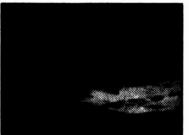
OUTLOOK **Mostly clear skies**

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low 15 to 20, northwest wind diminishing to 10 to

20 mph. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high around 50, west wind 10 to 20 mph.



Extended forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy, low 20 to 25, high 55 to 60. Friday: Partly cloudy, low in the lower to mid-20s, high in the upper 40s to lower

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, low around 20, high in the lower to mid-40s. **Hereford** weather

Monday's high, 54; low, 34; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

ECONOMY **Inflation rises**

slightly; gas prices decline

WASHINGTON (AP) -Consumer inflation rose a slim 0.1 percent in November, the best showing in five months, as falling prices for clothing, gasoline and vegetables helped offset increases in housing and other

The advance in the Consumer Price Index, the most closely watched inflation gauge, followed a 0.2 percent rise in October, the Labor Department reported today. Many analysts had expected the same 0.2 percent increase in November.

So far this year, consumer prices have been rising at an annual rate of 2.7 percent, compared with a 1.6 percent increase in 1998, but all of the acceleration has reflected higher energy

Not counting the volatile energy and food categories, prices were up by 0.2 percent, leaving the "core" rate of inflation rising at a more moderate rate of 2 percent so far this year. The monthly gain in the core rate matched many analysts' forecasts.

The Federal Reserve meets next week to decide whether to raise interest rates again this year. Many analysts expect the Fed will leave rates unchanged at the Dec. 21 meeting, citing concerns about problems that could erupt from the Y2K computer changeover.

Many analysts believe the Fed, which has raised rates three times this year to slow the economy and keep inflation under control, will bump up rates early next year, given continuing strong economic growth.

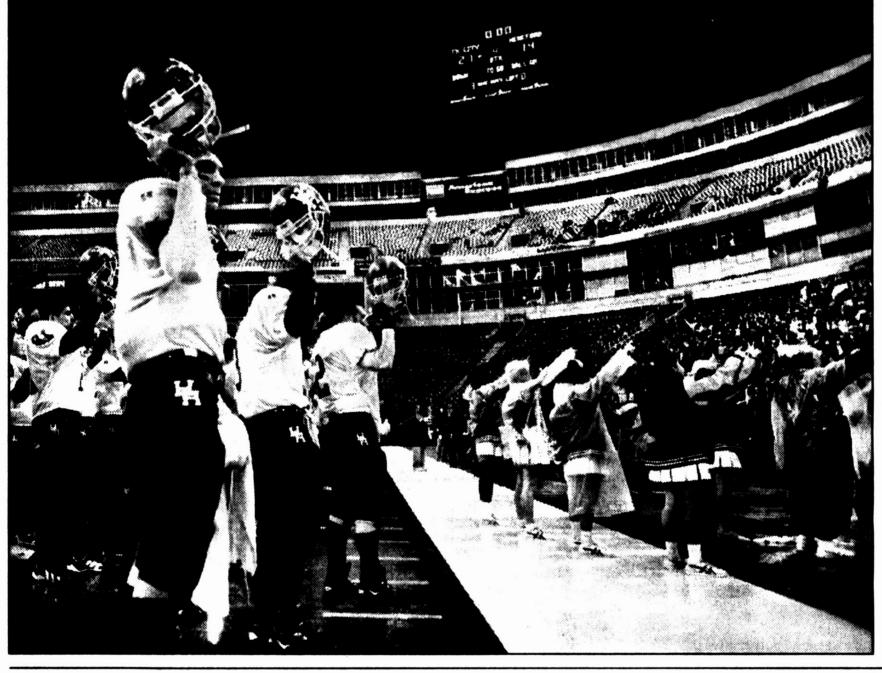
Yields on the Treasury's 30-year bond rose to 6.23 percent today from 6.20 percent late Monday.

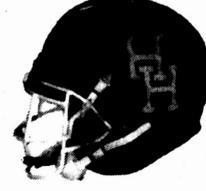
In a separate report today, the Commerce Department said retail sales rose a stronger-than-expected 0.9 percent in November, the largest gain in three months, as merchants headed into the busy holi-

day shopping season. Today's report on consumer prices could ease concerns among economists and investors about a potential outbreak of inflation.

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Hereford Whiteface players and coaches are joined Saturday night at Texas Stadium by cheerleaders in acknowledging the fans who braved miserable weather to cheer on the team in its firstever appearance in a state championship football game. Hereford's dreams of a state crown were dashed Saturday night when the Whitefaces were defeated 27-14 by the Texas City Stingarees in the Class 4A Division I title match. The Herd, which captured the District 3-4A championship, earned its spot in the state title game by defeating Plainview 26-15 in the area round of the playoffs; El Paso Ysleta 42-7 in the regional round; Weatherford 24-21 in the quarterfinals; and Hewitt Midway 32-17 in the semifinals.

Although the Herd did not win the state championship, the school mascot was listed among the state's best in the Dallas Morning News' All-Century list.

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County gets report from agents

Extension office's (quality and quantity), loss of agri The county agents Legislature. Extension through the Better Living for Texans grant. This grant has Legislature. Extension Texans grant. This grant has book outlines plans for the next 3 years

By Julie L. Carlson Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Deaf Smith County commissioners received reports Monday from the county Extension Office.

Family Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Beverly Harder noted top concerns voiced throughout the state concerning environmental needs. Seventy-three Deaf Smith residents attended the local meeting. The concerns to be worked on through the extension office for the next three to five years are water cultural marketing, air, youth needs (such as education, family unity, discipline) and business attraction and retention.

The county agents have compiled a book, entitled "Texas Community Futures Forum," which lists the agents action plan for 2000-2003.

The book contains specific Southwest Panhandle Cotton goals, action plans, resources, and time frames to complete each goal. The book has received many compliments and has been requested by several agencies, as well as the Texas

have compiled a book, entitled "Texas Community Futures Forum," which lists the agents action plan for 2000-2003. The book contains specific goals, action plans, resources, and time frames to complete each goal.

> Conference, which will have its second annual meeting Feb. 10, 2000.

> Harder also mentioned more than \$11,000 has come into Deaf Smith County

other area extension agents have set up a

Agent Dennis

Newton said

the largest

agricultural

change within

Deaf Smith

County has

been an in-

crease in cot-

ton acreage.

Newton and

Texans grant. This grant has been given to Deaf Smith County for the past three Extension Agent Mike Lloyd

reported on the 4-H Youth and Development Committee activities. Lloyd said the goal for this next year is to get more Hispanic children involved in the program. He also reported about 20 livestock judgers have signed up for this next year.

The commissioners also voted to set the holidays for 2000. The set holiday dates

· New Year's Day, Dec. 31,

· President's Day, Feb. 21 Good Friday, April 21 Memorial Day, May 29

Labor Day, Sept. 4

 Columbus Day, Oct. 9 Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24 · Christmas, Dec. 25-26

All holiday dates, except Christmas, were approved unanimously. However, Precinct 1 Commissioner Wayne Betzen dissented when the panel approved two days for Christmas.

Two floating holiday days remain for the year 2000 holiday calendar.

Also on the agenda, the commissioners agreed to open bids at the Dec. 27 meeting for a 120-ton Scotchman ironworker in Precinct 4.

The court also discussed an elevator repair contract with

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Medical expenses burdening mother

Good health is among the most priceless of gifts, and one that many applicants to this year's Christmas Stocking Fund would truly cherish.

While it's not within the power of those who support and administer CSF to grant such a gift, the holiday charity does strive to provide some form of healing through helping with the special needs of the less fortunate during the Yule season.

A case in point is that of a 35-year-old single mother of three teenagers who owes high medical bills. It may well seem to this woman that the world has collapsed upon her. She's diabetic and recently discovered that she also has cancer. While she's been working to earn a living for her family, her hours at her job have also

Because of pressing medical expenses, this woman is asking for assistance with her utility bills, and for shoes for her girls.

CSF strives to meet such needs of the less fortunate, within the limits of its donated funding. Aid is extended as far as funds given to the holiday charity will allow.

Anonymous volunteers administering CSF give the needs of the young and the elderly the highest priority in their decisions on assistance. With the caring and sharing help of the local community, CSF will address as many needs of this nature as possible during the 1999 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 numerous 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, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate their gifts.

TOTAL 12/9/99	4,645.45
Anonymous	50.00
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In memory of Speedy Nieman	
(Larry & Judy Crabtree)	50.00
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(Bonnie Hamilton)	25.00
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Anonymous	10.00
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(The Rev. O.L. Knowlton)	25.00
Gladys Setliff	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Duvall	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gayle Cornelius	100.00
Dr. A. Trow Mirms	100.00
Anonymous	25.00
Total 12/14/1999	6,530.45

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

TMSI attorneys reviewing pact

turn over day-to-day op-erations of Hereford Regional Medical Center to an Austin-based hospital management company likely will not be signed until after the Texas Joint Hospital Commission completes its inspection of the hospital, Deaf Smith County Hospital District board president Dean Crofford said Monday. The hospital district di-

rectors voted 5-1 last week to approve a two-year man-agement service contract with TORCH Managment

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Local roundup

Christmas for children toy drive

Deaf Smith County Social services is taking donations of new toys or money to purchase new toys for the Christmas for Children

Toys or donations can be dropped off at First National Bank, FirstBank Southwest, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, or Stevens Chevrolet. Donations can be dropped off any time before the close of business Friday.

Deaf Smith County Social Services staff will distribute the toys between Dec. 20-22.

Deadlines are Wednesday

Deadlines are Dec. 15 for both the Christmas Lighting Contest and nominations for the Women's Division of the Chamber of commerce "Woman of the Year."

Completed lighting contest entries and nomination forms need to be in the Chamber offfice by 5 p.m.

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News digest

Groping senator under attack

SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP) — State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown's admission that he groped a 20-year-old woman employee has triggered a growing groundswell among Republicans in his district wanting him to resign.

Eric Thode, GOP chairman in Fort Bend County, said Monday that Republican precinct chairmen voted 16-1 last week for a resolution asking the Lake Jackson Republican to step down from the seat he has held since 1981.

The vote came about a month after the Brazoria County Republican Party Executive Committee passed a resolution demanding his resignation.

Brown, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, is up for re-election in 2002.

Brown, 57, apologized in September to his former employee, Tiffany Black, a college student from Angleton for the incident. She complained to police that Brown groped her and made sexual comments to her in his Lake Jackson office during an impromptu golf lesson.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to let you know of a need that has arisen in our community. A local cowboy, Jimmy Batenhorst, lost his house and pickup in a fire last week, leaving him homeless and without personal belongings.

He used the truck to pull his horse trailer to check cattle on many farms and ranches in the Hereford, Umbarger, Canyon areas.

Special collection points for gifts and donations to benefit Mr. Batenhorst have been set up at Farmer's Elevator at Dawn & Batenhorst Garage in Umbarger. If you would like to help this good neighbor and simple cowboy, please visit one of these locations with your gift or donation.

Now is a good opportunity to share your Christmas spirit with someone in need.

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Obituaries

IONE L. REEVES

Dec. 10, 1999

Services for Ione L. Reeves,

80, of Midwest City, Okla, were

Monday in the Rose Chapel of

Gililland-Watson Funeral

Home with Rev. Terry Cosby

of First Baptist Church offici-

ating. Burial was in West Park

Cemetery under the direction

of Gililland-Watson Funeral

an Oklahoma City nursing

in Bray, Okla., to Monroe Luck

and Margurete Patrick. She

married W.J. "Dub" Reeves on

Nov. 10, 1940, in Sayre, Okla.

She lived in Hereford from

1946 to 1963 when she moved

to Amarillo and then back to

Oklahoma City in 1989.

Mrs. Reeves died Friday in

She was born April 22, 1919.

Chris Wieck,

Umbarger ·

Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Rebecca; two sons, Adam Aleman of Friona and Abel Aleman, Jr., of Olton; five stepchildren; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren.

ALMA MCCULLOUGH

DUMAS - Funeral services for Alma McCullough, 91, of Dumas were Monday at the First Street Church of Christ in Dumas with Tom Armstrong officiating and assisted by Art Lynch. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home of

Survivors include one daughter, Colleen Frizzell of New Castle, Okla.; four grandchildren; and seven greatpital.

grandchildren. Hereford Brand, Dec. 14, 1999

ABEL ALEMAN Nov. 25, 1999

FLOYDADA - Mass for Abel Aleman, 54, was Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainview. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral

Home of Floydada. Mr. Aleman died Nov. 25, 1999, in Tarrant County.

He was born Dec. 2, 1944.

Dec. 28, 1995, in Wilbarger daughter. County, Texas. Mr. Aleman was a member of St. Anthony's

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Dec. 10, 1999

Mrs. McCullough died Friday at Dumas Memorial Hos-

She was born Aug. 1, 1908, in Sentinel Oklahoma. She had lived in Dumas since 1976 and had been a longtime Hereford

resident. She married McCullough on Dec. 24, 1930, in Sentinel, Okla. She was a member of the First Street

Church of Christ. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Lou Armstrong of Dumas; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several

nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death He married Rebecca Garza on by her husband and one

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Toys for girls and boys

Generous donations -- Volunteers and staff of Deaf Smith CountySocial Services count and inventory donations which have been brought in so far for the Christmas for Children toy drive. All the toys collected will be distributed to local children beginning on Dec. 20. Donations and staff are helping all Deaf Smith County children have a toy on Christmas morning.

Pictured above are Sally Walker, Betty Henson, Judy Baker and Pete Madrigal who are all helping sort the toys and take stock of what they have and what is still needed. Donations will be accepted through closing Friday at First National Bank, FirstBank Southwest, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union and Stevens Chevrolet.

DPS investigates tractor-trailer wrecks

Illness and unsafe speed resulted in the death of one man and the hospitalization of two others this weekend after separate tractor-trailer accidents were reported.

Department of Public Safety reports indicate that Larry Marc Barnum, 53, of El Paso, suffered an apparent heart attack just before 6:30 Sunday morning. The eastbound 2000 model Freightliner, driven by Barnum, crossed the center median and westbound traffic lanes, jumped a ditch and

The family suggests memori-

als be made to Memorial Hos-

pice in Dumas or the Circle of

Friends, 1500 Wallace Blvd., in

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ANNIE MAE RUSSELL

Dec. 10, 1999

Services for Annie Mae

Russell, 92, of Hereford were

Monday at the Avenue Baptist

Church with Rev. Jim Bulin

officiating. Burial was Palo

Duro Cemetery in Wildorado,

under the direction of Rix Fu-

Mrs. Russell died Friday at

Hereford Regional Medical

She was born Sept. 22, 1907, in Emory to John William and

Florence Brown. She married

James Ray Russell in 1927:

She moved to Hereford in

1949 and was employed by Deaf Smith General Hospital

She was a member of Hereford Senior Citizens and the

Survivors include one

daughter, Carol Odom Sartain of Hereford; one son, Jim Russell of Bovina; 11 grand-

children; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

by her husband, and one son.

She was preceded in death

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as a dietician for 15 years.

Avenue Baptist Church.

neral Directors.

Amarillo.

went through a barbed-wire fence before coming to rest in an open field approximately four miles west on Highway

Deaf Smith County acting Justice of the Peace Eileen Behunin pronounced Barnum dead at the scene. Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine said autopsy results should be in later today.

Barnum's passenger, Francisco Ruvalcaba, was treated for minor injuries at Hereford Regional Medical Center and

ANITA W. KING

Dec. 12, 1999

AMARILLO - Services for

Anita W. King, 65, of Amarillo

were today at Paramount Ter-

race Christian Church in Ama-

rillo with Rev. Scott Greer of-

ficiating. Burial was in Memo-

rial Park Cemetery, under the

direction of Schooler Funeral

She was born July 1, 1934,

in Quinton, Okla. She married

Jerry G.G. King in Hereford

on June 13, 1953. She was a

homemaker and a member of

the Paramount Terrace Chris-

tian Church. She was a mem-

ber of Pairs "N" Squares

Square Dance club for more

Survivors include her hus-

band; one daughter, Darlene

Lee of Dumas; one son David

King of Amarillo; one sister,

Betty Daniels of Amarillo; and

tian Church Building Fund.

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RAMON V. MEDINA

Dec. 12, 1999

Ramon V. Medina, 72, of

Hereford died Sunday in Ama-

rillo. There will be no services

and the body will be cremated

under the direction of Colo-

Mr. Medina was born Oct. 1,

1927, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

He married Angle Lopez on

Feb. 20, 1949, in Chihuahua.

They came to Amarillo in 1965

Mr. Medina owned and oper-

ated Medina Snow Cones in

Hereford and was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ramon Medina, Jr., and George Medina both of

Hereford; three daughters,

Lucy Cupell of Amarillo, Mary

Lucy Cupell of Amarillo, Mary Lou Zambrano and Olga Zambrano both of Hereford; two sisters, Maria Calzadiuas and Nicole Saenz, both of Chi-huahua Mexico; 22 grandchil-dren; 14 great-grandchildren.

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nial Funeral Home.

from Nazareth.

three grandchildren.

than 30 years.

Mrs. King died Sunday.

Early Saturday afternoon, DPS troopers responded to another tractor-trailer accident in which unsafe speed was cited as the reason 1994 Freightliner, driven by John Cox, 40, of Lubbock went off the road.

DPS trooper Augustine Perez said the driver had stated a tire had blown out, but investigators found no sign of a damaged tire.

Cox was transported to HRMC and later to a Lubbock hospital. He was issued a citation for unsafe speed.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 10-13, 1999, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue C and charged with

public intoxication. - A 30-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with public intoxica-

- A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with successive citation for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying fic-titious motor vehicle registra-

- A 30-year-old man was arrested at Highway 60 and 385 and charged with public intoxication.

- A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue C and charged with public intoxication.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Harrington Cancer Center or - A 28-year-old woman was arrested on an outstanding the Paramount Terrace Chrisfelony warrant out of Deaf Smith County and several traffic violations. Incidents

An accident was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H. The driver fled the scene after hitting a parked vehicle. - A purse was found on

Brevard. - Gas theft was reported in the 2900 block of East First. - Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of

Avenue J. - Two women were involved in an altercation over their alleged husband/boyfriend in the 800 block of South Texas.

- A Santa Claus and a Mrs. Santa were stolen from the 200 block of Fir.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- A 48-year-old man was arrested and charged with

criminal non-support.

- A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated convic-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

sponded to a structure fire at 112 Ave. H in the Shiloh Apartments. The resident had left food on the stove. The apartment sustained smoke damage in the kitchen area.

- 12:33 p.m. Firefighters responded to a tractor-trailer accident four and one-half miles north on Highway 385. The driver was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Dec. 12 - 6:27 a.m. Firefighters responded to a tractor-trailer accident four miles west on Highway 60. An eastbound freightliner crossed the road and went into the ditch. The driver suffered an apparent heart attack and was pro-nounced dead at the scene. One passenger was taken to HRMC and treated and released.

- 8:50 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue two miles south on Highway 385, a pickup hit a cow.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 12-21-27-30-88

Cash Five

Pick 8 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Lotto Texas One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$29 million.

The ticket was sold in: Corpus Christi.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50

9-11-28-28-41-50. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4

1:18 a.m. Firefighters re-

JESTYLES.

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Proceeds from the beef giveaway held recently by the Oasis Shrine Club of Hereford, represented by president Ray Reddinger, left, were donated to the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo, represented by Potentate Tom Whitson. The funds will be forwarded to the Shriners Children's Hospital. Each winning half a beef were Wayne Winget of Hereford and Nancy Brown of Borger. The beef was donated by local feedyards, Circle 3 and Beef Tech, Inc.

Alzheimer's group to discuss reports

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 reflect on three reports available at the Alzheimer's Association Web site: www.alz.org.:

· "Alzheimer's Association Survey Finds Americans often

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Fail to Identify Key Disease Warning Signs";

· "Caregiving's Heavy Toll on Family Demands a Response"; and

· "Women and Alzheimer's Disease Fact Sheet.

And, as always, the group will take time to listen to one another's pain, fear, frustration, anger, grief, hope, and memories that are so evident for the caregiver during the holiday season.

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.

Newsy letter not appreciated at holidays

Dear Ann Landers: I remember you once printed a response to those insensitive boobs who send newsletters announcing how well they are doing, the husband's great promotion, the kids' scholarships, the fabulous vacations, and so

I recently wrote a brief note to an acquaintance, telling her I had run into her sister while on a family outing. To my astonishment, I received as a reply her summer travel itinerary, her husband's business achievements, her children's musical recitals, and on and on. What makes people think all that extraneous information is of any interest? I'm happy to know everyone is well. The rest is bragging.

Please reprint that response to those annoying newsletters. It's time to see it again. — Carol in Houston

Dear Carol: Glad you asked many readers have requested it. Here it is:

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me why normally intelligent people seem to take leave of their senses at Christmas time? I refer to those individuals who sit down and compose interminable chronicles of the year's activities, have them copied, and proceed to send the drivel to everyone whose last



name they can spell.

Isn't this the height of egocentricity? What makes these people think anyone is interested in wading through all that stuff? What really galls me is the way these people try to paint such a glowing picture of affluence and success. I'm going to lift a few sentences to

illustrate the point: "Dear Friends: What a wonderful year we have had! Jim was named vice president of the bank, so we celebrated by buying a Mercedes and taking a trip to the Orient. In addition to his Boy Scout work, Jim served as chairman of the United Fund Drive. He is still on the hospital board, and president of Kiwanis. Just for laughs, he played the lead in the Little Theater production last June, and everyone said he was better than the star who did it on Broadway. His first love, however, is still conservation, and he continues to work hard as chairman of the

Committee to Fight Dutch Elm

After completing my term as Junior League president, I swore I would take life easy, but it seems I am more involved than ever. I accepted the vice presidency of the Garden Club, and am still active in the DAR. Our church organist became ill, and they asked me to substitute, so I accepted. I ran the rummage sale again this year, and man-

aged to take a course in flower

arranging.

Jim Jr. was elected class president, and won his letters in football and basketball. He is on the all-state debate team, and placed third in the national oratory contest last May. He has already been accepted by Harvard."

And so it goes — until you could upchuck. Next year, Ann, I am going to send a newsletter to all the people who have been sending us newsletters. It will read something like this:

"Dear Friends: We had a perfectly rotten year. Hal was (R) COPYRIGHT 1999 CREATORS passed over for a promotion SYNDICATE, INC.

again, so he got mad and quit. He hasn't lined up a new job as yet, but he has his name in at two agencies, and he looks

in the paper every day.

Hal Jr. was defeated for homeroom monitor. He flunked French, and will have to go to summer school. Billy has not had a haircut since August, and had to hock his guitar to pay for repairing his Honda, which he wrecked. My motherin-law's annual two-week visit in May turned into two months, and my migraines got so bad I

had to go back into therapy. As I write this, the whole family is down with the flu, and I don't feel so good myself. We hope next year is better. It couldn't be much worse. Love,

Mary."

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

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

La Afflatus Estudio Club holds holiday luncheon

La Afflatus Estudio Club held a Christmas luncheon in the dining room of Hereford Regional Medical Center, followed by a brief business meeting.

Individual members provided the program by telling about a special remembered Christmas. The program was concluded by Emily Suggs giving highlights of her recent cruise on the Norwegian Sea, which sailed

Cozumel, Mexico, and Roatan, Honduras.

Those attending were guest Debra Burk and members Margaret Baxter, Leola Cook, Virginia Curtainger, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Roxie Phipps, Della Stagner, Louise Streun, Mary Williamson and Suggs.

The club's next meeting will

from Houston to Cancun and be Jan. 4 with Streun.

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for a progressive Christmas party in the home of members Lynda Brown and Gerry Taylor.

Pickup hors d'œuvres were served in Brown's home, then the group of 21 members and guests took the party to Taylor's home for the main course of Cajun food including deep fried turkey, Cajun (trash can) steamed vegetables and crawdads. Pecan pie, apple crisp and key lime pie were served for dessert.

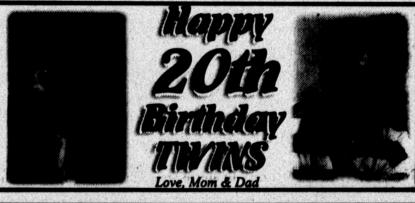
Sorority members brought canned food for the local food

pantry.

Gifts were exchanged with secret sisters and each person brought tree ornaments for a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 4 in the home Alene Tindall with Tindall and Kay Stevens as hostesses.









e at FirstBank Southwest would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and join us on Friday, December 17th for our Christmas Open House beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting throughout the day.

There will be hot cider, cookies, and Christmas cards from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We would really like for you to stop in for some refreshments and enjoy the entertainment provided by caroling children from our local schools.

> CAROLING SCHEDULE for Friday, December 17th, 1999

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Sung at State

Texas City denies Whitefaces state title in 27-14 victory

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

IRVING — With all the hoopla and momentum the Hereford Whitefaces were carrying throughout the playoffs, they looked unstoppable. The Texas City Stingarees were supposed to bow down to the 1999 Whitefaces and their playoff mystique.

But nobody told Rusty Dowling and the Stingarees about the role they were supposed to play.

The Stingarees ran the ball 52 times for 448 yards without attempting a pass Saturday as they captured their second Class 4A Division I football state championship in three years with a 27-14 victory over the Whitefaces before a crowd of 11,852 at Texas Stadium.

"It feels really good," said Stingaree coach Rusty Dowling said. "What I want to really say is that these kids have done all the things right off and on the field. They have done so many things right and to cap it off with s state title, it's unbelieveable.'

This is Dowling's second state championship with Texas City, who finished the 1999 season at 14-0. He captured his first state title in 1997.

The Whitefaces finish their season at 13-2, having completed their farthest advancement in the state playoffs in the school's history.

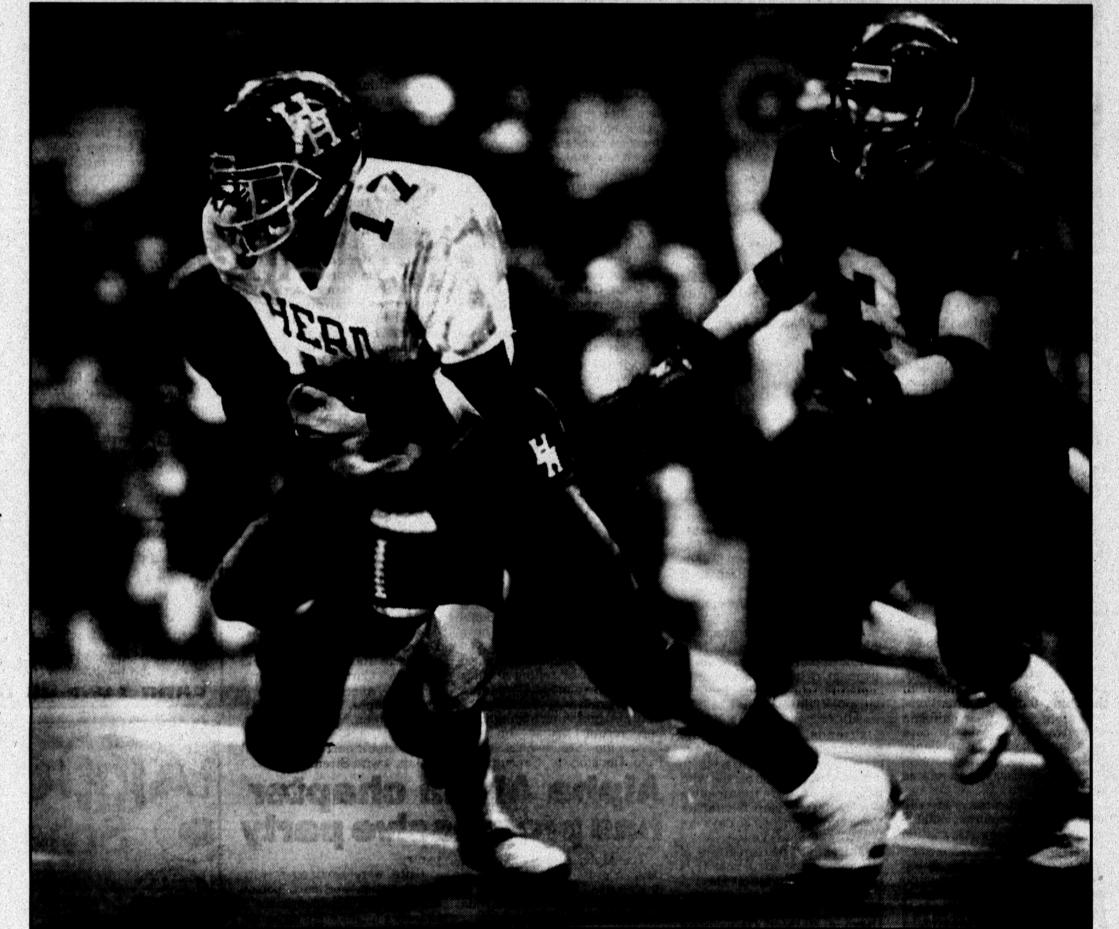
"These seniors made a commitment," Hereford coach Craig Yenzer said. "Nobody wanted to believe them when they were 2-8, but now we do. They helped turn this pro-

gram around. "We haven't done anything different as far as coaching is concerned; we just had players that dedicated and committed to this," he added.

On a wet and slick field, the Stingarees struck first in the game, thanks to Carl Fisher's 31-yard run off the tackle to give Texas City a 7-0 lead with 6:10 left in the first quarter.

Fisher's score was set up by 27 yards rushing from allstate running back Frank Gorom and a 14-yard run by Foster from the Stings' 44-yard line to the Whiteface 44.

"Karl (Fisher) and I made a goal the night before this game that we were going to have our best game of the year as a unit in the backfield," said Gorom, who finished the game with 192 yards on 27 carries.



Doh! — Hereford receiver Slade Hodges is stripped of the ball after making a 39-yard reception while Texas City's Kevin Kelley puruse the play on Saturday during the Class 4A Division I state championship game. The Stingarees won the rain-drenched game, 27-14 to capture the state title.

standing. It's great to get back to this point and win it this year."

On the ensuing kickoff, Tony Lopez picked up the kickoff from the 14-yard line and returned 47 yards to the Hereford 39-yard line.

Lopez's return set up Cody Hodges' nine-yard touchdown run with 3:19 left in the first as Hereford tied the game at 7-7. Hodges' score was keyed

"I feel tremendous and out- by Ramiro Zambrano's 20-yard run to the Sting 14-yard line.

Texas City moved the ball on its next possession behind the running of Gorom and a key 10-yard run to the Sting 41 by quarterback Charis Dottin, the Sting drove to the 50, where, on fourth-andinches, Johnny Zammaripa stopped Dottin cold on a sneak. The Hereford had good

field position at midfield. Hereford looked at the opportunity to take the lead when Cody Hodges connected with Slade Hodges at the Sting 21, but Slade fumbled the ball and Marcus Diaz recovered at the Sting 20 with 11:57 left in the first half.

"I thought the fumble was really critical," Yenzer said. "We didn't make the play and they did. In games like these with great teams like Texas City, you got to make those of Gorom, who converted a first-down on a 23-yard run to their own 43, Texas City struck again with the legs of Fisher, who ran between the center and guard and scampered 40 yards to the end zone, giving the Sting a 14-7

lead with 8:01 left in the half. "We were able to take advantage of them because I believe that we wanted it more than them and we had

Again, behind the running to be more aggressive than them and were more physical than them," said Fisher, who finished with 167 yards on 11 carries. "If we weren't that, we would have lost the game."

Hereford received the ball again with 7:55 left, but, on two consecutive plays, Tisoc Ramirez and Jason Daly each sacked Cody Hodges and forced a fourth-and-26 situation.

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Double dose of Bulldog bark

Herd loses to Plainview, 76-48, await return of football players

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor The Hereford Whitefaces had to wait one more game for football players to get back into a basketball uniform.

The last wait came Monday when the Hereford Whitefaces faced the Plainview Bulldogs. Despite Hereford's 76-48

loss on Monday, Coach Randy Dean feels good about the team he had during the first five weeks of varsity basket-

"We talked about it being an opportunity at the begin-ning of the season and they have taken advantage of that opportunity," Dean said. "Some of them will move down to different teams and take the things that they have learned and continue to get better at

petitive ball game against nview. Whitefaces played a

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and Justin Carroll kept Hereford close to the Bulldogs, who got baskets from Rod Ansley, Bryson Davis Maurice

A three-pointer by Carroll with 2:49 left in the first period gave Hereford a 14-13

Plainview 76,

lead with 2:49 left.

But John Black's jumper with 27 seconds left gave the Bulldogs the lead at 15-14.

Turnovers became a factor from the second period on.

Steals by Blaine Porter and inside baskets by King helped the Bulldogs build a 34-28 lead, but not before Carroll and James Stow combined for 11

points to make things close in the game.
"We played well, but at half-time, we didn't come out with an effort," said Jacob Power, who scored 11 points in the losing cause. "We could have done better, but we played well as a whole."

Things got away from the Whitefaces as baskets by Ryan James and Bryson Davis built up Plainview's lead to 48-31.

Steals by Porter and Black led to more baskets by the same players as the Bulldogs

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Lady Herd fall to state-ranked Plainview for third time, 57-51

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor The third time wasn't the

charm. For the third time in two For the third time in two weeks, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces played the Plainview Lady Bulldogs. For the third time, they lost.

Thanks to 25 turnovers, the Lady Whitefaces succumbed to state-ranked Plainview 57-51 on Monday at the Whiteface Green.

This is the Lady Whitefaces' third loss on the year.
They had beaten Farwell 5945 to win the Farwell Tournament on Saturday. Hereford
beat Friona in the semifinal

of the tournament, 49-45.
"I think they're one of the best teams around," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "You can't give up easy baskets to them and you can't turn the ball over if you want a change ball over if you want a chance to best them. We had some turnovers that were the dif-

ference in the ball game."

Turnovers led to fast-break points early in the ball game. Steals by Kami Bates, Alisha Robertson and Holly Tomsy set the tone as Plainview took a 17-8 lead.

Tomsy scored eight points

in the first period, the last basket coming off a steal from Ashley Fangman with 25 seconds left in the first period.

"He told us before the game that we couldn't turn it over

against them," said Tori Walker, who finished the night with six points on 2-of-6 shooting. "We pushed the ball too much and we didn't play good

The Lady Whitefaces some momentum back in the second period, thanks to bas-kets by Walker, Fangman and Sarah Griffin. Griffin's threepoint shot with 2 minutes left in the first half cut down Plainview's lead to 21-17.

Plainview's lead to 21-17.

In the third period,
Plainview got back its rhythm
and quickly increased the lead
behind Tomsy's six points.

But it was steals by Brittany Reinart, Stephanie Shaw
and Tomsy that were the key.

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Girls

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Shaw's layup off a steal from Brionne Yosten put Plainview up 43-28.

Valerie Guzman ended the third period with a three-pointer with 15 seconds left as the Lady Whitefaces trailed 43-31.

"It was basically turnovers," said Guzman, who poured in 11 points on the night. "We didn't come out strong with the ball and they would take it away from us once we went down the court."

"In the third quarter, they led by 12 and it's a struggle to get back into the ball game," Harrison said.

Hereford made a come-back bid in the fourth period behind Sarah Griffin, but Plainview's Kami Bates iced the game with a three-point shot with 4:40 left in the game, giving the Lady Bulldogs a 54-43 lead.
But Guzman hit a lay up

down the stretch and Griffin nailed two three-pointers down the stretch to cut Plainview's lead to six points.

Bates connects on a couple of free-throws to ice the game, but Griffin ends the game with a buzzer-beating three-pointer to give the final margin.

Despite the loss, Harrison saw some positive results out of the loss and pointed out

on the kinks that needed work.

"I saw some good things and I think we can get better and better," he said, "and we know that down the line in . the playoffs we're going through a playoff team like that.'

The Plainview game was an experience since they got to play a state-ranked team and learn first hand what they might see if they go to the playoffs.

"I think they know they can beat them," Harrison said. "It's just a process of getting better. We just got a few things to take care of and once we taker care of them we'll be all right.'

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Cody attempted to punt, only to have the ball blocked by Mitchell Goodnight and returned 15 yards for a score. Texas City now led 21-7 with 4:20 left before the half.

That play may have put a dagger in the heart of the Whiteface players.

"We just didn't make the plays when we had to," Cody Hodges said, who passed for 120 yards on the day. "Texas City is a great ball club, and they deserve a lot of credit. Offensively, we couldn't get

anything going.
"I don't know if it was the rain or not," he added. "Rain, it's not our excuse, but it affected our game a bit at what we tried to do offen-

But Hereford again got a big kickoff return, this time by Kyle Artho. Artho returned the ball 32 yards to the Sting 34-yard line, setting up another Hodges touchdown.

The one-yard plunge with 50 seconds left in the first half brought the Whitefaces within a touchdown, 21-14. The drive was kept alive by Zambrano, who caught a 19-yard pass from Hodges to

the Sting four-yard line.
"I told them at halftime that we were going to score again, and our kickoff coverage team is going to be back on the field and we better do one heck of a job covering," Dowling said. "We went into halftime and discussed it with

our kickoff cover team. We put them in good situations with the kickoff returns."

In the second half, the Whitefaces lost their total spunk as they were only able to penetrate to their 45-yard

After forcing Texas City to punt in its first second-half possession, Hereford started from their own 10-yard line and moved the ball all the way to the 45 thanks to Ramiro Zambrano and Kyle Artho, but a holding penalty on George Castillo put the Whitefaces in a third-and-16 situation and they were

forced to punt.

Texas City was pinned down on the 12 after Eddie Lacey's punt with 9:37 left in the third quarter.

But it took only four plays in the same drive for the Sting to put the game away.

On second-and-five from the Stingaree 30, Gorom took the ball and scampered 69 yards down the sideline be-fore Gilbert Hernandez caught him at the one-yard line.

"Gorom is very tough, isn't he? Frank Gorom is just the Ultimate Warrior," Dowling said. "I've had the chance to coach so many great athletes, but I don't know that I have coached anythody with the coached anybody with the heart and determination as big as Gorom's and we got a lot of players like that."

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Gorom's run set up Jonathan Bell's 1-yard touchdown with 5:11 left in the third quarter. Texas City now led 27-14.

"They have a lot of speed and quickness and lot of great athletes," Yenzer said.
"The bottom line was that in the second half we couldn't stop them. We tried to play the field position game and they broke the long run when we had them pinned on the 10 yard line. It was such a huge play and we couldn't get anything going in the second half."

From there, it was just a matter of the Sting pounding at the Whitefaces on the line of scrimmage and controlling

"They showed us different looks and they blocked down on us in the trap," nose guard Daniel Fangman said. "They just pushed us to the side and they ran out on us. We had a lot of mental mis-

Texas City just ran out the clock with its ball-control offense and prepared to receive the coveted state championship trophy once the final gun sounded.

"There's so many other groups that were part of this team," Dowling said. "The football team comes out and plays, but there's so much that goes on — our fans, faculty, our support teams, our high school and our community. It's all a concerted effort and we are proud that we were able to represent Texas City."

As proud as Texas City is, Hereford players and coaches expressed their pride of representing the school and

"This is the greatest season and nobody expected us to get this far," Cody Hodges said. "We were probably the underdogs for 90 percent of

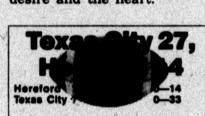
our games and won most of the time. This is just a family atmosphere and we all stuck together."

As for seniors, it may have been a heart-breaking end to their football careers, but they are also proud of their

years with the Whitefaces. "As a team, we're proud of where we are at," senior run-ning back L.J Vallejo said. "As a program we really made a difference from last year getting into bidistrict after going 2-8, so we are happy. As a senior class, it hurts because we expected to win."

Andrew Ramirez, another senior, concluded the season saying what the Whitefaces were all about.

"You just had to have the desire and the heart."



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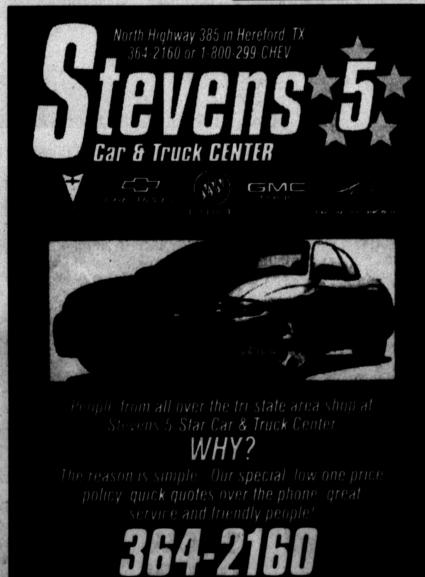
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Individual Statistics Rushing — Hereford: Ramiro Zambrano, 6-57; Cody Hodges 11-4, 2 touchdowns; Kyle Artho, 3-6. Texas City: Frank Gorom, 27-192; Carl Foster,

3-6. Texas City: Frank Gorom, 27-192; Carl Foster, 11-167, 2 touchdowns; Charlis Dottin, 5-8; Jonathan Bell, 9-81, 1 touchdown.
Passing — Hereford: C. Hodges, 10-16-104.
Receiving — Hereford: Cody Marsh, 2-(-3); R. Zambrano, 5-42; Slade Hodges, 3-61; Tony Lopez, 2-20.









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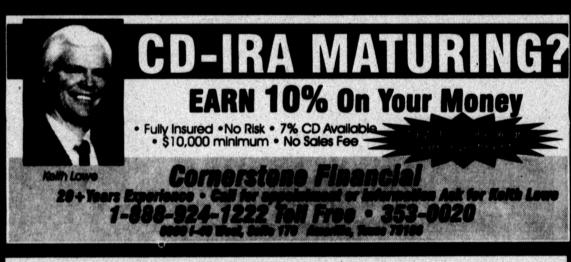
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CRAZY RAY, left, a regular fixture at Dallas Cowboy games, entertained sideline attendents by offering his predicitions for the outcomes of the state championship South Grand Prairie vs. Garland and Hereford vs. Texas City football games at Arlington's Texas Stadium — using what he said were his magic cards.

The cards tell me that it doesn't look good for South Grand Prairie and the Hereford Whitefaces. But hey, the cards are also telling me that it isn't supposed to rain for another month."



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The end of an eventful road — Senior Hereford tight end James Miller (89) consoles teammate Richard Salinas (25) after Hereford posted only its second loss of the year.





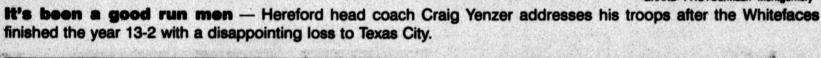
TEXAS SHOW-DOWN

The Texas City Stingarees, lead by running back Frank Gorom (33) at right and above, showed why they were top-ranked, cruising to 448 total yards rushing despite Hereford's best defensive efforts.

The portrait of a champion



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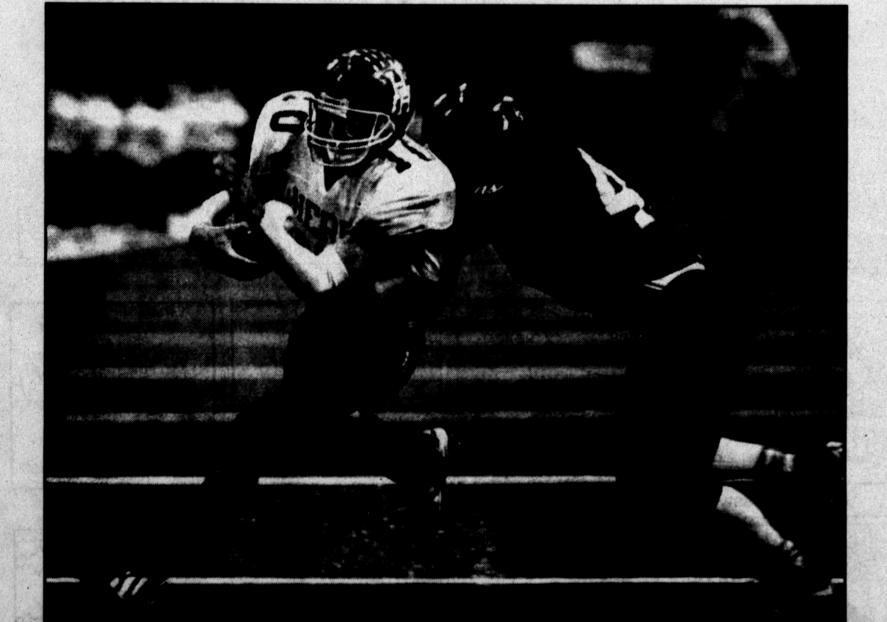




Rain-soaked Herd defense wraps up Stingaree's Gorom (33).

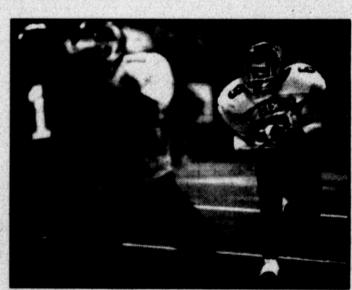


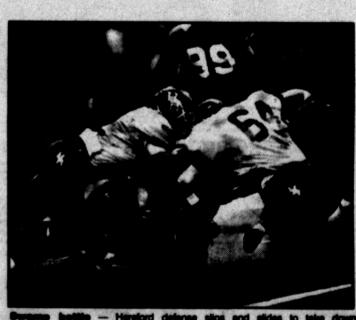
Defensive safety Richard Salinas makes a diving tackle attempt at Texas City's Anthony Trachina.





he 1999 Whitefaces' wild ride to the Division I Class 4A state championship round ends with a loss to Texas City, but also with many fond memories that were spawned by a team that wasn't supposed to break out of the Class 3-4A district pack.





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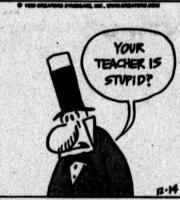
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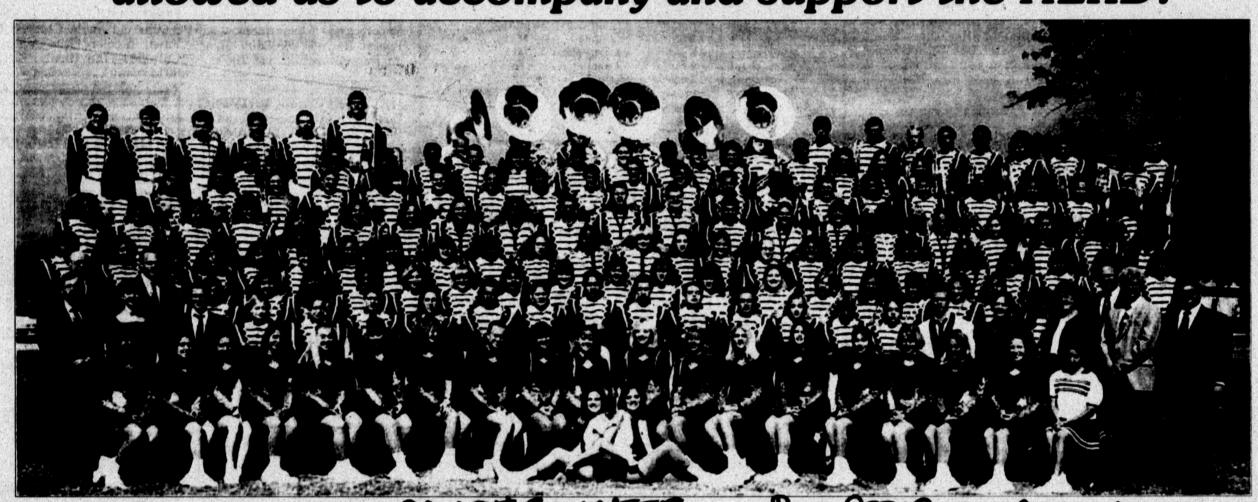


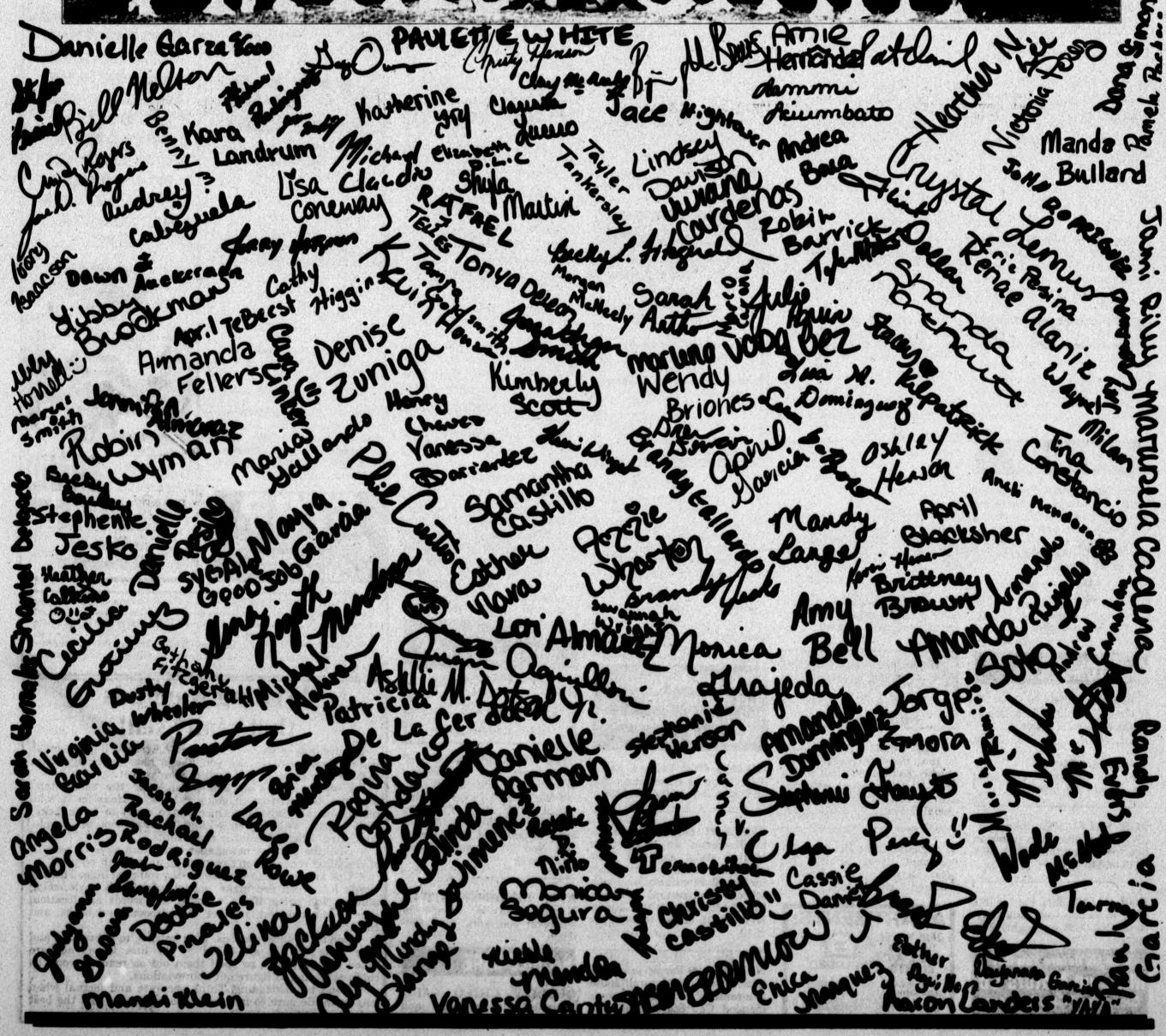




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FOR SALE!! Pécan Firewood. Call Quality Grain at 364-4700.

FREE DOG! Outdoor medium size pet dog to give away. Great with kids. Call 364-1903.

6X26 FT Hale. Goose Neck covered live-stock trailer. 18ft Goose neck flat bed trailer with loading ramps. African Millet round bales. 16-400 Wheat pasture heifers. Had shots. Hot wire broke. Call LeRoy Williamson at 258-7765.

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DUE TO Land being put in CRP, have 10, 292 Chevy well motors. All ran in 1999. Must take all. \$1,000 each. Call 806-276-5569.

3. AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE! 1996 Grand Am. V-6, Green, 100,000 Miles. See at Hereford Credit Union.

onlyusedcars.com Where used car customers and used car dealers get together.

FOR SALE! 1993 Suburban. 2WD, Tan/Blue, tan interior, like new condition. Call 364-4113 or 346-4113.

FOR SALE! 1993 Ford F150. 4X4, Extended Cab. Call (day-time) 364-6603 or (night) 363-

See Us Before You Buy Marcum Motors Co

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1996 WHITE Pontiac GT. 4 cylinder, 69,400 miles. See at Credit Union.

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HOME BUYERS! 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7,500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9444 to apply.

2 BEDROOM Mobile Home. Stove, fridge, fenced. 2 Bedroom duplex. Stove, fridge, fenced. Water paid. Call 364-

5. RENTAL PROPERTY

Now Leasing

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FOR RENT! 2 Bedroom Apartments. Stove and fridge furnished, fenced backyard, water and cable paid. Call 364-4370.

EL DORADO Apartments. Available One and Two bedroom apartments. No deposit through December. Call 363-1254 or 344-

601 AVENUE K. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard. \$300/month. References and deposit. Call 655-1273.

Call C&R Co. 806-364-4670

THREE BEDROOM House for rent. Beautiful home! Will go quickly. \$475/month, half of bills paid. HUD customers welcome. See at 126 Avenue B or call (806)647-5243.

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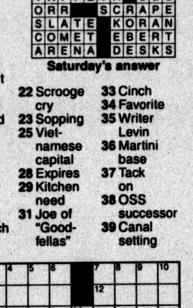
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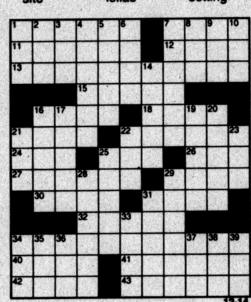
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REDUCED TO \$195 Acre. 545.8 acres NW of Hereford. Mostly native grass. Also 55 acres dryland cropland adjoining the grass at the same good price. Call The Tardy Company, 364-4561.

MOBILE HOME For rent. 2 Bedroom, 2 Baths, W/D Hookups. Call 364-5482 after 6:00p.m.

2 BEDROOM. 212 Avenue I. \$225/month, \$100 deposit. Call 364-6489.

8. EMPLOYMENT

Hereford Regional **Medical Center**

Immediate Openings

Laboratory Phlebotomist Home Health: LVN's OB: RN's

Please contact:

801 E. 3rd Hereford, TX

Personnel

FAX: 806-364-6341 PHONE: 806-364-2141

CAREER ORIENTED Company now has immediate openings for cowboys. Experience necessary. Apply in person at Champion Feeders. 2 Miles east of Hereford on Hwy 60 and 1/2 mile south on FM 2943. Call 258-7255 and ask for Jim Ray.

CATTLE TOWN Feedlot is taking applications for a penrider. See Gary at the Feedlot on Hwy 60.

Do you like to talk? Let me pay you! Call Farmers Insurance at 364-7676.

HIRING OTR Drivers. 24 or older, 2 years experience, sign on bonus. Call 1-800-347-1296.

FEEDLOT DOCTOR. 20,000 head feedlot in N.E. New Mexico seeks qualified indi-vidual for full-time cattle doctor. Small community, excellent schools. Mail resume to Union Co. Feedlot, Box 370, Clayton N.M. 88415 or fax to 505-374-2519.

NEEDED! 29 People to loose 5 to 200 lbs.100% Natural! 100% Guaranteed! Doctor Recommended. Call Staria Roeder at

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Hiring for cattle haul. Must have 3 years experience and be acceptable by insurance company, pass DOT drug screen and physical. Benefits Include: insurance and raise after 60 days, vacation after 1 year, retirement paid by Company.

Contact Odell Ward at 1-800-522-5164 or Fax or Send Resume to: P.O. Box 129 Cactus, Texas 79018 fax no. 806-966-5532

HEALTHSOUTH, THE Nations leading provider of outpatient services has an immediate opening for bi-lingual front office help. Friendly, energetic, organized, team player a must. Insurance experience is helpful. Resumes may be faxed to 806-358-9950 or deliver to: 533B N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, Texas, 79045 in the Northgate Plaza located next to Homeland.

SECRETARY NEEDED. Light bookkeeping, Computer skills needed. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 673-1947, Hereford, Texas 79045.

NOON COOK For rural business cafeteria. Feed 12 employees daily. Full-charge position with menu planning, food purchasing and clean-up duties included. M-F requires approx. 25 hrs/week. Excellent attendance mandatory. Hourly rate commensurate with experience. Inquire to Box 1467 Hereford.

...up to \$2,000 your first month! For Details, Call Now! 3 min. set has 1-888-303-1152 044

HELP WANTED! Water well rig helpers and rig helpers. Must have a valid class B CDL license and a good driving record. Call Big T Pump Company at 806-364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump, past New York Avenue, Hereford, Texas.

AVON REPRESENTATIVES Needed. Sell to friends or wherever you work. Call 364-

9. CHILD CARE

QUALITY CHILD CARE. Drop-ins. Also evenings and weekends. 364-6331.



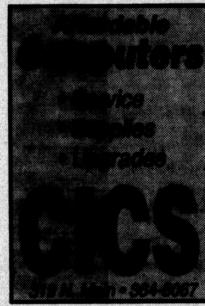
BUSINESS SERVICES

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GARAGE DOOR And Opener Repair and Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If no answer call mobile, 344-2960.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING Course is now being offered at the Ranch House, 10:00AM the 3rd Saturday of every month. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 1-800-454-6051 or 505-763-5628. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS.

WE BUY Scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. Call 364-



TREE & Shrub trimming and removal. Leaf raking and assorted lawn work, rotary tilling and seeding of new lawns. 364-

WE BUY Cars and pickups running or not running! We sell used auto parts of all kinds. Call 364-2754.

F&G ROOFING And Construction. 15 years experience in all types of roofing needs. Free estimates. Good refer-ences. Insurance Bonded. Call 364-4770 or 344-4770.

FORREST INSULATION. We do all kinds of insulation and small home repairs. We build and repair all types of fences. FREE ESTIMATES!! Call 364-5477 or (mobile) 346-2143.

Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault Call 363-6727

THE CHIMNEY Sweep. Call Randy Laing at 364-6856.

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A & H Fencing. All types and free estimates. Call 655-0773 or (mobile) 680-1643.

LOST & FOUND

LOST DOG! REWARD \$50.00. 2 year old, male Chinese Pug. Fawn in color. Goes by Bandit. Call 364-4748 (home) or 364-8014 (work).

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Newspaper is usually the first place people go when considering a purchase. It's their primary source of advertising information. Newspaper helps spark the local economy by putting dollars into circulation. And that's good for everyone, not just the retailer. Because a strong local economy means lower property taxes, more jobs, tax support for community services and a better place to live. Newspaper is more than just a smart place to advertise. It's an integral part of our lives.



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Writing want ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.

For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/

products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:

• Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
• Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and

Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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tion of John Studsrud in late spring, will continue to oversee operations of the hospital until a permanent administrator is

TMSI will not only have to find a permanent administrator for the hospital, the management company also will be bringing in a new chief financial officer to succeed Rodney Bailey, who resigned last month to accept a position in College Station. James Taylor, a former CFO at Northwest Texas

Healthcare System, is serving as interim finance director.

Under the terms of the agreement, the hospital district will pay a \$5,000 monthly management fee. The district also will pay the salary of the new HRMC administrator, as well as \$3,000 in relocation expenses.

After one year, the hospital district could cancel the contract without cause. During the first year, the district would have to show a breach of contract to sever ties with TMSI.

The hospital district also will include TMSI on its insurance policies.

Krupala said it should take about 18 months to get "people in there doing some of the things necessary to get this hospital more successful."

At the end of the two years, Krupala said he expects the TMSI team would turn day-to-day responsibilities back to the local board. He said the company's responsibility is to "turn

things around."

After the contract is signed, he said there will be a period of "intense planning, involving the medical staff and the board, and the community."

"We can come in here with our own ideas, but if they're not compatible with the community, they won't work," Krupala

"We will do a lot of planning, with community involvement, to determine what is needed in installing a direction for the hospital."

Krupala said the company intends to inform the area residents about what will be done at the hospital.



Carter represents U.S. at canal turnover

Cheering on Herd — Hereford Whiteface supporters were optimistic at the start of Saturday's Class 4A Division I state championship game at Texas Stadium in Irving. However, the

Herd's hopes for its first-ever state football title were doused as Texas City defeated Hereford 27-14. The title was the second in three years for Texas City.

County

Dover Unitec. The commissioners voted on an annual elevator inspection by Unitec and the county to be billed as work is needed.

Janie Alejandre was re-appointed by a unanimous vote as a member on the county juvenile board.

hbnews@wtrt.net

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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PANAMA CITY, Panama — With President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declining to attend, the task of witnessing the turnover of the Panama Canal falls to former President Jimmy Carter, the man who agreed to the handover 22 years ago.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carter is scheduled to join President Mireya Moscoso, King Juan Carlos of Spain and other world leaders in a ceremony today marking the transfer.

It will be the end of a relationship between Panama and the United States that dates to Panama's birth as an independent country in 1903, when it broke away from Colombia. The U.S. government took over the canal project,

which was completed in 1914. Officially, the U.S. presence ends on Dec. 31, but the ceremonial turnover was moved forward to avoid conflict with millennium activities. Already, the Americans are all but

The treaties transfer to Panama 360,240 acres of real estate that made up the Canal Zone, a fenced-in U.S. civilian and military enclave with schools, churches and federal laws. Its crown jewel was the canal, a 50-mile engineer-

ing marvel that raises ships from one ocean and deposits them in another through a system of water locks and a man-made lake.

About 14,000 ships pass through the canal every year, steered by Panamanian or U.S. pilots, and pay \$540 million in tolls.

Carter signed the treaties in 1977 with Panamanian strongman Gen. Omar Torrijos, who 10 years earlier had come to power through a military coup. While Carter was criticized in the United States, the treaties polished Torrijos' image internationally and made him a national hero. Torrijos died in a plane crash in 1981.

One in three schools promoting abstinence

WASHINGTON - In one school out of three, American teen-agers are not just en-couraged to abstain from sex, they are taught that abstinence is the only appropriate option, according to two surveys released today.

These "abstinence-only" poli-cies teach students that they should wait until marriage, or at least until they are older, to have sex. The policies leave out any discussion of birth control to prevent pregnancy or transmission of HIV and other diseases — except to talk about the shortcomings of such approaches.

Most other schools opt for "abstinence-plus" programs that discourage sex but suggest use of contraception for students who choose to have

it anyway. Abstinence long has been

promoted by conservative and religious groups who argue that talking about birth control sends teen-agers a mixed message, suggesting that pre-marital sex is really OK. The welfare overhaul legislation that President Clinton signed in 1996 included a five-year, \$250 million program for ab-

stinence-only programs.
But today's reports are the first to document how widespread abstinence-only programs are in American schools, which are a central source of sexuality education.

The first survey, by the Kaiser Family Foundation, asked secondary school principals about their sex-ed programs and found 34 percent had abstinence-only as the main message.
The second study, conducted

independently by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, surveyed superintendents about district policies and found 35 percent of those with policies teach abstinence as the only

Both surveys had a margin of error of plus or minus 6 percentage points.
Hotels finding expected

millennium boon is dud BOSTON - For hotel owners around the country, the New Year's boon is shaping

up to be a bust. Early expectations of revelers packing hotels and spending without regard to cost prompted hoteliers to raise rates and require multipleday stays for New Year's

weekend. Now, many are scurrying to drop rates just to fill their

"This has the potential to end up as probably the slowest New Year's Eve in the nine years we've been tracking New Year's Eve activity," said Patrick Moscaritolo, who heads the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In Boston, hotel owners had planned to be completely booked for the year 2000 New Year's Eve party by the July 4 holiday. As of now, they were still only about 70 percent booked for Dec. 31, Moscaritolo said.

Instead of projecting high times and high balls, hoteliers are hoping for an 80 percent occupancy rate - below the average of 85 percent occupancy for a typical New Year's.

Some blame greed and a miscalculation of demand for the glut of rooms.

China does Y2K triage, securing critical systems

BEIJING - Not fully prepared for Y2K, China is accepting that there will be some year-end computer failures, including the risk of office towers shutting down, hospitals doing without advanced surgical equipment and parts of the countryside going black.

China didn't begin work on the Year 2000 computer bug in earnest until 13 months ago. So it had no choice but to resort to computer-system triage, focusing money and manpower on critical government agencies, major cities and industries while leaving the rest to fend for them-

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closed the third period with a 55-34 lead with a Jon Cannon three-pointer at the buzzer. John Black's five points keyed the lead increase.

"The third quarter of the game got away from us a little bit on turnovers and offensive rebounds," Dean said. "We got in this position several times, but we just couldn't get the rebounds and Plainview's got some out-standing athletes and that contributed to some of what happened."

The fourth quarter was a bit productive for the Whitefaces, if not successful.

Three-pointers by Powers and Carroll staged a near-comeback for the Whitefaces. But Ansley and Davis domi-

nated the inside game and combined for 11 points to pull away from Hereford.

"I think we didn't execute as well as we should," Carroll said. "We just weren't ready to play, and in the fourth country we get magnetized and quarter we got regrouped and we started to play like we did

in the first half."

Hereford now drops to 3-11. They had recently finished in 7th place in the Palo Duro Canyon Classic, thanks to a 75-72 victory against Dumas.

Despite the record, Dean is proud of the accomplishment of his team to date. "I think it's a good situa-

tion and these guys deserve a lot of credit for what they've done," he said. "They've represented Hereford, their schools and them-

selves very well and did a great job of competing."

For the football players returning to the basketball team, it will be a lot of work to get back into basketball shape, which Dean said-it will take a lot of work.

But Justin Carroll thinks that their return will make them better.

"The football players are just going to make it so much better," he said. "I think we'll do well this year once they come back."

Military to review its policy on gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen has ordered a 90-day review of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward homo-sexuals after President Clinton complained it was not working as intended.

"We are as determined as the president is to see that the policy is implemented fairly," Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in announcing the review at a Pentagon briefing Mon-

Cohen ordered acting department Inspector General Donald Mancuso to undertake the review, which will consist of spot investigations at major military installations, Bacon

Mancuso will decide which bases to look at and send teams there to interview lowranking soldiers, sailors, Marines and Air Force members as well as noncommissioned officers and commanders to

determine "the human relations climate," Bacon said.

Gay-rights activists say the policy, put in place in 1994, a failure of the military's policy toward homosexuals.

Under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, gay members of the military can continue to serve — and their superiors cannot investigate and expel them — as long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

However, soldiers who say they are gay may be dis-

charged. In an interview Saturday, Clinton said his policy had not been implemented as it was

intended.

Clinton said the policy was never supposed to facilitate rooting out people who are gay or allow for harassment.

Cohen announced new guidelines in August that would require all troops to undergo periodic anti-harassment training.

TRUTH **SQUAD Debaters** overstep

By Calvin Woodward

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The Associated Press

There they went again. In reaching for simple truths, Republican presidential candidates stubbed a few toes in their latest debate.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush spoke strongly of the need to enforce existing gun laws while overlooking a striking weakness in enforcement in his own state. Arizona Sen. John McCain mixed up the names of two of the nation's top social programs. Gary Bauer misstated figures on

abortion. Yet Kathleen Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, found less hyperbole in Monday night's debate than in previous matchups featuring the Republican presidential candi-

Still, she said, the rhetoric occasionally turned fanciful, as when they blamed bureaucrats for the nation's ills - a favorite device especially of Steve Forbes, Bauer and Alan Keyes.

"Throughout this debate you have bureaucracies as though they are unilaterally running the countries," she said. "But bureaucracies do what they are told to by our elected officials."

In the debate:

· Bush declared: "I'm in favor of keeping guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them, like felons." Yet Texas officials were stung by revelations last week that during Bush's tenure the state failed to investigate more than 771 felons who applied for concealed weapons permits since 1996.

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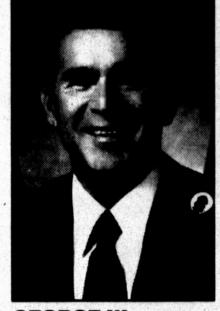
· Bauer said there are 1.5 million abortions a year. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded 1.2 million abortions in 1996, down from more than 1.4 million in 1990.

McCain, speaking about the high cost of prescription drugs, said: "We're asking senior citizens now to make a choice between their health and their income. They make too much money to be on Medicare, and not enough to obviously pay for these drugs."

He meant Medicaid. The elderly get Medicare regardless of income.

 McCain challenged Bush to join him in seeking to end the unlimited and unregulated donations to political parties known as soft money. "We can get the special interest money out of American politics," McCain said.

McCain was forced to an-



GEORGE W. BUSH

Texas governor speaks strongly of the need to enforce gun laws, but overlooks weakness in enforcement in his

swer questions last week about how he collected \$10,000 in donations from AT&T executives within two weeks of introducing legislation that would have made it easier for the phone giant to get federal approval for purchases of cable

companies. McCain has denied that donations influenced his decision on the legislation, and showed he had long favored such a bill. Still, a campaign spokeswoman acknowledged the timing created a perception prob-

· Bush, declaring his support for ethanol subsidies important to Iowa farmers, stated flatly that ethanol in fuel is "good for the air."

But that question is not settled. Ethanol, a gasoline additive made from corn, evaporates readily, particularly in hot summer months, and releases organic pollutants. For that reason, it is used in cleaner-burning fuel mainly during the winter.

· Bauer portrayed China's entry into the WTO as bad for farmers. But as a precursor to entering the trade organization, Beijing already has struck a deal allowing wheat to be shipped from Pacific Northwest ports to China for the first time since 1972.

Farmers have been pushing for expansion of foreign markets like China.

Bush occasionally has stretched his record as gover-nor during the GOP debates, and again Monday he skimmed over problems in his state's performance.

State records show some of the felons who escaped scrutiny in their gun applications were nonviolent offenders with decades-old convictions. Others, however, were convicted murders and other violent criminals.

Texas officials acknowledged they failed to refer the felons to federal or state prosecutors to investigate whether they illegally were in possession of firearms.

Bush's spokeswoman has said the governor learned about the problem earlier this fall and moved quickly to rem-

GOP debate spirited

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - In a spirited presidential campaign debate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain fought over tax policy and farm subsidies, while McCain was pushed to defend his centerpiece cam-

paign finance proposals.

Bush challenged McCain to include working women in his tax cutting plans, while McCain asked Bush to join in on campaign finance reform.

"We can commit to having nothing to do with soft money," McCain told Bush. "I hope you'll make that com-

mitment right here tonight."
"I don't think that's fair, I think that's unilateral disarmament," Bush said. Looking to McCain, he said "It's going to hurt the Republican Party, John."

"We have a flawed campaign finance system ... that (has) given the megaphone to the big-money people," re-torted McCain, of Arizona.

For his part, Bush questioned McCain directly on taxes, saying his plan did little for working women. "I'm wondering why," Bush asked.

The exchange was their most intense in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, reflecting a campaign where Bush's once commanding lead has begun to erode in some important early states.

Their rivals — Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, former State Department official Alan Keyes and former Reagan administration official Gary Bauer — tried hard but had difficulty injecting themselves into the mix.

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ous bids for various offices.

1993, 1994, 1996 and 1998.

Bush is the front-runner by far in national polls, and is rated a solid favorite in Iowa, where the first delegates will be picked in precinct caucuses on Jan. 24. McCain has no organized effort in Iowa, but has pulled even — or slightly ahead — in New Hampshire, the leadoff primary state, according to the most recent soundings. His rise there presents a challenge to Bush's effort to march unmolested to the nomination.

McCain did make a plea for backing in Iowa, hoping for an early surprise that would add to his momentum.

"I will be on the ballot, and I hope that hearty band of brave souls will go out and vote for me," he said.

McCain also clashed with his rivals by going out of his way to trash subsidies for ethanol, a gasoline additive made from corn, which are very popular in Iowa.

"I'm here to tell you things you don't want to hear as well as things you want to hear," said McCain. "Everybody here on this stage, if it wasn't for the fact that Iowa has the first caucuses, would share my view that we don't need ethanol subsidies."

Bush quickly countered that "I'd support ethanol whether I was in Iowa or not.'

In earlier debates, Bush was criticized for being passive, and he took a more aggressive attitude in Monday's forum,

televised nationally by MSNBC.

For his part, McCain was seeking to polish his image as a maverick willing to take on special interests, even when they are popular with the local audience.

Others sought to wade into right to restrict donations, just the ethanol debate, with Forbes as it has no right to restrict declaring he backed a middleground position, allowing subsidies until 2007.

At that point, "if it can't stand on its two feet, it ought

to go," he said. Bauer sought to make points on abortion, pushing Bush to pledge not to pick an abortion rights supporter as a running mate — an invitation
Bush declined to accept.
Bush said only that he'd

pick a running mate who shares his " views.

Bauer and Bush also shared a spirited exchange on trade, with Bush pushing for opening the giant Chinese market.

Bauer said he would be a strong defender of Iowa farmers. Bush noted that the former Reagan aide opposes China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

"Opening up Chinese mar-kets is good for Iowa farmers, yes sir," Bush said.

"You believe the Chinese government will keep its agreements," retorted Bauer, arguing Bush was being naive.

Keyes also waded into the campaign finance debate, saying the government has no

Monday's forum was the liveliest yet. The candidates, allowed to question one another, responded with spirited exchanges and often inter-rupted each other. NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw and local affiliate anchor John Bachman asked the questions but generally allowed the contenders to roam afield.

Some exchanges dripped with acid, but there was humor, too.

When Forbes at one point said he was nervous about a question from Hatch and thinking of holding onto his wallet, Hatch joked: "Steve I couldn't

even lift your wallet."

While Bauer, Forbes and
Keyes signaled their competition for social conservatives by focusing on their anti-abortion views, Bush had a pitch of his own.

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Trade deficit rises to set new record

WASHINGTON (AP) -America's trade deficit set a record for the third consecutive quarter, widening to \$89.95 billion in the July-September period, the Commerce Department reported today.

The deficit in the current account, the broadest measure of foreign trade, rose by 11.2 percent in the third quarter this year, up from \$80.9 billion in the second quarter.

Through the first nine months of this year, the cur-rent account deficit is run-

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ning at an annual rate of \$319 billion, 45 percent higher than last year's \$220 billion imbalance.

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