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**HUSTLIN' HEREFORD
HOME OF
Dorothy SydloSKI**

County producer honored

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Showers seen as possible

Clouds will be increasing, the wind will pick up and some showers and even some thunderstorms are possible across Texas on Thursday, according to The Associated Press report.

It will be partly to mostly cloudy across West Texas tonight with a slight chance of some on Thursday along the low

rolling plains and in the Panhandle.

Lows tonight will be in the mid-30s in the Panhandle and in the 40s and 50s elsewhere in West Texas. Highs Thursday will be in the 40s in the Panhandle and in the 50s and 60s elsewhere.

North Texas will have increasing cloudiness and windy conditions tonight. It will be mostly cloudy and windy on Thursday with a slight chance of some rain and thunderstorms.

Lows tonight will be in the 40s and 50s. Highs Thursday will be in the mid- to upper 60s.

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s, west to southwest wind 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday, mostly cloudy and much cooler with a slight chance of showers, high 45 to 50, north to northwest wind 10 to 20 mph, chance of rain is less than 20 percent.

Extended forecast
Friday, partly cloudy, low near 30, high near 50.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, low 25 to 30. High in the upper 30s.

Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow early, low in the mid-20s, high in the lower 40s.

Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 60; low, 39; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 26.84 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

CORPUS CHRISTI — A 28-year-old Deaf Smith County agricultural producer on Tuesday was named the runner-up in the Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest at the 66th annual convention of the state's largest farm organization.

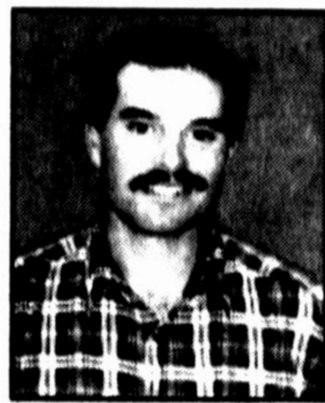
Andrew Gee, who raises corn, cotton, wheat and milo, along with feeder and stocker cattle, had been named one of the three finalists in the farm bureau's 1999 contest.

Darrell Glaser, who runs an integrated poultry and beef operation in Millam County, was the winner of the contest, which is conducted by the Texas Farm Bureau to

honor the young leaders of agriculture. The award recognizes the hard work and determination required to succeed when starting out in agriculture.

"We try to work the two systems (beef and poultry) together," Glaser said. "It's surprising that two competitive meats work so well together when you're trying to be efficient and diversified."

Glaser and his wife, Shannon, operate four state-of-the-art turkey brooding houses.



ANDREW GEE

He uses the poultry litter to improve both fertility and organic matter in his pastures, which has enabled him to quadruple his cow herd in the past five years.

The Glasers have one son, Trenton.

Gee's combined operations include about 10,000 acres of farm and ranch land, and about 900 head of cattle.

A long-time resident of

Deaf Smith County, Gee is a 1989 graduate of Hereford High school. He also attended West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) at Canyon, where he majored in agribusiness and agri-economics.

He has been farming in a 50-50 partnership with his brother, Timothy, for six years and has been doing custom farming for a few years more.

Gee and his wife, Kimberly, have one son, Jonathan.

The second runner-up was Carlon Sapper of Bulverde. Sapper runs a beef cattle and Angora goat operation in Comal County in Central Texas and in Crockett, Edwards and Real counties in

West Texas. He and his wife, Ann, have three daughters, Laura, Linda and Lanna.

As winner, Glaser will receive the title to a 2000 Dodge Ram 3/4-ton Quad Cab pickup with a Cummins diesel engine, 150 hours use of a Case IH tractor, a plaque and belt buckle, and a \$500 cash award. The Glasers also will represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award Competition, which will be held in January 2000 in Houston.

As runners-up, Gee and Sapper will receive complimentary use of a Dodge Quad Cab pickup until November 2000, and a plaque and belt buckle.



BRAND/Don Cooper

Getting ready — Linda Yosten, who will handle loans and new accounts when the First National Bank of Hereford opens its doors, was handling another duty Tuesday afternoon — setting up her work area. Bank employees were in the office, located at

the corner of North Lee and East Third streets, arranging furniture and doing other housekeeping chores in preparation for the bank's opening. Wade Easley, president of the new bank, said the facility could be open as early as Monday.

Experts warn of e-mail virus

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Experts scrambled to warn thousands of computer users that a familiar and damaging virus has struck scores of companies and could be slumbering in their e-mail inboxes.

The Mini-Zip virus tore through computers on Tuesday, devouring files and crippling e-mail systems, anti-virus analysts said. It was expected to renew its assault today as unsuspecting users logged on.

Dan Schrader, vice president of new technology at Trend Micro in Cupertino, Calif., said he fielded complaints of significant problems from four Fortune 500 companies and scores of smaller companies.

Sal Viveros, a marketing manager for Santa Clara-based Network Associates, which makes anti-virus software, said 20 large corporations had been affected by Tuesday evening.

The experts refused to release the names of affected companies.

Mini-Zip's parent bug, Worm.Explore.Zip, struck last summer. It was considered the most destructive virus since the Melissa outbreak in the spring.

"The last time this virus came along it affected tens of thousands — maybe hundreds of thousands of computers —

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Mail 'war room' opens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Between now and Christmas, Americans will drop 20 billion cards and letters and parcels into the mail, a massive flow that requires thousands of extra workers, 100 added airplanes and command centers that look like war rooms directing a continent-spanning campaign.

"We recognize that our customers depend on us now more than ever to provide the best holiday mailing season ever," post office vice president Nicholas Barranca said Tuesday.

He spoke at the Postal Service's national command center, where radar and satellite images glow on video displays, alerting managers to problem weather, and colored lights track the movement of cargo planes carrying cards and parcels.

The center and 11 regional command centers around the country will operate 24 hours

a day, seven days a week, Barranca said.

The post office is hiring 40,000 temporary workers and has leased an additional 100 cargo planes to move mail and added tons of other equipment for the holiday crush, he said.

And this year that crush may be complicated by people sending bill payments and other business materials out as the end of the year approaches — using old-fashioned paper mail rather than trusting e-mail and its potential Y2K problems.

Barranca said that after Christmas, the command center will reopen Dec. 28 and remain in full-time operation until Jan. 4 to handle any problems associated with the arrival of the year 2000.

"We have contingency plans available to move the mail," he said.

Managers in the headquarters command center and regional centers can shift planes

and trucks to meet extra needs, reroute around bad weather and cope with problems at individual airports nationwide.

The agency will route its planes through three hubs, in Ontario, Calif., and Blytheville, Ark., and near Indianapolis, he said.

Officials urged people to help the mail move smoothly by using complete addresses, including ZIP codes and apartment numbers and a return address. People who don't know the ZIP code can get it by calling the post office or by checking the agency's Internet site at www.usps.gov.

But Barranca urged people not to guess at a ZIP code, saying it's better to use a ZIP code than to use a wrong one.

He also suggested printing the address, putting an address card inside parcels and sealing parcels with tape.

PLAYOFF
Hereford (12-1)
VS
Hewitt Midway (11-2)
2 p.m. Saturday
Shotwell Stadium
Abilene
Tickets on sale
Tickets for the Hereford-Hewitt Midway football game are on sale at Troy's Sweet Shop, 1003 E. Park Ave.
The tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets are \$7 at the gate.
The winner of Saturday's Class 4A Division I semifinal will advance to the state championship game, which will be played in Texas Stadium in Irving.

Inside Today

"His plan is going to needlessly risk the economic prosperity and jeopardize the future of Social Security and Medicare."

Democratic Party spokeswoman Jenny Backus after Texas Gov. George W. Bush, frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, released his proposal for a broad-based tax cuts.



Bush outlines proposal of tax reductions that are targeting the very rich and the working poor. — Page A9

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Local roundup

Christmas for children application

A group of local volunteers is working with the Deaf Smith County Social Services to help children in our community receive a Christmas gift through the "Christmas for Children" program. Applications for the program will be taken at the Hereford Food Pantry, 609 E. Park, Suite 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 7. For more information on the program, contact Social Services at 363-7075.

Letters to Santa deadline

Parents and teachers wishing to get children's letters to Santa published in the special Christmas edition of the *Hereford Brand*, Sunday Dec. 19, should get the letters to the Brand office no later than Monday, Dec. 6. Letters can be sent to P.O. Box 673, Hereford or brought by the Brand office.

Hereford High School open house

Staff at Hereford High School will host an open house, Monday, Dec. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. A style show, presented by the HHS Modeling Club, will follow the 7:30 p.m. parent meeting, in the auditorium.

PLN schedules guitar concert

The Promised Land Network will host a classical guitar concert, Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. The concert will celebrate Christmas and the German heritage. Admission is \$5 per person. A German-style dessert social will begin at 4:30.

Holiday craft show and sale

The Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 19th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center. During the festival members will draw for the winner of a lace angel-doll. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any crafter or at the festival.

Man on a mission



Lighting season -- As the holiday season pushes forward many a resident tackles the ladder climbing problems of lighting their rooftops. Leroy Rickman has been kept busy hanging lights on at least three houses -- his, his sisters, and a granddaughter's. Rickman is not for hire, just busy.

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News digest

Merger causes minimum impact

DALLAS (AP) — A merger creating the world's largest publicly traded oil company has driven the MOB from Wall Street.

MOB, the stock symbol of Mobil Corp., disappears as of today from stock listings as Exxon Corp. has completed its takeover and formed the new Exxon-Mobil Corp. Exxon's old symbol, XON, also disappears and has been replaced by XOM.

But while stock traders will have a new symbol to deal with, consumers should see relatively little change at the pump, according to oil industry analysts.

The way analysts see it, even the combination of the nation's two largest oil companies isn't enough of a force to control prices in a highly fragmented industry. Nor, they said, would the forced sale of an Exxon refinery in California do anything to reduce high gasoline prices there.

A few analysts even believe the requirement that Exxon and Mobil sell 2,413 service stations — 15 percent of their total — as a condition of the \$81 billion merger might increase competition.

Drug deaths old news in Texas

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The search for the bodies of apparent victims of a drug cartel near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was like deja vu for George Gavito.

In April 1989, Gavito was a Cameron County sheriff's lieutenant who watched the discovery of one grave after another at the Rancho Santa Elena near Matamoros. There, drug traffickers performed ritual sacrifices to protect their illegal activities and then buried their victims.

The best known of the 15 victims, at least on the U.S. side of the border, was University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, the only American found. Gavito believes reports that some of the Juarez victims were U.S. citizens will be enough for Mexican law enforcement officials to investigate the crimes seriously.

"If they would've never kidnapped Kilroy, these people would still be killing people in Matamoros," Gavito said. "Since Mexico invited the United States to go in (in Juarez) ... I think the cooperation already started there. I think they'll let them find as much as they want them to find."

Although the drug traffickers randomly chose Kilroy on the streets of Matamoros, Gavito speculates the Juarez victims were targeted specifically.

Dell focuses on novice users

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — Dell Computers Corp. is cautiously dipping into the individual consumer and small-business market with its new line of personal computers designed for the novice.

The nation's No. 1 personal computer maker Tuesday unveiled the Webpc, a line that forgoes fancy features and focuses on easy, quick Internet access.

"I don't expect this to be an iMac hit," said Tom Rhineland, an analyst with Consumer Technologies in Boston. "The key here is I don't believe it will appeal simply to existing Dell customers."

CEO Michael Dell admits that the Webpc steers away from Dell's formula of bringing power and speed to business clients, but he's confident the company can succeed by selling direct to consumers and small-business customers.

Elsewhere:

FARM CONVENTION: An analysts says next year's federal census will further erode farmers' political clout. David Guenther, managing editor of the Lone Star Report political newspaper, made the remarks at the annual Texas Farm Bureau convention. ... **TEXAS EXPORTS:** Exports of Texas goods rose nearly 9 percent in the third quarter of 1999 because of strong sales to NAFTA partners Mexico and Canada. This is according to a report from the Texas Department of Economic Development.

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Drivers unsure of DWI laws

Number of drinks affects drivers differently

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the lowest level of alcohol-related traffic deaths in 16 years, a survey suggests that most Americans don't know how many drinks they can imbibe in their states without driving home drunk. "Seventy-eight percent of the drivers who were polled did not know what constituted drunk driving," said John C. Lawn, chairman of the Century Council, which commissioned the survey of 1,004 adults conducted in early November.

The group wants more public education and stepped-up enforcement of drunken-driving laws to reduce the rate of alcohol-related accidents. Alcohol was a factor in road accidents that killed 15,936 people last year in the United States. "We must do a much better job in getting that hard-core drunk driver off the roads," said Lawn. The Century Council is funded by the spirits industry to promote efforts against underage drinking and drunken driving. In the survey, the typical respondent said the maximum legal blood alcohol level was .20 percent. Actually, 17 states and the District of Columbia use .08 percent, and 33 states

allow the higher limit of .10 percent. All 50 states and the district allow no alcohol in the blood of drivers under 21 years old. Respondents were asked about the amount of beer, wine or liquor that a 170-pound man or 135-pound woman could consume in one hour before their blood alcohol level reached .08 percent. Just 21 percent knew the man could have three to four servings, while a woman would have to limit her consumption to just over two drinks. Experts contend that a lower fluid to mass ratio makes women more susceptible to the effects of alcohol. Just 18 percent of those

asked knew that 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits contain the same amount of alcohol as 12 ounces of beer or five ounces of wine. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. The survey was released as many law-enforcement agencies gear up for increased enforcement of drunken-driving laws with sobriety checkpoints and other tactics during the year-end holiday season. "We will have additional patrols out especially on weekends," said U.S. Park Police Capt. Bill Lynch, who coordinates traffic enforcement on federal roadways in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Gene and smoke combo increase cancer risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The combination of secondhand smoke and a missing gene may make women up to six times more likely to develop lung cancer if they live with a smoker, a study found. Published today in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, the study said an analysis of tissue from a group of Missouri female lung cancer patients who lived in smoking households found that those lacking a specific gene were 2.6 times to 6 times more likely to develop lung cancer. "This is a small pilot study that needs to be confirmed and extended," said Dr. William P. Bennett of the City of Hope National Medical Center, Los Angeles. "But if our findings are correct, then ETS (environmental tobacco smoke) may be significantly more dangerous than previously thought." The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that

exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer by 20 percent, Bennett said. "If our study is correct, for half of the population that lacks this gene, then ETS exposure is a much more significant risk," he said. "The risk is more than doubled." Dr. Clarice R. Weinberg of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences said the study is intriguing because it supports the idea that a gene deletion and ETS may work together to increase the risk of lung cancer. However, Weinberg said the study has a weakness because it only examined lung cancer patients. To validate the conclusions for the general population, she said, a larger study is needed that compares lung cancer patients with a randomly selected group of people without the disease. The study is based on the analysis of tissue samples from

108 Missouri women, mostly rural housewives, who had never smoked but who had been diagnosed with lung cancer. The tissue was tested for the presence of a gene called GSTM1, which is known to inactivate carcinogens found in tobacco smoke. The study found that "for those who were exposed to secondhand smoke and who had the deletion of this gene, their lung cancer risk was increased 2.6-fold over those who had the gene and no ETS exposure," said Bennett. As the exposure to ETS increased, so did the risk for women with the gene deletion. Bennett said, for instance, that such women who were exposed to 55 pack years of ETS were six times more likely to get lung cancer. A pack year of ETS exposure comes from living in a household where one pack of cigarettes

is smoked daily for a year. Bennett said the fact that the study involved only women was not by design, but by happenstance. "The study was designed to look at nonsmokers with lung cancer," he said. "It just turns out that there are a lot more women nonsmokers (with lung cancer) than men." Bennett said the study must be considered only a preliminary finding because the sample size, at 108, was small. He said there is a need for a larger, more comprehensive study. Attorneys for the tobacco industry have claimed in lawsuits that there is no scientific proof that secondhand smoke can cause lung cancer. Lawsuits testing the issue have had mixed results. A federal judge in North Carolina ruled last year in favor of the tobacco industry.

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Obituaries

LYNN CARLYSLE KESTER
 Nov. 30, 1999
AMARILLO — Graveside services for Lynn Carlyse Kester, 93, of Amarillo were today in the Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Larry Payne, pastor of Coulter Road Baptist Church officiating. Masonic rites will be by Hereford Masonic Lodge 849. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home. Mr. Kester died Tuesday. He was born in San Angelo and moved to Hereford in 1935 from Sudan. He owned Kester's Jewelry. He moved to Amarillo in 1966. He was member of the Hereford Masonic Lodge 849,

where he had served as past master. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Khiva Shrine, serving as district deputy grand master of District 100 in 1965. He had also served in the Texas National Guard and was a member of the Coulter Road Baptist Church. He married Katherine Findley in 1933 at Sudan. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kathryn Walls of Amarillo, Carolyn Alimon of De Soto; one son Bill Kester, of Amarillo; one sister, Nell Culpepper of Hereford; one brother, Hal Kester of Seattle; five grandchildren; and four great-grand children. *Hereford Brand*, Dec. 1, 1999

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 30, 1999, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests
 -- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of San Obregon and charged with public intoxication.
Incidents
 -- A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Union.
 -- An assault was reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.
 -- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.
 -- A six-point buck was spotted in 100 block of North Lee, at 2:30 a.m. by an officer.
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A 23-year-old man was arrested on a surrender of surety for failure to identify.
 -- A 21-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

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Texas lottery
 Cash Five
 The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday the Texas Lottery: 11-18-20-22-36
 Pick 3
 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-9

LIFESTYLES

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At the Center

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY - Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple; or sliced ham.

FRIDAY - Fried fish with lemon wedge, scalloped potatoes, buttered mixed greens, coleslaw, lemon ice box pudding; or Salisbury steak, carrots, D'zerta pudding.

MONDAY - Beef stew with potatoes, onions, celery, carrots and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, 5-cup fruit salad, oatmeal cookies; or chicken, vanilla wafers.

TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, Normandy vegetables, lime gelatin with pears, Boston cream cake; or sliced ham, plain cake, D'zerta salad.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken strips with gravy, sweet potato patties, buttered peas, peach with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding; or smothered pork, vegetable, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY - Oil painting 9-11 a.m., quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY - Quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., TRIAD noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY - Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

MONDAY - Quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY - Quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis noon.

WEDNESDAY - Quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Clark will speak for fellowship

Celia Clark will be the guest speaker at the 7 p.m. Thursday meeting of Hereford Flame Fellowship in Hereford Community Center.

Clark recently made a trip to Belarus (part of the former Soviet Union) where she had the privilege of teaching in a Women's Conference. She also had the opportunity to minister to the youth and to children.

Clark has loved the Lord since she was a young girl. She strongly believes that God's goodness and His grace definitely win out over any sufferings or struggles that the enemy tries to bring into our lives.

She has three children, all of whom love the Lord and are following after him with all their hearts.

Men, women and children are welcome at meetings of Hereford Flame Fellowship to hear what God has for them.

New Arrivals

Randy and Kathy Brorman are the proud parents of a daughter, Blaire Michelle, born Nov. 22 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19½ inches long.

The infant is welcomed home by sisters Kaelli, 14, Kesli, 12, and Emily, 2.

Trust.
A child shows it instinctively with its first faltering steps. Over the years, trust becomes a precious gift given only to special friends.
Trust. A quality we've earned.

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Displaying crafts which will be available at the Wesley Festival of Arts and Crafts is Janet Coleman. She and her husband, Ted, will have a variety of wooden scroll work and Christmas woodwork for sale during the annual festival which will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in the Hereford Community Center. A wide variety of arts and crafts will be included in the festival and a concession stand will be open.

Hereford resident seeks help for prison ministry for children

Hereford resident Raymond Cantu is once again this Christmas seeking assistance for "God's Prison and Jail Ministry," a special ministry directed toward children of inmates in prison in Juarez, Mexico.

According to Cantu, conditions are very different in the Mexican prison from those in the United States.

"If a father is put in jail and there is no one to care for the children, then they stay in jail with their father," Cantu said.

The prison ministry for which Cantu works is accepting toys, clothes, Bibles or monetary contributions for these children.

Last year, Cantu joined with others from the Panhandle and took a truck-load of items to children of prison inmates. This group is hoping to be able to offer even more assistance to the children this year.

"The deadline for collecting these things is Dec. 10 because we (the group of con-

cerned individuals in the Panhandle) will load a truck immediately after that date and leave for Juarez," Cantu said.

Cantu already has completed paperwork to allow him to cross the border for the explicit purpose of visiting the prison.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with this ministry or would like more information can contact Cantu by writing to 306 Knight St., Hereford, or calling 364-2089 or 364-1497.



Deaf Smith County Historical Society prepares the E.B. Black House for the Christmas holiday.

The house is decorated Victorian Christmas style with burgandy, rose, orange and forest green accents throughout the house as well as on the exterior. Floral arrangements, like the one being made here, wreaths with fresh Evergreen, candle displays, bows and a Christmas tree deck the halls and walls of this historic site. In addition to the Black House, members of the historical society have decorated the Deaf Smith County Museum in preparation for the Christmas Open House which will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served at the museum throughout the afternoon, music will be provided and demonstrations will be given. The open house is held annually as a way to express appreciation to the community for its support of the museum. There is no charge and all Deaf Smith County residents are invited to attend.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The letter from "M. A. D." prompted me to write. She said her ex-husband was obsessive and potentially violent. That

train can run both ways. I was an abused husband. During 10 years of marriage, starting on our honeymoon, my wife became more and more abusive, first verbally, then, physically. Years of counseling resulted in very little improvement. Every day, I lived in fear of her unprovoked attacks and storming rages. Finally, one night, my wife brutally beat me in front of our 7-year-old daughter. That was the night I decided I had had enough, and packed up and left.

Why is there such silence about women who abuse? And why was I silent? First, I loved her, and hoped she would change. Second, I wanted to stay in the marriage to protect my daughter from my wife. Her anger was often directed at our child, too. Third, I was ashamed of myself for putting up with it.

After years and \$55,000 in legal fees, I was finally successful in defending myself against her charges that I was the abuser, and got custody of our daughter. My ex-wife was ordered by the court to get therapy to deal with her severe emotional disturbance, as a condition of being allowed to see our daughter.

I am now in a wonderful, happy relationship with a gentle, mentally healthy woman. My daughter is much happier, and is doing better in every aspect of her life. I deeply regret all the years I wasted hoping my ex-wife would change. Tell your readers that women can be abusers, too. It's time to break the silence and get out of those sick situations. And please tell us, Ann, if there are resources available for abused men. They need all the help they can get.

— Finally Happy Dad
Dear Dad: You were brave to write, and I thank you. Abused husbands are not as rare as you think. I have heard

from several over the years and printed their letters. The Domestic Violence Hotline helps abused men as well as abused women. For more information on local resources, please call 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) or, for the hearing impaired, TTY: 1-800-787-3224. P.S.: It is not wimpy to seek protection from a physically abusive woman. Violence sometimes escalates to murder.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Nearly Smothered in the U.S.A.," who complained that her in-laws visit every two months, call twice a week, constantly mail cards and gifts, and take up precious "family time." I have a very similar situation, but I feel quite differently about it.

Although my husband's parents live more than 1,000 miles away, they consider the family a priority, and sacrifice their weekends and hard-earned money to visit us every six weeks. My mother-in-law went back to work part time to finance these trips. We phone each other every two days because our 3-year-old daughter and younger son have developed such a close relationship with their grandparents that they insist on hearing their voices often. My in-laws also mail cards and gifts frequently, and our children love to receive them.

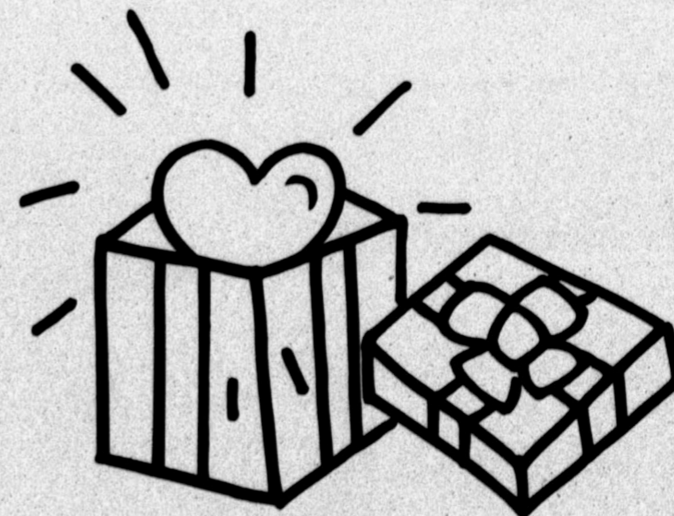
The whole family looks forward to the grandparents' visits because our children get undivided, one-on-one, loving attention from them, and my husband and I are free to spend some much-needed time alone or with our friends.

It's too bad "Smothered" is so ungrateful for her in-laws' attention. Her attitude is selfish, and she is denying her children a wonderful relationship with their grandparents. — Loved and Fortunate in Dallas

Dear Dallas: Your response was a case study in what good family relationships are all about. You are doing a splendid job, and I congratulate you.


DALEINE T. SPRINGER
INSURANCE AGENCY

This Holiday Season give the gift of hope...



Your United Way contribution can help house the homeless, heal the ailing, and educate a child. United Way makes the most of your contribution by funding local programs and services that are designed to work on the unique challenges of our community. With your support we can bring hope and so much more.

United Way... making your caring count!



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Going to college? Take the test.

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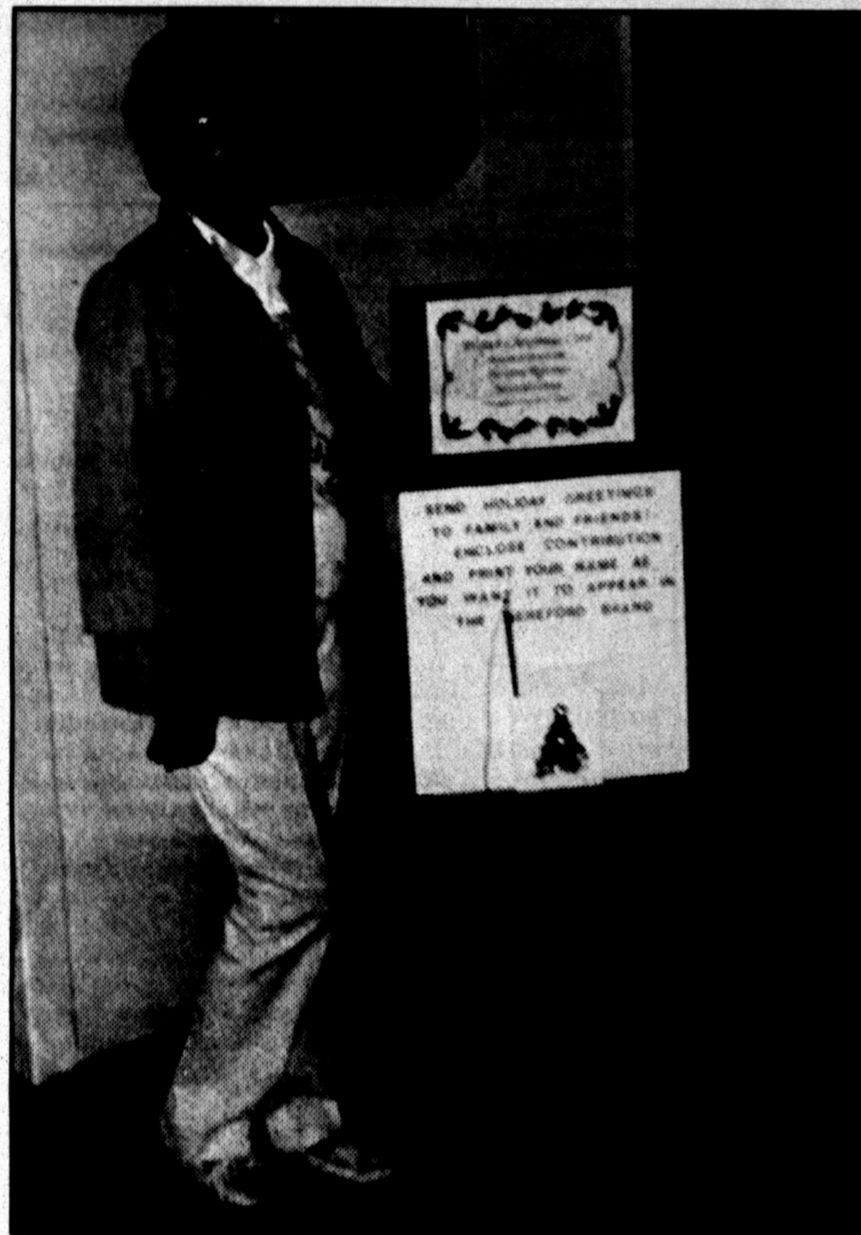
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Women's Division seeking nominees

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will be accepting nominations for Woman of the year until Dec. 17.

Nominations may be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 192, Hereford, or they will be accepted at the office, 701 N. Main St.

The award, presented by the Women's Division, will be given to a division member who has been active during the past year. The winner will be announced at the Women's Division's first quarterly meeting in 2000.

Persons submitting a nomination need not be a member of the Women's Division. Nominations should be in writing, giving qualifications and reasons why the person named should be considered. The letter does not have to be signed.

Nominees will be judged on accomplishments done for and on behalf of the Women's Division and/or the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. Other outside activities will then be considered such as community work, charitable work, church activities, youth work, etc.

SPC offers classes via Internet

Special to the Brand
LEVELLAND -- South Plains College will offer 19 classes via the Internet this spring, from Agriculture Finance to World Literature II.

Enrollment for Internet classes is scheduled during SPC's spring registration Jan. 13 on the Levelland campus and Jan. 12-13 on the Lubbock campus.

Students can attend class and complete assignments using a personal computer. Following registration, students should e-mail the instructor for details on class orientation and course requirements.

Internet courses offered at Levelland are Agriculture Finance, taught by Ron Presley; General Biology, Phillip Ricker; Composition I, Teresa Toney; Composition II, Dr. Patricia Cearley; Technical Writing, Dr. Patricia Cearley; American

Literature, Teresa Toney; World Literature I, Dr. Mike Felker; World Literature II, Dr. Patricia Cearley; American Government, Functions, Travis Spears; History of the U.S. Since 1876, Jimmie McGee; Texas History, Dr. Sharon Bogener; Introduction to Criminal Justice, Jimmy Richey; General Psychology, Dr. Wanda Clark; Human Growth and Development, Dr. Wanda Clark; and Current Social Problems, Jacqueline Specter.

Internet courses offered at Lubbock are Introduction to Computers, Bob Haynes; Basic Programming, Carol Peterson; C Language Programming, Bob Haynes; and Keyboarding/Skillbuilding, Pat Dennis.

Spring registration on the Levelland campus, 1401 S. College Ave., is 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. on Jan. 13. A registration permit is needed. No permit is

needed for night sign-up 4-6:30 p.m. on Jan. 13.

Sign-up on the Lubbock campus, 1302 Main, is by last names. Returning student registration on Jan. 12 is 9-11 a.m. for A-K; 1:30-3:30 p.m. for L-Z and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for A-Z. New student registration on Jan. 13 is 9 a.m.-noon for A-K, 3-6 p.m. for L-Z and 6-7 p.m. open registration.

Registration at the Reese Center, 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock, is 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 10-11. The class schedule for spring 2000 lists course offered, registration dates and time and other information.

To find out more, contact SPC Levelland, 806-894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375; SPC Lubbock, 806-747-0576, ext. 4606 or 4601; or SPC Reese, 806-885-3048, ext. 2902.

Christmas lights can be entered in contest

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division will sponsor the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for homes and businesses.

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

Entry forms will be available at the chamber office, 701 N. Main, beginning Dec. 1 and completed forms must be returned to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on 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. 16-17 and 1999 contest winners will be announced in the Sunday, Dec. 19 edition of the Hereford Brand.

Hereford Bucks will be awarded to contest winners.



Cited for leadership - Craig Campbell, left, of Hereford was recently recognized at the 53rd Annual Youth Honor Awards dinner held during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Campbell is a member of the Texas State 4-H Council and is president of the Panhandle District Council. He was honored for his outstanding level of leadership and is shown here with State Fair chairman Pete Schenkel. Each year the State Fair recognizes youth leaders of FFA, 4-H and FHA.

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Hereford's hooping it up



Center Ashley Fangman attempts a shot against Dimmitt defenders. Fangman, who along with Sarah Griffin, Tori Walker, Tiffany Mercer, Toni Eicke and Valerie Guzman, just entered basketball after a long-haul volleyball season. Fangman scored eight points in a 49-35 victory against the Bobbies. The Lady Whitefaces improve to 3-1 on the season.

Lady Whitefaces' fast start gives way for 49-35 victory at Dimmitt

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

DIMMITT — With only four days of practice to their credit, volleyball players who stepped on to the basketball court Tuesday night against the Bobbies of Dimmitt looked a little overwhelmed with the short period of transition.

But by the end of the game, they were rolling with the rest of their basketball teammates.

Valerie Guzman's 14 points and five rebounds helped the Lady Whitefaces defeat the Bobbies 49-35 on Tuesday at Dimmitt High School, avenging last year's home loss to Dimmitt.

"It's hard to play here," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "We didn't execute well and it was closer than what should have been and comes down to a lot of things."

Which, Harrison pointed out, is the volleyball players changing gears for basketball.

"There's a lot of things we need to take care of," Harrison said. "Once we get those things under control, we'll start to look better."

Dimmitt's Tamara Robertson scored the first basket of the game on a layup with 7:45 left, but Guzman came back and hit the next three of four shots for the Lady Whitefaces, giving them a 8-4 lead.

"Overall, we did well despite having only four practices," Guzman said. "Defensively, we weren't very good, but we will work on that in practice."

Hereford's scoring rampage continued with more inside

baskets by Guzman, an inside basket by Ashley Fangman and a three-pointer from Tori Walker to give the Lady Whitefaces a 15-7 lead after one period.

"It was tough to come back from volleyball and then play basketball," Fangman said, who poured in eight points and grabbed four rebounds. "I think we got our hopes up because everything was falling in against Lubbock and almost nothing was falling against Dimmitt."

The Lady Whitefaces kept pouring it on the Bobbies as Fangman, guarded closely by Dimmitt's Audrey Saenz, scored two field goals and hit two free-throw shots, putting Hereford ahead 19-11.

"It's hard to believe we are in basketball season, but we better believe it's hoops season and get ready to play," Guzman added.

Baskets came from other sources as Guzman hit an inside layup, Brionne Yosten hit a jumper, as did Walker, and Sarah Griffin also went inside for a score as Hereford held a 32-15 lead at the half.

"We came out strong in the first half, but we slacked off in the second half on defense," Guzman said.

The third period showed a little of the Lady Whitefaces' early-season woes as they only managed five points in the quarter and were hurt with five turnovers.

Guzman and Yosten baskets and Toni Eicke made a free throw shot. Saenz and

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Mistakes, turnovers lead to 60-33 Whiteface loss to Dimmitt

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

DIMMITT — At first, the Hereford Whitefaces' inexperience was expected to cost them some games.

And, it did against Canyon High and Canyon Randall.

Mistakes and turnovers cost the Whitefaces the game against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

The Whitefaces suffered 38 turnovers Tuesday night in a 60-33 defeat at Dimmitt High School. The loss gives Hereford a 1-3 mark for the season.

"Somehow, some way, we've got to learn to play every possession of the game," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "We had a few possessions in the first half where we let up and in the second half, we just didn't execute."

Dimmitt struck quickly with baskets by Sammy Prieto, Taylor Matthews and Daniel Flores gave the Bobcats a 9-4 lead.

A three-pointer by Daniel Proffitt extended the lead by six points, but not before

James Stow scored from the inside to keep Hereford within reach. Hereford only trailed 15-9 after the first period.

Things started to unravel in the second period as turnovers began to eat away at the Whitefaces.

Fast-break points by Taylor Matthews sparked Dimmitt into a 10-2 run.

But inside baskets by Stow, and shots by Eric McNutt and Jerry Harmon kept things within nine

points and Dimmitt had a 28-19 lead at the half.

"The turnovers hurt us," said Stow, who scored 14 points to lead the Whitefaces.

"We got to fix those mistakes."

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Rose to present experts to baseball

Banned baseball player trying to get reinstatement into game

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Pete Rose has been complaining that he couldn't plead his case to baseball. Now, one of his lawyers will get a chance.

Roger Makley, who has represented Rose since early in baseball's gambling investigation a decade ago, will meet in December or January with baseball's top lawyer, Bob DuPuy. Rose termed it the start of a dialogue to end his lifetime ban from the sport.

"The last 10 years have been hell for me," Rose said Tuesday. "I survived because I'm a survivor."

Following an investigation of his gambling, baseball's career hits leader agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989.

While Rose was hopeful the meeting with DuPuy is the first step on the road to reinstatement, commissioner Bud Selig played down the development.

"Mr. Rose's attorney has written me a letter. I read it very thoughtfully, very carefully, and turned it over to Mr. DuPuy. There's nothing more involved right now than that,

nor should there be any more read into it," Selig said at an owners meeting in Irving, Texas.

DuPuy described the meeting more as of a courtesy in which he would listen to what Rose's side had to say and pass it along to Selig.

"About 10 days ago, they asked to meet with commissioner Selig and myself. Bud asked me to meet with them," DuPuy said. "We're always amenable to discussing matters with people."

Rose twice said that baseball approached him about a meeting, a claim denied by DuPuy and Selig spokesman Rich Levin. Rose's business manager, Warren Greene, said he has been dealing with DuPuy on a "daily basis," but DuPuy said he had spoken with Greene just once.

DuPuy said Selig would not be part of the meeting and that he would update Selig, who has said many times that he has seen no new evidence that would cause him to alter the ban.

"After we meet with them and see what they've got, he'll

make a determination and we'll see from there," DuPuy said, adding that Selig did not set any timetable.

The 58-year-old Rose has been in the headlines repeatedly in recent weeks. First, he was among the 25 players elected to baseball's All-Century team. Then he received the largest ovation among the All-Century players introduced before Game 2 of the World Series.

"That's like outdoing God in heaven," Rose said. He also got a surge of support from the public after NBC reporter Jim Gray questioned him sharply about gambling immediately after the on-field ceremony.

Rose said his side wrote to baseball two years ago and again five months ago to ask for a meeting, but received no response, another claim Levin denied. The latest letter was sent about 10 days ago, a few weeks after the Atlanta ceremony, and Rose said DuPuy answered within 24 hours.

"I don't know if that had anything to do with his responding to our letter," Rose

said, referring to the ovation. "I had to think so."

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and still hasn't received a formal response from Selig. While the agreement he signed made no formal finding, then-commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti said he concluded Rose bet on the Cincinnati Reds while managing the team.

While baseball's rules allowed Rose to apply to reinstatement after one year, he waited eight. He didn't want to apply while Fay Vincent was commissioner because Vincent headed the Rose investigation as deputy to Giamatti and hired John Dowd, who compiled the report on Rose's gambling.

Rose said his lawyers would attack the evidence gathered by Dowd, who said he obtained betting slips in Rose's handwriting and with his fingerprints, along with corroborating telephone records.

"If you believe his handwriting expert, why not believe mine?" Rose said. Hold your breath and give my people a chance to speak."

The Bobcats then exploded with 13 steals that led to a 10-0 run as the Bobcats ran away with the third period, totaling 22 points to Hereford's five.

"Basically, we didn't put up much of a fight whenever the game started to get away from us," Dean said. "That's the time where you've got to scratch and claw and try to get things to your direction. We just didn't fight."

Flores and Prieto were the main recipients of Whiteface turnovers. Both players

scored 18 of the 22 points in the period. Marcus Larra, Jeff Stovall and Matthew Sandoval provided most of the 15 steals during the run.

"They were all careless mistakes, not running what Coach Dean told us to do," Stow said.

Dimmitt slowed its pace in the fourth period as Sandoval hit four fast-break points and a free throw basket.

Hereford received baskets from Stewart Carr, Eric

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Spurs break down Pistons, 106-87

Duncan's 28 points spark victory

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs connected on 11 straight shots in a 40-point third quarter, and led by Tim Duncan's 28 points beat the Detroit Pistons 106-87 Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to six games.

Avery Johnson added 22 points as San Antonio extended its Midwest-Division-leading record to 13-3.

After leading by just a point at the half, the Spurs outscored the Pistons 40-17 in the third quarter, hitting 16 of 19 shots. They scored on 15 straight possessions before Jaren Jackson was called for an offensive foul with 1:35 left in the period.

San Antonio, winning its 21st straight regular-season game in the Alamodome, shot a season-best 59.2 percent from the field (45-76). The Spurs made 65.8 percent in the second half.

Grant Hill, who scored 23 of his 30 points in the first half, was the only Detroit player in double figures.

Detroit went into the game hoping to make amends for its last visit to San Antonio. Last February, the Pistons scored just 64 points and shot a woeful 25.9 percent against the Spurs.

The Pistons led much of the first half before the Spurs began to find the range toward the end of the second period. They took a 47-46 lead on Duncan's follow shot at the buzzer.

All-Star center David Robinson returned to the San Antonio lineup after missing his first game last Saturday against Denver with cervical spasms that caused pain in his right arm and shoulder. He had 11 points and six rebounds in 26 minutes before taking a seat for good with 3:39 left in the third quarter.

Terry Porter was three of four from 3-point range for the Spurs, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the first half. Johnson was 11 of 14 from the field and Duncan 10 of 14.

Cavs take care of Dallas, 106-99

Cleveland's big lead sparks victory over undermanned, overmatched Mavericks

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cavaliers couldn't help but feel overconfident. Not with the scoreboard showing them up by 21 points, and Dallas' bench full of more guys wearing suits than sneakers. ... Cleveland, which led by 21 points in the first quarter, 16 in the third and 10 with two minutes left, held off the undermanned Mavericks, who dressed just nine players but got a huge performance from Davis. ... "Well, we made that one interesting," Cavs coach Randy Wittman said. "It's always a little scary when you jump out to a big lead early in the game like that." ... "It looked like a terrible night in the first quarter, and yes, it's nice to win games," said Dallas coach Don Nelson. "But it's nice to be competitive enough to have a chance to win. I'll take this one over New York every time."

ing the Mavs within 101-99 with 49 seconds left. Kemp was fouled and hit two free throws, and after Davis missed a long jumper, Kemp made two more to put the Cavs ahead 105-99 with 23 seconds remaining. After Michael Finley's missed 3, Lamond Murray closed the scoring for Cleveland with a free throw. "I didn't really do anything different in the fourth," said Davis, whose point total was his highest since the 1995-96 season with New York. "Our guys made some nice penetration runs and I happened to be the guy to get the ball." Andrew DeClercq added 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Brevin Knight had 16 points and 10 assists for the Cavs. Wesley Person made a crucial 3 to slow Dallas down in the fourth and finished with 9 points and 7 rebounds in 21 minutes. Finley had a triple-double with 14 points, -12 rebounds and 11 assists but was just 6-of-24 from the field and missed his first 10 shots. Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points for the Mavs, who were blown out in New York on Monday night. ... The Cavs led 101-91 with 2:08 left on Kemp's two free throws before Shawn Bradley scored on a putback and Davis made two straight 3s, bringing the Mavs within 101-99 with 49 seconds left.

New York every time." Finley, who played all 48 minutes, and Sacramento's Chris Webber have the only triple-doubles in the league this season. Finley was forced to handle the majority of the ballhandling because of Steve Nash's injured ankle. "He's so athletic and talented," Davis said of his teammate. "Mike can play three of four positions. He's an All-Star." Dressing nine players, Dallas was down to eight as Nash was limited to just seven minutes with a strained tendon in his right ankle. Trailing by 14 at halftime, Dallas opened the second half with a 12-2 spurt to close within 59-55 on Finley's jumper and Cleveland called a timeout.

Although his team had fought back, Nelson wasn't impressed with the quality of play. As the teams came back on the floor, Nelson turned to the one of the NBA scouts and said, "Is this ugly or what?" Soon after, the Cavs went on a 13-0 run to open a 16-point lead and looked like they would pull away only to see Davis shoot Dallas back in it. "We made a lot mistakes — leaving Davis open like we did late," said Wittman. "We were asleep a little bit, but we hung in there." While the Mavs, especially Finley, continually misfired in the first quarter, the Cavs made 15 of 19 shots from the field to take a 38-19 lead after one.

Walker, Witkowski named All-South Plains

Tori Walker and Audra Witkowski keep getting postseason honors. This time, the awards come from the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Walker was selected the Player of the year by the Avalanche Journal as well as being picked to the All-South Plains team.

Walker's season stats include 363 kills, .419 hitting percentage, 66 blocks, 237 digs, 29 aces and a .91 serving percentage. She was the state tournament MVP. Witkowski was also another first-team All-South Plains selection. She recorded 767 assists, 47 kills, 228 digs and a 94.4 service percentage.

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Colorado downs Canucks

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Shjon Podein scored an opportunistic go-ahead goal 45 seconds into the third period Tuesday night, sparking the Colorado Avalanche to a 4-2 win over the Vancouver Canucks. ... Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy, whose last outing was Friday's 7-0 loss to Phoenix, stopped 23 shots to record

only his second win in his last seven games (2-4-1). Trailing 4-2 with 3:32 left in the game, the Canucks blew a chance to get back into the game when Andrew Cassels shot wide on a penalty shot. Cassels was awarded the penalty shot when he was tripped up by Sandis Ozolinsh while going to the net. The penalty shot also came 30 seconds after Canucks coach Marc Crawford gambled by pulling his goalie for an extra attacker. The Canucks played most of the last four minutes without a goalie, but failed to capitalize.

Girls

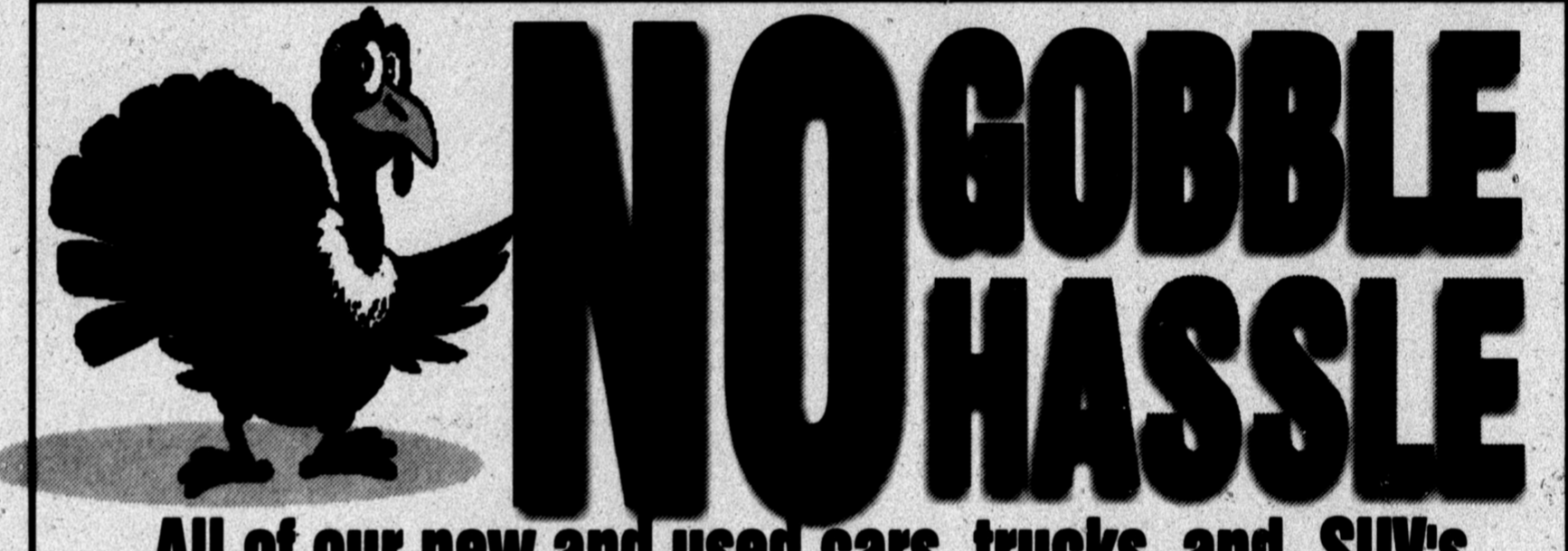
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Robertson got a little scoring spurt for the Bobbies, but they were constantly pressured inside by Griffin, Fangman and Shyla Martin. ... The fourth quarter was very even as both teams exchanged turnovers and points. Eicke,

who before the fourth quarter, went 0-for-5 on field goals, scored two outside jumpers, and one perimeter jumper, helping the Lady Whitefaces to a 46-28 lead midway through the fourth period. ... The Lady Whitefaces now travel to San Angelo for the Concho Belles Tournament, starting Thursday and going through Saturday. Harrison looks for his team to improve in the always talent-rich San Angelo Tournament. ... "If we win, we will probably get Plainview in the third round, and they are as good as you get in this area," Harrison said. "We are going to get tested right away to see where we are at."

Boys

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McNutt and Cade White when Dean cleared the bench. Hereford's next action will be in the Plainview Tournament, which will start Thursday and continue through Saturday. The tournament offers a chance for Dean and the Whitefaces to get some redemption. "We want to get better every time we go out on the floor and we want to keep looking for the things we do well and try to build on those," Dean said.

Dimmitt 60, Hereford 33
Hereford (1-3): Justin Carroll 2-5 0-9 4; Cade White 2-3 0-1 4; Tyson Yosten 0-4 1-3 1; Stewart Carr, 1-4 0-0 2; Landon Noland, 2-4 0-0 4; James Stow, 5-9, 5-6 14; Eric McNutt 2-6 0-0 4; Jerry Harmon, 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 14-42 6-10 23.
Dimmitt (7): Jeff Stovall 1-1 0-1 2; Kevin Sanders, 0-1 1-2 1; Reyes Rendoval, 2-6 1-4 5; Marcus Larrs, 1-2 0-1 3; Joe Martinez, 1-1 0-0 2; Jose Vela, 1-6 1-2 3; Daniel Proffitt, 1-4 0-0 2; Daniel Flores, 2-7 4-5 13; Taylor Matthews, 6-9 1-2 11; Samuel Prieto, 6-10 6-4 16. Totals: 24-51 15-27 60.
Halftime — Dimmitt 28, Hereford 19. Three-Pointers — Hereford: None; Dimmitt: 3 (Proffitt, Prieto, Larrs). Fouls — Hereford 19; Dimmitt 14. Rebounds — Hereford: 31 (Stow, 9); Dimmitt: 27 (Vela, 7).



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Dimmitt (7): Tamara Robertson, 2-7 6-10 14; Heather Black, 2-6 3-4 8; Audrey Saenz, 5-9 0-0 10; Ironica Traylor, 2-3 0-0 4. Totals: 11-37 9-23 35.
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INSIDE

Protests stun trade officials

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SEATTLE — Stunned by violent street protests, officials at a 135-nation trade gathering insisted they would push ahead with their effort to launch a new round of talks aimed at breaking down barriers to global commerce.

President Clinton was scheduled to address ministers today in the conference he has been banking on heavily, but was heading into a shattered downtown where officials sought to restore order with an overnight curfew and officers in riot gear.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke ordered as many as 200 members of the National Guard and 300 state troopers to Seattle, where they will serve as backup to police who on Tuesday battled rampaging protesters with tear gas and pepper spray.

"This conference will be a success. The issues are far too important to be ignored," said Mike Moore, director general of the World Trade Organization.

WTO delegates long had expected protests, but nothing like the storm that hit Seattle when at least 40,000 activists took to the streets Tuesday. Some 5,000 protesters confronted police, with a handful launching an assault on the downtown business area.

Windows were shattered everywhere from NikeTown to Santa's Village outside of Nordstrom. A Starbucks coffee shop was broken into and looted.

The protests threatened to become a major embarrassment for the Clinton administration. News of the violence generated headlines across Asia today: "Demonstrators overrun Seattle," said a page-one headline in the *Times of India*, one of India's top national newspapers.

Mexico, U.S. digging for bodies of 100 missing

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — U.S. and Mexican authorities unearthed the remains of two people during an intensive search of border ranches where an FBI informant has indicated that as many as 100 victims of a powerful drug cartel could be buried.

FBI forensic experts worked with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police Tuesday searching two desert ranches near the city of Ciudad Juarez, once the undisputed territory of the Juarez drug cartel, at one time Mexico's largest and most violent drug-smuggling outfit. Authorities were led to the

ranches by an informant who approached the FBI early this year, a federal law enforcement official said in Washington. The informant said there might be as many as 100 bodies there, including people who had been providing information to U.S. drug agents, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bones, clothing and shoes were found at the Rancho de la Campana, 10 miles southwest of Ciudad Juarez, Attorney General Jorge Madrazo told TV Azteca in a live interview late Tuesday.

Madrazo reiterated that officials do not believe that any bodies of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration or FBI agents are at the ranches. But he said agents of the Mexican federal judicial police could be buried there.

TV Azteca reported that Rancho de la Campana's owner and a caretaker had been detained and taken to Mexico City. A spokesman for the Attorney General's office told The Associated Press he had no information about the alleged detentions.

Madrazo told the Televisa television network that investigators suspect the victims were killed by the Juarez drug cartel.

December tax moves could ease IRS bill

WASHINGTON — Only one month remains in the year, but there is still time to make some moves that could pay off when tax time arrives in April.

"Even if you haven't given a thought all year to your 1999 tax liability, it's never too late to take advantage of some tax-saving strategies," said Keith Oates, tax partner in the Boston office of DeLoitte & Touche LLP.

Even love and death can have tax consequences.

Because of the "marriage penalty" embedded in the Internal Revenue Service code, couples earning roughly equal incomes usually fall into higher tax brackets than couples in which one person is the main breadwinner.

It may sound cold-hearted, but tax professionals say putting off a wedding until January could mean significant savings for that two-income couple on 1999 income tax returns due next April.

"Typically, you run into it when you have two professionals," said Mark Watson, partner in the KPMG LLP accounting firm's Washington national tax practice.

The tax burden for a wealthy person's heirs can also be affected by the date of death. The amount of an estate that can be passed on tax-free is \$650,000 in 1999, but rises to \$875,000 after Jan. 1.

Hereford student has a leading role

Special to The Brand

CANYON — Karis Chamberlain of Hereford will have the lead role in West Texas A&M University's Branding Iron Theatre (BIT) presentation of William Marchant's "The Desk Set."

Performances will be 8 nightly through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Building.

"The Desk Set," which is set in 1955, focuses on Bunny and a group of women who work in a television network reference department. When an "electronic brain" threatens to replace the jobs of all the people in the building, Bunny is called to the lead the fight against the hostile computer takeover.

Bunny Watson is played by Chamberlain, a junior theatre major.

"With all the hubbub concerning the Y2K 'crisis,' this

timeless comedy tackles the issue of the human vs. the machine," Perry Crafton, theatre director and instructor of theatre, said. "This play takes us back and reminds us of how it all began and how were arrived at this pinnacle of the century."

Tickets are \$7 at the door and can be purchased in advance at the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, Room 151 of the Fine Arts Building.

Seniors 65 and older and children 12 and under will receive a \$2 discount. Students, faculty and staff members may pick up free tickets with a valid WTAMU ID card.

To reserve tickets, contact the WTAMU Department of Art, Communication and Theatre at 651-2798 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or 651-2808 on the evening of the performances.

Exxon-Mobil merger has station owners worried

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — The \$81 billion merger of Exxon and Mobil has created fear among gas station owners as the new company prepares to sell more than 2,400 stations nationwide.

"It's like changing your landlord," said Mark O'Grady, who co-owns three Mobil stations in the Baltimore area.

The Federal Trade Commission on Tuesday gave conditional approval to the deal. The merger creates the world's largest privately held oil company and reunites two remnants of the 1911 government breakup of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil empire.

Company executives have

defended the merger as a way to reduce costs and allow them to compete against government-owned oil companies in Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Venezuela. Combined, Exxon-Mobil will produce 3.8 percent of the world's oil with 120,000 employees and \$138 billion in assets.

Public Citizen, a consumer

advocacy group, said the merger will likely lead to higher gas prices because of market dominance.

Analysts, however, weren't so sure.

"How many other industries is the price of the product displayed for all the world to see?" asked Tyler Dann of Banc of America Securities.



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POLITICS

Bush offers package of tax cuts

Plan would help rich, working poor

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush wants to slash tax rates at all income levels, proposing a five-year, \$483 billion package he says will "make life better for average men, women and children."

Targeting the working poor as well as the very rich, Bush's package embraces conservative economic staples with a populist twist, further defining what he means by his promise to be a "compassionate conservative." The proposal, which Bush was unveiling today, drew instant criticism from Republican and Democratic rivals as the GOP front-runner looks beyond the primaries to court general election voters.

The package would cut taxes a bit deeper than a similar Republican congressional package vetoed this year by President Clinton, but is not nearly as ambitious as the flat-tax overhaul championed by presidential rival Steve Forbes and other conservatives.

"Clearly, Bush faced down the tax code and blinked,"

Forbes spokeswoman Juliana Glover Weiss said.

Bush's package would:

- Simplify and reduce marginal tax rates. Incomes are now taxed at five levels — 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. Bush would propose four rates, with the poorest paying 10 percent and the wealthiest paying a top rate of 33 percent.
- Double the \$500 child tax credit, a benefit to the middle class. Bush would open the credit to people earning up to \$200,000; the current cap is \$100,000.
- Reduce the penalty paid by couples who get married by restoring a deduction that ended in 1986.
- Eliminate all estate taxes, a GOP favorite that would primarily aid small business men and women, farmers and



Gov. George W. Bush proposes tax cuts

family members who inherit huge sums.

- Make permanent the research and development tax credit that Congress just extended for five years.
- Raise from \$500 to \$5,000 the amount of money a person can put in tax-free education savings accounts. Current law limits the accounts to college expenses; Bush would expand it to kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Eliminate the so-called "earnings limit" for Social Security. Recipients between the

ages of 65-69 currently lose part of their Social Security benefits for every dollar they earn over \$17,000.

Clinton vetoed the bill, saying it would have run the nation deeper into debt. Democrats say Fush's package is just as flawed, even though it lowers rates for low- and middle-income Americans.

"His plan is going to needlessly risk the economic prosperity and jeopardize the future of Social Security and Medicare," Democratic Party spokeswoman Jenny Backus said. The Bush campaign said budget surpluses would create enough money to finance the tax package and his education

and defense spending plans without tapping into Social Security reserves, assuming the economy grows at a rate of 2.7 percent a year.

Tax cuts are a staple of GOP presidential primaries, but the two-term Texas governor is especially eager to establish his supply-side credentials to counter concerns that he will follow the footsteps of his father, the former president who is still blamed for breaking a "no new taxes" promise.

Reducing the income-tax rates favors people with the highest incomes, because they pay the most taxes. Bush, however, is stressing his plan's benefits on people teetering between welfare and work.

"My plan will make life better for average men, women and children," Bush said in advance of the speech. He participates in his first GOP presidential debate Thursday.

Among Bush's GOP rivals, Arizona Sen. John McCain says he would "dramatically increase" the number of Americans taxed at the lowest rate, 15 percent, by letting couples earning up to \$70,000 qualify for that tax bracket. Forbes and Gary Bauer support flat taxes.

School controversy and a report about it published by the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*.

Spokesmen for the governor and his father, former president George Bush, both have denied intermingling with academic autonomy.

TAX RATES COMPARISON

The Associated Press
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10%—\$0-\$12,000
15%—\$12,000-\$43,050
25% — \$43,050-\$158,550.
33%—Over \$158,550

Income tax rates under the current Internal Revenue Service system for 1999 returns:

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Texas Democratic leader charges Bush tries to stifle free speech at A&M

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of the Texas Democratic Party chided Republican Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign Tuesday, saying it should "back off its attempt to stifle free speech" at Texas A&M University.

Molly Beth Malcolm cited news reports that Bush aides had called officials at A&M's George Bush School of Government and Public Service to complain about statements from faculty members in news stories that were unflattering to the Bush family.

"Gov. George W. Bush needs to realize that neither he nor any members of his family own any institution of higher learning in Texas, whether it has their name on it or not," Mrs. Malcolm said. "Texas A&M University be-

longs to the people of Texas. It's not for sale. All the campaign money in the world won't change that."

Mrs. Malcolm referred to an article in the latest issue of *Editor & Publisher* magazine, which discussed the Bush

School controversy and a report about it published by the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*.

Spokesmen for the governor and his father, former president George Bush, both have denied intermingling with academic autonomy.

Front-runner's cramming for his first debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any misstep in his first debate could renew questions about George W. Bush's readiness for the presidency, so he is cramming for Thursday's event in a Texas-sized way.

Aides have scoured news reports and press releases for every mention of the Texas governor by his rivals, looking for potential debate-night attacks. They say looking through two years of transcripts helped prepare Bush for his Nov. 21 interview on "Meet the Press."

On Monday and Tuesday, top advisers also trooped to the Governor's Mansion in Austin, Texas, where they participated with Bush in prep sessions held at times around a table or ring of chairs.

During one, an adviser said, an aide told the governor that publisher Steve Forbes thinks Bush's education plan gives too much power to the government.

Bush's response was quickly critiqued and sharpened by the group, said the official.

"I think the stakes are high for Bush because he's missed the other forums, causing there to be a doubt-factor in a first primary state like New Hampshire. That doesn't mean he can't overcome it," said Scott Reed, a Republican consultant who managed Bob Dole's presidential campaign in 1996.

While the Bush campaign publicly downplays the importance of Thursday's debate, everyone involved knows the front-runner's presence will change the dynamic from the three earlier debates that Bush skipped.

Bush, who planned to avoid debates until January, has now agreed to three in December as Sen. John McCain

of Arizona has risen in the polls to pull even with Bush in New Hampshire.

"We have been successful in New Hampshire with or without any other candidates alongside us," said McCain spokesman Howard Opinsky. "I think the increased attention on this debate could certainly help us."

In a hint of the needling that Bush can expect, the campaign of radio talk show host Alan Keyes said he didn't need to do anything special to prepare for Bush.

"This is the advantage of having a candidate knowing where he stands on the issues," said Keyes campaign manager Dan Godzich.

Along with Bush, McCain and Keyes, others participating will be conservative activist Gary Bauer, publisher Steve Forbes and Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

The 90-minute session will take place in the Manchester, N.H., studios of WMUR-TV and will be broadcast nationally on the Fox News Channel.

As of Tuesday, 250 media members had requested accreditation to cover the event.

Because of the novelty of Bush's appearance, his campaign expects he will be the target of the other candidates and under a media microscope.

The debate is the last of three major tests for Bush before the primary season.

With questions raised about his intellect and his stumble in a pop foreign policy quiz given by a TV reporter, Bush delivered a major foreign policy speech on Nov. 19, followed it up two days later with a live, hourlong TV interview, and reluctantly agreed to his first December debate.

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The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. You are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible so your concerns can be considered during the review of the application.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments and requesting a public meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or otherwise significant public comments. The Response to Comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Hi-Plains Partners, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Art Mulligan at (505)754-3034.

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Virus

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and caused millions of dollars in damage," Schrader said. "It's malicious and fast-spreading. We consider this to be high-risk."

It wasn't clear whether the problem had been reported to the government-chartered CERT Coordination Center — formerly the Computer Emergency Response Team — at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. There were no warnings on its Web site early today.

Anti-virus experts said the bug gets loose from an infected system as a seemingly friendly reply to a clean e-mail sent via the Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express or Exchange browsers.

The virus intercepts the original message and automatically sends itself as a response — even changing the subject line from, for example, "Work Meeting" to "Re: Work Meeting."

The body of the message reads: "Hi (recipient's name)! I received your e-mail and I shall send you an e-mail ASAP. Till then, take a look at the attached zipped docs. bye."

The e-mail contains an attachment called "zipped-files.exe." If a user double-clicks on the attachment, the virus is set loose in the new victim's system.

It then destroys a series of files in a computer's hard drive by replacing them with empty files.

Anti-virus experts cautioned users against opening e-mails if they do not know the sender or why they were sent. They said the virus could be fought with updated anti-virus software.

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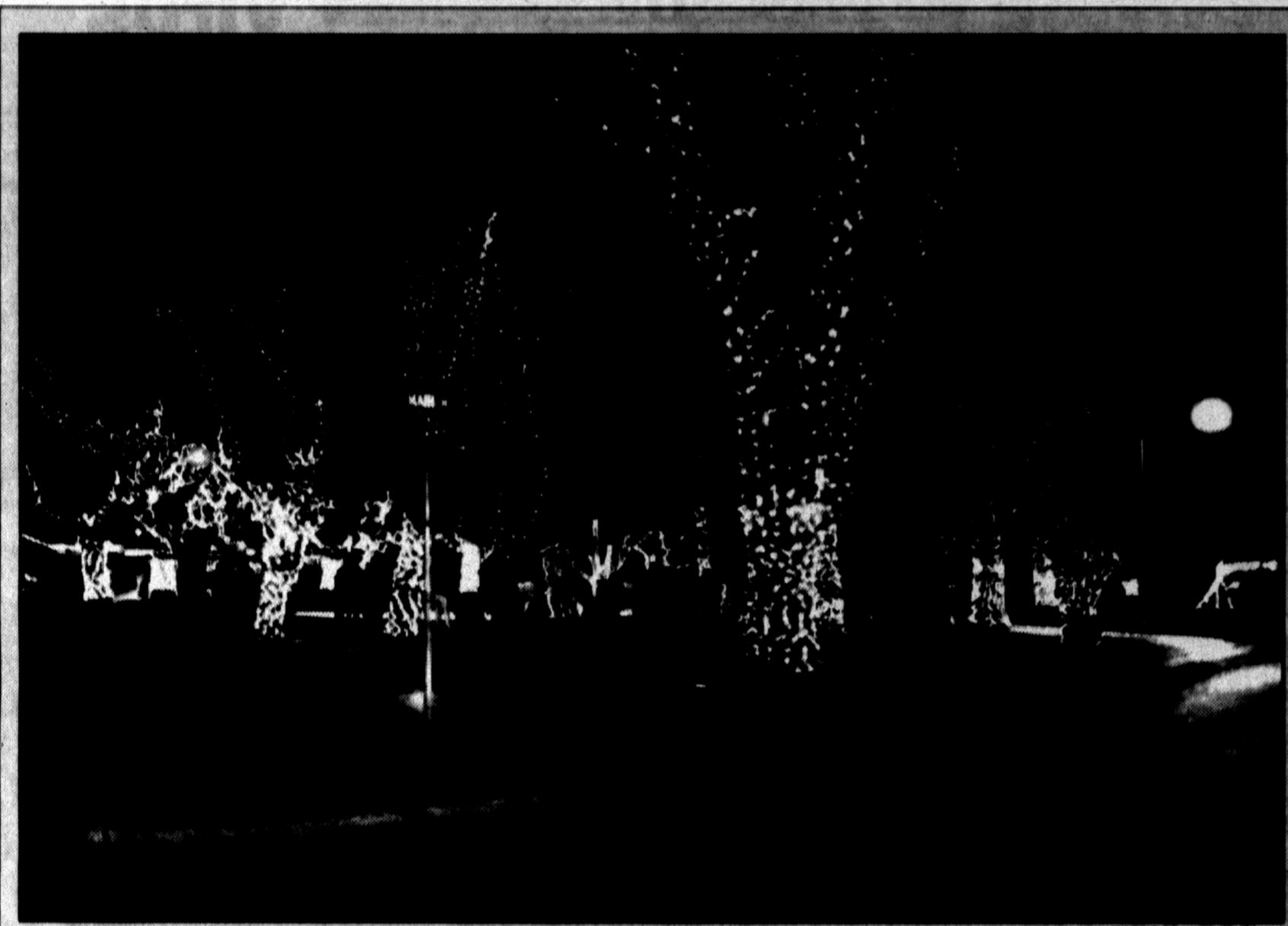
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Kohl admits he had secret funds

BERLIN (AP) — Former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's dramatic admission that he ran secret party accounts failed to satisfy even some of his fellow party members, who joined the governing Social Democrats today in demanding more details.

The head of a parliamentary investigation into the Christian Democratic Party's finances under Kohl said he wants to establish where the money came from, how it was used and whether it influenced political decisions by Kohl's government.

The key question in the probe is whether a \$530,000 payment to the party in 1991 was a kickback for the sale of German military vehicles to Saudi Arabia and whether Kohl knew about it.

Kohl, who ran the party from 1973 until his election defeat last year, acknowledged Tuesday that he had set up secret funds to channel money to party officials and campaigns as he saw fit.

While conceding that the practice may have broken party financing laws, Kohl denied during a press conference Tuesday that any of the money involved bribes or kickbacks.

The governing Social Democrats insisted Kohl had more explaining to do.

Open house offers trip to past

Special to The Brand
CANYON — It will be a real "blast from the past" this weekend at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's 23rd Annual Christmas Open House. Role players throughout the museum will portray Christmas celebrations in the Texas Panhandle during the 20th century.

Pioneer Town will come alive as costumed interpreters tell about life in a small Panhandle town at the turn of the century.

The "Roaring Twenties" had its own unique Christmas celebrations and the music of the era will be performed as a group of community residents gather in a 1920s dance hall in the boom town of Borger.

The Depression and Dust Bowl of the 1930s brought change to the Panhandle, just as it did to the rest of the country, but the joy of Christmas was not forgotten.

The 1940s were a time of change and separation as

young men were called to serve their country. Christmas on the homefront looked somewhat different, with families celebrating without husbands and fathers.

There'll be "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" as you move into the 1950s with rock 'n' roll, poodle skirts and bubble lights.

Remember the 1960s, with the flocked Christmas tree, blue balls and the colored lights? Then came the 1970s with movie houses, miniskirts and bellbottoms. The Southwest theme was popular in the 1980s, a perfect fit for the Panhandle.

Then, in the 1990s, the Panhandlers went back to a Victorian theme, proving that history always has a way of repeating itself.

Children can visit with Santa to share their Christmas wishes, play games and make unique craft items. Entertainment will be provided by area schools, barbershop quartets and other musical

groups. There will be a designation collection area for anyone wanting to bring a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras; a variety of photo opportunities will be available.

The entertainment is:

FRIDAY

- 7:15 p.m.: Arden Road 4th and 5th grade;
- 7:30 p.m.: Gene Howe 5th-grade choir;
- 8 p.m.: First Baptist Hand Bell Choir;
- 8:30 p.m.: Lakeview Elementary Choir.

Also, High Plains Harmony will perform throughout the museum.

SATURDAY

- 7 p.m.: First Presbyterian Church Hand Bell Choir;
- 7:30 p.m.: Rex Reeves 4th- and 5th-grade choir;
- 8 p.m.: Amarillo High School "New Sound";
- 8:30 p.m.: Palo Duro High School Choir.

Also, www.harmony will perform throughout the museum.

SUNDAY

- 1 p.m.: WT Flute Choir;
- 1:30 p.m.: Belmar 4th- and 5th-grade choir;
- 2 p.m.: Oscar Hinger Elementary Choir;
- 2:30 p.m. Randall High School "Bravo";
- 3 p.m.: Canyon High School Show Choir;
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U.N. report finds 11 million children left orphans by the AIDS pandemic

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations was marking World AIDS Day today with a sobering new set of statistics of the toll the virus has taken on children, 11 million of whom have been orphaned by the pandemic.

In a report, UNICEF and UNAIDS say the number of AIDS orphans is expected to rise to more than 13 million by the end of 2000. Already, 95 percent of those orphans

are in sub-Saharan Africa.

"The skyrocketing number of AIDS orphans is — in addition to the loss of life caused by AIDS — putting a severe strain on traditional support systems in Africa," said UNICEF executive director Carol Bellamy. "The grandparents who in so many cases are taking care of their orphaned grandchildren have limited resources."

Eastern and southern Af-

rica is home to 4.8 percent of the world's population yet has over 50 percent of the world's HIV-positive people and accounts for 60 percent of all lives claimed by AIDS, according to U.N. data.

In developing countries, children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS are at a higher risk of malnutrition, illness, abuse and sexual exploitation than children orphaned by other causes.

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