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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF **Doris Huckert** 

Today's weather

## OUTLOOK

### Winter weather advisory for the Panhandle

A winter weather advisory was in effect today for portions of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains today with forecasts calling for snow accumulations of 1-3 inches," according to The Associated Press.

By dawn today, deputies in Castro County reported 4-6 inches of snow on many roadways. There was 1-2 inches of snowfall elsewhere in Northwest Texas.

An upper level low moving across West Texas combined with low level moisture and cold air to produce the snowfall.

Forecasts called for clear to partly cloudy skies tonight across West Texas. It will be partly cloudy on Friday. Lows tonight will be in the middle teens in northern sections of the Panhandle and the 20s and 30s elsewhere. Highs Friday will be mostly in the 50s and 60s, ranging from the 40s in the Panhandle to the mid 70s in the Big Bend area.

Strong thunderstorms moved across a vast area of North and North Central Texas early today. Strong winds and marble-sized hail accompanied some of the thunderstorms.

It will be partly cloudy through Friday across North Texas through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s. Highs Friday will be in the 50s and 60s.

South Texas will have partly cloudy skies through

Lows tonight will be in the 50s and 60s. Highs Friday will be in the 60s and 70s.



Mostiv clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 15 to 20, light north wind becoming south around 5

Friday: Partly sunny with a high in the mid-40s, south wind 15 to 20 mph.

### **Extended forecast**

Saturday: Increasing clouds, low around 25, high 40 to 45.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-30s.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, low in the upper 20s, high in the mid-30s.

### **Hereford** weather

Wednesday's high, 45; low, 27: 9 inches of snow on the ground, according to KPAN Radio.

## Pep rally set

A pep rally for the Hereford Whitefaces will begin at 7 tonight at Hereford Junior High School.

The rally will send the Herd off to the Class 4A state championship game at Texas Stadium in Irving.

Spirit groups will be selling Whiteface bannes and noise-makers at the rally.

Also, the Whiteface Booster Club has reserved a block of rooms at both the AmeriSuites, 972-910-0302, and Staybridge Suites, 972-465-9400, in Irving. Block reservations at AmeriSuites are under HHS: those at Staybridge Suites are under Hereford High.



## ■ Latest winter storm to sweep through Panhandle dumps 9-10 inches of snow on Hereford; roadways stay open; few residents report loss of electricity

By Julie L. Carlson Hereford Brand Stuff Writer

Jack Frost and his close friend, Frosty the Snowman, paid another visit to Hereford.

Hereford, 9 to 10 inches of ported 10 inches of snow, did snow were reported with 6- to have power lines down, he 7-foot snow drifts. Officials said. The tall snow drifts said winds with this new win- make for almost impossible ter storm, which swept driving conditions for DSEC through the region Wednes- crews, Weemes said. He said day night and early today, the crews are working steadily weren't strong enough to to restore electricity. cause any major damage as did the storm which hit the are clear, according to Pre-Panhandle last weekend.

According to Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative member services manager Tommie Weemes, there were not any local power lines down. However, Nazareth, one of the In some areas outside of hardest-hit areas with a re-

> Roads in Precincts 1 and 3 cinct 3 foreman Bobby Ham

mock and Precinct 1 foreman Alfred Ortiz. Although the roads are not closed, the foremen advised motorists to exercise caution.

In Precincts 2 and 4, all of the east and west roads were closed by 8 a.m. because snow drifts have made them impassable.

Within the city limits, no streets were closed and city street crews had been clearing major thoroughfares since early in the morning.

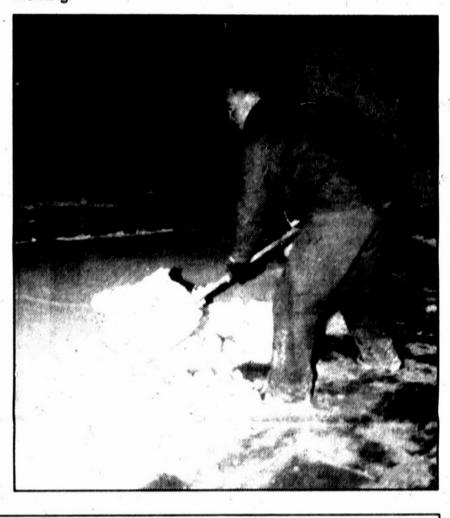
Texas Department of Public

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BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

City street crews were out early today when a winter storm whipped through Hereford, dumping more snow on the city, while below Jeff Eades was out before dawn to man a shovel to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of the new First National Bank. At left, Wade Easley (right) and an unidentified Good Samaritan help Brand Publisher Mauri Montgomery get out of a snowbank this



## Some children need 'basic playstuffs'

By Dianna F. Dandridge jeans and a toy.

Hereford Brand Staff Writer Garland and tinsel deck the halls and winter window scenes announce the yuletide season.

While the season brings joy to untold thousands with all the shopping, wrapping, gajety and the overall mood, for others there is very little of a "special" feel about the season.

Many children's names are on "Angel Tree" tags throughout the area, but people who see the kids everyday know the need is greater than just a pair of

"Some of these kids don't have any books at home, no educational toys or games," said Jeanie Noggler, a teacher at Tierra Blanca Primary School. "Lots of these kids need basic playstuffs, like Play-Do or Tinker Toys. They need things that make them think.'

Many of the old-fashion toys and games help develop motor skills, logical thinking skills and even critical thinking skills which lead to more advanced learning.

"Old-fashioned things still work wonders. Kids learn to games, develop coordination, and figure out how to put things together and how to make them work," Tierra Blanca teacher Kim Sliney

Teachers, though, see needs that many others will never see - needs that have little. if anything, to do with material goods.

"Some kids have no traditions that make the holiday come alive." Tierra Blanca secretary Judy Williams said. "It has to be a family thing that is done this year, and next year and all the years to fol-

count money with some of the low. And, it has to involve the family."

> Some of these traditions can be as simple as an evening spent decorating the tree or enjoying special foods during the holidays.

This, too, has its difficulties as many students don't set up a tree. For some, it is a simple case of going elsewhere for the holiday. For others, a tree and ornaments are far from

the list of priorities. "Some of these kids live with cousins or other family members, who are living with their boyfriend or someone else, so the kids wind up doing what ever the adults are doing," said Sliney. "Sometimes that changes every year, depending on who they are living with."

"The ties and relationships which grow from traditions are what brings the holidays to life. It gives the kids something to hang onto," Williams said.

As with so many festive events, the food is a big part of the holidays, but the teachers realize many children don't have special memories of festive foods.

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## Mother of 5 facing several challenges

Mrs. M, age 39, has a number of challenges confronting her this holiday season. Her five children range in age from seven to 16. Her oldest daughter was the victim of a sexual assault that resulted in pregnancy, and Mrs. M. now also helps to care for a nine-month-old grandchild. While Mrs. M. is trying to

improve her lot in life by finishing college, she's separated from her husband, who hasn't been paying child support. With limited income and many mouths to feed, this woman is understandably, undergoing a struggle. She's behind on utility bills, and asking for help with these.

With the caring and sharing help of the local community. CSF will address needs such as this in 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 assistance comes 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.

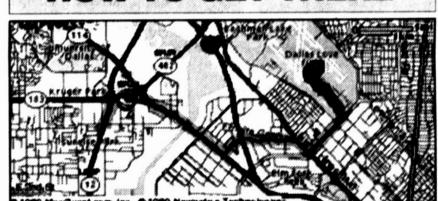
This year's primary assistance delivery date is Dec. 22. Donations to CSF may be

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.

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

TOTAL 12/5/99	2,215.00
Allen & Estelle Parson	100.00
Edgar & Loleta Vinson	20.00
Anonymous	200.00
Dr. & Mrs. Howard R. Johnson	200.00
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Anonymous	25.00
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Christian Formation Class	
(St. Anthony's High School juniors)	30.45
Anonymous	100.00
Carl & Helen Kleuskens	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Albracht	50.00
Anonymous	50.00
Total 12/9/1999	4,645.45

## **HOW TO GET THERE**

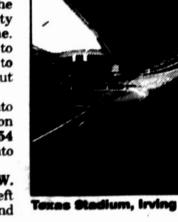


It's about 8 miles from Dallas Love Field, where flights from Amarillo will land, to Texas Stadium, where the Hereford Whitefaces will meet Texas City in the Class 4A state championship game.

For those Hereford fans who will fly to the game and rent automobiles to go to the stadium, the drive should take about 20 minutes.

Leaving Love Field, turn right onto West Mockingbird Lane, then right on Harry Hines Boulevard/Texas 354 Loop North before turning left onto Empire Central. Then, turn right onto East John W.

Carpenter Freeway, make a slight left to take the Texas 183 West ramp and merge onto Texas 183. Proceed for 2.3 miles and take the Texas 12 Loop South



exit towards the University of Dallas, keeping right at the fork

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## **Local roundup**

Special school board meeting

Hereford Independent School district board of trustees have called a special meeting for 6 p.m. today in the board room of the Administrative Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

The meeting is for Level II school board training and will then adjourn.

### TBSWCD tree sale

Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District continues to offer wind break seedlings for sale, now through mid March. More than 30 varieties are being offered, but some are in limited quantities. TBSWCD staff encourage early orders to guarantee first choice selection. To place an order call the office at 364-0530.

Junior High Open House

An informal open house offering parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and tour the new classroom wing has been scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Hereford Junior High. Principal Lynn Luther said the main purpose of the open house is to give the public a chance to look at the new classroom wing. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria throughout the

open house event. The junior high choir will also perform several musical numbers during the event.

### West Central D.A.R.E. graduation

Sixth grade students at West Central Intermediate School will participate in the D.A.R.E graduation Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

## Brushing up



All business — Joel Combs, left, visited Wednesday with local business people at the Hereford Community Center as an introduction to a coming two-part business development seminar he will conduct there January 13 and January 20 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The seminar is being sponsored in part by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee. Advance seminar reservations are being accepted now and come with discounts for early sign-ups.

HEREFORD BRAND

## **Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 8, 1999, include the fol-

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- A burglary of a building was reported in the 300 block of Avenue F.

- A broken window was reported in the 200 block of South Texas:

- An accident was reported in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

- A 27-year-old woman was arrested and charged with bail jumping, failure to appear, and surrender of surety.

- A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- A 29-year-old man began serving time on a possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, conviction.

- An 18-year-old man was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

Incidents

- Credit card abuse was re-

- Children's Protective Service reported physical abuse to a child.

- Officers reported an escapee. An individual sought for a violation of parole warrant was located at the county library. The individual knocked the parole officer and arresting deputy down and fled. The individual has not been located.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery** 

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50

2-5-28-32-42-45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$29 million.

Pick 3

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

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## TWAS THE MIGHT BEFORE STATE

'Twas the night before state, when silent was the manner not a player was speaking, not even Bryce Banner.

Football jerseys were hung by the lockers with care, in hopes that Whitefaces soon would be there.

The Herd was tucked all snug in their beds. while visions of victory danced in their heads.

Coach Yenzer in his football Herd gear. and Mrs. Yenzer who always was near, has just sat down to write a state play-off cheer.

When out on the field there rose such a clatter, the coach sprang from his chair to see what was the matter. Away to the window the coach flew like a flash, he tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to his wondering eyes should ap-

But a Hostile Herd, showing no fear.

With great Hereford spirit and an opponent to

he knew in a moment they must be fired up.

Tougher than Eagles and Kangaroos they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by

"Now Pietsek, now Hodges! Now, Miller and Marsh!

On, Ramirez! On, Fangman! On, Campos and Ram!

To the end of the field, to the goal line, run fast with the ball and score every time!"

And he heard them exclaim as they ran out of sight,

### THE VICTORY IS OURS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

This timely revision to a Christmas classic was submitted by Angela Stansell, a Bluebonnet Physical Education teacher.

## Officials investigate meat packer

The state will investigate at least 588,000 pounds of ground beef produced for Ohio schools by a Texas meatpacker that failed tests for salmonella contamination, officials said

Wednesday.
The U.S. Department of Agriculture bought the meat from Supreme Beef Processors Inc. for the national school lunch

program.
USDA records show that Ohio received at least 14 truckloads, each containing 42,000 pounds, of the ground beef from the company's Dallas plant, said Lee-Anne Rogers, spokeswoman for the Ohio Department of Educa-

Rogers said the shipments to Ohio began Sept. 21. She said she does not know where

the beef is now or which schools may have received it.

However, Rogers said all of the meat was precooked at other processors that operate under USDA inspection before it arrived in Ohio. The precooking requires temperatures that destroy salmonella bacteria, she said.

The department notified all Ohio public school districts by e-mail Wednesday, advising them of the situation and reminding them of proper procedures in handling meat.

Salmonella kills an estimated 550 people and causes 1.4 million illnesses a year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

Symptoms include diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain and vomiting. Healthy people typically recover in a few days, but salmonella can cause serious, even life-threatening, infections in young children.

The Ohio Department of Health has received no reports of illness connected to the meet shipments, spokeswoman Jane Beathard said.

Supreme Beef failed the testing three times beginning this summer. The company disputes the USDA's results and

Supreme Beef President Steve Spiritas said he had not heard of Ohio's action and declined to comment immediately on it. He said raw beef products from all processors contain some level of salmonella and must be cooked adequately

The plant supplies about 15 percent of the ground beef the USDA buys annually for schools around the country. The department stopped buy-ing beef from the plant Tues-

The Ohio investigation will meet inspectors be done by meat inspectors from the state agriculture department.

Rogers said education officials are trying to find the meat that came from the Dallas plant.

## Oklahoma parents need answers

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — Hundreds of people packed the gymnasium of Fort Gibson Middle School to learn more about why a student opened fire on his classmates — and whether such violence can be prevented. Parents and students made

up most of the audience at Tuesday night's meeting, held a day after a seventh-grade student allegedly pulled a 9mm semiautomatic handgun from his backpack and fired 15 rounds.

Four students were wounded. All are expected to

Superintendent Wilmoth told the crowd that he believes nothing could have prevented the shooting and said there were no guarantees against another incident. "I hope to God it never hap-

pens again at Fort Gibson,' Wilmoth said.

Residents asked school administrators how long counseling would be available, when the media would leave and what security measures would be taken. They applauded loudly after the question was read, "Why not put the Ten Commandments and

prayer back in school?"

Administrators said they are looking at several possible security measures, including a full-time police officer, frequent use of metal detectors or receiving alean backnesks. quiring clear backpacks for

Most of the middle school's 400 students returned to school Tuesday, including 13-year-old Kelli Sparks. The eighth-grader said it helped to be with classmates so fast. "We were just glad to be with our friends — to let our

emotions go," she said. Most parents said they just want to know more about the

Authorities and the boy's lawyer have refused to release

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries



**GARY V. STAGNER** Dec. 8, 1999

Graveside services for Gary V. Stagner, 52, of Coppell will be 10 a.m. Friday in West Park Cemetery with memorial services at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral

Mr. Stagner died Wednesday in a Dallas Hospital.

He was born June 15, 1947, in Hereford to Earl Stagner and Joy Farmer Stagner. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hereford and a Human Resource Consultant. Mr. Stagner was the first administrator of Hereford Rural Health Clinic. He had graduated from West Texas State University in 1969 where he was a member of Phi-Delta-

Theta fraternity.
Survivors include his father, Earl Stagner, of Hereford; one brother, John Stagner, of Hereford; one daughter, Emily Stagner of Stafford; and one aunt.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Sandy

Stagner Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Hereford Brand; the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

Hereford Brand, Dec. 9, 1999 OTHEL JONES

Dec. 9, 1999 Services for Othel Jones, 96, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral

Mrs. Jones died Thursday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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ANNA IDA EVERS

Dec. 8, 1999 NAZARETH -- Funeral services for Anna Ida Evers, 83, of Nazareth will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Graveside services are at 3:45 p.m. in St. Mary's Cemetery in Umbarger. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. tonight at Brooks Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the di-

Home of Canyon. Mrs. Evers died Wednesday at the Dimmitt Hospital.

rection of Brooks Funeral

Survivors include five sons, Sonny Evers of Hereford, Charles Evers of Cedar Hill, Eddie Evers of Canyon, Weldon Evers of Amarillo, and Donnie Evers of Sandia; two daugh-ters Patsy Huseman of Nazareth and Carolyn Snyder of Amarillo; 26 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to St. Anthony's School, Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department, or Nazareth Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, a grandson, one

great-grandson. Hereford Brand, Dec. 9, 1999



ELIAS J. GARZA, JR.

Dec. 8, 1999
Services for Elias J. Garza,
Jr., 62, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rix Funeral chapel with Earnest Cantu, Sr., of the Jehovah's Witness Congregation offici-ating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the di-rection of Rix Funeral Home. Mr. Garza died Wednesday.

He was born April 25, 1937, in Gonzales. He had lived in Rosenberg and Hereford. Mr. Gonzalez was a farm laborer and a musician with Garza Brothers Trio for many years.

Survivors include his parents Elias and Paula Garza of Hereford; one daughter, Irene Garza Silerio of Hereford; four sons, Peter Moreno of Amarillo, Paul Moreno of Hereford, Oscar Martinez of Brownfield; and Jerry Garza of Ogden, Utah; two broth-ers, Able Garza of Hereford and Martin Garza of Clovis, N.M.; one sister, Mary Flores of Abilene; and 18 grandchil-

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## JEESTYLES.

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## Honored at banquet

Three outstanding 4-H club members from Deaf Smith County were among 33 Panhandle area youth to be hon-ored at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual District 4-H Gold Star Banquet, held recently at West Texas A&M University.

Recognized from the local program were Erin Louder, daughter of Steve and Pam Louder; Craig Campbell, son of Jim and Brenda Campbell; and Jerad Johnson, son of Jerry and Rhonda Johnson.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative sponsored the formal dinner, along with Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Pite Cooperative and Pite State Cooperati tric Cooperative and Rita Blanca Electric.

Campbell, president of the District 4-H Council, served as master of ceremonies during the program. Kylee Auckerman,

also of Hereford, acting as the District's third vice president, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work, be active in 4-H and have completed a 4-H record book.

The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H pro-

Framed Gold Star certificates were presented to the honorees by Bob Robinson and Donna Brauchi, District Extension Directors of the Texas Agricul-tural Extension Service. 4-H is the youth program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M Sys-



**Recognized** — Three Deaf Smith County 4-H members, from left, Craig Campbell, Erin Louder and Jerad Johnson, received district-wide recognition recently as recipients of the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level. A total of 33 youth from throughout the Panhandle area were honored at a banquet on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

## Auckerman qualifies

Kylee Auckerman, senior-level Deaf Smith County 4-Her, Campbell in Fruits and Vegplaced as the alternate to State Food Show in the District I 4-H Food Show held recently at

Valleyview Junior High.
Auckerman's food show entry was "Vegetable Pizza Ole" and was a creative dish in the Fruit and Vegetable category.

Of 11 qualifying to participate at District, only four youth were able to make it through on the roads due to adverse weather conditions.

Youth participate at district by not only their food prepara-tion of their entry dish but answer indepth nutritional and food safety information in an interview with the judges.

Stephanie Shaw participated in the Intermediate, Main Dish section. Juniors and their categories included Erika Culp in

etables.

Brenda Campbell, Deaf Smith County 4-H leader, served as a senior-level judge for the Main Dish area.

Junior-level 4-H'er Cindy Marnell assisted the District Food Show committee in a number of activities for the day.

The new Food and Nutrition contest of the Nutrition Food Bowl Quiz was canceled due to the inability of contestants to reach the contest site. The contest will be rescheduled after the Christmas holidays.



**Creators Syndicate** 

## **Ann Landers**



Landers

wife, age 52, was diagnosed with kidney cancer three years ago, and had a kidney surgically removed. Thankfully,

doctors managed to get it in time, and "Mildred" recovered beautifully.

When Mildred returned home from the hospital, she began to see a psychologist who recommended she contact a man in our town who had had a similar operation and could act as a mentor. My wife called "Harry," and invited him to our home. He was 48, divorced, warm and outgoing, and owned a prosperous business. Harry visited Mildred occasionally, and they discussed how best to cope with kidney dis-ease, whether vitamins were helpful, and so on.

A few weeks later, Mildred purchased a cell phone, and had the monthly bill forwarded to her place at work. I never heard her phone conversations, nor did I see the bills, but I did question her about having the bills forwarded to her office. When she confessed that she did not want me to see her personal calls, I decided to investigate. I learned that Mildred made 120 calls to Harry on her cell phone. She called him morning, noon and night, ev-ery day of the week. Three calls were made from out of state while she was visiting our son.

When I confronted Mildred about all these calls, she said, "Harry is my friend. I needed him. He saved my life. His voice gives me strength." Later,

## **Annual lighting** contest entries being sought

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division sponsoring the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for homes and busi-

Nominations will be accepted for any home or business in

Entry forms are available at the chamber office, 701 N. Main. 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.

FREE DELIVERY WITHIN 100 MILES OF HEREFORD, TEXAS

I found a note, written in her shorthand. I asked her to read it to me, but she refused, so I had the note translated by a professional It said, "I can't see you anymore. I have a husband. You knew that from the beginning."

What do you make of this? East-Coaster

Dear East-Coaster: No mystery here. Harry and Mildred have been getting to-gether. Mildred telling Harry that she can't see him anymore indicates that she is ending the relationship. Her statement, "You knew I had a husband from the beginning" is interesting. She knew it, too, so there is plenty of blame to

Apparently, whatever was going on is over, so forgive and

Dear Ann Landers: Do you remember the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers?" Well, the true story I am about to relate is a takeoff on that

adage:
There was a man in our
August Flowers. He married a woman named

May. She then became May Flowers. In time, they had a baby girl, and named her April. One day, friends came over to meet the newcomer. When the mother brought her out, after all the "ooohs and aaahs," she sat the baby on her lap for

more admiring comments.
Suddenly, the mother looked stricken. It seems the baby had wet all over her lap. The mother then good-naturedly said, "Well, it's true. April Flowers brings May showers." — J.P. in Gilroy, Calif. Dear J.Rs I wonder if that

good-natured mother ever heard of plastic pants that go over cloth diapers. I recommend

Dear Ann Landers: I think I have a Gem of the Day for you. I found it in the Zero Population Growth Reporter. SYNDICATE, INC. Here it is:

When Elvis Presley died in 1977, there were 48 professional Elvis impersonators. In 1996, there were 7,328. If this rate of growth continues, by the year 2012, one person in every four will be an Elvis impersonator. — Chicago Fan

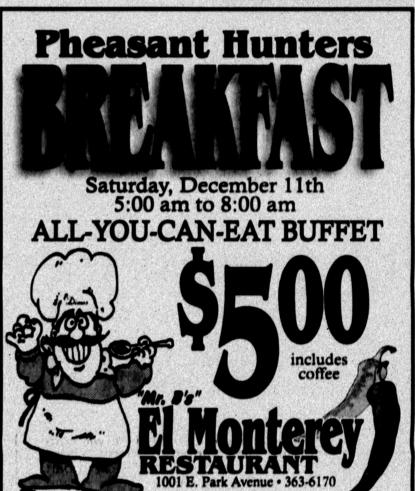
maybe there will be passenger flights to the moon, and we can then send some of the Elvis impersonators there. "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect little gift for that special some-one who is impossible to buy for. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562 (in Canada,

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Dear Chicago: No thanks

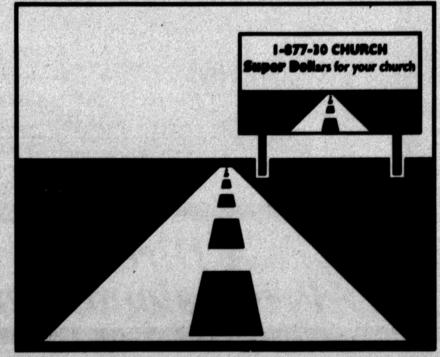
for that chilling statistic, if your

numbers are correct. By 2012,





**Items donated** — Bags of items to benefit the Aged and Disable Program of Deaf Smith County were brought by Family Community Education club members to their annual Christmas activity. Making the donation on behalf of the FCE is Carol Sartain, left, and accepting is Judy Baker, with County Social Services.







Beauty spot — The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce has recognized Top of Texas Trucking, E. Hwy. 60, owned by Matt and Kathleen Collier, as a commercial beauty spot. The chamber recognizes local businesses that make an effort to keep property neat, well-maintained and trash-free.

What's Happening

## Area Events

AMARILLO

The Circle of Friends of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host the annual Christmas Art Contest Reception at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

Students from elementary, middle and high schools throughout the Texas Panhandle design artwork for the contest.

A panel of judges from throughout the Panhandle selects the winner.

Winners of the art contest receive a matted and framed rendition of their winning entry. All of the original winning entries are mounted into a large frame which travels throughout the Panhandle.

The Circle of Friends is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need.

The Lone Star Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" at the

Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Lone Star Ballet will welcome Russian born dancers Dmitri Marasanov and Maria Kudakova as guest artists performing in "The Nutcracker."

Marasanov, who is 23 years old, received his ballet training at the Ufa State Ballet Academy. He was a principal dancer with the Russian Chamber Ballet Theater. He arrived in the United States two month ago and is in his first season with Ballet Arlington.

Kudakova received a Master Degree in Dance at the Peter I. Tchaikovsky Perm State Ballet Academy from which she graduated in 1992. She and her husband, Alexander Krivonos, arrived in the United States in August of this year. This is her ninth year as a professional ballerina, her first with Ballet Arlington.

The Texas Gun and Knife

Association will present its Holiday Gun and Knife Show this Saturday and Sunday in the Amarillo Civic Center.

The show will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade.

There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items, and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, superior displays of excellently priced gold and silver jewelry.

LEVELLAND

South Plains College's semiannual Bluegrass Fest, scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Tom T. Hall Studio, will feature classic and contemporary bluegrass standards and a fiddle extravaganza. Admission is free.

The SPC Faculty All-Stars will be featured, along with student bluegrass ensembles.

## American Cancer Society launches Spanish-language version of web site

anyone. Access to current, comprehensive, understandable information about

cancer can help. This is why the American Cancer Society (ACS) is launching a Spanish-language version of its web site that will offer information on cancer and additional resources to patients, their families, and the Spanish-speaking public. People going to www.cancer.org fill find the "informacion en espanol" link

on the site's upper right corner. "We want to empower the patient so they can have information when they talk to their physician and participate actively in the decision-making process," Hector Martinez, manager of translations for the

ACS, said. The site provides general information about cancer and its treatment as well as specific information about common cancer types, including colorectal, skin,

AUSTIN - Being diagnosed lung, stomach, liver and thyroid first language is Spanish," Ted with cancer can be an cancers as well as childhood and Cansler, MD, health content overwhelming experience for adult leukemia, according to director for the ACS, said. Martinez.

For each cancer type, the site offers sections explaining the disease, risk factors, prevention, methods for early detection, procedures for diagnosis, and usual treatments, such as surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Standard treatments used for each stage of the disease are discussed.

A sample list of questions for patients to ask their doctors is provided for each cancer type. Patients also can find information about research advance, about new treatment options that may be under study, and about taking part in clinical trials that test these new treatments, Martinez

said. "Millions of people read information about cancer on the ACS web site in English each month. We want to provide the same resource to patients and their families and friends whose

There are about 30 million Hispanics in the United States, about 10 million of whom are online, according to Dirk Schroder, ScD, MPH, associate professor in the department of international health at the Rollins School of Public Health at

Emory University in Atlanta.

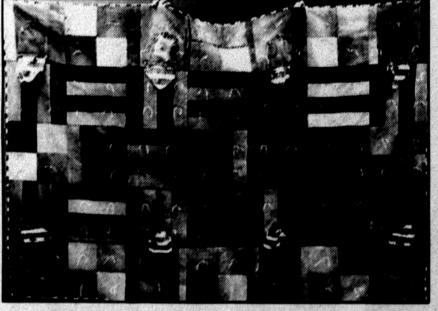
"People think Hispanics are slower to get online than other ethnic groups, but in fact, about 34 percent of Hispanics are online, which is the exact same percentage as Caucasians," he

A majority of Hispanics in the United States would prefer to access web sites in their own language rather than English, said Dr. Schroeder. People in other Spanish-speaking countries also will be able to use the information because the Internet is without borders.

"You're providing an important service because there is not much available that has been translated and is user friendly," Dr. Schroeder said.

The web site is only one of the Spanish-language resources offered by the ACS. The call center, which can be reached at 1-800-ACS-2345, has Spanishspeaking cancer information specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Many brochures and booklets published by the ACS are also available in Spanish.

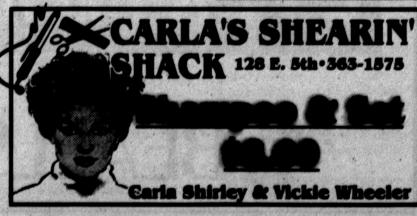
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Picnic quilt — This denim quilt, made and donated by Margaret Betzen, will be auctioned during the VFW Auxiliary annual auction to be held Friday evening in the VFW Post Home. The quilt is made to use on picnics and has pockets which contain napkins. The pockets can also be filled with rocks to help anchor the quilt on a windy day.

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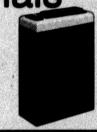
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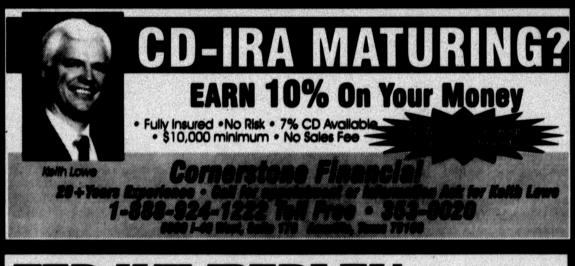
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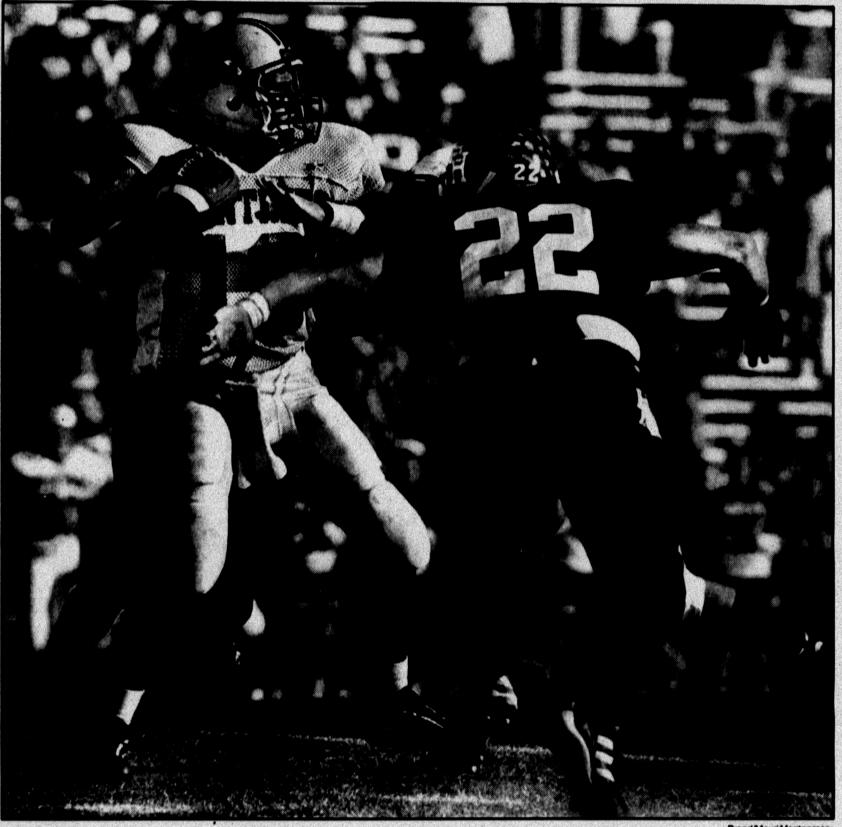
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# Here's the Big Show



**You're Mine** — Defensive end Gilbert Hernandez pressures Hewitt Midway quarterback Brett Stewart during the Whitefaces' 33-17 victory last Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Hernandez hopes to put pressure on Texas City quarterback Charle Dottin as the Hereford Whitefaces take on the Stingarees at 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

Optimisitic Whitefaces to play for the ultimate prize, the Class 4A football state championship

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Optimism. The word sums up the feeling of the Whitefaces as they prepare for the biggest test in Hereford football history. A state championship game.

Optimism comes in many packages.

That the Hereford Whitefaces are playing for the Class 4A Division I football state championship is one optimistic motivation.

Another could be that the Whitefaces are playing at Texas Stadium, a dream for every high school football player in Texas.

The dream has come true for both the Whitefaces and Texas City Stingarees.

By all means, Hereford is going into the big game to take care of business.

"The kids are not satisfied and they feel they are on a mission," Hereford Coach Craig Yenzer said. "I would say excited about playing there, but they have a full understanding that they have a job to do."

that they have a job to do."

It's also an exciting time for the team from the Texas Gulf Coast. They not only get to compete in the home of the Dallas Cowboys, but they also have the opportunity to win a state championship.

"I think the kids in Hereford are excited as well as we

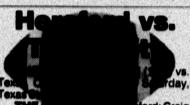
are," Stingaree Coach Rusty Dowling said. "Every coach will tell you that they can't wait to get to that point, being in a going to be a unique experience.

Both coaches are excited of what's going to come to them as the state championship game nears.

One thing Craig Yenzer is preaching is for the players to act in a classy manner.

"Before the game, we talked about how people were watching them on how they acted and what they did," Yenzer said. "We encouraged them to have class and dignity in what they do.

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Yenzer, 4th Year, 20-16. Texas City: Rusty Dowling, Unknown. ON THE AIRWAVES — KPAN-FM

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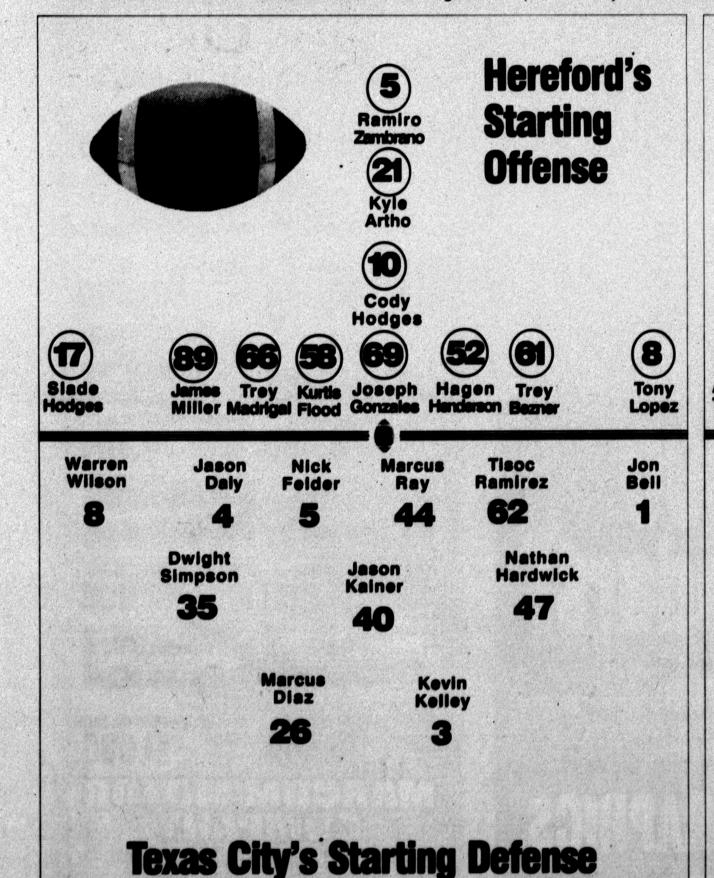
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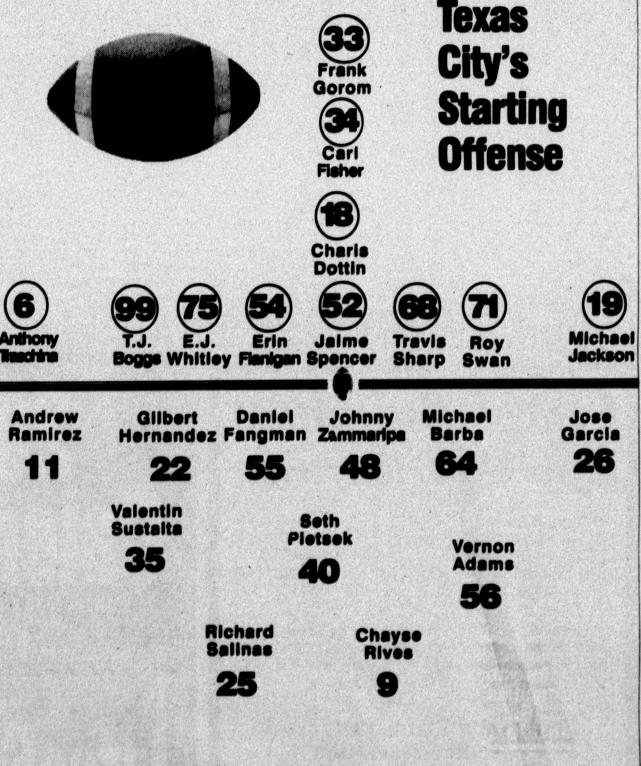
INJURIES — Hereford: RB L.J.

Vallejo (torn ACL, out); OL David Fernandez (torn ACL, out); Texas City: OL/DL Marcel Moses (knee).

LAST WEEKs Hereford eliminated Hewitt Midway, 33-17; Texas City blasted Alice, 45-0.

GUTLOOK — Hereford's performance against the Panthers of Hewitt Midway may have not looked spectacular statistically, but Hereford took advantage of opportunities against the Panthers. The two key plays in the game were the tipped pass by Chayse Rives which saved a touchdown early in the game and forced Midway to kick a field goal. The other key play was Ramiro Zambrano's 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The score broke the spirits of the Panthers after they cut the Whitefaces' lead to four points with 24 seconds left before halftime. ...... Zambrano was the star of the game, carrying the ball 17 times for 132 yards and a score. ..... Texas City comes into the state title game with the number-two ranking. They are highly ranked thanks to such players as Frank Gorom, who ran for 194 yards and two touchdowns in a 45-0 semifinal victory against Alice. One of Gorom's touchtouchdowns in a 45-0 semifinal victory against Alice. One of Gorom's touchagainst Alice. One of Gorom's touch-downs came on a 74-yard run late in the first quarter...... Jonathan Bell made the play of the game for the Stingarees, returning an interception 99 yards for a touchdown. Texas City forced five turnovers on the day...... Charis Dottin and Chad Clay also scored for Texas City, with Clay running for 80 yards in his touchdown.





**Hereford's Starting Defense** 

## Food for Champs



Volleyball state champions Tori Walker (left), McKenzie Tabor (middle) and cross country state champion Brionne Yosten (right) enjoy their lunches before being introduced to the Lions Club on Wednesday. Yosten and the Lady Whiteface volleyball team were recognized for their accomplishments and their state championships.

## **Barkley out for season with injury**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley ruptured a tendon in his knee Wednes-day night and will need surgery that could put him out for the season.

Barkley, playing his farewell game in Philadelphia, was going up to block a shot

his balance and hit the floor hard with 4:09 left in the first. Barkley, who says he is retiring after the season, did not put weight on his left leg as he was helped off the court and to the locker room.

He ruptured a quadriceps tendon in his knee and will

man Tim Frank said. Barkley would "most likely" miss the rest of the season, Frank said. Barkley already has announced that he is retiring after this year, his 16th in the NBA. He was playing what he said was his final regular season game in Philadelphia, where he

The crowd, which gave Barkley a standing ovation during introductions, reacted with loud "Ohhhs" when Barkley's injury was announced.

Sixers team doctor Jack McPhilemy planned an up-date on Barkley's injury at

## State

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"One thing I told them is to grab hold of this moment because it doesn't just happen and in a certain aspect make your date with des-tiny," he added. "The first point is that you live this moment only once."

The moment will finally arrive when the Whitefaces and the No. 2-ranked Stingarees kick off at 7 p.m. Saturday in Texas Stadium.

"Coach Yenzer and I aren't exactly crazy about the time slot, but it's going to be a tremendous experience for both teams to play at Texas Stadium." Dowling said.

Dowling is also excited about taking a look at what Hereford has on both sides of the ball. He is very impressed with what they have.

"They're very impressive," Dowling said. "They have probably the best combination offense I have ever seen. They pass and run the ball

"You see a lot of teams spread the ball the way Here-ford does, but the White-faces do a good job of mixing it up," Dowling added. "Their offense will present a lot of problems for us."

Another thing that pre-sents problems for the Stingarees is the Whiteface de-

"I am real impressed with those kids (Daniel) Fangman and (Michael) Barba," Dowling said. "The defense leaves running backs bruised and battered. I can see why they are competing for a

state championship."

But the Stingarees are no slouches either.

In their state semifinal game against Alice, the Stingarees defense forced seven turnovers as they ran away with a 45-0 victory at the Astrodome in Houston.

"Our defense has played well," Dowling said. "We've had some breakdowns, but

they have risen to the occasion when it counted.

"They have made big goalline stands throughout the season," he added. "They have forced turnovers in key moments of games. Your defense better play good in the playoffs or else."

Another thing Texas City has to offer is their running

game, considered one of the best in the state.

"We make no mistakes on what we do because we are a running offense," Dowling said. "That's what we've done

all year and we are not going to change anything at all."

Spearheading that Stingaree running attack is all-state running back Frank Gorom, who carried 18 times for 194 yards and two touchdowns, including a 74-yarder, against Alice in the other state semifinal game. During the sea-son, Gorom ran for 1,060 yards and 12 touchdowns as the Stingarees averaged 321.7 yards per game.

His performance against Alice, and other opponents, is possible because of an offensive line averaging 265

pounds. "They are a great ball club with great athletes and that's what we've seen throughout the playoffs," Yenzer said. "They just do everything right and that's a reason they are undefeated."

The Stingarees, though, will be without 305-pound lineman Marcel Moses, who tore the ACL on his knee in the first half of the semifinal game against the Coyotes.

Both teams believe they have to play the best they have ever played to return to their respective towns with a state championship trophy in their hands.

"We feel it's a tremendous challenge for us and we have to play our best game of the year and that's going to be our approach," Yenzer said. "Certainly we are going to respect what they do."

"We just hope we do the right things in order to help us win the ball game," Dowling added.

## **Astros, Biggio** agree on contract

Houston second baseman agrees to three-year extension

baseman Craig Biggio and the Houston Astros have reached an agreement on a three year-year contract extension that will make the seven-time All-Star the highest-paid player in franchise history, according to published and broadcast reports.

The team called a news conference for 10 a.m.

Sources told the .Houston Chronicle and television station KRIV that the contract is believed to include an average annual salary of \$8 million to \$9 million.

Biggio already was signed for the coming season; the extension should keep him in an Astros uniform through

HOUSTON (AP) - Second 2003, when he will be 37 years old.

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker declined comment, as has been his stance throughout the negotiations. Biggio's agent, Barry Axelrod, could not be reached for comment, the newspaper

reported.

He hit .294 with 16 homers, 73 RBIs, 28 stolen bases and a club-record 56 doubles in 1999, becoming only the sixth player in history to reach the 50-doubles mark in back-to-back seasons.

The 33-year-old has been in the Astros organization since 1987, when he was selected in the first round of the draft.









## Congratulations To The Whitefaces

Panhandle-Plains Production Credit Association would like to congratulate the 1999 Hereford Lady Whitefaces volleyball team on their successful 1999 season and their attainment of the Texas State Class 4A championship recently.

We would also like to extend our congratulations and wish the best of luck to the 1999 men's football team on their advancement to the Texas State Class 4A championship game in Irving this Saturday.

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## **People**

SEATTLE - Nelson

Mandela charmed the locals during the first day of a three-day visit here.

"Aside from giving birth to my kids, this is the biggest day of my life," said Juana Amaro Manning of Manning Learning Center.

Mandela and his wife, Graca Machel, visited the child-care center Wednesday to listen to small-business owners detail

center Wednesday to listen to small-business owners detail their success. The former South African president plans to use the tips at home.

"I'm intimidated by the collection of such bright talent," he said, drawing laughter from the business people and the center's awed staff.

Earlier in the day, the 81-year-old took a turn as guest

year-old took a turn as guest conductor of the Seattle Sym-phony, leading it in South Africa's national anthem.

He also met with local ac-tivists who worked to assist his cause as members of the Seattle Coalition Against Apartheid.

He thanked them for their support, "because we don't want to forget those who were with us when everybody, the most powerful, were with the apartheid regime. So everywhere we go we give acknowledgment to the people who helpe minister trying to raise \$2.5 million for an area youth center.

The Rev. James L. Hines has asked for 10,000 dona-

tions of \$145 each to build the Lily Mission Center, which will assist unwed mothers, provide afterschool programs and tutoring, among other ser-Hines said he

received a \$145 check from the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff on Tuesday, including a handwritten note wishing him "best of luck in your fund raising."

Hines has raised about half of the money needed.

SANTA ANA, Calif.— Dr. Laura Schlessinger's \$1.1 million slander lawsuit against a surf shop owner has been thrown out of court.

The syndicated radio personality sued Tom Moore of Newport Beach after he called her a liar for her on-air allegation that he put pornography on his store's racks in front of children.

An Orange County judge dismissed the case Wednesday, citing a state law that allows a person to exercise freedom of speech regarding a public

"When false and injurious statements are made about you on the radio, it is fair to set the record straight and deny those statements with-out being attacked," said Moore's attorney, Paul

Moore has filed a \$4 million



NELSON MANDELA "I'm intimidated by the collection of such bright talent."

counter-lawsuit, alleging Schlessinger painted him in a false light and intentionally harmed his business, Beach Access.

Schlessinger told her audience nearly four months ago that
Moore was
guilty of putting pornography — Big Brother Skate-

boarding magazine — on its racks in front of children. Big Brother is aimed primarily at teen-age boys, and sometimes runs sexually graphic and violent stories.

Moore pulled the magazine and asked for a retraction. The talk show host refused and filed a libel suit against him for saying her statements

were lies. Bob VIIa

RICHMOND, Va.- How's this for a TV series: A downon-its-heels governor's house is restored to its former grandeur by the nation's premier TV handyman.

Check your local listings, grab the remote and stake out the easy chair to watch the six-month, \$7 million transfor-mation of Virginia's Executive Mansion.

Beginning Saturday and running in 13 parts through March 4, the transformation of the residence of Virginia governors since 1813 is the

By Fred Lasswell

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subject of Bob Vila's syndicated half-hour "Home Again"

program.

The current tenants of the Georgian-style mansion near the state Capitol made do in a \$9,900-a-month rental in Richmond during the exten-sive remake. Gov. Jim Gilmore, his wife, Roxane, and sons Jay and Ashton, moved back into the mansion last

Kathy Griffin

NEW YORK — Kathy Grif-fin of "Suddenly Susan" says she was a size 4 to begin with but risked her life in a liposuction surgery that went wrong in her quest to lose

"I blame those damn 'Friends' girls," she joked in a Glamour article she wrote herself. "Who can be that skinny? Well, I wanted to be."

The actress said in the magazine's January issue that she sought out the best liposuction doctor in Hollywood but had a bad reaction to the anesthesia and wound up catheterized in a hospital emergency room when her bladder shut down.

"It's been about six months since the surgery, and it didn't even take," she wrote. "My figure looks exactly the same. My clothes fit exactly the same. All I lost was \$6,000."

## **Television**

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BABYSITTER WANTED! Part/

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

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

SCRATCH & Dent Sale!! Save 40%! Call 358-9597.

FACTORY 2ND Spa. Save \$3,070. Call 358-9597.

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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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### 3. AUTOMOBILES

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

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See Us Before You Buy Marcum Motors Co. Clean Used Cars & Trucks

413 N. 25 Mile Ave. 364-3565

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2 BEDROOM Mobile Home. Stove, fridge, fenced. 2 Bedroom duplex. Stove, fridge, fenced. Water paid. Call 364-4370.

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EL DORADO Apartments. Available One and Two bedroom apartments. No deposit through December. Call 363-1254 or 344-2475.

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3 BEDROOM Duplex. Stove,

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bath, fenced yard. \$300/month.

References and deposit. Call 655-

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FOR RENT! New 3 Bedroom

House. 5 1/2 miles north on 385.

No Pets. \$800.00/month. Call Beverly at 258-7394.

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

Call C&R Co.

806-364-4670

Do you like to talk?

Let me pay you! Call Farmers Insurance at

364-7676.

CAREER ORIENTED Com-

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Trucking at 1-800-682-7336.

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HOLLY SUGAR ROAD P O BOX 1468 HEREEPORD, TX 79045

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HEALTHSOUTH, THE Nations leading provider of outpatient services has an immediate tient 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 806-358-9960 or deliver to: 533B N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, Texas, 79045 in the Northgate Plaza located next to Homeland.

TOWN & COUNTRY FOOD STORES IS NOW ACCEPTING

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.

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.

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

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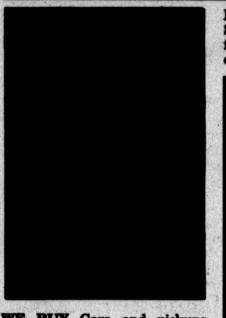
Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

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 condition.

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May The Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved and Preserved throughout the world, Now and Forever, Sacred Heart of Jesus Pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude Help the Hopeless, Pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be

Thank You St. Jude

### LOST & FOUND

LOST! 7-MONTH Old, black-&-brown Beagle with white patch on stomach. Wearing a purple collar with College Station address. Call 364-4903.

REWARD! LOST!! Long hair male yellow cat. Has shots. At age 10. Gentle pet. Call 364-



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR **is LONGFELLOW** 

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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### LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Intention to Conduct Weather Modification Operations in the State of Texas

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this Notice: November 24, 1999
Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201
W. 3rd St., P.O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas, contact person, C.E. Williams,
General Manager (806/883-2501) has filed an application with the Texas Natural
Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather
modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of
clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein
helow:

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District submitted an application for a Texas Weather modification license on November 4, 1999.

The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall, to affect water resources and agriculture. The period of the permit is: April1, 2000 through March 31, 2003.

The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for an on behalf of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas 79097.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Swisher, Briscoe, Hansford, Hartley, Deaf Smith, and

The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is the counties of Hutchinson, Roberts, Carson, Gray, Sheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Potter, Randall, Collingsworth, Hall, Hemphill, Oldham, and Childress.

6. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliform clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, observations, and plume dispersion models to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from one or two aircraft at cloud top or cloud base at a time calculated to affect the formation of cumuliform clouds.

Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact C.E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (806/239-0770) of the

8. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that request a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting: (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

## **Candidates line** for ballot spots

By Julie L. Carlson

ereford Brand Staff Writer
And, they're off!

Campaign 2000 has begun and is off to a good start. Deaf Smith County Clerk David Ruland said several campaign information packets have been picked up at the his office, although only three have been returned by individuals seeking spots on the March 14 primary ballots.

Deaf Smith County elective

offices to be on the ballot are Precincts 1 and 3 commissioners, sheriff, constable and tax assessor-collector.

Ruland has received campaign treasurer designations from incumbent Sheriff Joe Brown; Jeannine Zimmerman, who is seeking the tax asessorcollector position now held by Margaret Del Toro; and Mike Brumley, who is seeking the Precinct 3 commissioner's post now held by Troy Don Moore.

Before gaining a spot on the ballot, a prospective can-didate must complete campaign information forms and return them to the county clerk's office. The candidate packet contains information about filing and reporting deadlines, the Nov. 7 ballot.

as well as other election in-

formation. Within the list of campaign procedures, the candidate must designate a campaign treasurer, who is responsible for establishing a budget and allocating the candidate's funds. The treasurer must be designated before the candidate is able to further pursue the campaign.

"The treasurer is basically needed to keep people from collecting funds erroneously," Ruland said.

Candidates may choose anyone to be the treasurer or may designate themselves. At any time during the campaign, the candidate may choose a new treasurer by simply filing another campaign treasurer designation.
Once a candidate returns

the Campaign Treasurer Designation form to the county clerk's office, the candidacy becomes official.

The deadline for filing to run for an elected office is Jan. 3, 2000. Texas primaries will be March 14, 2000. The winners of the primary elections will have spots on

## Jobless claims up to a 2-month high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits climbed last week to the highest level in two months. But that still left claims in a range where businesses continue to have

rouble filling job openings.

The Labor Department reported today that 293,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending Dec. 4, up by just 1,000 from the previous week. That was the highest level since Oct 2 when claims level since Oct. 2 when claims were at 314,000.

Last week's level was in line with many analysts' ex-

The four-week moving average for claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, was up slightly last

week to 286,750. That was the highest level since Nov. 13,

when claims were at 287,500. Economists consider jobless claims levels below 300,000 an indication of an extremely tight labor market, meaning it's dif-ficult for some employers to find workers. Claims have been under 300,000 for nine straight

That's good news for workers but it is worrisome to ers but it is worrisome to economists and some members of the Federal Reserve. Their shared fear: that employers scrambling for scarce workers lure them with higher wages and benefits, increased costs that could drive up prod-

uct prices.

The Federal Reserve has bumped up interest rates three times this year to slow the

## Snow

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Safety Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk said U.S. Highways 385 and 60, which had been closed last weekend, also were passable. Also, reported but they are tending to a few people in stranded vehicles. Police Captain Pat Michael said no accidents have been

All Hereford Independent School District schools opened two hours late because of the snow, but Walcott School opened on regular time, even though some of the buses were late. Also, the pep rally for the Hereford Whitefaces will begin at 7 p.m. at Hereford Junior High. The pep rally had been tentatively set for Whiteface Stadium.

## **Get there**

in the ramp and merge onto Texas 12 Loop South, then take the exit towards Grauwyler Road.

Merge onto Walton Walker Boulevard North/Texas 12 Loop North and take the Texas 12 Loop North ramp.

Merge onto Texas 12 Loop North and take the exit towards Dallas (Texas 183 East) and then merge onto Walton Walker Boulevard North/Texas 12 Loop North before turning right onto East Airport Freeway, which will lead to the stadium.

## Kids

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"Some of these kids say they eat cake and nothing else. Knowing that family, it's easy enough to believe," Noggler said. "For others, it's a case of they don't have special foods. They're

lucky to get everyday foods, never mind the special things."

Many of the study clubs and social organizations have brought new toys to the group Christmas party and will donate them sometime closer to the holiday.

Church groups and food pantry's try to provide food, not just for the holiday but everyday of the week.

What the teachers say outsiders can't help with are the little things that make for positive memories that the children

will want to carry on as they grow older.

"That's kind of an individual thing. It's up to the adults in these kids lives to make sure they have something to remember, to hang on to, and to pass along," Noggler said.



The past year produced "quite a lot of accomplishments," including more funds for programs to hire 100,000 new teachers and 50,000 more police officand a trade deal with China."

ers, a historic banking reorganization bill **President Clinton** President

## Report: High school diploma inadequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most high school diplomas aren't preparing children for college or the work force, an education research group said

Employers and college officials alike say graduating students don't even have to learn basic algebra or other lessons they need to be successful, a report by the Washingtonbased Education Trust said.

The report said there are significant gaps between many states' requirements for high school graduation and the

knowledge and skills that colleges require for admissions and course placement. That has been borne out, the group said, in the high rates of U.S. college students who need remedial help.

In 1997, a third of college students had to take remedial courses in reading, writing or math; these courses essentially reviewed what they were supposed to have learned in high school, educators say.

"Many American young people are totally undone by the gaps between high school

and college," said Kati Haycock, director of Education Trust, which examines and reviews state academic standards.

And for graduates who turn to the world of work — twothirds of high school graduates never go on to earn at least a four-year college degree — the situation isn't much better.

Many high schools really don't expect students to learn the things that both higher education and business say

they need," Haycock said. According to the report,

most colleges expect students to master intermediate algebra, the mathematical science of solving equations, before tak-ing higher-level math courses requiring them to use these skills. Many high-wage employ-ers expect the same thing, the report said.

Many children finish high school without ever having to take physics or calculus, for

The same is true in other subjects, the report said. Many colleges insist on three years of science, including two in a

laboratory science. Most states don't require even a single lab course, Education Trust said.

Many English courses don't address so-called functional or document reading, meaning students focus on academics or literature rather than, for example, learning how to read tax forms and technical in-structions that could be useful for a worker, the report said.

Many graduates could find a high school diploma to be "little more than a ticket to nowhere," one college official

"Adding insult to injury, we blame the kids," said Janis Somerville, director of the National Association of System Heads, which represents the directors of the nation's state university systems. "The truth is more likely that the material on the placement test was never covered in their high school courses in the first place."

## McCain edges ahead of Bush in N.H.

Arizona senator takes

lead over Texas Gov.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -Arizona Sen. John McCain has moved into a narrow lead over George W. Bush in New Hampshire in the first poll to find the Texas governor slipping behind.

With less than two months before the nation's first presidential primary, McCain drew the support of 37 percent of likely Republican voters compared with 30 percent for Bush in the survey put out Wednesday by the American Research Group.

Previous polls found Bush - consistently and by wide margins the front-runner nationally — facing an ever tighter race against McCain in New Hampshire. A few surveys before and after last week's GOP debate in the

state put them in a statistical tie.

The new poll of 600 likely Republican voters and 600 likely Democratic voters had a margin of error of 4 percentage points, leaving McCain with a small but statistically signifi-cant lead. It was taken Friday to Tuesday, spanning JOHN McCAIN a period from the Arizona senator takes day after the New Hampshire debate to the day after a

George W. Bush, according to new debate in Arizona. survey. The poll confirms that "we con-

tinue to gain strength on the appeal of Senator McCain's in-

dependent conservative message," said Pe-ter Spaulding, his New Hampshire chairman. On the Democratic side, the poll found

former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley continued in a statistical tie with Al Gore, getting 44 percent to the vice president's 40 per-In the GOP field.

Steve Forbes was third, with 10 percent. Alan Keyes had 5 percent; Gary Bauer and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch each scored 1 percent. Pollster Dick Bennett

said that as the Feb. 1 primary approaches, Bush continues to slide in the polls, while McCain continues to im-

prove his standing.

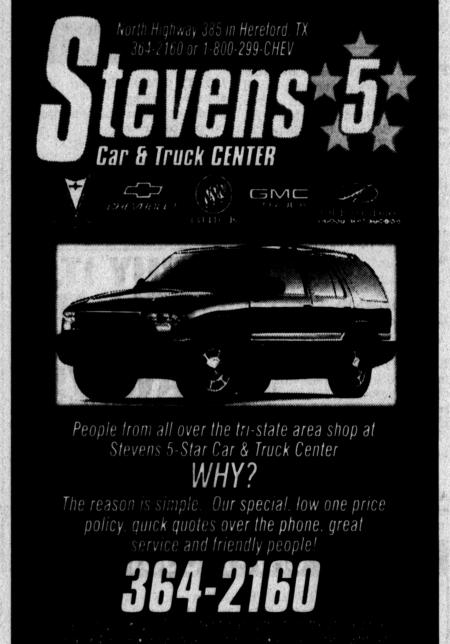
Last month's poll by American Research Group put Bush and McCain in a statistical dead heat, with 38 percent backing Bush and 35 percent for McCain. The latest poll represented a 12-point drop for Bush since October.

Bennett said Bush's standing was not helped by his performance in last Thursday's nationally televised debate, the first in which the governor agreed to appear.

Bush, the clear leader in GOP endorsements and campaign fund raising as well as national polls, skipped two ear-lier debates in New Hampshire, angering some voters who said he was taking their support for granted.

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## 10 hurt in nuclear weapons plant accident

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — A chemical explosion at a nuclear weapons plant injured 10 workers — including one seriously - who were cleaning a welding area that had been shuttered since 1993.

The Energy Department was investigating the Wednesday morning explosion at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant.

The building where the explosion occurred houses a portion of the plant's enriched

shut down for five days in November because of safety problems. But the explosion was in a different section of the building and no nuclear materials were affected..

Three workers were hospitalized for burns or smoke inhalation. One man suffered second-degree burns over his face and chest. The others were treated and released.

The workers were removing an old crucible used in

The explosion occurred when they were attempting to mop up a sodium hydroxide alloy that had spilled.

The alloy might have reacted with moisture, but the exact cause of the explosion was unclear, said a spokesman for Energy Department. Y-12, created as part of the

top-secret Manhattan Project in World War II to build the first atomic bomb, today for the MX missile system.



