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Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Flurries possible •

Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with flurries possible late, breezy with lows in the mid-20s, winds becoming north 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

Wednesday: Becoming mostly sunny, highs in the mid-40s, north winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear, lows in the mid-20s.

• Extended forecast •

Thursday: Partly sunny, highs in the lower 60s.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow late, lows 28 to 32, highs near 45.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow early, otherwise partly cloudy, lows near 25, highs 45 to 50.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, lows in the lower 20s, highs 35 to 40.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 52; low, 19, no precipitation.



• Cooler temperatures likely across state

A new cold front will bring much lower daytime temperatures across Texas today, with some rainfall predicted.

Fog and cloudiness developed in much of North and West Texas overnight, except for the far west and Big Bend where clear skies were predicted.

Patchy fog also shrouded parts of Southwest Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-20s to lower 50s in the Rio Grande valley.

CHAMPION!

Jim English (left), assistant criminal district attorney for Deaf Smith County, is congratulated by Hereford Brand Advertising Manager Julius Bodner after winning \$1,000 as the grand champion in the newspaper's annual football contest. English missed six in the contest, but won on a tie-breaker selection. The contest lasted 13 weeks and featured high school, college and professional football clashes. Please see story, Page A6.



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ALL THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS



Bullhorn cheer — Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand (left) and City Manager Chester Nolen may be asking Santa Claus for a new city sound system this Christmas after the current system went on the blink Monday night during the city's official Christmas Lighting at Mothers Park, forcing speakers and entertainers to bring in the Yuletide spirit with a borrowed fire department bullhorn. The whole arrangement didn't seem to matter one way or another to the city manager's son, Cody (right), who might have preferred staying home. About 250 people turned out for the event, which preceded extended late-night shopping hours by many Hereford merchants, and Main Street carriage rides on a lighted horse and buggy.



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Santa Claus holds an indifferent Bailey Wells.

Santa?

So what?

■ Baby goes to sleep on Santa Claus' lap

Saturday was a big day for lots of little folks in the area, because they had the opportunity to meet Santa Claus before he officially came to town Monday night to light the city tree.

However, little Bailey Wells, daughter of Jody and Shaky Wells, probably won't remember much about her first visit with the big man in red. She seemed to sleep right through the session.

That didn't matter to Santa. He held her and talked to her just like she was the first baby he had ever seen.

The visit with Santa was part of Christmas breakfast and live Nativity, where the jolly old elf presented the young participants the true meaning of the holiday.

POOR STUDENTS

■ U.S. eighth-graders' knowledge of math, science trailing other industrialized nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's eighth-graders still are largely outperformed by children in industrialized Asian and European nations, scoring only at average levels on the latest round of international math and science tests.

Despite more than four years of efforts to improve American student performance in science and math, a report released Tuesday shows little improvement for the middle-schoolers from the first set of uniform tests in 1995.

U.S. educators generally blamed a lack of follow-through on improvement plans developed after the 1995 tests, which also included fourth- and 12th-graders. The earlier tests showed not only that U.S. students made average scores but seemed to do worse as they grew older. The latest tests, conducted in 1999, covered only eighth-graders.

"It's not surprising that in four

years we haven't seen real changes," said Christopher Cross, Council on Basic Education, a nonprofit advocacy group based in Washington. "We've gotten the message. We just haven't taken it to the classroom level."

"What would be really upsetting is that in another four years we would see things looking exactly the same," Cross said.

The testing, organized by the International Association for the Evaluation of Education Achievement and conducted by individual education authorities, showed that in 1999 math and science testing, a dozen nations out of 38 participating in the study outperformed of the United States.

They are Australia, the Flemish (Dutch) part of Belgium, Canada, Taiwan, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Singapore, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

U.S. students shared the average field with Bulgaria, Latvia and New Zealand; American children did better than those in 17 other countries in both science and math.

Students were asked questions about algebra, geometry, physics, chemistry and other topics that children would have been expected to have covered at their grade level.

Questions went well beyond simple math and science knowledge. In a typical math question from the test, which was translated into each country's language, testers were given the problem 691+208 and asked to show which of several other sums were closest. The choices were 600+200, 700+200, 700+300 and 900+200. Answer: 700+200.

Some questions required detailed calculations or explanations.

Other nations' reactions to their

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Charity contacts sought

The Hereford Brand would like to publish information about holiday charity drives being sponsored by Deaf Smith County civic, community or religious groups.

Please provide the name and telephone number of a contact person, plus information about the charity drive, to the Brand no later than 5 p.m. Friday.

Please mail the information to the attention of Lifestyles Editor Becky Thorn, Hereford Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045; bring the information to the newspaper office, 313 N. Lee; or call 364-2030.

A roundup of the communitywide charity activities will be published in the Dec. 13 edition of the newspaper.

Gore to continue fight despite legal setbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bettered in the courts but not ready to concede defeat, Al Gore is appealing his latest legal setback, a ruling that denied his urgent request for manual recounts in Florida and reaffirmed George W. Bush's slender statewide victory.

"They won. We lost. We're appealing," Gore lawyer David Boies said succinctly on Monday after a Florida circuit court judge, N. Sanders Sauls, rejected the vice president's legal arguments point by point. "We've moved one step closer to having this resolved," the attorney added, and Gore advisers said the state's high court could well be the vice president's last stand.

While Gore struggled for survival in the presidential race, Bush



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Families can't pay utility bills

We're all aware that utility expenses — especially electricity and natural gas — are spiraling upward.

Many of Hereford's less-fortunate families who are already on fixed budgets are acutely concerned about these rising costs. A substantial number of them have asked the Christmas Stocking Fund for help with their high utility bills this Yule season.

Among them is a 40-year-old woman who lives with her 19-year-old-daughter and infant granddaughter.

This woman, who suffers from Lupus, works part-time at house-keeping, but her poor health limits the amount of work she can perform and her income is meager.

Christmas would be a brighter time this year for this woman and her family if she could obtain some assistance with her utilities.

Another local resident with similar sentiments is a 76-year-old widow who lives alone and struggles to make ends meet on her Social Security check. Her utility bills are high and she's hoping for a little holiday help with them from CSF.

The anonymous committee of volunteers administering CSF give the needs of the young and the elderly a high priority in their decisions on assistance. With the caring and sharing help of the local community, CSF will address as many needs as possible during the 2000 campaign.

You can help CSF to extend maximum help to as many of the less fortunate members of the community as possible this holiday through your generous gift.

CSF extends assistance in numer-

ous forms including help with food, utilities, medical and pharmacy bills, and clothing. All assistance, with the exception of food, is via vouchers payable to the merchants, utilities, or medical facilities cooperating with CSF. Food assistance is in the form of staple goods that are boxed and delivered.

This year's primary assistance delivery date is Dec. 22.

Donations to CSF may be made in-person at the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of the Brand at P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate their gifts.

The Brand, official collection point for CSF, periodically publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum collected by CSF.



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LIFESTYLES

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OLD-FASHION FUN



Pulling taffy was one of the demonstrations witnessed by visitors to the Christmas Open House at the Deaf Smith County Museum Sunday afternoon. Pictured above pulling the candy that was a favorite Christmas treat made by their mother in days gone by are Vel Simpson (left) her sister, Jo Mathews of Amarillo. Other demonstrations included making floral arrangements and bows. Live entertainment was provided throughout the afternoon by local artists and refreshments were served. The open house is sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society as a way of saying 'thank you' to the community for its support.

Submit entries now for lighting contest

Nominations are now being accepted by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division for the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for homes and businesses.

Nominations will be accepted for any home or business in Hereford.

Entry forms are available at the chamber office, 701 N. Main, and completed forms must be returned to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15.

Categories are: residential,

total home or residential windows and doors; and total business, or business windows and doors.

Previous winners are eligible to enter again, but must compete in a category different from the one entered the past year.

Judging will be Dec. 18-19 and 2000 contest winners will be announced in the Saturday, Dec. 23 edition of the *Hereford Brand*.

Hereford Bucks will be awarded to contest winners.

4-H 'showmen' meet

Chad Hill gave the program on hog showmanship at the Nov. 28 meeting of the Showmanship 4-H Club held in the Hereford Community Center Game Room.

Hill discussed how to take care of your hog, proper showing and grooming and proper

nutrition.

At the next meeting set for Dec. 11, business will include discussion of the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Luncheon set

Crown of Texas Hospice is sponsoring a bereavement "Sunshine Lunch" (Dutch treat) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Branum's.

For reservations or information, call 372-7696 or 800-572-6365.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Mom divorced Dad three years ago. I was 15. They had not gotten along for quite some time, and when they finally split, I was relieved.

A few weeks ago, I was awarded an academic scholarship, and a dinner was held to honor all scholarship recipients. Dad said he would like to come, but he might have to work late and couldn't promise anything. Mom said she wouldn't come if there was any chance that my father might show up. The result was neither one of them came.

All the other scholarship winners had their families present, and I was embarrassed and hurt that nobody was there for me. I hadn't asked them to sit together. It would have been perfectly fine if they sat on opposite ends of the auditorium.

Is there anything I can say to make my parents realize

that their behavior is hurtful to me and it would help a lot if they could be civil to each other? — New Jersey Daughter

Dear Daughter: How sad that some divorced parents use their children to punish one another. Please clip this column and make two copies. Send one to your father and another to your mother. You don't need to enclose a letter of explanation. Just make sure you put your name and address on the envelope. This will be more effective than anything you might say.

I hope all divorced parents will pay close attention to what you have written. You spoke for a great many children today.

Dear Ann Landers: I liked your sympathetic response to "Need Some Guidance," the Catholic woman whose ex-husband made her promise before a statue of St. Mary that she would never remarry.

I am a Protestant pastor, but I believe that anyone with good theological training would tell the woman that an oath made under pressure is nei-

ther valid nor binding. Perhaps she could go back to the statue of St. Mary, explain that the oath was not her idea, and ask to be released from her promise to uphold it. She sounds like a good woman, and I think perhaps God may have arranged something better for her. — R.G. in Boston

Dear Boston: And you sound like a good man. Any husband who would insist his wife promise that in the event of his death she would never remarry is selfish and controlling beyond the point of decency. Making it a religious oath is particularly despicable. Thank you for coming to her defense. She needed help, and you provided it.

Dear Ann Landers: I've been married five years and have two beautiful daughters. I love my wife, but I'm not "in love" with her anymore.

This past year, I've grown

close to a female co-worker. "Minnie" and I talk about everything and anything. Our relationship is very open, and we have lots of fun together. The problem is I'm starting to have feelings for her, but I don't want to cross that line. Minnie is also married, and she has already told me she cares deeply about me.

I am afraid of what might happen — and I'm not sure I am strong enough (or willing) to resist. What should I do? — Nameless in the United States

Dear Nameless: Douse that flame before it burns your house down. Workplace flirtations are difficult to extinguish, but you must do it or suffer dire consequences. Pray for strength, and good luck.

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 2000

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Double donations - Bud to Blossom Garden Club made donations recently to two local entities. In photo above, a \$1,000 check was presented to the Deaf Smith County Historical Society garden committee represented by Betty Kriegshauser (second from left) and Paula Edwards (left), director of the Deaf Smith County Museum. Making the presentation were (from right) Bud to Blossom members Phyllis Brown and Patricia Robinson. Another check for \$1,000 was given to the Hereford Senior Citizens Association (photo below) represented by Margie Daniels (left), executive director. The check was presented by Bud to Blossom members (from right) Patricia Robinson and Wilma Bryan.



KBAH airs Christmas specials

Special to the Brand

KBAH/American Family Radio, heard in Hereford at 90.5 on the FM band, is featuring a schedule of Christmas specials in addition to Christmas music.

The station has more than 30 Christmas specials planned. Many of the specials will air at 7:05 p.m. as well as other times throughout the evening.

The station began playing Christmas music on Dec. 2 and will continue to do so through Dec. 25.

Following is a list of the specials to be aired.

Dec. 5 - 7:05 p.m. - **Avalon**. Christmas stories and songs from Avalon's first Christmas album.

Dec. 6 - 7:05 p.m. - **One Bethlehem Night**. A musical drama from Benson Music.

Dec. 8 - 7:05 p.m. - **Joseph**. Actor Frank Harvey tells the Christmas story from the perspective of Jesus' stepfather.

Dec. 12 - 7:05 p.m. - **Majesty and Wonder**. An AFR special featuring guitarist Phil Keagy with the London Philharmonic.

Dec. 15 - 7:05 p.m. - **A full**

hour of Christmas carols.

Dec. 19 - 7:05 p.m. - **God Came Near**. Worship music and thoughts from author Max Lucado.

Dec. 20 - 7:30 p.m. - **Birth in Bethlehem**. An AFR classic written by Dr. Donald Wildmon.

Dec. 23 - 12:05 p.m. - **AFB Christmas Card**. Features the staff of American Family Radio Network.

Dec. 24 - 6:30 p.m. - **Like Christmas All Year Round**. Christmas worship with Dennis Jernigan.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2000. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:
In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1978, the American space probe "Pioneer Venus 1," orb-

biting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet.

In 1994, jubilant Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

Ten years ago: President Bush, on a visit to Argentina, said he was "not optimistic" that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would withdraw from Kuwait without a fight.

Five years ago: In the first hint of movement at the budget talks, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders said they were preparing a seven-year bud-

get-balancing plan. Former South Korean president Roh Tae-woo, four aides and a dozen top businessmen were indicted in a bribes-for-favors scandal.

One year ago: AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle and the failure to agree on a new round of negotiations, telling CBS' "Face the Nation," "No deal is better than a bad deal." Cuban President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba within 72 hours.

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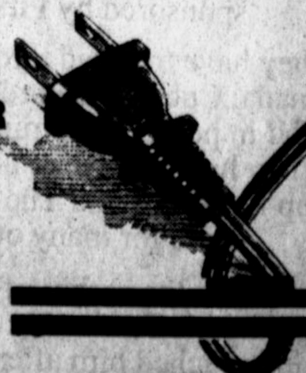
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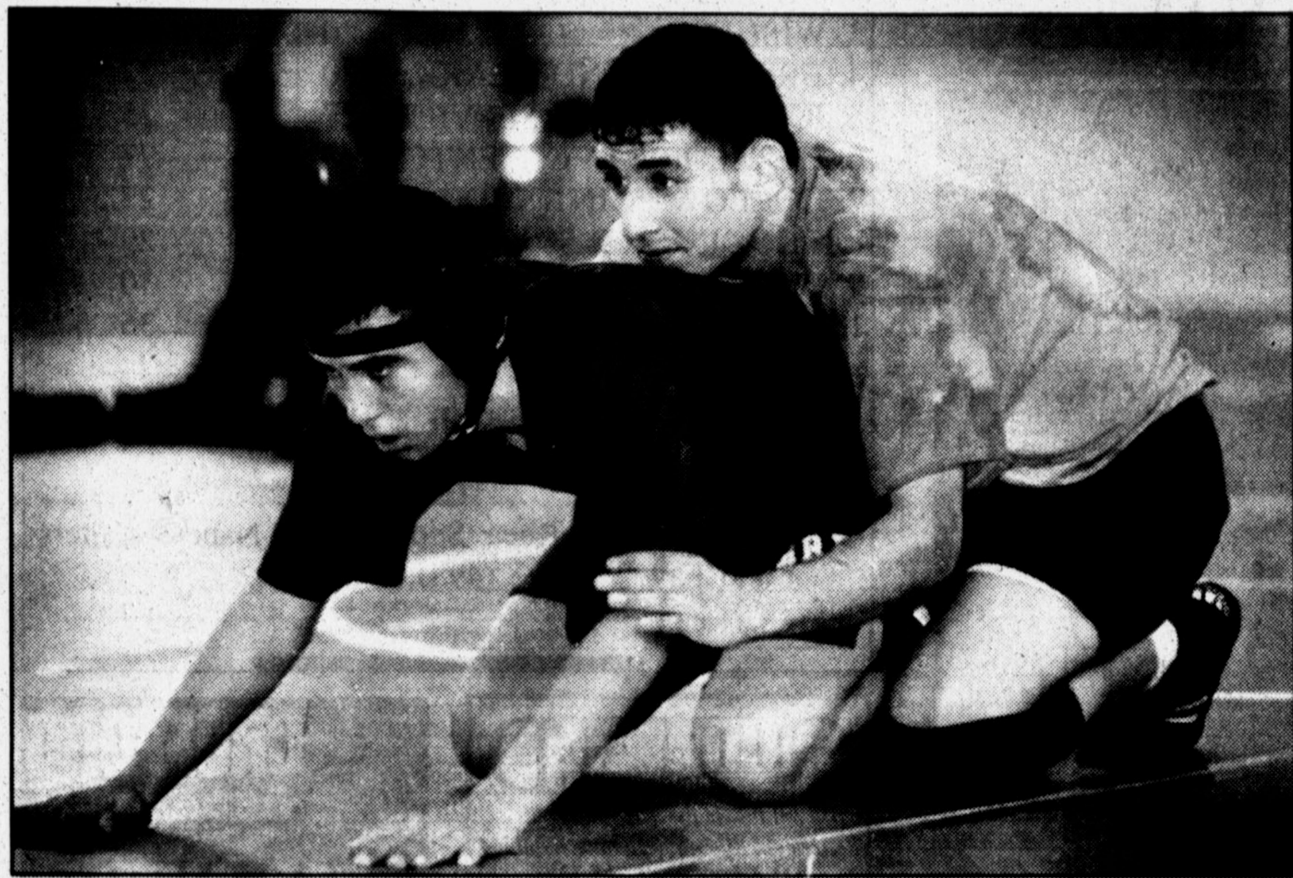
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SPORTS

HEREFORD BRAND • Tuesday, December 5, 2000 • A5

Great grapplers



Herd wrestlers—Hereford High's Javier Alonzo and another member of the Whiteface wrestling team work out during Thanksgiving break. The team is at Borger this evening.

ON THE REBOUND

Boys raid Plainview and come away with tourney's first place trophy

After starting the season 0-2, the Hereford Whiteface basketball team is on fire winning four straight including coming out as champions at the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic this past weekend.

After taking down Lubbock Estacado on Thursday in double overtime 60-58, the Whitefaces beat Shallowater Friday and then beat tournament host Plainview 59-45 for the championship on Saturday.

Plainview and Hereford were deadlocked at 10 points each after the first quarter, but the Herd began to pull away leading by four at half-time and 15 at the end of the third quarter.

The team's leading scorer was senior guard and tournament Most Valuable Player Cody Hodges who scored 25 points on Saturday.

Senior Slade Hodges scored 10 points in the win while being named to the Division I All-Tournament team.

Junior Cody Marsh added five points for Hereford High,

and three other players tossed in four points. The team's next stop is at

Clovis this evening when they take on the Wildcats at 7 p.m.



Sharp Stow—Hereford senior post James Stow drives to the hoop during the Herd's game against Dimmitt High last Tuesday. The Whitefaces are at Clovis High School tonight in Clovis.

Espina and Contreras win weight divisions

The Hereford High School wrestling team traveled to Dumas for a tournament on Saturday and several of them came out on top.

In the 103 pound weight division, Herd wrestler Matt Espina won his weight division defeating Palo Duro's Jacob Rangel, Amarillo High's Ramino Caballero and Hereford's Chris Gavina.

Gavina met up in the championship match with Espina after beating Adrian Aguilar of Dumas and Jacob Barrera of Palo Duro.

Terrance Wilham also competed in the 103 pound division defeating Randall's J.P. Pearson in the consolation bracket but lost to Aguilar.

Henry Castillo of Hereford made it to the second round in the 112 pound division after beating Miguel Soto but lost to Brandon Phillips of Caprock. Castillo then beat Amarillo High's Michael Vigil and Dumas' Raul Gomez to take third place in the class. Castillo then lost in a challenge for second place against Randall's Clint Hargrove.

In the 119 weight class, Jerry Garcia won two of his matches, but he also lost two including the match for third place to Palo Duro's Matt Graves.

In the 130 division, Joe Russell lost his first match to AHS wrestler Steven Denison. Russell then fell to Josiah Greene of AHS.

In the 135 pound division, Refugio Alvarez won the class with wins over David Souvannakhily (Dumas), Jason Brown (Hereford) and Steven McNeil (Caprock).

In the same division, Brown defeated Randall's Jacob Samora before facing Alvarez, and Jose Cardenal lost to McNeil.

In the 140 pound class, Gus Higardo and Fausto Mendoza both advanced to the semi-finals but lost their matches. Mendoza did get a chance to wrestle for third place but lost to Amarillo High's Chad Stoerner.

In the 145 pound division, Jaquin Rodriguez of Hereford lost to Ivan Graves of Dumas and Andy Escobar of Springfield.

In the 152 pound division, Ben Balderaz and Esteban Lopez both advanced to the second round but lost to

into the consolation bracket. Balderaz won two more matches but fell to David Eudy of Dumas. Lopez also lost to Heath Keeton of Caprock.

In the 160 pound class, Hereford's Tony Contreras ran the table winning his weight division. Contreras beat Trace Davenport (Dumas), Adam Saavedra (PD) and Datra Johnson (PD).

In the 171 division, Chris Galvan lost his first match but went on to win three more to get into the match for third. Galvan lost to Ruben Lancon (Hereford) in the third place match after Lancon won three straight matches.

Hereford's James Witkowski beat Donnavon Wainwright (Caprock) but lost to Josa Loya (Dumas) in the final of the 180 pound class.

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Turner's time runs out

■ Washington players point at each other as source of coach's dismissal

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Even as Norv Turner was taking the fall for the Washington Redskins' disappointing season, the players were pointing fingers at each other.

Turner was fired Monday and replaced by passing game coordinator Terry Robiskie. While the players agreed Robiskie will provide the motivational fire Turner lacked, they questioned why their teammates couldn't motivate themselves.

"Players make coaches look good, and players make coaches look bad," cornerback Deion Sanders said. "I wish they could show the films publicly to show what I'm stressing. We need different players. It's talent, in certain areas, especially on special teams."

Sanders said he took responsibility when he had a bad game against Detroit this year, but others aren't willing to do the same.

"I wish other players would come out and say, 'It's not Norv's fault. I got my butt kicked,'" Sanders said.

Guard Keith Sims said Turner was the kind of the coach who expected every player to have a professional work ethic — without having to scream about it. It was an assumption that can't be made in the NFL.

"Norv did not threaten players," Sims said. "Some guys took advantage of him."

Others players admitted their contribution to Turner's demise in a season that began with Super Bowl aspirations. The Redskins, despite an NFL-record \$100 million roster, are 7-6 and have lost four of their last five. They probably need to win their

last three to make the playoffs.

"It's a somber moment," kicker Eddie Murray said. "Players feel like they've let a coach down. I feel bad for the coach. I didn't hold my end of it up."

Kickers were the first thing on Turner's mind when he gave his farewell speech. In each of the last three losses,

a kicker has missed a vital field goal in the closing minutes.

"We came up short in each of those situations," Turner said. "The difference between winning and losing is not very big in this league."

The inability to find a regular kicker has hurt Turner's teams since he cut Chip Lohmiller during the 1995

training camp. Turner has used five kickers this season. The latest, the 44-year-old Murray, didn't have the leg to reach the goalpost from 44 and 49 yards in the last two games.

The loss of three offensive starters to knee injuries was also a setback this year, but the deeper problem was the players' lack of focus.

FOOTBALL GENIUS



Grand prize winner—Assistant District Attorney Jim English receives \$1,000 cash from Julius Bodner (right), Advertising Manager for the Hereford Brand, for winning the annual Football Contest. English missed six games in week 13 but won the tie-breaker guessing the closest score. Two others missed six games in the grand prize contest.

Herd

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In the heavyweight division, Roy Pena of Hereford made it all the way to the final but fell to Greg Guzeman of Caprock. Pena had to wrestle Riley Frazee of Walsh for second place and won 3-0.

Hereford's Michael Claudio lost his first match but reached the third place match falling to Frazee.

The wrestling team is in Borger this evening for a tournament.

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HIGH GAME: Rhea Scott (210), Faye McGee (189) and Charlene Sanders (182).

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Mackovic headed for Tucson

■ Former UT coach headed to Arizona for Wildcat job

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In hiring John Mackovic, Arizona gambled that the competitive fires are still burning in a 57-year-old man who has been away from coaching for three years.

It was a move in stark contrast of the Wildcats' archrivals at Arizona State, where the Sun Devils opted last weekend for 41-year-old Dirk Koetter, a head coach for just three seasons at Boise State.

Mackovic has coached at three major colleges — Texas, Illinois and Wake Forest, as well as a four-year stint with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.

He was conference coach of the year in all three collegiate jobs.

"No one else offered the impeccable credentials that John offered for the well-being of student-athletes, football knowledge — not just X's and O's, although he certainly knows about that," Arizona athletic director Jim Livengood said. "John has a ton of passion and a burning desire to be back in college football and coaching young

people."

At the news conference Monday to announce his hiring, Mackovic said the urge to get back to coaching grew stronger while at ESPN.

He said he thought the Arizona job was the best opening of the many that were created in the last few weeks. He returns to a program where he was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach a quarter-century ago.

"It's been a long wait," he said, "but I feel like I'm finally home."

When he was fired at Texas after a 4-7 season in 1997, Mackovic said he was through with coaching.

"I chose to say I was retired because I was hurt," Mackovic said. "I just didn't know if I wanted to continue because I felt we had done the things that were asked of us and we had put our program at Texas in not only a competitive but a winning position, but we had an off year."

Mackovic agreed to a five-year contract. His salary was not disclosed pending approval by the Board of Regents.

Livengood wanted an offensive-minded coach, and Mackovic fills that bill. He said he will call the plays.

"I will be vitally involved with all parts of the program," he said.

Week 13 results

In the final week of the Hereford Brand football contest, Hereford's Jim English came away with the \$1,000 grand prize winning the championship round by missing only six games and missing the exact tiebreaker score by one point.

In the regular contest, English's son, Daniel, placed first missing six games and picking the winner of the tie-breaker.

Rich Kendrick came in second place missing six games and missing the tie-breaker score by six points.

Third place went to Will Fellers who also missed six games and missed the tie-breaker score by seven points. There were 54 entries in the final week of the contest.

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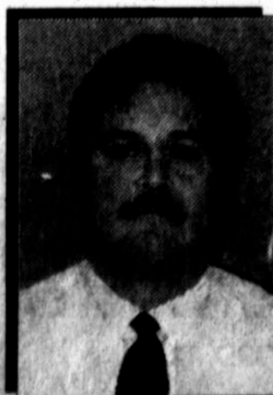


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Table of TV programs for Tuesday, December 5, 2000. Columns include time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Frosty's', 'Freaks and Geeks', etc.

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 6

Table of TV programs for Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Columns include time slots (12:30, 1 PM, 1:30, 2 PM, 2:30, 3 PM, 3:30, 4 PM, 4:30, 5 PM, 5:30) and program titles such as 'Sewing', 'Painting', 'Fine Art', 'Nova', etc.

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 6

Table of TV programs for Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Columns include time slots (7 AM, 7:30, 8 AM, 8:30, 9 AM, 9:30, 10 AM, 10:30, 11 AM, 11:30, 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Sesame Street', 'Angela', 'Today', etc.

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DECEMBER 6

Table of TV programs for Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Columns include time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Life of Santa Claus', 'News', etc.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Panel 1: Blondie asks 'WHAT ARE YOU READING, DEAR?' and Blondie replies 'I THOUGHT MAYBE I OUGHT TO READ A BOOK ON PHILOSOPHY'. Panel 2: Blondie asks 'WHAT ARE YOU READING?' and Blondie replies 'HARRY POTTER'.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker. Panel 1: Beetle says 'BEETLE, I'M GONNA BUST YOU...' and Beetle replies 'HOLD IT! IT'S MY BEEPER. MAYBE IT'S MY MOM ABOUT THE COOKIES'. Panel 2: Beetle says 'GO ON! ASK HER ABOUT THE COOKIES!' and Beetle replies 'THE MASTER AT WORK'.

Marvin comic strip by Tom Armstrong. Panel 1: Patty says 'PATTY, I BELIEVE MY SON MARVIN IS QUITE TAKEN WITH YOUR DAUGHTER CHLOE' and Patty replies 'REALLY? HOW CAN YOU TELL, JENNY?'. Panel 2: Marvin says 'WELL, FOR ONE THING, THE WAY HE ALWAYS TRIES TO SIT BY HER'.

Barney Google & Snuffy Smith comic strip by Fred Lasswell. Panel 1: Barney says 'WHAT HAPPENED, PAW?' and Snuffy replies 'DADBURN ACE OF SPADES'. Panel 2: Barney says 'HOW DID TH' ACE OF SPADES DO ALL THAT?' and Snuffy replies 'IT FELL OUT MY SLEEVE'.

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Panel 1: Wizard says 'WHAT'S THIS REQUEST FOR A MILLION BUCKS?' and Wizard replies 'I WANT TO STUDY THE MIGRATION ROUTES OF VAMPIRE BATS'. Panel 2: Wizard says 'THE TRAIL OF BLOOD DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE?'.

Comic strip panel 1: Boss says 'THE BOSS INSINUATED THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION LATELY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!' and another character replies 'WELL, WHAT DID YOU SAY IN YOUR OWN DEFENSE?'. Panel 2: Character asks 'WHAT FENCE?'.

Comic strip panel 1: Character says 'I CALLED YOU TWO IN BECAUSE OF YOUR CONSTANT FIGHTING' and another character replies 'HE JUST WON'T DO ANYTHING I TELL HIM TO DO!'. Panel 2: Character asks 'HAVE YOU EVER TRIED PRAYING?' and another character replies 'NO HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MIRACLES'.

Comic strip panel 1: Character says 'GREAT, PATTY... WE'LL SEE YOU THEN'. Panel 2: Character says 'MARVIN, THAT NEW GIRL AT YOUR DAYCARE IS COMING OVER HERE TOMORROW FOR A PLAY DATE'. Panel 3: Character says 'WAIT 'TIL SHE GETS A LOAD OF MY COOL BACHELOR PAD'.

Comic strip panel 1: Character says 'PAW--I NEED ME A NEW DRESS !!' and another character replies 'WHAT'S WRONG WITH TH' LAST ONE?'. Panel 2: Character says 'IT MUST BE IN CODE'.

Comic strip panel 1: Character says 'A MESSAGE FROM SIR RODNEY AT THE FRONT LINES'. Panel 2: Character asks 'WHAT DOES IT SAY?'. Panel 3: Character says 'HE SAYS WE ARE WINNING'. Panel 4: Character says 'IT MUST BE IN CODE'.

Clinton creates preserve

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton created the largest U.S. nature preserve Monday — 84 million acres underwater around the northwestern Hawaiian Islands — to help save the coral reefs and wildlife that inhabit the area. The Pacific Ocean reserve, at 99,500 square nautical miles as large as Florida and Georgia combined, contains nearly 70 percent of the United States' coral reefs, as well as pristine remote islands, atolls and submerged lagoons — "a special place where the sea is a living rainbow," Clinton said.

Netanyahu hinting at comeback attempt

JERUSALEM — Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned to Israeli politics with typical timing and flair, saying he will decide soon about challenging the nation's current leader, Ehud Barak, who trounced him in elections only a year and a half ago. In that period, the fortunes of the two rivals have reversed, with polls showing that if elections were held today, Netanyahu would be the big winner.

Shuttle crew deploys second solar wing

SPACE CENTER, Houston — NASA officials breathed a collective sigh of relief after feverishly working to create a plan that successfully unfurled the second of the international space station's giant solar wings. Energies were then turned to Tuesday's planned spacewalk, during which astronauts Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega were to continue installing space station Alpha's electricity-producing solar panels.

Julia Roberts named mover and shaker

LOS ANGELES — Julia Roberts has become the first actress to make *The Hollywood Reporter's* annual list of the entertainment industry's most influential women. Roberts ranks No. 3 on the trade publication's Power 50, to be published Tuesday. Paramount Pictures executive Sherry Lansing tops the list a second straight year. Roberts, whose \$20 million price tag makes her the highest-paid actress in Hollywood, has appeared in more than 30 films, including "Erin Brockovich," "Runaway Bride" and "Pretty Woman."

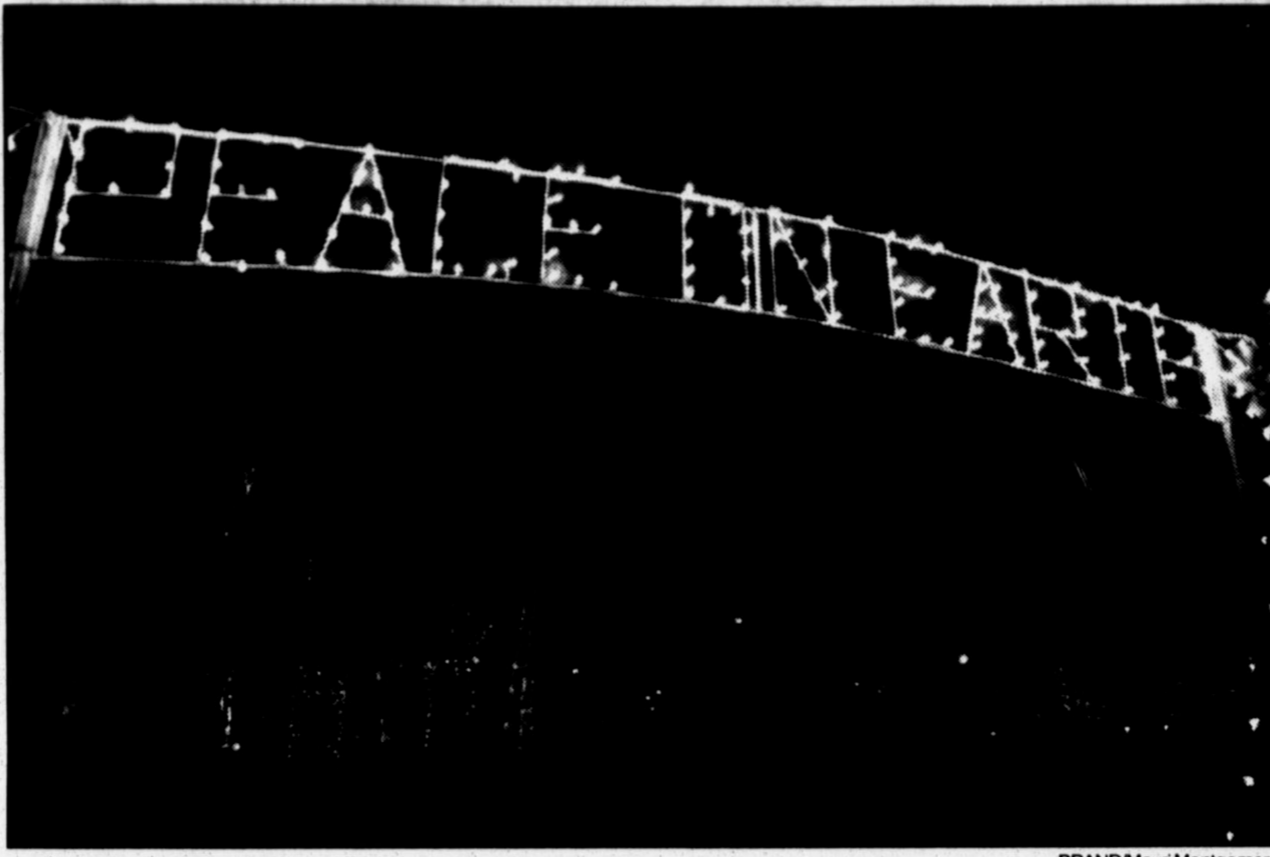
Meatpacker recalls beef

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Citing an E. coli scare in Minnesota, meatpacking company American Foods Group Inc. said Monday it would recall ground beef sent to stores in 15 states in early November.

The decision to recall the meat was reached after consultation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Green Bay company said in a news release. The recall involves 1.1 million pounds of ground beef from Nov. 2 and Nov. 3.

The Minnesota Department of Health is investigating 22 cases of E. coli poisoning with links to ground beef sold at eight Cub Foods stores in that state. Health Department epidemiologist Kirk Smith said the number of confirmed infections was expected to increase.

Cub Foods and parent company Supervalu late last week recalled ground beef from Cub stores in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago and Indianapolis and some Supervalu and Supervalu-supplied stores in Minnesota, including County Markets, Kowalski's, Jerry's and Driskills.



Noble sentiments — At this time of the year, people's thoughts do turn to peace on Earth. Although there are wars and civil wars raging throughout the world, the thought is still there, as demonstrated by the lights in Hereford's Mothers Park. The lights, including this message, were turned on Monday night in a public ceremony.

Students

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students' standings varied widely.

"We are looking at ourselves, not comparing ourselves with other countries," said Thailand's Chaiwat Watcharamai, a national education testing official. Thailand scored below the U.S. in both science and math.

With average national performance set around 500, math scores ranged from 604 in Singapore to 275 in South Africa; science scores ranged from 569 in Taiwan to 243 in South Africa. The U.S. score was 502 in math; 515 in science.

France and Germany did not participate, the only major industrialized nations that didn't. The tests, which all nations were invited to give and were expected to pay for, drew three African countries, Middle Eastern states including Jordan and Iran, several

Eastern European countries and a lone South American nation, Chile.

More than 100,000 children, including 9,072 from the United States, were picked randomly from each nation's eighth-graders or the national equivalent and were tested in the primary language of instruction.

The study also analyzed results from 23 nations that gave the eighth-grade tests both in 1995 and 1999.

U.S. Education Department officials, which funded and administered the U.S. tests, cautioned against comparisons — either to current nations or to 1995 rankings.

"It would be incorrect to assume no learning is taking place," said department researcher Patrick Gonzales. The scores "could indicate a pace of change in other nations that is significantly

faster."

Some experts pointed to parts of the report where children and their teachers also were asked about homework, lessons and study habits.

The U.S. version, released separately from an international version that lacked details about American students, said U.S. children spent more time on computers and using tools like calculators and workbooks than their foreign peers. But they did less homework.

"We have not yet honed in on the importance of science and math education," said Cross.

The study, called the Third International Mathematics and Science Study-Repeat, was financed by the World Bank and participating governments and carried out according to international guidelines.

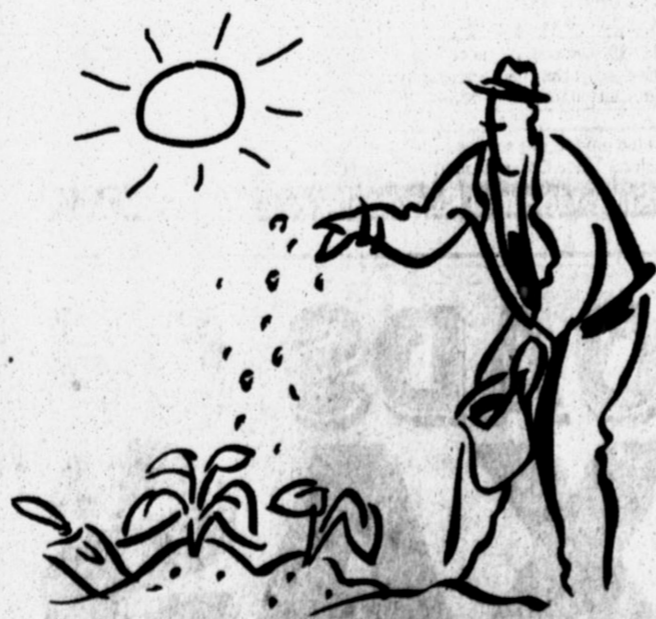
Texas sets execution No. 38

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Garry Dean Miller's historical footnote isn't likely to last long.

Miller, 33, scheduled to die Tuesday night for the rape-slitting of a 7-year-old West Texas girl 12 years ago, would become a record-setting 38th Texas inmate to be executed this year, topping the 1997 mark of 37.

Two more condemned killers, however, also have execution dates for this week and could close out the state's record lethal injection tally at 40 for the year 2000.

Texas carried out 35 executions last year. At least seven already are on the schedule for next year, including three in January.



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Election

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sought to convey the image of a man increasingly confident of victory. Aides said he would receive his first post-election intelligence briefing from the CIA on Tuesday at the governor's mansion in Austin, Texas.

"I do believe that I have won this election," Bush said even before Sauls deflated the Democratic hopes of a breakthrough in the long campaign. In something of a softening in tone, Bush seemed eager to give Gore room to concede without undue pressure.

The vice president, he said, is "going to have to make the decisions that he thinks are necessary and I know he'll put — the interests of the country will be important in his decision making, just like it would be in mine."

Gore lawyer Ron Klain, on NBC's "Today" show, said Tuesday that Sauls made "some very clear errors" which he predicted would be reversed by the Florida Supreme Court.

"What needs to be done," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America," is "to count those 14,000 votes that have been uncounted or miscounted."

Sauls said he found no evidence that counting those ballots again would change the election outcome but Klain said the judge's view "is contradicted by the facts of the case."

The winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes will take office on Jan. 20 as the nation's 43rd president. But Democrats were also looking at a Dec. 12 deadline for certifying Florida electors before the Electoral College meets Dec. 18, and the Florida Legislature was one short step away from calling a special session to appoint electors loyal to Bush.

As yet, Gore offered no hint he might be near giving up his quest for the White House. The vice president dispatched running mate Joseph Lieberman to the Capitol for Tuesday morning meetings with lawmakers to rally the troops, and won expressions of support Monday evening from the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate as well as a group of party moderates who had stayed in the background.

"Only the Florida Supreme Court can provide the finality needed to ensure the most accurate count of the votes in Florida," said Reps. Cal Dooley of California and Jim Moran of Virginia.

That's where Gore's legal team aimed, even before Sauls' courtroom had cleared out in the wake of his pivotal ruling Monday evening.

Speaking to a battery of top-dollar lawyers for both sides as well as a national television audience, Sauls ruled that the evidence did not establish "any illegality, dishonesty, gross negligence, improper influence, coercion or fraud in the balloting and counting processes" in the Florida counties where Gore sought such recounts.



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