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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD
HOME OF
Jay Spain

City reviewing its options

Today's weather OUTLOOK KPAN calls off parade

A parade honoring the achievements of Hereford athletic squads has been postponed. The Parade of Champions, which was organized by KPAN Radio in cooperation with the Whiteface Booster Club and HISD, was called off because of the weather, according to KPAN general manager Chip Formby. The parade will be rescheduled sometime after the first of the year, he said.

Cloudy skies, snow
Tonight: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow, low 15 to 20, south wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north 10 to 20 mph late.

Wednesday: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow, high near 30, north to northeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Decreasing cloudiness and cold, low near 15.

Extended forecast
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 45 to 50.

Friday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-50s.

Christmas Day: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high 50 to 55.

Hereford weather
Monday's high, 32; low, 15; 1 inch of snow; 0.1 inch precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Commissioners get engineer's proposals for wastewater plant

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

In a municipal version of "the check is in the mail," Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen will send a letter to state regulators explaining the city commissioners are reviewing recommendations about how to bring the city's wastewater treatment plant up

to state standards.

Nolen's letter also will state the commissioners will complete the review by selecting a plan and notifying the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. City officials hope the letter will allow the city to meet the state's deadline for submitting a plan without actually having selected a plan.

The city's wastewater treatment plant doesn't meet state standards, so the city commissioners must submit a plan to the TNRC that will bring

the plant into compliance.

The city's engineer, Oller Engineering Inc., developed recommendations to bring the plant up to the TNRC standards. The recommendations range from adding new treatment units, renovating the treatment units or building a new plant.

The estimated cost of the recommendations range from a low of \$1.4 million for the minimal work required to meet state standards to \$6.1 million for construction of a new plant.

Nolen said the city has \$1.2 million available for the project. In anticipation of this situation, the city commission had authorized 10-percent increases in water/sewer rates for three years, with the extra revenue to be set aside for improvements to the aging facility. The last of the three annual increases went into effect last summer.

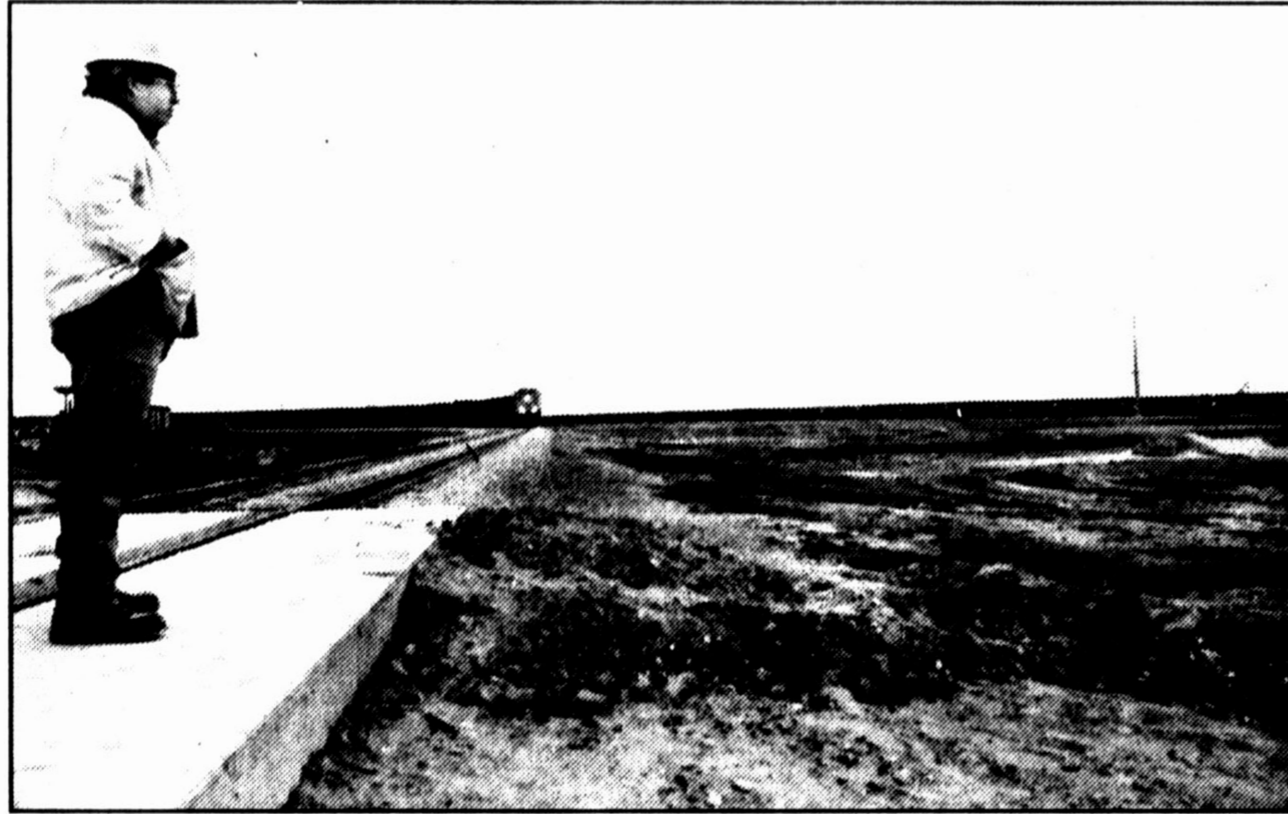
In a letter to the commissioners, Nolen stated the city has been studying the plant situation for several years with a goal to either renovate

or rebuild it.

"In the last nine years, we have had several inspections conducted by the TNRC which alternately determined that we did not need to perform any renovations on the plant to determine that we needed to completely rebuild the plant," Nolen wrote.

"This spring was the latest round in which the state determined that the plant was not meeting its permit ... (because) several of the treat-

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Waiting for the train — Ernest Cantu, Farmland Industries plant superintendent, stands on the newly completed rail spur at the grain handling complex east of Hereford. The complex, which was purchased from Frito-Lay last summer, has undergone numerous improvements, including the addition of the rail spur that will allow increased grain-handling capacity. In the background is a 109-car train, which is being loaded and unloaded in the first test of the new system.

Hospital district officials sign management pact

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor
The agreement that will turn over day-to-day operations of Hereford Regional Medical

Center to an Austin-based hospital management company has been signed by the Deaf

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Charity to begin making rounds

As the final days of 1999 come to a frenzied close, the anonymous members of the Christmas Stocking Fund are busy dispensing holiday cheer to needy families on behalf of the charity's generous supporters.

A variety of gifts and services, totaling \$16,771, is being delivered this week through vouchers and food baskets. This year's campaign will reach 576 individuals in the local community, including 238 adults and 338 children under the age of 17. This includes 56 senior citizens and six disabled individuals.

Beginning Wednesday morning, deliveries of turkeys, food staples and blankets will be made to 45 households within the county. CSF spends \$2,500 on this form of assistance.

Vouchers totaling \$8,345 for children's clothing and shoes will also be mailed this week by CSF. Another \$1,250 in clothing vouchers have been disbursed to local nursing homes for 25 elderly patients.

The community has made it possible for CSF to defray \$1,950 in medical expenses for the sick and elderly. This amount paid for prescription medicines, diabetic supplies, doctor bills, hospital costs, adult diapers and liquid dietary supplements.

CSF will pay \$2,976 in utility bills for needy families, covering \$1,408 for electricity, \$918 for heating fuel and \$650 water.

Sponsored by The Hereford Brand, the Christmas Stocking Fund annually addresses special needs within the community. Caring local families support CSF through donations made in care of The Brand. The screening process and behind-the-scenes work is administered by an anonymous committee of volunteers representing a cross-section of the local populace.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 31 at the newspaper office, 313 N. Lee, or can be mailed to CSF in care of the Hereford Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045.

TOTAL 12/15/99	9,710.45
In memory of Frank & Ethel Kanabe by Mark & Beverly (Bore) Snook, and Gus & Teresa Schiabs by Charles & Geraldine Schiabs	200.00
In memory of Weldon Dickson by Bettie Dickson	25.00
Mrs. C.W. Allen	50.00
In memory of Nolen and Tom Legate by Della Legate	100.00
In memory of Nolen and Tom Legate by Ronnie, Connie, Michelle & Sharon Lance	50.00
Hereford Study Club	50.00
Anonymous	100.00
Velma Warren	10.00
In memory of Joy Stagner from the Tuesday Bridge Clubs	100.00
Buddy Pickens	25.00



Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borman	100.00
Anonymous	100.00
Ruth Allison	100.00
A.R. & Melba Dillard	50.00
Anonymous	200.00
Nancy Hays	75.00
Ronnie & Rita Bell	25.00
Betty Jo Carlson	50.00
U.V. & Wilma Nell Pierce	50.00
Ruth Foreberry	50.00
Wesley United Methodist Women	50.00
Hereford Janitor Supply employees	200.00
Anonymous	50.00
Charles & Joan Osobrn	100.00
VFW	200.00
Anonymous	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Robbins	50.00
In memory of O.A. & Jewell Smith by June Owen	100.00
Hereford Bi-Products	1000.00
Anonymous	20.00
(Correction) In memory of Troy Sublett by Susan, Taylor & Ben Sublett	250.00
Ed & Lois Lemons	25.00
Beverly, John David, Brooke, Brack, and Brynne Bryant	100.00
Hereford Welding Supply	500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan L. Block	100.00
Anonymous	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zinser	100.00
James & Dorris Dobbs	25.00
Ladies of West Texas Rural Telephone & W.T. Services	60.00
In memory of Speedy Nieman by Mauri, Lydia, Keris & Kanen	100.00
Anonymous	100.00
Bill & Billie McDowell	25.00
Truman & Norma Thurston	20.00
Edd & Pauline Cardinal	25.00
In memory of Robert E. Wagoner & Stella Gatewood Jones Wester by Elaine & Lynn Jones & Martha Wagoner	120.00
Jerry Warren Families	25.00
Elmo & Kay Hall	100.00
Roy & Leta Campbell	100.00
Anonymous	50.00
Dr. & Mrs. Millard Nobles	100.00
Walter & Teresa Paetzold	200.00
Craig Smith and the officers & employees of Hereford St. Bank	220.00
C.C. & Gladys Merritt	50.00
Carl & Shelley Menke	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Newton	25.00
Tom & Argen Draper	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
Don T. & Betty Martin	200.00
James H. Bradley	150.00
Evelyn Blankenship	30.00
Anonymous	40.00
Betty White	100.00
Anonymous	50.00
Anonymous	200.00
Donald Foster	25.00
Pat & Carolyn Maupin	100.00
Buck & Helen Ward	5.00
In memory of Speedy Nieman from Jerry & Lillie Shipman	150.00
Anonymous	35.00
Anonymous	50.00
Leroy & Pauline McDonald	100.00
Cliff Jones Trucking	75.00
John & Daurima Strubing	250.00
In memory of Brent Cumpston by Don & Linda Cumpston	100.00
First Methodist Church	
Open Door Friendship	
Sunday School Class	50.00
Bill Walden Family	150.00
Brice & Brooke Fuentes	40.00
Anonymous	25.00
In memory of Pete Caviness by Roberta Caviness	50.00
Anonymous	30.00
In memory of Gary Stagner, anonymous	200.00
Glen & Helen Nelson	25.00
Alta Mae Higgins	150.00
Champion Feeders	1000.00
BALANCE 12/20/1999	18,353.85

SPECIAL TRIBUTE



Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain shows off the special solid-brass fireman's ax that he received as a special tribute Saturday night during the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas party. The tribute also included a slide show depicting the involvement of the Spain family in the community and fire department. Spain's wife, Wanda, is seated at right.

Firefighters recognize Spain's service to VFD

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

Twenty-eight years of service to the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department was recognized Saturday night when local firefighters paid special tribute to Hereford Fire Marshal Jay "Pappy" Spain at the department's annual Christmas party held at the Hereford Elks Lodge.

A Childress native, Spain, 64, will retire in April as one of the department's longest reigning smoke-eaters — a true icon in the history of the Hereford firefighting service.

During his tenure as fire marshal, Spain has been credited with the development of a volunteer fire department which many observers say is one of the state's finest, and also one that brings substantially lower key rates to local residents in insuring their homes and property against fire loss.

In addition to his lobbying efforts to procure more and better firefighting equipment for the Hereford Fire Department, including a new state-of-the-art fire station, Spain also was instrumental in the 1970s in establishing smaller rural departments at the communities of Dawn, Bootleg and Simms; and in raising Hereford and the Texas Panhandle's awareness and readiness for civil emergencies, and

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Students in Hereford Independent School District will get a jump on the Christmas holiday. Classes will let out at noon Wednesday and not resume until Jan. 5, 2000.

Students at Nazarene Christian Academy and St. Anthony's School will begin the holiday at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and not return until Jan. 5. Community Christian School students will get out at 2 p.m. today and return to the classroom on Jan. 4, 2000.

However, the school children are the exception — most area residents will not have their schedules affected by the Christmas holiday until later in the week.

The Hereford Brand office will close at 5 p.m. Thursday and resume its normal hours at 8 a.m. Dec. 27.

The Brand will publish a weekend edition on Friday so the newspaper employees can observe the Christmas holiday. The deadline for display and classified advertising in the Friday paper will be 1 p.m. Thursday; and the deadline for church news will be 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Also, subscribers who do not receive their Friday newspaper must call the circulation department by 6 p.m.

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday so city employees can enjoy the holiday. Deaf Smith County employees will be off Friday; the public library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

FirstBank Southwest, First National Bank, Hereford State Bank and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will close at noon Friday; First American Bank will close at 3 p.m. Friday.

The U.S. Post Office will close at 2 p.m. Friday for the holiday. The Hereford Post Office is normally closed on Saturday.

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Lacey memorial scholarship fund

A children's scholarship fund has been established at Hereford State Bank in memory of Ed Lacey. Lacey, a former long-time local businessman, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, of a sudden illness. The late Mr. Lacey is survived by his wife, Priscilla; one son, Eddie, both of the home, and two daughters, Lori Betzen and Ann Davis, both of Hereford.

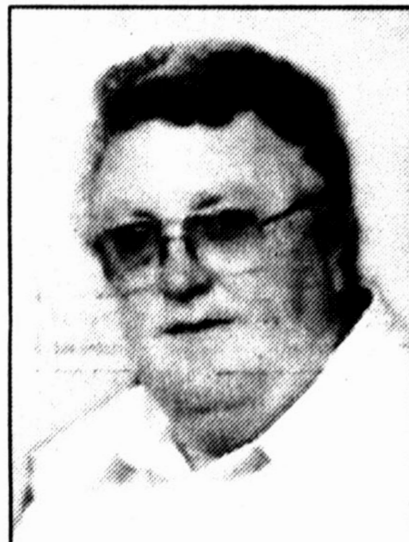
The cow wins



Avoiding a cow -- Evasive action late Sunday night on the part of 57-year-old Wilbur Dwight Joiner, Jr., resulted in a one-car rollover on FM 2943. According to Department of Public Safety information, Joiner was southbound on FM 2943 and while trying to pass another southbound vehicle took evasive action to keep from hitting a cow in the northbound lane. He overcompensated and hit the ditch, rolling the 1999 Ford Ranger pickup once.

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Obituaries



ED LACEY
Dec. 19, 1999

Services for Ed Lacey, 53, of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Rosary vigil will be 7 o'clock tonight at Rix Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors. Mr. Lacey died Sunday at Hereford Regional Medical Center. Mr. Lacey was born Jan. 14, 1946, in Rockford, Ill., to Edward and Agnes Lacey. He graduated from St. Pius High School in Atlanta, Ga., and from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He married Priscilla Beville on July 18, 1969, in Atlanta, Ga. He served in the U.S. Army, in Germany. Mr. Lacey was a member of the Kiwanis, a YMCA coach and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He was employed by Bar G Feed Yard. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Ann Davis and

Lori Betzen, both of Hereford; one son, Eddie Lacey of Hereford; parents, Edward and Agnes Lacey of Gainseville, Ga.; one brother, Mathew Lacey of Gainseville, Ga.; two sisters, Ellen born of Gainseville, Ga., and Jackie Coker of Berkley Lake, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Ed Lacey Scholarship Fund c/o Hereford State Bank, P.O. box 272, Hereford.

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PABLO BANDA
ARRIAZOLA
Dec. 18, 1999

Services for Pablo Banda Arriazola, 60, of Hereford were today in the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home, with Rev. Santos Gomez, Brownfield minister officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Arriazola died Saturday in his home.

He was born June 9, 1939, in Goliad to Juan Arriazola and Elena Banda. He married Nolberta Matta Arriazola on July 7, 1972, in Goliad. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1980. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jo Ann Lopez of Lawton, Okla., Janie Ramos of Friona; two sons, Nick Fuentes of Dodge City, Kan., and Pablo Arriazola of Hereford; three brothers, Nacho Arriazola, of Goliad, Manuel Arriazola of Victoria, and Rafael Arriazola of Houston; one sister, Maria Ochoa of Victoria; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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Discovery rockets toward Hubble

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its seven-man crew were gearing on the crippled Hubble Space Telescope today and gearing up for their \$69 million repair job.

The 370-mile-high chase was scheduled to end this evening, when the astronauts seize the malfunctioning telescope with the shuttle's robot arm and tuck it into the cargo bay for three days of work.

Early today, Discovery trailed Hubble by 900 miles and was gaining 170 miles on it with each orbit.

The most crucial task for the astronauts is replacing Hubble's six gyroscopes.

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School board hears AEIS report

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The Academic Excellence Indicator System Report for the Hereford Independent School District for the 1998-99 school year was the high point of the school board meeting.

Deputy Superintendent Nena Veazey, Debbie Gallman, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Kelly Moulton, Director of Secondary Curriculum, on Monday presented the state's finding on the school district for the year. The report is based on the TAAS results and the attendance/dropout rate results.

According to the information,

HISD has ranked higher in most categories than the state requires, but the Texas Education Agency frequently changes its standards and in the next accounting period the district may face changes which could adversely affect the state rankings.

Since 1996, the district has shown an ever-decreasing number of dropout students, going from 3.3 percent to 1.2 percent.

In other business, the board authorized the superintendent to accept resignations without having to go through the board and changed board policy to prohibit tax abatements.

Superintendent Beth Abernethy said the board could revise these policies at any time and change the wording when needed.

Board members looked at the cabling proposal bids on the Vocational Building II and voted to go with the low bid, offered by Master Networks of Amarillo.

Master Networks presented a bid of \$28,000, well below the WT Services bid of \$36,923.81.

The cabling will be paid for out of funds set aside from the facilities allotment and has already been figured into the budget.

Board members also agreed

to join in a purchasing agreement with Region XVI, which will allow the district to participate in the state's largest co-op and so get price breaks on desks, chairs and other furnishings.

Construction on the new gymnasium, the remaining vocational buildings and the parking lot has been delayed due to the weather, reported Deputy Superintendent Terry Russell. He continued to say construction managers still say new parking lots should be completed when students return from Christmas holidays.

As a final report, Abernethy said the financial audit is not yet complete, but it should be ready by the January board meeting.

Studies relate domestic violence drug, alcohol abuse

Men who abuse alcohol and drugs tend to batter their wives and girlfriends more often than others, according to two new studies in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Other factors tied to domestic violence include unemployment and a breakup of the couple, researchers said.

One domestic violence study at eight emergency departments around the country looked at 915 injured women, including 256 hurt by husbands or male partners. The women were asked about the habits and lives of the men.

Another study analyzed the factors for both domestic and other violence against women in west Philadelphia.

The first study found more than three times the risk of domestic violence when husbands or male partners abuse alcohol or drugs, in and out of jobs, or break up with the women.

"This study offers the strongest evidence so far that links alcohol abuse by the male partner with domestic violence," said Dr. Demetrios N. Kyriacou of Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, the lead researcher.

The Philadelphia study found a similar link between violence and cocaine.

Timothy O'Farrell, a psychologist at the Harvard Medical School who has studied the link between alcohol and battering, said the latest studies generally back up what was suspected and what other studies show.

But he said the two studies help show the need for more anti-violence treatment for alcoholics and more alcoholism treatment for violent men.

Icy conditions -- Falling snow and icy roads contributed to a one car accident Monday night, two miles north on Highway 385. Kitt Jennings, 20, lost control of her 1987 Oldsmobile and rolled off the culvert. Jennings was cited for unsafe speed for the conditions, but was uninjured in the accident.

Yuletide brings depression

AUSTIN (AP) — Some want a white Christmas, while others just hope theirs isn't blue.

"The holidays are one of the most joyful times of the year, unless you or someone you love is affected with depression," said Linda Zweifel of the Texas chapter of National Association Mental Illness.

Mental health experts say the leading cause of holiday anxiety is that people expect too much.

"We want this to be a Partridge Family — wonderful and happy and everybody close, but that is not what happens," said Carole D. Stovall, director of the Albemarle Psychological Center in Washington.

"Rather than the holidays being all we hope and all it is hyped to be, it turns out as a disappointment," Ms. Stovall said.

"There is a lot of pressure on people to do their best during the holidays, and a persistent idea that everyone else is having fun," said Dr. Madhukar Trivedi, a psychiatrist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"Society and the media portray everything in a very positive light. Don't pressure yourself, what you see in the media is not how everybody lives," Trivedi said.

Wrapped up in wanting too much from the holidays, people

also expect too much of themselves.

Health experts recommend scheduling time for shopping, baking, visiting friends, parties and other events. Rather than trying to make it to every party and buying everything on everyone's list, pick what you can do, Trivedi said.

"Do the things that give you pleasure, not the things that are hard to do," he said. "Be with family and friends that you enjoy."

Sticking to normal sleeping and eating habits also helps.

"I make sure I spend time with the people who are only really important to me," Ms. Stovall said.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 17-20, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Bradley and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

- A 64-year-old man was arrested at Highway 385 and Heibach and charged with public intoxication.

- A 28-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Lawton and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A juvenile was taken into custody and charged with evading arrest and criminal trespass in the 100 block of Star.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested at Union and Avenue A and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue A and charged with public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- A 45-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of South Douglas and charged with municipal warrants.

- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with criminal trespass and domestic assault.

Incidents

- Burglary of a building was reported in the 200 block of Sunset.

- Theft was reported in the 300 block of Miller.

- Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 200 block of Fir.

- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Aspen.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Hereford Calle.

- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of East Second.

- Reckless driving was reported in the 100 block of Greenwood.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- An assault was reported in the 800 block of Holly Sugar Road.

- A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- Theft was reported in the 100 block of La Villa Dr.

- Domestic assault was reported in the 100 block of South Douglas.

- Burglary of vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.

- Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.

- A minor accident was reported in the 800 block of Avenue K.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged with debit card abuse and warrants

out of Hickory County.

- A 24-year-old woman was arrested and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

- A 24-year-old woman began serving time on a false report to a police officer conviction.

- A 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with Department of Public Safety Warrants out of Randall County.

- A 74-year-old man was arrested on a surrender of surety for theft by check.

- A 25-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 20-year-old man was arrested on a violation of probation charge of possession of marijuana conviction and a new charge of possession of marijuana.

Incidents

- A criminal mischief was reported.

- Two domestic disturbances were reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 19

- 6:42 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue one mile north of Highway 385 on FM 2943.

Dec. 20

- 6:56 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue two miles east on Highway 60.

- 7:19 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue two miles north on Highway 385.

Dec. 21

- 8:16 a.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue five miles west on Highway 60.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 2-6-14-37-38

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-3

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated \$7 million.

The ticket was sold in Denton.

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

4-12-32-36-37-50

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-3

Panhandle Press Association General Excellence winner 1999

LIFESTYLES

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Who are you?



Santa's magic worked on 8-month-old Ruth Stotts as she gazed intently at the jolly elf in the red suit as he visited with children of Blue Water Garden residents Monday night. All the children had an opportunity to sit in Santa's lap and each received a gift purchased with funds raised by staff members of the apartment complex.

Annual spelling bee scheduled March 8-9 for junior, senior levels

The Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee for 2000 will be conducted March 8-9, it was announced Friday by *The Hereford Brand*.

The county bee has been held in conjunction with the regional and national bees for many years, and *The Brand* has been the local sponsor since 1985. Brand publisher Mauri Montgomery will serve as county bee director.

Plans are underway for the annual Regional Spelling Bee,

with *The Amarillo Globe-News* and West Texas A&M University as sponsors once again. It will be held April 15 on the WTAMU campus.

The two levels of competition in the 2000 Spelling Bee are junior (for students in grades five and below) and senior (for grades eight and below).

Awards will be presented to local winners in the Junior and Senior Bees, and the country champion will go to the Regional Bee.

The contest is open to students in public, private, parochial, charter and home schools. A contestant cannot be higher than the eighth grade or older than 16 by the date of the national finals, May 31, 2000.

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Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: School sports have taken over the lives of my children, and I'm tired of it. Am I the only one?

Some nights, my kids don't have the time or energy to study. They just fall into bed exhausted. There is no time for doing home chores or taking on after-school jobs, which some kids need. We hear a great deal about having well-rounded students. Sports participation interferes with that. If the kids want to play soccer and be in the band, too, forget it! The coaches won't allow it. No excuse is acceptable for missing a practice or a game — including weddings or funerals, let alone eating supper with the family.

Let's face it. This is supposed to be fun for the kids. Most of them will never play professionally or get a college athletic scholarship. I propose parents unite and refuse to let the kids practice or play during school holidays or on weekends. If parents would make a united stand and say, "Only Monday through Friday, and two weeks before school starts, and one week after school lets out for the summer," the coaches would have no choice but to schedule during that time frame. Too many parents and coaches have forgotten the real purpose of school is to get an education. — Sports Parents in La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sports Parents: You've written a very tough letter, but all your complaints are valid. I wonder if there are other parents who feel as you do. I also wonder if other coaches around the country are as demanding as the ones in La Crosse, Wis. I would like to hear from them.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the letter

from "In a Quandary in Colorado." She said her 52-year-old daughter, "Eleanor," contacted her biological father, but that he would have nothing to do with her. Shame on that man for treating his daughter with such disregard. I have a similar story, but with a much happier ending.

My mom and my biological father, "Bill," were divorced when I was 4 months old. When my mother remarried, Bill was in the Air Force, and I was 18 months old. Bill allowed my stepfather to adopt me because he wanted me to have a stable home. He then agreed to stay out of my life. My adoptive father was wonderful and loving. My parents never sheltered me from knowing that I was adopted. From time to time, Mom would show me pictures of her first wedding and talk about Bill.

Bill stayed in contact with my maternal grandmother, who occasionally sent him photographs of me as I was growing up. Two years ago, after 28 years, my grandmother asked

if it would be OK for Bill to contact me. I had just gone through a divorce, and needed all the support I could get, so I was open to the idea. Bill called me, and we talked on the phone for three solid hours. It was amazing how we bonded.

In September of that year, Bill and I met for the first time. It was a picture-perfect reunion. The following June, I remarried, and both my fathers walked me down the aisle. I felt this was a very generous and caring gesture for my Dad to share that special moment with Bill. I could not have been more proud. I am blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. — Roberta in California

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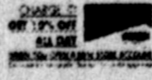
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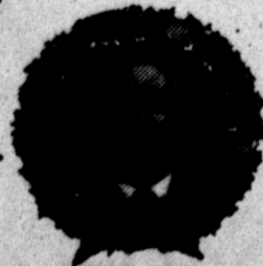


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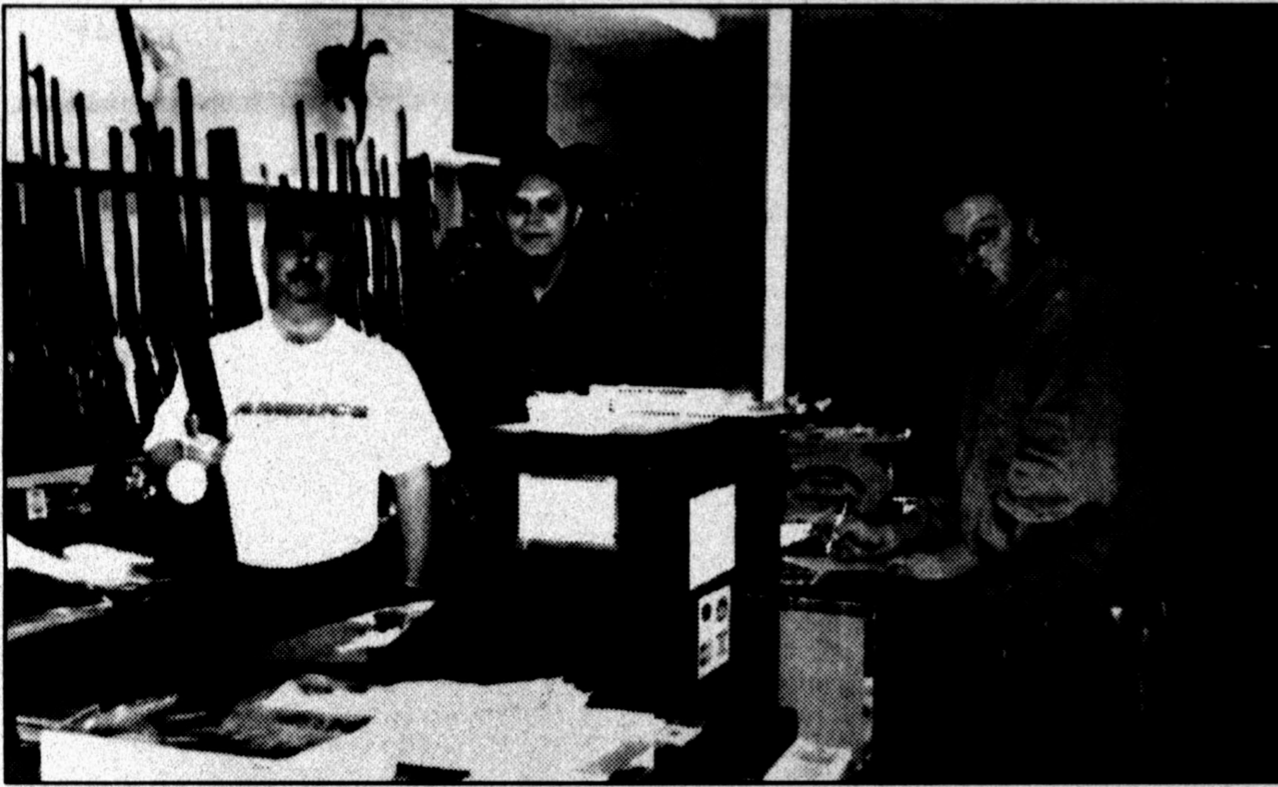
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Shotgun winner Dean Melton of Snyder, right, is shown as he completes the necessary paperwork to claim the prize of a Beretta Silver Mallard 12-gauge semi-automatic he won in a drawing sponsored by Hereford AMBUCS. Also pictured are, from left, AMBUCS president Pat Michael and Johnny Lathan, owner of Hollowpoint Gun Shop.

Pound cake is perfect gift

NASHVILLE — Can there be a more considerate and appreciated holiday gift than a big beautiful pound cake — the mother of all Southern cakes? Its simple elegance and down right

combine sugar and butter; beat until light and fluffy. Add vanilla; blend well. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

2. In medium bowl, combine flour, orange peel, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition. Pour batter into greased and floured pan.

3. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes. Invert cake onto serving plate. Cool 1 hour or until completely cooled.

Chocolate Sour Cream Pound Cake
 CAKE
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1 teaspoon



versatility make it a welcome sight in any household.

Of the myriad of cakes, cookies and candies that surface during the holidays, no other dessert can claim the pound cake's inherent ability to fit in.

"Pound cakes are just handy to have around. Whenever a little something sweet is in order, a slice of pound cake is just right whether it's with afternoon coffee, toasted for breakfast, on the holiday sideboard or just a quick snack for the kids," Linda Carman, Martha White baking expert and Southern food historian, said.

"Pound cake is also practical. It transports easily, freezes and keeps well."

Historically the pound cake traces its roots back through Virginia across the Atlantic to England. The name derives from the original recipe that contained one pound each of four basic on-hand ingredients — butter, sugar, eggs and flour.

Pound cake proportions have changed over the years and ever since the first ship arrived, innovative Southern bakers have been adding their own special touches. No matter the recipe, the pound cake's simple elegance endures.

Sour Cream Pound Cake
 2 3/4 cups sugar
 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 6 eggs
 3 cups all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon grated orange or lemon peel
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup sour cream
 1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease and flour 12 cup Bundt pan. In large bowl,

vanilla
 4 eggs
 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 cup sour cream
 3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted, cooled
 Powdered sugar

VANILLA FILLING
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 3/4 cup powdered sugar

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour 9x5-inch loaf pan. In large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups sugar and 1/2 cup butter; beat until light and fluffy. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla; blend well. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

2. In large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Add to butter mixture alternately with sour cream, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add melted chocolate; blend well. Pour batter into greased and floured pan.

3. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool 1 hour or until completely cooled.

4. In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup butter and cream cheese; beat until light and fluffy. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Gradually beat in 3/4 cup powdered sugar.

5. To assemble cake, split cake horizontally to make three layers. Place one layer on serving plate. Spread with 1/2 of filling; repeat with second layer and remaining filling. Top with remaining layer; sprinkle with additional powdered sugar. Store

in refrigerator.

Brown Sugar Pound Cake
 CAKE

2 1/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1/2 cup shortening
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 5 eggs
 3 cups all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 cup milk
 1 cup chopped pecans

GLAZE
 1/4 cup butter or margarine
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/4 cup milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 cups powdered sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan. In large bowl, combine 2 1/4 cups brown sugar, sugar, 1 cup butter, shortening and 2 teaspoons vanilla; beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

2. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; mix well. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Stir in pecans. Spread batter in greased and floured pan.

3. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool 1 hour or until completely cooled.

4. Melt 1/4 cup butter in small saucepan over medium-low heat. Add 1/2 cup brown sugar; cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add 1/4 cup milk; bring to a boil, stirring constantly.

5. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in vanilla. Gradually stir in powdered sugar; blend until smooth. Drizzle over cooled cake.

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Confidence Booster

Lady Whitefaces score 63-52 win against Odessa High Lady Broncos

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces needed some energy and some confidence after going through a two-game losing streak.

At least for now, the much-needed confidence and energy is back, just in time for the holidays.

Hereford 63, Odessa High 52

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Odessa High (??): Chanie Sutherland 8-13 2-3 20; Zanovia Gatson 1-1 0-0 2; Jocelyn Ansley 1-2 0-0 2; Sylvia Rivera 3-5 2-6 8; Lindsey Casey 4-9 0-0 9; Stephanie Huggins 5-6 1-2 11. Totals: 22-36 5-11 52.

Hereford (11-4): Sarah Griffin 3-6 0-0 8; Valerie Guzman 6-8 2-2 14; Toni Eicke 2-7 2-4 7; Amanda Hill 1-1 0-0 2; SDhya Martin 1-2 2-2 4; Ashley Fangman 5-8 1-2 11; Tori Walker 7-15 2-2 17. Totals: 25-54 9-12 63.

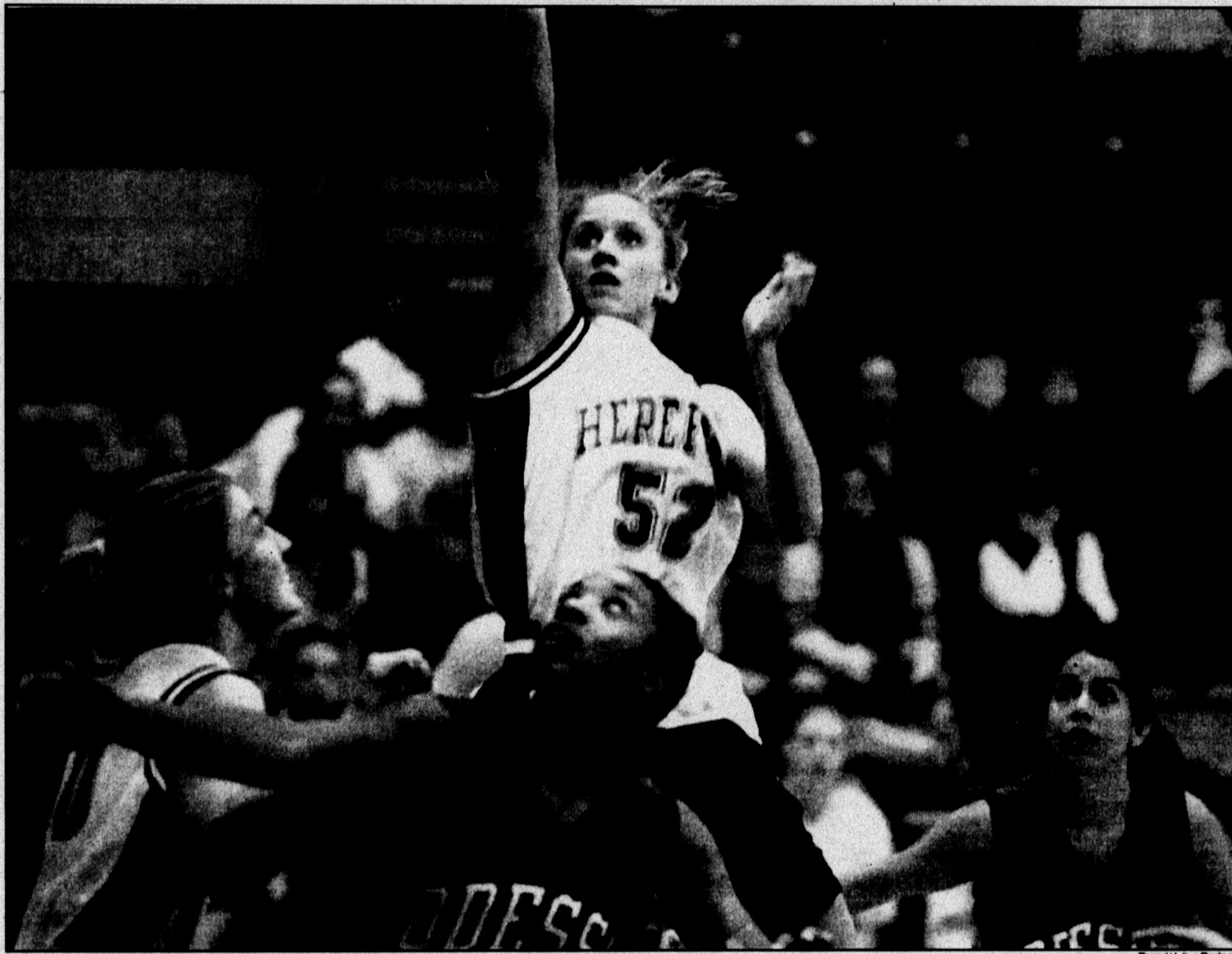
Halftime — Odessa High 30, Hereford 22. Three-Pointers — Odessa High 3 (Sutherland 2, Casey); Hereford 4 (Griffin 2, Walker 1, Eicke 1). Fouls — Odessa High 11; Hereford 12. Rebounds — Odessa High: 17 (Casey 9); Hereford: 20 (Guzman 6). JV — Hereford 47, Odessa High 34.

Thanks to a 41-point outburst in the second half, the Lady Whitefaces go into the short Christmas break with a 63-52 victory against the Lady Broncos of Odessa High on Monday at the Whiteface Gym.

The victory, which improves the Lady Whitefaces' record to 11-4, came as a relief after their 53-51 debacle to Vega.

"I think it was a better effort tonight and anytime you play like we did Friday night, you can look to come out that way," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "I think everyone had a knot in their stomach from the way we played Friday. I know I did and we just hoped we would learn from the loss Friday night and when you challenge, get the intensity up, good things can happen."

The passing and movement was better for the Lady Whitefaces, but the early scoring went to the side of Odessa



Jump Up, Jump Up and Get Down — Tori Walker attempts a shot over the back of Odessa High's Stephanie Huggins while Ashley Fangman and Sylvia Rivera look on. The Lady Whitefaces broke a two-game losing streak with the 63-52 victory against the Lady Broncos on Monday night.

High. Led by 6-foot-1 junior Lindsey Casey and guard Chanie Sutherland, the Lady Broncos took a 22-14 lead in the first period off outside and inside jumpers, similar to what Vega on Friday. Sutherland shot two 3-pointers and completed a three-

point play off a foul to contribute with 11 points in the first period. Casey got four points under the basket. Tori Walker's baseline drives kept Hereford close as she poured in 7 points in the first. "We tried to pick our pace and our effort," said Walker, who would lead Hereford with 17 points. "Against Vega, we

didn't expect much of a game so we didn't play very well. I think we expected more out of Odessa so we came out harder." And came out hard they did. After a sluggish second period in which both teams combined for 16 points, Hereford came out firing.

A 3-pointer by Sarah Griffin, outside jumpers by Valerie Guzman and inside baskets by Ashley Fangman cut Odessa High's lead to 42-41. Fangman's baskets came from inside passes as she was left wide open. "I felt a lot stronger," said Fangman, who finished the game with 11 points. "I felt

we ran the offense a lot better, the breaks were better and our defense was better. It was a lot better game and we were impressed with ourselves." The Lady Whitefaces guarded the ball the rest of the way in the fourth period. See HOOPS, Page A6

Randy Moss helps Vikings nail Packers again, 24-20

Nine-catch 131-yard performance keeps Green Bay on hold

By Arnie Stapleton

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The last thing Robert Griffith wanted to see was Brett Favre with the ball in his hands and time running out.

"We've seen him perform miracles too many times," Griffith said after the Minnesota Vikings held on to beat the Green Bay Packers 24-20 Monday night.

Last time Griffith saw Favre working his last-second magic three months ago, Corey Bradford sneaked behind the secondary for a game-winning TD on fourth down at Lambeau Field.

In the rematch at the Metrodome on Monday night, Griffith intercepted Favre's pass in the end zone on the final play.

"With the game tight like that, he's the last guy you want to see have the ball," said Griffith, who spun the ball like a top on the turf after he saved the Vikings' victory and maybe their season.

"I was just thinking about knocking it down, not intercepting it," Griffith said.

Cris Carter extended his starting streak to 111 games, but he was nothing but a decoy for a few snaps, then spent

the rest of the night on the sideline.

His services weren't needed because Randy Moss killed the Packers again, catching five passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns, including a 57-yarder.

"I like big games," Moss said. "I come out here and play good when big plays come. And with the fact that Cris went down, I give him all the credit in the world."

Jake Reed said Carter's inspiration was in his presence on the bench, not on the field. "I had to make some catches. I knew that when we saw that Cris couldn't go," said Reed, who caught five passes for 73 yards.

Moss also atoned for his fumbled punt that led to a Green Bay touchdown by hauling in a 36-yard pass from Jeff George that set up Leroy Hoard's 1-yard run for the winning score with nine minutes left.

The Vikings (8-6) snapped a two-game skid and moved within a game of NFC Central leader Tampa Bay. The Packers fell to 7-7, tied with the New York Giants, Dallas and Carolina in the wild-card logjam.

"It hurt last week, it hurts this week, it hurts all the time," said Favre, whose team's

six-year playoff streak could end if they don't win at Tampa Bay next week.

The Packers had one last chance after Minnesota turned the ball over on downs at the Green Bay 22 with 45 seconds left. The Packers drove to the Minnesota 27 before Favre was intercepted by Griffith in the end zone on the final play.

George's two touchdown tosses to Moss and the longest scramble of his 10-year career staked the Vikings to a 17-13 lead after three quarters.

But rookie Basil Mitchell, who forced two fumbles that led to 10 points, jarred the ball loose from Moss on a punt return, and Green Bay recovered at the Vikings 37.

The Vikings appeared to stop the Packers at the 9, and Ryan Longwell came in for his third chip-shot field goal. But holder Matt Hasselbeck, Favre's backup, threw a touchdown pass to tight end Jeff Thomason for a 20-17 lead with 12:31 remaining.

The Packers led 13-10 at halftime on Dorsey Levens' 1-yard run and two field goals by Longwell. Levens returned to the lineup after missing two games and gained 99 yards on 26 carries.

Disappointed Cowboys still aiming for NFC East title

Dallas still has chance to win division title thanks to regular season sweep of Redskins, Washington's loss to Colts

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' list of goals for the season is filled with scratchouts. The latest black line goes through the plan to win their final four games for a guaranteed spot in the playoffs.

A 22-21 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday forced the Cowboys (7-7) to come up with a new objective once again.

Dallas' latest war cry is to win its final two games and hope Washington loses at least once. That scenario would enable the Cowboys to emerge from a crazy season with a second straight NFC East title.

"All that other stuff we were shooting for is gone now," coach Chan Gailey said Monday. "We didn't win our last four. But we can still win our last three of four and get in the playoffs — and we may win the division. Who knows? Just go fight."

Should Dallas win in New Orleans on Friday and beat the New York Giants at Texas Stadium on Jan. 2, the Cowboys would be 9-7.

If Washington (8-6) is also 9-7, Dallas wins the division because it won both head-to-head meetings.

If the Redskins win, the Cowboys would have to try

getting one of three wild-card spots.

"It is very frustrating," running back Emmitt Smith said. "Here we are again after seven losses saying what we could do and how good we could be. Eventually, that has to stop. Who are we kidding? In order to be better, you've got to do better."

Getting to 9-7 won't be easy for Dallas.

The Cowboys haven't won two in a row since starting 3-0. To start a streak, they would have to win in New Orleans, and they've lost their last six road games.

While the Saints may be feeble at defending their home turf, they did slam the Cowboys 22-3 at the Superdome last season. That loss is one of Dallas' 10 straight on the road against non-division foes.

Gailey, who dismisses the road woes as simply a coincidence, notes that if the Cowboys make the playoffs, they still can reach their ultimate goal of winning the Super Bowl.

"You have to have that mindset," he said. "You cannot doubt what you are capable of doing. I think our guys are strong enough not to let that doubt overtake them."

"Is there a certain little bit

probably creeping around? Sure there is. But that's on every team that's out there. A little doubt helps you, keeps you on edge."

The latest loss followed the same plot lines of previous defeats. The biggest difference was that it happened at Texas Stadium, where Dallas had been 6-0.

The Cowboys blew an eight-point lead in the second half, were set back 92 yards on seven penalties and converted just three of 12 third downs — but still kept it close. This was the their fifth loss by seven points or fewer.

"We don't ever get blown out," Gailey said. "It's always a tough loss, a close loss, and those hurt because you think about one or two plays here or there."

This one was especially painful because the Cowboys went into the game knowing the Redskins and Giants had lost, meaning a victory would've greatly improved their postseason status.

"Everyone knew what was at stake," team owner Jerry Jones said. "This was a playoff-type reward if we could have gotten it done. That makes this one of the toughest losses that we've had in the time I've been here."

SPORTS

Colorado derails Hurricanes, 4-2

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The chances of stealing an NHL road win in the third period are low.

Colorado found the proper strategy Monday night in a 4-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes. The Avalanche scored three times in the final period to tie for the league lead with nine road wins.

Carolina lost for only the second time in 15 tries when leading after two.

"Lots of teams just get back and force everything right from the neutral zone," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "If you are trying to force it, the only thing you are doing is turning the puck over in the neutral zone and the frustration builds up."

"What we were successful doing in the third period is we managed to get the puck behind their defensemen and we established a good forecheck. We forced them into some one-on-one battles, and we won some of them that turned into big goals."

In other NHL games Monday, Montreal beat Pittsburgh 5-1, Toronto downed Florida 6-4 and Detroit edged San Jose 4-3.

Brian Rolston poked in a rebound with 5:27 left and Sandis Ozolinsh added a pair of goals as Colorado ran its unbeaten streak to eight straight against the Hurricanes (6-0-2).

"Mistakes were costly for us," Carolina goalie Arturs Irbe said. "We've got to get out of this hole. Winning is what it's all about and it's no fun right now."

The Hurricanes have lost four of five, with tough games upcoming against Detroit, Ottawa and Florida.

Colorado won for only the third time in 14 games when trailing after two periods, and snapped a three-game winless streak. Peter Forsberg iced it with an unassisted breakaway goal with 1:34 left.

"I thought (Forsberg) had a great game," Hartley said. "Teams are coming out at him. Obviously, he's a world-class athlete."

The Hurricanes last beat Colorado on Feb. 6, 1996.

Carolina took a 2-1 lead into the third period before Ozolinsh scored with 12:43 left to tie it. Rolston netted

his eighth of the season after Irbe stopped a close-in shot by Adam Deadmarsh.

Four of Rolston's goals have been game-winners, including two against Carolina in the last three weeks.

"There is no rhyme or reason, believe me," Rolston said of his key goals against the Hurricanes. "I'm just happy to contribute."

Ozolinsh, the NHL's top-scoring defenseman with 28 points, scored his eighth and ninth goals, both times joining a rush and beating Irbe up high.

"They scored a couple of goals with late guys coming in, and it's our responsibility to play better defensively as a five-man unit," Carolina defenseman Glen Wesley said.

Canadiens 5, Penguins 1

Karl Dykhuis had a goal and two assists as Montreal beat Pittsburgh.

Montreal scored more than four goals for only the third time this season. The Canadiens, who scored only five times in four games, ended a two-game losing streak.

The visiting Penguins lost their second straight following a four-game winning streak after the hiring of coach Herb Brooks.

Benoit Brunet, Patrick Poulin and Scott Thornton put Montreal up 3-0 in the first period against Pittsburgh goalie Jean-Sebastien Aubin.

Maple Leafs 6, Panthers 4

Nik Antropov had his first career hat trick as Toronto rallied to win at Florida.

The Maple Leafs, who trailed 4-2, scored four straight goals in the third period.

Antropov's second goal of the night put Toronto ahead 5-4. It was the Maple Leafs' third goal in just under five minutes.

The loss ended Florida's four-game winning streak and was Toronto's third straight victory.

Pavel Bure set a Panthers record by scoring in five straight games. Bure, who has 12 goals in seven games, also had two assists.

Ray Whitney had a pair of goals for Florida.

Miami puts the heat on the Dallas Mavericks, 92-89

DALLAS (AP) — With the game on the line, Alonzo Mourning came through with a defensive stop.

Mourning blocked Damon Jones' layup attempt with 6.5 seconds left, and the Heat hung on for a 92-89 victory Monday night, ending a four-game losing streak.

"I saw him coming," said Mourning, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds. "I was determined they weren't going to get anything going to the hole. If they were going to beat us, they were going to have to heave up something from the outside."

The block helped coach Pat Riley avoid the first five-game losing streak of his career. The victory was Riley's 26th straight against the Mavericks.

"I thought we were much more into it defensively than we've been in a while," Riley said. "I thought we handled the situation well and held our own offensively."

With offensive threats Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn out with injuries, Miami got a big night from power forward P.J. Brown, who scored 22 of his season-high 25 points in the first half.

The Mavericks were sagging defensively on Mourning in the first half, giving Brown

plenty of shooting room. He went 9-for-12 from the field in the first 24 minutes and added 13 rebounds for the game.

"Shawn Bradley was in my lap, and if they weren't going to guard P.J., I told him he had to be a threat and shoot the ball," Mourning said. "We've got 50 percent of our offense out. Somebody's got to fill the void. Tonight, different guys stepped up."

Brown said the Heat needed to stop the negative trend before things got out of hand.

"A week and a half ago we beat Portland and Sacramento on the road and we were on top of the world," Brown said. "Then we were 0-4 and it was the end of the world. We wanted to end it right here."

Brown converted a free throw with 4.6 seconds remaining, and Dirk Nowitzki's off-balance 20-footer at the buzzer was short for the Mavericks.

Voshon Lenard added 17 points for Miami, which extended its winning streak against Dallas to 15 games.

Gary Trent led the Mavericks with a season-high 22 points. Dallas has lost four straight and seven of eight as it completed a 1-5 homestand.

Trent was playing his fourth game after missing the first 22 with a hamstring injury.

The Mavericks broke a streak of poor defensive efforts, but Dallas wasn't aggressive on offense.

"If we could piece it all together, we would have a great game," Mavericks forward Cedric Ceballos said. "Sometimes we're on fire offensively. Tonight I thought we had a real good defensive effort."

The Heat shot 8-for-12

from beyond the 3-point line.

Dan Majerle's defense limited Dallas scoring leader Michael Finley to 13 points. Finley missed 12 of 17 field-goal attempts.

"He did a good job on Michael," Riley said. "Michael's capable of getting 30 any night."

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Hoops

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A Toni Eicke 3-pointer at the beginning of the period started their 22-point outburst in the fourth period.

From there, baskets by Griffin, Walker, Guzman, Eicke and Fangman sealed off the win as the Lady Whitefaces held the Lady Bronchos to 22 points in the second half.

"We were in a zone tonight and we couldn't do some of the things we wanted to do," Harrison said. "We just had to work hard to get good ball movement and try to get good shots while we were in that zone."

Sutherland finished with 20 points to lead all scorers

for the Lady Bronchos. Casey for Odessa High was held to 9 points by the smaller Fangman.

"We shut down the big girl and that helped tremendously," she said. "We just played good."

The victory boosts the Lady Whitefaces' confidence before their participation at the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 28-30, and District 3-4A play, which starts Jan. 11 against tough Amarillo Palo Duro.

"It boosts our confidence a lot," Walker said. "It was real important to go into this tournament with a win and its going to be a lot of help."

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YMCA Elementary Basketball

The YMCA Basketball League is designed for elementary boys and girls grades K-5 thru 6th. All girls and boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game. We will have three divisions: K-5 - 2nd, 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grades. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA offices. **PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS!!!**

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 31, 1999

RESTRICTIONS: Grades K-5 to 6th Only

DATES: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of January 10th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, January 15th.

LEAGUE FEE & ELIGIBILITY: League fee will be \$23.00. Additional children in same family \$18.00 each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA membership for youth are \$7.25 for three months.

***** ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!!! *****

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance. (Contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 364-6990)

For any additional information or registration forms, please call...
364-6990

YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

The YMCA Men's Basketball league is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in b-ball games and to try their hand in winning a trophy. (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place). Length of the league will be 6 weeks plus double elimination tournament. The team captain or manager will be responsible for the collection of the entry fee and to have all players listed on the roster in accordance with league guidelines by the start of the third game of the league. Out of town residents may participate in the league. Players must play at least 1/3 of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. Games will have 2 referees paid and scheduled by the YMCA.

STARTING DATE: Sunday, January 9, 2000

GAME DAY: Sundays, starting at 1:00 pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 4th, 2000 - 3:00 pm

ENTRY FEE: \$320.00 per team

LENGTH OF LEAGUE: Six (6) weeks plus double elimination tournament

Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game they shall be deemed as starting the season. There will be no grace period. Team may start with 3 player, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit.

Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

If you have questions please call the YMCA at... **364-6990**

INSIDE

Big week for McCain

■ Arizona senator rakes in \$1 million in best-ever for a week

WASHINGTON (AP) — While continuing to trail Texas Gov. George W. Bush in the race for campaign cash, Sen. John McCain raised more than \$1 million last week, his biggest fund-raising success to date.

By the end of the year, McCain will have raised around \$13 million — almost double his fund raising during the first nine months of the year. He also has transferred \$2 million from his Senate campaign and expects more than \$5 million in federal matching funds, bringing his total amount to more than

\$20 million.

McCain raised the \$1 million — his largest weekly haul to date — through fund-raisers in Virginia and South Carolina, through direct mail, and through the Internet. More than 8,000 people gave during the week and the average contribution was \$121.70.

The Arizona Republican's fund-raising prowess mirrors his rise in opinion polls. Several recent surveys in the first primary state of New Hampshire show him even or ahead with Bush.

"Our successful fund-raising week shows that as more and more people get to know John McCain, not only do our national poll numbers rise but so does our financial support," finance chairman Herb Allison said.

Bush has raised more than

\$63 million, a record haul for a presidential campaign, and leads McCain in national polls. He is not accepting federal matching funds.

But McCain is hoping to use a strong showing in New Hampshire to boost his campaign and his fund raising.

"The Internet has provided an important outlet for us," spokesman Howard Opinsky said. "Because of the speed in which you can process contributions online, it will help us to be able to turn a bounce out of New Hampshire into strong fund raising that we can use later in the process."

Another Republican candidate, conservative activist Gary Bauer, expects to raise around \$7 million by Dec. 31. Including his federal matching funds, Bauer will have more than \$11 million.

On the Democratic side, former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley's campaign expects to raise more than \$26 million by Dec. 31, more than the initial goal of \$25 million. The campaign also expects to qualify for \$10 million in federal funds.

"Due mainly to a steady increase in the amount of grassroots support we have received, we've been able to meet and exceed those goals," Bradley spokesman Tony Wyche said.



JOHN MCCAIN
Pulls in more than \$1 million last week.

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Gore, Bradley stepping up their attacks

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In a farm-country attack, Vice President Al Gore sought to tar rival Bill Bradley's allegiance to agriculture, while Bradley dismissed the charges as one more attack in a growing string.

For his part, Bradley said Gore increasingly hides behind the "politics of distortion" but some of the harshest rhetoric came from Gore. The charges stepped up attacks begun in a weekend campaign debate.

"They believe the politics of distortion and manipulating the truth for political gain is the way to succeed," Bradley complained. "That's the Washington way and I reject it."

For his part, Gore held a telephone conference call with reporters to point to a "debate" he's planning Wednesday night in Iowa sponsored by farm groups to talk about agriculture issues. Bradley was invited, but declined.

"I don't know why Senator Bradley has turned his back on the debate on agriculture," said Gore, who quickly offered several potential reasons.



Vice President Al Gore (left) and former Sen. Bill Bradley are stepping up the attacks on each other.

"He said in Iowa that he doesn't pretend to understand agriculture," said Gore. "That did not come as a revelation to people who were in the trenches fighting against his assault on family farm policy."

Gore routinely challenges Bradley to more campaign debates, but Bradley said plenty of those clashes are already set.

"Does he want to debate on Christmas Day, too?" Bradley said. "A political campaign is not only a performance for people, it is a dialog with people."

Bradley argued that he bal-

ances campaign debates with other methods of communicating with voters and "I think it's the appropriate balance."

Also during the latest debate, Gore challenged Bradley to agree to drop campaign commercials, an offer Bradley quickly refused. Bradley argues that he's trying to run a

campaign that's beyond sound bites, but he chuckled when asked why he hadn't considered Gore's offer.

"If 30 percent to 40 percent of the people in the country don't know who you are, not using television politically would seem a little bit contrary to your interests," Bradley said.

Gore also stepped up his assault on Bradley record on farm issues during the 18 years he was in the Senate. That's a big issue in Iowa, where precinct caucuses launch the nominating season and where the farm economy is soft.

Bradley insisted his views on farming reflect an evolution, noting that he represented New Jersey in the senate.

Per capita farm spending in New Jersey is \$6, while it's \$2,700 in Iowa, he noted.

"You can see why it may not have been as important to me as a senator from New Jersey," said Bradley.

Bradley insisted that he's been campaigning in Iowa for a year, and has become familiar with farm issues.

"My teachers were the family farmers," said Bradley.

Bradley insisted he was seeking to elevate the debate.

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
News	Ent. Tonight	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	Will & Grace	Frasier	Dateline	News	(:35) Tonight Show		
News	Ent. Tonight	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	Will & Grace	Frasier	Dateline	News	(:35) Tonight Show		
Movie: Brink! Erik von Detten		(:40) Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century		(:25) Movie: Can of Worms						
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(:05) Movie: Die Hard 2 (1990) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia ***		(:45) Figure Skating Vail Festival						
News	Fortune	Spin City	Oh Grow Up	Dharma	Sports Night	Once and Again	News	Selfield	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	JAG	60 Minutes II	Judging Amy		News	(:35) Late Show			
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Miracle on 34th Street (1994) ***		Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
College Basketball: Ind. vs. N.C.		College Basketball Jimmy V Classic -- Florida vs. Rutgers		Sportstr.	50 Greatest					
Movie: Gift of Love	Hoop Life	Beggars and Choosers	Rude Awk	Linc's	Robert Townsend					
Talked	Any Given	Movie: In Dreams Annette Bening ** R' (:45) Unitas		Movie: Diplomatic Siege Tom Bergeron						
Movie: ** Practical Magic	Movie: Sprung (1997) Tisha Campbell, Rusty Cundieff	Movie: The Getaway (1994) Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger		Movie: Shop						
Movie: ** Bundle of Joy	Movie: The Philadelphia Story (1940) ***	Movie: High Society (1956) Bing Crosby, *** 1/2		Movie: Shop						
Waltons	Country Holiday	Movie: Secret of Giving (1999) Reba McEntire		Dallas						
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	New Detectives	FBI Files	On the Inside	Detectives					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	City Confidential	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Lying Eyes (1996) Cassidy Rae, Vincent Izany		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
Football	Last Word	Cowboys	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Calgary Flames		Basketball				
ER		NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at San Antonio Spurs		Inaid NBA		Movie: Every Which Way but Loose				
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Blue's Clues	Skeeter	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore
JAG		Movie: Backdraft (1991) Kurt Russell, William Baldwin ***		Walker, Texas Ranger		Stalkings				
Sonadoras		Nunca Te Olvidare	Tree Mijeres	Primer Impacto Noc.		P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med		
As It Happened: Tragedy	Spies-Revolutionary War	Niagara: A History of the Falls		Save Our History		Spies				
Sentinel	Sentinel	Sentinel	Sentinel	Poltergeist: The Legacy		Fri. the 13th				
Caroline	Caroline	Movie: Sugartime (1995) John Turturro *** 1/2		News	MacGyver	Heat				

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
Kids	Mary Kate	Itzy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Guiding	Itzy Bitsy	Itzy Bitsy	Santa Claus		
Today			Later Today	Sunset Beach	Judge Lana	News	Days-Lives			
Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Mermaid	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Madeline
Fam. Mat.	DifWorld	Little House on the Prairie		Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Brown	Brown	News			
Early Show			Dr. Joy Browne	Price Is Right	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Young and the Restless	News		
Magic Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Young and the Restless	News		
Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Racehorse		
Movie: Breakout Robert Carradine. NR'		Movie: The Last World Patrick Bergin. R' (:45) Movie: The Earthling William Holden. *** 1/2 PG'		Movie: Snowboard Academy Jim Varney. Movie:						
Movie: Falling in Love Robert De Niro. *** 1/2 PG-13		Movie: Lone Wolf McQuade Chuck Norris. *** PG'		Movie: Dead Poets Society Robin Williams. *** 1/2 PG'		Movie: The Last World R'				
Movie: Young Man With Ideas (1952)		Movie: Invitation (1952) ***		Movie: Down Three Dark Streets (1954)		Movie: Great-Morning				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Studio	Am. Country	Alice	McCoys	Dallas	Aleena's Creative Living	Waltons		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home	Simon & Simon	Law & Order		
Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon	Law & Order					
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Mary			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Teasing Off	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source	
CHiPs		Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Every Which Way but Loose (1978) Clint Eastwood *** 1/2						
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin
Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stacky	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy
(6:00) Despierta America				Maite	Girasoles Para Lucis	Enamorada	Hey Paston			
Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	High Points			
Monster	Beakman's	Sightings	Forever Knight	DarkShad	DarkShad	Gallery	Beyond	Twilight Z.		
Fam. Mat.	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Cosby Show	Knight Rider	Matlock	Dream Maker	News			

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Paint!	My Studio	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Crestmas	Wishbone
Deck Hala	Danby	3 Friends	Kids	Kids	Allen	Big Wolf	Night Before Christmas	Movie: Richie-C'mas		
Days-Lives	Passions	Danny & Marie	Mary				Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	
Katie-Orbie	Amazing	DuckTales	Timon	Aladdin	Fantasia	Ready-Not	Home	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
Hunter	Movie: The Bermuda Triangle (1979) **		Cosby Show	Cosby Show			Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell				Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally				Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Monter	Rangers		Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under
America's Horse	Cheerleading	Bloopers	X White Out	Slope	NHL-Shots	Up Close	Sportscenter			
Movie: Street Fighter II: Animated	(:15) Movie: Bring on the Night Strig. *** PG-13'		Movie: The Man With One Red Shoe PG'				Real Sports		Movie: Home Fries (1998)	
(12:30) Movie: ** 1/2 You've Got Mail PG'	Tracy	Movie: The Man With One Red Shoe PG'								
Movie: The Last World R'	Movie: White Water Summer *** PG'		Movie: Great Expectations Ethan Hawke. *** R'				Movie: Beaches (1988) ** 1/2		Movie: All Mine to Give	
Movie: Great-Morning	Movie: Five Steps to Danger (1957) **		Movie: Vacation From Marriage (1945) *** 1/2				Duke of Hazzard	Alice	Alice	
Waltons	Dallas	Crook & Chase	McCoys	McCoys	Duke of Hazzard	Alice	Alice			
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chale	Great Chale	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer				Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon		
(12:00) Movie: Mary of Nazareth (1995)	Party of Five	Ellen	Ellen	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
Source	Cowboys	Longhorn	Fame	Bayler	Juncton	Sports	WWTV	JSTV	H.S. Sports	Stant
Movie: Costanza on Gilligan's Isle	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	In the Heat of the Night							
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Kanan & Kai	All That	Catdog
Boston	Movie: Kidnapped in Paradise (1999) Joey Fisher. **	Baywatch	Pacific Blue	Baywatch						
Hey Paston	Cosas del Amor	Gordo	El Biazazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
Short History of Ireland	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	High Points	Ireland			
Twilight Z.	Lost in Space	Quantum Leap	Sequest DSV	Star Trek	Hercules-Jrmys.					
News	Hawaii Five-0	MacGyver	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.		

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News	Ent. Tonight	Adventures in Time: National Geographic Millennium	Law & Order	News	(:35) Tonight Show					
Movie: The Thirteenth Year		(:35) Movie: Ernest Saves Christmas	(:15) Movie: Troop Beverly Hills Shelby Long. ** PG'	Zorro						
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Miami Heat		Inade NBA		Movie: A Force of One (1979) **				
News	Fortune	Two Guys	Its Like	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20	News	Selfield	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	Cosby	King	Movie: The Christmas Wish (1988) *** 1/2			News	(:35) Late Show		
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Get Real	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
Sportscenter		Pro Bowl Sele.	College Basketball Cincinnati at Oklahoma			Sportscenter		Basketball		
Movie: Overnight Delivery	Movie: Gods and Monsters (an McKellen, Ian McKellen, Brad Pitt, Laila) Bagnara									
Movie: Anna	Century of Living	Movie: You've Got Mail (1999) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan.	Chris Rock	Shock Video 2000						
(5:00) Movie: ** Beaches	Movie: The Last Seduction II * R'	(:40) Movie: Vampires James Woods. *** 1/2 R'	Emmanuelle	Movie: If						
Movie: All Mine to Give	Movie: Seven Days in May (1984) Burt Lancaster. ****	Movie: Birdman of Alcatraz (1962) Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden. ***								
Waltons	Movie: The Gathering (1977) Edward Asner. ***	Waltons	Dallas	Duke						
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Science of Christmas	Raging Planet	On the Inside	Cms					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Kaleidoscope (1990) Jaclyn Smith. **		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
Football	Last Word	This Is the PGA Tour	Hardcore Football	Goin' Deep	FOX Sports News	Sports				
ER		Movie: Evita (1998) Madonna, Antonio Banderas. ***		One Love: Bob Marley Tribute						
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Eddie	Rockat	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore
JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: The Monton Murders (1996) John Corbett. **	Walker, Texas Ranger		Stalkings				
Sonadoras		Nunca Te Olvidare	Tree Mijeres	TA Que No Te Altraves?	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med			
Short History of Ireland	Christmas Unwrapped	Sail & Spin: A History of Advertising	Great Ships	Christmas						
Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Galaxy	Monsters	Fri. the 13th
Caroline	Caroline	Movie: King Solomon's Mines (1985), Sharon Stone *** 1/2	MacGyver	MacGyver						

Comics

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin By Tom Armstrong



Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



INSIDE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Poet's corner

WITHOUT LOVE

(Kari Lisa Martin)

A million stars twinkling all around,
Look at heaven, then look at the ground
from where we sprang
to where we're found.

The moon is shining up above,
reminding us that we should love
as people of the world should do.
Love your neighbors and they love you.

Life goes on, even though we ask
for what we want and what we seek.
Without reason, we are lost
and without love, weak.

Turn your hearts to heaven and finally know the truth.
We were made through his great love.
Without him, hate's proof.

For one the earth and one the sky
One single star streaking by.
Love your neighbor as yourself
and let's give Love a final try.

Justice cries out where the night begins,
the dark of only man's sins.
There is no doubt that love beings
where men are equals and true love wins.

TO MY SISTER ON HER WEDDING DAY

(Lisa Hernandez)

To my sister I love so dear,
This is finally the year.
The day you've waited for all your life,
Has finally come to be a wife.

He's a treasure, one of a kind,
The type that's very hard to find.

So, as you walk down that long aisle,
Just remember he is worthwhile.

A lifetime of dreams that wait,
Here's to prove that this year
Will be great.

Poet's Corner accepts poems of any form or style to 40 lines. All submissions should include the poet's name. Poems may be delivered to *The Hereford Brand*, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045.

Thousands of Cubans rally for boy's return

HAVANA (AP) — Thousands of Cubans wearing T-shirts bearing a joyless portrait of political poster child Elian Gonzalez took to the streets to demand the United States return the 6-year-old boy.

"Fidel! Squeeze them, so Cuba is respected!" communist youth chanted to their president, Fidel Castro, as thousands of children, teens holding hands and adults staged a colorful demonstration 300 feet from the U.S. Interests Section on Havana's Malecon seaside boulevard.

Elian has become a symbol both for Cuba and anti-Castro Cuban-American exiles since he was rescued Nov. 25 clinging to an inner tube off Florida and taken to the United States.

The boy was discovered after his mother died during an apparent attempt to illegally reach the United States.

Budding artists



A toy sequel — From left, Ivan Juarez, 5, Northwest Elementary; Bryan Lewis, 8, Northwest Elementary; Marco Garica, 6, Bluebonnet Elementary; Sophie Trevino, 12, Shirley Intermediate; Mario Vega, 6, Friona and Claudia Martinez, 11, Shirley Intermediate are shown with prizes they received as winners from among approximately 1,500 local and area students during a recent "Toy Story II" coloring contest sponsored by Moovies 6 of Hereford. The contest promoted the recent holiday release of the popular animated movie featured in theaters nationwide.

Interest rates not expected to jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though the economy is growing at a red-hot pace that makes the Federal Reserve nervous, the central bank at the moment has a bigger concern: the uncertainties surrounding the Y2K computer date changeover.

Worries that the Year 2000 date change may cause some disruptions to U.S. and global economies — although most experts don't think it will — were leading many private economists to predict that Fed policy-makers will leave rates unchanged at their last meeting of the year.

"I think the Fed would be pulling the trigger on another rate hike had it not been for Y2K," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp. "But with uncertainties arising from possible problems from the century date change, the Fed will hold the line for now."

The Federal Open Market Committee, made up of Fed board members in Washington and the presidents of the Fed's 12 regional banks, was meeting privately today to review interest rate policy. Financial markets eagerly awaited a midafternoon announcement of their decision.

The central bank has bumped up interest rates three times this year — on June 30, Aug. 24 and Nov. 16 — to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

Popular Ford pickup now target of scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal safety agency is re-opening its investigation into older model Ford F-series pickup trucks with dual fuel tanks after hundreds of complaints of fuel leaks that could lead to fires.

About 1.37 million of the popular F-series pickups from

the 1990 through 1993 model years still are on the road with the dual fuel tanks, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday in its monthly report on potential auto defects.

The report said at least 3,245 consumers complained about problems with the fuel

system, and one fatality and 19 fires were reported.

High pressure can build up in the dual fuel tanks through malfunction of the fuel system, forcing gas to leak.

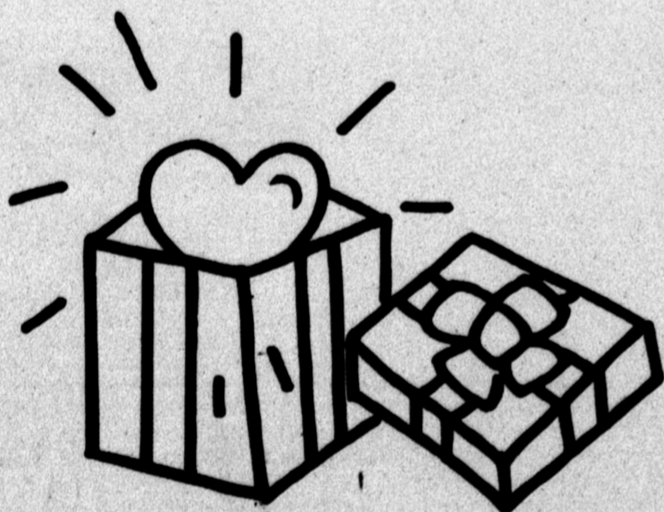
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Firefighters presented special gifts to (from left) Assistant Fire Chief Robert Murray, Fire Marshal Jay Spain and Fire Chief David Spain at the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas party.

Spain

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emergency response teams.
Spain moved his family from Muleshoe to Hereford in 1967 when he accepted a plant superintendent position with the Hereford Brand, then owned by long-time publisher Jimmy Gillentine. After the Hereford Brand was sold in 1971, Spain then accepted the role that has continued to define the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department as a leader in the state's fire service — fire marshal for the City of Hereford, and shortly afterward for Deaf Smith County as well.
In addition to serving in various local civic capacities, Spain has served as an instructor for fire schools at Texas A&M, Canyon and Lubbock. He is a past president of the Panhandle Firemen's and Fire Marshals Association. He has also served as a state chairman of the Credentials Committee and the Poster Committee for the Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association. He is a member of the Panhandle Emergency Manager Association, a member of the Panhandle 911 board, a member of the Amarillo College Advisory Board for fire service curriculum, and a member of the West Texas Investigator's Association.

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— FGKKGSH J.J. HYXXST
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ment units were not functioning properly or had been removed from service. It is my opinion that we will be required to upgrade the facility or face administrative penalties form the state," Nolen wrote.
In other business, the commissioners:
• Received a report from Don Cumpston, executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corp. Cumpston reported Farmland Industries Inc. has completed construction of a rail spur at its grain center west of the city limits. This will enable the company, which purchased the complex from Frito-Lay last summer, to increase the capacity of its loading and unloading;
• Approved a request for extension of water service. The request is from Wesley Layman for water service outside the city limits. The water line from the city main previously served property owned by Terry Caviness. Layman has agreed to pay the costs associated with the extension; and
• Appointed Temple Abney and Wayne Winget to the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Board.

Bush says USDA hunger statistics for Texas wrong

AUSTIN (AP) — If Texas Gov. George W. Bush doubts the number of hungry people in his home state, he can come see them himself, say advocates for the poor and food bank officials.
Food is flying off the shelves as food banks try to serve poor people during the holiday season, food bank officials said.
Bush sparked criticism from advocates for the poor across the state Monday by saying he doesn't believe a federal report that the country's second-largest state is also the second hungriest.
"I'm sure there are some people in my state who are hungry," Bush said at a campaign stop in Manchester, N.H. "I don't believe 5 percent are hungry."
Food bank officials, however, say distribution in some areas is 38 percent higher than 1998 while an 8 percent increase in contributions has failed to keep pace.
"Where can I get hold of Mr. Bush? I'd like him to

HUNGER AT A GLANCE
The Associated Press
The top three states in terms of hunger and food insecurity, along with the national average, according to an October report by the Agriculture Department of Agriculture.
The government defines hunger as the "uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food." Households that are "food insecure" have trouble getting adequate or nutritious food.
Figures are for 1996-98.
FOOD INSECURITY
• New Mexico, 15.1 percent of households were "food insecure."
• Mississippi, 14 percent.
• Texas, 12.9 percent.
• National average, 9.7 percent.
HUNGER
• Oregon, 5.8 percent of households.
• Texas, 5 percent.
• New Mexico, 4.7 percent.
• National average, 3.5 percent.

come visit our food bank to see how empty our shelves are right now. We're scrounging for food," said Amelia Gonzalez, executive director of the Community Food Bank of Victoria, Texas.
"OH my. How can I put this tactfully? If he says he will see to it there are no hungry people in Texas, that's good news," said Judy Carter, executive director of the Capitol Area Food Bank in Austin.
"Where can I get hold of Mr. Bush? I'd like him to

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Smith County Hospital District board president and secretary.
Now, the hospital district is waiting for the final signature by TORCH Management Services Inc., HRMC administrative assistant Carol Garza said Monday afternoon.
Garza said board president Dean Crofford and secretary Karen Solomon have executed the agreement and sent the copy to TMSI. However, she said, Larry D. Krupala, president/chief executive officer of TMSI, was out of his Austin office Monday and she did not know if he has signed the document.
The hospital district directors voted 5-1 on Dec. 7 to approve the two-year management service contract.
The directors approved the contract, which contained some revisions recommended by board attorney Alan T. Rhodes of the Amarillo law firm Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein & Johnson, following a 45-minute executive session in which Rhodes reviewed the contract with TMSI, a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals.

GOP senator says agreement violated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator says he will block every Clinton administration nomination to the federal bench to protest what he says is the White House violation of an agreement on controversial recess appointments.
"The president has broken his word — yet again," Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma said in a statement Monday. In response, he said, "I will place a 'hold' on every judicial nominee which reaches the Senate calendar for the remainder of the Clinton presidency."
The White House insisted it was living up to its agreements with Senate leaders on appointments.
Inhofe announced when Congress adjourned in November that he had an agreement with the White House to send him a list of appointments

the Republican presidential nomination, also questioned the timing of the Agriculture Department report that said 5 percent of Texas families sometimes go hungry.
Bush, who is running on a theme of "compassionate conservatism," suggested the report released in October might have been released to embarrass him.
"Yeah, I'm surprised a report floats out of Washington when I'm running a presidential campaign," he said. "It seems like a lot of reports are floating out of Washington."

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			SHURFINE LITTLE SIZZLERS 99¢	SHURFINE COCKTAIL SMOOKIES \$1.69
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SuperMoist Cake Mixes 16-18.25 OZ. BOX 69¢	Whipping Cream HALF PINT 2\$1 FOR	Gold Medal Flour 5 LB. BAG 79¢	SHURFINE GRADE A Large Eggs DOZEN 2\$1 FOR	SHURFINE WHIPPED TOPPING 8 OZ. 2\$1 FOR	Shurfine Vegetables 13.5-15.5 OZ. 3.99¢ FOR
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