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Stock show season opens

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low near 35, south to southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high in the mid-60s, west wind 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the north in the late afternoon.



Extended forecast
Thursday: Partly cloudy, low around 30, high around 50.
Friday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high in the upper 50s.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high near 50.

Hereford weather
Monday's high, 73; low, 37; no precipitation.

More than 120 4-H animals are shown at the Little Bull Barn

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The 2000 stock show season kicked off in a big way Saturday when more than 120 local 4-H project animals were shown at the annual 4-H project show at the Little Bull Barn.

There were 122 total entries, including four steers, 54 hogs, 57 lambs and seven goats.

For many of the young showmen, the annual 4-H project show is their first chance to show off their animals, their skills and their knowledge.

Older participants are more likely to be seen helping the younger ones for this first show, or even allowing buddies the opportunity of showing an animal.

Only a small class of four steers opened the show with Jerad Johnson claiming grand champion steer and senior showman. His brother, Justin,



Jerad Johnson (foreground) showed the grand champion steer and also was named senior showman at the annual 4-H project show, which was held Saturday at the Little Bull Barn.

took reserve champion steer and junior showman. Third- and fourth-place went to Chelsea Campbell and Cason Cole, a first-time showman.

Girls walked away with the top lamb prizes this year when Shayla Wilcox won grand champion and Kylee

Aukerman walked away with reserve grand. The senior and junior showman ship awards went to Jerry Baird and Justin Johnson, respectively.

For a number of years, goats have drawn only a nominal number of participants, but this year seven goats were

shown in two classes. Gary Brorman showed the grand champion goat and won the senior showman award. Jordan Hicks took reserve grand champion and Allyson Paetzold claimed top junior showmanship.

Jerad Johnson returned to the winner's circle as he showed the grand champion pig and claimed top senior showman. Harrison Hoffman showed the reserve champion, owned by Jerry Baird and Wade Crenshaw, won junior showmanship.

The following are the complete results of the 2000 4-H project show.

STEERS
Grand champion, Jerad Johnson; reserve grand, Justin Johnson; 3rd Chelsea Campbell, and 4th was Cason Cole.

LAMBS
Grand champion Shayla Wilcox; reserve grand, Kylee Aukerman.

Southdowns: Breed Champion, Amanda Smith; reserve breed, Amanda Smith; 3rd, Collin Esqueda; 4th, Kory Gallagher.
Finewools: Breed champion,

Josh Hicks; reserve breed, Dawn Auckerman
Lightweights: 1st, Dawn Auckerman; 2nd, Alyssa Hill; 3rd, Collin Esqueda; 4th, Kasi Gallagher.

Heavyweights: 1st, Josh Hicks; 2nd, Jerad Johnson; 3rd, Kalyne Esqueda; 4th, Brian Shelton.

Fine wool crosses: Breed champion, Jerry Baird; reserve breed, Kylee Auckerman.

Lightweights: 1st, Alyssa Hill; 2nd, Keely Schlabs; 3rd, Chelsea Campbell; 4th, Kasi Gallagher; 5th, Kory Gallagher.

Medium weights: 1st, Jerry Baird; 2nd, Kylee Auckerman; 3rd, Kylee Auckerman; 4th, Dawn Auckerman; 5th, Justin Johnson; 6th, Brian Shelton.

Heavyweights: 1st, Deiter Brannon; 2nd, Jerad Johnson; 3rd, Chelsea Campbell; 4th, Kelley Schlabs; 5th, Gary Schlabs.

Medium wools: Breed champion, Shayla Wilcox; reserve breed, Kylee Auckerman.

Lightweights: 1st, Kalyne Esqueda; 2nd, Kasi Gallagher;

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Inside Today

"I want you to walk down his hallway, walk into his office and say 'sign this executive order today.'"

■ Former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley pressing Vice President Gore to demand that President Clinton sign an executive order ending the practice of racial profiling.

"I don't think President Bill Clinton needs a lecture from Bill Bradley on how to stand up and fight for African-Americans ..."

■ Vice President Al Gore in responding to Bradley's demand during Democratic presidential debate.



■ Bradley, Gore spar over racial profiling, but agree on Confederate battle flag. — Page A10

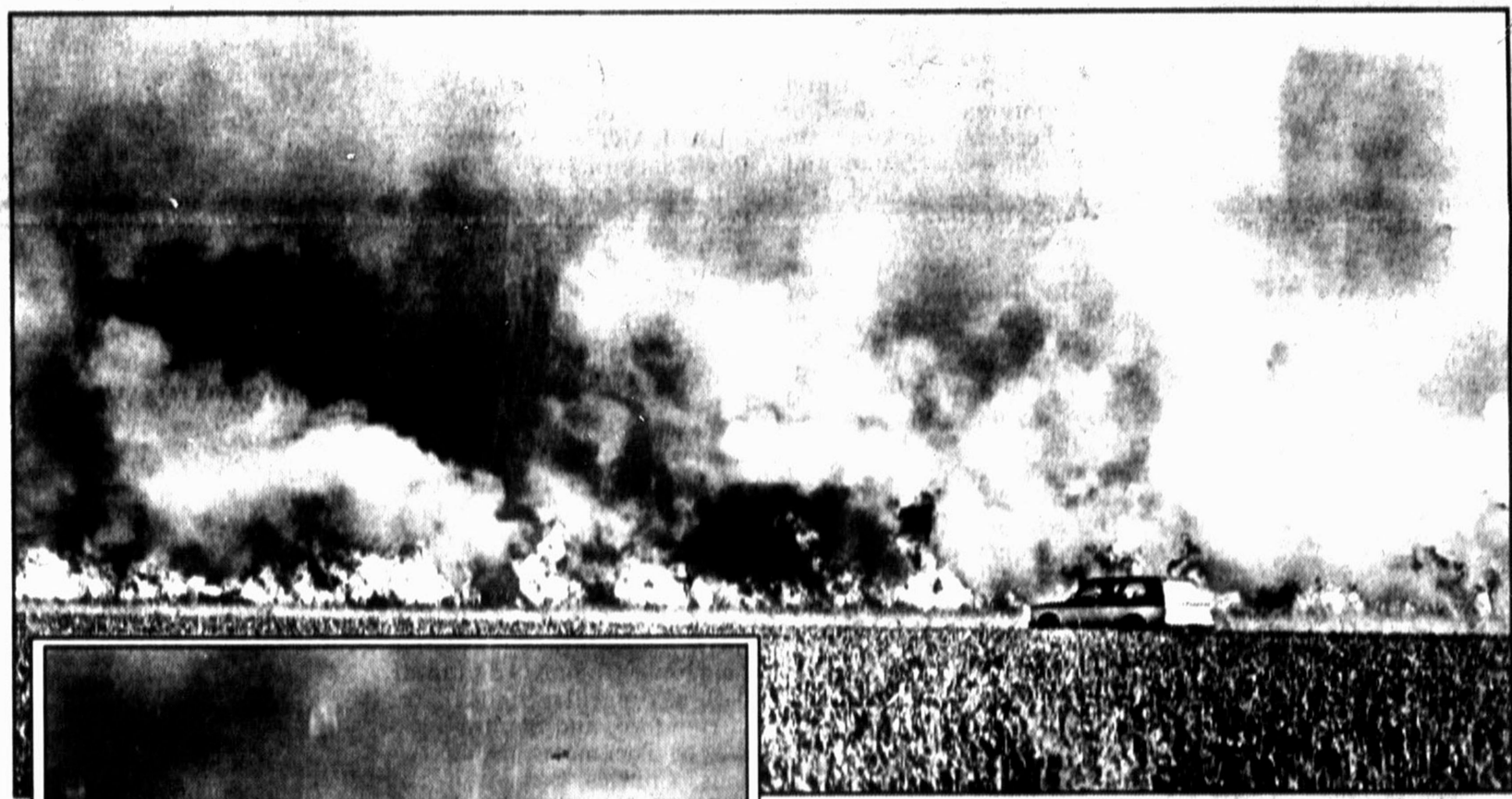
Presidential races are too close to call

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley score high marks with New Hampshire voters, who also think George W. Bush and Al Gore give their parties the best chance for a November presidential victory.

Both races are too close to call with two weeks to go before the presidential primaries Feb. 1, according to an ABC News-Washington Post poll released today.

In the GOP primary, McCain had 40 percent to 36 percent for Bush. On the Democratic side, Bradley claimed support of 48 percent to Gore's 47 percent.

GRASS FIRE



Firefighters were busy over the weekend as they battled several grass fires, such as this one that raged Saturday off Holly Sugar Road about 6 miles west of Hereford. Firefighters were called out to extinguish four grass fires over the weekend. Residents are being urged to exercise caution because of the high fire danger. The area, which has not had significant rainfall since October, is considered tinder-box dry by the Texas Forest Service office in Canyon.

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Dairy farmers say falling prices threaten livelihood

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — East Coast dairy farmers say a precipitous drop in milk prices has left many of them facing financial ruin.

Rising production in the Western United States lowered the federal minimum price of milk to \$9.63 per 100 pounds last month, a drop of more than \$6 since September. The last time prices were this low was in 1978.

George Donnon, who tends 80 cows near Rising Sun, said he is losing \$5,000 per month in income.

"I am not sure how long I can survive at this price," Donnon said.

Beleaguered dairy farmers from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and Alabama set aside their chores Monday morning to rally in the cold outside the Maryland State House for fairness in milk

"I'm sick and tired of working myself and my family to death to make corporate America billions of dollars."
**Joe Heurion,
Alabama dairy farmer**

pricing. They were joined by representatives of the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club, who say preserving the 830 dairy farms in Maryland is a key to curbing urban sprawl and preserving open spaces.

The number of Maryland dairy farms is down from 1,140 in 1991, according to the Maryland Farm Bureau.

"Maryland's dairy farmers are in danger of disappearing," said Chris Bedford, chairman of the Sierra Club's Western

Myron Wilhide, president of the Maryland Dairy Industry Association.

"We want a compact," he said. "It takes the highs and the lows out."

The compact allows a federally authorized organization of six New England states to set milk prices above the federal minimum. Last year, Congress extended the compact for two years but locked out prospective new members, including Maryland, in a compromise between Northeastern and Mid-

western lawmakers. Maryland farmers need milk prices of at least \$14.40 per 100 pounds of milk (about 12 gallons) in order to survive, Wilhide said. The Sierra Club, citing federal studies, said farmers need about \$18.80.

Alabama dairy farmer Joe Heurion welcomed the support of the environmental group.

"I'm sick and tired of working myself and my family to death to make corporate America billions of dollars," he said.

Fifth-generation Amish dairyman Daniel Diener says all 30 of the families in his Lancaster County, Pa., church district used to support themselves with dairy farms. Now, the number is down to seven and Diener said he feels his way of life is threatened.

Accord's opt-out amended

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

An amended contract between the Hereford Economic Development Corp. and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce allowing the two entities to share space in the chamber building gained approval Monday night of the Hereford City Commissioners.

The agreement, which was executed last spring, included a provision allowing either party to opt out of the agreement by giving either a 60- or 90-day notice.

The amendment will make the agreement consistent by establishing a 60-day period for either party to withdraw from the agreement.

The directors of both the HEDC and the chamber sought to bring the two entities together under the same roof as a means of complementing the city's economic development activities.

The chamber provides office space, clerical assistance and utilities, with HEDC paying rent.

In other business, the commissioners received a report from HEDC Executive Director Don Cumpton about the organization's activities.



DON CUMPTON
HEDC director to visit with firm in California.

Cumpton said negotiations are continuing with Fink & Co., a Hope, Ark.-based manufacturer of jigsaw puzzles and other games, on possible relocation of the company's plant to Hereford.

Negotiations have been under way for several months and have included a trip to Arkansas by Cumpton to meet with the company management.

Cumpton also said he will go to California within the next two weeks to meet with the management of a small manufacturing firm that is considering expansion.

"It's not a big company, but it is growing," Cumpton said. "We're going to visit them in California and we're hoping to be able to report" by the end of the month.

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Local roundup

Greenawalt tries for Abilene position

Former Hereford Independent School District Superintendent Charles Greenawalt was one of four finalists for the Abilene Independent School District superintendent's post.

However, AISD announced Monday the board selected Dr. Michael Moehler of Port Lavaca as the new superintendent.

Moehler will assume his new duties in July when Charles Hundley, current superintendent, steps down. Hundley will teach part time next school year.

Greenawalt served in the Hereford school system from 1987 through 1997 and was credited with raising TAAS test scores in Kingsville and Hereford; cheaply converting an abandoned grocery store into a new administration building; and delegating much of the decision-making authority to the individual campuses.

Greenawalt was succeeded at Hereford by Jack Patton, who stayed only two years, before resigning. Patton's successor is present HISD Superintendent Beth Abernethy.

Chamber-HEDC open house set

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Hereford Economic Development Corp. will be the hosts of an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The open house will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the chamber building, 701 N. Main. The ribbon-cutting will be at 3 p.m.

The building was expanded after the chamber and HEDC received the authorization to share office space. The HEDC office formerly was in City Hall.

The public is invited to the open house.



Attendance pays -- Two Tierra Blanca students and one classroom received awards Thursday from the South western Bell Pioneers for the best attendance. The students had 100 percent attendance and the class had 98.3 percent attendance for the first semester. Students received a boom box and the class received a pizza party. Pictured above is Gary Stevens, president of SWB Pioneers, third grade teacher and pizza party winner, Susan Gaitan, Carol Pounds and Marsha Cockrell, both with the Pioneers. Winning the boom boxes were John Mark Garcia and Celia Enriquez. The contest was unannounced.

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News digest

Nursing chain seeks bankruptcy

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's second-largest nursing-home operator is expected to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the latest industry leader to take the step, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Earnings for Mariner Post-Acute Network were off more than \$1.5 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified official close the Atlanta-based company.

The filing was expected by tonight in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del.

Two other large long-term care chains — Vencor Inc. and Sun Healthcare Group Inc. — have filed for bankruptcy protection in the last six months.

Mariner is Texas' largest nursing-home operator, providing housing to more than 9,000 residents in 101 facilities across the state, the News reported.

Nationwide, the company operates 404 homes across the nation with 47,400 licensed beds and some 55,000 employees.

Arrested students banned

BLANCO, Texas (AP) — School officials vowed to fight to keep the students arrested in connection with a pipe bomb found at Blanco High School banned from coming back to the school.

"I met with the principal and superintendent and tried to elicit a guarantee about that, and I think I did," said school board President Jim Pepper, about the ban.

His comments came Monday night, as some 250 people filled Blanco High's cafeteria to discuss school safety with the board, prosecutors and police officials.

"Those students under arrest at this time will not be allowed to enter our building. I don't know if that's legal, but we will find out if we have to," Pepper told the San Antonio Express-News.

Superintendent Mike Adkins said he would stand behind the ban, even though the district may be on shaky legal ground. As of yet, a conviction had not been handed down against the pupils.

Students get digging experience

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Anthropology students at Texarkana College soon will be recovering ancient American Indian artifacts from a plot of land near a campus parking lot.

There's just one problem. The land has absolutely no historical significance.

To remedy that, history professor Beverly Rowe will have students build the dig site and seed it with artifacts as part of an elective class being offered this spring.

"The students will document what's buried there, and later students will dig up the artifacts and bury them again," she said. "They'll have to be more careful in burying them than digging them up. We'll have to put layers over the site to show the passage of time and make sure the artifacts are buried in the right layer."

She's not talking about your run-of-the-mill arrowheads, either. Ms. Rowe said she scoured the Internet to find as many authentic artifacts as she could.

Condemned killer faces needle

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Twenty-three hours into his last parole violation and footsore from a long walk with no destination, Spencer Corey Goodman saw in a red Cadillac a clean break from his past.

It was July 2, 1991, and Goodman, a twice-convicted felon, by then was almost a full day overdue at the Houston halfway house where he was supposed to report after his release from a San Antonio parole center.

Goodman had walked west on Interstate 10, spent a restless night by the train tracks and walked all the next day until he came upon Cecile Ham's Cadillac parked at a pharmacy in west Houston.

"I was going to get out of Houston and say, 'I'm starting over,' just get away from Houston," Goodman said recently. "Like a dummy, I didn't think about reporting again."

The choice Goodman made more than eight years ago led him to the death chamber, where he is to receive a lethal injection tonight for killing Mrs. Ham, 48, the wife of ZZ Top manager Bill Ham.

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Obituaries

BUDDY PICKENS
Jan. 15, 2000

Services for Buddy Pickens, 65, of Hereford will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church of Hereford with Rev. Terry Cosby, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Pickens was born March 27, 1934, in Rio Hondo to J.V. Pickens and Lora Self. He married Betty Arrington on Aug. 20, 1955, in Hereford.

He came to Deaf Smith County in 1943 from Hidalgo County. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a mill foreman at Keeling Cattle Feeders. He was an avid Hereford sports fan and was named Booster Club Fan of the Year in 1997.

Survivors include three daughters, Jackie Murphey and Jill Harrison, both of Hereford, and Jan Paige of Garden City, Kan.; one son, Roger Pickens of Hereford; four sisters, Joan Yarbro and Ruth Newsom, both of Hereford, Betty Paetzold of Amarillo and Jane Wilson of Mannford, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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FLORENCE GOODIN
Jan. 16, 2000

Services for Florence Goodin, 98, of Hereford were 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church of Hereford with Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Goodin died Sunday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 9, 1901, in Seminole, Okla., to J.J. Brown and Lizzie Roberts.

She married J.J. Goodin in 1926 in Seminole, Okla. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1946 from Oklahoma. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Calvin Goodin of Hereford; one daughter, Betty Whitacre of Hereford; one sister, Bernice Neeley of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Deaf Smith Home Health or a favorite charity.

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JERRY JOHNSON
Jan. 17, 2000

Memorial services for Jerry Johnson, 56, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with Tammy Passmore, pastor,

Wesley Methodist Church officiating. The body will not be available for viewing.

Mr. Johnson died Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital.

He was born July 1, 1943, in Plainview to Emmitt Johnson and Edna Mitchell. He was a member of the Church of Christ and owner of Plains Fire Service.

Survivors include his mother of Hereford; one brother, Bill Johnson of Amarillo; two sisters, Donna Allen of San Antonio and Anna Solomon of Hereford; several nieces and nephews.

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ROY CONTRERAS
Jan. 15, 2000

Services for Roy Contreras, 72, of Dalhart will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at People's Church of Dalhart with Jerry Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home of Dalhart.

Mr. Contreras died Saturday.

He was born in Dalhart and served in the Army in the 511th Parachute Infantry from 1946-1949. He was a professional carpenter and a member of the People's Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Contreras of Dalhart; four daughters, Gloria Longbine, Tammi Hightower, both of Amarillo, Stella Evers of Hereford, and Sandra Jackson of Tucumcari, N.M.; two sons, Charles Bussey of Las Vegas, Nev. and Ruben Contreras of Amarillo; four sisters, Lucy Springer of San Antonio, Vera Glasco of Vinita, Okla., Irene Cook of Canyon Lake, and Julie Murray of Glendale, Ariz.; one brother, Lewis Mendez of Houston; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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VIOLA MAE HARBERT
Jan. 17, 2000

Services for Viola Mae Harbert, 93, of Amarillo will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Del Hunnicutt, retired Pentecostal Holiness minister officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Harbert was born in Ofuskee County, Okla., and graduated from Okemah High School.

She moved to Amarillo in 1971 from Guymon, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She married Jesse L. Harbert in 1932 at Okemah.

Survivors include one son, Melvin Harbert of Amarillo; one daughter, Tawanna Jean Hollowell of Hereford; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 14-17, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests

- A 34-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of Blevins and charged with a felony warrant for felony driving while intoxicated.

- A man was arrested in the 700 block of South Texas and charged with public intoxication.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue C and charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, violation of probation and possession with intent to deliver.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue C and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue C and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Incidents

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Star. No suspects and no witnesses are available.

- A death by natural causes was reported in the 800 block of East Third.

- A burglary of a residence was reported in the 700 block of Avenue H.

- An attempted suicide was reported in the 300 block of Avenue A.

- A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Irving.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Avenue D.

- Theft was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.

- Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Bennett.

- A juvenile runaway was reported in the 900 block of South McKinley.

- An assault was reported in the 800 block of Brevard.

- Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Irving.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Hickory.

- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Star.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Main.

- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Star.

- A pit bull was reported stolen from the 600 block of Avenue J.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arrests

- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation.

- A 17-year-old woman was arrested and charged with perjury.

- A 58-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft out of Potter County.

- A 33-year-old woman was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

- A 20-year-old man began serving time on a criminal mischief.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, under two ounces.

- A 54-year-old man was arrested on a bench warrant for violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Incidents

-- A burglary was reported.
-- A theft was reported.
-- Criminal non-support was reported.

-- Retaliation was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Jan. 15

- 2:14 p.m. Firefighters responded to an out of control trash burn, five miles west on FM 1058 and two miles south on E.M. 1057. More than 300 acres of grass, two barns, two outbuildings and two vehicles were destroyed. Hereford fire department had Texas Forestry Service dump two plane loads of retardant.

- 7:08 p.m. Firefighters responded to a controlled burn on Road Ga. Reported as a grassfire.

Jan. 16

- 11:31 a.m. Firefighters responded to a trailer house fire on Dela Santos street. Damage was minor.

- 12:44 p.m. Firefighters responded to a rekindle on FM 1057.

- 1:18 p.m. Firefighters responded to 915 W. First to a grassfire.

- 1:26 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire 10 miles east on Highway 60.

- 7:30 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue in the 200 block of Ramon. Three people were transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
7-8-15-21-34

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-2-0

Lotto Texas

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

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

4-6-7-29-41-45

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-0-9

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LIFESTYLES

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Two speak for La Madre Mia

Carol Ann Vaughn of Amarillo and Joy Dones of Hereford presented the program for the La Madre Mia Study Club meeting on Jan. 13.

Vaughn is family and community education liaison for adults with the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority. Both speakers emphasized the importance of educating both patients and their families on treatments available for those suffering from mental illness.

They stressed there are many opportunities for help and also support groups that are available.

A short business meeting followed with a discussion of a team for Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake" in April.

The meeting was held in the home of Bettye Owen with Gladys Merritt as co-hostess. They served refreshments of cake and drinks to Ruth Black, Francine Bromlow, Cindy Cassels, Lajeane Henry, Mary Herring, Betty Lady, Glenda Marcum, June Owens, Tricia Sims, Mysedia Smith, Georgia Sparks, Marline Watson and Nicky Walsler.



Follies rehearsal - St. Anthony's High School Youth, second from left, Landon Noland, Nicholas Paschel, Joshua Brionnes and Savannah Wright, rehearse for the second annual Follies, under the direction of Bill Sava, left, to be held Jan. 23 in St. Anthony's gym. A brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served at noon with The Follies following the meal. Skits will include "The Chicken," "Went with the Wind," and "Howl and the Pussycat." Tickets are \$6 each and are available at St. Anthony's Church office, from any St. Anthony's High School Youth, or at the door.

Delegate named by Cultural FCE

Perry Keyes presided at the recent meeting of the Cultural Family Community Education Club in the Hereford Community Center.

Following the opening prayer and pledges led by Virginia Sumner, Nell Pope read the poem "God is Like..." for the opening exercise.

Members answered roll call with "my biggest accomplishment in 1999."

Tonie Vaughn was selected delegate and Sumner as alternate to the District meeting to be in Hereford on March 28.

Pope and Keyes will attend leadership training for February and March programs.

The Appreciation Luncheon will be Feb. 21 in the Community Center.

In attendance at the meeting were Edna Marnell, Marilyn Smith, Wilma Goettsch, Keyes, Sumner, Pope, Vaughn and new member Evelyn Crawford.

Garden club holds meeting

The January 2000 meeting of the Garden Beautiful Club was held in the home of Darlene Walker with Jerrye Wheeler as co-hostess.

In the absence of the club president, vice president Marcella McLain conducted the business meeting. Roll call was answered with garden tips.

Following the business meeting, Walker presented a chalk drawing titled "To everything there is a season..."

Members present were Vada Axe, Doris Bryant, Marguerite Cole, Dorothy Noland, Louise Streun, Walker, Wheeler and McLain.

The February meeting will be in the home of Doris Bryant and the program will be a book review by Audine Dettmann.

Creators Syndicate

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The American public is learning a lot about multiple births and infant physical development these days. I have my own

story, which many other families share.

My son, who is 10 years old, was diagnosed at 5 months with cerebral palsy — specifically, left hemiplegia. From the beginning, I was concerned about his physical development. Although I was always met with compassion at the monthly pediatric visits, my concerns regarding his left-hand movement were considered a "wait-and-see" issue. I am not a "wait-and-see" person, and so I did my own research.

When my son was finally diagnosed, he was referred for immediate physical and occupational therapy, so he could learn how to use his body more effectively. Without this early intervention, I don't believe he would now be playing basketball or baseball, walking with only a slight limp, or have total use of his left hand. In fact, my son would probably have little knowledge of how to use the left side of his body, or be aware that it existed.

Physical therapy is a positive, hopeful experience for both parents and children. My heart breaks to see toddler-age children, and even more frightening, school-age children, just being diagnosed. The

early years, the formative years where intervention is so critical, have been lost.

A few years ago, your column addressed early detection for children with developmental concerns. The organization that published this information was Pathways Awareness Foundation. Would you please reprint it? — A Grateful Parent in Illinois

Dear Parents: Thank you for asking. Although not all body-movement disorders turn out to be cerebral palsy, physical therapy can still be helpful, and early intervention can make a huge difference, whether the case is mild or severe. As your letter proves, not all doctors are as well-informed as they should be. It is important for parents to ask questions if they are concerned about their child's development, and have no idea what is wrong.

Here are some of the early symptoms to look for:

- Poor head control after 3 months
- Stiff or rigid arms or legs
- Pushing away or arching back
- Floppy or limp body posture
- Cannot sit up without support by 8 months
- Uses only one side of the body, or only the arms, to crawl
- Extreme irritability or crying
- Failure to smile by 3 months
- Feeding difficulties
- Persistent gagging or choking when fed
- Tongue pushes soft food out of the mouth after 6 months

Pathways Awareness Foundation is still doing a terrific job. Any reader who recognizes these symptoms should write for guidance to Pathways Awareness Foundation, 123 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 900, Chicago, Ill. 60606, or call 1-800-955-2445 (www.pathwaysawareness.org). You will receive some valuable information free of charge.

Gem of the Day: Here's a suggestion for those who want to lose weight. Put the bathroom scale in front of the refrigerator.

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Los Ciboleros has business meeting

Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR met Jan. 13 in the home of Margaret Bell for the annual business meeting.

Regent Pat Robinson called the meeting to order and acting chaplain Juanita Brown gave the opening prayer.

Jean Beene led the Pledge of Allegiance; Brown, the American's Creed; and Linda Knowles, the Preamble to the Constitution.

Beene gave the President General's message while National Defense comments were made by Helen Rose and Constitutional comments by Brown.

Robinson welcomed Linda Knowles of Friona as a new member of Los Ciboleros.

Reports from committees were made for the year and members voted to have a bakeless cake sale.

Delegates to the Texas State DAR conference in San Antonio on March 16-18 were

elected. They are Nell Norvell, Ruth Knox and Beene with non-voting delegate Knowles.

Jayne Brainard was elected as delegate to the 109th Continental Congress to be April 16-21 in Washington D.C.

The next meeting will be Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. This will be a genealogical, patriotic and historical meeting and will be followed by a covered dish brunch at 11:30 a.m. Program speaker will be George T. West of Amarillo, Non-proliferation Program Manager for Pantex and vice president of District 2, Texas Society SAR. He will speak on "Medical Care in the Revolutionary Army and "War-time Medical Care of George Washington."

Hostesses Bell and Donna Smith served refreshments to Jo Solomon, Lois Gilliland, Charlotte Clark, Ruth Newsom, Pat Smart, Robinson, Brown, Beene, Knowles, Rose and Norvell.

Sargent brings devotional for Kingdom Seekers Class

Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class members answered roll call with "an old time remedy" during the monthly meeting Jan. 11 at Avenue Baptist Church.

Hostesses Erma Bain, Dorma Kirby and Madalena Hudson served pizza and cake.

Dorothy Sargent presided over the business meeting then brought the devotional based on "When God Whispers Your

Name" by Max Lucado.

The next meeting will be at K-Bob's on Feb. 8 for Valentines.

Present at the January meeting were Fannie Townsend, Rosie Wall, Ruby Stevens, Pauline Landers, Betty Boggs, Nancy Duncan, Ruby Skelton, Luella Thomas, Trudie Gray, Maxine Coleman, Bain, Kirby, Hudson and Sargent.

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Best hats - King's Manor celebrated Hat Day Friday with competition in three categories. Best hats were worn by, from left, George Cantrell of Westgate; Madison O'Rand of child care; and Willie Burford of King's Manor.

Alzheimer's support group will discuss genes vs. environment

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.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

This Thursday the group will

view, and react to, a recent "60 Minutes" piece on a study of Alzheimer's Disease among twins. This 15-minute segment will examine the question of genes versus environment. Since twins share the same genetic patterns why would one have the disease and one not? Was it a head injury that contributed to Doris' Alzheimer's? And was it the anti-inflammatory medications (for arthritis) that Dorothy took that prevented her from having Alzheimer's?

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver

a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

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.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2000. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had already been there. Scott and his party perished during the return trip.

On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, John Tyler, the 10th U.S. president, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced

they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. He was sentenced to life and killed by an inmate in 1973.

In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at age 96.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after 62 years in business.

Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges. In an FBI sting, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for drug possession. He was later convicted of a misdemeanor.

Five years ago: The

death toll climbed past 6,000 in the earthquake in Kobe, Japan. South African President Nelson Mandela's cabinet denied amnesty sought by 3,500 police officers in apartheid's waning days.

One year ago: Defying global outrage over the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, Serb forces pounded villages with artillery. The Yugoslav government also ordered the American leader of the Kosovo peace mission to leave and barred a U.N. investigator.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 67. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 59. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 47. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 45. Country singer Mark Collie is 44. Actress Jane Horrocks ("Little Voice") is 36. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 31. Rapper DJ Quik is 30.

Thought for Today: "The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars." — Gen. William C. Westmoreland, American military commander.

Membership drive is underway thru March

New members are currently being sought by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, according to vice president and membership chairman Donna Hathaway.

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.

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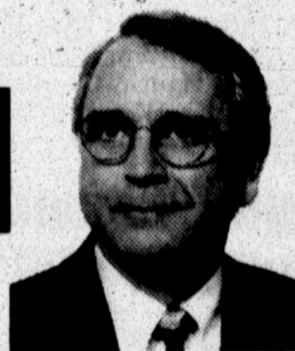
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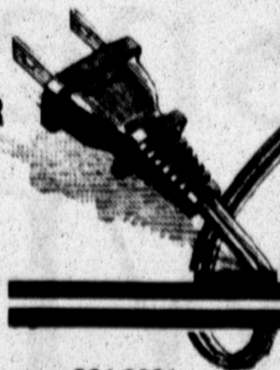
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Taking it to the limit

■ Herd wrestling team experiences struggles, success at quad duals

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Hereford's wrestling team has accomplished many goals in the sport's short existence in school district athletics.

The most evident has been the number of wrestlers qualifying for the state championships in 1998-1999, despite that 1-12 record in dual matches.

Not much was expected of the Hereford wrestling team, except having more state qualifiers.

But back to that 1998-1999 record.

The Whitefaces have tripled their record from last year as they won their second and third dual match of the season on Saturday at the Hereford Quadruple Duals at the Whiteface Gym.

"It was a big day for everybody," Hereford wrestling coach Mike Dominguez said. "We went 2-2 as a team. We just doubled our production from last year and we wrestled well."

One of the wrestlers who kept wrestling well was nationally-ranked heavyweight wrestler Kris Hammerbeck, who went 4-0 on the day.

He defeated Matt Albricht of Lubbock Monterey by pin in 42 seconds. He defeated Eric Villareal of Lubbock High, 1-0 and pinned Corey Kenner of Vernon in 32 seconds. He won against Lubbock Estacado by forfeit.

"When I went against the guy from Vernon, everyone was saying he was good," Hammerbeck said, "but I showed everybody why I am ranked in the nation."

Thanks to Hammerbeck's leadership, Hereford found a lot of success on Saturday.

"I just got to lead an example for these guys because they are first-year guys and they are

doing a good job," Hammerbeck said. "You can't expect more out of them, they are doing what they are supposed to and they won because of it."

Another wrestler who enjoyed success is Seth Pietsek, who went 3-0 on the day. The

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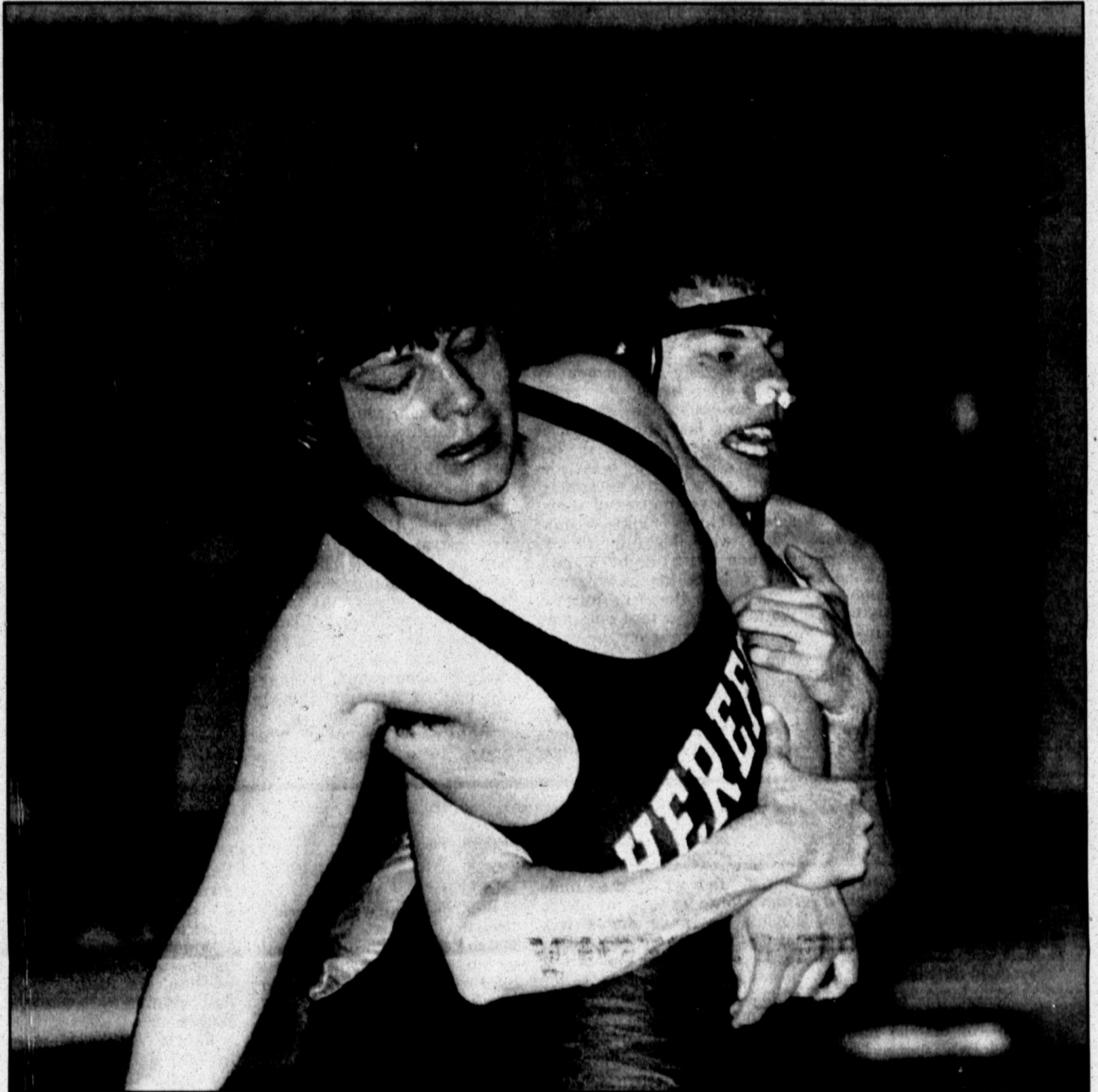
Wrestlers get pounded by Canyon Randall

From Staff Reports
CANYON — The Hereford wrestling team drops its record to 3-11 on the season, losing 72-12 to Canyon Randall on Monday.

Kris Hammerbeck added another victory to his list. He pinned Randall's Brad Moody in 37 seconds in the heavy-weight division.

The other victory came from Luis Perez in the 119-pound class. He defeated Nick Sinclair, 8-4.

In other matches, Terence Wilhelm was pinned by Aenoy Simsomsook in 27 seconds; Brandon Sinclair won by forfeit in the 112-pound class; Jeremiah Castillo was pinned in 1:12 by Michael Sinclair in the 130-pound division; Joaquin Rodriguez was pinned by Brian Casey in 57 seconds in the 135-pound class; Preston Sharp, the freshman 145-pounder was pinned in 1:41 by Brandon Chancellor; Tracy Bossett lost his 140-pound match to Michael Sherrill by pin in 1:34; Tyler Yenser lost his match to Kevin Passmore by pin in 1:27; James Witkowski was pinned by Brandon Coats and Jarrod Bentley defeated Tim Schlabs in the 215-pound class, 10-3.



Getting a Firm Grip — Randall Burrows struggles to get away from the arms of Lubbock High's Scott Thornberry during Saturday's quadruple dual matches at Hereford Junior High. Burrows lost his match to Thornberry, 6-4.

Rams' playoff victory doesn't change Warner

ST. LOUIS (AP) — How's this for a wild celebration? Kurt Warner leads the St. Louis Rams to the NFC title game, then marks the moment that night by watching TV with his family.

"I did absolutely nothing," Warner said Monday, a day after he shredded the Minnesota Vikings' defense with five touchdown passes in a 49-37 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. "I came home, ate a little pizza and hung out with my family, watched a movie with my daughter and ate some popcorn."

Just another day in life for the unassuming league MVP.

"That's par," coach Dick Vermeil said. "He's not ready to celebrate because he has more work to do."

Warner has been insisting for weeks that success wouldn't change him from the third-stringer with the buzz haircut. He was relaxed in the days before the game, and then afterward. He never bristles at questioners.

But lately the guy who five years ago was stocking shelves at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and waiting for his chance in the Arena League has developed the tiniest bit of bluster.

Were there any nerves heading into his first career playoff

game? Not any bigger than when he played in the Arena Bowl.

"To think I was going to freak out or get all nervous because I was playing in my first NFL playoff game to me was kind of crazy," Warner said.

What does he think about those who remain dubious of his ability, given his skimpy body of work?

"Hey, if they think it's still a fluke after 17 games, they

ing confidence in my teammates," Warner said. "We'd dominated a lot of games and they'd never seen me when the chips were down, and how I'd respond."

"I always feel that's when I play my best. I pride myself on stepping up and making plays."

The Rams were so unsure of Warner's potential that they exposed him to the Cleveland Browns in the expansion draft.

Then they shopped around for a veteran backup quarterback in training camp because they still didn't know Warner was good enough to back up Trent Green.

"Throughout training camp, it didn't seem like I could do anything right," Warner said. "I was the whipping boy. The coaches were all over me."

After Green's season-ending knee injury in the third pre-season game, there was a feeling of despair around Rams Park. Vermeil cried when the 17-14 deficit to a 49-17 lead over the Vikings with about eight minutes to go. He finished 27-for-33 for 391 yards.

"It was typical Kurt Warner," wide receiver Az-Zahir Hakim said. "He does that on a day-to-day basis."



Taylor running great, still not fully healed

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — When he talks about his injured hamstring, Fred Taylor isn't trying to boast, scare anyone or inflate his own ego.

The Jaguars running back is simply telling the truth.

The hamstring, he says, really felt better two weeks ago in a game against Cincinnati than it did last weekend in his electrifying performance against Miami.

"I felt I was quick in the Cincy game and I started to feel like it was coming back," Taylor said. "Against Miami, it was one long run, a couple stops here and there, another two or three bursts here and there. ... I didn't feel overly quick — not as quick as I felt in the Cincy game — but I felt good."

In the 62-7 victory over the Dolphins, he looked good, too. And the thought that he wasn't at 100 percent is a daunting one, especially for Jacksonville's next opponent, the Tennessee Titans.

On a 90-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, Taylor showed off a rare combination of elusiveness and speed. He stutter-stepped his way through a line of defenders, then got in the open

field, where a burst of speed helped him outrun Dolphins safety Brock Marion.

Later, he scored on a 39-yard reception off a screen pass. Many experts said it was a textbook example of awful tackling on the Dolphins' part. Nevertheless, Taylor broke four tackles and weaved his way into the end zone for another highlight-reel score.

injury that cropped up in October and never went away. He finished with 732 yards.

He had several reasons to be thrilled about his re-emergence. Among them are the reactions from his friends — guys like Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors and former University of Florida teammates Reidel Anthony and Jacques Green, who play for Tampa Bay and still hang out with Taylor whenever they can.

"All my boys get a chance to see the highlights," Taylor said. "It feels pretty good, especially when they open up the show and I get a call from Vince Carter. He said, 'Man, you're trying to steal my show,' and all this crazy stuff. That feels pretty good."

The hamstring is another issue. Taylor says he still feels the soreness and knows only one thing will bring his leg back to full health.

"It won't be until after the season, until I get a chance to rest it two, three weeks in a row doing nothing," Taylor said. "I mean, barely walking. Just laying on the couch. I might gain 15 pounds in the process, but I don't care. I'll gain 15 pounds to get my legs back to 100 percent."



Rockets stun Mavs, 121-111

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Francis is growing up on the fly, following the advice of future Hall of Fame center Hakeem Olajuwon.

The rookie point guard scored a career-high 31 points and had 11 assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks 121-111 on Monday night.

"He (Olajuwon) keeps telling me to be aggressive," Francis said. "I'm still feeling things out. When I have the ball, I'm thinking about creating for my teammates first. If the defense backs off me, then I have to take the shot and it was there tonight."

Nobody on the Mavericks

could handle Francis, who was 8-of-16 from the floor and 14-of-15 free throws.

"He's so talented," said Olajuwon, who returned to action after missing 22 games because of an inguinal hernia. "He should never have a bad game. Even if he doesn't score, he can still create things for the rest of us. A bad game for him would be a good game for most guys."

Kenny Thomas, also a rookie, added a career-high 20 points and matched his career-high with 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who won their third straight to match their longest streak of the season. Cuttino Mobley and

Walt Williams had 17 points each.

Olajuwon had been out of action since Nov. 26. He went scoreless for the first time in his career, playing 14 minutes and missing four shots. Olajuwon did have an impact, however, with seven rebounds and three blocks.

"It will take me a while before I get comfortable out there again," Olajuwon said. "But I was still able to do some things. I'm just trying to fit in."

Dallas' Cedric Ceballos scored a season-high 39 points, 19 in the third quarter, before fouling out with 45.2 seconds left. Michael

Finley added 31 points for Dallas, which had won three of its previous four games.

Dallas got as close as 99-97 on Dirk Nowitzki's two free throws with 3:32 to play.

But Francis hit a layup, then converted two free throws on Houston's next possession with 2:46 to go for a 103-97 advantage. After Finley's drive with 2:32 left, Matt Bullard connected on a 3-pointer to extend the Rockets' advantage to 106-99.

The Mavericks were unable to get closer than five points the rest of the way.

"That was a big three," Francis said. "That put us

over the hump."

Ceballos scored Dallas' final 15 points of the third quarter, including a steal and layup with five seconds left in the quarter, to reduce Houston's lead to 90-82 entering the final quarter.

The Rockets came out with more energy than the Mavericks, rolling to a 35-22 first-quarter lead. Houston was ahead 60-42 at halftime.

"I'm very disappointed with our performance in the first half," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I didn't expect it. I thought we were on a roll. I didn't believe this team would not be ready tonight."

San Antonio trips Los Angeles Clippers, 99-93

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs, after winning a championship in a lock-out-shortened 50-game season, are aiming to find out if they can do it in the more conventional 82-game grind.

On the surface, Monday night's 99-93 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers wasn't too impressive. It evened the Spurs' road record to 11-11, which is also their overall record since a franchise-best 14-3 start.

"This was a great win for us," Tim Duncan said after the Spurs shaved Utah's lead in the Midwest Division to one game. "I don't care what the score was. Road wins are great for us because we're not playing very well on the road right now."

"It's tough playing in other people's houses. They really get up for it, the crowd re-

ally gets up for it and it's a real big game for them. And to match that kind of energy every night on the road is really tough for us."

The Spurs have beaten the Clippers eight consecutive times after losing the previous six meetings. But San Antonio's last three victories against them — all in Los Angeles — have been decided by six points or less.

"It's just a matter of time," said Clippers rookie Lamar Odom, who shot 3-for-15 and finished with eight points. "We've been in these games right until the last minute. We just needed that one more consistent scorer on the court and couldn't get it."

Maurice Taylor had 23 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers, and 7-foot-3 backup center Keith Closs had a career-high 13 points.

But they were hardly a match for Duncan and David Robinson.

Robinson scored a season-high 38 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Duncan had 23 points and 13 rebounds. It was like old times for Robinson, who who scored 71 points against the Clippers at the L.A. Sports Arena in the 1993-94 season finale to clinch his only NBA scoring title.

"We need David to be more demonstrative every night — not just against the Clippers," Avery Johnson said. "If he comes with that same type of aggressiveness against Portland and the Knicks next week, then we'll really be excited because he'll be playing against Arvydas Sabonis and Patrick Ewing."

Robinson powered the Spurs to a 58-52 halftime

lead with 25 points on 12-for-17 shooting. It was the highest total for one half by a Clippers opponent this season, two more than Shaquille O'Neal had for the Lakers on Jan. 4.

In the final minute of the third quarter, Robinson made a short hook shot, a dunk and a 14-foot jumper to give the Spurs an 81-75 edge.

"It was nice to get on that kind of roll again," the 7-foot-1 center said after reaching the 30-point mark for the 181st time in his career and the first time in 98 games.

"These last two weeks or so, (coach Greg Popovich) has really made an effort to get me involved in the offense."

The Spurs pulled away to a 94-81 lead with an 11-2 spurt, capped by Malik Rose's layup with 6:13 to play. Clippers guard Eric Piatkowski

scored the Clippers' next seven points, narrowing the gap to 96-88, then sank three free throws with 1:24 remaining after Johnson fouled him beyond the 3-point stripe.

But 96-93 was as close as the Clippers got. Johnson redeemed himself with 29 seconds left by converting a layup on a long pass from Duncan, who also pulled down two critical defensive rebounds.

Johnson didn't get much sleep after returning late Sunday night from the funeral of Charlotte guard Bobby Phills, his teammate at Southern University. It also didn't help that the Spurs were forced to start their shootaround at 8:30 a.m. because of the Lakers' afternoon game at Staples Center against Seattle.

Quads

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Vargas of Lubbock Monterey, 6-0, pinned Ricardo Fourzan of Lubbock High in 1:50 and dominated Cody Casey of Vernon, 17-2.

"We looked at this day, with Vernon being here, as a way to see how we are going to compete in the district meet," said Pietsek, who had to leave early and could not compete against Lubbock Estacado. "I hope it worked out today and get prepared for district and regionals."

Luis Perez, who wrestles in the 119-pound class, also went 4-0 on the day. He pinned Monterey's Matt Danner in 1:00. He also pinned Anthony Lopez of Lubbock Estacado in 1:39 and scored a pin victory against Anthony Villareal in 2:17.

Paco Castillo also had a successful Saturday. The 125-pounder pinned Monterey's John Sosa in 4:02 and pinned David Garcia of Lubbock High in 1:37. He lost to Joe Medina of Vernon by pin in 33 seconds. "I was hurt today in the first

match, and when that dude from Monterey took me down, he hit my knee and I was hurt," Castillo said. "I got mad so I pinned him. I started pinning other people. I got what I needed to accomplish with my team."

Castillo and the Whitefaces lost their dual with Vernon, 68-17.

"Vernon is tough because they were in the top five list in the state last year and very tough seasoned veterans," Dominguez said. "We came up short against them but we wrestled well against them."

Tyler Yenser showed dramatic improvement on Saturday.

The son of Hereford head football coach Craig Yenser got his second win of the season by pinning Larry Waters of Lubbock High in 1:34.

"It just felt really good to get another win, finally," Yenser said. "It's very discouraging when you don't get many wins, but if you just hang in there, you'll always get a

win." Yenser, who won a forfeit decision against Monterey, lost to Vernon's Phillip Tramell by pin in 5:48, and was pinned by Jason Torrez of Estacado in 5:29.

"Sometimes it takes that long to be successful," Dominguez said of Yenser's struggles. "He showed that a freshman can compete at this level, showed a lot of heart, a lot of composure and courage."

In other matches, Terence Wilhelm lost three matches and won one match by forfeit in the 103-pound class.

Refugio Alvarez was pinned twice, but went 2-2 on the day with two forfeit wins in the 130-pound class.

Joaquin Rodriguez lost all of his matches on the day, three by pins in the 135-pound division.

Tracy Bossett went 1-3 on the day in the 140-pound class. He was pinned three times and won by forfeit.

Preston Sapp continues to

struggle in the 145-pound division as he lost all his matches by first-period pins.

Randall Burrows continued to improve in the 152-pound division, but went 1-3 on the day, winning by forfeit against Estacado.

James Witkowski wrestled in two weight classes. He went 2-1 in the 180-pound division, defeating John Thomas of Monterey 14-9 and getting a forfeit decision against Lubbock High. He defeated Estacado's Jacob Garcia 11-8 in the 171-pound class.

Tim Schlaba went 2-2 on the

day, winning both matches by forfeit. He was pinned by Josh Romo of Lubbock High in 1:08.

"We wrestled well and I am really proud of our kids," Dominguez said.

Hereford's wrestlers will travel to Vernon to participate in the Vernon Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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Kitten to be honored by TPSHOF

From Staff Reports
Hereford volleyball coach Brenda Kitten will be honored for the third time as volleyball coach of the year by the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Kitten joins a very elite group as she's only the fourth volleyball coach to be named coach of the year three times by the TPSHOF. West Texas A&M's Kim Hudson, Dumas' Jack Wilson and Amarillo High's Jan Barker are the other coaches to win three coach of the year honors.

Kitten will be honored with volleyball player of the year Sarah Butler and other honorees at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6.

9th Boys win hoop games

From Staff Reports
The Hereford 9th grade boys basketball team continued their winning ways with a sweep of Amarillo Palo Duro.

The 'A' team defeated the Dons 62-60. Doug Mendoza scored 23 points, to lead the Whitefaces. Russell Carr and Barrett Abernathy added 11 points each.

The 'B' team defeated Palo Duro, 53-51. Raymond Carrillo led all scorers with 15 points. Chris Ruckman added 13 points while Isaias Olivas contributed with 10.

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Medium weights: 1st, Jordan Hicks; 2nd, Amanda Smith; 3rd, Jerry Baird; 4th, Kalyn Esqueda; 5th, Shane Wilcox; 6th, Katie Marnell; 7th, Cindy Marnell.

Light-heavyweights: 1st, Shayla Wilcox; 2nd, Kylee Auckerman; 3rd, Shayla Wilcox; 4th, Amanda Smith; 5th, Justin Johnson; 6th, Kelley Schlabs.

Heavyweights: 1st, Jerad Johnson; 2nd, Justin Johnson; 3rd, Jerad Johnson; 4th, Justin Johnson; 5th, Amanda Smith; 6th, Jerad Johnson; 7th, Macy Brannon; 8th, Kelley Schlabs; 9th, Gary Schlabs.

GOATS

Grand champion, Gary Brorman; reserve grand, Jordan Hicks. **Lightweights:** 1st, Josh Hicks; 2nd, Kelsi Urbanczyk; 3rd, Allyson Paetzold.

Heavyweights: 1st, Gary Brorman, 2nd, Jordan Hicks; 3rd, Allyson Paetzold; 4th, Gary Brorman.

HOGS

Grand champion, Jerad Johnson; reserve champion, Harrison Hoffman.

Chester whites: Breed champion, Harrison Hoffman; reserve breed, Gary Schlabs; 3rd, Cindy Marnell; 4th, Morgan Meiwes; 5th, Wade Crenshaw.

Duroc: Breed champion, Kelley Schlabs; reserve breed, Kelley Schlabs.

Lightweight: 1st, Kelley Schlabs; 2nd, Kelsi Urbanczyk; 3rd, Celeste Louder; 4th, Katie Marnell; 5th, Wade Crenshaw.

Heavyweights: 1st, Kelley Schlabs; 2nd, Kailey Meiwes; 3rd, Ryan Buchanan; 4th, Kinsey Reeve; 5th, Gary Schlabs; 6th, Brandon Beavers.

Hampshire: Breed champion, Kinsey Reeve; reserve breed, Ryan Buchanan.

Lightweight: 1st, Ryan Buchanan; 2nd, Tyler Martin; 3rd, Gary Schlabs; 4th, Cindy Marnell.

Heavyweights: 1st, Kinsey Reeve; 2nd, Kailey Meiwes; 3rd, Nathan Louder; 4th, Justin Johnson; 5th, Celeste Louder.

Black OPB: Breed champion, Ryan Buchanan; reserve breed, Josh Fetsch; 3rd, Kelley Schlabs; 4th and 5th, Brandon Beavers.

Yorkshire: Breed champion, Jerad Johnson; reserve breed, Nathan Louder.

Lightweight: 1st, Nathan Louder; 2nd, Erin Louder; 3rd, Shyla Martin; 4th, Josh Fetsch; 5th, Tera Carrol.

Heavyweight: 1st, Jerad Johnson; 2nd, Wade Crenshaw; 3rd, Tera Carrol; 4th, Madison Urbanczyk.

Crossbreeds: Breed champion, Harrison Hoffman; reserve breed, Celeste Louder.

Lightweights: 1st, Katie Marnell; 2nd, Kinsey Reeve; 3rd, Tera Carrol; 4th, Kelley Schlabs.

Medium weights: 1st, Harrison Hoffman; 2nd, Erin Louder; 3rd, Katie Marnell; 4th, Cindy Marnell; 5th, Wade Crenshaw.

Heavyweights: 1st, Celeste Louder; 2nd, Morgan Meiwes; 3rd, Toni Kay Payne; 4th, Nathan Louder; 5th, Gary Schlabs.



Justin Johnson and his reserve champion steer

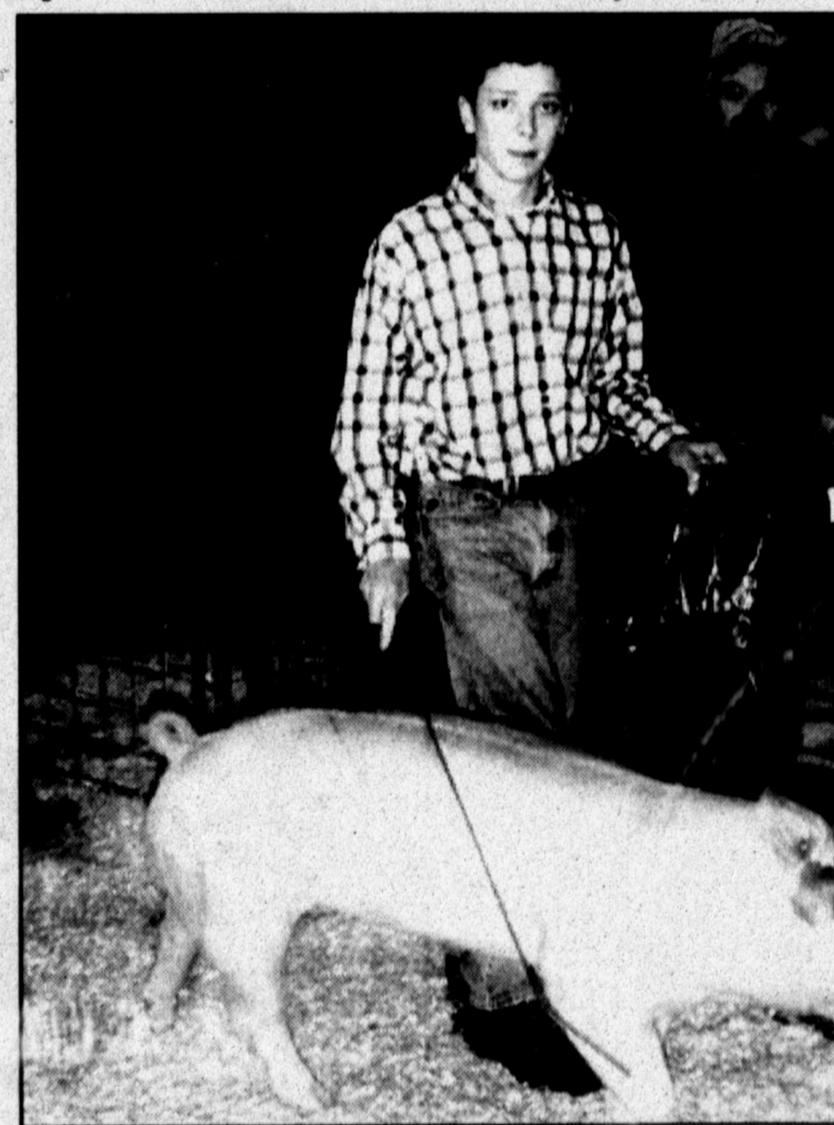


Shayla Wilcox and her grand champion lamb



Kylee Auckerman and reserve champion lamb

Jerad Johnson and the grand champion pig



Harrison Hoffman and reserve champion pig



Jordan Hicks and reserve champion goat

The photograph of the grand champion goat was unavailable.

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DEBATE

Democratic rivals spar on profiling

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In their final debate before Iowa voters launch the presidential nominating season with the caucuses next week, Democratic rivals Al Gore and Bill Bradley scuffled over the issue of racial profiling but agreed that the Confederate battle flag should no longer be allowed to fly above the South Carolina Capitol.

Vice President Gore and Bradley, a former senator, also stated their support for affirmative action policies during the hour-long forum on racial issues.

Both men pledged to quickly end racial profiling, but the liveliest moment of Monday evening's debate came when Bradley pressed Gore to demand that President Clinton issue an executive order immediately ending the practice.

"I want you to walk down his hallway, walk into his office and say 'sign this executive order today,'" Bradley said, drawing a sharp retort from Gore.

"I don't think President Bill Clinton needs a lecture from Bill Bradley on how to stand up and fight for African-Americans and Hispanics," said Gore, who argued that Clinton has set records in appointing minorities to key administration posts.

"It's one thing to talk the talk, it's another thing to walk the walk," said Gore.

Racial profiling is a police practice where some officers target minority group members for traffic stops. Bradley has made boosting racial harmony a centerpiece of his campaign for the Democratic presi-

"It's only the Republican candidates for president who are so scared of the right wing that they will tolerate the intolerant, lest they offend the offensive."

Al Gore

dential nomination.

The focus on minority issues, in a debate televised nationally by the cable channel MSNBC, came hours after protests in South Carolina, where civil rights leaders demanded that the Confederate battle flag be lowered from atop the South Carolina Capitol.

Both rivals firmly agreed that the flag should be lowered, but Gore said he had no plans to boycott the state as some leaders have suggested.

"I do not think a president of the United States should ever boycott an individual state," said Gore, who criticized Republican presidential candidates as being about the only base of support for keeping the flag flying. None of the GOP candidates have called for the flag's removal; most of them say the people of South Carolina should decide.

"It's only the Republican candidates for president who are so scared of the right wing that they will tolerate the intolerant, lest they offend the offensive," said Gore. "It is an offense to our common humanity," Bradley said of displaying the flag.

Both also condemned Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker, under fire for making racist remarks about minori-

ties. "I would not be disappointed if they fired him," said Bradley. "Certainly suspension is in order," Gore said. Rocker's comments were reprehensible and disgusting. "And I condemn it without any reservation, of course," he said.

The debate came on the federal holiday honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and both men were sounding their themes of racial unity at a wider audience, since Iowa's minority population is under 4 percent.

It was the sixth face-to-face exchange between the two competitors and it came as most polls show Gore with a significant lead of 20 percentage points or more in Iowa.

After the debate, Gore went to an African-American church jammed with about 700 people, declaring "I felt the spirit" as the choir sang. Gore stood in front of the choir away with the music and clapping in time.

He praised the debate, arguing that "these are issues that should be raised in every state in every city across the nation."

An ebullient Bradley headed for a post-debate party at the local Painters union hall that rocked to the groove of Michael Jackson's music. With blue curtains hanging from the wall and lights glaring, the place had been transformed into a temporary TV studio as a campaign film crew gathered footage for the next round of ads.



Texas Gov. George W. Bush (left) and Arizona Sen. John McCain (right) engage in a spirited exchange during a recent Republican presidential debate. GOP candidate Gary Bauer watches.

Bush rips McCain's tax plan

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Locked in a tight presidential contest with Sen. John McCain among New Hampshire voters, George W. Bush pressed on with his criticism of the Arizona senator's tax plan, hoping it will put him ahead in public opinion polls.

"There's about six polls out, most of 'em showing us close, but there's a lot of time, I've got a lot of work to do," Bush, the Texas governor, said Monday night upon arriving here after a one-day break from the campaign trail.

"I like my chances, I like my message. I like the idea of pointing out that his tax reform is going to raise taxes on people here in this state, and I intend to make that an issue," Bush said.

The two rivals for the Republican presidential nomination renewed at a distance the argument that began Saturday when Bush said in a debate that McCain's tax proposal would impose "a \$40 billion tax increase" on certain employer-provided benefits.

The architect of McCain's plan said Monday that Bush was wrong.

Mark Spitzer, a Phoenix tax attorney, said McCain's proposal is to end the deductions employers can now take on tax-exempt benefits they give their workers.

"It does nothing to the employees," said Spitzer, an Arizona state senator.

Ohio financiers have history of coming to Bush's rescue

CLEVELAND (AP) — Two financiers with Ohio and Texas connections are Texas Gov. George W. Bush's big boosters, financially as well as politically.

Mercer Reynolds III, 64, and William DeWitt Jr., 58, are partners in a Cincinnati investment firm. They bailed out Bush's oil company in 1984 by merging it with their own, made him a part of their 1989 purchase of the Texas Rangers baseball team and, in the past year, raised more than \$3 million for his presidential campaign.

DeWitt and Reynolds were introduced to Bush almost 20 years ago. They said they found Bush to be personable, decisive and able to rally others for a common cause.

Reynolds and DeWitt started as co-workers in Cincinnati's Gradison Co. investment bank in the 1970s. Together they have owned several multimillion dollar companies, including two run by Bush.

"In my view, Mercer Reynolds and Bill DeWitt are the best friends George W. Bush ever had," said U.S. Rep. Rob Portman, a Cincinnati Republican close to all three.

Reynolds and DeWitt left Cincinnati in 1979 and founded Spectrum 7, an oil exploration company. They eventually merged their company with Bush Exploration and picked Bush chief executive, with a \$75,000 annual salary and reportedly 1.1 million shares of Spectrum stock, the newspaper reported.

The company lost \$2 million under Bush, but Reynolds and DeWitt blamed that on a changing industry and changing tax laws. Former Texas Democratic Gov. Ann Richards has said Bush's poor business judgment caused losses for companies he headed.

Bush made such a positive impression that Reynolds and DeWitt had him run the Texas Rangers when he invested in their purchase of the baseball franchise in 1989.

Bush has drawn criticism from opponents for his affiliation with the Rangers. Bush, who served as managing general partner until the 1994 election, put up \$608,302 for his shares of the team and got \$14.9 million when he sold them in 1998.

Brooks scores at AMA



GARTH BROOKS

"I'm not sure that people don't need a breather from Garth."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The path to the podium at the American Music Awards is a familiar one for Garth Brooks.

The top selling artist of the 1990s began the new decade by winning two AMA trophies Monday, for best country male artist and country album for "Double Live." He has raised the possibility of retiring at the end of the year.

"I'm not sure that people don't need a breather from Garth," he said after also receiving a special honor as artist of the 1990s.

"You look at your three children, and really, that's your calling."

Also, Sandy and my relationship deserves the time to be worked on," he said of his marriage.

Veteran musicians like Brooks held their own Monday against a wave of young up-and-comers, including the Backstreet Boys, the Dixie Chicks and Lauryn Hill.

The first honor of the night went to the sentimental favorite, 52-year-old rock guitarist Carlos Santana, who received a standing ovation after accepting the favorite pop-rock album award for "Supernatural."

After thanking his family, Santana brought his co-producer, Clive Davis, onstage to share the honor. Davis has been in a high-stakes power struggle over his future with the company that owns Arista Records.

Backstage, Santana said, "a lot of people told me they didn't want to work with me because I'm old. Mr. Davis believed in me. We both believed we had a masterpiece in our belly."

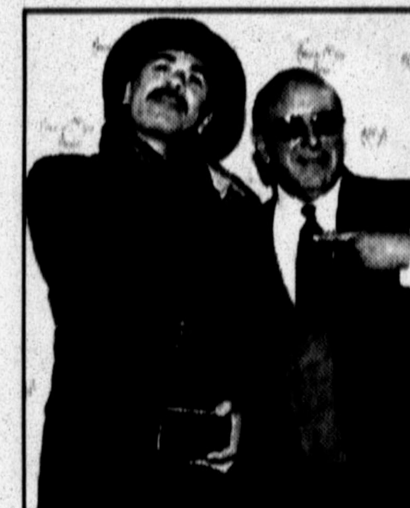
"Supernatural," which put Santana atop the charts for the first time in his 30-year career, beat out two teen sensations, the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" and Britney Spears' "... Baby One More Time."

Longtime collaborators Brooks & Dunn were named best country band, duo or group, beating out Diamond Rio and the Dixie Chicks, who also lost out against Brooks for best country album.

Shania Twain won for pop-rock female artist and country female artist. Hill was honored as favorite soul-rhythm and blues female artist while "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" won for soul-R&B album.

Including the artist of the decade honor, Brooks has 16 trophies, tying him with Lionel Richie for fourth place on the all-time list of American Music Award winners.

DMX won for favorite rap-hop artist. On stage he



Veteran rock guitarist Carlos Santana (left) shares award with co-producer Clive Davis.

thanked Jesus, but backstage, he grumbled that with two hit albums out previously, he should have already won an honor. "I feel I should have won a few awards," he said. "Give it all to me."

Whitney Houston, who tied with Twain and Spears for most nominations with three, was shut out and didn't attend. Awards spokesman Paul Sheffrin said her absence was unrelated to an incident in Hawaii last week, when airport security guards said they found marijuana in her bag.

Tyrese took the honors for new soul-rhythm and blues artist.

"I'm a living example of if you put your mind to it and let God do his work, it'll work out for you," he said, dedicating his award to the gritty neighborhood in the Watts section of Los Angeles where he grew up.

Nominees for the 27th annual awards were chosen by music industry representatives. The winners were decided in voting by about 20,000 music fans nationwide.

The show also featured results of an Internet poll that named Elvis Presley favorite artist of the 1950s, the Beatles of the 1960s, Stevie Wonder of the 1970s and Michael Jackson of the 1980s.

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