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Future water supplies eyed

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The new millennium rolled in without so much as a hiccup — the power remained on, computers continued to control the tremendous supply of water in our reservoirs and only minor sporadic reports of contamination appeared, none of which were Y2K related. This, however, does not guarantee a high degree of quality water in huge quantities for years to come.

Jim Steiert, a member of the Llano Estacado Water Planning Group, said, "It's mostly a quantity problem, because the quality is relative to the quantity."



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Jim Steiert, member, Llano Estacado Water Planning Group

Information provided by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District estimated that in 1995 there were 6,397,823 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer in Deaf Smith County. Using calculations from estimated net changes in the ground water between 1985 and

1995, the group has determined that by 2050, only 2,296,029 acre-feet will remain.

An acre-foot of water equals the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of land with water one foot deep.

Calculation of total water demands in Deaf Smith

County show that 298,239 acre-feet of water were used in 1990. This amount is expected to decline to 237,510 acre-feet by 2050.

These reports indicate the total estimated amount of available water in Deaf Smith County exceeds the total estimated demand for the county for each decade in the planning period study.

The Llano Estacado Water Planning Group was the result of the passage of Senate Bill 1, passed during the 75th Texas Legislature. Regional water planning groups are responsible for assuring safe

qualities and quantities of water for various regions of Texas through 2050.

The City of Hereford is using only well water pumped from both the Ogallala Aquifer and the Santa Rosa Aquifer.

According to city finance director Steve Bartels, 38 wells provide Hereford residents with water. Thirty-one wells pump out of the Ogallala and seven have been drilled into the Santa Rosa. The Santa Rosa wells pump into all stations, so water to all parts of town has a consistent quality and taste.

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Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the lower 30s, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high in the lower 70s, west wind 10 to 20 mph.



Extended forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy, low 30 to 35, high in the mid-50s.

Friday: Mostly sunny, low 20 to 25, high around 60.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high in the mid-60s.

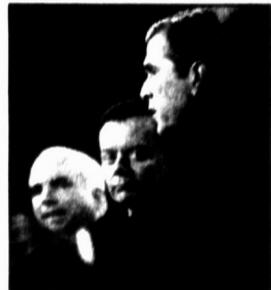
Hereford weather

Monday's high, 69, low, 27; no precipitation.

Inside Today

"For us to put all of the tax cuts, all of the surplus into tax cuts, I think is not a conservative effort."

■ Arizona Sen. John McCain, discussing the tax-cut proposals presented by his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination.



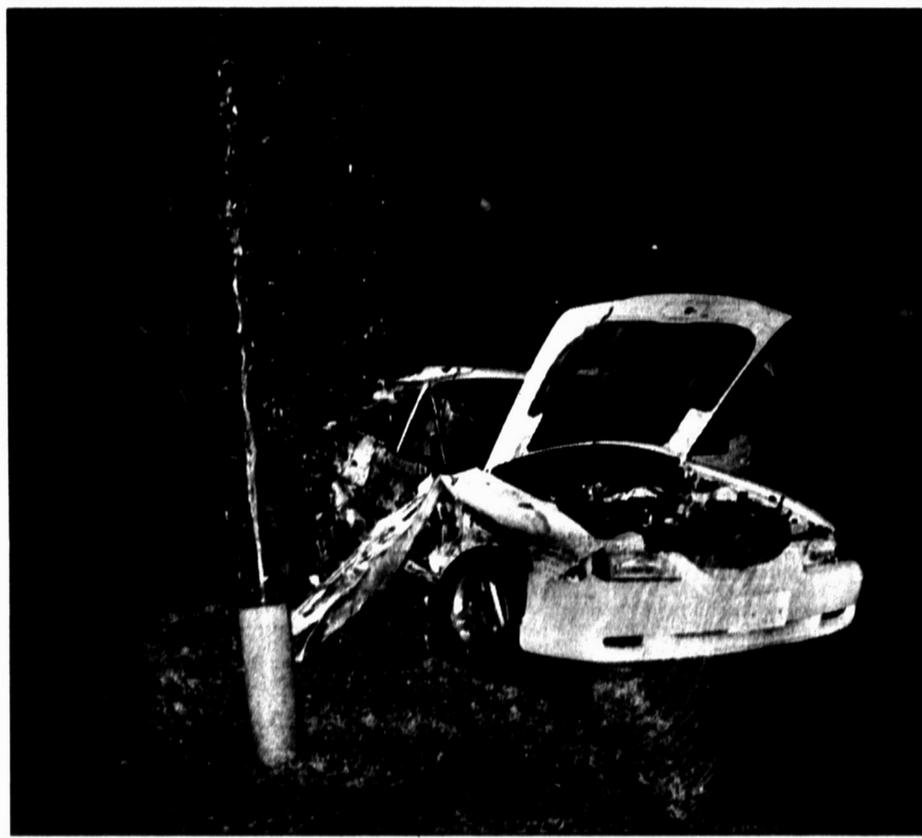
■ Taxes emerge as dominant topic during Republican debate in Michigan. — Page A9

Postage rate hike requested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mailing a letter could cost another penny next year. The Postal Service's board of governors today launched the lengthy process of raising postage rates, a step that could lead to new stamp prices early in 2001.

A first-class stamp would go up a penny to 34 cents and the cost of each additional ounce of first class would rise from 22 cents to 23 cents. Mailing a postcard would also go up a penny, to 21 cents. Priority mail would rise from \$3.20 to \$3.45 for the first pound, and the first half-pound of express mail would increase from \$11.75 to \$12.30.

Major mailers have been expecting the step since last fall. United Parcel Service has announced a rate increase; Federal Express set a 3 percent surcharge.



Car's driver cited following collision with pickup truck

Stephanie Reinart, 16, driver of a 1997 Ford Mustang (left), was cited Saturday night for failure to yield at a stop sign following a collision with a 1990 Ford pickup truck driven by Colton Arnold, 17. According to Hereford Police Department reports, Reinart did not stop at a traffic sign at the intersection of Ironwood and Plains. Her vehicle struck the pickup and slid 66 feet from the intersection and also slammed into a fountain. The pickup was knocked 185 feet from the point of impact, striking a mail box.

BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

County taking first steps toward 2001 redistricting

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Once the Deaf Smith County 2000 census is complete, county commissioners will consider redistricting proposals for 2001.

County Judge Tom Simons asked the commissioners at Monday's meeting to consider a redistricting proposal offered by Allison, Bass & Associates for \$20,000. Once the county's 2000 census is complete, detailing specific populations throughout Deaf Smith County, county precinct bound-

aries will be redrawn. The last redistricting, after the 1990 census, was handled by Allison, Bass & Associates, although at a cost exceeding the fixed fee of \$20,000.

The commissioners have made no final decisions and it will be taken up again later.

Simons also encouraged the commissioners to hold out on approving participation in the state's courthouse restoration program until the Texas Legislature brings the restoration option to the qualified counties again in two years. The

commissioners voted to reject the restoration for this term. In the meantime, they will consider bids for painting of areas of the courthouse's exterior.

The commissioners also authorized advertising bids for county general liability insurance, public officials/law enforcement insurance, and chemical bids.

The bids, as well as a bid on a 120-ton Scotchman Ironworker for Precinct 4, will be

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LIBRARY REPORT

Among the reports received by the Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court on Monday was the December summary of activities from the Deaf Smith County Library.

The activities include:

Circulation of books

- Adult total: 3,698;
- Children's total: 2,021.

Collection Development

- Books total: 69,945;
- Paperbacks total: 3,800;
- Videos total: 1,021;
- Talking Books total: 814;

Overall Total: 75,580.

Programs and Attendance

- Overall Total: 27 programs, 300 attendance.
- Library Patrons
- TPLS or HLC patrons: 237;
- New cards issued: 62;
- Internet use: 372;
- Number of library visits 5,726.

High court shields states from suits

■ 5-4 decision gives boost to state's rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Further sapping the federal government's power over states, the Supreme Court today shielded states against federal lawsuits by employees who say they are victims of age bias.

By a 5-4 vote in cases from Florida and Alabama, the court ruled that Congress exceeded its authority when it allowed federal lawsuits against the states under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967.

The law cannot trump states' 11th Amendment im-

munity against being sued in federal courts, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Joining O'Connor were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas. Left in dissent were the court's more liberal justices — John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

By identical votes in a series of recent decisions, the court ignited what legal scholars have called a states' rights revolution by eroding the federal government's power over states.

O'Connor's 28-page opinion

for the court narrowed Congress' power to enforce the 14th Amendment's equal-protection guarantee when seeking to protect people discriminated against for reasons other than race, national origin, religion and gender.

Today's decision did not discuss whether another federal anti-bias law, the Americans with Disabilities Act, could be enforced with federal lawsuits against state employers. But the court's rationale seemed to rule out such enforcement as well.

"States may discriminate on the basis of age without offending the 14th Amendment if the age classification in

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Rape victim's federal lawsuit argued before top justices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court confronts crucial questions of federal versus state authority in a case that asks whether rape victims can sue their attackers in federal court.

Lawyers for a former Virginia Tech student who says she was raped by two football players are asking the justices in arguments today to reinstate a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act.

"State justice systems don't

treat gender-motivated violence cases as seriously as other cases," one of those lawyers, Kathy Rodgers of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, said at a recent news conference. "This statute is about discrimination. It's about civil rights. It does not tread on state authority."

But the former football players' attorneys say a lower court properly ruled that Congress exceeded its authority

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Local roundup

Chamber banquet to be Feb. 3

Tickets for the 2000 Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet went on sale this week at the chamber office, 701 N. Main, and at the local banks. Tickets, which cost \$16 each, also may be purchased from chamber members and the Hereford Hustlers.

The banquet will be 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the banquet room of the Hereford Independent School Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Ellis Posey, a humorist/author from Georgetown, will be the keynote speaker.

The banquet also will feature the presentation of the Hereford Lions Club's annual Citizen of the Year Award. The chamber Women's Division's Woman of the Year also will be recognized, as will the chamber directors.

Friends of Library sale set

The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be Friday-Saturday downstairs in the Deaf Smith County Public Library.

The sale will be 5-9 p.m. Jan. 14 for members and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 15 for non-members.

Memberships are \$3 per person, \$6 per family.

Lions Club accepts nominations

Past presidents of the Hereford Lions Club are now accepting nominations for the Hereford Citizen of the Year Award.

Anyone submitting a nominee should also provide a short resumé explaining what the person should be Citizen of the Year.

Nominations must be received by noon Tuesday at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, 701 N. Main, or mailed to the chamber at P.O. Box 192, Hereford 79045.

Koobraey 2000 scheduled

The public is invited to the annual Koobraey (yearbook spelled backwards) event at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hereford High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$3 and doors close promptly at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available in Room 201 at the high school.

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News digest

Ex-wife speaks of AWOL sheriff

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The former wife of one North Texas sheriff who has admitted to being AWOL from the Army years ago has now stepped forward to talk about her ex-husband's whereabouts at the time.

Last month, Tarrant County Sheriff David Williams admitted to his 1976 military absence after questions arose concerning testimony where Williams said the only punishment he ever received from the Army was for tardiness in 1973 or 1974.

On Monday, Williams' ex-wife, Rhonda Strom, said while he was stationed in Oklahoma, Williams showed up at her parents' door in O'Fallon, Ill., in April 1976, in a desperate attempt to reconcile with her and their small child.

"He came to visit me and our son. He wanted to get back together," Strom, who still lives in O'Fallon, said in a telephone interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "At the time, I didn't know he was AWOL."

She said she does not remember exactly how long Williams stayed in O'Fallon, but that it was long enough for them to meet repeatedly, often to discuss the possibilities of getting remarried.

Relatives disclose victims ages

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The ages of five cousins killed in a Jan. 2 freeway crash in North Texas ranged from 12 to 14 and not 16 to 20 as initially reported, a relative said Monday.

The boys also had taken their father's truck without permission, said Edward Daley, of Fort Worth, who described himself as a distant uncle and who has served as a family spokesman.

"The little boy took his father's truck," Daley told The Dallas Morning News. "His father did not know he was going to take the truck. ... The family is all torn up about this."

Daley is the only family member who is commenting on the accident.

The five cousins were riding in a late-model Ford extended-cab pickup when their truck went out of control at it tried merging onto Interstate 30 in West Fort Worth. It flipped over the highway median and landed on a truck heading in the opposite direction.

Bonfire's stabilizer ropes removed

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Half the ropes used to stabilize the centerpole of Texas A&M University's bonfire were removed hours before 60-foot-log stack collapsed, according to an engineering report released Monday.

Compiled by an outside engineering company, the report also said the 19-foot first tier was leaning in the direction the log stack fell. A dozen A&M students were killed in the Nov. 18 accident.

The report does not suggest cutting the ropes or the obvious leaning caused the unlit bonfire to tumble, but a construction science professor at Colorado State University said both factors would have to be examined in determining what caused the collapse.

"It could turn out to be many things together — a little here and a little there," said Larry Grosse, a former A&M professor who helped students build past bonfires in an unofficial capacity until leaving A&M in 1995.

Grosse said without more information about the findings he couldn't make a concrete analysis, but he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle "several things could have put added stress on the centerpole."

Elsewhere:

PRISON GUARDS: State prison guards Monday called for greater staffing and higher salaries, presenting Gov. George W. Bush's office in Austin a petition with 3,300 signatures demanding that he call a special session of the Legislature to address the problem.

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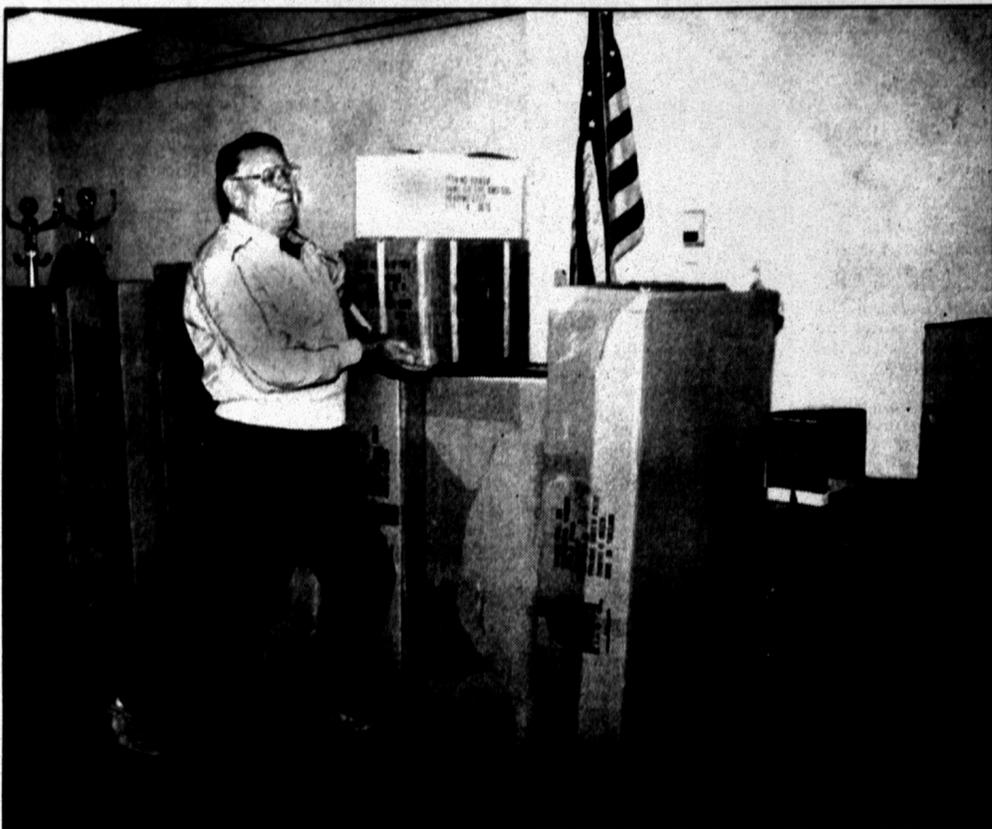
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Manning the trains



The fun is over -- For more than a month visitors to the Hereford Senior Center enjoyed the Lionel train display set up by Nolan Henson, but all good things must come to an end. Truman Thurston, president of the Senior Center helped bring in boxes Friday to pack the thousands of pieces in. Assembling the displays took the Henson family more than a week, but putting it away took only about a day.

Teachers integrate technology

Programs shows educators how to use blackboard of the future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Richard Riley and a group of business leaders say they are "charting the future" with a diagram to help teacher-preparation colleges train future educators on how to use computers in the classroom.

Riley and the CEO Forum on Education & Technology, a group of corporate leaders, on Monday unveiled the STAR Chart, or School Technology and Readiness Chart, which was designed to allow teachers' colleges to assess themselves and work toward fully integrating technology in their programs.

Recent studies found that new teachers are entering the field insufficiently prepared to

use technology, the Education Department says, and less than a quarter feel they can integrate technology into their lessons.

"Technology can be the blackboard of the future for America's teachers. But if we do not give our teachers proper training, it is like denying them the chalk that they use on those blackboards," said Riley, speaking at a national conference on teacher quality.

William L. Rukeyser, coordinator of Learning in the Real World, a Woodland, Calif., organization that is critical of increasing spending for technology in schools, remained skeptical.

"The computer and communications companies which make up the majority of the CEO Forum have every right to push the sale of the products and services, but the Secretary of Education knows better than to promote education technology as a cure-all," Rukeyser said.

On the chart, the idea is to move the schools from "Early Tech" status, in which little funding and attention go toward computer skills, to "Target Tech," whereby future teachers would emerge from college with a firm grasp of the latest technology and an ability to use it as an everyday teaching tool.

Riley noted that the Clinton administration and Congress put \$75 million toward training teachers to use technology last year, but he said schools of education and business leaders must make commitments as well.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 7-10, 2000 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 19-year-old man was arrested at 16th and Avenue G and charged with public intoxication.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

- A 15-year-old juvenile was taken into custody in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Two 15-year-old juveniles were taken into custody in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and were charged with possession of alcohol.

- A 29-year-old man was arrested at 16th and avenue G and charged with public intoxication.

- A 36-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with public intoxication.

- An individual was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants in the 900 block of Lee.

- An individual was arrested on municipal court warrants after turning himself in to authorities.

- An individual was arrested in the 300 block of Eighth Street and charged with possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated.

- A woman was arrested in the 200 block of Lee and charged with minor in consumption of alcohol.

Incidents

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Avenue I.

- Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported on the 400 block of East Park Avenue.

- Charges of evading deten-

tion were filed against a suspect on West Park Avenue.

- An accident was reported at Plains and Ironwood.

- An attempted suicide was reported in the 400 block of North Ranger.

- A dog at large was reported in the 100 block of Beach.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Star.

- Graffiti was reported in the 100 block of West Park.

- A forged check was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B.

- An assault was reported in the 500 block of South Progressive Road.

- An injury to a child and an assault occurred in the 600 block of Irving.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an assault conviction.

- A 24-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft over \$1,500, under \$2,000 conviction.

- A 49-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

- A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an aggravated assault conviction and violation of probation on a possession of a controlled substance conviction.

- A 30-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check over \$20 under \$500 out of Deaf Smith and Castro counties.

Incidents

- A burglary was reported.

- Two incidents of criminal mischief were reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 8

- 3:06 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at

Mimosa and Park.

- 7:33 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Plains and Ironwood.

Jan. 9

- 4:04 p.m. Firefighters responded to Roads M and 7 to a CRP fire. Approximately 40 acres were burned when a woman tried to burn trash.

- 6 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Avenue G and Union.

Jan. 10

- 11:03 a.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire 15 miles east on Highway 60. Umberger Fire Department had the fire under control and Hereford was turned back.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

1-6-12-26-31

Pick 3

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

9-7-7

Lotto Texas

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, according to state officials.

The winning ticket, which is worth an estimated \$7 million, was sold in Kilgore.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

6-9-19-26-34-50.

If sales continue as expected, Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Pick 3

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

7-4-7

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Obituaries

OGETHA MAYE LANGFORD

Jan. 7, 2000

CLOVIS, N.M. — Services for Ogetha Maye Langford, 86, of Clovis, N.M. were Monday in the Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Martin officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery at Farwell.

Mrs. Langford was born in Georges Creek and was a longtime resident of Farwell. In 1931, she married Elmer Langford at Clovis and they farmed in the Pleasant Hill community. She was a member of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Pleasant Hill Woman's Club. She was a homemaker and a member of the garden clubs of Clovis.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Leon Langford of Farwell and Delvin Langford of Austin; one daughter, Carolyn Henard of Tatum; two sisters, Joyce Coffman of Farwell, and Bobbie Widner of Hereford; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranches.

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LIFESTYLES

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Cookies offered by Girl Scouts

Twenty-six Hereford Girl Scouts participated in the Second Annual Cookie Kick-Off Saturday morning.

They received donuts donated by Daylight Donuts and Troy's Sweet Shop. Juice and milk were donated by each individual troop.

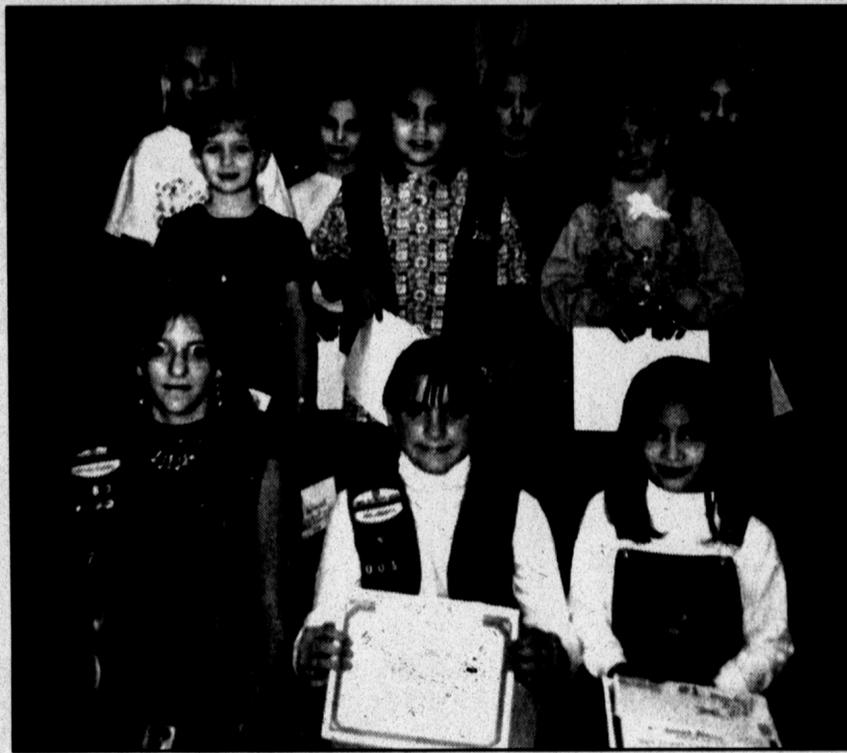
Cadette troop 283 presented a program to encourage the Girl Scout troops.

By 3 p.m. the girls had sold 1731 boxes of cookies. The number of boxes sold by the top 10 sellers, in order, were:

- Adriana Zamora - 151;
- Megan Agan - 129;
- Sadie Friemel - 122;
- Robin C. Smith - 118;
- Cicily Ward - 118;
- Desiree Balderaz - 115;
- Chelsey Stone - 110;
- Dani Haws - 91;
- Emily Luther - 85;
- Terry Mendoza - 80.

These top 10 Girl Scouts will be rewarded with a two hour bowling party donated by the Hereford Recreational Center.

They also received individual prizes donated by local merchants.



Top 10 sellers on the opening day of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale were Adriana Zamora, Megan Agan, Sadie Friemel, Robin C. Smith, Cicily Ward, Desiree Balderaz, Chelsey Stone, Dani Haws, Emily Luther and Terry Mendoza.

'Silent Cooperation' is theme for Xi Epsilon

"Silent Cooperation" was the theme of hostess Tamara Mimms' program when the Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met recently.

Mimms read a story about a creature that wreaked havoc wherever it roamed. She then divided members into four groups and gave them paper sacks of pipe cleaners, glue, construction paper, reinforcements and tissue paper. She noted the story never described the creature, so the task of each group was to create the monster out of the sack of materials. The most important rule was that members could not speak to each other, so they had to be resourceful in their means of communication. The resulting objects d'art were them displayed.

The business meeting was started with the Opening Ritual led by president Shelley Lewis. Connie Matthews read a thank-you note from the chapter's adopted sister, Billie Brown, who thanked everyone for her birthday and Christmas gifts. Thank-you's were sent to everyone's Secret Sister for their Christmas gifts as well as those who helped Concerned Citizens of Hereford with Christmas toy collection and dispersal to underprivileged children.

Service committee chairman Susan Shaw announced the next January meeting would feature a BINGO Night for children who participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. She also noted the

chapter's quizzes last fall netted \$150.67 for the Christmas Stocking Fund.

The chapter voted to give a monetary donation to the National Bone Marrow Program. Stacey Urbanczyk announced that "Bowl for Kids' Sake" will be held Sat., April 1, 2000.

Upon adjournment, Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated by members Lewis, Matthews, Linda Arellano, Gaye Reily, Pattie Urbanczyk, Stacey Urbanczyk, Shaw, Kay Williams, Peggy Hyer, Mimms, Melinda Henson, Debbie Holmes and Jana Morgan.

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Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Dead Tired in Shreveport," whose husband snores. I, too, am a snorer. My wife finally moved into the spare bedroom so she could get some rest.

The first sign of sleep apnea is heavy snoring with periods of not breathing. I would occasionally stop breathing for up to 50 seconds. My wife would lie awake at night ready to "kick-start" me, which explains why she was always exhausted. I was exhausted, too. I never went into deep REM sleep, and would wake up at least a dozen times every night, even though I did not remember it. I was never rested enough, and often found myself nodding off at the wheel of my car.

I finally discussed the problem with my doctor, who referred me to a sleep clinic. I was placed on a machine that provides me with continuous air pressure while sleeping, and as a result, I have been snoozing soundly every night for over two years. I no longer snore, and the best part is my wife has moved back into our bedroom.

I believe most men fear that if they seek medical attention, the doctor will discover something seriously wrong. Sleep apnea can be dangerous, but the cure is simple. Radical surgery is rarely required. I only had to spend one night at the sleep clinic, and it was like being in a motel.

Sleep apnea is not a disease, it is a condition that is easily treated, and the treatment can provide the sufferer with a truly good night's sleep — and give the spouse some rest and reassurance as well. — Enjoying Sweet Dreams

Dear Sweet Dreams: Thank you on behalf of all the sleep-deprived readers who helped today. And thanks, too, for pointing out that snoring is no joke. It can indicate serious trouble, and should be investigated.

Dear Ann Landers: A year ago, you printed a column listing the symptoms of ovarian cancer. After reading it, I made an appointment to see my gynecologist. I had a biopsy, and was diagnosed with Stage III ovarian cancer. For the past several months, I have been undergoing chemotherapy and have had a second surgery. My outlook is positive, and my family has been very supportive. Whenever I am asked how I knew

something was wrong, I always say it was your column that did it.

I am a lucky woman to have seen that information when I did. Please, Ann, print those symptoms again for all the women who may have missed it. — Maria in N.C.

Dear Maria: Thank you for asking. According to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, a national education and advocacy organization, ovarian cancers occur in one out of 55 women at any age. Most women are diagnosed when the chance for survival for five years is about 20 percent. Early detection improves survival rates. Symptoms are subtle at first, but become more persistent and identifiable over time.

Any woman who experiences the following symptoms for more than two or three weeks should see her doctor and ask for a combination pelvic/rectal exam, a CA-125 blood test and a transvaginal sonogram:

- Bloating, a feeling of fullness or gas.
- Frequent or urgent urination.
- Nausea, indigestion, constipation or diarrhea.
- Menstrual disorders or pain during intercourse.
- Fatigue or backaches.

For more information, contact the Ovarian Cancer Na-

tional Alliance, P.O. Box 33107, Washington, D.C., 20033 (www.ovariancancer.org), or assess your risk at the Women's Cancer Network web site (www.wcn.org). For a free brochure, call the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition at 1-888-OVARIAN (1-888-682-7426) or visit their web site at www.ovarian.org.

Is alcohol ruining your life or the life of a loved one? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" can turn things around. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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Tindall home site of Jan. meeting of Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Allene Tindall's home on Tues., Jan. 4 for a regular scheduled meeting.

Lynda Brown reported that she and Virginia Jackson took 11 bags of canned goods donated at their Christmas party to the local food bank.

At the meeting, members thanked each other for their

Christmas gifts as well as Brown and Gerrye Taylor for organizing the Christmas party.

After the business meeting the group did advertising slogans and Christmas Carol brain teasers.

The 10 members present were served chips and dips, chocolate cake, pumpkin delight, a vegetable tray, coffee, tea and spiced cider by hostesses Tindall and Kaye

Stevens. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 18 with Brenda Thomas and Taylor hostesses.

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Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2000. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific.

On this date:
In 1757, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first

government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut Six orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev visited Lithuania, where he sought to assure supporters of independence that they would have a say in their republic's future.

Five years ago: President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama held a low-key summit in Washington, playing down differences over trade. A 9-year-old girl survived a Colombian airliner crash that killed the other 52 people aboard near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena.

One year ago: President Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers, with the White House claiming the perjury and obstruction allegations fell short of high crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers rebutting: "If this is not

enough, what is?"

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 74. Producer David L. Wolper is 72. Actor Rod Taylor is 70. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien is 66. Actor Mitchell Ryan ("Dharma and Greg") is 66. Rock musician Clarence Clemons (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 58. Country singer Naomi Judd is 54. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 48. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 44. Actor Kim Coles is 38. Actor Jason Connery is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 31. Singer Mary J. Blige is 29. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 29.

Thought for Today: "There are periods when the principles of experience need to be modified, when hope and trust and instinct claim a share with prudence in the guidance of affairs, when, in truth, to dare is the highest wisdom." — William Ellery Channing, American clergyman (1780-1842).

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The service will be preceded by a Missions Pot Luck Dinner in the new Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Dr. Galley is director of the School of World Mission and Evangelism at Nazarene Theological Seminary where he is engaged in training young people for future missionary service.

He was a missionary in Swaziland, Africa, for 12 years before being asked to take his present position.

A graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Galley holds an M.A. degree from Boston University and earned a Ph.D. from the University of South Africa.

He has spoken at conferences and retreats throughout the world, including Switzerland, Africa, Australia, the Philippines, and Papua, New Guinea, in recent days.

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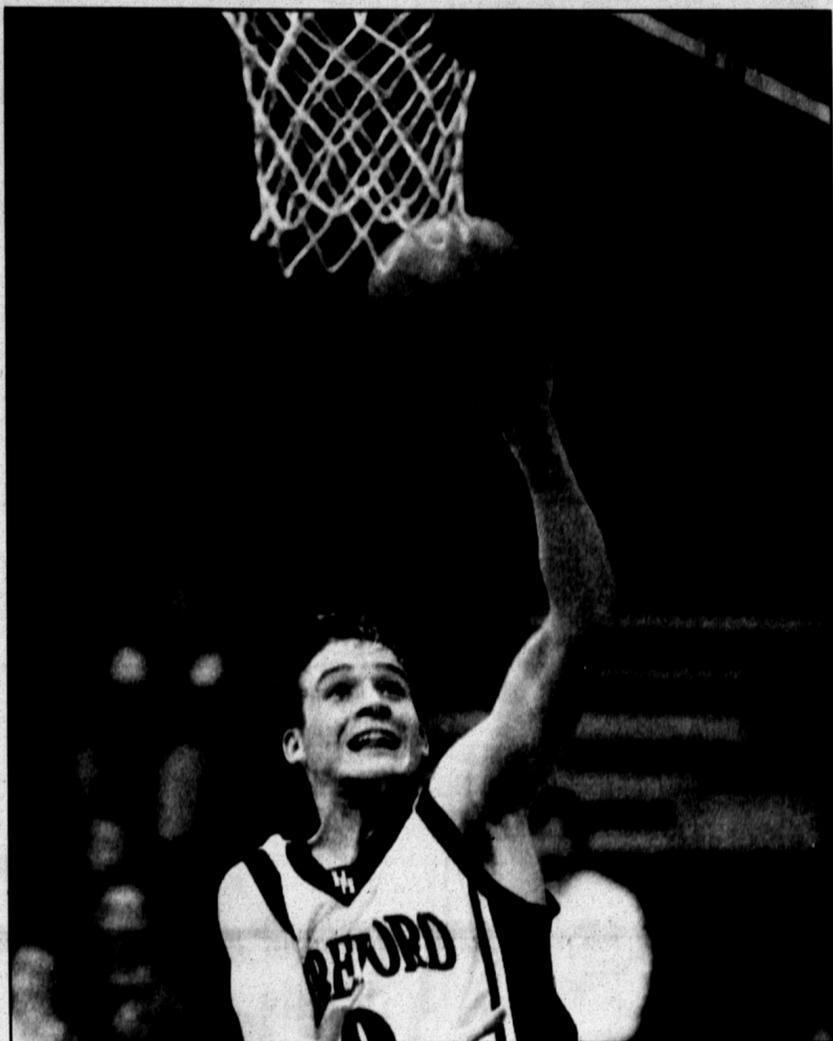
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Getting Physical



Slade Hodges lays up a shot against Clovis. Hodges and the Whitefaces survived a physical onslaught against the Clovis Wildcats and gained a 69-59 victory against their New Mexico Rivals. Hereford starts district play on Friday night when they host the Pampa Harvesters.

■ Hereford overcomes rough Clovis play to nail 69-59 win in final preparation game for District 3-4A play

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Clovis Wildcats came to town Monday night looking for another victory over a Texas team.

The Wildcats had beaten Amarillo Palo Duro, Caprock and Tascosa earlier in the season and took Plainview into overtime before losing.

But against the Hereford Whitefaces, Clovis could not stop the Herd's scoring rampage in the second half as the visitors from the Land of Enchantment fell 69-59 to their rivals from the Lone Star State.

"Our kids deserve a lot of credit for play with so much intensity and so much effort," Hereford head coach Randy Dean said. "We talked about the game, about leaving all the effort out on the floor in our last non-district game and try to use this game as a preparation for the next 10. I thought they went out there and played hard and did exactly that; they left it out on the floor."

Dean and the rest of the Whitefaces felt this was a good preparation game before starting District 3-4A play Friday against Pampa.

"It was a good test for us before district," Cody Hodges

said. "Now we know what we are made of."

Clovis came out attacking with inside baskets by posts Irshaun Pinckney and Hank Baskett, as they were able to take advantage of their size to get second-opportunity shots over the smaller Whiteface forwards.

But the Whitefaces kept things close, thanks to the driving baskets by Slade Hodges, who contributed seven points in the first period.

"I was just trying to take my man to the hole and fortunately I was able to do that and convert on some easy baskets," Slade said, who ended the

evening with 18 points to his credit. "We stepped it up on the defensive side. Their big guys got their points, but we played our hearts out on defense and that won us the ball game."

Despite Slade's scoring, Clovis still held a 16-15 lead after one period.

The second period was pretty much even, with Clovis continuing its defensive press on the three guards, the Hodges brothers and Eric

Hereford 69, Clovis 59

C-16 18 7 18-59
H-15 18 19 17-69

Clovis (7): Eloy Hita 4-14 0-10; Gabe Jones 4-8 0-1 8; Jose Vaca 1-1 2-3 4; Hank Baskett 6-10 2-2 14; Irshaun Pinckney 6-15 5-7 17; Clay Whitehead 2-2 0-0 5. Totals: 23-56 9-13 59.

Hereford (10-10): Slade Hodges 7-10 3-3 18; Eric McNutt 2-5 0-1 5; Cody Hodges 10-15 5-5 26; Mike Bedolla 1-1 1-3 3; Cody Marsh 2-2 3-4 7; Chayse Rives 5-10 0-0 10. Totals: 27-44 12-16 69.

Halftime — Clovis 34, Hereford 33.
Three-Pointers — Clovis 3 (Hita 2, Whitehead 1); Hereford 3 (Hodges 1, C. Hodges 1, McNutt 1). Fouls — Clovis 20; Hereford 15. Rebounds — Clovis: 29 (Pinckney 8); Hereford: 18 (C. Hodges and Rives, 5). JV — Clovis 65, Hereford 51 OT.

Wrestling toughens up

Wrestlers get much-needed matches at weekend tourneys

From Staff Reports

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Hereford Whiteface wrestling team got a good test this past weekend against some of the best high school wrestlers in the country at the 2000 Southwestern Challenge Wrestling Tournament in Liberal, Kansas.

Luis Perez ran into a bit of success in the tournament. After losing to Borger's Blake Cromwell 13-5, in the championship round, Perez defeated Aaron Grabel of Hays, Kan., by pin in 4:06 and Manny Hernandez by 12-10 in the 119-pound class.

Joaquin Rodriguez lost to Aaron Martinez of Ponderosa, Colo., by pin in 1:08. He lost in the consolation bracket to Sean Ammerman of North Wichita by pin in the 135-pound class.

Tyler Yenser continued to struggle as he went 0-2 in the tournament. He lost to Tim Jonas of Kaupan, Kan., Mt. Carmel by pin in 1:35 and lost to Terry Sharp of Canyon Randall by pin in 3:20 in the 160-pound class.

Seth Pietsek recorded two wins and two defeats in the 171-pound class. His recorded losses were to James Peptis of Colby, Kan., and to Matt Cook of Ulysses, Kan., by pin at 4:15. His victories were not available.

Tim Schlabs recorded a win and two losses in the 215-pound division. He lost to Jus-



Trying to get the pin — A couple of Hereford wrestlers practice their moves on each other as they prepare for upcoming tournament and dual matches against some of the best teams in the state and region. The Whitefaces will host a dual match Thursday against Boys Ranch, with a time yet to be determined. On Saturday, Hereford will host a quadruple dual match starting a 10 a.m. at the Whiteface Gym. Teams are yet to be announced.

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Mavericks showing interest in "The Worm"

■ Rodman also eyeing return with Los Angeles Lakers, if L.A. shows interest in him again

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are one of three teams that have expressed an interest in Dennis Rodman since he appeared on network television last week — with normal hair and no earrings — and expressed a desire to play again in the NBA, his agent confirmed Monday.

On Jan. 3, in the first Tonight Show of 2000, a "serious" Rodman said if and when the Los Angeles Lakers wanted him, he would be ready to play.

"After that appearance on the Tonight Show, we got three calls — not including the Lakers," Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, told The Associated Press on Monday.

"They'd all like Dennis to play for them, and yes, Dallas is one of the clubs interested. It's all preliminary at this point. Dennis would prefer to play for Phil Jackson. If not for the Lakers, he'd like to play for a team he could help lead to the championship," Chasman said.

Rodman has been trying to get back into the NBA since the Lakers cut him last April, but his interest was kindled when they hired Jackson, for whom Rodman played with the Chicago Bulls.

The Lakers, who have the NBA's best record, haven't shown an interest in taking another chance on Rodman.

Mark Cuban of Dallas, who got rich with Broadcast.com and is now in the process of buying the Mavericks, told

The Dallas Morning News on Sunday that he is considering a run at the 38-year-old power forward, a Dallas native and seven-time NBA rebounding champion.

However, Rodman has created disturbances on his teams through skipped practices and off-court legal troubles. Since November, he has been arrested twice — for drunken driving, and for a fight with wife Carmen Electra in Miami.

Before the Lakers cut him last April, he left the club at one point and was frequently a distraction.

However, Cuban said he has no philosophical reasons against signing Rodman, a Dallas native whose trademark became a different color hair for each game.

Chasman said Rodman's "sincerity and desire to play again" came through in his interview last week with Tonight Show host Jay Leno.

"His hair was normal color. He wasn't wearing any earrings. He made it plain he wants to concentrate only on basketball, not the off-court stuff. He really is a fierce competitor and wants to win. Everyone has been afraid to roll the dice with him, but I think his seriousness came across last week.

"He is working out twice a day. He got on the court for the first time last week, and he would like to be on the court playing by February," Chasman said.

Chasman wouldn't identify the two other clubs that have expressed an interest in Rodman.

Cuban, the new Dallas owner-in-waiting, is an Indiana University alum who founded Broadcast.com because he couldn't get Hoosiers' basketball broadcasts on the radio. Now, fans can find on the Internet the live broadcast of virtually any college or pro sporting event.

Cuban is buying the Mavericks from majority owner Ross Perot Jr., whose interest in the club admittedly was the potential profit from a new arena and ancillary facilities being built near downtown Dallas.

An avid fan who has season tickets near the Mavericks bench, Cuban has said he will spend the money necessary to make the club competitive again.

As to whether the Mavericks' interest is from present owners or from Cuban, Rodman's agent said, "I won't confirm that this conversation was with the new prospective ownership, but I won't deny it, either."

Rodman, a 13-year NBA veteran, would be eligible to sign for a minimum of \$1 million. However, the Mavericks are over their \$34 million salary cap.

Rodman would address three of the club's three most pressing needs — rebounding, defense and drawing power.

Herd in Da House



Brand/Yuri Soto

Celebrate Good Times, Come On !!! — It's not exactly "Kool and the Gang," but these young, famous faces from Hereford are enjoying themselves Monday night for Hereford's version of Monday Nitro. Not professional wrestling, but a rough-and-tumble basketball game between the Hereford Whitefaces and the Clovis Wildcats. These smiling young people left Whiteface Gymnasium with an even bigger smile on their faces as their beloved Herd defeated the Wildcats, 69-59. The Whitefaces open District 3-4A on Friday as they host Pampa.

Wrestle

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tin Hayes of Hugouton, Kan., by pin at 1:08 and lost to Rick Doeler of Hays by pin in 51 seconds. His win was not recorded.

Kris Hammerbeck ran into a lot of success in the 275-pound class. He defeated Allen Brinkman of Koupan Mt Carmel by pin in 1:59, decisioned Billy Woods of Hays and John Lozoya of Garden City, Kan., before losing to Matt Dirlor of Dodge City, Kan., 13-5, in the final.

The boys team returns to action Thursday when they take on Boys Ranch. Time is yet to be determined.

The boys team will also host three teams in a quadruple match on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. at the Whiteface Gym.

Meanwhile, the girls' duo

of Rachael Rodriguez and Daniella Garza competed in the Caprock Tournament in Amarillo. Garza finished fourth in the 165-pound division while Rodriguez also finished fourth in the 138-pound class.

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Herd

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McNutt.

"We knew they were going to be physical and fast and Coach Dean told us to relax and be patient with the offense and make sure we beat the press first," Cody said, who was able to beat the press and finish with 26 points. "I had to dribble a lot, but the other guys set it up good with the passing lanes, just like in football.

"I just became the field general and try to find the open man and able to run the fast break and get some easy baskets."

Cody was able to get to the basket just like his brother did in the first period. A layup over the raised arms of Baskett gave Hereford a 27-24 lead with three minutes left in the first half.

But Clovis went to the lockerroom with a 34-33 lead, thanks to a combined eight points by Eloy Hita and Gabe Jones.

At the start of the second half, Clovis kept throwing the press at the Whitefaces, which Dean said his team handled it well.

"The style play that we were against tonight is going to be something that we see in district," Dean said. "It's

very indicative of the type of game that several people 'in our district play."

Chayse Rives relieved the Clovis press with three jumpshots early in the third period to start a 19-point period for Hereford.

"I was struggling in the first half and I came in and got the focus back, said a little prayer and came out put the ball up and went in," Rives said.

In between Rives' baskets, Hodges shot a three-pointer and scored four more points to help the Whitefaces get a 52-41 lead after three periods.

In the fourth, Baskett and Pinckney continued their domination on the boards, but were held to just eight points in the fourth period.

"Baskett is a really good player," Rives said, who contributed with 10 points. "Coach Dean told us that he's going to get his points, but if we keep him off the boards. If we stop him, we'll have a good chance of winning the game."

"We haven't seen any two posts that are that good," Slade said. "(Cody) Marsh and Chayse (Rives) stepped up for being undersized and played all they could."

While Marsh and Rives

were shutting down the inside posts, Hodges and Hodges were pouring points away.

A steal and basket with 1:20 left in the game by Cody put the game away for the Whitefaces. The Hodgeses combined for 13 of the 17 points scored in the fourth period by the Whitefaces.

Hereford shot 61 percent from the field.

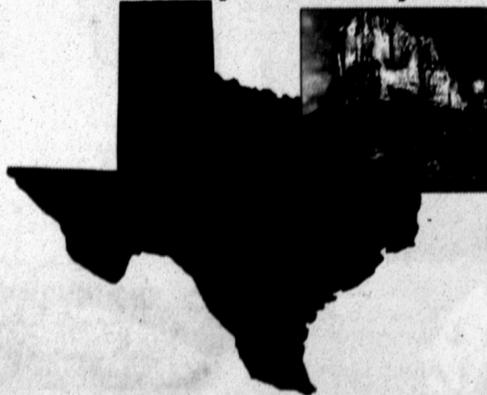
"That's probably the best we've shot as a team overall," Cody said. "Chayse came out in the third and made four baskets and that set the tone where we were going to take charge. It's just practice and continue to do it."

District 3-4A play starts Friday against Pampa, which still is giving Dean some concerns.

"You're looking at the majority of our team and this is the eighth game that they have played and we are about to start district against people that have played about 21 or 22 games," Dean said. "We got eight and that was the most we could get with the Caprock Tournament, so we got to make the most of what we've had. It's going to take a big effort in each of the district games for us to be playoff team, but we got a chance at it."

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20th Century	Born Killers	Big Show	Chunnel	Civil War Journal	Born Killers					
Sentinel	Born Killers	Big Show	Chunnel	Civil War Journal	Born Killers					
Full House	Caroline	Movie: The First Power (1990) Tracy Griffith	★★½	News	MacGyver	Heat				

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Paint!	My Studio	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creasures	Wishbone
Life-Love	Donkey	3 Friends	Kids	Kids	Allen	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	Partridge	Boos?
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Maria	Maury				Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News
Madeline	Mermald	DuckTales	Timon	Aladdin	Brotherly	Ready-Not	Torkelsons	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
Hunter	Movie: Tainted Blood (1993) Raquel Welch	★★½	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Rossanne	Rossanne	Rossanne	Rossanne
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosale O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News	CBS News	CBS News	CBS News
Mathia	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Monstar	Rangers	Beast Wars	Diplom	Nanny	Grace Under	
Horse	Inside PGA	Arete Awards for Courage	Paved New	X White Out	Champion	NHL-Shots	Up Close	Sportscenter		
Movie: Fast Getaway II Cory Hain	★★	(:15) Movie: My Life as a Dog Anton Ginzelski	NR	(:05) Movie: Stanley & Iris Jane Fonda	★★½	PG-13				
(:45) Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan	★★½	PG-13	Movie: The Rainmaker Matt Damon	★★★	PG-13	(:45) Movie: Anastasia	★★½	G		
Movie: Blue Chips Nick Nolte	PG-13	(:45) Movie: Dance With Me (1998) Vanessa L. Williams	Chayanne	★★	Movie: Who Am I? (1998)					
Movie: ½ The Toy Wife	Movie: Dramatic School (1938)	★★	Movie: The Great Waltz (1938) Luise Rainer	★★★	Movie: A Yank at Eton	★★				
Waltons	Dukes of Hazard	McCoys	Alice	McCoys	Alice	Waltons				
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law				
Movie: Jonathan-Nobody Wanted	Party of Five	Ellen	Ellen	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
Source	Cowboys	Longhorn	Texas Tech	Baylor	Junction	Colo. Ski	WMTV	XSTV	Hardcore Football	
Movie: The Serpent and the Rainbow	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	In the Heat of the Night	Canan & Kel	All That	Catdog			
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog
Boston	Movie: Solo (1996) Mario Van Peebles, Barry Corbin	★★	Baywatch							
Hey Passion	Cosas del Amor	Gordo	El Stablazo	Cielina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
High Points	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	High Points in History			
Twilight Z.	Lost in Space	Quantum Leap	Star Trek	Hercules-Jrns.	Sliders					
Full House	Caroline	MacGyver	Buzzi!	Cosby Show	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

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7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	esame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
Kids	Mary Kate	Itzy Bitzy	700 Club			Itzy Bitzy	Itzy Bitzy	Wiggles	Storytime	
Today				Later Today	Leza	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives		
Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rolie Polie	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Bear	Rolie Polie	
Fam. Mat.	OHWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America		Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Brown	Brown	News				
Early Show		Dr. Joy Browne	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News					
Magie Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis		
Sportscenter			Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Racehorse				
(:15) Movie: Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveler		Movie: Defiance Jan-Michael Vincent	PG	(:45) Movie: Looking for Lola Mark Krassensbaum						
Movie: Dragonworld: Legend		Movie: House of Cards Kathleen Turner	★★ PG-13	Movie: Dead Poets Society Robin Williams	★★★½	PG				
(8:30) Movie: L.I.I.H (1984)	Movie: Julian Po Christian Slater	PG-13	Movie: Jumpin' Jack Flash	★★½	R	(:15) Movie: Witness Files Yancy Butler				
Movie: Nobody's Baby (1937)	★★	Movie: Pick a Star (1937) Stan Laurel	★★	Movie: The Big City (1937)	★★½	Movie: The Toy Wife	½			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazard	Alice	McCoys	Dallas	Aleane's Creative Living	Waltons			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order				
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Golf	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source	
CHiPs	Lola & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Frozen Dead (1967) Dana Andrews	★★½	Movie:					
Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin		
Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stacky	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy
(8:30) Desperate America		Malta	Girasoles Para Lucia	Enamorada	Hay Passion					
Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	High Points			
Monster	Beakman's	Rated Lexx	Lexx: The Series	DarkShad	DarkShad	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z.			
Wayans	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Knight Rider	Matlock	Dream Maker	News			

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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Live From Lincoln Center	Impersonation	Charlie Rose	NewsHour						
Boos? Random	Movie: Men Don't Leave (1990) Jessica Lange	★★★	Wow! Most Awesome Acts	700 Club	Boos?					
News Ent. Tonight	Twenty One	West Wing	Law & Order	News	(:35) Tonight Show					
Movie: Flash Lucas Black	★★½	(:40) Movie: The Barefoot Executive	(:15) Movie: Flash (1997) Lucas Black, Ellen Burstyn	Zorro						
Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	(:05) WCW Thunder	(:05) WCW Thunder	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW					
News Fortune	Be a Millionaire	Draw Carey	Spin City	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
News Home Imp.	Cosby	Love	Movie: A Father's Choice (2000) Peter Strauss	News	(:35) Late Show					
3rd Rock Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Get Real	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Cops	Real TV		
College Basketball Georgia Tech at Duke	College Basketball North Carolina at Wake Forest	Sportscenter	NFL Dream							
Death of a Salesman	(:10) Movie: Gods and Monsters Ian McKellen	R	Beggars							
Movie: Worst Witch	Movie: Dead Poets Society Robin Williams	★★★½	PG	(:15) Movie: The Principal James Belushi	★★ R	Movie:				
(5:00) Movie: Who Am I?	Movie: Darkman III: Die Darkman Die 'R	Movie: Wild Things (1998) Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon	R	Hot Line	Movie:					
Movie: ½ A Yank at Eton	Movie: The River (1951) Nora Swinburne	★★★	Movie: The Night of the Hunter (1955) ★★★							
Waltons	Dead Man's Gun	18 Wheels of Justice	Dallas	Basemast.						
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Narrow Escapes	U.S.S. Forrestal-Critical	On the Inside	Narrow					
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Golf	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source	
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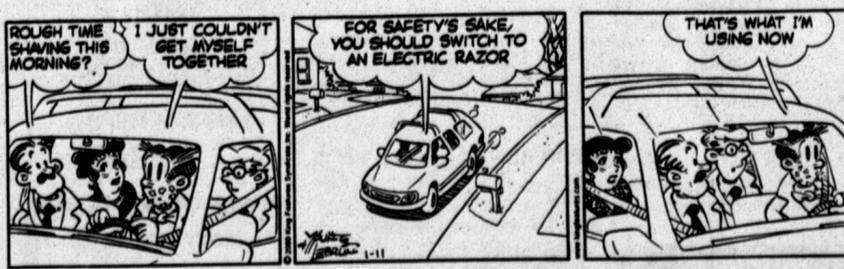
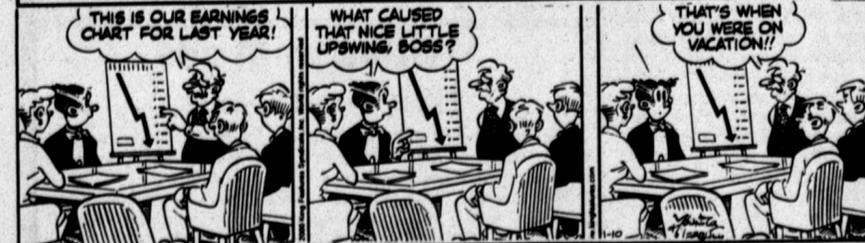
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 1 Mariner
 7 Sighed cry
 11 White rat, e.g.
 12 Jerry Herman musical
 13 Tiny
 15 Fred Astaire's sister
 16 Zoo fixture
 18 Help in crime
 21 The Eternal City
 22 Used a rotary phone
 24 Boxing great
 25 Ewe's mate
 26 Victory sign
 27 Sergeant, e.g.
 29 Dandy's partner
 30 Hotel offering
 31 Harry Truman's wife
 32 Goatee, e.g.
 34 Like a grain-based diet
 40 Opera song
 41 Singer Caruso
 42 Casserole veggies
 43 inclined

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 1 "Cheers" character
 2 Yale student
 3 Easy as --
 4 Desert sight
 5 Battery end
 6 Snowman's carrot
 7 One-celled organism
 8 Track trip
 9 French friend
 10 Jiffy
 14 Title
 16 Hue
 17 -- acids
 19 "Love Me Tender" singer
 20 High schoolers
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 22 Block the river
 23 Actress Sandra
 25 Juliet's love
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 29 Felt hat
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 33 Cain's brother
 34 Atlas page
 35 Exist
 36 Spying org.
 37 Light metal
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 PVBO MOLKVOU, QOKIOQ
 SPK L DOLQHKO PS
 LMM PZGOK ZGRVFQ.

-- QRK W. QEUVOE
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- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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GOP DEBATE

"One thing that makes the American people cynical is negative advertisements on TV."
George W. Bush



Texas Gov. George W. Bush (left) and Arizona Sen. John McCain (right) exchange views last week during a debate in Durham, N.H. Watching the two Republican presidential front-runners is GOP candidate Gary Bauer.

"For us to put all of the tax cuts, all of the surplus into tax cuts, I think is not a conservative effort."
John McCain

Taxes dominate GOP debate

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Taxes emerged as the keynote argument in the Republican presidential campaign, as George W. Bush's rivals took aim at his debate-night promise to be "a tax-cutting person."

Steve Forbes, accusing Bush of breaking a no-tax pledge as governor of Texas, dismissed the presidential promise as "a trinket to win an election." Arizona Sen. John McCain said his tax package, although it is half the size of Bush's, would do more to help middle class Americans.

McCain also said Bush's proposed tax cuts would spend all of the projected budget surplus and \$20 billion more, with two-thirds of the cut going to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans. He said surpluses should be used to protect Social Security.

"For us to put all of the tax cuts, all of the surplus into tax cuts, I think is not a

conservative effort," said McCain, who was outlining his package today in Concord, N.H.

The third GOP debate in five days touched on a host of issues, including AIDS, Internet taxes, China, terrorism and the suspension of a professional baseball player for his disparaging remarks about minorities. But over and over, the discussion returned to taxes and a Forbes ad accusing Bush of breaking his promise in Texas.

In an effort to keep the spotlight on the issue, Bush, Forbes and McCain each plan to follow up on the debate with high-priced ad campaigns focusing on taxes.

Forbes will dramatically increase the size of the buy for his ad in Iowa and will run a more modest campaign in New Hampshire, advisers say.

By week's end, McCain will be on the New Hampshire airwaves with an ad stressing

his support for a modest-sized tax cut, Social Security reform and debt reduction.

Bush also plans this week to begin promoting his tax-cut package with a spot that aides say may make a subtle distinction between his and McCain's proposals. The Texas governor tabled plans for a more sharply worded spot after he was caught off guard in the debate and agreed not to run negative ads. His team had gone as far as interviewing potential voters and storing footage of people criticizing the McCain plan.

In addition, Republican sources say the governor is likely to air an ad responding to a Forbes ad that began running last week saying Bush has twice as led his state to the biggest tax cuts in its history. His packages included offsetting increases in sales taxes, but Bush said the result was lower levies on Texans.

"I am a tax-cutting person," Bush declared. "I know how to get it done." In a debate last week, Bush promised to cut taxes "so help me God."

Forbes wasn't budging, saying he stood by his ad. "A pledge should not be used as a trinket to win an election," he said. "The ad is accurate. ... You did break that pledge." Forbes said things like that make Americans cynical about politics.

Bush shot back, "One thing that makes the American people cynical is negative advertisements on TV." Later, Bush said he would not do to other candidates what Forbes did to Bob Dole, the GOP nominee in 1996, who emerged from the primary campaign weakened by Forbes attack ads.

"You're not going to win the White House by making pledges that are then broken," Forbes said. "We've been through that before, particu-

What they say, what they mean aren't the same

By Calvin Woodward

WASHINGTON — Serious campaign-watchers — the ones who pick over every nuance and notice every goof — say this season's wealth of debates is probably helping the nation learn what's at stake in the presidential election.

They just wish the candidates would be more careful with their rhetoric and stop speaking the shorthand that only the political class understands.

A "no-tax pledge" advocated by several Republicans, for example, is understood in Washington to mean either no new taxes or no higher tax burden overall. But to everyone else it might sound like taxes would go away.

Only the politically attuned might realize that when Democrat Al Gore speaks in debates, ads and speeches of a nation with universal health care, his own program does not achieve that goal.

Beyond such specifics, many of the campaigns' claims have been made without the context that presidents have limited powers. Bedrock promises such as Republican George W. Bush's tax cuts and Democrat Bill Bradley's health plan depend on Congress as well as on economic forces out of their control.

"They seem to presume that we're in an economic condition that will last forever," says Wayne Fields, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis who studies rhetoric.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, has been closely following the primary debates for The Associated Press, helping to check them for misrepresentation, exaggeration and mistakes.

An overarching problem she sees is that the candidates are promising things they cannot alone deliver and taking credit for things they did not alone achieve.

The flat tax promised by Republican Steve Forbes cannot be imposed at the will of a president. In taking credit for reduced juvenile crime in Texas, Gov. Bush ignores that such crime is down nationally.

"There are limits to the office (of president) and we have to acknowledge that," Jamieson said. "Part of what I think seeds cynicism in politics is that someone 'promised me he would do this.' He meant to promise he'd try very hard."

"All of these claims should be heard that way, though they're not voiced that way."

In Monday night's debate in Michigan, Bush took credit for a \$1 billion tax cut the Texas Legislature approved after rejecting his plan to cut taxes overall by three times as much.

"I laid out a plan that cut \$1 billion in property taxes," he asserted. Bush was defending himself against accusations that he broke a pledge not to raise taxes by advancing the plan — which would have raised some sales and business taxes in return for a larger total cut.

It doesn't take a political junkie to know that Republican Gary Bauer sent the hyperbole meter into the red zone when he promised last week to eliminate the fear of rape by putting rapists in jail longer. "America's women wouldn't have to worry about it," he said flatly.

But when GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch declared: "I've worked with every federal judge in the last 23 years," few could know he was speaking about his role in approving judicial appointments on the Judiciary Committee — not as some sort of super judge who gets around the country a lot.

"They forget that the person who is watching this debate and is otherwise involved in a life outside politics doesn't have the same set of assumptions," Jamieson said.

Still, she and others who watch political communications say the debates and even the 30-second advertising spots are providing critical information.

"Spots are really important and even though they're short, voters learn from them," said Bill Benoit, a communication professor at the University of Missouri.

Bradley under pressure on farm issues

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Less than two weeks before the Iowa caucuses in which he trails rival Al Gore, Democrat Bill Bradley is being pressed to defend his sensitivity to a farm economy gone sour. And, he is fighting back.

But some strategists argue that Bradley mishandled an issue that can be important in a farm state like Iowa.

"It was a devastating hit," said Iowa Democratic Chairman Rob Tully, who is neutral in the race.

Bradley is returning fire, declaring Gore's claim of backing for farmers "an insult" to Iowans.

With polls showing Bradley trailing Gore by 20 percentage

points in Iowa, being on the defensive on farm issues is hardly what Bradley needs in the campaign's closing days.

Gore pressed the issue during a Saturday debate, accusing Bradley of voting against a host of farm programs, including relief after the disastrous 1993 floods.

Within 24 hours, Bradley was firing back at Gore, accusing the vice president of being part of an administration that has presided over the declining farm economy.

Bradley stepped up the exchange Monday, saying he voted for the now-unpopular Freedom to Farm law because he trusted President Clinton to make changes.

"I took his word which isn't, you know, always the best thing to do," said Bradley.

Seeking to shift the focus away from farming, Bradley today planned to attack Gore's record on tobacco issues. There was little sign Gore was willing to let that happen.

"That slip-sliding sound that you hear is the sound of an increasingly desperate politician," said Gore campaign spokesman Chris Lehane.

Richard Schwarm, a Republican strategist and backer of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, said he watched the Bradley-Gore exchange with interest.

"When you are behind you need to do everything right,"

he said. "Bradley has got a shot but he needs to get hot and he didn't have a good weekend."

"He was being very defensive at a time when he needs to be more aggressive," said former Iowa Democratic Chairman and Gore backer David Nagle.

Bradley also was defending his education record, another area where Gore often has accused him of neglect.

Gore clearly thought he gained from the farm issue, because on Monday he sent high-profile backers Sen. Tom Harkin and Rep. Leonard Boswell out to renew the attack.

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Consolidation of federal agencies with food safety duties promoted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer advocacy groups are criticizing the Clinton administration for writing a plan for improving food safety without proposing to consolidate the dozen agencies that now have some responsibility for the issue.

The draft strategic plan released recently by the President's Food Safety Council instead offered several consolidation alternatives for discussion at a public hearing Jan. 19.

The council, which is made up of officials from the agencies, "seems to be designed to fend off efforts to get a single food safety agency," Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center

for Science in the Public Interest said Monday. "The council is comprised of exactly the people whose ox would be gored if an independent agency were to be formed."

The plan, which is dated Friday, says the agencies responsible for various food safety issues, "have developed different systems for protecting the food supply, and bring different strengths and shortcomings to the current system."

The plan also lays out a series of general goals in risk assessment, management and public communication.

"The overarching goal of the plan is to improve public health by improving the safety

of the food supply," said Catherine Woteki, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary of food safety. "The council is now asking for public comment for what organizational options would further our ability to achieve those goals."

The National Academy of Sciences in 1998 urged Congress to "establish a unified, central framework for managing food safety programs" headed by a single person.

Carol Tucker Foreman of Consumer Federation of America also criticized the plan for failing to propose specific goals for cutting cases of salmonella and other pathogens.

The National Food Processors Association, which represents the food industry, applauded the plan. "What is needed is a single food safety policy, rather than the creation of a single food agency," the group said in a statement.

Most food safety responsibilities are handled by the Agriculture Department, which is in charge of meat, poultry and eggs and some issues involving fresh produce, and the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees other foods. But agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency, Commerce Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also have a role.

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Media mergers are anticipated

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The premier fusion of new media and old — America Online and Time Warner — may herald other alliances between the keepers of content and companies with the means to deliver it.

Disney, Sony, News Corp. and other media giants may look to strike similar deals with online companies to catch up after Monday's announcement that AOL would acquire Time Warner Inc. for \$162 billion.

"Temporarily, maybe it leaves them in the dust," said Dan O'Brien, an Internet analyst with Forrester Research.

The stock deal aligns a company with 22 million online subscribers and a conglomerate whose news and entertainment fixtures include CNN, *Time* magazine, TBS, TNT, Cartoon Network, HBO, Warner Music Group, *Fortune*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Entertainment Weekly* and Looney Tunes.

The deal marks a major turning point in the media industry, highlighting the power and value that Internet companies like AOL have built up in a relatively short time.

Ruling to keep Cuban boy in U.S. until March

MIAMI — Elian Gonzalez isn't leaving the United States any time soon.

A Florida judge ruled Monday that the 6-year-old boy can stay at least until a March 6 custody hearing. The Immigration and Naturalization Agency also said it had no intention of trying to send him back to Cuba, after earlier setting a Friday deadline.

"The INS has no plans to do any enforcement action on Elian," INS spokesman Mike Gilhooly said. "We have no plans to change the custody arrangement of him being with his Miami family."

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez issued a temporary protective order so she can hear arguments filed by Elian's Miami relatives, who are seeking temporary custody. The order leaves Elian in their custody until the hearing.

Waving a copy of the ruling, Lazaro Gonzalez, the great-

uncle who is seeking custody, yelled "Victory for Elian!" in Spanish before going inside the family's home in Little Havana. If he is appointed Elian's guardian, he could seek asylum for the boy.

"Today is a great day for Elian," said his attorney, Spencer Eig. "The ruling will provide Elian Gonzalez his day in court."

Elian was found Thanksgiving Day off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, clinging to an inner tube after his mother, stepfather and others drowned while attempting to reach the United States.

Africans urge making AIDS drugs affordable

UNITED NATIONS — African countries say wealthy nations should make HIV-fighting drugs available and affordable to residents of the continent, which has been hardest hit by AIDS yet has virtually no access to treatments saving lives in the industrialized world.

Many African health ministers and ambassadors attending a meeting of the Security Council on Monday applauded a new initiative by the United States to increase funding for AIDS prevention programs and vaccine research.

At the meeting, Vice President Al Gore announced that the White House was seeking an extra \$150 million this year from Congress for vaccine research and prevention programs in Africa.

African officials, however, said more money was needed, and that wealthy nations had an ethical imperative to give Africans access to HIV-fighting drugs.

"It is immoral that the worst affected continent has the lowest access to care," said Namibia's health minister, Dr. Libertine Amathila.

Many patents for HIV-fighting drugs are held by Western pharmaceutical companies, which have lobbied to block cheaper, generic versions from being manufactured. That has kept effective yet expensive drugs such as AZT and their generic versions out of the hands of most Africans.

Zimbabwe's health minister, Dr. Timothy Stamps, said withholding such drugs constituted a violation of Africans' basic human rights — the right to health. And he questioned whether the practice was a result of sheer ignorance or a "new form of racial discrimination, another ethnic cleansing process."

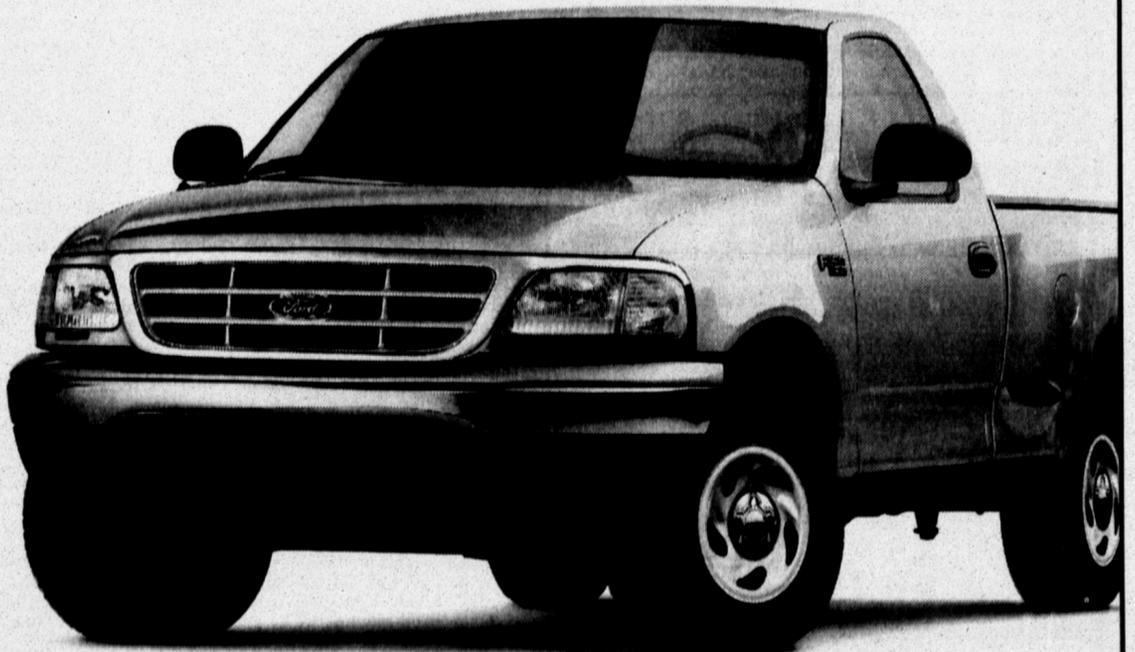
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