38-33 in a boys freshman game Monday at Hereford Junior High School.

Hereford led early, taking a

10-9 advantage into the second quarter. Caprock led 17-16 at halftime and pulled away in the third quarter to lead 29-22 heading into the final quarter.

No other information was provided.

Kendrick wins at Amarillo rodeo

From staff reports

AMARILLO — Kip Kendrick of Hereford and his partner Josh Patton of Odessa won their division at the World Junior Team Roping Championships Nov. 26-29 at Bill Cody Arena in Amarillo.

The team competed in the age 18 and younger division and recorded a time of 37.08 seconds on five head. More than 2,500 teams competed in various divisions during the four-day event.

Rodey Wilson and Monty Lewis, both of Hereford, also competed in the age 18 and younger division and placed fourth.

Kendrick and Patton were

fourth back from the leaders going into the short round before pulling out a time of 5.5 seconds for the win.

"We knew we had to be pretty quick," Kendrick said. "I thought we'd won second, but my partner turned around and told me that we'd won. He had it all figured out in his head. I couldn't believe it."

Kendrick — the header of the team — said he wasn't surprised the pair roped well even though they didn't have a lot of experience roping together.

"We've roped a couple of times before at a couple of rodeos," he said. "I hadn't roped with him very much (but) he ropes real well. I knew if I could get my job done, he could get his done."

Dream

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brought Yount another round of the what-ifs.

One day last spring in Denton, Yount, who had not tried to throw a baseball with any velocity for nearly 18 months, experienced a moment that he interpreted as a message for him not to quit, to give it another chance.

A few friends were playing home-run derby, and Yount was shagging balls in the outfield and tossing them back toward the infield. Suddenly, he had the desire to throw the ball overhand — and hard. He was amazed at how good it felt.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but it was like something was inside of me telling me not to give up," said Yount. "I wanted to give it another chance."

This past summer, Yount started what likely will be a long and tedious comeback. He contacted Alan and Randy Hendricks, the Houston-based agents who had represented him when he signed with Boston in 1995. Joe Sambito, the former major-league pitcher who works as an agent for the Hendrickses, spoke often with Yount about what he needed to do to resume his career.

"I was excited, because I always hoped Andy would get past everything and try again," Sambito said. "We talked a long while about what he needed to do to get his arm in shape to pitch and to get his body in shape."

The Hendrickses got word out to teams that Yount was going to throw at Rice University in August, and several scouts came to see if the hand injury would prevent him from resuming his career. The Detroit scouts quickly recommended that the Tigers take a chance.

"We felt that this was a kid who was 21 years old and throwing the ball in the 90 to 94 (mph) range," said Greg Smith, the Tigers' director of scouting. "A lot of times in these situations where you've got a guy trying to come back, well, they're not quite as far along as you were led to believe."

"That wasn't the case with Andy. He threw loose and easy and had good velocity. We have a need for young pitching, and we convinced him that his path would be clear if he signed with us and pitched well."

Yount signed with the Tigers for a reported \$60,000. He says other teams offered more money, but the Tigers and the Hendrickses have a good relationship, and Yount was

impressed with the Tigers' honesty.

"From our standpoint, he pitched very well," Smith said. "He was in shape and got in better shape. Right now, the concern or the measuring stick to the comeback is what happens with his second and third pitch."

"In a perverse way, that accident might end up helping him get better movement on his pitches. Plus, I think going through what he went through had a big effect on him. Sometimes, guys who are No. 1 picks can get a little spoiled. I don't know if that was the case with Andy, but I know that having to battle through this and realizing he might never play again should make him appreciate whatever he does."

Yount understands that coming up with pitches to complement his fastball will determine how far he advances. But he has had some success making the ball sink and run because of the way he must hold it in his crooked middle finger.

"That's the really strange part to all of this," he said. "If I can get consistency with sinking the ball because of the way my finger is, then this whole thing might end up being a plus. There were times when the ball just zipped and dipped."

After two years of agony, Yount is talking like a pitcher again. He says the diverse path his career took has taught him to appreciate what he has now.

"Don't get me wrong. I'd trade it all in a minute for the way things were before," Yount said. "But nobody has gone through what I've gone through to get where I'm at."

"A lot of people think that because I got a lot of money, that was all that mattered. If I was just going to play for the money, that's fine. But I'm playing because I love it. Who knows what's going to happen, but I think this is going to make a heck of a book someday."

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Williams

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Tony Dorsett's all-time Division I-A career rushing mark by 197 yards.

Williams could have been a first-round draft choice after his junior season, but elected to return to the Longhorns and make a run for the Heisman Trophy.

The modest Williams said the thing he will remember about his season is winning.

"It was important to me to help the team win," Williams said. "I grew up a lot this year. It was worth coming back."

Williams averaged 193.09 yards per game, tops in the nation. He was also second nationally in all-purpose yards with 216.91 per game.

"He's like the Michael Jordan of college football," said Texas A&M running back Dante Hall. "He can do it all."

Nguyen became the first A&M player to have 500 tackles in a career. He led the Big 12 in tackles by a linebacker.

The senior from Rockport was the heart of a defense that led No. 10 A&M to the Big 12 South title and a berth in Saturday's championship game against No. 2 Kansas State.

He has been compared to

former Baylor linebacker Mike Singletary, who later went to Chicago and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Nguyen dodges compliments like he does blockers.

"I'm just a regular student, one of 100 guys who play on the football team," he said. "I'm one of the lucky ones."

Applewhite shattered numerous Texas passing records while Smith was a starter on a rugged Missouri defense.

Applewhite, of Baton Rouge, La., hit 159 of 273 passes for 2,453 yards and 18 touchdowns. He had 11 interceptions.

Smith, of Jefferson City, Mo., had 55 solo tackles and 31 assists. He had 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 33 yards in losses.

"I would say he has all the same tools and all the potential to be in the same class as (former Nebraska All-American) Grant Wistrom," said Missouri defensive coordinator Moe Ankray.

Writers covering the Big 12 picked the award winners.

Herd

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"I was a little scared," Hodges said. "I was surprised that I had to play that much."

Hodges had just had a cast removed from his right (shooting) hand at 11:15 Tuesday morning and had only about 45 minutes of shooting practice before playing.

"I couldn't have asked for anything better. I just said a little prayer before the game," Hodges said.

In the first half, though, the story was Thomas, Buckley and Larra. All three came out firing in the first quarter as Buckley hit four of his first five attempts and Larra three of his first four.

With about two minutes left in the second quarter, Thomas already had 15 points, Buckley 11. But then it stopped.

The same team that had shot 9-for-14 from the field in the first quarter and 14-for-26 in the first half went into the deep freeze in the final two periods. The Bobcats shot only 6-for-30 in the second half.

"They shot the ball real well early and then all of a sudden then didn't shoot it that well the last two and a half quarters," Dean said. "Whether we had

something to do with that or they had something to do with that, I don't know."

The Whitefaces took a big chunk out of the Dimmitt lead in the third quarter, closing the gap to two points at 43-41 heading into the fourth quarter. Hodges and McNutt keyed the Hereford rally with McNutt hitting his first three shots of the half, including a pair of 3s, on the way to shooting 4-for-7 in the second half after going 2-for-8 in the first two quarters.

"I think what helped us so much was we started getting the ball inside," Dean said. "Bryan (Matthews) didn't necessarily get rewarded with a basket, but he got his hands on the ball and made strong aggressive moves to the basket. When they had to start honoring that, then all of sudden some other things opened up around that."

The game was tied for the first time since 0-0 when Hereford junior L.J. Vallejo cashed in on a Dimmitt turnover with a layup with 7:34 left in the game.

Two minutes later, the Whitefaces had their first lead at 45-43 when Greg Ewing canned a 12-footer. Hereford then outscored the Bobcats 9-6 the rest of the way.

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was just little bitty discipline stuff we didn't take care of. The other team should never get a rebound off a missed free throw and they did. I know they hit at least two or three shots off the rebounds of missed free throws."

Hereford was able to edge away at the Dimmitt lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Bobbies 11-9 behind five points from Eicke. The Lady Whitefaces, however, were never able to establish any consistency on offense and never seriously challenged the Bobbies in the final period.

Dimmitt kept it close, though, with some poor shooting of their own. The Bobbies shot a miserable 7-for-22 in the final two quarters after a not-so-stellar 11-for-30 in the first half.

"We got into that game of trying to run up and down with them," Harrison said. "We want to pick and choose when we run. We haven't thrown those one-handed passes all year, not even in practice. All of a sudden, we get in their game, and we're throwing one-handed passes everywhere."

Miners bury UTSA

EL PASO (AP) — Sharif Fajardo led four other Texas-El Paso players in double figures with 19 points Tuesday night as the Miners beat Texas-San Antonio 78-61.

Fajardo added 7 rebounds and went 9-for-9 from the free-throw line for UTEP (2-3). Forward Jarvis Mullahon added 15 points for the Miners.

Texas-San Antonio (3-3) was led by Steve Meyer, Ricky Reed and Devin Brown, who each scored 11 points.

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Nixon's Last Lawsuit Estate seeking compensation for his papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Richard Nixon got on his helicopter in 1974 and quit the White House, he left behind 42 million pages of documents, plus 3,700 hours of secretly recorded tapes and thousands of photographs.

Today, a trial was getting under way to determine how much his estate should be paid in compensation, plus 24 years worth of interest. It could be millions of dollars — \$250 million or more, by some estimates.

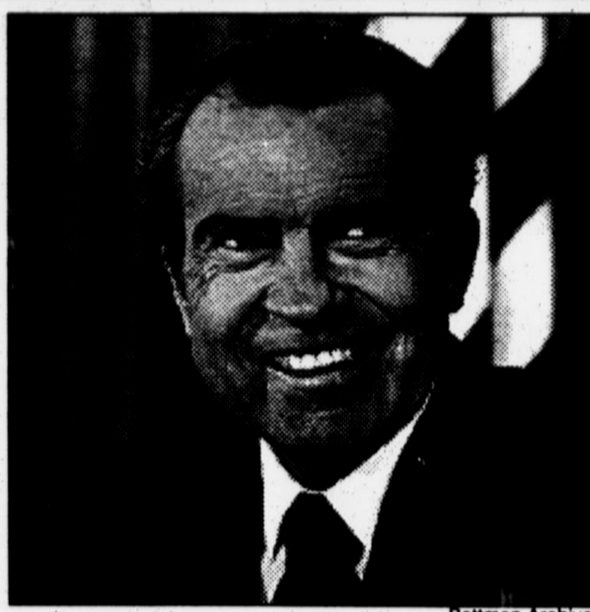
But the government is prepared to argue that Nixon's heirs are entitled to nothing — and that the collection is worth far less than the Nixon lawyers contend.

"We're going to present evidence that there is no compensation owed at all," said Neil H. Koslowe, who will argue the case for the Justice Department.

All presidents have considered their papers to be their personal property after they left office. Since Herbert Hoover, all but Nixon donated them to government-run presidential libraries. But when Nixon resigned to avoid impeachment over Watergate, Congress passed a law seizing the materials he left behind and putting them in the custody of the National Archives.

There, anyone can read and handle documents bearing Nixon's own handwritten — and sometimes undiplomatic — comments. But no one has heard most of the tapes, which, under court order resulting from additional Nixon-generated litigation, are being snipped to remove personal comments.

The former president sued for compensation in 1980 and lost before District Court Judge John Garrett Penn but won in an appeals court, which ruled he was entitled to collect for the value of the collection plus interest. The appeals court



Richard M. Nixon

told Penn to conduct the new trial to fix a value.

The decision remains controversial among historians. "Those papers were generated while the president was in the employ of the United States and they belong to the government and were done by government officials," said Stanley Kutler, an expert on the Nixon tapes.

In a pretrial deposition, appraiser John R. Payne, hired by the estate, said a letter, report, speech draft or news summary bearing "Nixon's minimal comments" such as "good," "excellent" or "bravo" would be worth \$100 a page.

But major documents "with excellent and/or extensive substantive comment by Nixon" would be worth more than \$1,500 a page, Payne said.

He put a \$19,000 value on six drafts and Nixon notes about an April 26, 1972, speech to the nation announcing a Vietnam War bombing escalation and the resumption of peace talks in Paris. He said the papers were worth that much because they contain "the internal deliberations of a sitting president."

Clinton, Dole disputing FEC audit of campaigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for President Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole dispute a preliminary federal audit that found their 1996 campaigns owe taxpayers millions of dollars because they illegally benefited from ads run by their political parties.

Federal Election Commission auditors recommended Tuesday that Clinton's campaign repay \$7 million and Republican nominee Dole's campaign pay back \$17.7 million in taxpayer money they received for their campaigns.

The repayment amounts are the highest ever recommended by FEC auditors, eclipsing the \$4 million figure for Clinton's 1992 campaign.

"We would certainly challenge it," said Lyn Utrecht, general counsel for Clinton's 1996 re-election effort. "We believe it's legally and factually inaccurate."

Dole lawyer Kenneth Gross, who also objected to the audit, said the campaign would wait until the FEC acts before deciding on a challenge.

The findings, which already have prompted a separate Justice Department investigation

into the legality of the ads, are to be reviewed Thursday by the six-member commission, which oversees political fund-raising. The commissioners, three from each major party, can accept, reject, or alter the repayment figures.

After the commission acts, officials from the campaigns can argue their cases before a final decision is made.

Presidential candidates frequently contest repayment orders. Clinton's 1992 audit, for example, was settled with the campaign repaying \$1.6 million. Auditors recommended that President Bush repay \$1.3 million, but commissioners set the figure at \$680,855.

The staff auditors concluded that Clinton and Dole illegally coordinated supposedly independent ads run by the Democratic and Republican national committees during the 1996 campaign and in so doing exceeded the spending limits the two can-

didates agreed to when they accepted taxpayer assistance for the election.

For example, one memo sent to Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and top White House officials laid out the amount of campaign funds and Democratic National Committee funds available for buying commercial time.

The memo indicated that DNC funds could be used to attack Dole once he was nominated.

The auditors' findings were cheered by supporters of efforts to overhaul the campaign finance system.

"Never before have we seen presidential candidates act in such utter disregard of the law, and commit multimillion-dollar violations of the spending limits they agreed to obey in exchange for their receipt of public funds," said Ann McBride, president of the watchdog group Common Cause.

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People

Judge dismisses lawsuit against 9 Inch Nails singer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge has tossed out a lawsuit that claimed Nine Inch Nails singer Trent Reznor stole songs for his 1994 album, "Downward Spiral."

The copyright infringement suit was dismissed Tuesday by U.S. District Judge William Rea, who put the trial on hold in February in hopes that both sides would settle.

"We're celebrating," said Jamie Broder, Reznor's lawyer. Los Angeles songwriter Mark Onofrio sued Reznor in August 1997, claiming Reznor stole six of his songs, including some that appeared on "Downward Spiral" and one that appeared on the "Natural Born Killers" movie soundtrack. He later dropped the claims on three songs.

Onofrio's attorney, Michael Blaha, said an appeal was likely. Onofrio said he met Reznor through an online chat room and asked if Reznor would listen to some of his songs. The complaint said Reznor agreed and the music was mailed to Reznor's Los Angeles home.

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

CARY, N.C. (AP) — Instead of giving a speech, Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith gave a concert to motivate people to volunteer for next year's Special Olympics World Games.

The singers gave an all-request concert Tuesday morning at computer software maker SAS Institute, which has set a goal of recruiting 600 workers for the games next June and July in Raleigh.

"Being a volunteer ... will re-inspire you and every part of your life," Grant said. "There's not too many times in life when you can come together with a common goal of celebrating life."

Smith and Grant are in the middle of a nationwide Christmas tour. The two performed before heading for a concert Tuesday night in Charlotte.

"As of two minutes ago, we had no idea what we were doing," Grant joked to the crowd after their first number. "But we do now."

Pearl Jam

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Pearl Jam has a message for police in North Carolina and Connecticut: "Get a life."

On the rock group's recently released live album, "Live on Two Legs," its sleeve credits conclude with the following postscript: "And a P.S. to the Raleigh, NC and Hartford, CT police departments. Get a life."

"Leave those kids alone." Pearl Jam singled out Raleigh after the group's Aug. 31 show there, during which bassist Jeff Ament reportedly witnessed a scuffle between police and concertgoers.

Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks are teaming up for another World War II project.

The pair will co-produce a 13-hour HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," based on a U.S. Army unit in the war, the network said Tuesday. No air date has been set.

Spielberg produced and Hanks starred this summer in "Saving Private Ryan," a movie about an effort to rescue a soldier during World War II after his brothers are killed.

The miniseries is based on the nonfiction book by Stephen Ambrose, about an Army rifle company that parachuted into France on D-Day. The miniseries may also include material from Ambrose's book, "Citizen Soldiers," which follows soldiers through the end of the war.

Hanks produced the miniseries, "From the Earth to the Moon," for HBO this spring.

Denyce Graves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Denyce Graves isn't singing the praises of a local CVS drug store.

The renowned mezzo soprano says she was doubled over with pain from nausea but was rebuffed when she asked the store's assistant manager for permission to use the bathroom.

"(He) didn't use his brain," Graves said in Tuesday's Washington Post.

According to Graves, the incident happened last week after she was forced to bow out of a performance at the Kennedy Center due to illness.

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If that means giving more flexibility in administering the tests, then the local districts should make the decision, he said.

"If we wait until the third grade to determine if that child has a reading problem, then it's already too late," Bivins said.

He also suggested the Legislature should take a look at a higher education program already in effect in North Carolina and Georgia which provide state scholarships to students who met all of their high school academic requirements and maintained a certain grade-point average for the first two years in community or four-year college.

The lawmakers should consider such a plan because the Texas college graduation rate has been stagnant for 30 years, with only half of all students who enroll as freshmen actually earning their college degrees.

One reason the students fail to complete their college work is because of cost, he said. The plan envisioned by Bivins would benefit minority and low-income students, who would be able to continue their education.

Bivins also said he will file legislation "testing a theory" about an education voucher system.

Under the plan, the program would be tested in urban areas for five years, then the results would be examined to determine if the Legislature would establish a voucher system.

Bivins described himself as neither a proponent for, nor an opponent of, the voucher system; however, he said it should be tested to see if it produces.

"There are people who say that unless we go to a voucher system, we will see a collapse of Western civilization," he said. "Then there are those on the other side who say the voucher system will make the Earth stop spinning on its axis."

Proponents of the system said money would be provided in the form of vouchers to parents who want to enroll their children in private schools, if they believe the private schools can provide a better education than the local public school.

Under Bivins' plan, any private school that accepts a student voucher will have to accept certain restrictions. The private schools will have to administer the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. Also, if the number of applicants exceeds the number of openings at the school, the admissions will be determined by lottery, without the school being allowed to choose the students who have the best grades or athletic abilities.

"Unlike abortion, it (voucher system) is an emotional issue where you can test and see the results," Bivins said.

In the pilot program, the participants will be low-performing students from low-performing urban school districts.

Bivins also said the Legislature will be debating either deregulation or restructuring of the electrical generation industry.

While "philosophically supportive" of deregulation of the electrical generation industry, Bivins said he is concerned that deregulation could have an adverse effect on rural customers and the electric cooperatives.

It's beginning to look like ... Easter?

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — There are 23 shopping days left before Christmas. Should you add beach towels and baseball gloves to the list?

Spring is in the air from the Rockies to the Northeast, with record high temperatures as much as 20 degrees above normal. Things are expected to cool off later this week as a cold front slides slowly south from Canada, but for now mild weather is the norm.

"It's nice weather for us to work in," said June Helsel, in Toledo to sell Christmas trees her family grows in northern Michigan. "We don't have to worry about shoveling all the snow."

Record highs were set across the country Tuesday, including 66 in Minneapolis at the Twin Cities International Airport, breaking the 1962 record of 62. Records also were set Monday.

"We need colder weather, and it all depends on Mother Nature," said Jerry Hennem, owner of The Sportsmen's Lodge on Rainy River, about 12 miles north of Baudette, Minn., near the Canadian border.

The ice near Hennem's resort was 4 inches thick on Tuesday — about 8 inches too thin to cart fishing houses onto the lake. But he knows how fast Minnesota weather can change.

"We can make ice up here a lot faster than people realize," he said.

In New England, highs reached the 60s in some parts of Vermont and 58 in Boston and Providence, R.I.

"The one thing about New England is it's changeable," said Michael Carbone, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Taunton, Mass. "It's mild today, then there's a cold snap, and mild again. Who knows?"

Cold weather would be good news for ski resort operators from Colorado to New England. Butternut Basin ski resort in Great Barrington, Vt., was supposed to have opened Friday, but workers were still waiting this week for three or four days of cold weather so the artificial snow will stay frozen.

"Do all classes of customers, not just the big industrial users, benefit (from deregulation)? Will the rural customers be left out to dry? What about the (rural) cooperatives?" Bivins asked.

The major industrial users and utility executives are pushing for deregulation as an economic development tool, he said. Although he said he wants to help economic development efforts, Bivins said he doesn't want to do it at the expense of the rural customers.

In response to a statement from a resident who expressed concern about centralization of power in Austin, Bivins said he doesn't "know of anyone in West Texas who's run on a platform of more Austin control."

However, he said the state government's role is to set the standards for students to meet. It's the local district's responsibility to develop ways to see the standards are met.

When Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons asked about help for counties, which are limited in their ability to generate revenue while expenditures are rising, Simons specifically noted the expenses involved in maintaining county jails with a rising inmate population.

Bivins said counties will have to fight for money, adding "if it's between counties and kids, I'll help the kids and the schools."

The situation with jails, however, he anticipates will ease because of the state's expansion of its prison system.

Simons said the rural counties' economies are lagging behind the urban areas and some expenses, such as a capital murder trial, can wipe out a budget.

Bivins responded the Legislature is likely to consider developing a state trust fund to help rural counties cope with such a situation.

On other issues, Bivins said:

- He will propose providing another \$200 million for local school districts to help with construction projects, noting the state's population growth is the equivalent to a Fort Worth ISD every year;

- Acknowledged the rural areas will be further pinched when the redistricting is completed after the 2000 census, noting there already are more state legislators from the Houston metropolitan area than from all of the state west of Interstate 35. However, he said, the urban delegations seldom demonstrate the cohesiveness found in the West Texas delegations;

- Agreed with House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, that a major part of the budget surplus should go to the state's revenue fund, or the so-called "rainy day" fund. Bivins said \$1 billion of the surplus automatically will be sent to the fund because of a "trigger mechanism;"

- Criticized the CBS news magazine "60 Minutes" for not providing a balanced account in its look at campaign donations to Texas Supreme Court justices. He said the network was fair in when it aired the show, but critics of the Texas high court were given more air time than supporters. He also said the presentation really was "more of an indictment of our judicial selection system than of the (individual) justices."

Voucher

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school.

Critics say vouchers pit public schools against private ones.

The Edgewood program could ignite debate over a state-funded voucher plan next year in the Texas Legislature.

There are several legislative proposals, ranging from pilot programs to targeting the state's seven largest school districts.

Edgewood Superintendent Dolores Munoz said her school district needs an immediate

plan of action.

"Edgewood, whether we like it or not, has been thrust into this arena," she said. "We're going to have to be the champions of public education and all students. We have to."

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Panel to handle Palestinian aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what could be a warm-up for statehood, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have launched a U.S.-Palestinian commission to channel \$900 million in new American aid to the West Bank and Gaza.

The commission held its first meeting Tuesday in Albright's office at the end of the Palestinian leader's high-profile visit to Washington in which he again asserted hopes for a state.

Inquiry

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that a major expansion of the Monica Lewinsky investigation could keep the inquiry going next year.

"Unless the Republican leadership — yourself or the speaker-elect (Bob Livingston) make an effort to assume responsibility for bringing this matter to a final conclusion this Congress, this investigation will needlessly plague the next Congress," Gephardt wrote outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Mark Corallo, Livingston's spokesman, said, "They are entitled to their opinions."

The committee subpoena also told the authors of the memos, federal prosecutor Charles LaBella and FBI Director Louis Freeh, to give depositions — which could take place later this week.

But unless Judge Johnson approves transfer of the memos, which include secret grand jury material, the two would probably be limited in discussing the documents. Both men urged Attorney General Janet Reno to seek an independent counsel to investigate possible fund-raising abuses in the Clinton-Gore campaign two years ago.

Next week, she faces a deadline on seeking an independent counsel to investigate Clinton's use of Democratic funds for television advertising in 1996.

The Judiciary Committee also subpoenaed material from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr on John Huang, a former Democratic fund-raiser whose ex-employer paid money to presidential friend Webster Hubbell. Starr is investigating whether that payment and other consulting fees represented "hush money" to keep Hubbell quiet about any wrongdoing by the president.

With the committee set to debate articles of impeachment next week, Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said, "The extraordinary odds are that this will not impact our timetable. It would be difficult to reconstitute this inquiry without some significant reason to do it."

Rep. George Gekas, a Republican committee member from Pennsylvania, said there wasn't enough time for campaign fund raising to have an impact on the inquiry this year.

"I don't want it to end this year," Gekas said.

shared his view. Livingston has said he wants the inquiry to

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