HUSTLIN' HEREFORD **HOME OF Bobby Owen**

Today's weather **OUTLOOK**



Cloudy and cool

Tonight: Cloudy and cool with a 20 percent chance of snow late, low in the mid-20s, southeast wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty.

Wednesday: Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain showers, rain may be mixed with snow early, high in the mid-40s.

Wednesday night: Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain, rain changing to snow after midnight, low 25 to 30. **Extended forecast**

Thursday: Cloudy and cold with snow likely, high in the mid-30s.

Friday and Saturday: Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, lows in the lower 20s, highs 40 to 45.

Hereford weather Monday's high, 51; low, 28; no precipitation.

confidence shows rise

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence soared in January to the highest level recorded since the index began in the 1960s, the Confer-

"People looking for confirmation that the consumer confidence bubble will soon burst have a further wait in store," said Lynn Franco, research director for the Conference

the economy's long expansion, from 141.7 in December. It 32 years the business-financed research group has been keeping the measurement.

County reviews audit

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer Deaf Smith County commissioners have received the audit for Fiscal 1999; however, they haven't formally accepted

Pat McGinty of the Hereford certified public accounting firm McGinty & Associates reviewed the budget for the year ending Sept. 30, 1999, at the commissioners' Monday

This year's audit was broken into three separate categories: Deaf Smith County, 222nd Judicial District and Juvenile Probation Office.

Commissioner Betzen raised a question about the probation office's Title IV-E line item, which pertains to the county's youth home.

The past fiscal year was the first time the youth home has qualified for Title IV-E

funds, and Juvenile Probation Officer Lou Serrano and County Treasurer Nan Rogers agreed a budget was not set aside for the amount stated in the audit.

McGinty said he would check into Betzen's question. Serrano said the FY 1999 Title IV-E reimbursement was \$53,025.42.

The Title IV-E budget is divided into secure and nonsecure residential placement cost budgets, and Serrano has set the budgets up quarterly. The non-secure budget is \$112,000 with a \$28,000 goal per quarter. The firstquarter total, from Sept. 1-Nov. 30 was \$29,461.38, a little over budget, but Serrano says he's pleased with the outcome.

On the other hand, Serrano acknowledged the secure detention budget needs major adjusting. The total budget is

\$50,000 with a \$12,500 goal per quarter. For the first quarter, the total was \$56,067.56.

Serrano also presented the court with an example of the actual cost per day for nonsecure placement and secure detention for the week of January 13 which totaled \$871.42 for 16 youth.

After listening to the youth home finance update, County Judge Tom Simons concluded the discussion, saying, "I'm convinced part of the reason for the jail and youth home is drugs. This is what this (finances for youth placement) is all about."

According to the audit, the county's General Fund showed a deficit of \$372,972 in the year ending Sept. 30, 1999.

General Fund revenues were \$4,114,047, while expenditures were \$4,098,033, leaving a surplus of \$16,014. An

additional \$97,036 was transferred into the General Fund; however, a transfer of \$486,021 from the fund left a net loss of nearly \$373,000.

At the beginning of the year, the General Fund had a cash balance of \$1,208,566. When the books were closed Sept. 30, the cash balance was \$835,594.

In the Special Revenue Fund, the county showed revenues of \$1,023,087 and expenditures of \$1,152,629, leaving a deficit of \$129,541. After other

financing sources were tallied, the final deficit was \$32,791. At the start of FY 1999, the fund had a cash balance of \$359,862, while it ended the



TOM SIMONS

"I'm convinced part of the reason for the jail and youth home is drugs. This is what this is all about."

> year with \$327,070 on hand. The major source of revenue for the General Fund

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Consumer

ence Board reported today.

Board.

The index, a key indicator measuring the force behind rose to 144.7 in January, up was the highest level in the

Consumer sentiment is closely watched by economists since spending by consumers is a major engine behind the current economic boom.



Judging begins — Jean Turpen examines a student's science project as the judging in the annual Hereford Independent School District science fair gets under way this morning. Judging by volunteers from the community will continue through Wednesday,

with the awards to be presented Thursday. Public viewing of the projects will be 10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday at the school district administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. The projects will be removed Friday.

Gore, Bush shift their focus

Utah senator drops out of the campaign after finishing last

HUDSON, N.H. (AP) -Fresh from victories in the first voting of the 2000 presidential campaign, Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush quickly turned their attention today to the contest in New Hampshire. Last-place finisher Orrin Hatch decided to quit the GOP race.

In the caucuses Monday night, Gore piled up a yawning gap over rival Bill Bradley, and Bush faced stiff competition from second-place finisher Steve Forbes. Utah Sen. Hatch took only 1 percent of the vote in the six-man field and was making plans for his withdrawal announcement, a senior adviser said today.

"Yesterday was 'Thank you. Iowa.' Today is 'We're ready New Hampshire," Bush said early this morning after an overnight flight to Manchester, N.H. Later, he told CBS' "Early Show" that Forbes "deserves credit for a strong second.

"I, however, had a strong for the power brokers in Wash-

Bush, Gore GEORGE W.

MINNESOTA

first," Bush said.

An exuberant Gore, also on CBS, said today the competition from Bradley "is great. It's put wind in my sails and made it easier for me to get my keel deeper in the water, so to speak.

On the Republican side, with more than 97 percent of the state's 2,142 precincts reporting, Bush had 41 percent of the vote while Forbes had 30 percent. Conservative Alan Keyes had a solid third-place showing with 14 percent.

"This is not a good night

ington," Forbes told cheering backers Monday night. "We broke the political rules."

Forbes argued that his showing means he's "emerged as the conservative candidate" to serve as an alternative to the front-running Bush. It also set the stage for a three-way primary fight in New Hampshire between himself, Bush and Sen. John McCain.

Forbes has staked out more conservative positions since his 1996 loss, particularly on abortion, but the McCain camp believes that won't play as well in New Hampshire.

■ Latest poll finds vice president regaining ground against Bradley

cable networks.

act to different stage.

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Al Gore has regained ground against Bill Bradley in New Hampshire, their next proving ground after Iowa's lead- New Jersey senator in a fifth. off caucuses, ac-

new polls. A Quinnipiac College poll retoday leased showed the vice president closing a 10-point gap in the past two weeks to tie Bra-

cording to several

dley at 44 percent. Gore's favorability rating also improved, from 45 percent in the same poll Jan. 13 to 54 percent today. Bradley's remained virtually unchanged at 56 percent.

In two other polls released Monday, Gore appeared to be leading. He was 12 points ahead in the first poll - a significant lead — and 9 points ahead in the other, an apparent lead because of the margin of error.

In the last several days, Gore had a slight lead in four other New Hampshire polls and was tied with the former

> The two have been trading leads since late fall. "Independent

Want campaign coverage? Turn to voters and male voters like Sena-Leading men take tor Bradley a lot, but his lead has faded," said Quinnipiac Col-

pollster lege Maurice Carroll. "Registered Democrats and female voters like Vice President Gore, and he's moving up."

Robin Marra, director of the Franklin Pierce College WNDS-TV poll that showed Gore with a 12-point lead, said Bradley's hurdles are twofold as the candidates return to

New Hampshire today. New Hampshire election laws allow independent, or undeclared, voters to vote in either party's primary.

sending refunds Special to The Brand Nearly 5,900 rural landown-

FLBA's

ers will share in a \$3,184,000 patronage refund from their mortgage financing coopera-tive, First Texas Ag Credit, Federal Land Bank Associa-

The refund check was presented last week by local FLBA officers, Roy Carlson of Hereford, vice chairman; Keith Vandivere of Brownfield, chairman; and Charles Wales of Dimmitt, board member.

The refund was declared by the association directors. It was based on strong 1999 earnings. Since 1997, First Texas Ag Credit has returned nearly \$8 million in patronage refunds, including the latest refund paid in mid-January, to its borrower-stockholders.

The patronage payments will, in effect, reduce customers' net cost of borrowing by an average of 75 basis points, or 34 of a percent.

"Patronage refunds are one of the true benefits of doing business with a memberowned cooperative like First Texas Ag Credit," Vandivere said. "When we have excellent financial results, as we had last year, we share our success with our customers for their benefit, and this philosophy sets us apart from other real estate mortgage lenders."

First Texas Ag Credit has approximately \$470 million in mortgage loans outstanding to local farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners, rural landowners and country homeowners in 47 counties of West Texas.

The association has offices in Bowie, Childress, Crosbyton, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Spur, Tulia, Vernon and Wichita

Surplus estimate fires fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unusual decision by Congress' top budget analyst to produce three separate surplus estimates is touching off an election-year battle between Democrats and Republicans over how much black ink there will be.

Dan Crippen, director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, is expected to release three surplus projections for the coming decade on Wednesday. The figure Congress ultimately chooses will

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HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

Flood named All-State Academic team



Kurtis Flood Academic All-State

Hereford High's Kurtis

Flood, 18, was recently named

to the Texas High School Coaches Association 1999-2000

Flood, an honors student at HHS, received this honor due to his outstanding athletic ability combined with exceptional academic success.

Academic All State Football

Flood played offensive guard during Hereford's run to state and also participates in honors English, calculus AP and physics. According to school records Flood sports a 105.1944 GPA.

Kurtis is the son of Joe and Karen Flood.

Flood is the president of the Technology Club at HHS; a leader in his church youth group; and a discus thrower.

Flood is considering attending Abilene Christian University and majoring in education. Flood attributes his success to former principal, George Ochs.

Financial Aid Night Announced

The college financial aid process will be discussed 7 tonight at the Financial Aid Night at the Hereford School Administration Building.

Parents of juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Sara Pesina at 363-

RAIN meeting scheduled

There will be an informational meeting on how to start your own business Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the San Jose Community Center. The meeting is free and everyone is welcome.

Senior parents discuss prom

The parents of the Class of 2000 will have a meeting Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the HISD building in the Southeast Open Area room.

This meeting will discuss the senior prom, to be be held in

All senior parents are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Lori Hall at 364-7788.

Frameworks holds a meeting

There willbe a Family Frameworks meeting on birth order from 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Tierra Blanca School Gym. Babtsitting will be provided.

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Obituaries



OPAL GLENN

Jan. 23, 2000 Services for Opal Glenn, 59, were 2p.m. today at the Central Church of Christ in Hereford with Tom Bailey officiating and 3 p.m. Wednesday at Southern Oaks Church of Christ in Chickasha, Okla., with Roy Shave officiating. Burial will be in Laverty Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Parkside

Chapel Funeral Home. Mrs. Glenn died Sunday in

Randall County. Mrs. Glenn was born April 15, 1940, at Davis, Okla., to William and Oma Yancey. She worked as a nurse for the Castro County Hospital. She loved to crochet, cook and bake. She collected elephant figurines and enjoyed country music and lots of conversa-

Survivors include the father of her children, Kenneth Glenn, of Hereford; two sons, Kevin Glenn of Hereford, Brent Glenn of The Colony; one brother, Harold Yancey of

Chickasa, Okla.; three sisters, Lois Edwards of Anadarko, Okla., Helen Reckagel of Marlow, Okla., and Loretha Malone of Chickasa; two granddaughters, Kendra and Kyra Glenn, both of Hereford, and several nieces and neph-

The family suggests memorials be made to the Central Church of Christ Missionary Fund c/o of the Central Church of Christ Hereford.

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ALBERT M. CANTU, SR. Jan. 23, 2000

AMARILLO - Rosary services for Albert M. Cantu, Sr., of Amarillo will be 7 p.m. today at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Deacon Hector Gallegos officiating. Mass will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Msgr. Harold L. Waldow officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cantu was born in Abernathy and moved to Hereford and then to Amarillo in 1983. He worked for Park Place Auto until 1995 when he retired. He played and coached little league in Amarillo and Hereford. He was an official softball umpire in Hereford. He married Irma Trevino in Hereford in 1976. He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Anjanette T. Cantu, Clara A. Cantu, and Rebecca Guillian, all of Amarillo; two sons, Albert T. Cantu, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., and Adrian Lee Cantu of Amarillo; six sisters, Lorenza Montry of Plainview,

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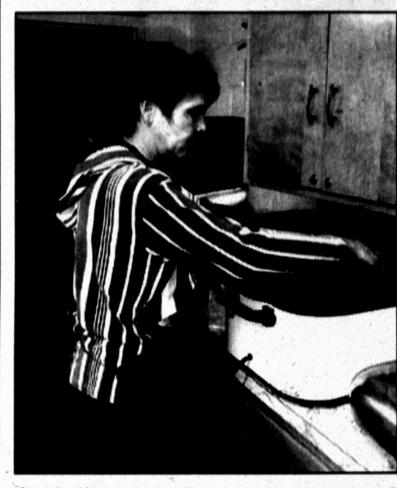
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Cookin' time....



Stockshow eats -- The stockshow season is really under way when the parents of 4-H students get busy in the kitchen of the Bull Barn. Eilleen Higgins, left, and Monica Edwards spent a good portion of Monday preparing pounds and pounds of meat for the various dishes. All together the cooks prepared 190 pounds of barbeque and 320 pounds of chili meat. 4-H parents will be serving every



day of the stockshow. Menu Items include barbecue sandwiches, chili pie, sausage on a stick, ham and cheese sandwiches, corn dogs, baked potatoes and chocolate cake. All proceeds go to benefit the Deaf Smith County 4-H clubs. This is the organizations biggest fund raiser of the year. Everyone is encouraged to come enjoy lunch and support the 4-H students.

High speed chase results in arrest

Officers chase driver through four counties

PLAINVIEW -- Authorities were holding a Hereford man in the Hale County Jail with-

Dominga Hernandez and Maria Mircles De Sanchez, both of Mose Lake, Wash., Santos Hernandez of Notus, Idaho, Virginia Montelongo of

Hereford and Mary Soto of Amarillo; three brothers, Agapito Cantu of Abernathy,

Perfecto Cantu of Mose Lake,

XAVIER NATHANIEL

AYALA

Wash., and Nazario Cantu, Jr. of Hereford; and seven grandchildren. Hereford Brand, Jan. 25, 2000

> Jan. 23, 2000 AMARILLO - Services for Xavier Nathaniel Ayala, 4month-old infant son of Angel Ayala and Chris Galvan were today in the Blackburn-Shaw Runeral Directors with Rev. Rosenda Herrera of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church officiating. Burial was, in the

Llano Cemetery. Survivors include his parents; a brother, Christopher Galvan of Amarillo; grandparents, Gina and Juan Pacheco, Paul and Sylvia Ayala and Dora Galvan, all of Amarillo; great-grandparents, Edward and Margie Andrade of Amarillo, Henry and Pauline Ayala and Romano Oliveres, all of Hereford; and great-greatgrandfather, Ted Preciado of

Amarillo. Hereford Brand, Jan. 25, 2000

> **JOSE MORENO** Jan. 21, 2000

MULESHOE -- Services for Jose Moreno, 67, of Muleshoe, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Maher of Littlefield officiating. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Moreno died Friday. Mr. Moreno was born in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico. He had lived in Muleshoe since 1962, moving from Pecos. He was a farmer.

Survivors include three sons. Jose Ibarra of Cleburne, Fransico "Pancho" Ybarra and Robert Ibarra, both of Canyon; two daughters, Josefina Garcia of Clovis, NM and Janie DeLaPaz of Hereford; a sister, Alicia Reyna of Eagle Pass; three brothers, Guadalupe Ibarra Moreno of Bovina and Antonio Ibarra Moreno and Humberto Ibarra Moreno, both of Mexico; and eight grandchildren.

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out bond Monday after a Friday afternoon car chase through four counties that culminated in a collision with a Texas Department of Public Safety cruiser near Tulia in Swisher County.

Gregory Castillo, 32, was arraigned in Swisher County for an unrelated forgery charge before being transported to Plainview, where he is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday for avoiding detention, according to a Hale County District Attorney's office spokeswoman. Avoiding detention is

a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in county jail and a fine not to exceed \$4,000.

Friday's chase began about 4:30 p.m. in southeast Plainview when an officer attempted to stop a 1988 Oldsmobile for an expired registration, according to Capt. Mike "Tree" Carroll of the

Plainview Police Department.

The chase proceeded east on
Spann Road into Floyd County with speeds reaching 100 mph. Castillo led officers on to FM 378 into Brisco County

then headed east on Texas Highway 86 into Swisher County.

The car jumped several ditches, crossed numerous roads before officers used spike strips to ruin the tires.

Castillo continued traveling even after officers shot out a rear tire only at 40-45 mph until officers shot out a rear tire. He then lost control of the vehicle and collided with a Department of Public Safety

Further charges may be lev-

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 21-24, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with vandalizing a vehicle in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of McKinley and charged with domestic violence assault.

 A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

 A 48-year-old man was arrested and charged with Hereford Municipal Court warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

 A 19-year-old woman was arrested in the 200 block of North Sampson and charged with driving with a suspended license.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of McKinley and charged with domestic assault.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, under 2 ounces.

 A 47-year-old woman, a 35-year-old woman and a 24year-old man were all arrested in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested at Park and Avenue C and charged with violation of probation.

- A 37-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Blevins and charged with assault.

Incidents

- A civil disturbance was reported in the 100 block of East Park Avenue.

- Gasoline theft was reported at a convenience store in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block

of East Second. - A two-vehicle accident was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. No injuries were reported.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of East 15th.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Irving. No charges were filed. - Aggravated assault was re-

ported in the 700 block of East Park Avenue. - Cruelty to an animal was reported in the 700 block of

Avenue A. - A two-vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of

- An aggravated assault was reported in the 100 block of North Lawton. The suspect ran over the victim's foot with a motor vehicle.

 A lost wallet was reported in the 600 block of Irving. - A criminal trespass warn-

ing was issued to a subject in the 1800 block of East First. - A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of

North Lee. - A theft was reported in the 1400 block of La Plata.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 29-year-old woman began serving time on a theft conviction.

- A 76-year-old man was arrested and charged with forgery and other warrants out of other counties - A 19-year-old man was

arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 42-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

- A 38-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

 A vehicle was reported stolen.

- The unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported. FIRE DEPARTMENT Jan. 22

- 6:12 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 437 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Damage was moderate. - 3:03 p.m. Firefighters re-

sponded to a vehicle wreck at 535 North 25 Mile Avenue. Jan. 23

- 1:15 a.m. Firefighters responded to Road 4 and DD to a CRP fire. Approximately 2 acres were burned.

- 10:05 a.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire one mile south on Highway 385.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 1-6-34-36-37

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 num-bers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Lotto Texas Four tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials

said. The tickets were worth an estimated \$10 million.

The tickets were sold in: not available at this time. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50

1-4-7-12-14-81 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Pick 8

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

IFESTYLES

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School installs door for **Jubilee**

Special to the Brand

Visitors attending St.
Anthony's School during
Catholic Schools Week, the first
week in February, will observe the Jubilee Door at the cafeteria entrance.

The Jubilee Door represents the culmination of three years of preparation by the school for the day when they would begin celebrations for the Jubilee

The day celebrations began was Jan. 5 when St. Anthony's students were surprised to find the entryway to the cafeteria where they normally gather before school sealed off.

During the Christmas holidays, a handful of men built a nine-foot door and inserted in into the entryway. The door decorations were made to replicate the Jubilee door at St. Peter's in Rome - although the



Jubilee Door - Nancy Neusch, left, principal of St. Anthony's School observed as Msgr. Orville Blum cut the ribbon that "sealed" the Jubilee Door which was patterned after the door at St. Peter's in Rome. Visits to St. Anthony's during Catholic Schools Week, the first week of February, will pass through the door.

school's was not made of brass.

Then the door was "sealed." At 8:15 the students and staff gathered to celebrate the opening of their Jubilee Door with pictures relating the Story of Creation and some of the important events of the life of

Nancy Neusch, principal, led a prayer service about working for peace and justice in this new millennium, then Msgr. Orville Blum cut the ribbon that

for the regular morning prayer. "The Jubilee Door will serve as a reminder to us and to our visits who pass through it during Catholic Schools Week that Jesus was with us in the "sealed" the door and all passed past and is leading us in the new millennium," Neusch said. through it to gather in the gym

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Ann Landers

Landers: I'm

an adult fe-

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mother, on the other

who

male



Ann Landers

hand, is a pack rat and terrible housekeeper. She has always been this way, and although I ignored it when I was growing up, I am less tolerant now.

don't care what my mother does in her own home. but when she comes to visit me, I resent the way she turns my place into a pigsty. She puts dirty dishes back in the cupboards, leaves half-empty soda cans all over the place, stashes newspapers behind the sofa, and leaves her clothes on the floor or draped around chairs. My polite requests and desperate pleas to "neaten up" are ignored. She says I'm a

clean freak, and to "lay off."

Am I unreasonable? Should I allow my mother to behave any way she pleases when she visits and keep my mouth shut? — Too Neat in Virginia? Dear Virginia: It appears

that your mother is a bit of a slob, and I'm sorry about that, but I know of no way to retrain a mother. Accept her the way she is, because she is not going to change. One of these days, you would give a lot to see your mother's clothes draped over the chairs and newspapers behind the sofa, and you'll be glad you didn't make a big deal out of it.

Trust me. a 78-year-old man who needs your advice about my daughters and sisters. I lost my only son to illness three years ago, and five months after that, my wife of 50 years died of cancer. I was devastated, and it took me a long time to start functioning again. In the past year, I have managed to get out a bit with my daughters, but it does not fill the emptiness inside. I want someone to love and cuddle, laugh and spend the rest of my days with. I miss the company and intimacy of having a female companion.

A few months ago, I began to take out a lovely woman, and that is when the trouble began. My sisters and daughters don't approve of my dat-

ing, and they do not care for the woman I am seeing. One daughter said it is a poor reflection on her mother's memory, and that I should not be dating anyone.

My children and sisters in-

vite me to parties, but they don't want me to bring anyone. I do not enjoy going alone. Also, I suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery not long ago, and would prefer stead of being by myself. It makes me feel more secure. Please give me some advice. Longtime Reader in San

Dear Longtime Reader: At age 78, you have earned the right to march to your own drummer. If you enjoy dating, go ahead and do it. Your children and sisters need not be consulted, nor do you need their approval. If your relatives continue to voice their disapproval, tell them to write to me, and I will set them straight.

Dear Ann Landers: I am in the military, stationed in Italy, and I read your column in Stars and Stripes. It is expensive in Italy to have a standard telephone, so a great

many Italians own cell phones. The law here says you cannot make or receive calls while driving a car. When I work with the Italians on force protection, I occasionally see them raise a finger at an offending motorist. The driver immediately puts his or her phone

It's time other countries adopted this sensible approach. - H.C., Airborne, Italy

Dear H.C.: Thanks for the information. Unfortunately, in America, when a motorist raises a finger, it's often another finger with a different message. We could learn some civility from our Italian friends.

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Bippus honors Homfeld

The Bippus Family Com-munity Education Club members answered roll call with "my biggest accomplishment in 1999 and my goal for 2000" during the luncheon meeting in the home of Sue Thweatt.

President Alta Mae Higgins conducted the business meeting during which members organized the "2000 Yearbook" and filled in all information.

Kate Bradley was selected

as delegate to the District meeting March 28 in Here-ford. Bradley and Mariellen Homfeld were selected as training leaders.

Higgins and Bradley gave a review of their trip to Lehigh Acres and Fort

Myers, Fla. Homfeld was feted with a surprise birthday party, then her fellow club members presented her with a quilt top.
The next meeting will be

Feb. 9.

birthday celebration Jean Streu was honored on the occasion of her 90th birthday with a celebration on Jan. 15 in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Oliver and Doris Streu, in Amarillo. The dining table was set with yellow and orange Fiesta

Streu feted with 90th

Cards were read and the guest of honor was presented with a money tree.

and ice cream.

Ware which has been in the

Streu family for many years.

Guests were served a meal of Mexican cuisine, birthday cake

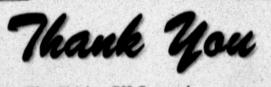
Guests included Mrs. Streu's grandson and his wife, Ray and Beth Streu of Lubbock; Kristi Crader of Lubbock, Ernie and Lyna Sego of Albuquer-que, N.M., Rachel Henslee of Hereford, and Martha Biglow, Homer and Inez Henslee, George and Mary Mager and Don and Verline Shipley, all of Amarillo.

The Brand welcomes news of friends, relatives, grandkids. Send to P.O. Box 673, or call us.





Jean Streu



The Shirley SILS members, sponsors, and the Shirley Staff would like to thank the following for donating prizes and judging at the Shirley Intermediate Talent Show. Your time, effort, and great prizes made this years show a huge success.

Thank you Shirley SILS

Taco Bell

Captain Pat Michael Mrs. Kim Bulin

Hereford Recreational Bowling Center

Toastmasters meet

Hereford Toastmasters met Thursday morning at the Ranch House Restaurant with Jigger Rowland serving as presiding officer.

Sharon Cramer served as toastmaster, Lydia Villanueva was timer and grammarian and Dan Hall was AH counter and wordmaster. He introduced the word "heinous."

Daniel Morriset served as topicmaster and topic speak-

ers were Tronica Owens, Wayne Winget, Hall and Villanueva. The vote for best topic speaker was won by Villanueva.

Rowland was speaker for the meeting and his topic was "Bringing our History to Life." Owens served as evaluator.

Also attending the meeting was new member Paula Edwards and guests Trevor Criner and Ryan Norsworthy.







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Marc Reed





Bowling team - Big Brothers Big Sisters board member Janie Alejandro, right, signs up employees of Deaf Smith Electric Coop for the second annual Bowl for Kids Sake on April 1. Coop employees, from left, Wayne Lady, Mike Veazey, Sandi Blevins and Shirley Murray, challenge other businesses to get out and bowl for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford. For more information, call 364-6171.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 25,
the 25th day of 2000. There

are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight
in History:
On Jan. 25, 1890, reporter
Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World received a tumultuous welcome home after she completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes.

On this date: In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debtridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service. In 1946, the United Mine

Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor. In 1947, American gangster

Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48. In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707. In 1961, President Kennedy

held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television. In 1980, Finance Minister

Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was elected president of Iran. In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United

States. Ten years ago: An Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y.; 73 of the 161 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London

Five years ago: The defense gave its opening state-ment in the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, saying Simpson was the victim of a "rush to judgment" by authorities who had mishandled evi-

dence and ignored witnesses. One year ago: The Su-

preme Court ruled, 5-4, that the 2000 census could not use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy. A Louisville, Ky., man received the first hand transplant in the United States. Jury selection began in Jasper, Texas, in the trial of John William King, charged in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. A powerful earth-quake rocked Colombia, kill-ing more than 1,000 people.

Today's Birthdays: Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 81. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is 72. Actor Dean Jones is 69. Corazon Aquino, former Philippines president, is 67. Blues singer Etta James is 62. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 57. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 56. Actress Dinah Manoff is 42. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina Cosper (Brownstone) is 31. Actress China Kantner is 29.

Thought for Today: "The price of justice is eternal publicity." — Arnold Bennett, English poet; author and critic (1867-1931).

McGilvary gives book review for La Afflatus Estudio Club meeting

review of Tom Brokaw's book. "The Greatest Generation," at the Jan. 18 meeting of La Afflatus Estudio Club. The meeting was held in the quilting room of the Senior Citizens Center with Margaret Baxter and Mary Williamson acting as hostesses.

McGilvary began her Curtsinger led the Club Collect presentation by asking each and Emily Suggs introduced the

of Pearl Harbor Day. She then gave her review of the book based on stories of individuals who served in the military during World War II.

Baxter, club president, called the meeting to order, Virginia Curtsinger led the Club Collect

Refreshments were served to two guests, McGilvary and Debra Buck and members Virginia Beasley, Leola Cook, Albert Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Della Stagner, Baxter, Curtsinger, Suggs and Williamson.

The next meeting will be with Montgomery.

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Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on Feb. 11.

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> A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. All exams

are done by appointment only. This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Women's Division conducting membership drive

New members are currently being sought by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Current members have been

placed on two teams and will compete to see which team can sign up the most new members. Losing team members will prepare dinner for winning team members at the quarterly

meeting in April.

Memberships in the Women's Division are \$20 and additional information may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 364-3333.

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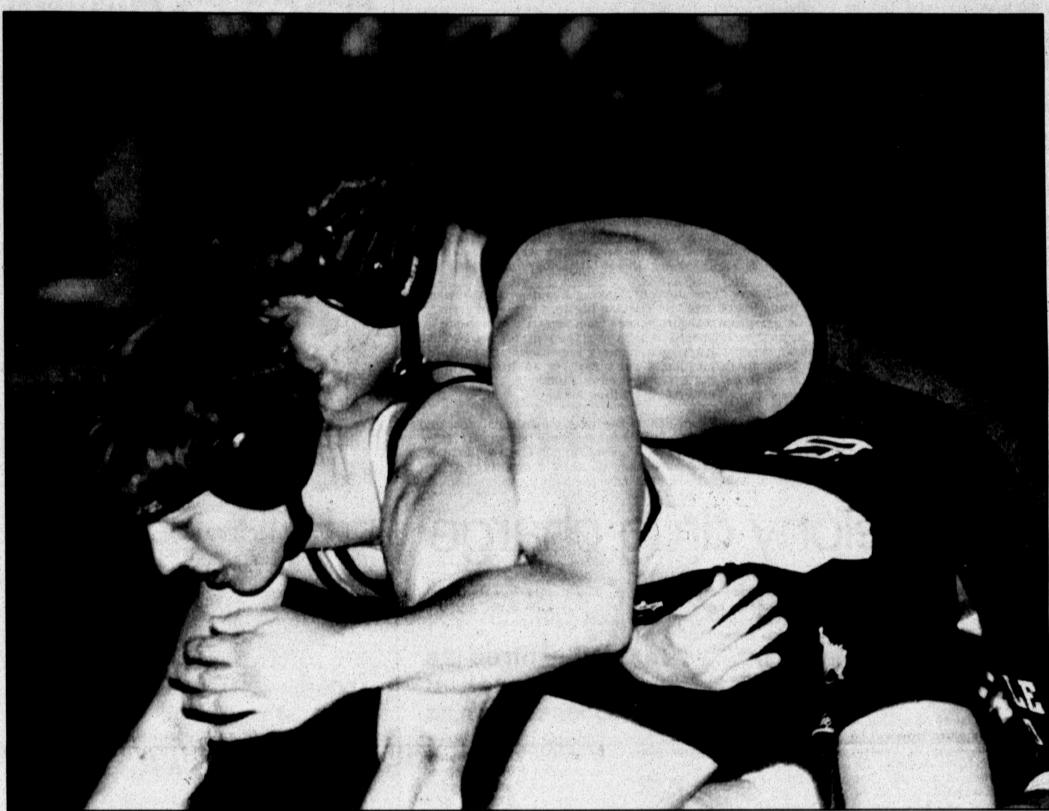
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Crunch time at Vernon



Randall Burrows, shown above against a Lubbock High wrestler, was eliminated in the first round of the 180-pound division bracket on Friday at the Vernon Wrestling Tournament. Burrows lost to Justin Carver of Boys Ranch, 14-1. He wrestled in place of James Witkowski, who is out with a broken collarbone

takes 12th place at **Vernon Tournament**

Herd wrestling

From Staff Reports
VERNON — The Hereford
Whiteface wrestling team finished in 12th place, compiling
38 points in the Vernon Wrestling Tournament Friday and

Saturday.
In the heavyweight division,
Kris Hammerbeck went 2-1 in the tournament, losing to Derek Myers of Comanche, Okla., by pinfall in the championship match of the tournament. Hammerbeck defeated David Pena of Boys Ranch and Mark Cochren of Arling. and Mark Cochran of Arlington to advance to the championship match.
Randall Burrows lost to Boys

Ranch's Justin Carver, 14-1, in the first round of the 180pound bracket.

Seth Pietsek lost to Kyle Edgar of Snyder, 5-1, in the

171-pound division. Tyler Yenzer lost his 160pound division match in the first round as he was pinned in 51 seconds by Jesse Hale of Carrollton Newman Smith.

Terance Gibson of Snyder defeated Preston Sapp in the 145-pound class by pin in 1:44.

Tracy Bossett lost to Ike Holder of Hobert, Okla., in the first round in the 140-pound class by decision

pound class by decision.

Joaquin Rodriguez lost to
Jon Ramirez of Vernon in the 130-pound class by pinfall in

Jeremiah Castillo lost Sean Burke of Carrollton Newman Smith 17-2 in the second round of the 125-pound class. He defeated J. Glover of Harrold,

Okla., by pin in 38 seconds. Luis Perez lost in the semifinals of the 119-pound division. He was defeated by M. Towell of Comanche, Okla.,

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Any NFL team can make the Super Bowl at any given time and year

ATLANTA (AP) - Not since 1982, when Cincinnati and San Francisco both went from 6-10 the previous year to the Super Bowl, has there been any-thing like it.

The St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans who were a combined 12-20 last season are competing for pro football's biggest prize. The Rams are transplanted from Los Angeles. The Titans are the former Houston Oilers, who have spent four seasons in four different stadiums in three cit-

"It gives everyone hope regardless of where you are the previous year," said Atlanta coach Dan Reeves, who took the Falcons from 7-9 in 1997 to 14-2 and the NFC title last season. "You can be in last place one year and in the Super Bowl the next. I don't know that you could do that in the past."

You couldn't.

Before free agency and the salary cap, the better organizations drafted well, built good teams and stayed good.

Between the 1981 and 1995 seasons, only five teams, all from the NFC, won Super Bowls — San Francisco did it five times, Washington four, Dallas three, the New York Giants twice and Chicago once. And when those five weren't winning, they were making it deep into the playoffs and los-ing to one of the others.

The AFC was losing Super Bowls, but it had repeat champions, too - Denver in three of the four seasons between 1986 and 1989, then Buffalo for four straight seasons start-

ing in 1990. Free agency and the salary cap, however, have brought everyone to the middle - nine of the 31 teams finished 8-8 this season. Reeves' Falcons

went from 7-9 to the Super up and rooting fervently. That the Arena League and NFL Bowl and back to 5-11 this season, finishing there because of injuries and free agent defections.

But the Titans and the Rams aren't the flukes some people think they are.

Tennessee has had talent around them, from quarter-

energized everyone, from veterans like offensive lineman Bruce Matthews, a 12-time Pro Bowler at age 38 to rookie Jevon Kearse, who had 14.5 sacks, an NFL rookie record.

The rest of the team jelled

since Jeff Fisher took over as coach in November of 1994 when the team was still in Houston and known as the

By 1996, they had announced their intention to move and were drawing less than 20,000 to the Astrodome.

back Steve McNair and run-

the years of traveling,'

said McNair,

whose 91

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They finished 2-6 at home and sonville in the AFC champion-6-2 on the road, the first of three straight .500 seasons.

The next year, as the Tennessee Oilers, they played in Memphis before less than 30,000 fans, many of them rooting for the opposition. Again they went 8-8 as they did last season, when they played in Vanderbilt Stadium

in Nashville. But when they opened Adelphia Coliseum this year and were re-christened the Titans, the fans started showing ning back Eddie George, two renowned college players, to Frank Wycheck, a journey-man who found a home at tight end in Nashville and youngsters like cornerback Samari Rolle. "We grew and learned from

> ing were one of the keys to the 33-14 victory

ship game Sunday.
Added Gary Walker, who wandered through the wilderness with the Oilers before signing this year with Jack-

"To go through what they've gone through — to finally get a home - they just deserve a

lot of credit." The Rams were 4-12 last

But they got a surprise season from quarterback Kurt Warner, who had played in

Europe and was left exposed in the expansion draft for the Cleveland Browns last spring. Only when Trent Green, the big off-season free-agent acquisition got hurt, did Warner get a shot, and even then the Rams went looking for a vet-

They never needed one. Warner threw 41 touchdown passes, the only quarterback other than Dan Marino ever to surpass 40, and was voted the league's most valuable player. Running back Marshall Faulk, obtained for just second- and fifth-round draft picks from Indianapolis, was offensive player of the year, becoming just the second player ever to run for more than 1,000 yards and catch more than 1,000 yards in passes.

They were the difference. But the foundation was

Isaac Bruce, who missed most of 1997 and 1998 with nagging injuries, returned to his earlier form and was one of the NFL's best receivers and free-agent Adam Timmerman, who played on two Super Bowl teams with Green Bay, was added as a free agent.

Then there were all the high first-round picks the Rams made when they were bad - defensive ends Kevin Carter and Grant Wistrom and offensive tackle Orlando Pace. All demonstrated this year why they were prized.

The result?

A Super Bowl berth. "It's no fluke," Reeves said. "These teams are good and they deserve to be here. Maybe next year there will be someone else. That's probably better than the same teams all the time."

Chiefs' Derrick Thomas paralyzed from legs down

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) -Derrick Thomas, one of the most feared pass rushers in NFL history, has a broken neck and back and might never walk again.

The star linebacker of the Kansas City Chiefs has paralyzed legs following a car crash on an



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of his arms and upper chest, and doctors held out hope he might fully recover. Doctors said the

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33-year player faces extensive rehabilitation and probably will have surgery.

"I don't think you can say anything right now," Dr. Jon Browne, the Chiefs' team

physician, said Monday.
"These type of injuries have
a mind of their own and a treatment pattern of their own. They're all uniquely and individually different." Thomas was being transferred from the Liberty Memorial Hospital to the Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson

Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Thomas was born in Miami

and his mother lives there. Friends and teammates came to the hospital Monday. Also visiting was Steve Palermo, a former American League umpire who was shot in 1991 and left partially paralyzed.

"Do not rule anything in," said Palermo, a Kansas City resident and friend of Thomas. "And do not rule anything out. He understands the gravity of it. But he's also very optimistic."

Thomas has fractures in vertebrae in his neck and

"Derrick's injuries are primarily to the spinal column," Browne said. "He does have some neurological impairment which is continuing to evolve."

With an infections smile and fun-loving attitude, Thomas is one of the most popular athletes in Kansas City history, almost on a par with baseball great George Brett. Friends dubbed him "social director of the NFL."

"We drafted this young man 11 years ago and you hope for a lot of things from a No. 1 draft choice," Chiefs president Carl Peterson said. "But he's given of himself far beyond anything I could hope for. He's touched so many lives."

Thomas was driving with two friends to Kansas City International Airport on Sunday headed for the NFC Championship game in St. Louis.

He lost control of his car on a snowy highway and it flipped several times. Tho-mas and Mike Tellis, 49, of Kansas City, Kan., were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car, police said. Tellis was killed instantly.

A third man in the car

who was wearing his seat belt was treated and released.

The crash happened about 10 miles from another highway pileup in which 10 people died.

Thomas, a nine-time Pro Bowl player, holds the NFL one-game record of seven sacks and ranks ninth alltime with 126.5 career sacks.

The seven-sack game came against Seattle in 1990 near Veterans Day. He dedicated his effort to his father,

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Agassi, Capriati go to semifinals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Two years ago, Olympic champions Andre Agassi and Jennifer Capriati measured progress in terms of climbing back into the top 100.

Going into the Australian Open semifinels, Agassi is a

confident No. 1, and Capriati — giggling in delight over her resurgence — is a championship contender again.

While Agassi is one win away from his fourth consecutive Grand Slam final, however, his next opponent is old rival Pete Sampras. Capriati must play No. 2 Lindsay Davenport.

Capriati was overwhelming in her 6-0, 6-2 victory today, slamming shots into the corners and keeping Ai Sugiyama from getting into the game. She is in her first Grand Slam semifinal since 1991, when she did it at Wimbledon and the

Sugiyama was tense in her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, and "even if I hit a good shot, she hit a better shot," said the Japanese player, who had knocked out another big hitter, No. 4 Mary Pierce.

Agassi's 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 dismissal of Hicham Arazi was more entertaining. The Moroccan, who had not lost a set in four rounds, hit some flashy shots and Agassi showed off a between-the-legs return of a surprising reflex lob by Arazi.

Sampras was byoken once, but otherwise looked sharp in

beating American Chris Woodruff 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. Sampras beat Agassi in the Wimbledon final last year, between Agassi's triumphs in the French and U.S. Opens.

"With Pete, there's a certain respect that goes along with playing him that makes you focus even more," Agassi said. "With the respect comes a level of anticipation and energy." Davenport "did everything I was supposed to" in a 6-1, 6-2 victory over No. 9 Julie Halard-Decugis.

She hit nine aces and yielded only five points in her first six service games before being broken for 5-2 in the second set. She immediately broke Halard-Decugis at love for the match, ending with a sharply angled backhand pass.

Davenport, who at 23 is the same age, said Capriati's comeback "is one of the best stories that women's tennis has had. When I was 13, she turned pro and she was one of my idols for about a year because she did so well and I wasn't

ever near that level when I was 13 or 14."

In Thursday's semifinal, "if she was playing anyone else, I would want her to win," said Davenport, who lost close semifinals here in 1998 and 1999.

On the eve of the 1998 Australian, former No. 1 and 1996 Olympic winner Agassi had just re-entered the top 100, at No. 87, after falling as low as 141st in November 1997. Capriati, who was 14 when she played her first Grand Slam semifinal and 16 when she won the 1992 Olympic gold medal, was No. 125. She had recovered only as far as No. 101 by the end of the year.

Capriati giggled when asked whether, one year ago, she would have thought somebody predicting today's result was

"smoking something."
"No comment," she said, but then added: "A year ago,

maybe not; but a couple of years ago, yeah."

Was her 1998 goal getting back into the top 20?

"Fifty," said Capriati, who had dropped out of the tour after losing in the first round in the 1993 U.S. Open.

She struggled through a period of personal problems, including drugs, and didn't return to Grand Slams until

1996.
"I didn't accomplish everything that I wanted," said Capriati, who was ranked as high as No. 6 between 1991 and 1993. "If I would have stopped, it would have been a really short career. I thought I had a lot more tennis left in me."

Coming back, she didn't get past a Grand Slam first round until 1998 Wimbledon, but last year reached the fourth round in the French and U.S. Opens.

With her confidence growing, "I wanted to start this year just keeping going forward, forward, forward," she said.

In this tournament, "I believe I can go all the way. I've come this far, so I'm not going to think otherwise."

New coach Harold Solomon has helped.

"He said that he really believed could go all the way, even No. 1 maybe. I have a lot of respect for him and I think he knows a lot about the game and knows what he's talking about. ... That just right there lifted my confidence," she

In addition, "I've stopped thinking about what the world was going to think of me. That's a big step in my progress." She also drew encouragement from Agassi's resurgence.

"It just so happened that it was just at the same time that we were both trying to make a comeback," she said. "He has been an inspiration. I can't say I'm an inspiration for him because he just got there before I did."

Agassi said, "I'm certainly pulling for her."

He said he had held doubts during his own comeback, and

"I know it's not easy. She has certainly shown a lot of perseverance and strength of character. ... The results don't come right away, so when they do start happening, it is a pleasure to be out there and it's a pleasure to watch her."

Stevens faces felony drug charge

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Long removed from his NHL All-Star days, New York Rangers forward Kevin Stevens left an Illinois jail with his career in doubt after his arrest on drug charges.

Stevens, arrested early Sunday at a motel in Collinsville, Ill., was released on bail Monday after being charged with felony drug possession charge. He also faces · misdemeanor charges of soliciting a prostitute and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Stevens, 34, who could face up to three years in prison on the felony drug-possession charge, was arrested with the prostitute hours after the Rangers played the

St. Louis Blues. Police said they found crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and about \$3,000 in the motel room. The player, who is married with two children, was placed in the NHL's substance-abuse program, report-

edly for the second time. "It was chilling when they showed his picture on televi-sion," New York goalie Mike Richter said in Atlanta, where the Rangers played the Thrashers on Monday night.

"It seemed so far away. We know Kevin. We know what kind of person he is. It's not the image I saw in that press release.

"It's going to be a difficult man, showed up and Stevens thing to lick. He's a strong gave him some crack, police person and has our unwavering support. It takes time, but it's going to happen."

Stevens was released on \$1,500 bail. He was allowed to leave Illinois, on the promise that he would return Feb. 4 for a hearing.

"I'm not sure how long it will take or when this will be over," said Rangers general manager Neil Smith, who visited Stevens at the jail Sunday. "I just want him to rejoin his wife and kids. That is

what's most important."

Pamela Velia, 27, of St.

Louis, told police Stevens was smoking crack with a glass pipe when she got into a cab with the hockey player, according to authorities. She said Stevens gave her \$500 and purchased another \$500 worth of cocaine from a street dealer in East St. Louis, Ill.

The cab driver then took Stevens and the woman to the Travelodge motel, and Stevens paid for a room where the two continued to smoke crack together, police were told. The cab driver, a 50-year-old man, began knocking on the door, and the prostitute feared he had a gun so she called a friend, police

said. The friend, a 30-year-old

said. Police believe that man is the woman's pimp, and that he is a member of the

Vice Lords Street Gang. Police were called when someone reported a distur-bance at the motel. Velia said she and Stevens didn't have sex because officers arrived

too soon. Velia, the cab driver and the alleged pimp also were charged with felony drug possession Monday, Stephanee Smith of the state's attorney's office.

Stevens' substance abuse and behavioral program will be administered by the NHL and its players' association. The program includes medical assessment and in-residence treatment.

"He's a great friend to everybody not just myself," teammate Peter Nedved said. "Obviously, this thing hap-pened, and we wish him the

Stevens, a left wing, has played little recently, but was in the lineup against St. Louis Saturday night. He has three goals and five assists in 38

games. The three-time All-Star helped Pittsburgh to Stanley Cup titles in 1991 and 1992. He scored 54 goals for Pittsburgh in 1991-92 and had 55

in 1992-93.

The former Boston College star has 318 goals and 371 assists in 13 seasons.

Mills hired as head coach at **Odessa Permian**

ODESSA (AP) - Trustes of the Ector County Independent School District took three minutes Monday to declare T.J. Mills the head new coach and athletic coordinator at Permian High School.

Mills, who led Sealy High School to state championships in five of the last six seasons, accepted the job Friday. As coach, he will earn \$78,000, almost \$7,000 more than the \$71,147 Randy Mayes got at Permian last season.

Mayes was reassigned to a teaching position Dec. 6 after six seasons at Permian.

Mills is the ninth head coach in Permian history. He was one of two finalists for the position.

Mills won four consecutive Class 3A state titles from 1994-97 at Sealy, an unprecedented feat in Texas high school football history.

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Thomas

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an Air Force pilot who was in a Monday night game killed in Vietnam in Operation Linebacker II.

With one of the quickest first moves of any defender in the league, Thomas became known for his "sack and strip" move in which he would close fast on a quarterback's blind side and hack at his arm to knock the ball out of his hand.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pounder holds Chiefs' records for career safeties (3), forced fumbles (45) and fumble recoveries (19). He starred at Alabama and was named to the Pro Bowl his first nine

Thomas made headlines in 1998 when he lost his temper

Herd

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13-2. Perez recorded victories over Gary Ortiz of Vernon by pin in 3:19, and Phil Creamer of Arlington. Creamer was pinned in 1:17.

Seth Baughman of Arlington defeated Terence Wilhelm by pin in 51 seconds in the 103-pound division.

against Denver and committed three personal fouls during the Broncos' final touch-down drive. He was fined and suspended for one game and apologized to the Bron-cos and "to the youth of America."

He has been active in the Kansas City area with his "Third and Long" literacy program.

"God willing, all the initial reports will be off and he'll be OK," Chiefs center Tim Grunhard said. "Right now, I'm not concerned with Der-

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JANUARY 25 WEDNESDAY TUESDAY

| | 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 6 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
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| Ð | Newshour With Jim Lehrer Scientific-Frontiers | | Family Two Thousand | | Frontline | | Charlie Rose | | Newshour | | |
| D | Boss? | Boss? | Movie: Ferris | Bueller's Day | Off (1986), Mi | a Bara *** | My So-Called | i Life | 700 Club | | Boss? |
| 0 | News | Ent. Tonight | Just Shoot | 3rd Rock | Will & Grace | Veronicas | Dateline | | News | (:35) Tonight | Show |
| Ø | Movie: Up, Up and Away Movie: And Yo | | | ou Thought P | arents Weird | (:05) Movie: | Three Amigost | Chevy Chase | ** 'PG' | Zorro | |
| 0 | Fresh Pr. | Fresh Pr. | (:05) Movie: | Extreme Measu | ires (1996) Hu | igh Grant ** | | (:35) Movie: \$ | ilent Predato | re (1999) Harry | Hamlin, |
| O | News | Fortune | Be a Milliona | ire | Dharma | Sports Night | NYPD Blue | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| 0 | News | Home Imp. | JAG | | 60 Minutes II | | Judging Am | y | News | (:35) Late Sh | OW |
| Œ | 3rd Rock | Simpsons | '70s Show | Malcolm | Party of Five | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. | Mad | M'A'S'H | Frasier | Cops | Real TV |
| (D) | College Basketball Michigan at Indiana | | | | Market Street, | al Tennessee | | Sportscenter | | NBA 2Night | |
| 0 | (5:00) Movie | Rudy (1993) | Hoop Life | | Beggars and | | Rude Awk Line's | | Movie: Lolita Jaramy Irons. | | • • 'R' |
| 70 | (5:45) Movie | 45) Movie: U.S. Marshals Tommy Lee Jones 'PG-13' | | | Movie: Jack Frost (1998) Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston. | | | | Sopranos | | Dennis M. |
| D | Movie: Home | Alone 3 PG | Movie: Hilar | and Jackie E | mily Watson. | ily Watson. *** 'R' Movie: The Negotiator (199 | | | | 98) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin | |
| Ø) | Movie: Gay | Shorts | THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PERTY OF TH | ny Eager (1942 | OR THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED AND ADDRESS O | C. March Street, or Street, or St. | Movie: The | Bribe (1949) Ro | bert Taylor, A | va Gardner, ** | Movie: |
| (2) | Waltons | | Bowling | CHARLEST TO SEE | The state of the s | | Champions | Championship Bull Riding | | 建 医二种 | Outdoor |
| Ø | Wild Discov | ery | On the insid | | New Detectives | | FBI Files | | On the Inside | | Detectives |
| Ø | Law & Order | | Biography | | Investigative Reports | | Love Chronicles | | Law & Order | | Biography |
| a) | Intimate Por | trait | Chicago Ho | pe | Movie: In the | Company of | Darkness (1993) ***; | | Golden Girl | Golden Girls | Designing |
| Ø | Football | Last Word | FOX Sports | THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | ball Minnesota | Timberwolves | at Houston Rockets | | FOX Sports News | | Toughman |
| 0 | ER | | NBA Basket | ball Sacrament | to Kings at Charlotte Hornets | | | Insid NBA | Movie: Star | Trek III: Search | 1-Spock |
| Œ | Hey Arnold | Rugrats | Thornberrys | Skeeter | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies |
| Œ | JAG | | Walker, Tex | CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF | Movie: The | Substitute (199 | 6) Tom Beren | ger. • • | Walker, Tex | as Ranger | Stalkings |
| ā | Sonadoras | | Nunca Te O | Victoria de la Companya de la Compa | Tres Mujere | • | Primer Impi | ete Noc | P. Impacto | Noticiero | Viviana-Me |
| Œ | 20th Centur | y | Exercising | CONTRACTOR OF STREET | Mummies: Tales-Crypts | | Garbage | | Civil War Journal | | Exorcising |
| 0 | Sentinel | | Sentinel | | Sentinel | | Sentinel | | Poltergeist: The Legacy | | |
| 60 | Full House | Caroline | the party of the latest of | Doctor (1991) | William Hurt. *** | | News | | MacGyver | | Heat |

JANUARY 26

| | 12:30 | 1 PM | 1:30 | 2 PM | 2:30 | 3 PM , | 3:30 | 4 PM | 4:30 | 5 PM | 5:30 | |
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| 0 | Body Elec. | Paintl | My Studio | Noddy | Reading | Arthur | Wishbone | Zoom | Arthur | Creatures | Wishbone | |
| 0 | Life-Louie | Donkey | 3 Friends | Kids | Angela | Allen | Big Wolf | Addams | Two-Kind | Partridge | Boss? | |
| 0 | Days-Lives Passions | | | | | Maury | | | ly | News | NBC News | |
| 0 | Madeline | Mermaid | Ducktales | Timon | Aladdin | | Ready-Not | Torkelsons | GrowPains | GrowPains | Smart Guy | |
| 0 | Hunter | Movie: Matie | ock: The Fortur | e (1993) Andy | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY OF TAXABLE PARTY. | Cosby Show | Cosby Show | Full House | Full House | Roseanne | Roseanne | |
| 0 | Jeopardy! | One Life to | Live | General Hos | pital | Rosie O'Done | THE RESERVE OF THE RE | THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | Judge Judy | News | ABC News | |
| 0 | Bold & B. | As the Worl | d Turns | Guiding Ligh | - | Sally | | Hollywood | Toxas | News | CBS News | |
| 0 | Mathie | Forgive or F | | Divorce | Roseanne | THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON. | Rangers | Beast Wars | Digimon | Nanny | Grace Und | |
| 0 | Tennis: Austr | Name and Address of the Owner, where | THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE | Racehorse | Horse | Golf | Inside PGA | NHL-Shots | Up Close | Sportscenter | - | |
| 0 | Movie: The D | eli Mike Starr | ** 'NR' | (:15) Movie: | The Lords of F | latbush 'PG' | atbush 'PG' (:45) Movie: It's All | | | | Movie: Tiger Woods | |
| 0 | Movie: Howa | rds End (199) | 2) Anthony Hope | kins, Emma The | ompson, 'PG' | Movie: Gattaca Ethan Hawke, 'PG-13' (:45) Movie: Beaches Bette Midler, ** | | | | | STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF | |
| 0 | Movie: Fat M | en and Little | Boy Paul Newn | nan, 'PG-13' | Big Canyon | Movie: Harry and Son Paul Newman, ++ 'PG' | | | | Movie: Color of Money | | |
| 0 | Movie: Cat | Movie: Swe | et Bird of Youth | (1962) Paul N | lewman. *** | Movie: Lady L (1965) Sophia Loren, Paul Newman, ** 12 | | | | Movie: Princess O'Rourk | | |
| 0 | Waltons | Dukes of He | zzard | McCoys | Alice | McCovs Alice Waltons | | Dukes of Hazzard | | | | |
| 0 | Home | Design | | Christopher Lowell | | Great Chels | Great Chefs | Gimme Shelter | | Your New House | | |
| 0 | Lew & Order | Northern Ex | posure | Night Court | Night Court | Murder, She Wrote Magnum, P.I. | | | L.A. Law | | | |
| 0 | Movie: Nurse | THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH. | STREET, STORY OF STREET, STORY | Movie: She S | tood Alone: T | he Tailhook So | andal (1995) | Designing | Designing | Golden Girls | Golden Gir | |
| 0 | Source | Slant | Longhorn | Texas Tech | Baylor | Aggie | Sports | WMTV | XSTV | THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | Slant | |
| 0 | (12:00) Movie | Some Kind | of Hero (1982) | Kung Fu: Legend | | L.A. Heat | | Dark Justice | | In the Heat of the Night | | |
| 0 | Kipper | Doug | Doug | THE RESERVE AND PERSONS ASSESSED. | | THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | Rocko's Life | | Kenan & Kel | All That | Catdog | |
| 0 | Boston Movie: Dead Again (1991) Kenneth Branagh. *** | | | | Saywatch Pacific Blue | | Baywatch | | | | | |
| 0 | Infierno-Par | Cosas del A | | Gordo | El Biablazo | Cristina | | Primer Impa | oto | Fuera | Noticiero | |
| 0 | Nuremberg | 20th Centur | ٧ | in Search | in Search | FBI-Story | Crimes | Weapons at | THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | Nuremberg-1 | - | |
| 0 | Twilight Z. | Lost in Spa | 00 | Quantum Le | Quantum Leap | | Star Trok | | Hercules-Jrnys. | | | |
| 0 | News | MacGyver | | Caroline | Bezzi | Cosby Show | Full House | Cosby Show | THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE | Sliders | Fresh Pr. | |

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| ø | Barney | Teletubbies | Sesame Stree | el . | Arthur | Dragon | Barney | Teletubbies | Noddy | Zoboo | Mr Rogers |
| 0 | Kids | Mary Kate | Itsy flitsy | CBN Special | 700 Club . | | Boss? | Itsy Bitsy | Itsy Bitsy | Wiggles | Storytime |
| 0 | Today | | Later Today | | Leeza | Leeza | | News | Days-Lives | | |
| 0 | Timon | Pooh | PB & J Otter | Out of Bx | Bear | Rolle Polle | Pooh | PB & J Otter | Out of Bx | Bear | Rolle Polle |
| 0 | Fam. Mat. | DiffWorld | Little House | on the Prairie | Little House | on the Prairie | Mama | Mama | Mattock | | Hunter |
| 0 | Good Mornin | g America | | | NAME OF THE OWNER, WHEN PERSON AND PARTY OF THE OWNER, WHEN PERSON | | The View | MODELLING THE CONTRACTOR TO THE PERSON OF TH | | Brown | News |
| 0 | Early Show | | | | Dr. Joy Brow | vne | Price Is Righ | 1 | Young and t | he Restless | News |
| Œ | Bus | Business | Martha Stew | art Living | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Benny Hinn | Life in Word | Kenneth C. | Robison | Mathis |
| 0 | Sportscenter | THE OWNER WHEN PERSONS AND PERSONS ASSESSMENT | Sportscenter | CHARLES STORAGE TO MAKE WHEN THE | Sportscente | | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Tennis |
| 0 | (:15) Movie (| (:15) Movie: My Magic Dog Bryan Mendez. **', 'G' | | | Movie: Black | k Beauty Sean | Bean ••• 'G' | Movie: Eleni | (1985) Kate Nelligan, John Malkovich 'PG' | | |
| (10) | Real Sports | | Movie: Beach | hes (1988) flett | e Midler, Barb | ara Hershey | Movie: The I | 001) Tom Hulce, Lolita Davidovich. 'PG-13' | | | |
| (D) | Movie: Mr | | | | | (1993) Sean A | stin, Ned Beatt | Movie: Firestorm Howie Long. ★ 'R' | | | |
| Ø | Movie: The Rack (1956) Paul Newman, *** | | | | Movie: Until | They Sail (195 | 7) Jean Simmo | Movie: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958) | | | |
| (1) | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Dukes of Ha | zzard | Alice | McCoys | Dallas | | Aleene's Creative Living | | Waltons |
| Ø | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Assignment | Discovery | Home Matte | 10 | Design | | Christopher Lowell | | Home |
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| a) | Designing | Designing | Next Door | Attitudes | Chicago Ho | pe | Party of Five | | Unsolved M | ysteries | Movie: |
| Ø | Sports | Last Word | Sports | Last Word | Golf West | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog | Paid Prog | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Source |
| 6 | CHIPs | | Lois & Clark | -Superman | in the Heat | Marie Commission of the Commis | Movie: Dream a Little Dream (1989) Jason Robards. | | | n Robards. ** | Movie: |
| 0 | Hey Arnold! | Rugrats | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Kipper | Franklin | Gullah | Busy World | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Franklin |
| œ | Videos | Videos | Almost | Something | Ned-Stacey | Fired Up | Wings | Wings | Working | Naked Truth | Single Guy |
| 0 | (6:00) Despierta America | | Maile | | Girasoles Para Lucia | | Enamorada | | Infierno-Pa | | |
| 0 | Year by Year | | Real West | | In Search In Search | | FBI-Story | Crimes Weapons at War | | War | Nuremberg |
| 0 | Monster | Beakman's | Incredible H | ulk | Sightings | | DarkShad irkShad | | Highlander: The Series | | Twilight Z. |
| 60 | Charles | Parent * | Fam. Mat. | Wayans | Knight Ride | 1 | Matlock | | Hawaii Five-0 | | News |

JANUARY 26 WEDNESDAY

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| 0 | Newshour W | ith Jim Lehrer | Living Edens | | Culture Sh | ock | 72772515 | Section 1 | | Digital TV | Newshour |
| 0 | Boss? | Movie: Radio | Flyer (1992) | Elijah Wood, Jo | seph Mazzell | 0. **'1 | World Gone | Wild | 700 Club | | Boss? |
| 0 | News | Ent, Tonight | Twenty One | | West Wing | | Law & Order | | News | (:35) Tonight | Show |
| 9 | Movie: Nosh | Tony Danza. | | (:40) Movie: | Splash (1984 | Tom Hanks, De | ryl Hannah, | Britney Spea | | MusicVids | Zorro |
| 0 | Fresh Pr. | Fresh Pr. | Ripley's Bel | eve It or Not! | (:05) WCW | Thunder | (:05) WCW T | | - | eve It or Not! | WCW |
| 0 | News | Fortune | Two Guys | Norm | Drew Care | y Spin City | 20/20 | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| 0 | News | Home Imp. | City of Ange | ls . | Movie: Sto | ien From the He | art (2000) Trai | cey Gold. | News | (:35) Late Sh | ow |
| 0 | 3rd Rock | Simpsons | Beverly Hills | 90210 | Get Real | | Mad | M.Y.R.H | Frasier | Cops | Real TV |
| 0 | College Basi | ketball Marylan | d at North Car | olina | College Ba | sketball Florida | at DePaul | | Sportscente | 1 3 | NFL Dream |
| 8 | Movie: Tiger | Woods | Movie: Sens | eless Marion V | Vayans ** 1 | 1' (:35) Movie: | The Truman S | how Jim Carre | y. ***' 'PG' | Lateline | Beggars |
| 0 | (4:45) Movie | Beaches | Real Sports | | Sopranos | | Oz | | Movie: Cara | cera Natasha H | lenstridge. 'NR |
| 8 | Movie: Color | of Money | Movie: Nobe | ody's Fool Pau | Newman. | **') 'R' | Movie: Pow | er Play Shanno | n Tweed 'R' | Hot Line | Movie: |
| 0 | Movie: Princ | ess O'Rourke | Movie: Up th | ne Down Stairc | ase (1967) S | andy Dennis, ** | | | Miss Brooks (| 956) *** | Movie: |
| 8 | Waltons | | Dead Man's | Gun | 18 Wheels | of Justice | Magnificent | Seven | Dallas | | Bassmastr. |
| 8 | Wild Discove | ery | On the Insid | • | CIA: Amer | ica's Front Line | THE RESERVOIR CO. | of twenty and the party of the second | On the Insid | | CIA |
| 0 | Law & Order | | Biography | | Investigati | ve Reports | American Jo | ustice | Law & Orde | 是 | Biography |
| 0 | Intimate Por | trait | Chicago Ho | pe | THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN | Cold Heart of a | Killer (1996) | **'9 | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | |
| 0 | Football | Last Word | Helmet | GST | Hardcore f | ootball | Goin' Deep | 2.7 | FOX Sports | _ | Toughman |
| 8 | ER | 6.316.024.2 | Movie: Die H | lard (1988) Bru | ice Willis, Bor | nnie Bedelia. ** | 114 | | Movie: Die I | lard (1988) ** | |
| 8 | Hey Arnold! | Rugrate | Thornberrys | Rocket | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Hillbillies |
| 0 | JAG | | Walker, Tex | as Ranger | Movie: Do | uble Impact (199 | 1), Geoffrey Li | ewis ** | Walker, Tex | as Ranger | Stalkings |
| 0 | Sonadoras | | Nunca Te O | STREET, SQUARE, SQUARE | Tres Mujer | THE RESIDENCE PROPERTY AND ADDRESS. | 7A Que No | OF RESIDENCE PROPERTY. | P. Impacto | Noticiero | Viviana-Med |
| 0 | 20th Century | | Lost City of | Atlantis | THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN | Tales-Crypts | Golden Gute | THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE | Great Ships | - | Lost City |
| 4 | Crypt Tales | Crypt Tales | Crypt Tales | Tales-Crypt | Crypt Tale | Crypt Tales | Crypt Tales | _ | - | The Legacy | Fri. the 13th |
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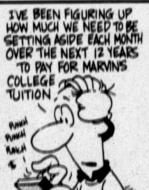




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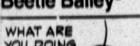
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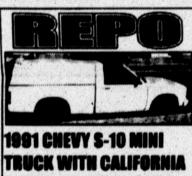
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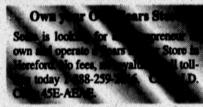
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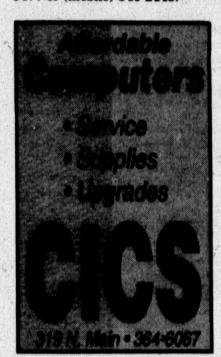
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Shirley talent winners named Students show off their skills in wide

variety of performances, from solo singing to instrumental music to dancing

Shirley Intermediate School held its 5th Annual Talent Show Friday afternoon in the gymnasium.

Students showed off their talent in solo singing, group singing, dancing, instrumen-tal music and gymnastics. Each contestant or group of contestants was judged by three judges on a scale of 1-5, five being the best perfor-

After 21/2 hours of performances and about 30 performers, the scores were added up, but the winners were not announced until Monday morning at school. The winners were:

SOLO SINGING 1st: Kasey Cantu, "Achy Breaky Heart"; 2nd: Logan Gonzales, "The Girl on TV"; and 3rd (tie): Victoria Garcia,

Genie in a Bottle," and Sonya

Audra Guzman, dancing to "Stomp." INSTRUMENTS

GROUP SINGING

DANCING

Malia Haffner and Logan

Gonzales, dancing to "Bring It All To Me";

Victoria Garcia, dancing

to "Zoot Suit Riot"; and
— Sophie Trevino,

Sarina Casarez, Jessica Robles, Stephanie Guzman and

Sonya Varela and

Roxanna Rocha,

1st: Lydia Mendoza, Tiffany Mendoza and Gaby Ruiz, "Seventeen"; 2nd: Bianka Torres, Delia Barrientos and Yesenia Enriquez, "Baby One More Time"; and 3rd: Mario Coronado and Jonathan Martinez, "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You." (Three-way tie for first



Kasey Cantu (left) took first-place honors in solo singing in the annual Shirley School talent show, while pianist Malia Haffner was the first-place winner in instruments. The winners in several categories were announced Monday.

1st: Malia Haffner, piano; 2nd: Lydia Mendoza, flute;

3rd: Sonya Varela and

Victoria Garcia, clarinet and Amanda Estrada;

GYMNASTICS 1st: Tiffany Mendoza and

2nd- Nikki Evenson and Madison Urbanczyk; and 3rd: Isaac Aguilar.

Budget

Varela, "Never Ever."

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determine how much money is available for tax cuts, spending increases and debt reduc-

Democrats are expected to embrace the smallest of three projections. That total, for the 10 years ending 2010, will be roughly \$1 trillion excluding Social Security, say congres-

sional aides speaking on con-

cided what to do, but many of them — including Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. — seem likely to endorse a projection totaling about \$2 trillion over the period, aides said. That is

jected last year, a figure that has grown because of the per-

CBO will also release a third ink, aides said.

It is unusual for CBO to extra cash.

about double what CBO pro- produce multiple surplus estimates without endorsing one as the most valid. CBO's decision to release three projections highlights the immense political pressure on the agency as the two parties vie over rival visions of how to use the government's projected

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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projection which, though arrived at differently, also foresees about \$2 trillion in black

The figure Democrats like assumes the third of the \$1.7 trillion federal budget that Congress must approve every year will grow annually at the rate of inflation. That one-third of the budget covers everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security and interest on the federal debt.



when the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce and the Hereford Economic Development Commission played hosts to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for themselves. The entities now jointly share the same building, thanks to the civic mindedness of the Pete Caviness family who not only gave the chamber an opportunity to buy the building, but also contributed a sizeable gift to defray expenses associated with an expansion that permitted the two offices to be housed in one location. A memorial plaque (left) was placed in honor of Caviness, a longtime Hereford businessman and supporter of the chamber His widow, Roberta (center), officially marked the occasion when she cut the ribbon with chamber and HEDC officials and civic boosters in attendance.

County

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was ad valorem taxes, which were \$2,550,202 for the year. An additional \$834,855 was generated through fines and fees, while sales and other taxes raised \$358,788.

The 222nd Judicial District showed revenues of \$612,606 and expenditures of \$619,946, leaving a net deficit of \$7,340 for the year. That red ink, however, was erased by a \$ 1,469 cash balance at the start of the year. The district began the new fiscal year with a cash of \$93,068.

The Juvenile Probation of-

fice had two funds, General and Special Revenue, which showed a total of \$583,640 and expenditures of \$569,028 and a year-end balance of \$14,162.

The commissioners will consider formal acceptance of the audit at their next meeting.

County Clerk David Ruland reported Apollo Software Co. has installed software in the clerk's office. The county owes \$20,000 for the installation fee. Commissioners will consider a payment option at the next meeting.

Firm recalling in-line skates

WASHINGTON (AP) - The K2 Corporation of Vashon, Wash., is recalling 12,000 pairs of in-line skates because of

faulty brakes. The Consumer Products Safety Commission said Monday that brake mounts on the skates from the "Flight ALX" brand could crack and fail, causing the skater to fall and be injured. However, no incidents or injuries have been

As governor, Bush's OK of pardons is rare

FORT WORTH (AP) - Republican Gov. George W. Bush has issued 16 pardons since taking office in 1995, the fewest number in half a century, according to state records examined by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Pardons are not easily obtained in this state, and they're less easily obtained in the Bush administration, particularly while he's running for president," said Bill Habern, a Democrat and Huntsville attorney who has represented Texans seeking pardons.

The last time a governor issued fewer than 16 pardons was between 1941 and 1947, when Democrat Coke Stevenson had six, state records show. Bush's predecessor, Democrat Ann Richards, issued 70 during her four years in office. In two non-consecutive terms between 1939 and 1991, Republican Bill Clements approved 822, while Democrat John Connally issued 1,048 between 1963 and 1969.

Bush said the low number of pardons wasn't politically motivated. He said he just learned to me more careful after pardoning Steven Raney in 1995 for a 1988 mari-

juana conviction. In that case, the unpaid Ellis County constable was caught stealing cocaine from a drug bust a few months after Bush wiped his drug conviction clean.

"That caused a complete review of the process," Bush

New Hampshire likely to be more difficult test for leaders

DES MOINES, Iowa — In to Bradley although his the first act, Al Gore and margins are narrow in George W. Bush, the leading most surveys. men of the 2000 presidential campaign, lived up to their billings. Now the front-runners shift to a more difficult stage, New Hampshire, where their challengers loom stronger than in Iowa.

Bush gained 41 percent of the vote in a field ofght.

Forbes got 30 percent of the GOP vote, emerging as the prime conservative candidate against Texas Gov. Bush and Sen. John McCain of Ari-

As expected, Forbes said he had beaten the expectations. Vice President Gore

trounced Bill Bradley, 63 percent to 35 percent, which cer-tainly won't go unnoticed in New Hampshire's first of the presidential primaries next week, although Gore said the contest there is "not deriva-tive ... it stands on its own."

That's the only politicallycorrect thing for a candidate to say; New Hampshire vot-ers could feel slighted by any suggestion that Iowa will influence them. "New Hamp-shire will go its own way," said Kathy Sullivan, who chairs the state Democratic

For the record, the Iowa caucuses have not echoed into New Hampshire. Democrat Jimmy Carter won both on his way to the White House in 1976, but since then, only incumbent presidents have

done so, usually uncontested. In New Hampshire, polls

most surveys.

Among Republicans, most polls rate the contest about even between Bush and McCain. "I'm predicting a very close outcome," McCain said.

With no days to spare in the campaign for the Feb. 1 primary, the Iowa contestants were flying east within hours of the caucus verdict. The Bush and Gore victories in Iowa were ex-pected, forecast by the polls, and anticipated by rival candi-dates, who had effectively con-

ceded first place in advance. Bradley campaigned hard, and expensively, to close in on Gore, but tried to take the edge off beforehand by saying 31 percent would be a good showing for an insurgent candidate, since that was the share Sen. Edward M. Kennedy got against President Carter in 1980. Kennedy, who is campaigning for Gore

now, scoffed at the idea. Bradley said in defeat that it wasn't the end, it was the beginning. He said he'll keep contesting Gore whatever hap-pens in New Hampshire, into what he calls the national primary campaign five weeks after that, when California and New York are among 15 states holding primaries or caucuses on March 7.

Bush said he'd won "a tremendous victory," that he was thrilled to have gained more than 40 percent of the vote in a multi-candidate field.

show Gore regaining the Still, the Bush camp had Democratic edge he had lost hoped to open a wider gap Still, the Bush camp had

ANALYSIS

Walter R. Mears The Associated Press



over Forbes, one that might have undermined the GOP rival with the personal fortune to spend, and a political past of using it on attack advertis-ing in the 1996 campaign. Instead, Forbes ran strong enough to describe himself as

the conservative GOP alternative to Bush and McCain, candidates he called the moderates. With his 30 percent share, Forbes got more votes than his rivals on the right -Alan Keyes, who ran third with 14 percent and Gary Bauer, fourth at 9 percent, a

blow to his campaign future.

Among the 11 percent of
Republican caucus voters who listed abortion as their top issue, two-thirds voted for one of those three candidates. Bush had been defending his position on the issue in the closing days of the campaign, insisting that he has an antiabortion record to match his rhetoric, although he will not take the pledge Forbes demands, against nominating anyone who is not against abortion to be a federal judge.

That sliced into his victory margin, showing the power of the conservative Christians who helped relegate his father to an embarrassing third in the Iowa caucuses in 1988, the year he was elected president.

In another survey, Gov. Bush got a near shutout among the 12 percent of Iowa Republicans who said the candidate quality that concerned them

most was the ability to win the White House if nominated. Ninety-nine percent chose Bush. That can-win standing is what made him the front-runner in the first place, and keeps him far ahead in national polls.

Bush's campaign strategist said Forbes wouldn't be able to match his Iowa showing in the coming contests. "This is his high water mark," said Karl Rove. "New Hampshire might be the same for John McCain."

McCain didn't compete in Iowa, saving his money to concentrate on New Hampshire and later contests, especially the South Carolina primary on Feb. 19.

He said the caucus out-come wouldn't affect his campaign. "People in New Hampshire don't pay a great deal of attention to what happens in Iowa," McCain said.

"In my view, the game is here," he told a New Hampshire campaign crowd Monday night. He had played a bit part in Iowa, debating there twice. He got 5 percent, fifth out of six.

The only candidate behind him: Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, at 1 percent, and all but done with his quixotic campaign. Hatch said that if he ran last, he would consider quitting.

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Campaign being waged on cable

Cable news viewers could be forgiven for thinking the Iowa caucuses were the only thing going on in the world Monday night. And those tuned to broadcast TV may have

missed the story entirely.

CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC provided nonstop, prime-time coverage of the 2000 presidential campaign's first official contest, blanketing airtime with sound bites,

analysis and predictions.

The major broadcasters essentially stuck to game shows, movies and comedies, interrupting only for quick political

The contrast is consistent with a campaign so far waged

last week found that ABC, CBS and NBC evening news programs were spending far less time on the presidential contest than they did

four years ago.
At the same time, this marks the first presiden-

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marks the first presidential primary season with three competing cable news programs. Each has drawn strong ratings so far with debates, and they treated Monday as opening day of their favorite season.

The cable networks used entrance polling to declare Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush the winners, then struggled for secondary stories: Did Republicans Steve Forbes and Alan Keyes exceed expectations? Is Bill Bradley in an unrecoverable tailspin? Is Orrin Hatch out of the race before most Americans knew he was in it?

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On MSNBC, Lisa Myers noted that it's a game of survival for everyone but Gore and Bush, who hope to essentially close out the campaign by next week's New Hampshire primary.

Hampshire primary.

With speculation about who could survive Iows and who could not, CNN's Judy Woodruff said, in effect, "whoa."

"We don't want to make it seem like the whole election's over with," she said.

Although analysts were good at reminding viewers that John McCain was effectively not participating in the GOP caucus, there was little historical context about Iowa's shaky record in picking eventual presidents.

The expectation game was in full swing, and often a little confusing.

little confusing.

"Where is the bar about what makes it a moral victory" for Bradley, Fox News Channel's Shepard Smith asked.

The broadcast stars — Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather — all anchored the evening news from Iowa. Sometimes it seemed their hearts weren't in it.

"We'll do our campaign duty and remind you what a caucus is," Jennings said. The caucus was the third story on the "CBS Evening News," after the Cuban boy custody saga and Wall Street's woes.

When Rather was given a minute of network time at 8:27 p.m. EST, he spoke fast as if a clock were ticking loudly in his earpiece.

loudly in his earpiece.

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Congress enters debate over fate of Cuban boy

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News digest

WASHINGTON - An election-year Congress is entering the festering debate over Elian Gonzalez's future, as legislation to declare the 6-year-old Cuban refugee a U.S. citizen draws support in both cham-

Adding to the drama, Elian's two grandmothers scheduled meetings with lawmakers here today to press their case that the boy should be returned to his homeland.

Versions of the citizenship bill were formally introduced Monday in both the House and the Senate, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told his colleagues they might debate the measure as early as Wednesday A vote Wednesday was possible, but both sides said they doubted final action would occur until next week at the earliest.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart declined to say what President Clinton would do if Congress passed the bill - sign it or veto it - but said the White House would consider the matter after Congress acts. The president has indicated he does not believe Congress should get involved.

In the House, rival but unbinding legislation was introduced urging that Elian be repatriated with his father in Cuba.

Clinton's annual speech months - and many mouths - in the making

WASHINGTON younger Bill Clinton's inclination toward late-night, brainy exchanges with aides and advisers and an equal tendency to write a lot of his own stuff meant that his first State of

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much a skin-of-the-teeth af-

"I remember once they were typing it, like, an hour before-hand," said one Clinton aide, recalling that the final version with the president's scribbled, last-minute changes was rushed onto a computer disk. whisked across town to the Capitol and popped into a TelePrompTer.

No word on what might have happened if the disk had failed.

Seven years later, things are much more organized for Clinton's final State of the Union speech Thursday night. Most of the major themes and ideas were set before Christ-

We've had the frame of the speech for some time," said deputy White House spokesman Jake Siewert, who was among a small group of aides who began work on the speech sev-

eral months ago.
"There will be changes burnishing, polishing — right up to the afternoon before, but it's minor stuff," said Don Baer, the president's former chief speechwriter and still a regular adviser.



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