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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Cloudy skies

Tonight: Cloudy with a low in the upper 30s, south to southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Becoming partly sunny, high near 60, wind becoming south 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a low around 30.

Extended forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy, high in the mid-40s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low near 20, high around 50.

Sunday: Mostly clear, low in the lower 20s, high in the mid-50s.

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 81; low, 32; no precipitation.



FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 5

Deaf Smith to be well-represented

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County will be well represented this week when the 2000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo begins its run.

The county contingent, which will include 30 FFA and 18 4-H members, will join other FFA and 4-H members

from across Texas for the competition in the show ring at the show, which will begin Friday and run through March 5 at the Astrodome in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of the FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of the competition, beginning Feb. 24. Professional

breeders and ranchers will compete for the top prize money during the first week.

More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete at the junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior

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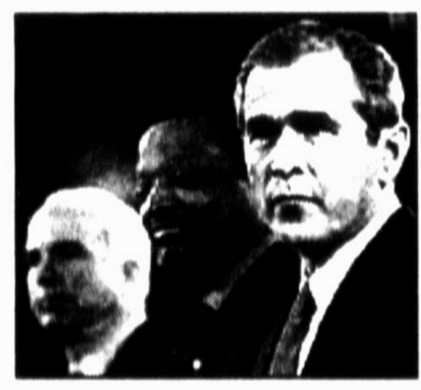
POLITICS

"I kind of smiled my way through the early primaries and kind of got defined and I am not going to let that happen again."

■ Texas Gov. George W. Bush, explaining the reason for his sharp attacks on Arizona Sen. John McCain.

"I've seen enough killing in my life, a lot more than you, and I know how precious human life is."

■ Arizona Sen. John McCain, responding to a suggestion by Alan Keyes that he would support a hypothetical decision by his daughter to have an abortion.



■ CLASH IN CAROLINA: McCain, Bush slug it out over campaign finance, mudslinging. — Page A9

MOVIES

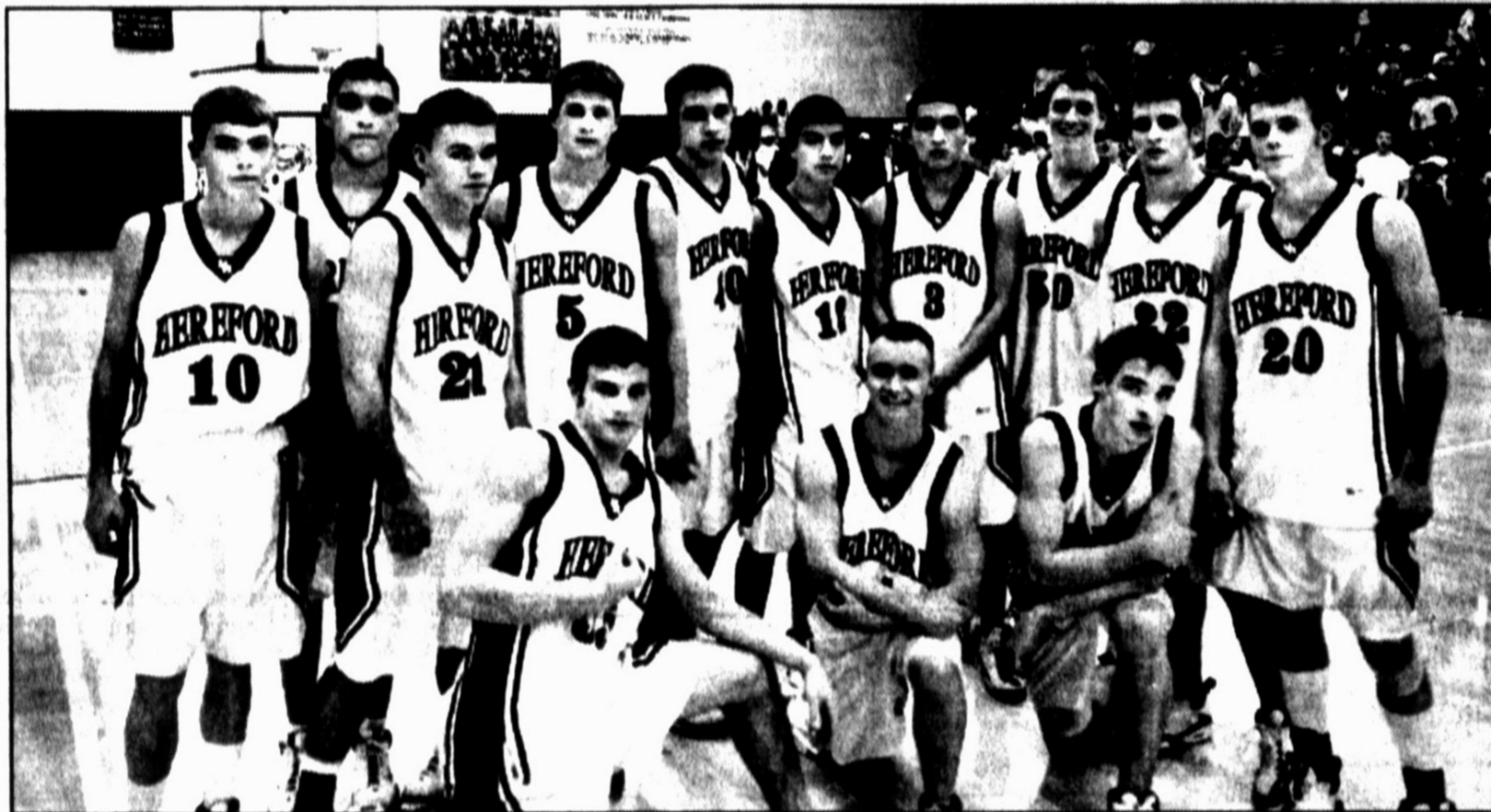
"It's a really satisfying movie that never has had huge heat on it. It's always been this gentle discovery of a film as opposed to one where people think you must go see this now."

■ Mark Gill, Miramax West Coast president, talking about "The Cider House Rules," which was received an Oscar nomination for best picture.



■ Highly acclaimed movies come up short in Oscar nominations. — Page A8

DISTRICT CHAMPS!



Hereford cagers gathered at mid-court Tuesday night after defeating the Palo Duro Dons to claim the District 3-4A basketball championship. The Whitefaces closed out the regular season with a 20-10 mark, 10-0 in league play, and claimed their first undisputed district title since 1977. The players

are (kneeling, from left) Steven Northern, Jerry Harmon and Slade Hodges; and (standing) Justin Carroll, Mike Bedolla, J.P. Holman, Tim Dudley, Cody Marsh, Nick Celaya, Cesar Soto, Chayse Rives, Cody Hodges and Eric McNutt. Please see game story, photos, Page A5

Farmers, ranchers OK'd to mow along highways

AUSTIN (AP) — To help cope with the drought, farmers and ranchers may now mow and bale vegetation along highway rights-of-way, state officials announced Tuesday.

The forage may be obtained by farmers and ranchers who have written permission from Texas Department of Transportation district offices, the Texas Department of Agriculture said.

"With the miles of highway rights-of-way in Texas, this will be a help to livestock producers whose hay supplies are dwindling due to drought and supplemental feeding starting earlier than usual," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

Texas is in the middle of its third major drought in four

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Susan Combs, agriculture commissioner



years, with weather forecasts calling for dry conditions to continue into the spring.

Rainfall last year was below normal averages in all 10 of the state's geographic regions.

At least 95 of the state's 254 counties have received drought disaster declarations from the U.S. agriculture sec-

retary, and that number could increase, TDA spokesman Allen Spelce said Tuesday.

A month ago, agriculture officials said 71 percent of the state's ranges and pastures were in poor to very poor condition. Spelce said the agency is preparing an updated evaluation of those conditions, adding, "It's gotten worse."

To help livestock producers, Texas officials have been in contact with other states looking for available grazing and haying pasture and are operating a hay and grazing telephone hotline.

Combs said the transportation department's decision to allow mowing and baling of rights-of-way would help with another drought-related problem — the growing threat of wildfires. The Texas Forest Service has classified much of the state in high fire danger.

"In addition to providing forage for producers, the potential threat of wildfires is reduced by removing vegetation as a fuel source," Combs said. "This is another important way to protect our agricultural lands from wildfires."

CANCER

■ Aetna now won't cover most marrow transplants

NEW YORK (AP) — Aetna, the nation's largest health insurer, has decided to drop coverage of bone marrow transplants for women with breast cancer unless they are in a federally sponsored study, a spokeswoman said today.

Aetna reversed its position after it was disclosed earlier this month that a South African study of the treatment contained falsified data.

"At this point in time there is no credible evidence that this approach is likely to be better than a more conventional approach," said Dr. Arthur Leibowitz, chief medical officer for Aetna U.S. Healthcare. "We now have five well controlled studies that show this thing doesn't work."

The study was the only one of the five long-awaited studies that had initially found the treatment helped prolong survival rates. The four other studies released in April 1999 found no difference in survival for breast cancer patients who underwent the arduous bone marrow transplant therapy than those who tried less risky treatment.

The findings prompted top cancer specialists to conclude that, at least for women with advanced breast cancer, a bone marrow transplant was not a good option.

Patient advocacy groups such as the National Breast Cancer Coalition have also advised that women who don't qualify for a medical research testing, should not try bone transplant therapy.

In the controversial treatment, women receive ultrahigh doses of chemotherapy, which destroy the patient's bone marrow, followed by a bone marrow transplant. Thousands of women have demanded the procedure, believing it is their last, best hope.

Bone marrow transplants usually cost at least \$100,000.

Insurers initially balked at covering the treatment in the late 1980s, but eventually most paid for it after pressed by lawsuits and fears about a public relations backlash.

U.S. housing starts soar in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing construction grew by 1.5 percent in January to its highest level in a year despite harsh weather that raked parts of the country and a continued upswing in mortgage rates.

The Commerce Department said today that builders began work on new units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.78 million last month, the highest level since 1.80

million units were started in January 1999.

Last month's performance was much stronger than many analysts were expecting. They had forecast a decline of 3.5 percent. In December, housing starts rose by a brisk 5.1 percent, but that was weaker than the 7.1 percent rise the government previously reported.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates four times since June to slow the

red-hot economy and keep inflation from escalating. Those rate increases made borrowing more expensive.

Many economists believe the economy continues to grow at a too-rapid pace that probably can't be sustained without triggering inflation. Given that, they widely expect the central bank will bump up interest rates again in March.

Interest rates edged higher this morning on the inflation-

sensitive market for government bonds, with yields on 30-year Treasuries rising to 6.27 percent from 6.64 percent late Tuesday. The Dow Jones average of 30 blue-chip stocks lost 50 points in the first hour of trading but Nasdaq index gained 12 points.

A survey of builders in February by the National Association of Home Builders shows they tempered their expectations for current home sales

as well as sales six months from now. The culprit: higher mortgage rates.

In January, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 8.21 percent, up from 6.79 percent in January 1999. Last week, mortgage rates climbed to 8.36 percent, a 3½-year high.

Even with the steady advance in mortgage rates last year, sales of both new and existing homes posted records.

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Local roundup

VFW offers scholarships

Veterans of Foreign War Post 4818 has announced its intent to award a scholarship(s) totaling \$2,000 this May to qualified Hereford High School graduates who may be related to any United States Armed Service veteran.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded to qualified candidates who are planning to attend a college or trade school.

Scholarship applications may be obtained through HHS counselor Sara Pesina, and those wishing to receive more information may call Earl Stagner, VFW scholarship chairman, at 364-2231.

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News digest

Teens arrested in restaurant blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — One night they were busy burglarizing a McDonald's, police said, using a blowtorch to cut into the safe for a much larger payday than any of them made in their own jobs at another franchise in the fast-food chain.

Less than 24 hours later, the three young men were rounded up and accused of two counts of murder each because an inferno at the restaurant killed veteran firefighters Lewis Mayo III, 44, and Kimberly Mayo, 30.

Allen Jerome Davis, 17, and brothers Pedro Isreal Loredo, 19, and Juan Manuel Torres, 17, were being held on \$25,000 bond each.

Their alleged 15-year-old accomplice, who worked at the restaurant that burned Monday and was demolished Tuesday, remained in custody pending juvenile charges. He eventually could be charged as an adult under Texas law.

"We questioned the employee, and ultimately that led to other suspects in the case," Houston police Capt. Richard Holland said.

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Obituaries

JOSE BARRERA
Feb. 8, 2000

MCALLEN — Services for Jose Barrera, 63, of McAllen, formerly of Hereford, were Thursday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in McAllen.

Mr. Barrera died Feb. 8.

He was born Aug. 20, 1936, and had lived in Hereford for nearly 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Barrera; four sons, David, George and Mike Barrera all of Hereford and Carlos Barrera of Dallas; one daughter, Sylvia Salinas of McAllen; three brothers, Pedro Barrera of McAllen, Enrique Barrera of Spearman and Daniel Barrera of San Antonio; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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JAMES THORNTON "JIM" HENRY
Feb. 14, 2000

MERKEL — Services for James Thornton "Jim" Henry, 67, of Merkel will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating.

Mr. Henry died Sunday.

He was born Jan. 7, 1933, in Hereford. He graduated from Stamford High School. He attended Long Beach College, UCLA, University of Washington and received a Ph.D. from Eastern Florida University. He was a Korean Navy Veteran and an aerospace engineer. Mr. Henry was also a member of the Elks Club.

Survivors include five daughters, Connie Burger of Floresville, Colleen Gilli, Katherine J. Hardoy of Costa Mesa, Calif.; three brothers, Glenn Henry of Venlo, Holland, Joe Henry, of Lubbock, Travis Henry of Merkel; two sisters, Billie Barnes of Abilene and Nell Williams of Hereford; and 11 grandchildren.

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JOE LOPEZ, JR.
Feb. 12, 2000

MEMPHIS — Services for Joe Lopez, Jr., 49, will be 1 p.m. Thursday in the Memphis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dennis Boylan officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

Survivors include two daughters, Cecelia Lopez of Los Banos, Calif., and Linda Lopez of Hereford; one son, Joe Lopez III of Nebraska; his parents, Jose S. and Mary Lopez; three sisters, Olga Garcia and Mary Gonzalez, both of Memphis, and Gloria Lomeli of Fresno, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

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NORMA MAE ROBINSON DENNIS
Feb. 13, 2000

BIG SPRING — Services for Norma Mae Robinson Dennis, 87, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Englewood Cemetery with Rev. Steve Martin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Englands Funeral Service.

Mrs. Dennis died Sunday in the Mountview Lodge Nursing Home in Big Spring.

She was born May 18, 1912, in Latexoco. She attended Shady Grove School and married Roy Robinson in Crockett in February 1931. They moved to Slaton in 1969. She attended the Westview Baptist Church and was a member of the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries.

Mr. Robinson preceded her in death in 1975. She moved to Crockett in 1976 and married Lee Dennis in 1977. He died in 1984. She has been a resident of Big Spring since 1993.

Survivors include her son, John Robinson, of Hereford; four sisters, Hazel Brandon and Maggie Nichols, both of Crockett, Myrtle Chambliss of Vidon and Tiny Mosser of Houston; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Big Spring.

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Pet obesity: no laughing matter

NEW YORK (AP) — The experts recommend more exercise, low-fat diets and fewer snacks. It can be tough medicine for doting pet owners, let alone for their overweight pets.

Fat cats may be celebrities in comic strips, but real-life obesity among America's cats — and dogs — is no joke. Veterinarians consider it the leading health problem, affecting an estimated 30 percent of cats and dogs.

"Our dogs and cats are eating themselves to death," warns Evan Kirk of the Brewer Animal Hospital in Springfield, Ill. "Their lifespan is short enough already, without making them even shorter by allowing obesity to occur."

To meet the threat, pet-food manufacturers offer diet products almost as diverse as those for humans. One company produces Norwegian kelp for dogs; others promote "holistic dog food" that combines grains, vegetables, fruits and herbal supplements.

Julie Churchill operates a weight-loss clinic at the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine.

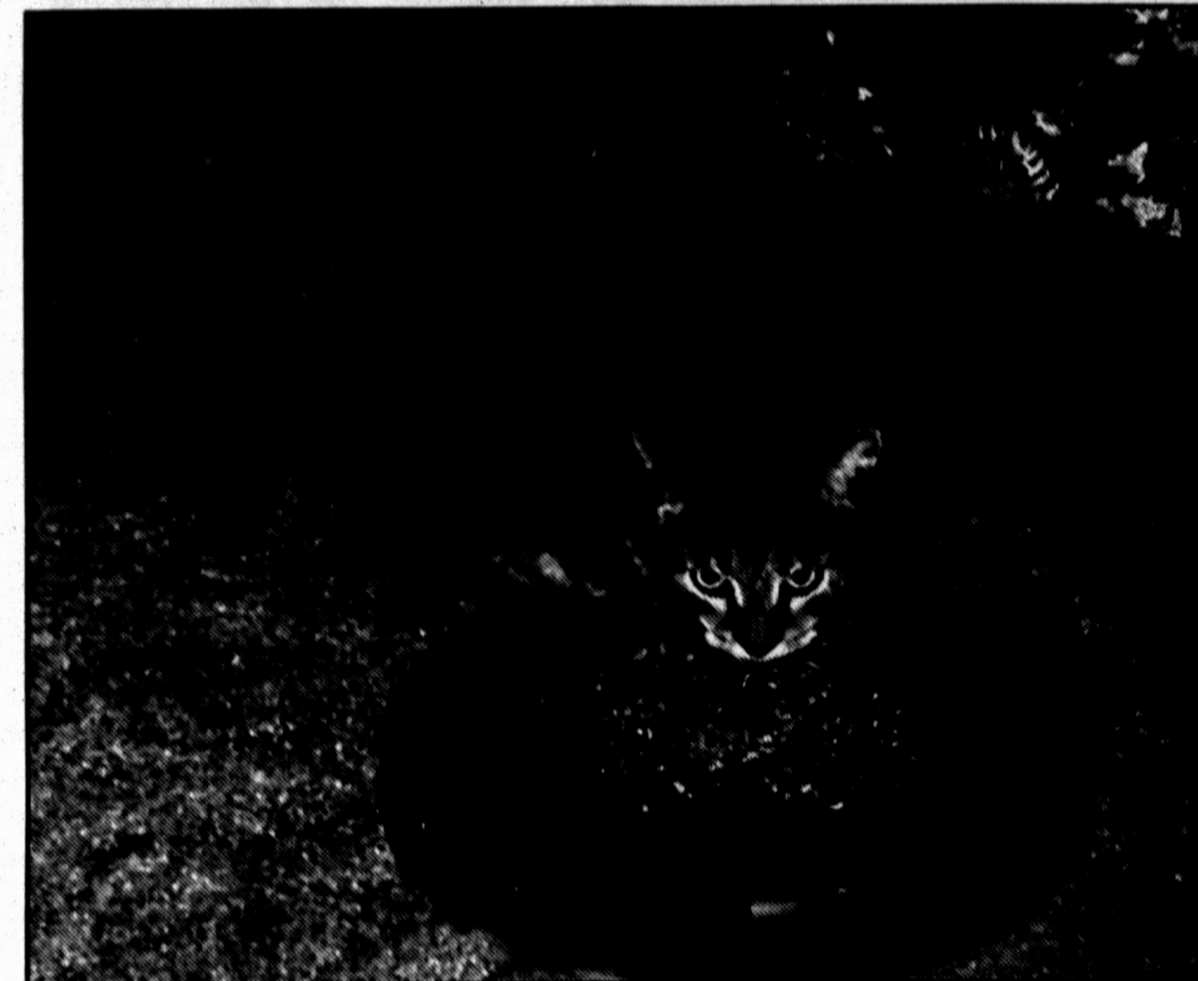
"The average American dog these days is a couch potato," she says. "Our mental concept of a healthy puppy is a roly-poly overweight puppy."

She advises owners to reduce the quantity and richness of treats they offer their pets.

Some cat owners seem blasé about their pet's waistline, according to a survey released last week by Ralston Purina, the pet food company.

Nearly half the 577 owners didn't know how to determine if their cat was too fat. About 40 percent of those who admitted owning a fat cat also said they were doing nothing about it.

Veterinarians say it's simple to recognize too much weight: Pets will



Fat and fatter — Sam, owned by Diana Thompson, is one of millions of overweight pets in desperate need of an exercise and diet regimen. Sam's buddy, Chopper is nearly as large. Both cats weigh more than 15 pounds and spend most of the day sitting in the window sill, hissing at birds and other animals in their yard.

have lost that hourglass waist, and it will be difficult to feel their ribs.

Kirk identifies overweight pets as "gluttons" who never seem to get enough and "easy keepers" who eat more moderately but have a slow metabolism.

Sedentary people tend to have sedentary pets, Kirk says, and owners who enjoy high-calorie diets tend to pamper their pets with high-calorie treats.

"Pets can have a lot of control over their owners," he says. "When people feed their pet, they see the response, and it makes them feel good."

New York City publicist Erica Fineberg says only one of her cats really needs to lose weight.

"He does get his exercise, though," Fineberg says of Jack, a 20-pound Mancoon. "My other

two cats chase him because he's always after their food."

In Gaithersburg, Md., Betty, a yellow Labrador, lost 15 pounds following a veterinarian's recommendation. Owner Bill Deller's regimen for Betty included daily two-mile runs and a switch from canned to dry dog food.

"She wouldn't eat it at first — she was looking for more," he says. "But it was either that or not eat."

Like overweight humans, obese pets are vulnerable to health problems: diabetes, arthritis, and skin, heart or urinary tract diseases. Especially prone to obesity are spayed pets, and those living in apartments.

"It's humanly impossible for most dog owners to exercise a dog the way they need to be," says Randy Klein, co-owner of a pet health-food store in New

York City. She adds that even regular pet food can keep a pet trim.

"It's not so much what people are feeding their pets as how," she says. "A lot of people are leaving food in their bowls all day."

Experts say pet obesity worsens as food gets tastier and busy owners grow lax. With dogs, exercise can be increased through longer or more frequent walks.

Cats are less likely to embrace such a program, but some enjoy strenuous play, and others can learn to walk on a leash.

"The earlier you start, the easier," says Churchill, who takes one of her cats on walks. "Trying to teach an old, obese cat to walk on a leash is pretty tricky."

Foundation pulls anti-smoking ads

NEW YORK (AP) — The organization behind the biggest U.S. anti-smoking campaign is going to be watched by critics and fans alike to see if it has lost its nerve after pulling two of its first four commercials amid complaints the ads went too far.

The American Legacy Foundation withdrew the ads to defuse a potentially distracting debate over whether the ads amounted to an improper personal attack on tobacco companies or were an arresting way to educate teens about the risks of smoking.

One of the pulled ads showed young people stacking "body bags" on the sidewalk outside a tobacco company building, while the other showed teens equipped with a lie detector trying to get into a tobacco company's offices to quiz sales executives about whether smoking was addictive.

The building was not specifically identified in either ad but the commercials were filmed inside and outside the Philip Morris Cos. headquarters in Manhattan.

Philip Morris, the world's biggest cigarette maker, and some state attorneys general cried foul and the CBS television network refused to run the two ads.

"It is obvious we pushed a number of buttons and we are going to keep pushing but-

tons," Cheryl Heaton, president and chief executive of the foundation, said Tuesday.

But she said the foundation's board voted Monday to withdraw the two ads temporarily after "concerns were raised from a variety of sectors." Addressing the controversy, she said, threatened to divert her from her main mission of reducing youth smoking.

The ads are part of a \$1.5 billion anti-smoking campaign being financed with proceeds from the industry's huge 1998 settlement with the states over claims for reimbursement for treating sick smokers.

The foundation was created to oversee the anti-smoking advertising and educational efforts, and last week it began running its first commercials developed by a team of agencies led by Arnold Communications of Boston.

The "Body Bag" ad ran on the USA network while "Lie Detector" ran on the cable channel Comedy Central. On Tuesday, Philip Morris said it was pleased the two ads had been withdrawn.

"Hopefully this is a one-time incident in which the tobacco companies demonstrate that they haven't really changed by threatening the foundation whenever it produces hard-hitting ads that put the tobacco industry in a bad light," said tobacco critic Mat-

thew Myers, head of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

He said the foundation's overall campaign is still hard-hitting but added the "critical point" will be to measure if the foundation continues in that direction.

The other two ads are parodies of soft drink and sneaker commercials, showing one of three product users being unexpectedly vaporized. The message: "Only one product actu-

ally kills a third of the people who use it. Tobacco." Other ads are expected to start running soon.

"It was not worth being distracted by one or two ads with others in the arsenal," Attorney General Christine Gregoire of Washington, who led the states in the negotiations with the tobacco industry and chairs the American Legacy Foundation, said through a spokesman.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 15, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of East Third and charged with Potter County theft warrants.

Incidents

— Theft of checks and forgery was reported in the 300 block of South Texas Avenue.

— An incident was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— An incident was reported in the 100 block of Elm.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 23-year-old man began serving time on a burglary of a vehicle conviction.

— A 21-year-old man began serving time on a possession of marijuana conviction.

— A 25-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with two counts of violation of probation, one count of escape, one count of aggravated assault on a public servant.

— A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driv-

ing while intoxicated conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 3:12 p.m. Firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at the Hereford Country Club.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Hereford Animal Control department has two female Chow-mix puppies, approximately six weeks old and one adult female terrier for adoption.

Animal control officers picked up an adult female German Shepherd mix in the 400 block of Avenue B.

Information on these animals may be obtained from the Hereford Animal Control officer at 363-7120.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-4-14-20-36

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-6-2

LIFESTYLES

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Valentine Royalty



Arless Stewart, Ray Stewart



Harlan Euler, Carolina Ortiz

Numerous kings, queens crowned

Dawn Baptist Church held its annual Valentine Banquet Saturday at K-Bob's Steak House with 27 in attendance. Highlight of the evening was crowning of Ray and Arless Stewart as king and queen. Ray is a deacon in the church and Arless is church secretary and pianist. Following the meal, Pastor Charles Ellingburg gave a program and presented each lady in attendance with a red rose. The fun part of the evening was the "dating game" questions and answers for husbands and wives. Winners of the game were Bill and Dori Wimberley.

King's Manor and Westgate Nursing Home selected Valentine kings and queens and held its annual Valentine Luncheon on Sunday with approximately 200 residents, family members and guests in attendance. King and queen for King's Manor were Tony Irlbeck and Verna Sowell. For Westgate, king was George Cantrell and queen was Juana Cuellar. Entertainment for the luncheon was provided by Janet Rector. Hereford Care Center crowned a Valentine king and queen during festivities Monday. Selected as royalty were king Harlan Euler and queen Carolina Ortiz.



Verna Sowell, Tony Irlbeck, George Cantrell, Juana Cuellar

Drivers needed for local patients

The Deaf Smith County chapter of the American Cancer Society is currently seeking drivers for its "Road to Recovery," which provides free transportation for local cancer patients. Volunteers will receive some training and can be reimbursed for their mileage. Information for cancer patients needing transportation or anyone interested in volunteering is available by calling 364-7200.

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Russell and Natalie Sanderson are proud to announce the arrival of their son, **Ryan Andrew**, born February 14, 2000, 7lb. 5oz.
 The proud grandparents are: Mark & Lynn Andrews of Hereford, Doug Sanderson of Hereford, and Bud & Becky Smith of Amarillo.

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CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you will help me express my gratitude to someone I will never be able to track down. Here's what hap-

pened: Last July, my 65-year-old father was outside doing his daily run. It was an unusually hot day, and he felt a little sick, so he stopped to rest in the shade of a tree. A passerby asked if he needed help, but my father said, "No," figuring he'd be able to make it home on his own. A few minutes later, another person stopped. Even though Dad gave him the same answer, the man realized something was seriously wrong, and called 911. That stranger saved my father's life. In addition to heatstroke, Dad had suffered a heart attack. He spent five days in the hospital.

Ann, my father is a stubborn man. If that passerby had not insisted on calling 911, Dad would not be here today. I cannot thank him enough for getting involved and helping a stranger when it would have been easier to walk away. Now, my father has many years left to enjoy his grandchildren. Please remind your readers to be good Samaritans when they see the need. A life could depend on it. — Daddy's Girl

Dear Girl: I never cease to be amazed at the number of good Samaritans out there. "I am my brother's keeper" are

words we should all remember. An unexpected act of kindness is contagious. It makes us want to pass it on. Thanks for the reminder.

Dear Ann Landers: I was pleased to see the letter from Secretary Togo West of Veterans Affairs, explaining that ALL war widows and certain veterans' widows are now entitled to receive monthly Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits as long as they are again single, following a remarriage. Widows of World War II, Korea and Vietnam who later remarried are now elderly and becoming re-widowed in ever-increasing numbers. (Yes, some Vietnam widows are elderly.) This new benefit is a reminder that the price of freedom has not been fully paid.

World War II and Korean War widows might not be familiar with the DIC program referred to in Secretary West's letter. They were widowed before the more generous DIC program replaced their meager "death compensation" program. All war, active-duty, or VA service-connected disability widows should call the VA's toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000 to inquire about DIC eligibility. — Margaret Murphy Peterson, Gold Star Wives of America, National Legislative Director, Remsen, N.Y.

Dear Margaret Murphy Peterson: Thanks for the valuable information. And to those readers who found it "boring," I say printing it was the least I could do for the widows of the men who did so much for all of us.

Dear Santa Clara: Did you say six months out of the year? That is half your life for the last 10 years, Dear. Whatever the "extra fussing" is, quit doing it. Tell your husband you need to hire help when your mother-in-law is there. I urge you to pay attention to what I am saying, or she could outlive you.

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Being questioned — David D. McKnight Jr., left, as Stanley Bumiller is questioned by Sheriff Givens, portrayed by Raymond Girard, in Amarillo Little Theatre's Touring Production of "Great Tuna." The two-man show is being brought to Hereford by Hereford Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium. The production is included in the regular season for members of Community Concert Association, but it is also open to the public. Tickets are \$8 and will be available at the door.

Nominations being accepted for Distinguished Service Award

The Amarillo Women's Forum is seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Awards.

The purpose of the award is to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill. The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by these women that pave the way for others to follow.

Since 1976, 200 awardees from 26 communities within the Panhandle have been selected from the arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism and other fields.

Women from Hereford in-

cluded in this distinguished group are Argen Draper, Pet Ott, Sherry Hoover, Violet Reinauer, Margaret Bell, Ann Brown, Eloise McDougal and Leta Kaul.

Nominees must be Texas women who are legal residents of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and have not previously received this award. The forum encourages people to re-nominate women who were nominated in previous years.

Winners of the Distinguished Service Award will be chosen on the basis of an individual's significant impact on the Panhandle of Texas through their local communities. An anonymous panel of judges representing the Panhandle will select

recipients on the basis of their lasting contributions and achievements.

The deadline for nominations is March 15. Presentations of the Distinguished Service Awards will be made during a luncheon on May 6 at the Ambassador Hotel.

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• George Washington never lived in the White House.

• Abraham Lincoln was the very first American President ever to grow a beard.

Support group meets Thursday

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.

At this week's gathering the group will review and reflect on "Newsweek's" (Jan. 31, 2000) feature article entitled, "Alzheimer's." The article explores

the latest in scientific research as well as suggestions on caring for loved ones.

One very telling statistic is that while there are presently some 4 million Americans afflicted with Alzheimer's, estimates are that by the end of the decade that number will grow to 6 million, and by mid-century it will mushroom to 14 million.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, **The 36-Hour Day: A**

Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club and the Fellowship of Believers Church, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

Winget gives study club program

Wayne Winget gave the program at the February meeting of Hereford Study Club in the home of Virginia Winget.

Winget discussed Toastmasters, describing the purpose of the club and the responsibilities of its officers. To demonstrate

what table topic speakers do at a Toastmasters meeting, he gave several of the study club members fortune cookies and asked them to explain the meaning or give a response to their fortune.

Betty Martin, president, pre-

sided at the business meeting where there was discussion about giving clothes and household items to the Women's and Children's Crisis Center.

Dessert and coffee were served to 11 members by Virginia Winget.

Citywide worship service is set at St. Thomas Episcopal

Members of several local churches are joining together for worship and prayer this Sunday at 6 p.m. in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The service will feature a contemporary worship band from Amarillo led by Tom Norman.

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District 3-4A Champs!

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■ Herd polishes off Palo Duro Dons, 53-42 to claim first outright district championship since 1977, and an unblemished 10-0 district record

By Paul Mason

Special to the Hereford Brand

It was a roundball war and the Hereford Whitefaces had all the right weapons after they claimed the first outright district championship since the 1976-77 season by beating Palo Duro 53-42 Tuesday night before about 1,500 fans at the Whiteface gym.

For Hereford, it was also a monumental show of resolve, nearly an identical replay of the first meeting with the Dons, which the Herd won by a similar score of 53-42. And from the opening tip-off, the game was played with same intensity as before — rough and tumble, fast and furious.

The game was so intense, in fact, that no one seemed to have a clear consensus about whether a last-second shot by Cody Hodges at the buzzer was counted, or not, but head coach Randy Dean confirmed Wednesday morning that the Hereford game book reflected the bucket was good. "Palo Duro is always a war," commented Slade Hodges. "We knew we had to come out and play hard defense. Defense wins championships."

The Herd was never behind or tied in the game. The quarter break scores were 15-11, 21-14, 34-23. Palo Duro made several charges at the Whitefaces, and got as close as 15-13 in the second quarter. But Slade Hodges fired the



Looking — HHS post Tim Dudley

crowd up with an NBA 3-pointer followed by a bucket by Steven Northern to widen the gap to 20-13. With 48 seconds left in the game Palo Duro made another charge, closing the margin to 44-37, but Cody Hodges put the game away with four

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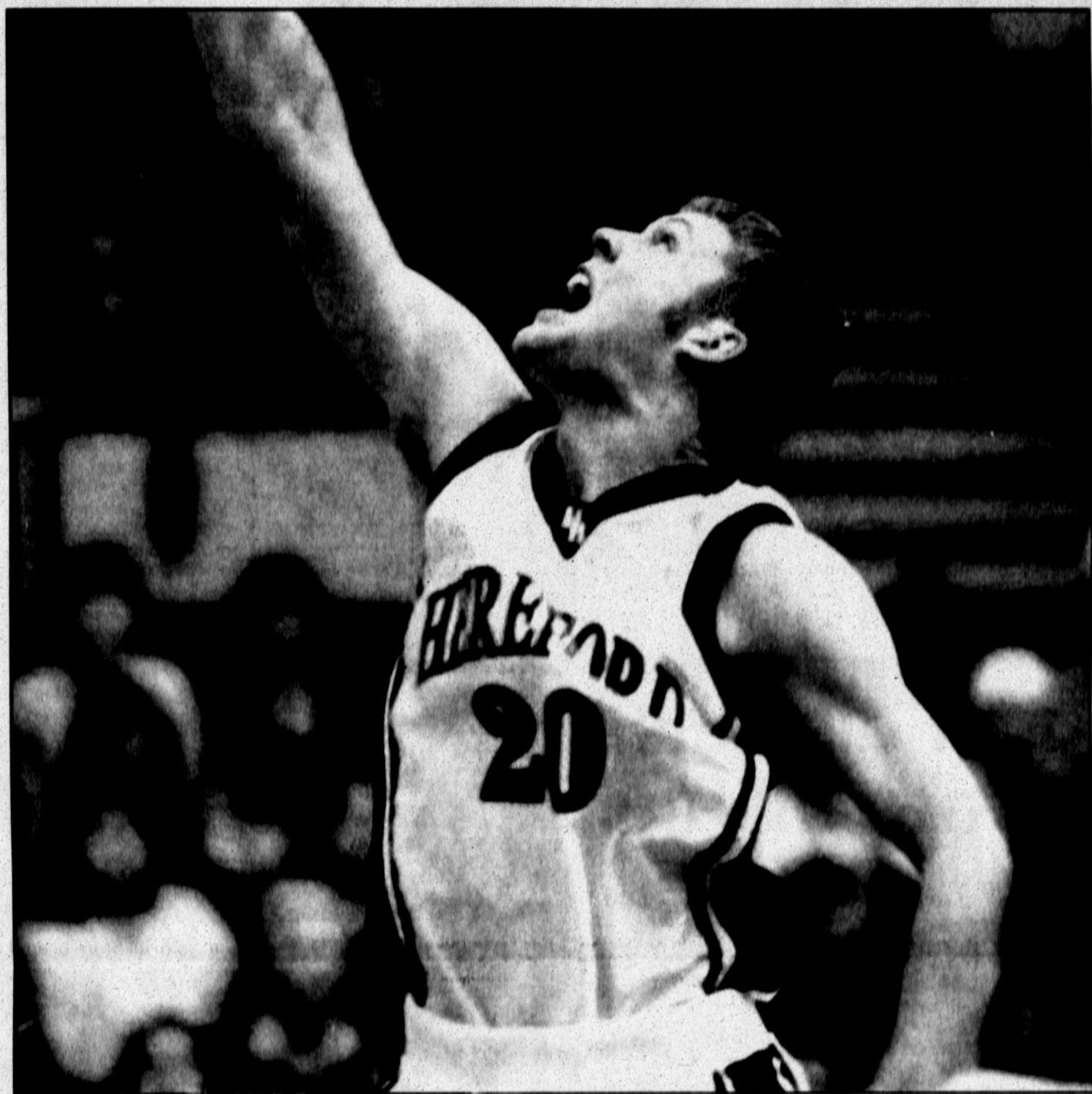
— SLADE HODGES
Junior HHS forward/guard

free throws and a basket at the buzzer.

"This was a tremendous effort," said Coach Randy Dean. "We knew that Palo Duro was the defending district champions and they weren't going to be defeated easily." To say the game was physical would be an understatement.

Cody Marsh suffered a busted lip, Slade Hodges may have received a concussion, and in what was the scariest play of the night, Cody Hodges was undercut after a basket at 3:40

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In there — Hereford's Eric McNutt drops in a layup during the second quarter of Tuesday night's physical district 3-4A finale against the Palo Duro Dons. Hereford's win capped a perfect sweep through this year's field.

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Wilson named new Dimmitt High coach

Wade Wilson has been hired as the new head football coach for the Dimmitt schools it was announced Monday.

Wilson's wife, formerly Michelle Hughes, is the daughter of Bob and Marcy Hughes of Hereford.

Wilson has served two years as the head football coach at Barnsdall, Okla., a small town located north of Tulsa.

He graduated from Candian High School in 1987. He obtained his bachelor's degree with a major in speech from

Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 1997, where he also played football as a quarterback.

Wilson later earned his teaching certificate in secondary English and speech from West Texas A&M University.

He taught and coached at Rockport, and also had coaching stints in Sadler and Clarendon prior to accepting the head coaching position in Barnsdall.

The Wilsons have two sons, Kaul, 4, and Quinn, 18 months.



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DISTRICT CHAMPS



Freshmen cap 12-game win streak

The Hereford High School ninth grade B-team, coached by Robert Castillo, recently claimed the district championship after the Herd defeated Pampa 58-47 in the semifinals and then overtook Valleyview 53-41 in the finals. The victories not only improved the squad's season record to 13-3 and to 11-1 in league play, but also capped a 12-game winning streak. Members of this year's team include: (front row left) Armando Torres (50), Glen Castro (20), Jessi Sanchez (32) and Jose Rivera (44); and (back row left) Coach Robert Castillo, Jesse Rangel (14), Raul Delgado (40), Isaias Olmos (52), Raymond Carrillo (24) and Chris Ruckman (12).

School districts consider UIL suit

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The Harlingen and San Benito school districts are considering legal action against the UIL for its recent realignment which has both districts competing against Corpus Christi schools.

During special board meetings Tuesday night, the districts voted to hire Austin lawyer William C. Bednar to represent them in any possible legal action.

The University Interscholastic League realignment earlier this month sent the Harlingen and San Benito school districts to District 29-5A, where they will compete with five Corpus Christi schools.

Last week, both districts voted to appeal the UIL's realignment. They asked to be accepted into the Valley districts, which are now 31-5A and 32-5A.

But Harlingen and San Benito were voted down Friday from joining 31-5A at a superintendents' meeting. The vote preceded another vote by the Corpus schools that Harlingen, Harlingen South and San Benito would be released in all sports but football.

The UIL appeals hearing in Austin is scheduled for next week.

In earlier action, the JV team lost to the Dons by a score of 55-36.

Trailing only 7-6 at the first quarter and 23-21 at the half, they could only muster 15 points in the final half while the Dons score 32. Geoffrey Marquez led the JV team in scoring with 12 points followed by James Stow with 11. The JV Dons were led by Micheal Clayton and Deveon Asberry, both with eight.

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in the fourth quarter in a no-call.

"It was a rough game and we knew in would be a fight to the end," said Cody Marsh as he held an ice pack to his mouth.

The Herd finished the regular season at 19-10, 10-0 in district.

The Whitefaces, which receive a playoff bye as the district's top seed, will have 10-days off to recuperate from the very physical regular season finale. By press time today, the Herd's next opponent and venue for the squad's continued playoff quest was not known.

Cody Hodges led all scorers with 25 points while his brother Slade notched 12 and Eric McNutt had nine. For Palo Duro, Cornelius Jones and Phillip Wilson each had 13 to lead the Dons. The Dons finish second in district with an 8-2 record and are 23-7 on the season.

P	-	11	14	22	42
H	-	18	21	34	63

Palo Duro (23-7, 8-2): Tony Britton 0-0-0, Cornelius Jones 3-4-13, Steve Chaves 0-0-0, Ellis Jennings 0-4-4, Rodolfo Mireles 0-0-0, Devin Johnson 0-0-0, Kenneth Brown 2-0-4, Bree Brooks 1-2-4, Will Greene 2-0-4, Phillip Wilson 5-3-13. Totals: 13-13-42.

Hereford (20-10, 10-0): Slade Hodges 5-1-12, Tim Dudley 0-2-2, Eric McNutt 4-1-9, Cody Hodges 8-8-10, Cody Marsh 1-1-3, Chayse Reeves 0-0-0, Steven Northern 1-0-1-2. Totals: 19-13-21-53.

Three-Pointers: Palo Duro 3 (Jones 3), Hereford 2 (S. Hodges 1, C. Hodges 1). Total Fouls: Palo Duro 21, Hereford 17. Fouled Out — none.

Friends, family, to pay respects to Tom Landry

Private and public memorial services set for Thursday

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The private Tom Landry and the public Tom Landry were two very different people. Fittingly, two different memorial services will be held to remember the former Dallas Cowboys coach.

Landry will be laid to rest in a private burial Thursday morning. At noon, a memorial ceremony is planned for family and friends at Highland Park United Methodist Church, where Landry was a member for 43 years.

At 4 p.m., a tribute co-hosted by Landry's former players and the city of Dallas will take place at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

Both events are likely to be standing room only.

The church holds 800 and will have a live audio and video feed provided in a chapel. The Meyerson holds about 2,100, but a basement reception area and the lobby can hold another 650, said Margie Reese, director of the city's office of cultural affairs.

Another private gathering of players and coaches was to be held tonight. The location was not disclosed.

Landry died Saturday of leukemia, which he'd been fight-

ing for nine months. He was 75.

Ministers Mark Craig and Kenneth M. Dickson will lead the church service. The order of worship includes several scripture readings, hymns and other prayers in memory of a man who considered faith the most important aspect of his life. Landry often said his priorities were God, family and football — in that order.

But the football side is what made Landry so famous, and so beloved.

For 29 years, the man roaming the sideline in a fedora hat was "the only coach the Cowboys ever had." He guided Dallas to 270 victories, third-most in NFL history, and five Super Bowls. His teams won two world championships and the

nickname "America's Team."

Speakers for the public service include Pro Football Hall of Famers Bob Lilly, Roger Staubach and Sam Huff, former Cowboys player and assistant coach Dan Reeves and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Other speakers include Tex Schramm, the general manager who hired Landry and was with him for all 29 seasons; Ann Murchison, the widow of Cowboys founder Clint Murchison Jr.; and former Cowboys Don Perkins and Rayfield Wright.

Tommy Loy, whose one-man rendition of the national anthem opened Cowboys home games during the Landry era, will perform, as will the Dallas Baptist University Chorale and the Dallas Children's Chorus.

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Diner opens — Ribbon cutting for J.J.'s Diner, 426 N. Main, was conducted Monday by Hereford Hustlers. Owners Jose and Joy Morales and their employees, Kathy Rincon, Emma Wharten, Yolanda Casias and Cynthia Enriquez, were joined by friends, family and Hustlers for the event. The diner is open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

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Workshops to give ranch comparisons

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AMARILLO — Most ranchers, given the chance, want to compare their operations to other ranches, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

On March 23-24, the Beef Cattle Standardized Performance Analysis Workshop slated at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center will be the first of six opportunities open to Texas ranch operators to evaluate their financial and production strengths and weaknesses. Other SPA events are scheduled around the state through June.

The workshops are limited to 15 ranches with a March 1 registration deadline for Amarillo. Cost of the program is \$150. For operations repeating the course, there is a discounted fee of \$100, which includes the cost of all software, educational materials and meals.

Each ranch will be set up with a personal SPA technician to identify ways to improve production and reduce costs. The data needed for the analysis will include details on the 1999 calf crop. All information will be kept confidential.

Information outlined in a SPA workshop will enable ranches to compare their performance to that in other years, and to other producers, regions, or production systems. The program is intended to be a yearly analysis tool and was developed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

To register for the Amarillo workshop, contact Amosson at the Amarillo Center, (806) 359-5401, or any county Extension agent in the Northern High Plains area.

For details on other SPA events scheduled elsewhere, contact Dr. Jim McGrann, Extension Agricultural Economist, Texas A&M University, College Station (409) 845-

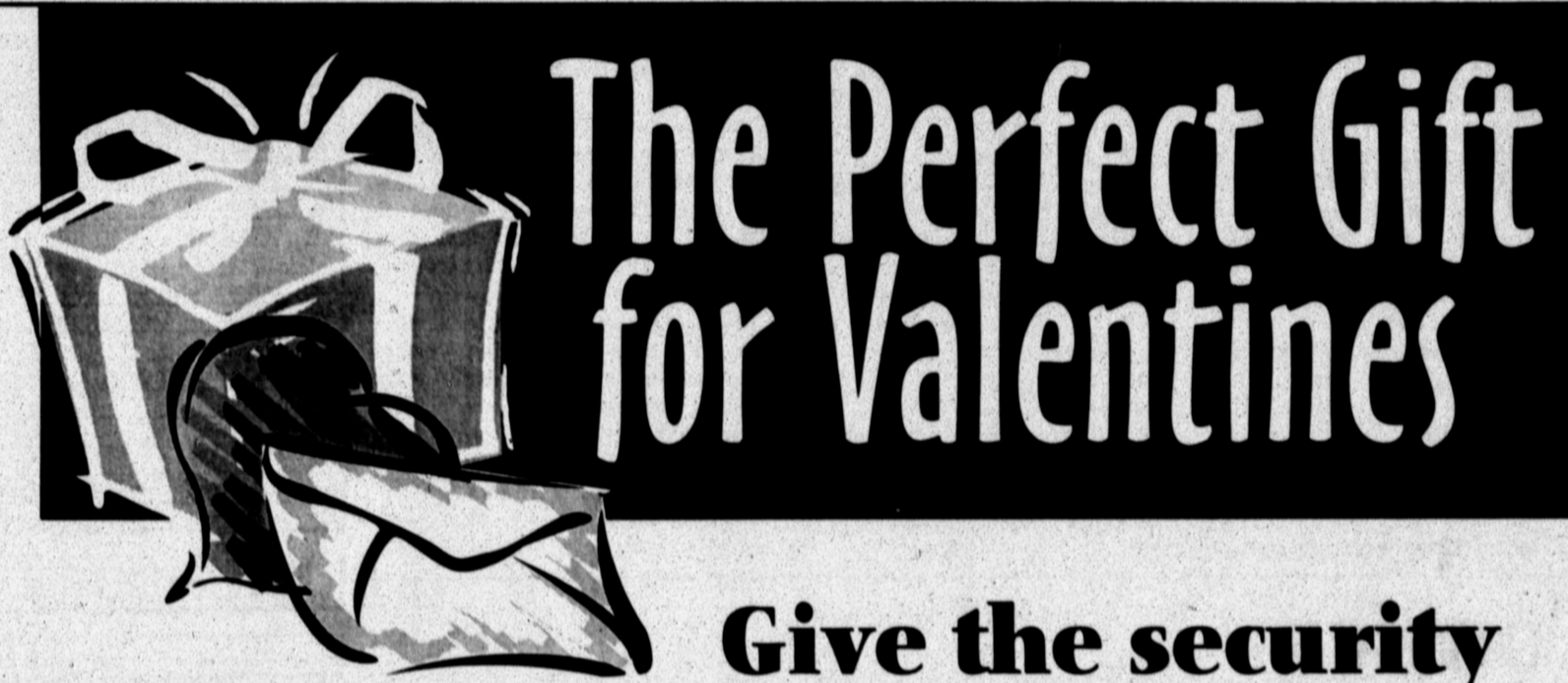
Post reporter wins Broun award

WASHINGTON (AP) — A series of stories about rapes and physical abuses of retarded people has won Katherine Boo of *The Washington Post* the 1999 Heywood Broun Award for distinguished journalism.

Special commendations were awarded to Ellen E. Schultze of *The Wall Street Journal* for coverage of the push to "modernize" pension plans and to

Jason DeParle of *The New York Times* for his stories about the welfare-to-work movement.

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And the winners are ... the studios

Some highly acclaimed films are big losers

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The nominations are out and the 40-day countdown to the Oscar ceremony has begun. Already, though, winners and losers are apparent.

The victors in Tuesday's nomination process were "American Beauty," "The Cider House Rules," "The Green Mile," "The Insider" and "The Sixth Sense" — all poised to cash in on the ubiquitous advertising phrase: "Nominated for Best Picture."

The losers are acclaimed films that had been among the frontrunners but failed to grab armfuls of nominations, including "The Hurricane," which took only one nod, for lead actor Denzel Washington.

Studios now will gear up to make hay on two fronts: Marketing their Oscar success to lure new viewers to their movies and selling Academy voters on the notion that their films are the most deserving of the coveted statuettes come March 26.

Disney, whose films include "The Sixth Sense" and "The Insider," led all studios with 17 nominations. The Disney-owned independent distributor, Miramax, was second with 14.

The two best-picture nomi-



Among the winners when the Oscar nominations were announced were (clockwise from top left) "The Hurricane," "American Beauty" and "Sixth Sense."

"It's a really satisfying movie that never has had huge heat on it," Gill said. "It's always been this gentle discovery of a film as opposed to one where people think you must go see this now. Now all of a sudden the nominations hopefully will give audiences an urgency to see it."

"American Beauty" led all contenders with eight nominations, including nods for lead actors Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening and director Sam Mendes. "Cider House" and "The Insider" had seven each, and "The Sixth Sense" received six.

The U.S. theater count has dwindled to a handful for "American Beauty" since its debut last September, but its awards success has prompted distributor DreamWorks to re-release it to 1,200 cinemas Friday. The modestly budgeted movie stands to add millions to the \$75 million it already has grossed.

The Oscar race could shape up into a replay of last year's slugfest between Miramax with "Shakespeare in Love" and DreamWorks with "Saving Private Ryan." Like last year, DreamWorks heads into awards season with the generally acknowledged

frontrunner in "American Beauty."

Miramax' aggressive marketing, though, helped "Shakespeare" win best picture last year over "Saving Private Ryan." This year's battle to woo Academy voters promises to be equally fierce among DreamWorks, Miramax and studios for the other nominees.

Besides "The Hurricane,"

another notable Oscar disappointment was "Man on the Moon," which was shut out entirely. Star Jim Carrey was overlooked again after last year's Oscar snub for "The Truman Show."

In addition to Spacey and Washington, the other best-actor nominees were Russell Crowe for "The Insider," Richard Farnsworth for "The Straight Story" and Sean Penn

for "Sweet and Lowdown."

Besides Bening, the other best-actress category included Janet McTeer in "Tumbleweeds," Julianne Moore in "The End of the Affair," Meryl Streep in "Music of the Heart" and Hilary Swank in "Boys Don't Cry."

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Television

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 16

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	Championship Ballroom Dancing	Norman Rockwell: Painting America	Charlie Rose	NewsHour						
Boos?	Boos?	Movie: Lean on Me (1989) Morgan Freeman. **½	Higher Ground	700 Club	Boos?					
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	West Wing	Law & Order	News	(3:5) Tonight Show				
Movie: Up, Up and Away		Backstreet Boys	(3:5) Movie: Wish Upon a Star ** PG	Smart Guy	GrowPains	Mannheim				
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	(:05) WCV Thunder	(:05) WCV Thunder	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW				
News	Fortune	Two Guys	Norm	Drew Carey	Spin City	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	City of Angels	Movie: Sally Hemings: An American Scandal (2000)	News	(3:5) Late Show					
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	JonBenet Ramsey Story	Mad	M*A*S*H	Fraser	Cops	Real TV		
College Basketball	Georgia Tech at Maryland	College Basketball	Florida State at Duke	Sportscenter	60 Greatest					
Movie: Hntd. Hneyrn	Movie: Palmetto	Woody Harrison. ** R		N's Black Entertainment	Lindo-Burnett					
Movie: Karate Kid III	Real Sports	Sopranos	Oz	Movie: Titanic	Leonardo DiCaprio. PG-13					
(5:15) Movie: Cleopatra	Movie: I Still Know What You Did	(:45) Movie: Sunset Heat	Michael Pare. ** R	Hot Line	Movie: Journey					
Movie: The Big Leaguer	Personal Journey With Martin Scorsese	Movie: Wild Boy-Road	(:45) Movie: Hell's Highway (1932) **½	Journey						
Matt Houston	Dead Man's Gun	18 Wheels of Justice	Magnificent Seven	Matt Houston	Basmasr.					
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Three Minutes to Impact	Three Minutes to Impact	On the Inside	Impact					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Full Circle (1996)	Teri Polo, Corbin Bernsen.	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Dealing				
Sports	Last Word	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey	Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars	FOX Sports News					
ER	Movie: Steel (1997)	Shawnee O'Neal, Annabeth Gish. **	Whatever Happened	Movie: Steel (1997)	Shawnee O'Neal. **					
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Rocket	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Happy Days
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Masterminds (1997)	Patrick Stewart. **½	Walker, Texas Ranger	Stalkings					
Sonadoras	Nunca Te Ovidares	Tres Mujeres	7A Que No Te Atrevas?	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	Italian-American	World War II in Color	Big Rip of Combat	Italian						
Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Tales-Crypt	Into Pitch Black	Fri. the 13th	
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Falling Down (1993)	Michael Douglas. **½	News	MacGyver	Heat				

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 17

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
Kids	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Boos?	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Wiggles	Storyline	
Today				Later Today	Leza	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives		
Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rolie Polie	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rollie Polie
Fam. Mat.	OHWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock				
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View					
Early Show				Dr. Joy Browne	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis		
Sportscenter				Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Inside PGA		
(6:35) Movie: **½	The Gelsa Boy	(:20) Movie: The Ruby Ring	(:05) Movie: Immediate Family	PG-13	Movie: A Matter of Time					
(:15) Movie: Uncommon Valor	Gene Hackman. **½ R	Movie: Nobody's Fool	Paul Newman. **½ R	Movie: King Cobra	Pat Morita. ** PG-13					
Movie: Secret	Movie: The Finger Points (1931) **	Movie: The Girl of the Golden West (1938)	Nelson Eddy. **½	Movie: Anne-Gables						
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazzard	Bloopers-Jokes	Cagney & Lacey	Aleena'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	Chicago Hope	Party of Five	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Golf	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source	
CHIPS				Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Fearless (1993)	Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rossellini. ***			
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin
Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stagey	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy
(6:00) Despierta America				Maite	Girasoles Para Lucia	Enamorada	Infierno-Par			
Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Great Train	Weapons at War	Arms			
Monster	Beakman's	Incredible Hulk	Sightings	DarkShad	DarkShad	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z.			
Charles	Parent	Wayans	Fam. Mat.	Knight Rider	Matlock	Hawaii Five-0				

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Alexander	Jenkins	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
Life-Louie	Donkey	3 Friends	Kids	Angela	Allen	Big Wolf	Adams	Two-Kind	Partridge	Partridge
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie		Maurly		Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News		
Madeline	Mermald	Ducktales	Timon	Aladdin	Brotherly	Bug Juice	Torkelsons	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
Hunter	Movie: Apache (1954)	Burt Lancaster, Jean Peters. ***	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne		
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rose O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Magic Bus	Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under	
Sr. PGA	24 Hours of Daytona Highlights	NASCAR Craftsman Truck	Winter X-Games	Up Close	Sportscenter					
Movie: A Matter of Time	(:35) Movie: The Kid With X-Ray Eyes	(:15) Movie: The Gelsa Boy	Jerry Lewis. **½	Movie: Immediate Family						
(:12:00) Movie: Her Alibi	(:45) Movie: 4 Little Girls (1997) **½ R	America	Movie: Tarzan and the Lost City ** PG	Movie:						
(:48) Movie: Cobb (1994)	Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Wuhl. **½ R	Movie: The Distinguished Gentleman	Eddie Murphy. R	Movie: 1941 (1979)	PG					
Movie: Anne	Movie: The Secret Heart (1946)	Jane Alynson. **½	Movie: The Journey (1959)	Yul Brynner, Deborah Kerr. ***	Movie:					
Waltons	Dukes of Hazzard	McCoy's	Alice	Waltons	Cagney & Lacey					
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				
(:12:00) Movie: **½	People Like Us (1990)	Connie Sellecca, Ben Gazzara.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
Source	Rugby Six Nations: England vs. Ireland	Snow	Fame	Slide	High Octane	Sports	NBA Action			
Movie: Kung Fu: Legend	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	In the Heat of the Night						
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	Double Dare	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog
Boston	Movie: For Love or Money (1993)	Michael J. Fox. **	PGA Golf Nissan Open - First Round	Baywatch						
Infierno-Par	Cosas del Amor	Gordo	El Biabiazio	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
Arms	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Great Train	Weapons at War	Arms in Action			
Twilight Z.	Lost in Space	Quantum Leap	Star Trek	Hercules-Jrns.	Sliders					
News	MacGyver	Caroline	Bzz!	Cooby Show	Full House	Cooby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

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	Life of Birds	Wild Islands	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	NewsHour					
Boos?	Boos?	Movie: The Lake (1998)	Yasmine Bleeth, Marion Ross.	Rusty Rudy The Coolest	700 Club	Boos?				
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Fraser	Stark	ER	News	(3:5) Tonight Show			
Movie: Horse Sense	Joey Lawrence.	Britney Spears-Joey McIntyre	(8:55) Movie: The Color of Friendship	Smart Guy	Zorro					
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(:05) Movie: Cobra (1986)	Sylvester Stallone. *	(:15) Movie: The Quick and the Dead (1995)	Sharon Stone. **½					
News	Fortune	Whose? Whose?	Be a Millionaire	20/20	Downtown	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Chicago Hope	48 Hours	News	(3:5) Late Show				
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Independence Day (1996)	Will Smith, Bill Pullman. ***	Fraser	Cops	Real TV				
College Basketball	Illinois at Minnesota	College Basketball	Cincinnati at Houston	Sportscenter	Henry Aaron					
Movie: Immediate Family	Movie: Whatever (1998)	Liza Weil, Chad Morgan. R	Movie: Very Bad Things	Christian Slater. (4:5) Linc's						
Movie: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan	Movie: Mercy	Ellen Barkin. R	Hanging Up	Sex Bytes	Sex Bytes	Movie: Alien				
(5:00) Movie: 1941 (1979)	Movie: Saving Private Ryan (1998)	Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. **** R	Movie: The Adventures of Ford Fairlane							
Movie: A Letter for Evie	(:15) Movie: Colorado Territory (1949) ***	Movie: The Great Dictator (1940) ***½								
Matt Houston	Movie: Rising Son (1990)	Brian Dennehy. ***	Life and Times of...	Matt Houston	In-Fish					
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Raging Planet	Mysteries-Unexplained	On the Inside	Planet					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	Inside Story	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Cries of Silence (1997)	Kathleen York. **	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Dealing				
Sports	Last Word	Boxing Fight Time - Calvin Lampkin vs. Pasa Wolfgang	Sports	College Basketball	Southern California at Arizona					
ER										
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Happy Days
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: School Ties (1992)	Bradley Fraser. ***	Walker, Texas Ranger	Stalkings					
Sonadoras	Nunca Te Ovidares	Tree Mujeres	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	Hitler's Secret Diaries	World War II in Color	Spy Technology	Secrets of World War II	Hitlers					
Movie: Leviathan (1989)	Peter Weiler. **½	Movie: Lost in the Bermuda Triangle (1999)	Movie: Leviathan (1989) **½							
Full House	Caroline	Movie: The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **½	News	MacGyver	Heat					

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CAMPAIGN 2000

CLASH IN CAROLINA: McCain, Bush slug it out over campaign finance, mudslinging

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Republican presidential rivals Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain fought over campaign financing and the tenor of their nomination contest in a testy debate, with Bush warning that some of McCain's charges are "as low a blow as you can give" in GOP politics.

McCain offered a stern lecture of his own and demanded that Bush apologize for an event at which McCain's commitment to veterans was questioned by a Bush backer. "You should be ashamed," McCain said.

Days before the South Carolina primary adds definition to the fight for the GOP presidential nomination, Bush and McCain brought their differences of opinion before a national audience for a 90-minute debate in which they were joined by rival Alan Keyes.

McCain has sought to make the tenor of the campaign an issue by pulling all of his negative ads and promising a positive campaign.

But the Texas governor, seated a few feet away, waved a printed flier that attacked Bush over Social Security, a copy of which he said turned



Republican presidential candidates Arizona Sen. John McCain (left) and Texas Gov. George W. Bush (right) engage in testy debate Tuesday night while another GOP hopeful, Alan Keyes, watches.

up Monday on a car windshield.

"That is not by my campaign," said McCain.

"It says paid for by John McCain," came the instant rejoinder from Bush. In post-debate comments, McCain conceded that Bush may well have been right.

Polls show Bush and McCain locked in a competitive race and the debate, broadcast by CNN, was the biggest opportunity the rivals had to make their case before

Saturday's primary.

They took advantage with relish, lashing at each other repeatedly and drawing scorn from the lesser-known Keyes, who repeatedly tried to inject himself into the debate by accusing the others of dodging issues. At one point, he suggested the debate was like a mud fight.

"I really am sitting here wondering, is this the kind of pointless squabbling we really want them to see," he said of the worldwide audience.

One of the debate's harsher moments came when McCain, a former prisoner of war, lectured Bush about a supporter who questioned McCain's commitment to veterans' issues.

"I don't know if you can understand this George, but that really hurts," said McCain, a former Navy pilot. "That really hurts."

Bush said he shouldn't be held responsible for what his backers say.

"I believe you have served your country nobly," Bush replied, adding there was a reason for his attacks. "I kind of smiled my way through the early primaries and kind of got defined and I am not going to let that happen again."

Bush pointed to earlier charges by McCain that compared Bush to President Clinton, and had a lecture of his own.

"Don't equate my integrity

and trustworthiness to Bill Clinton," said Bush. "That's about as low a blow as you can give in a Republican primary."

Polls show a very close race between the two rivals in South Carolina, leaving little doubt about the reasons behind the heated exchanges.

There were plenty of other differences, too, including over abortion and campaign finances.

Bush touted a plan unveiled earlier Tuesday to overhaul campaign financing, arguing he's long been focused on McCain's centerpiece issue, McCain derided it as riddled with loopholes.

McCain also was picking up an endorsement today from Bill Jones, the California secretary of state who had endorsed Bush last year but has decided to switch to McCain. Jones was expected to stress the Arizona senator's commitment to campaign finance changes.

McCain also accused Bush of supporting a Republican Party platform that calls for an outright ban on abortion. Bush said he supports the platform, but would permit abor-

tions in cases of rape, incest or when the woman's life would be endangered.

Keyes sought to tag McCain for suggesting he would support a hypothetical decision by his daughter to have an abortion.

"How on earth would you represent a party that would take away from every other American woman what you would give your daughter?" Keyes asked, drawing a stern retort from McCain.

"I've seen enough killing in my life, a lot more than you, and I know how precious human life is," McCain said. "Do not bring my daughter into it."

Bush refused to answer a similar question about one of his daughters.

Bush and McCain also traded barbs over tax cuts, an area where McCain argues that Bush would fritter away the budget surplus with an overly generous proposal. Bush rejects that, arguing that he simply wants to give money back to the people instead of leaving it with Washington bureaucrats.

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Front-runners walk fine line in debate



Walter R. Mears
The Associated Press

"I'm not going to let it happen again."

He also got beaten, soundly, in New Hampshire, where McCain won the primary by 18 points and

denied the Texas governor's front-runner status. Bush won in Iowa and Delaware; McCain bypassed both states.

Bush repeated his complaint at a McCain ad that accused him of twisting the truth like President Clinton, a comparison he called "about as low a blow as you can give in a Republican primary."

McCain said Bush "really went over the line" by letting an ally accuse him of abandoning veterans. "You're putting out stuff that's unbelievable, George, and it's got to stop," he said.

"This is probably the nastiest campaign that people have seen in a long time. But look, I'm enjoying it, this is a great and exhilarating experience."

■ Arizona Sen. John McCain, during GOP presidential debate Tuesday night in Columbia, S.C.

untrustworthy."

So it went, alternating between words of outrage and of agreement on issues. They squabbled about abortion, on which they basically agree, with Keyes the absolutist denouncing them both for favoring exceptions to the ban they both advocate. They argued taxes, as they have before, Bush saying he wants to send more money back to taxpayers, McCain urging a smaller tax cut, with more funds to be used for Social Security and debt reduction.

Neither candidate wanted to be cast as the attacker, a role that can turn off voters. But neither wanted to let the other's offense go unrebuted.

As in McCain's double-edged retort after Bush called his tax plan a reflection of the Washington mentality. "It's the grown-up mentality," McCain said, the mentality that recognizes obligations like the national debt have to be paid.

"I want to give people their money back," Bush said. "... And, John, you know, grown-up or non-grown-up, that's kind of a line you're trying to come across with."

Indeed it was, against the rival whose father, the former president, had come to New Hampshire and urged people to vote for his boy.

Debating familiar differences in sharpened tones, Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain each tried to prove the other guilty of negative campaigning, without offering Republican primary voters any new evidence on which to judge their rival bids for the White House.

Their arguments restated at close quarters the disputes about campaign tactics, taxes, abortion and conservative credentials they have been aiming at each other from a distance as they seek votes in the South Carolina primary on Saturday.

Again, as in debates before, there were no breakthroughs and no blunders, nothing apt to change the close, testy campaign for the primary that will reinstate Bush as the clear Republican front-runner, or validate McCain's campaign to topple him nationally as he did in New Hampshire.

The ninth installment in the Republican debate series, down to three men now, had some incongruous moments, as when the aggressive Alan Keyes interceded to chide the leaders for their tone. He said they should stop the "spitting match" and get to the issues.

Bush and McCain were the principals in the 90-minute debate Monday night in Columbia, S.C., broadcast nationally by CNN as a "Larry King Live" special. At times, it had a talk show flavor, with King addressing the candidates as Alan and John, though he always said governor to Bush.

"Please call me Senator, or Your Highness," McCain joked after King mentioned the first-name familiarity.

Amid the bickering, Bush said he considers McCain a conservative, not a liberal, and "a fine man." McCain said Bush is "a good man."

But they also exchanged accusations of nasty, negative campaigning, and argued about who started it. "This campaign spiraled down," McCain said. "I want the negativity out of it."

"I kind of smiled my way through the early primaries, and got defined," Bush said.

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The four market animal categories — steer, lamb, barrow and poultry — represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for the market auctions. In 1999, the junior market auction reported sales of \$5.4 million, including a record \$550,000 for the grand champion market steer.

The livestock show began Tuesday with the horse show competition. The other livestock competition begins Friday, and the first rodeo performance will be at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Jerry Baird, market steers, market barrows; Catherine

Beville, market steers, market lambs; Lauren Beville, market steers; Nelson Beville, market steers, market lambs; Deiter Brannon, market steers, market lambs; Craig Campbell, market steers; Stephen Edwards, market steers; Joshua Joseph Fettsch, market steers, market barrows;

Also, Ryan Hoelscher, market steers, market barrows; Seth Hoelscher, market steers, market barrows; Evan Isaacson, market steers; Ian Isaacson, market steers; Ivory Isaacson, market steers; Jerad Johnson, market steers, market lambs, market barrows; Justin Johnson, market steers, market lambs, market barrows;

Also, Glenn Kahlich, market steers, market barrows; Jarret May, market steers, market barrows; Roy Henry Messer, market steers, market barrows; Victoria Rose Messer, market barrows; Amanda Blain Moss, market steers, market barrows;

Also, Stephanie Reinart,

market barrows; Steven Reinart, market barrows; Blake Schilling, market barrows; Chad Schilling, market barrows; Holly Schilling, market barrows; Janae Schlabs, market lambs; Ben Sublett, market barrows; Eddie Trotter, market steers; Camille Vasek, market barrows.

4-H
Dawn Auckerman, market lambs; Kylee Auckerman, market lambs; Jerry Baird, market lambs; Macy Brannon, market lambs; Chelsea Campbell, market steers; Lark Duncan, market steers; Brynne Huffaker, market lambs; Kristen Huffaker, market lambs; Evan Isaacson, market barrows; Ian Isaacson,

market barrows; Also, Ivory Isaacson, market barrows; Gelina M. Meiwes, market barrows; Kailey D. Meiwes, market barrows; Joanna Olson, commercial steers; Gary Schlabs, market barrows; Keely Schlabs, market barrows and Amanda Jade Smith, market lambs.

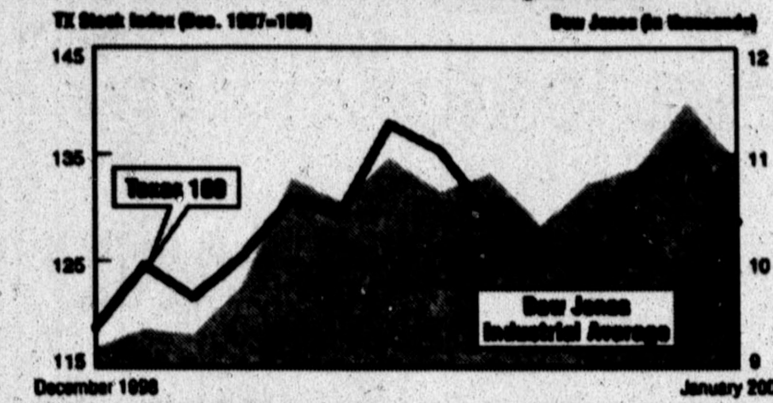
The 30 county FFA chapter members are showing a total of 22 market sheers, seven market lambs, and 18 market barrows.

The 18 county 4-Hers will be exhibiting a total of two market steers, seven market lambs, three commercial steers and eight market barrows.

100 STOCK INDEX

Texas 100 Stock Index

The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 5.6% in January to a level of 128.7. Over the last 12 months, the index has risen 3.3% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials gained 16.9%.



Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

Sector	Change	Company	Change
Energy	+8.8%	Baker Hughes	+17.2%
		Schumberger	+8.8
		Exxon	+3.6
Other Manufacturing	+7.2%	General Motors	+10.8%
		American Standard	-18.2%
		Trinity Industries	-17.8
Entertainment & Travel	+11.8%	Phoenix	+10.0%
		Brinker	+4.7
		Continental Airlines	-28.7%
Retail	+4.4%	Camp USA	+61.4%
		7-Eleven	+60.9
		Safeway	+7.0
High Tech	+6.7%	Advanced Micro Devices	+24.4%
		Telegraph	+15.2
		Texas Instruments	+11.5
Service & Financial	+2.8%	Sitel	+17.8%
		Chase Manhattan	+3.9
		West TeleService	+3.8
Retail	-4.8%	Stage	-48.8%
		Low's	-25.3
		Walmart	-20.8
High Tech	-26.0%	Lucent	-26.0%
		Dell	-24.8
		Tetron	-22.2
Service & Financial	-27.1%	AFS	-27.1%
		Borg Warner	-17.0
		UPS	-12.9

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2-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

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D Z — G K H S W T K C H E C F M

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF I HAVE NOT SEEN AS FAR AS OTHERS, IT IS BECAUSE GIANTS WERE STANDING ON MY SHOULDERS.
— HAL ABELSON

Armev says China relations top of list

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders say that putting trade relations with China on a permanent basis is at the top of their efforts this year to promote free trade policies.

The GOP leaders, at a news conference Tuesday, said they will also move early this year on measures to open trade with sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean and to reassert the U.S. leadership role in the World Trade Organization.

The administration, also gearing up for an expected summer vote on China, estimated that a U.S.-China agreement last November on opening Chinese markets could triple U.S. farm exports to \$3 billion annually.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman told farm lobbyists they have to be "intent and focused" and he urged them to organize pressure on members of Congress from farmers and other constituents to win the China vote.

China's trade status is currently decided in a highly charged annual debate between the administration and others who believe that normal trade with China promotes democracy and prosperity in that country and those who argue that China must first earn good trade relations by improving its human rights and weapons proliferation records.

To benefit from the more open markets China has promised under the November agreement, a precursor to China's accession to the WTO, Congress must agree to make permanent normal trade relations with the Beijing government.

"If we care about freedom as well as prosperity, democracy as well as economic opportunity, we must expand our trade with the Chinese people," said House Majority Leader Dick Armev, R-Texas.

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FBI interviewing hackers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest

WASHINGTON — The FBI is contacting several hackers in its investigation into last week's attacks against major Web sites, as the attorney general and FBI director prepared to testify before a congressional panel about money they will need to fight cyber crimes.

The FBI sought to interview several hackers, known

by their online nicknames, about the attacks, said a Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He stopped short of calling the three hackers suspects, although one of them claimed responsibility for at least one cyber attack.

The investigation — and the anticipated testimony today by Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh — comes as President Clinton met Tuesday with technology experts about ways to improve Internet security.

Participants said that during the talks, industry leaders urged the government to lead by example by making its computer systems secure. Hours later, a hacker calling himself

"artech" vandalized the Web site for the chief information officer at the Transportation Department.

IRA casts shadow over effort to restore Cabinet

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Irish Republican Army's retreat from disarmament talks has cast a shadow over efforts to restore power to a Catholic-Protestant administration for Northern Ireland.

Hopes were running low that talks in London today could rebuild relations, particularly after the IRA announced Tuesday it had stopped cooperating with the province's disarmament commission.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair invited the Irish government and three key Northern Ireland parties in the suspended power-sharing Cabinet to his London residence.

Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern planned to talk with delegations from the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists; the major Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party; and Sinn Fein.

On Tuesday, the IRA appeared to reject a central premise of the Good Friday peace accord of 1998: that the province's outlawed paramilitary groups were supposed to disarm as proof that their cease-fires were genuine.

Cuban father writes Reno

HAVANA (AP) — The father of Elian Gonzalez has written again to Attorney General Janet Reno, demanding that the boy be returned to him, saying he does not recognize the courts hearing the custody battle.

Juan Miguel Gonzalez's second letter to Reno in as many weeks was published in Cuba on Tuesday on the front page of the Communist Party daily *Granma*.

"I formally object to the legal moves made or being made by those who are arbitrarily retaining Elian," Gonzalez said in the letter, dated Monday. In the letter, he said he does not recognize the jurisdiction of the U.S. court system, which is weighing an attempt by 6-year-old Elian's Miami relatives to block his return to Cuba.

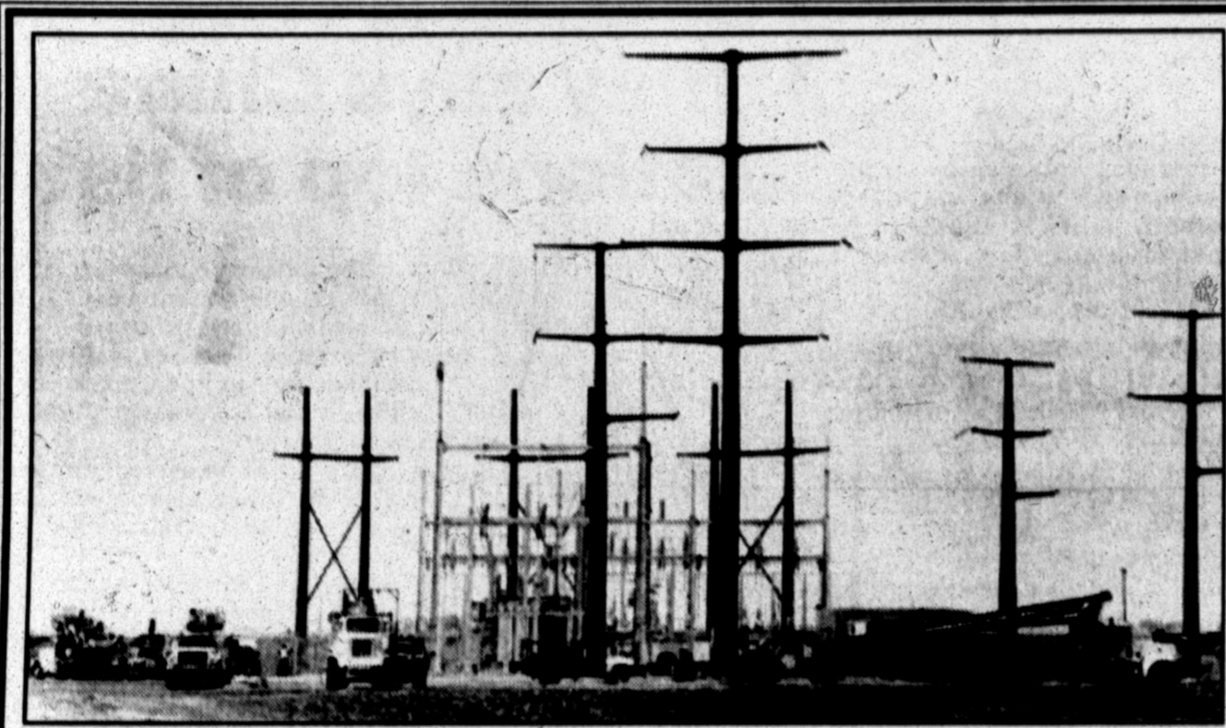
In Washington, Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said the letter was received Monday night through the State Department. "We're reviewing it," Florman said.

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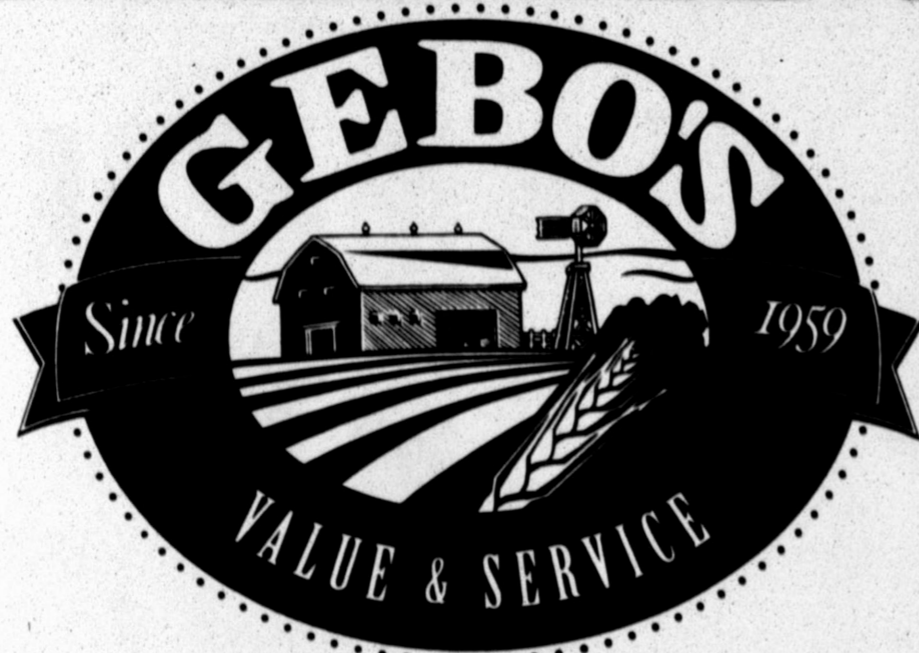
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