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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Unseasonably warm readings continue

Near-record highs are expected through the start of the weekend, with little or no rain in the forecast, according to The Associated Press.

Some light fog was reported today at Tyler, Longview and Corsicana. Dense fog formed along the middle Texas coast from Brazoria County to around Victoria.

But visibilities were greater than five miles at Tyler and Corsicana and three-quarters of a mile in Longview.

Early-morning lows ranged from the 40s to the 70s in South Texas.

It was 39 degrees at Dalhart and Marfa, 49 at Junction, 52 at Longview, 57 at Dryden, 61 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and 70 at McAllen.

Winds were mostly easterly and northeasterly at less than 10 mph.

It should be clear and dry across most of the state through Sunday with afternoon highs in the mid-70s along the upper Texas coast, upper 70s elsewhere and some readings near 90 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

Overnight lows should be in the lower 40s to the lower 50s, except for upper 30s in the Guadalupe Mountains. A slight chance for showers and thunderstorms was predicted across deep South Texas.



Clear skies tonight

Tonight, clear, low 40 to 45, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday, sunny and unseasonably warm, high in the lower 80s, west wind around 10 mph.

Extended forecast

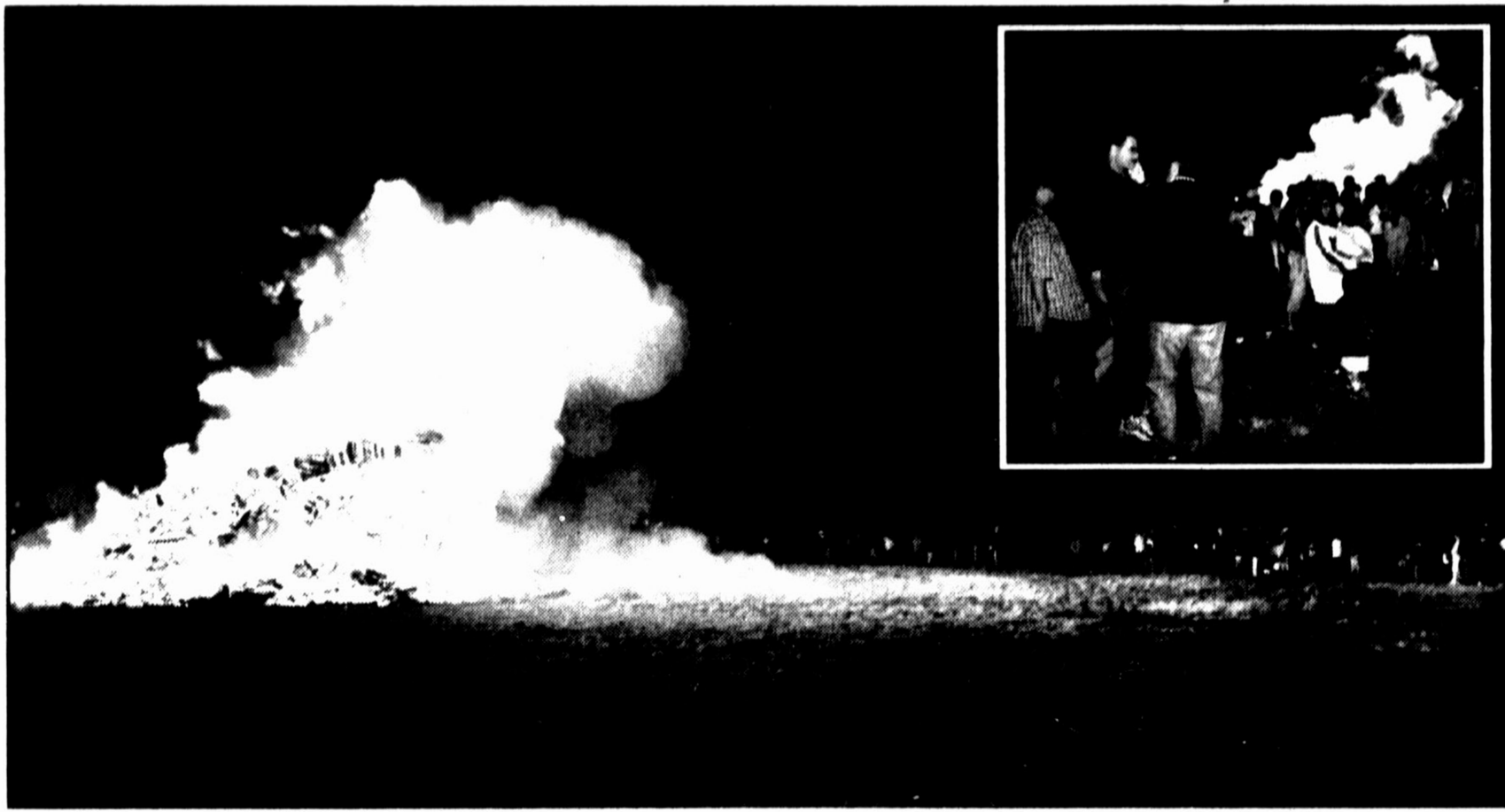
Sunday, clear, low 40 to 45, high 70 to 75.

Monday, mostly clear, low in the mid-30s, high in the mid-70s.

Tuesday, mostly clear, low in the upper 30s, high in the upper 70s.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 78; low, 41; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Fans gather show support

Hereford Whiteface supporters gathered Thursday night at the Kids Inc. baseball complex for a pep rally and bonfire as the high school football squad prepares for tonight's playoff game against the Plainview Bulldogs. Head Coach Craig Yenzler (center, inset) talks to a Herd supporter at the bonfire.

BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

PLAYOFF

Hereford
7:30 p.m. today
Bulldog Stadium
Plainview

WACKY WEATHER

Farmers benefitting, but ranchers hurting

By The Associated Press

For Texas agriculture, unseasonably warm temperatures and a lack of rainfall are both a blessing and a curse.

The mild fall weather will mean fresh tomatoes, peppers and other warm-season vegetables for dinner tables at Thanksgiving — perhaps even Christmas.

But ranchers who have planted winter rye and oats as forage for livestock are watching as seedlings fail to germinate. Drought conditions have returned to most of

Texas for the third time in the past four years.

For some Texans sweating in near-record temperatures, the state is poised for the warmest November in history.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, daily temperatures have averaged 63.6 degrees — 7.4 degrees above normal — in a month when the record average reading of 63.2 degrees was set in 1909.

Once again, blame it on La Nina — the global climactic phenomenon that's cooling eastern Pacific waters and sending their moisture farther

north, leaving the Southwest and southern states drier than normal in a summer-like weather pattern.

Except for lack of rainfall, Texas farmers could get excited about it.

"It's great!" farm co-owner Fred Verstuyft told the *San Antonio Express-News*. "Everything is growing about as good as we've ever seen it."

But some cattle raisers facing limited pastures, rising feed costs and low stock pond levels are considering whether to liquidate their herds.

Loss of forage crops and

declines in pastures and watering holes are just the latest blows to cattle raisers, many of whom lost herds and amassed large debts in 1996 and 1998, said Clara McMichael, legislative aide for the Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas.

More bad news, she said, could be fatal to livestock.

"They've been fighting weather disasters for four years," she said. "I'd say it's as bad or possibly worse (than 1996 and 1998) because everybody's tapped out," she told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Rainfall in North Texas is off about 10 inches for the year after below-normal totals in September and October — usually two of the year's wettest months. San Antonio and Houston are down more than 11 inches while Houston's rainfall is down more than 16 inches.

Drought conditions exist in seven of Texas' 10 climate regions, according to a National Weather Service index. High-pressure systems are currently dominating air flow, keeping potentially rain-producing cool fronts away.

U.S. retail sales steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales held steady in October as Americans pulled in their spending on cars and furniture but shelled out more for hardware, building supplies and clothing.

Total retail sales last month were unchanged at a seasonally adjusted \$252.5 billion, the Commerce Department said today. That was in line with most analysts' expectations.

In September, sales fell by 0.1 percent; the government previously had estimated a 0.1 percent gain.

In a separate report today, the Labor Department said the growth in American workers' productivity jumped in the third quarter while growth in labor costs moderated.

Productivity, defined as the amount of output for each hour of work, rose at a 4.2 percent annual rate from July through September.

At the same time, unit labor costs, considered a key measure of wage pressure, rose just 0.6 percent, the slowest quarterly increase this year.

Meanwhile, retail sales have climbed or held steady most months of this year and last month were 8.5 percent higher than October 1998. The resilient U.S. economy, unemployment at a 29-year low of 4.1 percent and tame inflation have helped to give the nation's retailers a strong year.

But there have been some signs that the economy may be slowing. Consumer confi-

dence has fallen in the last four months, home sales are down and consumers are using their credit cards less freely.

And, while consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, rose at a solid annual rate of 4.3 percent in the July-September quarter, it was down from 5.1 percent growth in the second quarter.

Federal Reserve policy-makers will decide next week whether to raise interest rates for a third time this year. Economists, which have been split over what they believe the Fed will do on Tuesday, said both reports, particularly the good news on strong third-quarter productivity growth, which helps keep inflation low.

Merchants can show off wares

Hereford merchants will get a chance to show off their wares at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's "Merchants Winter Gala." The annual event will be Monday at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

The merchant booths will open at 5 p.m. for shopping, with the evening banquet beginning at 7 p.m.

Chamber officials are encouraging area husbands to take their wives on a date to the gala.

Entertainment will be provided by Emily Fry, Miss Hereford; Wendy Brisendine, former Miss Hereford; Diana Detten and Abby Wilks.

There also will be door prizes donated by participating merchants.

Tickets for the gala are \$8.50 each and can be obtained at the chamber or at any of the following merchants: Merle Norman Cosmetics, C.I.C.S. Wishes, Boots & Saddles Western Wear, Beall's, Radio Shack, Manley's Furniture, Kids Alley, The Secret Garden, Renee's Repeat Boutique, Inkahoots, Greene's Gifts and Picture Perfect.

The chamber requests tickets be purchased or reserved by calling at 364-3333 by 5 p.m. Friday.

Students, vets join in program

By Becky Thorn

Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Members of Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR were joined Thursday by students of Nazarene Christian Academy in a special Veteran's Day program and George Washington Bicentennial Community Activity held at the Nazarene Children's Church.

Los Ciboleros Chapter member Argen Draper, chairman of the Washington Bicentennial Committee, presented Certificates of Award to American Legion Post 192 and the Nazarene Christian Academy Parent-Teacher Fellowship for the correct display and patriotic presentation of the U.S. flag.

David Rettman accepted the award of behalf of the American Legion Post, which displays flags at business locations on patriotic days.

Melinda Walden accepted

on behalf of the P-TF for the corresponding display of flags at residences.

As the fourth in a series of events in observance of the 200th anniversary of Washington's death, DAR member Charlotte Clark gave a George Washington Memorial Service and Nazarene Christian eighth-grade student Tyler Teters presented an essay.

A demonstration of folding the American flag was given by Legion post members Grant Hanna and L.J. Clark while Troyce Hanna narrated the meaning behind each fold.

Special music was performed by the Nazarene Academy Choir and all veterans in attendance at the program



American Legion Post 192 members L.J. Clark (left) and Grant Hanna demonstrate the proper way to fold the United States flag.

were recognized. Bookmarks bearing the quotation "... a good moral character is the first essential in a man (person)... it is therefore highly important that you

should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous." — To George Steptoe Washington, Dec. 5, 1790," were presented to each student as they left the program.

Bush holds lead over both Demo opponents

The Associated Press

Some results from a national poll by the Pew Research Center for the People

& the Press on the mood of voting-age Americans entering into the 2000 election season. When results don't total 100 percent, the remainder didn't know or refused to answer.

Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Al Gore, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the Republican. Who would you vote for?

• Gore, 39 percent
• Bush, 54 percent
... if the candidates were Bill Bradley, the Democrat, and George W. Bush, the

Republican, who would you vote for?

• Bradley, 41 percent
• Bush, 54 percent

If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

• Republican, 43 percent
• Democrat, 49 percent
In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat or an independent? (1999 average)
• Republican, 27 percent (32 percent in 1994)
• Democrat, 34 percent (30 percent in 1994)

POLITICAL MOOD
■ Democrats holding edge in races for seats in Congress. — Page A7

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Local roundup

City commissioners set meeting

Members of the Hereford City Commission are facing a couple of trashy issues. When the commissioners meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall, they are expected to approve an engineering agreement with Oller Engineering for a Type I AE landfill permit. Also, they are expected to consider trash collection incentives. The commissioners also will receive a report from the Hereford Independent School District about its "Red Ribbon Week" and report from the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Holiday Bereavement Series

The Crown of Texas Hospice is presenting a "Holiday Bereavement Series", Mondays Nov. 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship of Believers Church. This bereavement support series is for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The series will be guided by Mona Romero, MSW, Professional Grief Counselor for Crown of Texas Hospice. It is presented as a free service to the community. For more information call 372-7696 or 1800-572-6365.

Covenant to conduct coat drive

Covenant Family Healthcare Center of Hereford will conduct a community-wide coat drive Nov. 22-Dec. 15. Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 125 W. Park Ave., will serve as the drop off site for the donated coats. The Deaf Smith County chapter of the American Red Cross and Guadalupe Economic Services will be the recipients of the coats donated this year. Each coat will be cleaned free of charge by Custom Cleaners. The drive will accept men's, women's, and children's coats of all shapes and sizes. Covenant Family Healthcare Center of Hereford is part of a primary network in 24 communities that Covenant Health System is developing throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The centers are part of a system that provides comprehensive and preventive care at the local level.

Chamber business mixer scheduled

All local businesses are invited to join together for Hereford's Chamber of Commerce annual Business Mixer at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 in Sugarland Mall, 400 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sponsors for the mixer are Stevens Chevrolet and Choice Directories. There will be plenty of snack entrees. Everyone is encouraged to bring plenty of business cards to give out to others and also to register for a Hereford Bucks drawing. The only way to register for the drawing is with a business card. This will be a mix-and-mingle affair and will give local people the opportunity to exchange fellowship and share ideas. Stevens Chevrolet will also have a few 2000 model automobiles on display at the event and there will be free Choice Directories to pick up.

German Sausage Festival on tap

UMBARGER — The annual German Sausage Festival, sponsored by the St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at the parish hall. Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, ages 6-10. Carryout meals also will be available.

Humane Society meeting

The local Humane Society will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Monday at the Hereford Community Center. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Praise service at St. Anthony's

Members of several local churches are joining together for a citywide Night of Praise this Sunday at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The service will feature a contemporary worship band from Amarillo led by Tom Norman. The service is designed to bring unity to local congregations through prayer, praise and fellowship. The non-denominational worship service is a monthly event that is held at various churches in the area and everyone is invited.

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News digest

Smog creates health risks

HOUSTON (AP) — Ten percent of inner-city children here have asthma or symptoms similar to the respiratory disease, according to researchers who say the number is twice the previous estimate in a metropolitan area plagued by smog. Local health experts previously relied on a general estimate that 5 percent of children here and elsewhere around the country have asthma. Newest estimates were based on an extensive survey of 21,000 children in 60 schools in the Houston Independent School District. High measurements of ozone, a respiratory irritant and smog's main ingredient, have propelled Houston past Los Angeles, the perennial national leader, as the 1999 smog capital. These readings have refocused concern among local officials and others on the impact of pollution on people's health. "We do have a significant problem with the prevalence of asthma among inner-city children," said Stuart Abramson, a researcher on the asthma-calculation project and associate director of the Children's Asthma Center at Texas Children's Hospital.

Elsewhere:

ELECTRIC CARS: A couple of guys from California driving an electric-powered car ran into trouble in the heart of the Oil Patch. It seems that C.E. Raum and Greg Hansen reached the Panhandle this week in cars made by General Motors, but they had to recharge their batteries and wound up in a high school shop in Vega.

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Founders Day -- Rev. Jesse Hodge, Keynote Speaker at King's Manor 34th Annual Founders Day Dinner, enlightened the crowd with his keen sense of humor and witty jokes. Entertainment for the dinner was fiddler Rick Suddeth.

Study reveals HIV defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost from the moment it invades the body, the virus that causes AIDS goes on the defensive, quickly infecting cells that help it dodge killing drugs and the hunter cells of the immune system. In a study published today in the journal Science, researchers report that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is able to establish a silent, chronic infection by moving into inactive white blood cells, called resting T-cells. Earlier studies have shown that HIV establishes a reservoir of infection, but the new research demonstrates just how quickly the killer virus sets up its defenses. "These chronically infected cells are important because they allow the virus to persist below the radar screen of the immune system, particularly at the time of the transmission," said Dr. Ashley T. Haase, an HIV researcher at the University of Minnesota and the senior author of the study. Haase said the study shows that a short time after the sexual transmission of the AIDS virus, there is an infection in the resting T-cells, a hiding place that protects the virus from drugs.

The finding is contrary to the belief that HIV first infects two other targets, macrophages and dendritic cells, and then spreads to active T-cells. Instead, said Haase, the virus in its initial infection moves in about equal proportions into both the resting and the active T-cells. Dr. Tony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, said the Haase study "was a nice piece of work" that gives important new insight into the early stages of HIV infection. By quickly infecting the resting T-cells, said Fauci, the virus "gives itself some insurance of survival." A virus in resting T-cells is a much more difficult target for both the immune system and for antiviral drugs, he said.

Food labels would begin listing a little-known but nasty type of fat called trans fat under rules proposed today by the Food and Drug Administration. Experts say that trans fatty acids, the stuff that makes doughnuts and french fries taste so good, may be even worse than saturated fat. But consumers have had no way to know how much of it is in their foods. Under the proposed label, the listing for saturated fat would have to include the amount of trans fat added to the amount of saturated fat. An asterisk would indicate that trans fat is included, with a footnote telling consumers how many grams are in each serving. The move comes in the wake of research offering damning evidence against trans fat, which may be the worst artery clogger of all. Studies indicate that eating trans fat increases LDL-cholesterol, often called "bad cholesterol," which increases the risk of heart disease. At the same time, it decreases the amount of HDL — the "good cholesterol" that is good for the heart. Evidence in hand, consumer advocates petitioned the FDA to add trans fat to the nutritional labels that have been required on food packages since 1994. The new rules will take effect after a 90-day comment period. "The nation's experience with the new food label has shown that it can be a powerful tool for consumers," FDA Commissioner Jane Henney said today in a statement. "By requiring information about trans fatty acids, this proposal should assist individuals in their efforts to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease." The proposed rule would also allow manufacturers to label certain foods as "trans fat free." And products that call themselves low in saturated fat, low in cholesterol, "lean" and "extra lean" would also have to be low in transfat. Trans fat comprises up to 10 percent of the calories in a typical diet. The best example may be stick margarine, but it's also hidden in crackers, cookies, pastries and deep-fried fast foods. Spreadable margarine in tubs, though, contain little if any trans fat. Until now, the only way consumers could determine whether a food included trans fat was to look for "hydrogenated" on the list of ingredients. That's because the most common source of trans fat is partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, in which liquid oil is turned into a solid to protect against spoiling and to maintain the flavor over time. Typically, the harder a margarine or cooking fat, the more trans fat it includes. "Trans fat is a phantom fat in our food right now," said Margo Wootan, a senior scientist at Center for Science in the Public Interest, which first petitioned for the new labels in 1994. "Since then the evidence has just gotten stronger and stronger that trans fat raises blood cholesterol and increases heart disease risk."



Intellectual duds -- The honor rolls at Shirley Intermediate School is a big deal and to make the students aware of its importance students making the first semester were given bright yellow dream-team T-shirts adorned with dark blue stars. The dream-team shirts were awarded on the basis of good grades, good behavior and attendance. Students who maintain their dream-team status will receive appliques for each semester they make the team. Above, Anthony Delgado a fifth grade student in Mrs. Koehler class sports his new shirt with assistant principal Sandra Maldonado and principal David Fanning. About 80 students received T-shirts Thursday at the honors assembly.

Plates benefit libraries

Vanity boosts student readers

Area residents can provide an extra helping hand in the effort to assure that all children can read, simply by purchasing a special license plate for their motor vehicle under a special plan adopted by the state of Texas. The "Read To Succeed" license plate is a colorful specialty plate that promotes reading in Texas. The purchase of this plate, the first ever to be designed by a Texas student, will provide educational materials for local public school libraries. Cost of these special plates is only \$30, in addition to the regular registration fee, however every "Read To Succeed" license plate will generate \$25

for the purchase of educational materials for the public school library of the purchaser's choice. To order the new "Read To Succeed" license plate, simply fill the application form (available at the nearest school) and mail it along with a check to the Texas Department of Transportation. Please be sure to indicate on the application the local school district and campus name where your donation should be directed. The school librarian or principal can provide this information. The new plates will arrive at the Deaf Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office in 6-8 weeks. The "Read To Succeed" plates can also be personalized for an additional \$40. Motorists will have their choice of five characters, symbols or spaces to add a custom touch. The grand total for this option is \$70 (\$30 for the Read To

Succeed plate and \$40 for personalization) plus the normal registration fees. The plates can be updated at any time, even if current registration has not expired. Application blanks may be obtained at the County Tax Office, school libraries and can also be downloaded from the Internet at www.tea.state.tx.us/reading. Completed applications should be mailed to the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas 78779-0001, with the appropriate special license plate fee. The special license plates may be transferred to another vehicle registered in the applicant's name.

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 11, 1999, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests
- A 35-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with assault.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 2:31 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire three miles east on Highway 60.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
6-12-15-26-38
Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-9-8
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Final Tune-Up

Herefords, Canyon Randall look to get state tournament berth with regional final victory

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It has become a constant: The Region I volleyball finals go through the Texas Panhandle. Hereford knows that very well, as the Lady Whitefaces have participated in the last seven Region I Class 4A volleyball finals.

But Canyon Randall is new to this aspect, make that tradition, of Texas Panhandle teams playing for a berth at the state championships in Austin.

It has been building up from a long time. Who knows, this might be the year for the Lady Raiders.

"We've come so far this year and our kids are so fired up," Randall coach Shelly Williams said Tuesday after the Lady Raiders survived a 15-11, 15-10 victory over Cleburne. "We want to get to state and we look at Hereford as another match in the way. Hopefully, we'll take of business when we see them."

Oh, by the way, these two teams have met before, early in the season.

It was Sept. 18, on a Saturday afternoon, where Hereford walked into Randall High School for a match against the Raiders and walked out with a 17-15, 15-13 loss to the Lady Raiders.

Both teams have improved since then, but it's easy to say that Randall has the advantage for many reasons, mainly because of the Sept. 18 win and their front line of hitters.

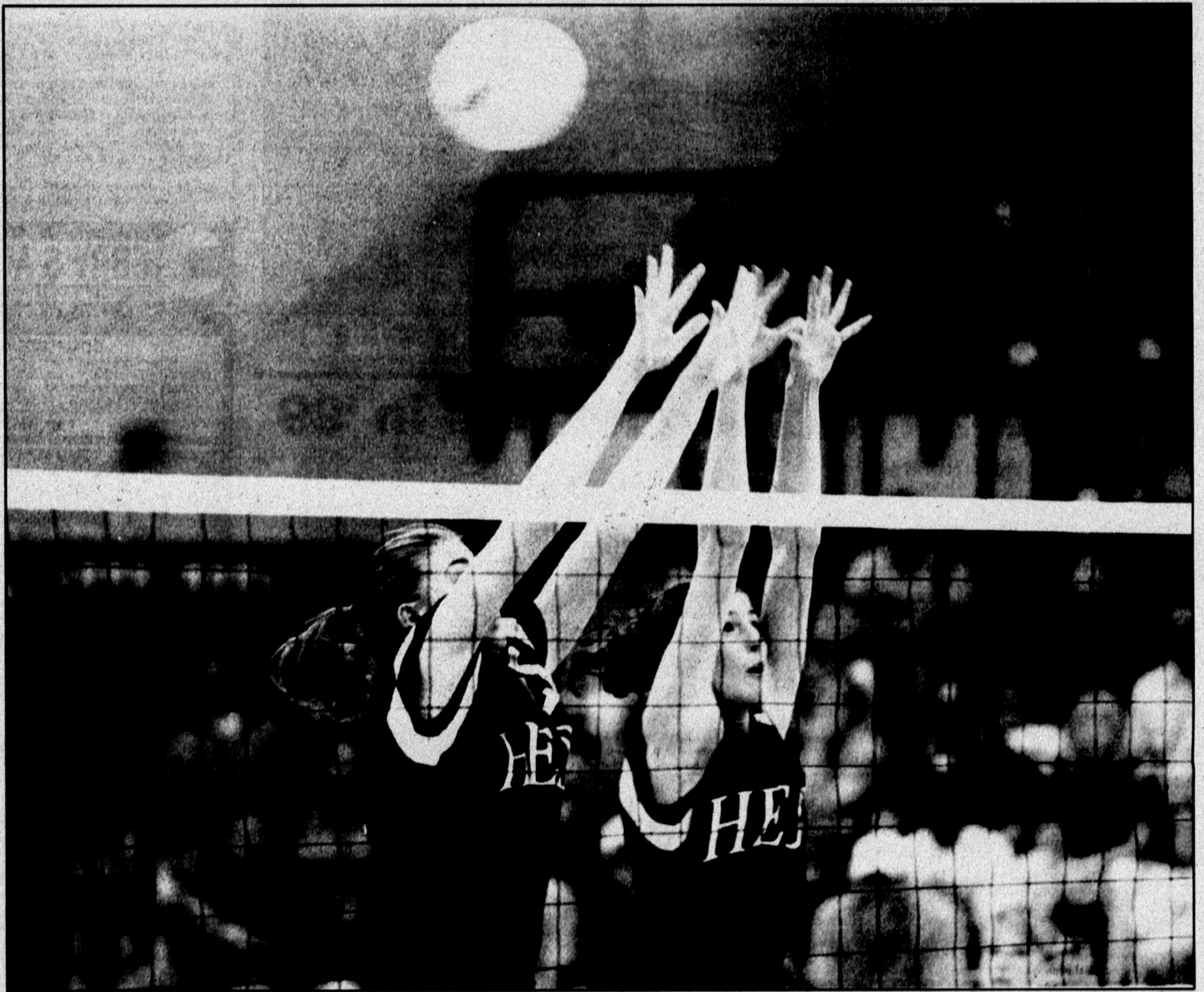
"Obviously, we're going to be the underdog in this situation," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "They are so solid in every position."

Hereford was able to take a huge lead on Randall back then, but errors, which marred Hereford on Tuesday against Denton High, cost them the match.

Kitten knows this will be the toughest match the Lady Whitefaces will play all year, but the feeling is mutual.

"I think they will be a tough match for us," Williams said. "They're an established program and they've been there year after year."

"They have a lot of experience under the belt, so I see it's going to be a good match," Williams



Brand/Julius Bodner

Big Line — Hitters Ashley Fangman (left) and Sarah Griffin (right) will be depended on to help Hereford shut down Canyon Randall's front line as both meet on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Amarillo Caprock High School for the Class 4A Region I Final. Canyon Randall defeated Hereford early this season with a 17-15, 15-13 decision.

added. A key for Hereford will be to slow down the pace of Anika Holmes and Magan McCormick, who keyed Randall's hitters all season.

"They've got five great hitters on the court all the time," Kitten said. "The setter does a great job setting the ball in all

positions, their hitters do a good job of mixing up hits with offspeed attacks.

"I think their ball control was real good against Cleburne," Kitten added. "They receive the ball well and pass receive well and are able to run a lot of offense out of their passing, so there's not a weak spot that we

are going to go after and attack."

Randall has been hot. The last tough victory came at the expense of perennial volleyball power Dumas, which Randall dethroned last Saturday with a 15-11, 15-11 win.

As good as Randall looks on paper, and on the court, they

know they can't take anyone for granted, especially Hereford.

"Not at this point," Williams said. "Both teams want to go really bad (to state) and the losers won't and that what's on the line so we'll see what happens."

And the plan for Shelly Williams and Canyon Randall to

get past Hereford is a no-brainer on her part.

"We're going to do what we've been doing all year," she said. "We are going to continue to pass well, we have excellent setters who are putting the ball into the hands of our excellent

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Just Kickin' It

Brazilian exchange student enjoying football, life in the U.S.

Special to The Brand

"You're hired." With those words from the coaching staff, the Hereford Whitefaces filled a much-needed offensive position, one which has played a big part in their success on the football field this season and may provide a little bit of local history as they take the field tonight in a playoff game against Plainview.

The object of those two words, "You're hired," was Rafael Campos, a foreign exchange student who had never played the game but decided to give it a shot when he arrived in Hereford from Brazil for his senior year in high school.

"I had friends (in Brazil) who knew about American sports and they told me to give it a try," Campos said in near-perfect English. "I asked if they had soccer. When I was told no, I decided to try for kicker on the football team."

The way he explains it, the coaches were receptive to his desire and allowed him to kick this oddly shaped ball he'd never played with before.

"When I hit more through the goal posts than I missed, the coaches said 'you're hired' and here I am." His acceptance on the team by players and coaches alike may provide a first for Hereford, the only time a foreign exchange student has played such an important position on a playoff team.

A soccer player in his native Brazil, Campos said he didn't find it that difficult to make the change to football, although he admitted the ball is harder than a soccer ball and, "It's not round!"

He joined the squad which had been practicing since the early days of August and began working on kicking extra points and field goals, developing the skills needed to be an important member of the team. He kicked the ball so many times that he wore a hole in the soccer shoes he brought from Brazil.

"He didn't like our football shoes," Coach Craig Yenser said, "so we got him a pair of soccer shoes and he's been kicking just fine in those."

Yenser said Campos has

been a welcome addition to the team not only because of his newly learned football kicking skills, but also because of his personality.

"He has a good sense of humor and the kids really like him," Yenser said.

The feeling is mutual. Campos explains, "I really enjoy it and like how everybody (in Hereford) loves the team and coaches. These guys are really dedicated to the sport."

Admitting he might enjoy learning another position, especially wide receiver, Campos says his main goal is to "do just what they (coaches) want me to do."

But Campos also says he thinks it might be fun to play some defense. "I want to tackle someone!" he exclaimed, but in the same breath he admits it wouldn't be the best thing for the Herd because he has learned that for someone who kicks field goals and extra points to have that chance would mean something went

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Brand/Courtesy Photo

GOOOOOOOOAL — It's not exactly soccer, but Hereford Whiteface kicker Rafael Campos practices American Football field goals instead of what he is used to, but he is scoring goals for the Whitefaces and has helped Hereford to a successful season on the special teams.

Paying their Respects



Children from Northwest Elementary School stand on the sidewalk, cheering for the van passing by, which transported the Hereford girls cross-country team, who left the athletic fieldhouse on their way to the state cross-country championships in Austin.

Texas team looking for title in '99

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Big bodies and a load of newcomers. It all has Texas feeling pretty good about its chances of repeating as the Big 12 regular season champion.

Last season, Texas shrugged off an 0-4 start and depleted roster to finish 19-13 under first-year head coach Rick Barnes.

This year, with two of the league's best players returning, the Longhorns expect even more.

"We have an unbelievable amount of talent," said forward Gabe Muoneke, who led Texas last season with 16.5 points per game.

"We're leaps and bounds ahead of where we were last year at this time," he said. "Our goal (now) is beyond just winning the Big 12. Our goal is winning the national championship."

Such words hardly seemed

possible last season as Texas floundered to 3-8 before righting itself with a 5-0 run when the conference schedule began.

The turnaround earned Barnes Big 12 coach of the year honors and the Longhorns — along with Kansas and Oklahoma — are among the favorites for the conference title this year.

Barnes approves of the big talk.

"Every year when writers from around the country sit down to do their preseason pick, I want the University of Texas to be one of those 10 to 15 teams that they always pencil in," Barnes said.

"To be a top program, the expectation level has got to go up. I want that and our fans want that," he said.

For Texas, it all starts up front.

The Longhorns have probably the league's most physically intimidating front line with the muscular and versa-

tile 6-foot-7, 250-pound Muoneke and 7-foot junior center Chris Mihm. Both were voted all-conference last season.

Mihm established himself as one of the country's best big men with 19 double-doubles last season. He averaged 13.7 points and 11 rebounds and has been named the conference's preseason player of the year.

"It's a great honor but at the same time it's preseason player of the year. If I'm there at the end of the season, then I've really accomplished something," Mihm said.

The key will be the perimeter, where Texas struggled last season. Starting point guard Ivan Wagner averaged 6.1 points last season and shot just 31 percent from the floor. Returning shooting guard, William Clay, Texas' first man off the bench last season, averaged 8.1 points.

Barnes hopes newcomers such as Lawrence Williams, who averaged 19.5 points and shot 41.5 percent from 3-point range at Panola Junior College, will spark the offense.

Texas also adds sophomore forward Chris Owens, who started 27 games as a freshman at Tulane before transferring to Texas before last season. Owens was rated one

of the country's top 25 high school players as a senior.

"There is no doubt that our team is built around Chris Mihm and Gabe Muoneke," Barnes said. "A year ago, people sagged back on them ... I hope they do that again this year. We have guys who will make shots and take shots."

One potential stumbling block is the early schedule. After opening at home against Louisiana-Lafayette, Texas travels to the Puerto Rico Shootout over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Texas returns to the mainland for consecutive games against Arizona, Wisconsin and San Diego, all of whom beat the Longhorns last season.

"Our schedule, I don't like the way it flows at all," Barnes said. "I think the way it starts and the way we travel early is not real good."

Texas also travels to play defending national champion Connecticut in January. That game should give Texas a clear idea of whether the Longhorns can live up to Muoneke's goals.

"I just think anytime you get a chance to play the defending national champion you've got to do that," Barnes said.

"There's no better measuring stick."

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El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta.
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Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium.
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth.

DIVISION II Bidistrict Region I

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Borger vs. Cadyton (8-2), 2 p.m., Saturday, Borger.
Snyder (8-2) vs. Everman (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tarleton Memorial Stadium, Stephenville.
Wichita Falls (8-2) vs. Saginaw Boswell (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls.
San Elizario (8-2) vs. El Paso Riverside (7-3), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, San Elizario.
Wolfforth Frenship (6-4) vs. Pampa, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Pampa.
Stephenville (10-0) vs. Andrews (8-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.
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hitters, and if we continue to do it with the passing that we've been having, we'll be just fine."

The Lady Raiders still, though, have to somehow also put a beat on the Hereford mystique.

"We just have to play solid the whole way through and hopefully make a battle out of every

point," Kitten said, "and maybe the only edge that we have going into this is that we've seen quite a few regional finals in the last few years. Hopefully, that experience is going to make a difference for us on Saturday."

The Panhandle will rock again.

Campos

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wrong, like a blocked attempt, "and that wouldn't be good."

When he graduates in May, Campos says he would like to continue his education in the United States and has applied to five schools, including Nebraska, Yale, Princeton and Harvard.

"I can get into a good college in Brazil, so if I stay here, I want to attend the best," Campos says. He also admits that he would be willing to play kicker for a football team and soccer if he is accepted at one of these schools.

The exchange program in which he participates is nothing new to the young Brazilian. His older sister was an exchange student six years ago, attending school in New Jersey. She returned to their native country and earned a college degree to become an English teacher.

"My father said I could be in the exchange program if I wanted because of my sister's success." He said it would get me more independent and improve my English, a language learned in extra classes in

Brazil. The father just hadn't counted on his son being "hired" to kick oddly shaped balls around a football field.

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AL GORE

"I thought about that, and because a lot of those decisions were made with political influence, I could have done that, but it did not feel right."

Gore turned down Guard

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Vice President Al Gore said a relative offered him the chance to join the National Guard and avoid the draft but he turned it down.

"I could have done that," he said in an interview in today's editions of *USA Today*. "I thought about that, and because a lot of those decisions were made with political influence, I could have done that, but it did not feel right."

Gore's father, the late Sen. Albert Gore Sr., strongly opposed the war.

The vice president said that as he struggled with what to do about the draft once he graduated from Harvard University in 1969, a cousin offered to help him join the guard as a way out.

Gore declined to identify the relative who made the offer or the guard unit involved, except to say that it was in a state neighboring his native Tennessee.

Gore joined the Army in 1969.

THE MOOD

Democrats have edge in congressional races

By Will Lester

The Associated Press

The political climate entering the 2000 election season is more favorable for Democrats, but a poll suggests that advantage may be of more benefit in the races for Congress than for the White House.

"The Democratic Party is in very good shape," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "But its chances to win the White House are once again bedeviled by social conservatives, the so-called Reagan Democrats, who have played a role in every Democratic presidential defeat since 1968."

Many conservative Democrats and independents join Republicans from every wing of their party in supporting the GOP front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

As Bush draws support across a broad spectrum of voter groups, a comprehensive political poll by the Pew Research Center suggested Thursday that the governor's Democratic rivals face early obstacles.

Bill Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, has more work to do introducing himself to voters; Vice President Al Gore must reintroduce himself after the trauma of President Clinton's impeachment.

"Gore is really tied to Clinton," said George Appleby, a Des Moines, Iowa, lawyer and Democrat. "Even the people who have stood by (Clinton) can't wait for this to be over. They don't want to be embarrassed."

The political landscape in 1999 differs dramatically from five years ago when Pew last looked in great detail at the mood and preferences of voting-age Americans.

"Moderates reign, they reign right, left and center," said Kohut. "These are not the angry people we saw five years ago."

Several recent polls have shown American optimism at a high level because of the roaring economy of recent years.

In a series of political values questions, people were asked their feelings about government, the poor, immigrants, and minorities. The shifts toward moderation across the board since 1994 "are pretty small changes," Kohut said. "But it's the direction of the changes that are significant."

For example, almost two-thirds in 1995 agreed with the statement "government is always wasteful and inefficient." Five years later, half agreed.

In 1994, disaffected voters turned over control of Congress to Newt Gingrich and the Republicans. But the Republican poll standings have faded and Kohut suggested the national Republican Party currently has "a real image problem."

Democrats have the edge this year in the percentage of people who say they belong to that party, 34 percent, compared to 27 percent for Republicans and 39 percent independent. In 1994, 30 percent said they were Democrat, 32 percent Republican and 38 percent independent.

Democrats have a clear edge on top policy issues like Medicare, education, the economy and health care, while Republicans have a big advantage on the morality issue.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Both George W. Bush and John McCain have former New Hampshire governors working for their campaigns, but that's where the similarities end.

Walter Peterson, governor from 1969 to 1973, recently was named McCain's honorary state chairman and largely has remained on the fringes of the day-to-day operations.

By contrast, Sen. Judd Gregg, governor from 1989-1993, joined Bush's campaign in April and has shadowed Bush's every move here ever since.

Their roles illustrate a key difference between the two organizations as the nation's earliest presidential primary approaches: Bush's campaign draws strength from big-name backers; McCain relies on depth at the grassroots level.

But with recent polls showing McCain, an Arizona senator and Vietnam War hero, gaining on Bush in New Hampshire and another suggesting that voters think the Texas governor is neglecting the state, there are signs that Bush's strategy could be shifting.

In town Wednesday to make his candidacy for the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary official, Bush promised to visit more often.

"I have a lot of work to do to convince the people of New Hampshire I have their trust, but I'm making pretty good progress," he said. "This is a state that expects candidates to come and look people in the eye, and I'm coming."

A day earlier, Bush's campaign announced a New Hampshire "Veterans for Bush Leadership Team" to parry McCain's strength among vet-



The campaign of Texas Gov. George W. Bush (left) draws strength from big-name backers; Arizona Sen. John McCain relies on depth at the grassroots level.

erans.

The question is whether Bush is reacting to McCain's progress or merely letting his campaign take a logical course.

A poll of New Hampshire voters released Thursday showed McCain for the first time tied with Bush in the race for the Republican presidential nomination. Bush had 38 percent, compared to 35 percent for McCain. The American Research Group poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Joel Maiola, Bush's New Hampshire campaign manager, denied this week that the campaign is switching gears.

"Not at all, it's a continuation of the strategy," he said.

Events beyond Bush's control — including a mass shooting in Fort Worth, Texas — made it difficult for Bush to get to New Hampshire much this fall, Maiola said, but the plan all along was to increase his presence now.

Not everyone finds the explanation complete.

"I think a little bit of the

"Maybe they had to do that a little earlier than expected."

But Bush and McCain also differ in how they are campaigning for an election sometimes decided by a few thousand votes. Bush's events Wednesday were crowded and controlled, with more handshakes than dialogue between candidate and voters.

In contrast, McCain scheduled three of his trademark "town meetings" with voters for today, when he files for the primary, plus talks at a lunch, a college and a high school.

"It's been obvious that Judd Gregg has let the Austin campaign office run (Bush's) New Hampshire campaign," says Mike Dennehy, McCain's New England campaign director.

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Blast raising fears of narco-terrorism

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BOGOTA, Colombia— Just hours after a car bomb killed eight people here and evoked fears of a renewed narco-terrorist campaign, President Andres Pastrana sent a firm message to the attack's organizers: The government isn't backing down this time.

Pastrana signed decrees Thursday evening clearing the way for three accused drug traffickers to stand trial in the United States. His move comes eight years after the Colombian government banned such extraditions, capitulating to a series of anti-extradition terrorist attacks that killed hundreds.

Thursday's carnage — the result of a shrapnel-packed bomb in a red Mazda sedan — was the worst in the Colombian capital since 1993, when the nearly decade-long wave of terror by the Medellin cocaine cartel ended with the death of its leader, Pablo Escobar.

The 150-pound bomb dug a three-foot crater beside a wide avenue in a wealthy part of Bogota and blew out the windows of banks, stores and apartment buildings as much as a quarter-mile away.

Korean survivors tell of mass slayings

WASHINGTON — South Korean survivors of an alleged mass killing of civilian refugees by U.S. troops finally are getting a chance to tell their harrowing stories to Army investigators.

Keum Cho-ja, 61, says she'll talk about how the bullet injuries ruined her marriage.

Chung Koo-hak, 57, will explain how his nose was torn apart by an American bullet. Yang Hae-sook, 61, wants to talk about her left eye blown out in a bombing and how women and children died in a pool of blood.

"I came here to tell the truth about No Gun Ri," Yang said. "I want to tell how American soldiers came to our village and took so many children and women and killed almost all of them."

They are among the few dozens South Koreans who survived the 1950 episode at No Gun Ri, a South Korean hamlet where witnesses say U.S. troops killed hundreds of civilian refugees in the early days of the Korean War.

Four South Koreans planned to meet Patrick T. Henry, an assistant secretary of the Army, and other Pentagon officials today in their first trip to the United States.

With new-teacher money is challenge

WASHINGTON — If schools get to hire new teachers under the class-size reduction plan just reached by President Clinton and congressional leaders, where would the extra classrooms come from?

And where are the skilled applicants willing to teach in urban or remote locations? What can help a district too small to hire even a single teacher under the population-based formula that's been agreed upon?

The questions puzzle educators, even though they welcome the president's bid for an army of 100,000 extra teachers in the next five years.

Despite this week's budget deal offering an additional \$1.3 billion and greater leeway in how it's spent, hiring quality educators is far from a simple proposition once it gets to the local level.

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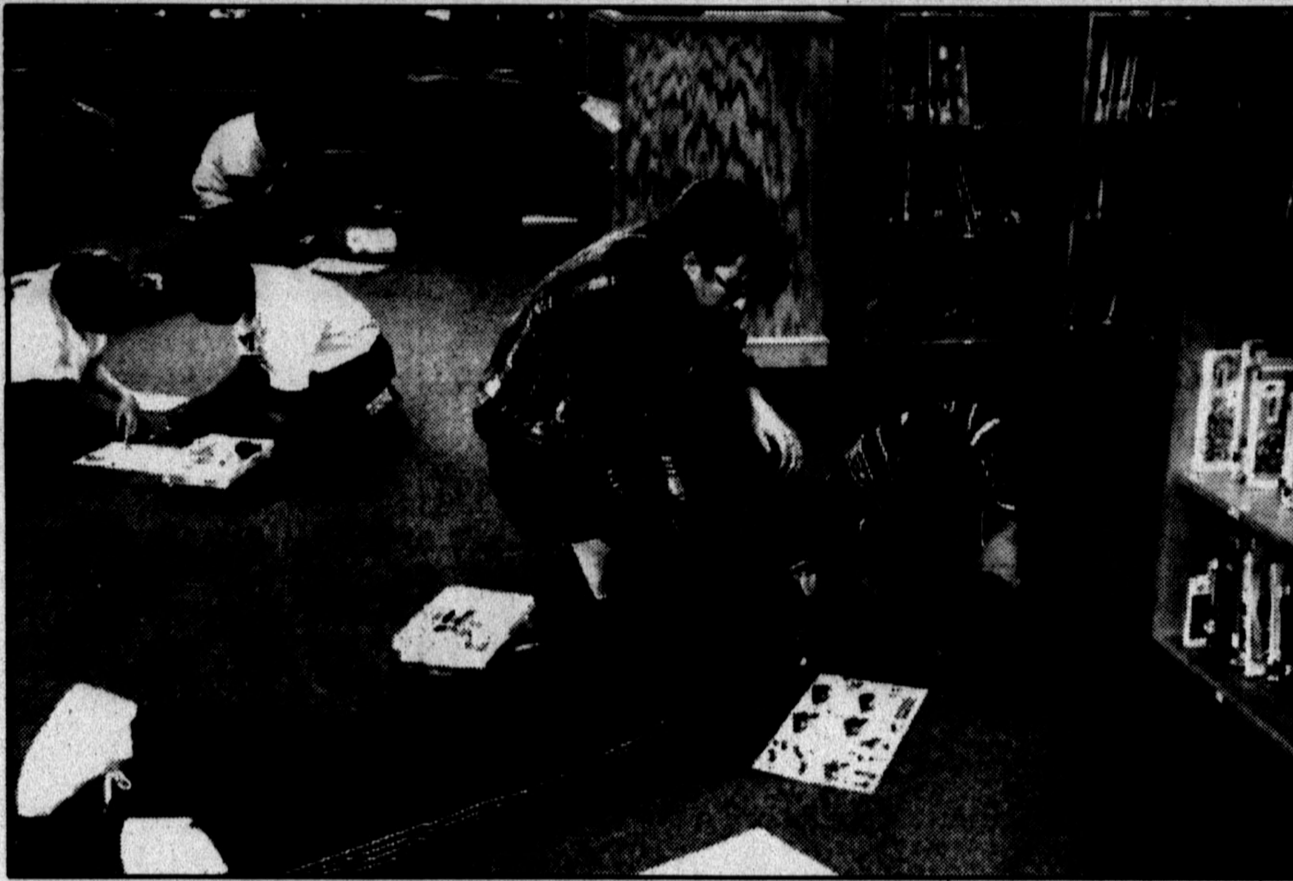
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Recovery crews resume work

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Navy recovery crews resumed their search on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean today for the voice cockpit recorder of EgyptAir Flight 990, but technical problems cut the effort short. The remote-controlled robot Magnum went back into the water about 2 a.m., but was pulled out four hours later. Navy Cmdr. Timothy O'Leary said the robot would be repaired and back in action soon. Another robot, Deep Drone, was on its way to the crash site 60 miles off Nantucket

Island, Mass. High seas on Thursday halted efforts to find the "black box" that investigators say may help reveal what happened during the final moments of the doomed flight. The tape could include crew member conversations. The device is now the focus of the investigation after an early analysis of data on the flight data recorder only heightened the mystery of what happened to the Boeing 767. The New York-to-Cairo flight crashed on Oct. 31, kill-

ing all 217 people aboard. The cause is unknown. A preliminary analysis of the flight data recorder announced Wednesday by the National Transportation Safety Board eliminated at least one theory about what may have caused the disaster. NTSB Chairman James Hall said there was no evidence the plane's thrust reversers, which are used while landing, deployed accidentally. Hall said the plane had been cruising normally at 33,000 feet when the autopilot disconnected.

FDA warns about using dietary drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says Triax Metabolic Accelerator is a potentially dangerous hormonal drug masquerading as a dietary supplement and should not be used. The product, which contains the ingredient tiratricol, another name for the thyroid hormone TRIAC, is promoted in health food stores and over the Internet as a way to lose weight by increasing metabolism.

Anyone using Triax should stop immediately, the Food and Drug Administration said Thursday. Also, the agency urged Triax users to see a doctor if they have symptoms of thyroid disease, including fatigue, profound weight loss, diarrhea, anxiety, nervousness or insomnia.

The product's distributor insisted Triax is safe and threatened to sue the FDA.

But people who take the recommended dose of Triax could be getting up to 10 times more per day of a potent thyroid hormone than is normal, said Dr. David Orloff, an FDA medical officer.

That can cause not just uncomfortable thyroid-related symptoms, but can increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and high blood pressure, particularly in people with underlying heart disease, he said.

While the FDA's published warning mentioned only Triax, a quick Internet search uncov-

ered numerous other tiratricol-containing products. When told, FDA officials responded that they would investigate further.

"I think that's wise," Orloff said when asked if consumers should avoid any tiratricol.

Missouri-based Syntrex Innovations Inc. said it would challenge FDA's charges in court.

"They are saying it's a drug. It's totally legal" under a 1994 dietary supplements law, said Syntrex owner Derek Cornelius.

That law released dietary supplements from most federal regulation, unless the FDA can prove a product poses a health risk. The last time a supplement manufacturer sued the FDA for declaring its product a drug-in-disguise, the government lost.

"We've sold 100,000 bottles, with not one complaint," Cornelius added. "I don't have a cease-and-desist (order), and we are going to continue to distribute it."

But the FDA cited a 38-year-old Los Angeles Triax user, who saw a doctor for severe diarrhea and other thyroid-related symptoms. Laboratory tests uncovered severe hyperthyroidism that the woman's doctor linked to Triax. Her husband, a fellow Triax user, was then tested and also found to have the ailment, Orloff said.

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Women make gains, but barriers remain

NEW YORK (AP) — More women are among the top ranks of corporate America, but they are seriously underrepresented in mid-management jobs that lead to promotions, according to new research.

A survey by the women's research group Catalyst showed that women who are black, Asian-American and Hispanic hold 1.3 percent of the executive positions in the nation's largest companies.

They appear to be making steady progress in the headquarters of Fortune 500 companies, both in rank and com-

ensation, since figures were first compiled in 1995, the New York group said Thursday.

About 11.9 percent of 11,681 corporate officers in America's top 500 companies are women, up from 11.2 percent last year and 8.7 percent five years ago, according to government statistics that were confirmed by the companies, Catalyst said.

Meanwhile, 3.3 percent of companies' top earners — measured in salaries, bonuses and annual stock options — are women, compared with 2.7 percent last year and 1.2 percent in 1995.

"The numbers are small, but

along every dimension ... they're moving in the right direction, and that's important," Catalyst president Sheila Wellington said.

Still, serious obstacles remain for women who want top corporate jobs, she said. The biggest hurdle appears to be that women are not well represented in so-called line officer positions — those who run the factories, head the sales staffs and supervise the accounting. Senior management tends to be promoted from these jobs.

"It's kind of a glass wall," Ms. Wellington said. "Women

tell Catalyst that they're not perceived as tough enough for line jobs. They're seen as having people skills, 'soft' skills, and are nudged into human resources and public relations."

Susan Meisinger, chief operating officer of the Society for Human Resource Management, a professional association based in Alexandria, Va., agrees.

"Some has to do with a good, old-fashioned dash of discrimination," she said. "There are preconceived notions that they can't put women in certain positions because of family demands."

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