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Christmas in the Park



Santa Claus (above) thrilled youngsters who were among the more than 300 Hereford area residents (left) crowding Mothers Park for Monday night's lighting of the city's Christmas lights. In addition to Santa's visit, the evening's activities included a performance of Christmas carols by the Hereford High School Varsity Choir, directed by Margaret Williams, and refreshments provided by the Hereford Pilot Club and HHS Anchor Club.

BRAND Mauri Montgomery

City reviews suggestions for old lodge

By Don Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Three requests for the former Campfire lodge are under review by the Hereford city administration, but no decision has been made about what to do with the facility, City Manager Chester Nolen said Monday.

Nolen said the three requests have been to convert the facility into a church, a 4-H center or a Boy/Girl scouting center.

The lodge, located in Langley Park, reverted to the city earlier this fall, and the City Commission ran advertisements seeking residents' suggestions for how to use the 6,000-square-foot facility.

Nolen said there could be some difficulty in turning the building into a 4-H facility. Many of the 4-H programs receive federal funding, which would require all areas of the

building to be handicapped accessible.

"The restrooms aren't handicapped accessible," Nolen said. "They're real small, so it'll be difficult for the 4-H. (The city) hasn't done anything with the restrooms."

However, Nolen said city crews have completed a facelift at the facility, including new paint, rehabilitation of the heating/air conditioning system and a general cleaning.

With that work completed, the facility is available for parties, reunions and other such functions. Also, the facility is fully equipped with dishes and silverware, Nolen said.

Any groups, families or organizations wanting to use the building must reserve it and put up a deposit. For more information, call City Hall at 363-7100.

Economy showing signs of expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — The manufacturing sector slowed for the sixth straight month during November, but there are signs of a possible improvement in the economy by mid-1999, according to two reports issued today.

The National Association of Purchasing Management, which tracks the manufacturing sector through a survey of corporate purchasing executives, said new orders, exports and imports declined at many of the nation's factories last month.

The trade group's index of economic activity registered at 46.8 percent, down 1.5 percent from October. Any reading under 50 percent is a sign of contraction in the industrial sector.

The Conference Board, private research group, reported its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, rose 0.1

percent in October, to 105.6. The gain followed two months of flat results.

The purchasing managers survey is closely watched because it is the freshest evidence of how the economy fared in the previous month. The Leading Indicators are widely viewed as a forecast of how the economy will fare six to nine months in the future.

The Commerce Department announced today that construction spending rose a moderate 0.3 percent in October, the fifth consecutive increase, powered by both commercial and residential building.

Spending advanced to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$665.8 billion, following an identical 0.3 percent gain in September.

This morning, stocks were sharply lower.

Sniping at the Brady Bill

Gun dealers: New rules too stringent

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

For more than four years, gun dealers and buyers claim the Brady Bill has been a thorn in their side — and now they say it's even worse.

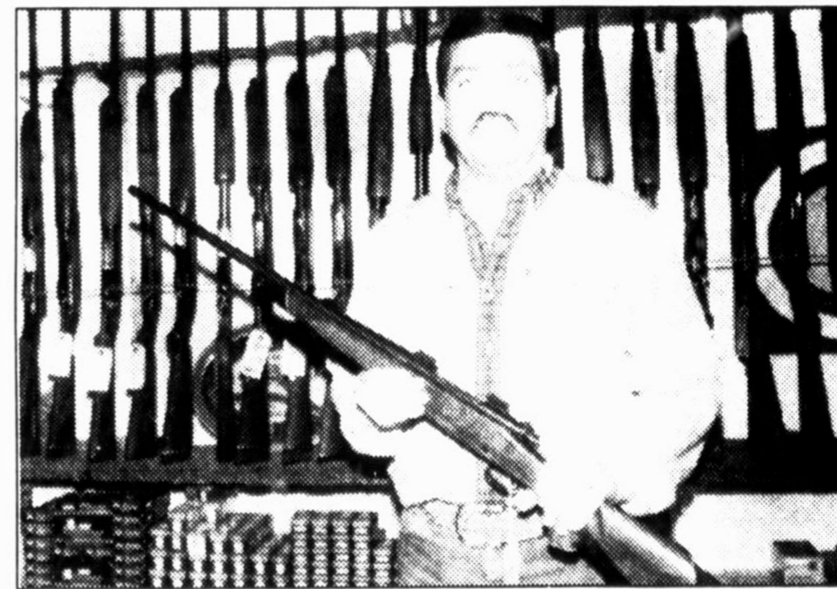
Eddie Martin, owner of Gold Nugget Pawn in Hereford, said, "The only people being hurt by the new parts of the Brady Bill are legitimate gun dealers."

"Criminals aren't going to come into a dealer for a gun. They're going to break into homes and take any gun they find."

The Brady Bill is designed in part to prevent reactionary crimes by putting the legal purchase of handguns on five-day cooling off period. Now the law affects the buyers of all guns: handguns, rifles, and shotguns.

"The problem is we have people making laws about guns who don't know anything about them or the dealers," Martin said.

Newer portions of the law include an expedited computer application, which was supposed to be usable by today. However, dealers say they can't get through or the system continuously gives them a message that there has been



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Eddie Martin of Gold Nugget pawnshop in Hereford has some gripes about the new provisions of the Brady Bill.

trouble with the system and it will be out of service for 30 minutes.

If operating correctly, the system should be able to provide nearly instant approval on the purchase of any weapon. As it is, dealers don't even have all the information or the equipment they need to access the system.

"The FBI has had four years to work out the bugs and it's still not working," Martin said.

Martin, along with other legitimate gun dealers, have several complaints about the beefed-up Brady Bill.

"They couldn't have scheduled a worse time to put this into action, especially without having tested it first," Martin

said. Complaints range from not being able to get through to the processing center to the number of hunting seasons already open or scheduled to open in the next few days.

Pawnbrokers also say gun owners will have to be approved each time they get a gun out of pawn.

The law affects dealers at pawn shops, hunting outlets and others who deal with new and used guns. It does not affect traders at gun shows or private individuals from trading or selling guns.

Martin said many people are under the illusion that the

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It's time to write letters to Santa



The annual "Christmas Greeting Edition" will be published Sunday, Dec. 20, in *The Hereford Brand*.

To help Santa Claus, who has a busy schedule, *The Brand* will publish "Letters to Santa" in the special edition.

School classes may submit letters as a project, or children may send individual letters of their own. Some may want to add a hand-drawn picture of Santa.

Letters may be submitted to *The Brand*, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045.

Deadline for submitting letters is Dec. 9.

Christmas memories

Anyone who wants to share a recollection about a special Christmas in your life should write it down

and send it to *The Brand* so we can run a series of holiday stories during the Christmas season.

Please keep the story relatively short, about 300 words or less, neatly printed or typed, and if you have a photograph that helps tell the story, please send it, too.

Please send stories to *The Brand*, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045 or bring them by the newspaper office, 313 N. Lee.

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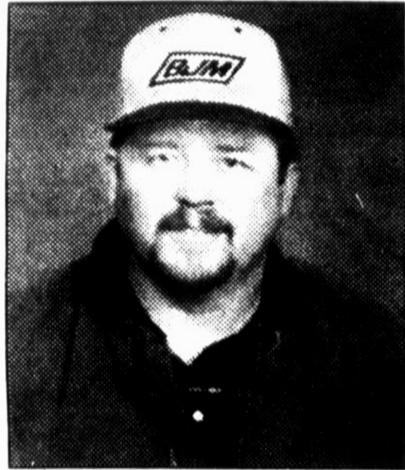
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Local roundup

Key Club fundraiser

The Hereford High School Key Club is sponsoring a parent's day out 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the HISD Administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in crafts, games, caroling and a vista from Santa for only \$5. A portion of the proceed will be donated to the Iodine Deficiency Disorder. For more information contact Paige Parks or Shelby Counts at 363-7620.

Cabiness voted Rancher of the Year



CHRIS CABINESS
RANCHER OF THE YEAR

Local rancher and ag-businessman Chris Cabiness has been voted the Rancher of the Year by Duncan Boyd Jewellers.

lers of Amarillo. Cabiness was recognized for his contributions to the agricultural community at the opening breakfast of the 14th annual Farm and Ranch Show today at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Cabiness was nominated for his community involvement; leadership in the farm and ranching businesses; enthusiasm and participation in the Barn Church and his continuing efforts in organizing youth roping events.

Rancher of the Year is chosen each year from the area ranchers who provide continuous involvement with many aspects of farming and ranching. The event is sponsored by Duncan Boyd Jewellers.

Farmers claim insurance found loopholes

Policy reform on Farm Bureau agenda

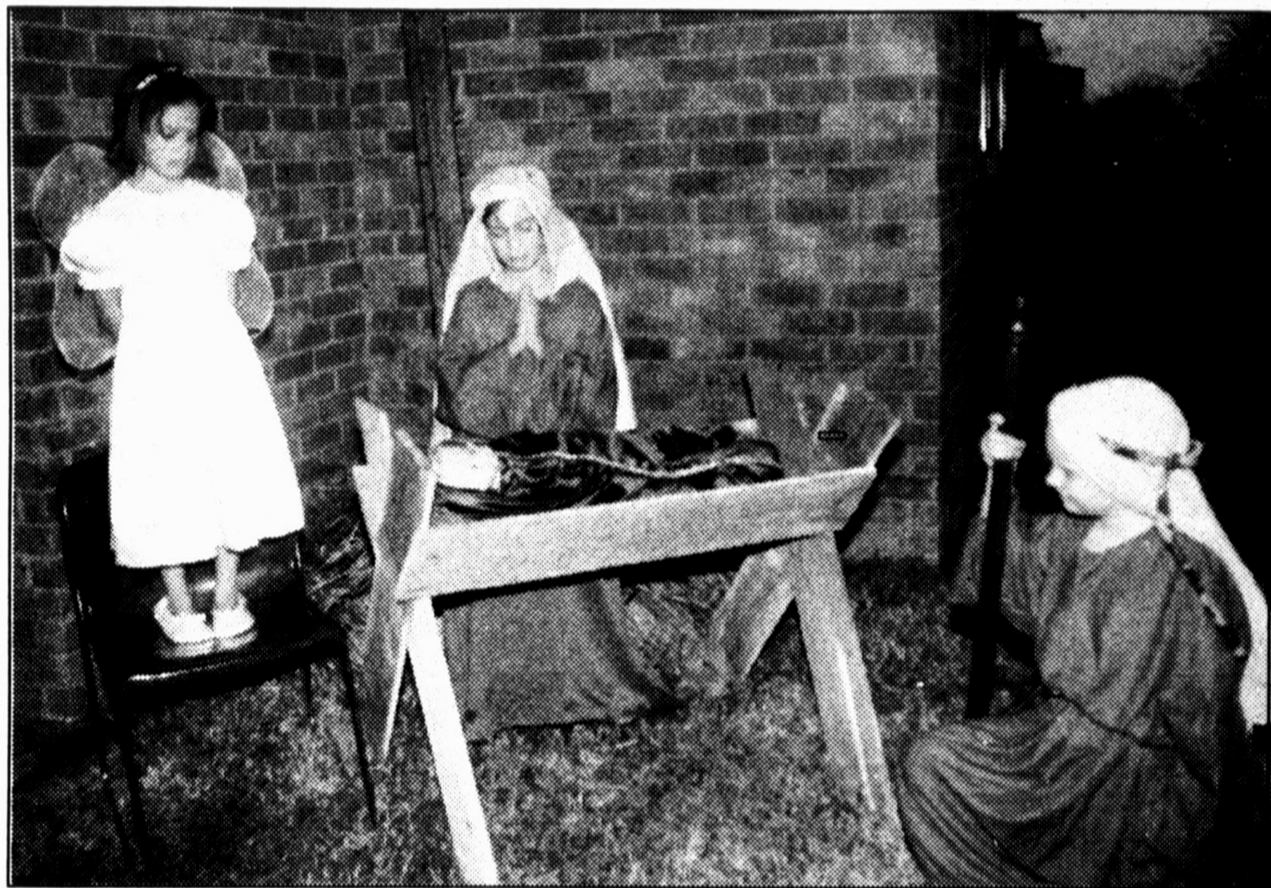
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Two years after farmers were forced to rely on crop insurance policies from private companies, many Farm Bureau members say they paid high premiums only to find that when their plants were withering this summer, insurance companies always found loopholes to avoid paying. The need to reform the current method of crop insurance has proven to be one of the most hotly discussed issues at the Farm Bureau's 65th Annual Convention. More than 1,200 county representatives from across the state have gathered to hold the policy-making meeting at the Lubbock Civic Center this week. Dan Pustejusky, a voting delegate and cotton farmer

from Hall County, said the Freedom to Farm Act of 1996, which provides for farm insurance in place of government assistance, has devastated farmers across the state. "When people have gone to try to get help after the drought dried up their land, many were turned away," Pustejusky said Monday. "A lot of people are concerned

about the system not working right." Farm Bureau delegates will vote this week on a report that calls for study of the current system and possibly seeking reform, "if the specific needs of Farm Bureau members are not being met." Legislative director Steve Pringle says the drought has highlighted the need for the group to ensure that farmers can remain in business by relying on crop insurance. "We're looking for ways to guarantee a certain amount of income for farmers," Pringle said. "Part of that process is educating our people about programs out there that others say have worked for them. Basically, there is no longer a safety net for farmers...they have to make their own."

The report that calls for constant study of insurance methods, also states that the industry faces a shrinking workforce and declining profit margins if farmers don't take steps to reverse the trends and exert more political influence. The report was submitted Monday by the Project 2000 Committee. "We may not like it but the average age of farmers is going up and the workforce is getting smaller," said committee chairman Bob Tullos, a delegate from Tom Green County. "The general understanding of agriculture will also diminish as generations get further from the farm."

The committee suggests in the report that the organization be more aggressive in seeking to educate the public about agricultural issues and form a legal defense fund that will allow the Farm Bureau to defend farming interests in property rights battles.



The meaning of Christmas -- Three local youngsters, Katherine Canada, 5, Emy Canada, 7, and Michael Canada, 8, set up their version of the Christmas story and what the season means to them. The kids set up their scene at the corner of Moreman and Elm Monday evening and waved to passing motorists. The kids listened to traditional Christmas carols and were willing to tell anyone who asked what their true meaning of Christmas means to them.

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News in brief

Some workers worry about future

HOUSTON — After today, Richard Hidalgo won't be working for Mobil Corp. anymore. He's retiring just the way he planned after 26 years.

But among his 1,200 co-workers at the oil giant's Beaumont refinery, there is fear that they will be laid off if Exxon Corp. buys Mobil in what would be one of the richest deals ever.

The Washington Post reported today that an agreement has been reached and would be announced today. The oil companies, the nation's two largest, say only that talks are ongoing.

The deal is estimated to be worth anywhere between \$60 billion and \$80 billion. The richest announced merger in history is Bell Atlantic Corp.'s pending plan to merge with GTE Corp., valued at \$72.6 billion.

Escapee remains at large

HUNTSVILLE — Texas prison officials dealing with the first escape from death row in 64 years are digging in for the long haul.

Today was the fifth day of freedom for condemned killer Martin Gurule, who scaled a pair of 10-foot chain-link fences topped with razor wire and fled into the foggy night, leaving six accomplices behind as guards fired at him with rifles from towers 200 feet away.

Montford denies El Paso remarks

LUBBOCK — As El Paso city leaders press for an apology, Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford is again denying he made negative remarks about the city in a telephone conversation. The allegations, demands and denials are all part of an ongoing feud between El Paso and Texas Tech over how Tech's medical campus there is funded.

University of Texas-El Paso President Diana Natalicio has accused Montford of making disparaging remarks about El Paso in a Nov. 5 phone conversation with her. In a Nov. 20 letter to Montford, Ms. Natalicio wrote: "I regret that our recent telephone conversation... was not more productive. My surprise at your suggestion that El Pasoans are interested in spending border health funds on welfare and ballet folklorico prevented me from responding more constructively." Montford told the *El Paso Times* last week the letter was "the most bizarre letter I have ever received in my career."

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She was a member of La Iglesia De San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford and the Guadalupeans.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Ramiro Rodriguez and Gilbert Mike Rodriguez, both of Amarillo, Israel Rodriguez and Robert Rodriguez, both Hereford; three daughters Rose Mary Soliz of Amarillo, Susan Rodriguez of Hereford and Betty Lira of Dumas; two brothers, Ernest Reyes of Pleasanton and Benito Reyes of Clovis; three sisters, Eva Romo, of Hereford, Maia Mireles, of Poteet and Olivia Reyes of Pleasanton; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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She was born August, 12, 1951, in Hereford to Horace Gamez and Maria Valdez Gamez. She married Salvador Gonzales on Sept. 4, 1996 in Amarillo. She graduated from Hereford High and Amarillo college. She worked in Headstart programs in Hereford and at St. Lawrence school in Amarillo.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 25-30, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 24-year-old man was arrested on Highway 60 and Myrtle and charged with criminal mischief.

- An 18-year-old man, who was being detained in a shooting incident, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with minor property damage after a verbal domestic confrontation.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested on municipal court warrants and violation of probation warrants from Hutchinson County.

- A 28-year-old man was arrested at Highway 60 and Park Avenue and charged with public intoxication.

- A 45-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of Thunderbird and charged with assault.

Incidents

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Avenue E.

- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Hickory.

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue B.

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Myrtle.

- Teenagers using baseball bats were reported fighting in the 400 block of Avenue B. No serious injuries were reported.

- Kids reportedly pushed a picnic table in to the Aquatic Park Pond. They fled when officers arrived. Officers pulled the table from the water and put it back in its rightful place.

- Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Barrett.

- Theft of gasoline was reported from a convenience store in the 2900 block of East 60.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Lake.

- A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Brevard.

- A 15-year-old girl reported being assaulted.

- An intoxicated driver was reported on North 385.

- A loud party was reported in the 100 block of East Ninth.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Avenue K.

- A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Union.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A stolen check was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A 14-year-old boy was reported as a runaway in the 200 block of Avenue D. The boy was located and returned to his parents.

- A reckless driver was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A two car accident was reported in the 600 block of East Park Avenue.

- More than \$50 worth of criminal mischief was done to a yard lamp at a residence in the 200 block of Centre.

- An attempted suicide was reported in the 300 block of Adulate Calle.

- The back windshield of a parked car was broken out in the 200 block of 16th Street. Damage is estimated at \$250.

- Theft of gasoline was reported in the 300 block of North Avenue K.

- A cellular phone, valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a parked car in the 100 block of North Texas Street.

- A car battery was stolen from a residence in the 200 block of Whittier.

- Theft of service charges have been filed against a 25-year-old woman.

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Obituaries

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and Joaquin Gamez, all of Hereford, Benjamin Gamez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Servio Gamez of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

JEFF GREEN
Nov. 26, 1998

Graveside services for Geoffrey George "Jeff" Green, 84, of Midland were Monday in the Reshavan Memorial Park with the Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating.

Mr. Green died Thursday in a Midland hospital. He was born Nov. 6, 1914, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, to George and Dorothy Green.

He served in World War II as a Navy Sea-bee and had worked at Felmont Oil Corp. for more than 45 years. He married Estelyn Green on April 1, 1936, in Midland.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mary Ann Jones of Alexandria, La., and Barbara Burnett of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Dorothy Horton of Waterloo, Iowa; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
2-22-29-36-37

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-0-5

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:
9-18-26-38-42-43

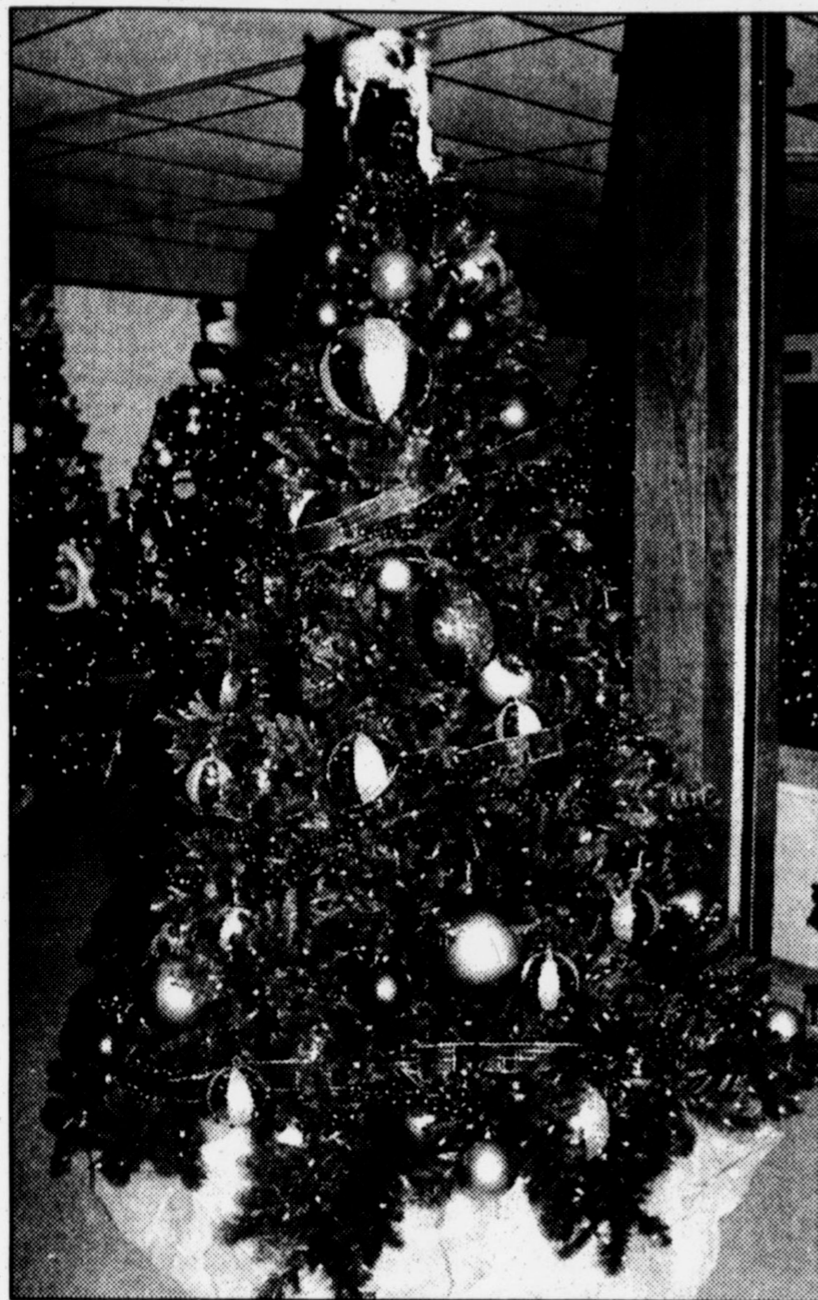
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-4-1

LIFESTYLES

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Correction—In the December issue of The Senior Scene which appeared as a supplement to The Hereford Brand on Nov. 29, results of the sale of two trees at the Festival of Trees were listed in error. The top selling tree, pictured above at left, was titled "Christmas Traditions" and was purchased by Stevens 5-Star Car and Truck Center for \$6,000. The tree was deco-



rated by Sharon Bodner and Hereford Senior Citizens and sponsored by Keeling Cattle Feeders, Inc. Coming in a close second in dollar amount was another tree, right, decorated by Bodner and the Senior Citizens which sold for \$5,600 to Garrison and Townsend Seed Co. It was titled "Silent Night" and was sponsored by Bar-G Feedyard.

Hospital NOTES

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Dec. 1:

Christina Arsola, Shawn C. Bartz, Yadira Cabrera, infant boy Cabrera, Maria Garcia, Juana Garza, infant boy Garza, Martin G. Guerra, Samantha Ludwig, infant boy Ludwig, Lucy Maldonado, Elizabeth L. Manley, T.J. McGee, Lola B. Noyes, George A. Paschel, Elvira Robles, infant boy Robles, Doris Rush, Pear Schaefer, Dale Smith, M.H. Stephens, Beatrice R. Torres, Ollie Walker, Imogene C. Zinck.

Flame meeting will not be held

The Flame Fellowship will not meet the first Thursday in December.

Meetings will resume Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999.

Speaker for the Jan. 7 meeting will be announced prior to that date.

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G	BABE PIG IN THE CITY	MATINEES 1:00 & 3:50	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:10 & 9:10
PG-13	MEET JOE BLACK	MATINEES 1:00	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30
R	ENEMY OF THE STATE	MATINEES 1:45 & 4:20	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00
G	RUG RATS	MATINEES 1:50 & 3:45	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:05 & 9:00
PG-13	WATER BOY	MATINEES 1:30 & 3:50	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:15 & 9:05

Adults: \$5.00 Kids & Seniors: \$3.00
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Syndicated Columnist

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "In the Middle in Lynbrook, N.Y.," whose husband encouraged his sons not to wear bicycle helmets. He said only sissies wore helmets and the neighbors would make fun of the boys. Please tell that man to WAKE UP.

Two years ago, our 9-year-old son was struck by a car while riding his bike. He was flipped onto the car hood, and his head struck the windshield. Thank God he was wearing a helmet. That helmet absorbed so much impact that it almost split in two. The diagnosis at the emergency room — a broken arm.

The medical professionals told us that our son could have been paralyzed, brain damaged or killed if he had not been wearing a helmet.

Please tell your readers that avoiding a bit of ridicule by some idiot would be scant consolation during visits to the intensive care unit, the brain-injury treatment center or, worse yet, the cemetery. — David in Missouri

Dear David: You told "the idiot," and I thank you. Read on for more:

From Canton, Ohio: I would rather my child be a sissy than a statistic. Five years ago, my 14-year-old son was riding his bike without a helmet when he was struck by a school bus. He had a skull fracture and required surgery to repair a laceration. After the accident, he had behavioral and learning disabilities. Our hospital and psychologist bills were huge, and the toll on our family was enormous. Had my son been wearing a helmet, his injuries would have been minor.

New York City: After a bicycle accident, our 13-year-old son had to have reconstructive surgery on a broken hand. The night we spent in the emergency room, every doctor and nurse who passed by congratulated our son for using his helmet. It probably saved his life. All his friends now have state-of-the-art helmets, which they think are really cool. And my husband started wearing one, too.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.: My son was in a bicycle accident, and his helmet was cracked in three pieces. The car that hit him was only going 30 mph. I'm sure his head could not have withstood such an accident.

Anywhere, USA: That father should be arrested and sentenced to community service at a facility for brain-damaged children. There, he will learn about the potential life sentence he is encouraging for his children.

Bayside, N.Y.: I am appalled that a man would be afraid people would think his boys were sissies if they wore helmets. I'm sure people who see these children are wondering what kind of parent would be so stupid as to allow his kids to get on a bike without such protection. I am a registered nurse and would like to invite that father to go to any hospital and visit children who are seriously injured due to riding bikes, rollerblading or skateboarding without protective head gear. How would that father feel if his child were

brain-damaged? Heads come only one to a customer. We should take better care of them.

Lakewood, Calif.: I am a longtime mountain biker, and my two young sons are also bikers. These boys know the value of a helmet. They've seen spills on the trail and crashes at the races. To them, a mountain bike helmet is cool. They are not sissies. They are men with muscles of steel.

Temple, Texas: I'd like to thank that father in Lynbrook, N.Y., for telling his sons they don't need to wear helmets. This country is in desperate need of organ donors, and the young kids who don't wear helmets keep us supplied. Where I work, bicycles with riders who don't wear helmets are called "donorcycles."

Dear Readers: That last comment was chilling. I hope all parents got the message.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Practicing—Jack Nunley practices piano at the Deaf Smith County Museum in preparation for the annual open house and Christmas tea which will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the museum located at 400 Ssmpon. Nunley and other local musicians will provide entertainment during the open house which is sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society as special thanks to county residents for their support. The museum, decorated in Christmas finery, will be open for viewing, demonstrations will be offered throughout the afternoon and refreshments will be served.

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Oldham County Christmas Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 5, 1998
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

A self-guided tour to some of the finest homes in Oldham County, Wildorado, Vega and Adrian.

Tickets: \$10 per person, \$7 for Seniors 65+

Tickets may be purchased at participating homes the day of the tour.

For maps and more information, call 267-2828.

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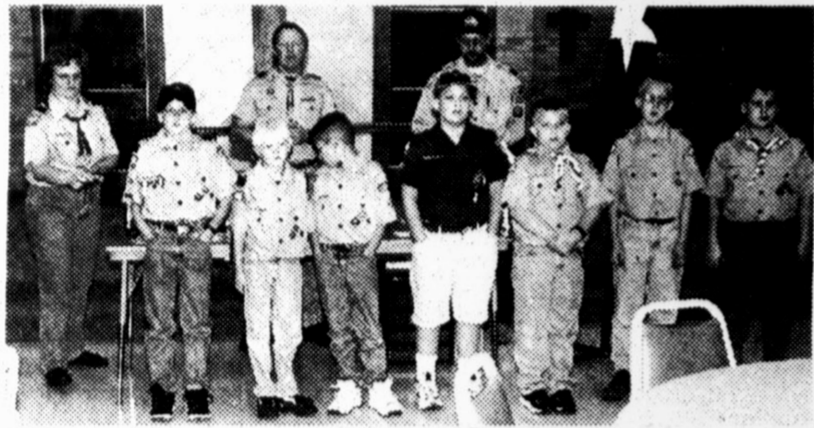
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Den 2



Den 7



Den 3



Den 8



Den 4



Den 5



Den 6

Awards presentation—Boy Scout Pack 50 held its annual Thanksgiving pot-luck meal and awards presentation recently in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. Boys in each den were awarded beads, badges or belt loops for various activities completed. Also included was an induction ceremony for members of Den 2 as first year Webelos, to be known as Scorpions. Pictured are the members and leaders of each den which were represented at the dinner.

Grief workshop offered

BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Program will offer "Grief in the Holidays" workshop in Hereford from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 in the game room of Hereford Community Center. The workshop is free of charge and open to all interested persons. To register, call 806-378-6777.

Annual bazaar features only hand-crafted items

Wesley United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Hereford Community Center. The annual fund-raiser features only hand-made arts and crafts items from a variety of local artisans. There is also a concession stand which offers baked potatoes with all the trimmings, including homemade chili.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 1998. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed among John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams won.)
In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.

In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev won nearly unanimous approval for a more dynamic political structure from the Supreme Soviet, which voted itself out of existence in favor of a new Congress of People's Deputies. Carlos Salinas de Gortari was sworn in as president of Mexico.

Five years ago: Eighteen people were killed when a Northwest Airliner commuter plane crashed in Minnesota.

One year ago: A 14-year-old youth opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky.,

killing three fellow students and wounding five; Michael Carneal later pleaded guilty but mentally ill. An international conference on reducing greenhouse gases opened in Kyoto, Japan.

Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 75. Actor Robert Symonds is 72. Singer Billy Paul is 64. Actor-comedian-director Woody Allen is 63. Singer Lou Rawls is 63. Golfer Lee Trevino is 59. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 59. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 58. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 56. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 54. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 54. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 53. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 52. Actor Treat Williams is 47. Country singer Kim Richey is 42. Actress Charlene Tilton is 40. Actress-model Carol Alt is 38. Actor Ron Melendez is 26.

Thought for Today: "The only people who attain power are those who crave it." — Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974).

SPORTS

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Kalka wins contest championship round

Bernadette Kalka of Hereford was the \$1,000 grand prize winner in the final Hereford Brand Football Contest last week. She missed four games in the championship round.

Jan Page was winner of the regular weekly contest. She missed four games along with Angela Baker of Hereford and won on the tiebreaker.

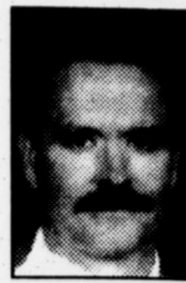
Gina Kalka of Hereford missed six games for third place.

The annual 13-week long contest has been a regular fixture in the Brand for more than 25 years.

The scores

Stephenville 42, Pampa 0
Wichita Falls Hirschi 39, Borger 28
Duncanville 24, Odessa Permian 14
South Grand Prairie 38, Amarillo High 20
Plainview 35, Wichita Falls Rider 28
Wheeler 28, Sudan 27, 2 OT
Stanton 35, Albany 7
Crane 16, Iowa Park 7
Childress 56, Colorado City 14
Michigan 48, Hawaii 17
Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 0
Syracuse 66, Miami (Fla.) 14
Virginia 36, Virginia Tech 32
Texas A&M-Kingsville 24, Central Oklahoma 21, OT
Northwest Missouri St. 42, Northern Colorado 17
Miami 30, New Orleans 10
Kansas City 34, Arizona 24
NY Jets 48, Carolina 21
New England 25, Buffalo 21
Baltimore 38, Indianapolis 31
Seattle 20, Tennessee 18
Jacksonville 34, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 31, Chicago 17
Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 16
Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10

Yenzer earns 3-4A coach of year



Yenzer



Barba

From staff reports

Hereford coach Craig Yenzer was named District 3-4A coach of the year in balloting by the district's football coaches announced Monday.

Yenzer — in his third year as the Whitefaces' head coach — took Hereford to an 8-2 regular season record, a district championship and the program's first playoff berth since 1992. The Whitefaces went 2-8 in 1997.

"I think it's a combination of a lot of different people's efforts," Yenzer said, "the coaching staff, and we have a lot of tremendous young talent. It's a nice deal, but I need to spread that around. It's something that we all have gotten. . . . I am very honored, but

we need to continue working."

Hereford had only two players receive first-team offensive honors. Slade Hodges was picked at wide receiver and Cory Marsh earned a first-team center position.

"Cory did a fine job at center," Yenzer said. "The thing that Cory gave us the most was leadership. As a senior, he was a tremendous leader, not to speak of what he did at center for us."

Hodges — a sophomore — finished the regular season tied with Zane Willard of Borger for the district lead in receptions with 28. Hodges had 495 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

"We knew coming in that Slade coming out of junior high

was a great athlete," Yenzer said. "It's something that he worked for and earned and I'm proud for him. . . . He made lots of plays for us throughout the year."

Willard was only one of two Bulldogs to receive first-team selection. Tailback Eron Haynes was honored as District 3-4A offensive player of the year and also earned a slot in the backfield along with Nick Fields of Amarillo Caprock and Erich Greer of Pampa.

Haynes was the district's leading rusher with 1,438 yards on 241 attempts during the regular season with 12 touch-



Hodges



Marsh

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Lockout hasn't yet affected NBA cards

By David A. Marklewicz

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The last time labor strife shut down a major professional sports league, the sports trading card industry nearly shut down. That was in 1994 when baseball players walked out. The strike accelerated a deep decline in the boom bust sports card business.

The five-month-old NBA lockout hasn't had quite the same impact on sports card sales, and among the reasons is the industry's new, more conservative approach. Wary manufacturers, drowned by excess inventory in the past, delayed or canceled preseason basketball card shipments in anticipation of the lockout.

"The leaner times of the past have taught us to be more efficient," explained Marty Appel, spokesman for New York-based The Topps Co., a leading sports-card manufacturer.

Buoyed by increased interest in baseball cards triggered by last summer's Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home-run chase, the industry has found a sort of economic equilibrium, if not another boom.

New-card sales by major manufacturers have stabilized at about \$400 million to \$450 million annually, according to the industry's rough estimates, down from about \$1.1 billion in the peak sales year, 1991.

And while some manufacturers collapsed, including Dallas-based Pinnacle Brands, which filed for bankruptcy this year, others like Topps, Upper Deck and Fleer/Skybox have survived and stand to prosper.

Topps, for one, said it has never had a losing financial quarter in its sports-card business.

"The hobby is in better shape now than it has been in the last few years," said Rob Springs, sports-card analyst for Dallas-based Beckett Publications, a publisher of industry price

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OFF THE GLASS



Brand File Photo

Mitch Wagner (left) of Hereford and Josh Turner of Canyon Randall battle for the ball underneath the basket during a recent nondistrict game in Amarillo. The Whitefaces will host Dimmitt in a nondistrict matchup tonight at 8 p.m. at Whiteface Gymnasium.

Niners squash Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jerry Rice complained about the San Francisco 49ers' erratic play, and offered to jump start the offense. Instead, it was Terrell Owens who provided the spark.

Owens caught a 79-yard touchdown pass from Steve Young and Garrison Hearst ran for 166 yards in 20 carries to go over 1,000 yards rushing for the second straight season as San Francisco beat the New York Giants 31-7 Monday night for their 15th straight regular-season home win.

The victory clinched a 16th straight winning season for the 49ers (9-3) and kept them a game behind first-place Atlanta in the NFC West with four remaining.

But the win was costly. The 49ers lost star defensive tackle Bryant Young midway through the fourth quarter to a right leg injury. Replays showed the leg bent backwards as he collided with linebacker Ken Norton Jr. as they closed in for a tackle. He was wheeled off the field on a gurney.

The Giants (4-8) started fast but then faded, much like they have this season after

winning the NFC East last year. Kent Graham had a 48-yard completion to Ike Hilliard on their first play and three plays later, Gary Brown bolted 11 yards up the middle for a touchdown.

New York, with the second-worst offensive ranking in the league, couldn't sustain its advantage against a 49ers team that fell behind for the seventh time in nine games.

Owens, who finished with five catches for 140 yards, turned a short flat pass from Young into a score to pull into a 7-all tie with 2:39 left in the first period.

The fleet Owens, now perhaps the 49ers' most dangerous receiver, blew past Conrad Hamilton near the line of scrimmage and pulled free of Sam Garnes' grasp at the 30. Suddenly, he was running free down the left sideline and into the end zone.

After being held to three catches for 27 yards in last week's 31-20 win against New Orleans, an exasperated Rice said he felt left out of the offense and implied San Francisco could reverse its sluggish starts by throwing more passes his way. He finished Monday night's

NFL Monday Night Football San Francisco 31, NY Giants 7

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Lady Whitefaces take 3rd at Frenship

From staff reports

WOLFFORTH — Hereford rallied in the second half to defeat Seminole 40-32 for third place in the girls division of the Turkey Classic Saturday at The Tiger Pit.

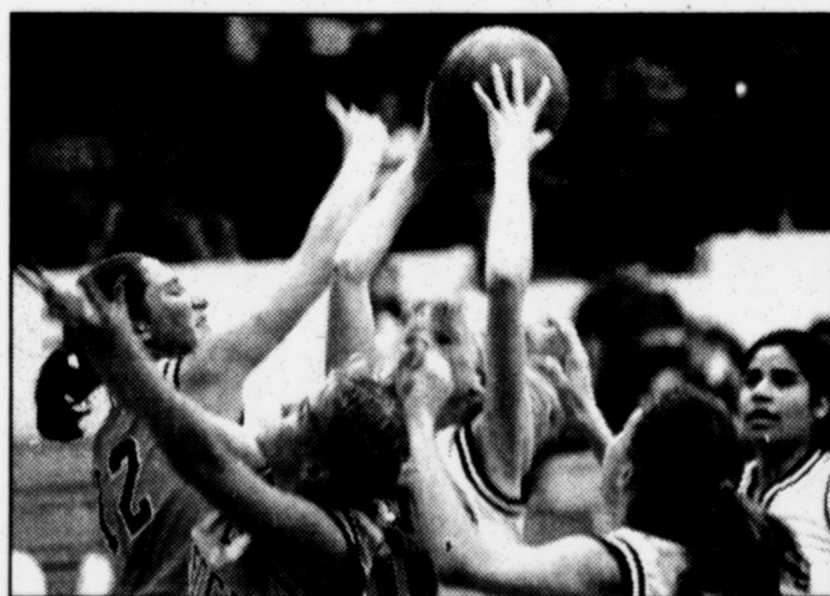
Tori Walker led the Lady Whitefaces with 13 points. Senior Rachel Chavez added eight and sophomore Ashley Fangmen had seven points for Hereford.

The Lady Whitefaces got out to a 7-5 lead after a low-scoring first quarter. Seminole then outscored Hereford 15-6 in the second quarter to take a 20-13 margin at halftime.

In the third, Hereford held Seminole to just a single point and scored eight points to send the game into the final quarter tied at 21-all.

"Both teams were pretty good defensive teams," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "We just came out and really dug in. In the fourth quarter, we switched offenses and got some stuff inside. Rachel Chavez and Ashley Fangman came off the bench and really helped us out."

The Lady Whitefaces will host the Dimmitt Bobbies in a nondistrict game at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Whiteface Gymnasium.



Brand File Photo

Amy Perrin of Hereford struggles to get off a shot while surrounded by Lubbock High defenders as teammates Tori Walker and Rachel Chavez (right) watch the action during a recent nondistrict game in Hereford.

Report: OU to name new football coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma will name Bob Stoops its new head football coach, three Oklahoma City television stations reported Monday.

KFOR-TV said it had confirmed with several sources that Stoops, the defensive coordinator at Florida, has agreed to take the OU job. Later, KOCO and KWTW also reported that Stoops had been chosen.

None of the reports identified the sources, and university officials did not immediately return phone calls seeking confirmation.

Stoops was among the names mentioned as a possible candi-

date to succeed John Blake, fired Nov. 22. Blake was 12-22 in three seasons.

Athletics director Joe Castiglione has been mum about the search, which he has been conducting on his own.

"There is really nothing I can say other than the process is moving along well," Castiglione said Sunday. "I'm not going to reveal anything, because it could really impede the process, if not alter it entirely."

When Blake was fired, it was widely believed a new coach would be in place by Tuesday, for

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downs. On defense, senior Bobby Barba at defensive end was Hereford's lone honoree. Barba had 43 tackles for the Whitefaces, including 12 unassisted during the 1998 regular season. "He had a tremendous year," Yenzer said. "I was real proud of Bobby. He doesn't have the big stats, but that's kind of the nature of the position - his job is to keep those guys off our linebackers so they can run. He did everything we asked him to do."

Pampa dominated the first-team defensive selections with seven players, including district defensive player of the year Jared White. White (5-11, 204) led District 3-4A in tackles with 143, including 36 unassisted, from his linebacking position.

Hereford's defense, which was third in the district behind Pampa and Borger allowing an average of 233 yards per game netted five selections to the

second team. Sophomore Cody Hodges was named the district's second-team punter.

On offense, the Whitefaces had two second-team selections - junior tailback Greg Ewing and senior offensive tackle Truett Schlabs.

Ewing was the district's fourth-leading rusher with 714 yards on 133 regular-season carries. Ewing scored seven rushing touchdowns for Hereford.

Six Hereford players received honorable mention - Andrew Ramirez, Chayse Rives and David Casarez on defense, and Cody Hodges and tight end James Miller on offense. Jose Martinez received honorable mention at kicker.

Eight Hereford players were also recognized on the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* All-South Plains Class 4A team. Junior L.J. Vallejo was selected to the first-team defense and Slade Hodges was named to the first-team offense. Seth Pietsek, Cody Hodges, Ramirez, Ewing, Bobby Barba and Martinez all received honorable mention.

District 3-4A All-District Teams

First Team Offense
 Quarterback - Elijah Godfrey, Dumas, 5-10 160, senior
 Running back - Eron Haynes, Borger, 6-0 173, sophomore; Nick Fields, Amarillo Caprock, 5-8 160, senior
 Fullback - Erich Greer, Pampa, 5-11 184, senior
 Offensive line - Brady Ames, Dumas, 6-4 220, senior; Cody Shepherd, Pampa, 6-1 250, junior; Joe Gonzalez, Caprock, 5-10 265, senior; Braden Gibson, Dumas, 5-10 265, senior; Jeremy Miller, Pampa, 6-0 248, senior; Cory Marsh, Hereford, 6-0 200, senior
 Tight end - Justin Barnes, Pampa, 5-11 167, junior
 Wide receiver - Zane Willard, Borger, 6-0 175, junior; Slade Hodges, Hereford, 6-0 170, sophomore
 Kicker - Nick Limoges, Borger, 5-10 160, senior
 Offensive player of the year - Haynes, Borger

First Team Defense
 Defensive ends - Brandon Hill, Pampa, 6-1 229, senior; Bobby Barba, Hereford, 6-2 230, senior
 Defensive tackles - Russell King, Borger, 5-11 235, junior; Tyson Curtis, Pampa, 5-11 230, junior; Calvin Tucker, Pampa, 5-10 247, senior
 Linebackers - Jared White, Pampa, 5-11 204, senior; Monray Williams, Amarillo Palo Duro, 6-2 190, senior; Kris Davis, Pampa, 5-5 150, senior; Brian Shields, Palo Duro, 5-8 185, senior
 Defensive backs - Tony Powell, Borger, 5-10 140, senior; Josh Buchanan, Dumas, 6-4 180, senior; Jared Bowles, Pampa, 5-11 156, senior; Joel Barker, Pampa, 6-2 162, senior
 Punter - Marcus Simpson, Dumas, 5-8 160, sophomore
 Coach of the year - Craig Yenzer, Hereford

Second Team Offense
 Quarterback - Kevin McNellis, Borger, 6-3 168, junior
 Running backs - Marcus Simpson, Dumas, 5-8 160, sophomore; Greg Ewing, Hereford, 5-10 180, junior
 Fullback - Michael Cano, Borger, 5-9 187, senior
 Offensive line - Jimmy Nash, Borger, 6-1 190, junior; Truett Schlabs, Hereford, 5-11 230, senior; David Messengill, Palo Duro, 6-2 260, senior; Ryan Denny, Borger, 5-9 198, junior; Ganium Rogers, Borger, 5-9 190, sophomore; Kory Nickell, Pampa, 5-9 230, senior; Chris Tryon, Dumas, 5-10 180, senior
 Tight end - Jerry Don Nugent, Borger, 6-5 200, senior
 Wide receivers - Dwayne Griffin, Caprock, 5-11 170, senior; Brandon Stroebel, Dumas, 5-10 150, sophomore
 Kicker - Justin Barnes, Pampa, 5-11 167, junior

Second Team Defense
 Defensive ends - Monty Eakin, Caprock, 6-1 195, senior; Andy Schroeder, Pampa, 5-10 210, sophomore
 Defensive tackles - Johnny Zammaripa, Hereford, 5-4 185, junior; Daniel Fangman, Hereford, 6-0 260, junior
 Linebackers - Jodie Meek, Borger, 6-0 155, senior; Todd Venhaus, Dumas, 5-10 165, senior; Seth Pietsek, Hereford, 6-0 180, junior
 Defensive backs - Joey Lopez, Caprock, 5-7 170, junior; Justin Willis, Dumas, 5-6 150, senior; L.J. Vallejo, Hereford, 5-8 175, junior; Datto Hollings, Palo Duro, 5-9 163, senior; Nick Whitley, Hereford, 6-0 160, junior
 Punter - Cody Hodges, Hereford, 6-0 175, sophomore
 Coach of the year - Craig Yenzer, Hereford

BOWLING

Sunday Night Mixed Through Nov. 29
Tuesday Night Mixed
 1. Team No. 4 30-14, 20,505 total pins; 2. Los Primos 27-17, 20,095; 3. Team No. 2 23-21, 20,308; 4. Warren Motors 16-28, 19,722; 5. Wild Bunch 14-30, 19,704.
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High Individual Series: Mike Dawson 565, Cieta Weemes 479.

Monday Night Mixits
 1. Hereford Care Center 28-16, 25,945; 2. Town and Country 26-18, 25,595; 3. Looney Tunes 25-19, 26,144; 4. Gutterbusters 24-20, 26,144; 5. WTRT 23-21, 26,008; 6. Keeling Cattle Co. 18-26, 25,522; 7. Brandon & Clark 16-18, 25,406; 8. Lucky Ladies 16-18, 25,347.
High Team Game: WTRT 639.
High Individual Game: Gutterbusters 2,436.
High Individual Series: Brenda Elliott 534.

Niners

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game with three catches for 25 yards.

The 49ers opened the game with a no-huddle for the first time this season and Young went to Rice several times early. Near the end of San Francisco's third series, Young tried to force the ball to a double-covered Rice near the goal-line and Carlton Gray knocked it away.

Owens' touchdown reversed a sputtering offense that had led to just two missed field goals by

Wade Richey. But the 49ers didn't take the lead for good until they put together a 90-yard drive that Young finished with a 1-yard scoring pass to Irv Smith for a 14-7 halftime lead. San Francisco added another score on Terry Kirby's 7-yard run midway through the third quarter and Richey kicked a 39-yard field with 10:07. Then Hearst sealed things with a 70-yard TD run with 3:09 left.

Cards

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guides. "Every manufacturer realizes one thing. Overproduction killed the market. So they've all scaled down their production dramatically," said John Klassnik, owner of J.W. Sports Cards and Collectibles in Dallas.

Cardmakers' approach to the NBA lockout, to some degree, mirrors the industry's current operating philosophy: Too much product isn't necessarily a good thing.

That lesson was a painful one to learn.

Eager to capitalize on the unprecedented demand for cards caused by heavy speculation investment in the late 1980s and early 1990s, trading-card makers overproduced.

"A lot of speculators came into the market and drove the prices to unrealistic levels," said Klassnik, who is both a card retailer and a distributor for manufacturers.

"Anything that goes up that fast is bound to go down that fast, too."

Demand was fueled by collectors' desire for so-called "chase" cards - limited editions placed randomly in select packs. The limited supply of such cards drove up their value.

The market also was superheated by the creation of new, technologically advanced styles and designs, a trend that continues today. Whereas sports cards once were plain pieces of cardboard, five to a pack with a stick of pink gum inside, they now feature refracted light effects, innovative photography and all manner of shapes and sizes. Prices went

up, of course, and cards came fewer and fewer to a pack.

Today, cards are apt to be made of leather, or to feature pieces of game-used uniforms or bats, cut up in tiny pieces, and imbedded in the card itself. Some of Babe Ruth's game-used bats have been chopped up, for example, with the pieces imbedded in cards. It is, all agree, an indication of how far manufacturers will go to distinguish their product.

The most popular cards today, though, might be the most traditionally valuable - rookie cards of star players. It is, dealers suggest, another sign of a back-to-roots trend in the industry. Personally autographed cards are a staple, too.

"Good rookie content is what drives the market," Klassnik explained. "Pure hobbyists want rookie cards."

Like Mark McGwire's first card. His 1985 Topps, \$30 at the start of last season, has been going for \$250, dealers said. Sosa's 1990 Leaf card has soared from \$5 in spring training to about \$120 now.

The pursuit of such valuable cards still motivates buyers to plunk down anywhere from \$1.25 to about \$9 per pack. Today's higher prices, however, have caused one change in the market, according to Al Melnick, owner of Al's Sports Cards in Fort Worth. Now, Melnick said, a different kind of customer is likely to be looking for that autographed Ken Griffey card.

"It's a lottery for kids," Melnick said. "Well, for adults, now."

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NFL announces new coin flip policy

NEW YORK (AP) - The NFL wants no more flaps over coin flips.

Four days after the Pittsburgh Steelers blamed a disputed coin flip in overtime for their Thanksgiving loss to the Detroit Lions, the NFL announced the first changes in the coin toss rules in 22 years.

The changes, which take effect for Thursday's Eagles-Rams game, require the visiting captain to call heads or tails before the referee tosses the coin, instead of when the coin is in the air. Also, the back judge and field judge will stand by the captains throughout the coin toss ceremony to make sure there is no confusion over the call.

"Our new procedures should make certain that the Thanksgiving Day incident is not repeated," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday.

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the start of recruiting. The leading candidate apparently was Stoops, who interviewed with Castiglione last week.

Stoops also has been mentioned as a candidate for the vacancy at Iowa, where Hayden Fry resigned last week.

A Gainesville, Fla., newspaper reported that Stoops would be offered the Iowa job, and that Fry and AD Bob Bowlsby would travel to Gainesville this week and offer Stoops a package worth more than \$500,000 a year.

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You may play on only one Co-Ed team. There will be two divisions offered: Co-Ed A: modified power rules and Co-Ed B: recreational rules. All games will be played at the YMCA. Games days will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights depending on the number of teams entered. Games start at 7:15 pm. Let us know if you need to play on a certain day, we will try to be flexible.

Entry fee is \$102 per team. The roster must be final by December 17th. Entry fee should be turned in with roster, and everyone on team rosters must be full paid participants. T-Shirts will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners in each division.

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Arafat: Jerusalem top item in talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring Jerusalem his top priority in peace talks with Israel, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has reignited a hot dispute with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by publicly laying claim to the "occupied" eastern part of the city.

At the end of a donors conference Monday that netted the Palestinians pledges of more than \$3 billion from 43 nations, Arafat registered his satisfaction with the outpouring, said he was confident the pledges would be fulfilled and then opened up on Jerusalem.

Referring apparently to East Jerusalem, Arafat said it was "occupied territory" that Israel was bound to relinquish under U.N. Security Council resolutions on an overall settlement with the Arabs.

He also asserted anew his hope to establish a Palestinian state next year, despite stern opposition from Netanyahu and repeated ad-

monitions from the Clinton administration to soft-pedal the Jerusalem and statehood issues in advance of talks with Israel on a final settlement.

The city was divided before Israel pushed Jordanian troops out of East Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast War and declared the united city the eternal capital of the Jewish state — a stand most Israelis support however they may differ on other aspects of the ongoing peace effort.

Jerusalem is now home to an estimated 422,000 Jews and 180,000 Palestinians.

The pledges of aid to the Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza are designed to alleviate poverty. The assistance is to be used for water projects, road-building, the construction of a Palestinian airport and seaport and for industrial zones.

"No peace stands a chance of lasting if it does not deliver real results to ordinary



Yasser Arafat
Reuters

people," President Clinton said in urging the European, Asian and Arab nations to do better than the \$2.3 billion pledged five years ago.

Clinton met privately with Arafat at the White House, hearing his complaint that Israel had not released enough political prisoners under the Wye agreement the president helped arrange in October.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright invited the Palestinian leader to her home Sunday for a similar chat.

Impeachment inquiry House GOP seeking to expand hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee is opening a carefully scripted hearing into the consequences of perjury. But behind the scenes, political fireworks are exploding over Republican efforts to expand the impeachment inquiry from President Clinton's private life to his campaign fund raising.

Committee Republicans sought on Monday to subpoena secret Clinton administration memos urging Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the president's 1996 campaign.

Chairman Henry Hyde has "worked totally unilaterally, so it's very clear that this is a partisan witch hunt that he's determined to ram through as quickly as he can," Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's ranking Democrat, said Monday.

Conyers spoke just after Republicans, who control the Ju-

diary Committee 21-16, moved to subpoena FBI Director Louis Freeh and federal prosecutor Charles LaBella and gain access to their secret memos laying out Clinton's alleged fund-raising irregularities.

"The committee has received information which suggests that the campaign finance abuse memos may contain allegations of criminal wrongdoing by the president," said Paul McNulty, a spokesman for Republicans on the panel. "The committee is duty-bound to investigate that information."

The decision opens up a new avenue of investigation for the impeachment panel, just as Hyde, R-Ill., is pressing to wrap up work in time for a vote by Christmas on possible articles of impeachment against the president.

Hyde and other Republicans will seek subpoenas in closed session after the perjury hear-

ing. The subpoenas would compel Freeh and LaBella to answer questions about their recommendation that an independent counsel be named to probe Clinton fund raising.

They will seek separate subpoenas demanding that Reno turn over memos that Freeh and LaBella wrote laying out their arguments, and demanding that Clinton order Reno to comply, according to committee officials. No request is being contemplated to force Clinton to answer questions.

Neither McNulty nor other committee officials would say what specific allegations against the president they believed the memos contained.

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Broadway stars reprise top roles at special White house performance

WASHINGTON — A cast of Broadway stars made the White House East Room their stage, reprising some of their most memorable roles before the president, first lady and guests.

Patti LuPone recreated her Tony Award-winning portrayal of Eva Peron by singing "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from the musical "Evita." Jennifer Holliday drew the audience to its feet with her rendition of "And I'm Telling You, I'm Not Going" from "Dreamgirls."

"There is nothing more American than a musical," said Hillary Rodham Clinton, who joined President Clinton in introducing the performers to about 100 guests Monday night. It "puts the language of ordinary people and everyday concerns into the words and music that tell the world who we are."

The program, part of a performance series at the White House, will air on PBS in 1999.

Tom Hanks

NEW YORK — A day after a magazine reported that Tom Hanks said he regretted giving \$10,000 to the Clinton legal defense fund, the actor said Monday he still supports the president.

"If I was asked to do it again, I would probably give twice as much," Hanks told reporters as he entered the World Financial Center for AmFAR's Seasons of Hope benefit for AIDS research.

In an interview published in the Dec. 7-14 issue of the *New Yorker* magazine, Hanks was quoted as saying he regretted making the donation in light of President Clinton's admission that he had an inappropriate relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"In all honesty, in the light of events since, it would be awfully hard to say now, 'Oh, here, let me help you out with this problem,'" Hanks said in the article.

Hanks, who has starred in such hits as "Forrest Gump," "Apollo 13" and "Philadelphia," and his wife, actress Rita Wilson, have stayed overnight at the White House three times in the last five years, according to the magazine.

Luciano Pavarotti

NEW YORK — Luciano Pavarotti is taking his act to the land of Elvis and Sinatra, with an engagement at a Las Vegas casino that is home to a shark tank and a drive-in ballroom.

The 63-year-old tenor is scheduled to christen a 12,000-seat events center at the new Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino on April 10 with a medley of songs and lots of violins.

The \$950 million, 3,700-room hotel on The Strip, being built by Circus Circus Enterprises Inc., is "tropically themed with mystical architecture and lush surroundings," as described by producer Tibor Rudas, who booked Pavarotti for the opening.

Pavarotti will be making his first appearance in Las Vegas in more than 12 years.

Although Pavarotti's New York manager, Herbert Breslin, denies the singer is retiring from fully staged opera, his client canceled three appearances in the Metropolitan Opera's "Tosca"

Joel picks up another award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The American Music Awards loves Billy Joel just the way he is.

Joel is the 26th winner of the special Award of Merit, which honors individual contributions to musical entertainment.

Joel's trophy will read: "Because his inspired songwriting skills, musical arrangements, vocals, keyboard prowess and exciting showmanship have raised the piano man's art to a new level, the American Music Award of Merit is presented to Billy Joel."

Past recipients include Bing Crosby, Irving Berlin, Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.

The award, and 20 others, will be presented Jan. 11 at the Shrine Auditorium during a three-hour ABC-TV special.

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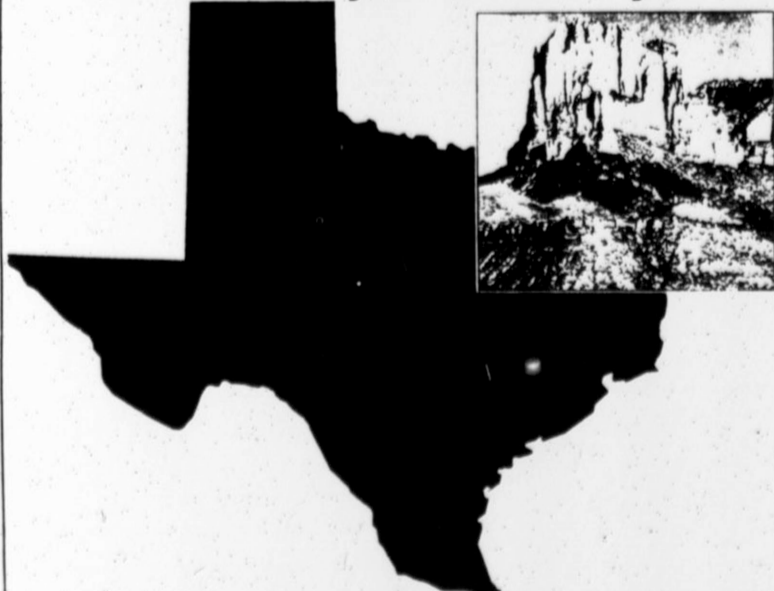
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