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HOME OF
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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Cloudy and cool
Tonight: Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain, rain changing to sleet and snow after midnight, low 25 to 30.
Thursday: Cloudy and cold with snow likely, high in the mid-30s, chance of snow is 70 percent.



Extended forecast
Friday through Sunday: Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, lows upper teens to mid-20s, highs in the 40s.
Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 47, low, 26; no precipitation.

STOCK SHOW



As the animals began arriving for the annual 4-H stock show, Jordan Satterfield (left photo) goofs around with his underweight steer. Meanwhile, Brick Wall (at right) leads one of several steers from the trailer to the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. Judging of steers begins later today.



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Inside Today



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POLL

■ McCain, Bush locked in a tight race in Arizona

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona's John McCain and Texas Gov. George W. Bush are in a tight race in Arizona, but most Republicans polled figure Bush the national winner, according to a new survey.



McCain

A poll of Arizona Republicans who voted in the last two primaries from 37 percent favor McCain and 30 percent back Bush with an error margin of plus or minus 4.2 percent.



Bush

The undecided factor was 20 percent.

Steve Forbes drew 6 percent, Alan Keyes, 4 percent; Orrin Hatch — who now has withdrawn — and Gary Bauer, 1 percent each.

The results of an October poll were about the same — McCain, 39 percent; Bush, 31 percent.

However, 69 percent said they believe Bush ultimately will win the nomination.

The poll conducted by KAET-TV and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University surveyed 527 likely voters.

Judging of steers begins today

When the steer judging begins today, there will be some new names.

Although many of the exhibitors' names — Campbell, Hoelscher, Johnson, Schlabs, and Urbanczyk — are familiar in local stock show circles, the veterans are being joined by several newcomers, age 8 and older.

Many of the newcomers to the stock show circuit are the younger brothers and sisters of older participants, but others have been persuaded to exhibit by friends who are showing animals. Still others have just moved to the area and are new to the local shows.

Joining the newcomers is Cason Cole, who will be showing a steer for his first project. Cason had the opportunity to bring his steer to town for the

4-H Project Show earlier this month.

This year, more than 140 exhibitors from five counties will show more than 35 steers, 195 hogs, 122 lambs and 13 goats.

The steer weigh-in was Tuesday afternoon at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

Weigh-in for Deaf Smith County participants with hogs will be 2-4 p.m. today, with out-of-county entrants weighing in after 4 p.m.

Lamb and goat weigh-in begins at 2 p.m. Thursday for country entrants and 3 p.m. for out-of-county entrants.

The actual show begins at 6 p.m. today with the showing of steers, judged by Dennis Poole.

Hogs will be judged at 4 p.m. Thursday by Lance Ryan. Scott Dass will judge goats

beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday, with lambs to follow.

The sale begins promptly at noon Saturday.

Deaf Smith County students participating in this year's event are:

Dawn Auckerman, Kylee Auckerman, Jerry Baird, Brandon Beavers, Catharine Beville, Lauren Beville, Nelson Beville, Dieter Brannon, Macy Brannon, Gary Brorman, Ryan Buchanan, Chelsea Campbell, Craig Campbell;

Also, Tara Carroll, Lewis Castro, Cason Cole, Corey Collier, Jordy Collier, Wade Crenshaw, Lark Duncan, Stephen Edwards, Collin Esqueda, Kalyn Esqueda, Josh Fetsch, Kory Gallagher, Kasi Gallagher, Jordan Hicks, Joshua Hicks, Kyle Higgins, Alyssa Hill, Ryan Hoelscher, Seth Hoelscher;

Also, Harrison Hoffman, Brynne Huffaker, Kristen Huffaker, Trent Huffaker, Evan Isaacson, Ian Isaacson, Ivory Isaacson, Jerad Johnson, Justin Johnson, Glenn Kahlich, Phillip Kahlich, Taylor Kinsey, Eddie Lacey, Michelle Langehennig, Stephanie Langehennig, Carley Lassiter; Also, Celeste Louder, Erin Louder, Nathan Louder, Cindy Marnell, Katie Marnell, Shyla Martin, Tyler Martin, Cody Matsler, Jarret May, Morgan Meiwes, Kailey Meiwes, Hank Messer, Victoria Messer, Amanda Moss;

Also, Landon Noland, Rhiana Noland, Allyson Paetzold, Toni Kay Payne, Kevin Prisk, Kinsey Reeve, Stephanie Reinart, Steven Reinart, James Rodriguez, Patrick Rodriguez, Rene Ruiz, Kenneth Ryan, Gary Schlabs,

Janae Schlabs, Jenna Schlabs, Keely Schlabs, Kelley Schlabs, Tim Schlabs, Blake Schilling, Chad Schilling;

Also, Holly Schilling, Ana Segundo, Gilbert Segundo, Brian Shelton, Amanda Smith, Carla Smith, Caleb Straughan, Ben Sublett, Eddie Trotter, Kaeli Urbanczyk, Kesli Urbanczyk;

Also, Madison Urbanczyk, Vincent Urbanczyk, Camille Vasek, Amanda Wall, Shane Wilcox, Shayla Wilcox, Terence Wilhelm, Chris Williams, Donna Wyman, Blake Yosten and Brionne Yosten.

Exhibitors from Randall County are J.T. Laramore and Montana Laramore.

Castro County Exhibitors will be Raynee Bradley, Joshua Hill, Ross Hunter, Ryan

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Clinton breaks into campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wedged between the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, President Clinton grabs the spotlight Thursday night with a State of the Union address intended to promote the last year of his presidency and the political ambitions of his partner, Al Gore.

It will be a speech watched by millions of Americans, probably Clinton's biggest audience of the year.

Clinton will boast about the nation's extraordinary prosperity, which in February will turn into the long-term economic expansion in history. He'll catalog hundreds of billions of dollars worth of programs he'd like to see Congress approve to crown the final year of his presidency — from health insurance and medical research to education initiatives and tax breaks for the working poor.

It's Clinton's night and his big speech. But the president probably will be thinking, at least in part, about how his remarks could help Gore, the man sitting behind him at the rostrum of the cavernous House chamber. Five days before the New Hampshire primary, Gore will rush back to Washington to occupy that seat and lead the applause for Clinton.

White House officials return the favor by keeping Gore's needs in mind.

Asked which team Clinton favors in the Super Bowl, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart turned to his staff and asked jokingly, "What do you think the vice president wants him to say?"

One of the most important contributions Clinton can make to his legacy is to help Gore become president and



PRESIDENT CLINTON
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Demos charge budget surplus figures bloated

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal projections that the surplus could hit up to \$1.9 trillion over the next decade could boost lawmakers' hopes for election-year tax cuts and spending increases.

The projection by the Congressional Budget Office virtually doubles the agency's last estimate in July.

CBO Director Dan Crippen was set to formally present the figures today to the Senate Budget Committee. In prepared testimony, he said the estimates were based on "the mid-range of possible outcomes" for economic and budgetary performance, and conceded actual surpluses "could be considerably different from those projections."

At least for now, the impact of the new figures is chiefly political.

On the presidential campaign trail, the new numbers — almost twice the \$1 trillion CBO estimated in the summer — are good news for leading GOP candidate George W. Bush.

He has proposed a five-year, \$483 billion tax cut that could be paid for by the new numbers. Some, including candi-

date Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have said Bush's plan eats up too much of the projected surplus.

Republicans cited them to claim they lived up to their pledge last fall to not use Social Security surpluses for other programs.

Though final figures for fiscal 2000 won't be known until after the year ends on Sept. 30, CBO projected that there will be a \$23 billion surplus this year without using Social Security's own hefty surpluses. The projected \$1.9 trillion surplus, for the decade ending 2010, also excludes Social Security funds.

"The Republicans are right. They did not spend any money that belongs to Social Security," said the Senate Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

But Democrats complained that the \$1.9 trillion surplus projection was bloated. They argued that it unrealistically assumes that a large portion of federal spending will either be frozen at this year's levels, or cut.

Tipster to get reward

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers once again handed out money to a lucky tipster.

Officer Rob Roach reported Tuesday night at the organization's meeting that tips called in by an informant led to the arrest of a man on charges of delivery of a controlled substance.

The suspect had a criminal record, both as an adult and as a juvenile, and a history of dealing cocaine and marijuana, Roach said.

Roach said the informant has been a repeat caller and all of the calls have led to an arrest.

Crime Stoppers voted to reward the informant \$150, based on a point scale used for each arrest and reliability of the informant.

In her report, treasurer Cara Dearing said there is \$579.09 in the Crime Stoppers regular account and \$17,019.21 in the reward account. The maximum amount given to a tipster is \$1,000.

Roach also reported Crime Stoppers is able to use the empty DARE trailer. The trailer is equipped with a snow cone maker and popcorn machine, which could be used for Crime Stoppers public relations tactics.

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HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

TBSWCD taking tree orders

The Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District will continue taking orders for bareroot trees, shrubs and potted evergreens to be used as windbreaks, through March 13. Delivery is scheduled for March 22.

Senior parents discuss prom

The parents of the class of 2000 will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the HISD building in the Southeast Open Area Room.

The senior prom, which will be in May, will be discussed. All senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Frameworks holds meeting

There will be a Family Frameworks meeting regarding birth order from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, at Tierra Blanca School Gym. Babysitting will be provided.

4-H concession stand opens

The 4-H concession stand is now open from 9 a.m. until close of the stock show each day. Menu items include barbeque sandwiches, Frito pie, sausage on a stick, chocolate cake, soft drinks and candies.

All proceeds from the concession stand go to help the various Deaf Smith County 4-H clubs.

Stock show kicks off

The 2000 Young Farmers Stock show kicks off today with the steers beginning the show at 5 p.m. Pigs need to be weighed in today and will show tomorrow beginning at 4 p.m. with sheep and goats weighing in Thursday and showing on Friday.

James Davis medical fund

A medical fund for James Davis of Dimmitt, formerly of Hereford, has been set up at FirstBank Southwest. He was employed at Boyd Machine and First Supply for several years.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

Juvenile offender executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — It's been almost a decade since Larry Wilkerson's wife was shot and left to die on the floor of the laundry where she worked.

Leta Ann Wilkerson was behind the counter in August 1990 when a teen-age gunman burst in, opened fire and emptied the cash register. He left the 30-year-old mother of two for dead.

On Tuesday night, Wilkerson traveled to Huntsville from Conroe with the oldest of his two daughters, Kristy. Standing silently in a witness room, Wilkerson watched his wife's killer die.

"Justice has been served," he said afterward.

Glen Alan McGinnis was 17 when he shot Mrs. Wilkerson to death for \$140. Without so much as a whimper, McGinnis received a lethal injection Tuesday night.

Death blamed on brain condition

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A rare but fatal brain disease has led to the death of a Central Texas woman, officials confirmed Tuesday.

The 51-year-old San Angelo woman died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD, on Nov. 24 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. However, doctors said the woman suffered from a different variant of the disease than the one blamed for the deaths of more than 50 people in Europe. Those deaths led to a "mad cow disease" scare in Europe.

Research has shown that people can get sick with various forms of the disease after eating meat from cattle infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

CJD is not contagious, but it can be transmitted by direct contact or ingestion of infected brain matter, said Dr. Eileen H. Bigio of Dallas, who performed the autopsy on the unidentified woman.

"Researchers suspect that prions, an infectious protein particle, may be the cause," Dr. Bigio, a neuropathologist at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "So the disease is transmitted via this protein."

Judge imposes harsh penalties

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Walking into Judge Philip Vick's courtroom dressed in shorts isn't such a good idea — but it might be worse to have a cell phone go off in your shirt pocket.

Vick, who presides over the 158th District Court, leads Denton County judges for the number of contempt charges slapped on people for pagers or cell phones ringing in his courtroom.

During the last two years, he has issued 25 contempt of court citations for the offense and recipients have to immediately pay the district court clerk \$100 or be thrown in jail.

Six of the 25 contempt of court charges initiated by Judge Vick have been against lawyers.

Vick told The Dallas Morning News it's all about decorum — and not distracting from the focus of a case.

Elsewhere:

DRY TEXAS: The federal government should help states better prepare for droughts and more quickly issue aid to devastated farmers, Texas officials told members of a national commission studying drought policy. Texas is in its third drought in four years. **...SMOGGY SKIES:** State officials considering new emissions standards for Texas heard testimony Tuesday from environmentalists and the auto industry. Houston recently earned the distinction as the nation's smog capital and environmentalists have urged the state to adopt California standards for lower emissions from cars. **...WHOLE FOODS:** The nation's largest natural-foods grocer has agreed to pay \$226,000 of overtime owed to thousands of workers.

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Math for St. Jude's



Math-a-thon winners — Students from Hereford Junior High recently had the opportunity to participate in a math-a-thon benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The top winner, Kimberly Jackson, front center, earned a Sony CD walkman, a T-shirt and a carry-all sport bag. The students completed math problems and had donors pay a certain amount for each problem they worked. All donations went to benefit research at St. Jude's Children's hospital. Other winners, in no particular order are Sarah Yosten, Amanda McElmurry, KeLee Hoffman, Amanda Lucero, Chris Leal, Jesus Murillo, John Griffin, Rebecca Romero, Jaclyn Pashel, Phillip Kalich, Ben Coneway, Heather Warren, Erasuo Dominguez, Zack Ambold, Jamie Greber, Marketta Nichlaus, Sabra Paetzold, Juan Ramirez, Joseph Hernandez, Alex Evenson and Austin Ward.

School rankings not good

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — New public school rankings released by the state as part of a high-stakes bid to reverse lagging test scores are providing parents with an unprecedented portrait of their children's schools and classmates.

The state Education Department rated each of the nearly 7,000 public schools on their students' 1999 achievement test scores, broke down performance by various demographic factors and even noted the average education levels of parents.

Schools with high percentages of low-income students, minority children, English learners and teachers working on emergency credentials drew the lowest marks in the Academic Performance Index released Tuesday.

Overall, black, Hispanic and poor students scored well below the median ranking, while white and Asian students were above it, according to a computer-assisted analysis by The Associated Press.

Deadbeat gamblers face seizure

Clinton finds unusual ally in gambling industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has enlisted an unusual ally in his effort to squeeze child support payments out of deadbeat parents: the gambling industry.

Clinton's budget for fiscal 2001 will contain a proposal under which gambling outlets could seize the winnings of patrons who owe child support. The White House estimates that this maneuver alone could bring in \$348 million over five years.

The gambling provision is one of several items in Clinton's budget seeking to collect \$2 billion in back child support in the next five years.

The largest amount, \$1.2 billion, is expected to come through streamlining of rules governing distribution of child support to ensure that more of the money goes directly to families.

Besides collecting gambling purses, the remainder of the child support payments were to be gathered through efforts from booting the cars of delinquent parents to providing funds to help unemployed fathers who could support their children if they had jobs.

"We view this as the next big step in welfare reform," said Bruce Reed, Clinton's domestic policy adviser. "We've put mothers to work, but they shouldn't bear the whole burden. Fathers should go to work and support their children as well."

Clinton will highlight the fathers program in his State

of the Union address Thursday night, Reed said.

The president's budget plan sets aside \$125 million for one year to assist 40,000 low-income non-custodial parents — primarily fathers — in finding work, meeting support payments and re-establishing relationships with their children. The program builds on \$350 million in fatherhood initiatives operating under welfare-to-work efforts at the Labor Department.

The White House was announcing the child support initiative today, as new data was being released showing child support collections nearly doubled between 1992 and 1999, from \$8 billion to \$15.5 billion. About \$1.3 billion of that money was collected by withholding federal income tax refunds, the White House said. The rest came from steps such as garnishing wages, seizing bank accounts and capturing driver's or other licenses.

Under the gambling proposal, casinos or other gambling establishments would check to see whether their big winners owe child support as they go through procedures for withholding federal income taxes. They would seize the

winnings of those who do.

It would apply to winnings through casinos, dog racing, jai alai or keno, Reed said. It would not apply to winnings from lotteries, which already are covered under current law.

Under the simplified collection rules, states would be given incentives if they allow custodial parents to keep all the child support paid for their children if they leave welfare, or keep up to \$100 a month if they are in the process of leaving welfare for work.

Other methods Clinton is proposing for collecting child support include:

—Attaching a boot to the cars of parents who have failed to pay. A pilot program in Virginia successfully collected an average of \$5,000 from each delinquent parent. The White House estimated this would allow states to collect \$183 million over five years.

—Denying passports to parents who owe at least \$2,500 in child support. This would tighten a current program under which passport applications or renewals are rejected for parents who are \$5,000 in arrears. The White House estimated it would generate \$36 million in additional payments.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 25, 2000 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue A and charged with several misdemeanor warrants and a felony warrant.

Incidents

— Indecency with a child was reported in the 700 block of La Plata.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Blevins.

— A welfare concern was reported in the 200 block of North Lee.

— A two vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of North Ranger.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with sexual assault.

— A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with terroristic threats.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with three counts of delivery of cocaine.

— A 37-year-old man was

arrested and charged with assault.

— A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

— A 21-year-old woman was arrested and charged with ball jumping and surrender of surety.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 4:59 p.m. Firefighters responded to a trash fire at 508 Union.

Contaminated dip recalled

Senor Felix 5 Layer Fiesta Dip, Trader Joe's 5 Layer Fiesta Dip and Delicioso 5 Layer Fiesta Dip has been linked to 16 cases of food poisoning and has been recalled. It is manufactured by Senor Felix of

Baldwin Park, Calif., and is sold locally at Costco, Trader Joe's, Wal-Mart and the Puget Consumers Co-op.

The dips were distributed nationwide, primarily through Costco and Trader Joe's.



They've arrived — Animals for the 2000 Hereford Young Farmers Stockshow began arriving at the Bull Barn Tuesday afternoon. Participants Eddie Trotter, center, and Ben Subiett were on hand to help unload the steers.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-9-12-32-35

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

LIFESTYLES

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At the Center

Senior Citizens

MENUS

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

FRIDAY - Fried fish scribbles, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, coleslaw/fruit, lemon cake; or cook's choice, lemon pudding.

MONDAY - Pepper steak on seasoned rice, buttered carrots, fruit salad, vanilla pudding; or chicken breast on rice, Harvard beets, D'zerta pudding.

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

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

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY - Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class, oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY - Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., line dancing 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MONDAY - Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., line dancing 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY - Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., exercise class, Golden K Kiwanis noon.

WEDNESDAY - Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., ceramics 12-4 p.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PPHM is Bay View program

Michael Graver, curator of art at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, was guest speaker at the Jan. 20 meeting of Bay View Study Club in the home of Helen Langley.

Graver showed slides of recent acquisitions of the museum and spoke of cultural patrimony, keeping the art of our region here, as part of our cultural pursuits.

Margaret Bell, president, conducted the business meeting prior to Graver's presentation.

A nominating committee of past presidents was selected to prepare a slate of officers for the March meeting. Committee members are Helen Langley, Lois Scott and Lou Davis.

In attendance at the meeting were Roberta Caviness, Elizabeth Holt, Ruth Allison, Karen Wimberley, Nancy Hays, Pat Fisher, Della Hutto, Lois Gilliland, Helen Rose, Sue Sims, Ylota Malouf, Ruth McBride, Beth Burran, Bell, Davis, Scott and Langley.

The next meeting will be Feb. 3 in the home of Pat Fisher. Margaret Diller will present the program on Latvia and Lithuania.

Demonstrations given for L'Allegra Club



Program presentation - Dianna Kimmel, left, demonstrated a chair massage on Diana Griffin while Keith Ann Gearn, center, discussed stress management for members of L'Allegra Study Club, from left, Judy Wall, Jody Skiles, Mary Janet Bricker, Kitty Gault and Suzanne Smith.

Dianna Kimmel, clinical massage practitioner, and Keith Ann Gearn, who teaches stress management, gave the program at the Jan. 20 meeting of L'Allegra Study Club.

While Kimmel demonstrated a chair massage on Diana Griffin, Gearn spoke on the three levels of stress. Her presentation provided ways to recognize the symptoms of stress as well as methods of stress management, such as flexibility exercise, massage and aromatherapy.

Judy Wall was the winner of a drawing for lavender essence.

Melissa Clarke won the drawing for a full body massage demonstration. While Kimmel performed the demonstration, she discussed the different types of massage she offers.

Winners of other drawings were Barbara Kerr, Jan Weishaar, Kitty Gault and Karen Payne.

Members attending the meeting were Suzanne Smith, Mary Jane Bricker, Shelly Menke, Kerr, Gault, Griffin, Wall, Weishaar, Clarke and Payne.

Hostesses were Gault and Griffin.

Creators Syndicate

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I have been having an ongoing argument with my wife, and I am hoping you will print this in the paper. I really need

your help.

"Sally" gets relief from using a heating pad on her aching back. The problem is, she insists on leaving the heating pad plugged in and turned on, whether she is using it or not. On more than one occasion, I have awakened at night to find the heating pad still turned on after Sally has fallen asleep. The last time this happened, I unplugged the pad and put it on the floor. When she woke up the next morning and discovered what I had done, she became furious, and accused me of being "controlling."

I found some information on the Internet about electrical safety and showed it to her, but she still doesn't believe it. Ann, is it dangerous to leave a heating pad on all night? I don't want to fight with my wife, but I don't want to die in a fire, either. Should I grit my teeth and ignore the danger, or keep unplugging the pad after she falls asleep, and let her yell at me in the morning? - Walt in Virginia

Dear Walt: It can be extremely dangerous to leave ANY electrical appliance on all night. The appliance should be turned off and unplugged. Show this column to Sally. Maybe she will quit yelling at you after she sees this in the paper.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from the woman who questioned her husband's fidelity because he liked to run errands without the kids. You thought she was unduly suspicious. That may be true in some cases, Ann, but most women should trust their intuition, especially when there are other clues.

The same thing happened to me 11 years ago. Short trips to the grocery store began to take two or three hours. He often told me he was working overtime, and when I called his place of employment, he was never there. Usually a slob, my husband began taking a sudden interest in his appearance, and bought a bottle of highly scented aftershave.

I hid my head in the sand, thinking whatever was going on would pass. Shortly after I became pregnant with our third child, he admitted he was seeing another woman, and planning to live with her and support her six kids. His disappearance from our lives caused lasting damage to our children.

Ann, when a woman notices things like long walks and unexplained absences, she has the right to suspect her husband is up to no good. The consequences of philandering can be devastating, and we women must keep our eyes open, and protect ourselves and our children. - Never Blind Again in Utah

Dear Utah: I agree there were sufficient clues to warrant suspicion. You were a little slow on the uptake, Sister. I hope you insisted on support. He has already got-

ten away with plenty.

Dear Ann Landers: I've been working in this small office for over a year. Since the day I started, a man (who shall be unnamed) always uses the women's washroom. It was never a problem, until recently, when he walked in on me for the third time. It was extremely embarrassing. He did not seem a bit upset by the intrusion, and never even said, "Excuse me."

We have since purchased new locks for the door, but using that washroom always makes me nervous. I don't know why a man would want to use the ladies' washroom in the first place. Does the lady with all the answers have an answer to this one? - Somewhere in the United States

Dear Somewhere: The most logical reason I can come up with for a man using the ladies' washroom is that it is closer than the men's, and when there is an urgent need, the restroom nearest is the one of choice.

An alcohol problem? How can you help yourself or someone you love? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" will give you the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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THE GOLDEN LIGHT CAFE
The Golden Light Cafe was established in 1946 in Amarillo, Texas by Chester "Pop" Ray and his wife, Louise. Pop was born in 1889 and died in 1971. Actually Pop got sick about a week before The Golden Light was open so his son Charles and wife Edye opened the doors for the first time. Charles got some plywood, built a few booths, and with some hamburger meat and buns grossed \$10.48 the first day. Pop was well in a few weeks and ran the cafe until 1957, when he got tired of cooking hamburgers and sold the GLC to Dorothy Gaudin. Dorothy ran it until 1979. Then Bill and Pat Alexander bought it and continued to serve those same great hamburgers. The chili recipe has changed with each owner... Pop's recipe was lost, Dorothy won't let me have hers, and I couldn't cook Bill and Pat's great taste consistently. As tradition would have it, I have my own recipe now... don't even think about asking for it.

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PIF is subject of presentation by Bell to Pilot Club of Hereford



Charter president of the Pilot Club of Hereford, Margaret Bell, presented the program on Pilot International Foundation during the Tuesday morning meeting.

Margaret Bell, charter president of the Pilot Club of Hereford, presented the program on Pilot International Foundation during the Tuesday morning meeting.

Bell was introduced by Patsy Giles, then assisted in her presentation by past presidents Brenda Thomas, Betty Taylor, Peggie Fox and Yvonne Simpson.

Pilot International Foundation (PIF) is a charitable and educational foundation used as a vehicle to strengthen Pilot Club projects and to spread the image of Pilot as an organization of service and friendship.

Since 1977 more than \$1,196,000 in grant money has been disbursed by PIF to local clubs as aids for brain-related assistance, safety programs and scholarships for continuing education in studies to help those with brain-related disorders.

During the business meeting, Thomas reminded members that the annual Mexican stack supper fund-raiser will be Feb. 10 in the Hereford Community Center. Tickets are available from all club members.

Guests were Anchor Club vice-president Seth Pietsek and Doris Huckert.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2000. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took office as president.

On this date:

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1802, Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force in Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger III to land scientific instruments on the moon; the probe missed its target by some 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

In 1998, President Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Ten years ago: Attorneys for Manuel Noriega challenged the jurisdiction of U.S. courts to try the deposed Panamanian leader on drug-trafficking charges, and said Noriega should be declared a prisoner of war.

Five years ago: A little more than three weeks after Republicans took control of Congress, the House endorsed a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution designed to eliminate chronic federal deficits.

One year ago: President Clinton welcomed a frail Pope John Paul II in St. Louis as

the pontiff began his seventh pilgrimage to the United States. King Hussein turned over temporary operation of Jordan to his eldest son and returned to the United States for urgent medical care.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 77. Actor Paul Newman is 75. Movie director Roger Vadim is 72. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 71. Sports-caster-actor Bob Uecker is 65. Actor Scott Glenn is 58. Singer Jean Knight is 57. Activist Angela Davis is 56. Actor David Strathairn is 51. Singer Lucinda Williams is 47. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 43. Actress-comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 42. Hockey star Wayne Gretzky is 39. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazmine B. (Soul II Soul) is 37. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 30.

Thought for Today: "What we really are matters more than what other people think of us." — Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian statesman (1889-1964).

Tiara headpiece in style for bride

By The Associated Press

Tiaras are in, thanks to the wedding of Sophie Rhys-Jones and Britain's Prince Edward.

National wedding retailer David's Bridal reports that prospective brides showed up at their outlets soon after the royal nuptials with photos of the bride with her cropped hair adorned with a diamond-studded tiara.

The company's headpiece buyer, Chris Visco, thinks it was the cathedral-length, diaphanous veil attached that was the key and that it was a good foil for a short hairdo. "She illustrated that a tiara looks as regal with a casual do as it does with hair pulled into a sophisticated upsweep, a la Audrey Hepburn," Visco says.

Not to worry if you don't have a fabulously wealthy mother-in-law to pour diamonds on your newly wedded head, she says. There are many reasonably priced versions encrusted with faux pearls, jewels and crystals.

Of course, if you want the real thing, it's available. Real diamond tiaras are in evidence for celebrity weddings (Vivica

Fox, Valeria Mazza) and were included a recent showing of Vera Wang's bridal collections, according to the Diamond Information Center.

An alternative, suggested by Lynn Ramsey, president of the Jewelry Information Center, might be a diamond hair clip.

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Amsale. One of her most glamorous dresses is a slim sleeveless A-line of glossy silk zibalone with a dramatically plunging backline. It has discreet pearl and crystal beading on the shoulder straps and around the wide, sweeping hemline. Another has a bare-armed fitted tank bodice with spaghetti straps with a basque waist with tiny pleats; there is pearl and crystal applique at the neckline and waistline. The full skirt has a cathedral train.

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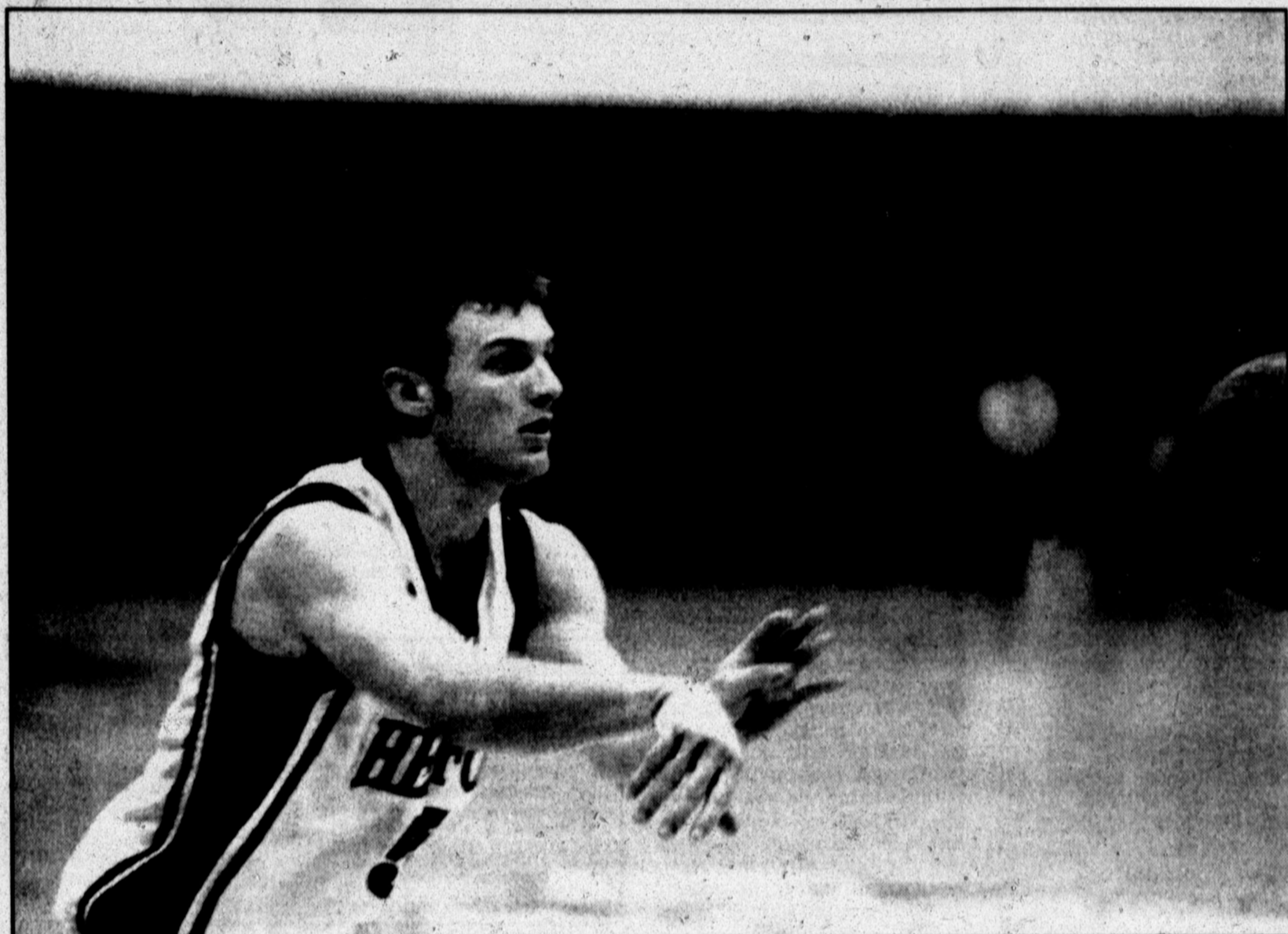
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Devilishly Good



Brand/Julius Bodner

Steven Northern passes the ball to a teammate on Tuesday night. Northern and the Whitefaces blew out Dumas, 69-40.

Whiteface basketball pounds Dumas, 69-40

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

They were due a flat game. But even if they play a little out of sync, the Hereford Whitefaces seem to find a way to strike down an opponent.

Thanks to a 23-point outburst in the third period, the Whitefaces improved to 4-0 in District 3-4A play following Tuesday night's 69-40 drubbing of the Dumas Demons at Whiteface Gym.

"It's so hard to play at that level night in and night out," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "These guys have done a great job of showing up with a lot of intensity and emotion. Tonight, we were a little bit flat and it can be

expected once in a while."

There may have been missed shots early on in the game, as the Whitefaces were six for 14 in the first period, but they were still able to burn Dumas.

Cody Hodges' seven points and Slade Hodges' three-pointer late in the first put Hereford up 14-8 after one period.

Hereford 69, Dumas 40

D — 8 8 13 11-40
H — 14 18 23 14-69
Dumas (??): Chris Calvert 1-5 2-3 4; Robby Davis 0-2 2-2 2; Escar Garcia 3-3 0-2 6; Ryan Higley 2-2 0-0 4; Joe Marion 5-5 0-0 10; Chase Potter 2-5 0-0 4; Brandon Sims 1-2 0-0 2; Brandon Stroebel 1-1 1-1 3; Chris Washington 1-2 1-2 3; Zach Wilson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals: 18-32 5-10 40.

Hereford: 13-10, 4-0; Slade Hodges 5-11 0-0 12; Cesar Soto 1-2 0-0 3; Tim Dudley 1-1 0-0 2; Jerry Harmon 0-0 2-2 2; Eric McNutt 3-8 0-0 7; Cody Hodges 13-16 0-0 29; Cody Marsh 2-7 1-2 5; Chayse Rives 2-3 0-0 4; Steve Northern 2-4 0-0 5. Totals: 29-55 3-4 69.

Halftime — Hereford 32, Dumas 16.
Three-Pointers — Dumas: None; Hereford 7 (C. Hodges 3, S. Hodges 2, Soto 1, Northern 1). Fouls — Dumas 8; Hereford 12. Rebounds — Dumas: 11 (Davis 3); Hereford: 18 (Marsh 7).

"We came out with a lot of defensive pressure and that helped us win the game," Cody said, who finished the night with a game-high 29 points. "Dumas had to work for their points tonight and I think we played well, but not as well as we should."

Not to worry. Cody added another seven points

while Slade added another five points in the second as Hereford started to pull away.

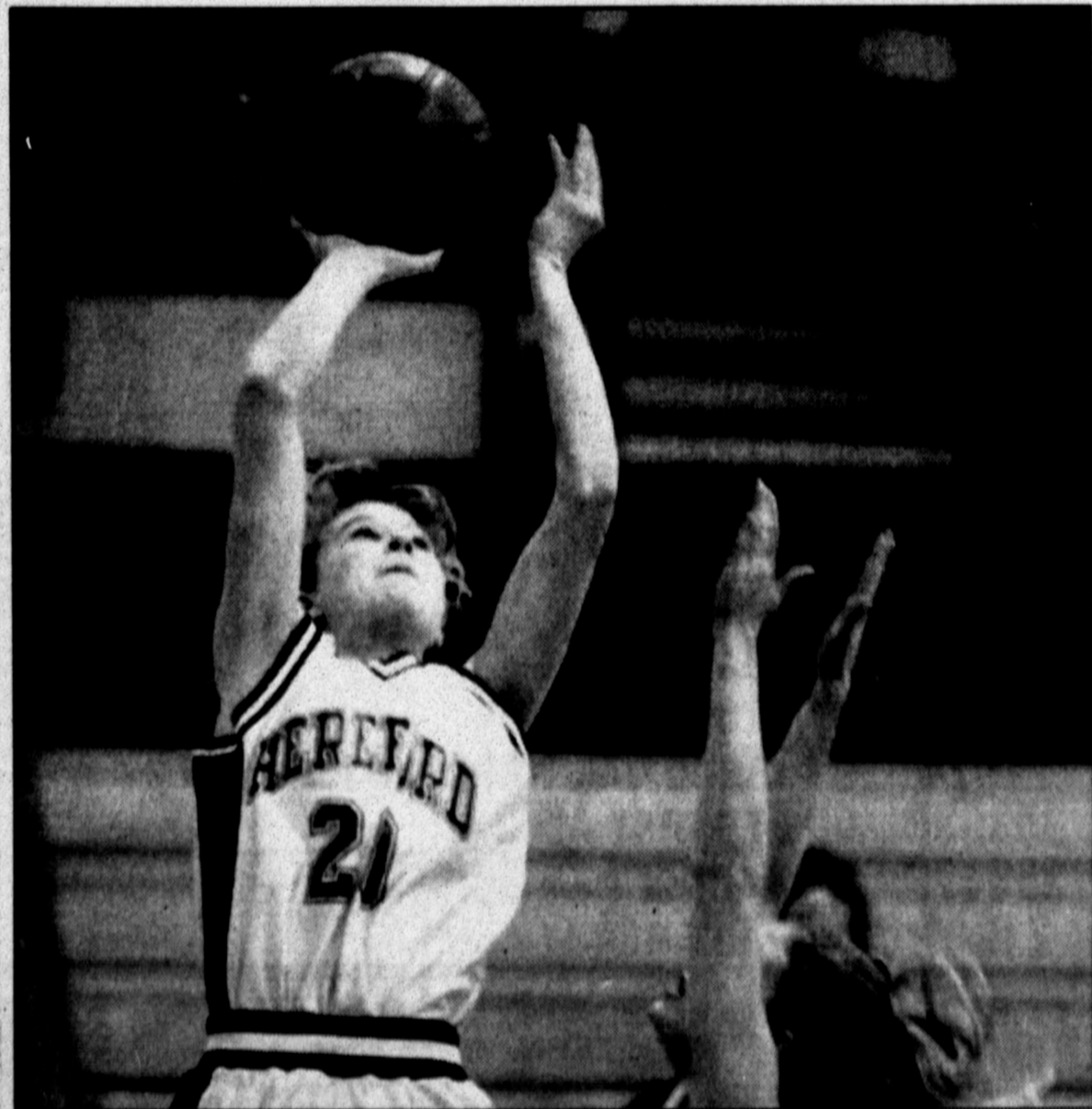
A big reason for the extending of the lead is Hereford's pressure defense. The press hurt Dumas as it committed 23 turnovers in the contest.

"We knew what our job was when we came in today and we just took it to them. We just came out as a team, played well on defense," said Slade, who finished with 12 points, although he was just five for 11 from the floor.

"We can shoot the ball any given night and we just came out and played the best de-

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Having a devil of a time



Brand/Julius Bodner

Toni Eicke attempts a jump shot over a Dumas defender on Tuesday night. Eicke and the Lady Whitefaces survived the physical play of the Demonettes and took the win, 38-34.

■ Lady Herd survive Demonettes, 38-34

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Hereford gets another shot at Amarillo Palo Duro this Friday night at Amarillo.

But the Lady Whitefaces had to first survive, then prevail, by a narrow 38-34 margin, a tough, physical game against the Dumas Demonettes.

Despite scoring no points in the second period Tuesday night, the Lady Whitefaces escaped the rough, physical clutches of the Demonettes and improved to 5-1 in District 3-4A play.

Now, the Lady Whitefaces

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Hereford 38, Dumas 34

D — 4 8 11 11-34
H — 9 0 12 17-38

Dumas (??): Jennifer Bonner 3-5 0-1 6; Shyla Davis 1-1 1-1 3; Elisheba Matthyse 2-3 0-0 6; Beth Ratliff 4-12 2-4 11; Holly Ratliff 2-4 2-2 6; Kasi Womble 1-5 0-0 2. Totals: 13-30 5-8 34.

Hereford: 19-5, 5-1; Sarah Griffin 0-5 2-5 2; Valerie Guzman 2-2 2-2 7; Toni Eicke 3-5 1-2 7; Tiffany Mercer 1-2 2-2 5; Shyla Martin 1-1 1-1 3; Ashley Fangman 4-4 2-5 10; Tori Walker 1-3 2-2 4. Totals: 12-25 13-20 38.

Halftime — Dumas 12, Hereford 9. Three-Pointers — Dumas 3 (Matthyse 2, Ratliff 1); Hereford 1 (Mercer 1). Fouls — Dumas 17; Hereford 12. Rebounds — Dumas: 13 (H. Ratliff 6); Hereford: 14 (Eicke and Martin 3).

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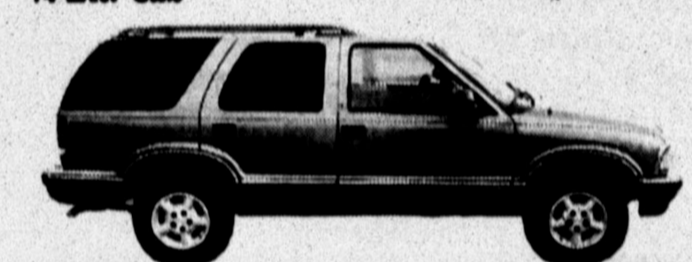
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Spurs spike Clippers, 105-82

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After playing the defending NBA champions close in two earlier games this season, the Los Angeles Clippers didn't come close in the third.

Big nights from Tim Duncan and David Robinson, plus 41 points from the bench, provided a one-two attack that led San Antonio to a 105-82 win over Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

"With Tim Duncan and David Robinson, this team (San Antonio) is going to get the shots they want. They just have so many options," Los Angeles rookie Lamar Odom said. "We played well for a half but this team is just too good to get down that much and expect to come back."

Duncan scored a game-high 24 points, while Robinson added 22.

In two earlier games this season in Los Angeles, the Spurs struggled to win 99-94 and 99-93. This game was a different story as the Spurs opened the fourth quarter with a 19-6 run and to sent

the Clippers to their ninth straight defeat.

San Antonio now leads the all-time series between the two teams by a 76-24 count.

"We picked up the defense in the second half and everyone realized they had to make their shots," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "L.A. has a lot of young, talented players. We picked up the defense and it was huge for us."

With Antonio Daniels leading the way with 11 points, the Spurs' reserves outscored Los Angeles' 41-15. Another factor was free throws; San Antonio was 26-of-37 to only 8-of-10 for the Clippers.

"The game was a carryover from last game," said Robinson, who also tied Duncan for team-high honors with 13 rebounds. "We came out and established our defense early on. We did some good things."

The Clippers, who were outrebounded 54-36, were led by Derek Anderson's 22 points, while Odom added 16.

"This team has a fragile

balance," Clippers coach Chris Ford said. "This has been the story all year long. We play well for stretches and then a costly turnover or taking a bad shot causes it to snowball."

After leading 77-67 going into the fourth quarter, San Antonio put the game away with its big run, going ahead 96-73 on two free throws by Malik Rose with 6:15 to play.

Los Angeles could get no closer than 19 the rest of the way.

San Antonio closed out the third quarter with a 12-4 run to lead take a 10-point lead into the fourth.

"We concentrated good, but we had lulls," said San Antonio point guard Avery Johnson, who added 10 points. "A lot of people come in here and think like we think sometimes, that this should be a blowout, but they played hard. We did what we needed to do and we got people minutes. Come playoff time, everybody needs to be ready."

After trailing by as many as nine points in the second

quarter, San Antonio went on a 16-1 run and led 43-37 on Terry Porter's layup with 5:23 to play before halftime.

Robinson had 15 first-half points as San Antonio led 54-50 at intermission. Anderson had 15 for the Clippers.

"Same story," Clippers guard Eric Murdock said. "We play well for a half or three quarters and then we have a big letdown. It's just something we have to work on."

Minnesota 92, Houston 84

HOUSTON (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves didn't get much scoring from anyone but Kevin Garnett and Terrell Brandon. They were enough.

Garnett scored 27 points as the Minnesota Timberwolves held on to snap the Houston Rockets' six-game winning streak with a 92-84 victory Tuesday night.

Brandon added 26 points and dished out eight assists and Garnett also had 12 rebounds.

Yenzer, Hodges to be honored by TPSHOF

From Staff Reports
If Cody Hodges and Craig Yenzer keep getting more awards, they might need a new shelf.

Yenzer and Hodges were named coach and player of the year by the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Yenzer and Hodges will be honored in a ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. at Ordway Auditorium in Amarillo College.



Cody Hodges

Hodges threw for over 2,500 yards and 24 touchdowns in a season the Whitefaces advanced to the Class 4A Division I state championship game. Hereford lost to Texas City, 27-14 in Irving.

Yenzer, who completed his fourth season with the Whitefaces since replacing Danny Haney in 1996, has compiled a 26-15 record in Hereford.

Yenzer and Hodges are the second and third honorees by the TPSHOF in 1999-2000. Brenda Kitten was named coach of the year. All three will be honored Feb. 6.

Boys 9th Hoops get much-needed wins

From Staff Reports
The Hereford 9th grade boys basketball team continued to win thanks to a sweep of Amarillo High on Monday.

The 'A' team defeated the Sandies 53-49. Derek Mendoza scored 21 points to lead the Whitefaces.

The 'B' team defeated Amarillo High, 52-47.

The 'A' team improves to 9-4. The 'B' team improves to 8-3, 8-1 in district play.

The 'A' and 'B' teams return to action Monday, starting at 6 p.m. when they visit Valley View.

Herd

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fense."

"I thought we still played hard and made Dumas work to get their opportunities," Dean said. The way they were swarming around on defense, they had to work so hard because we were swarming around, creating enough easy opportunities to get an easy margin and we didn't let them get back in the game."

From then on, Hereford kept on swarming.

Cody added 13 points in the third period, three straight baskets off steals on Hereford's side of the court, to help Hereford increase the lead to 28 points.

His three-pointer with 1:40 left in the period put Hereford up 55-25.

Hereford never looked back as it cleared the bench.

"As you could tell, we weren't as psyched up about this game as the one coming up Friday," Slade said. "We knew what we had to do to get to the game Friday night. In the back of our minds, we were thinking about Friday night, but the intensity was still in this game."

The fourth quarter was more of a marathon as seven different Hereford players combined for 14 points in the quarter to get the victory.

Steven Northern's three-pointer with two minutes left sealed the fate for the Demons.

"It was a good win because it gives us our fourth district win and it creates a bit of space between us and the rest of the district," Dean said. "It does set up a big game against Palo Duro."

The Whitefaces now face the near-impossible task of trying to beat the Dons, but this is a game young men like the Whitefaces look forward to. It could be pointed out as the game for all the marbles.

"It's going to be fun and that's what you prepare and look forward to in a game of that magnitude," Dean said. "All our guys are looking forward to it and we believe we could go over there and get the job done."

"One thing we got to keep in perspective is that it's just one game and when we get through with that one, we got five more," he added. "It will be a lot of fun."

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Ladies

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can get excited about the Lady Dons of Palo Duro.

"I think we were saving our intensity for Friday night against Palo Duro and that's what I told the girls," Hereford coach Key Harrison said. "It was a physical game and you have to be strong to score because the refs were not calling any fouls. But, it's the nature of the game sometimes and they stepped up and kept battling."

Early on, the Lady Whitefaces looked like they were going to cruise against the Demonettes, just like they did Jan. 7.

Two Toni Eicke baskets and a three-pointer late in the first period by Valerie Guzman put Hereford ahead, 9-4.

But then the rough play came from the Demonettes.

The Demonettes forced turnovers off Hereford entry passes into the lane and denied the Lady Whitefaces any scoring opportunities in the second period.

After scoring a paltry four points in the first, Dumas, led by two three-pointers by Beth Ratliff and Elisheba Matthyse, took a 12-9 lead at halftime.

The Lady Whitefaces were held to 0 for 4 in the second period and turned the ball over nine times.

"The way the game was called, I thought we got fouled when we attempted some shots, and it's free for anybody to score when they do not call a foul," Harrison said. "Dumas had to deal with

the same things. They were a little bigger and more physical and that had something to do with it."

Dumas continued the physical play against the Lady Whitefaces in the third period as Beth Ratliff pounded the ball inside, taking advantage of the smaller Hereford posts. Ashley Fangman and Shyla Martin, and scoring six.

But Fangman was able to get inside the tough Demonette front line and score four points in the period. Tiffany Mercer added five, including a three-pointer at the beginning of the third, to cut Dumas' lead to 23-21 after three periods.

"I don't think we were expecting them to be as rough as they were," said Fangman, who finished the game with 10 points to lead the Lady Whitefaces. "We didn't play as well as we could tonight because we are saving it all for Palo Duro."

The fourth period was so much different for both teams.

Dumas' Jennifer Bonner got two inside baskets and Matthyse added another three-pointer to keep the Demonettes nip and tuck with Hereford.

But Fangman, Shyla Martin and free throws helped the Lady Whitefaces make a comeback.

A three-point play by Martin with 1:55 left helped Hereford get the lead for the first time since the first period.

"We just had to block out, be strong, rebound and go strong while putting the ball back up," Martin said. "Coach told us at halftime to be strong, rebound, block out and not let them beat us physically."

A basket by Valerie Guzman gave the Lady Whitefaces a five-point lead.

Two free throws by Sarah Griffin with 33 seconds left in the game sealed the deal for Hereford as they escaped with the win.

Now that the Dumas scare is behind the minds of the Lady Whitefaces, they can get their matchup against tough Palo Duro, who have already beaten Hereford earlier in the year, 63-62.

"It's a big game Friday night and we'll be ready for that," Harrison said.

Shyla Martin should be one of the excited players to get another shot at the Lady Dons.

"We hope to come out strong and play harder in that game," she said.

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INSIDE

Whasssup? Super Bowl XXXIV to sport clever ads



Frazier Moore
Associated Press



Other than the usual complaints that the Super Bowl was boring, Electronic Data Systems Corp. hopes the nation's watercooler chatter Monday will focus on ... cat herding.

If every office resounds with someone's imitation of the advertising line, "Herdin' cats — don't let anybody tell ya it's easy," then EDS will know it got a good buy for the roughly \$4.4 million it's paying to air its goofy commercial on Sunday's Super Bowl.

Exactly what the 60-second spot is trying to say about Plano, Texas-based EDS may be a mystery to most viewers. The company, which manages computer systems for industry and government, is by no means a household name and its ad says little about its business.

A parody of John Ford westerns with a nod toward Marlboro Country, the spot depicts weathered cowpokes driving hundreds of cats across the plains.

It's hilarious. And for a company like EDS ("managing the complexities of e-business," according to the commercial's tag), getting viewers' attention and getting them to talk ain't hay.

Other Super Bowl sponsors will be after the same thing: a little attention.

Unlike EDS, everybody knows what Budweiser is. Rather than make claims about superior taste, one of the three commercials will continue a campaign to tie the product to an attention-getting catchphrase, "Whasssssup?"

And whasssssup? According to the commercial, a perfect combo: "Watching the game, having a Bud."

Another Bud spot plays good citizen. Grabbing a buddy's keys, retired hockey star Wayne Gretzky volunteers to drive his chum home from the bar in what turns out to be a Zamboni (one of those vehicles used to clean ice). Only when we see it do we realize that his buddy is a rink tender.

"Surprising how well this thing handles," Gretzky says as they chug down the street.

The third Bud spot shows a dapper fellow being called away from a black-tie affair to his stable, where, never even changing from his evening duds, he helps deliver a foal.

"Congratulations, fella," the gentleman vet says to the new "dad," a Clydesdale proudly prancing about in the corral.

Those are the only words spoken during the spot and never is the product shown. But the message equates Budweiser with sophistication, prosperity and manliness, chased with a bracing "awwwwwwww!"

The sell is harder, yet the approach zanier, in a spot for the HotJobs.com Web site.

Two mucky-mucks from some blue-chip firm are entertaining a job prospect at their club. Over cigars and brandy, the boss intones, "Nobody can beat our offer."

But the job prospect is a human-size HotJobs trademark — a giant hand with raised index finger. The hand retorts, "Stanley, please," then reels off rival offers that make "your starting salary look like cab fare."

"You know what?" says Stanley. "I don't like you. But I'll give you what you want."

Tag: "All the best jobs and the tools to find 'em," as a hand scorches itself on the smoking HotJobs logo — yeow!

Ads like that can sure score in a boring football game, even if a viewer doesn't need a new job.

Frazier Moore can be contacted at fmoores@ap.org

'Millionaire' tops ratings on three nights

NEW YORK (AP) — You can't get any better than this: ABC's three airings of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" ranked one, two and three among the most-watched TV shows last week.

The game show gave ABC another weekly Nielsen Media Research victory, and made a tight season race even tighter. "Millionaire" drew 29.5 million viewers Sunday, competing against the Golden Globe awards on NBC, and 30.1 million last Tuesday.

Last Thursday was the best, when 32.4 million people watched, just under the game show's all-time biggest audience. It gave ABC a win on a night NBC used to dominate.

The "Millionaire" success hasn't necessarily translated to its imitators. NBC is doing well with its "Twenty One" revival, but CBS's "Winning Lines" and Fox's "Greed" had mediocre showings last week. ABC averaged 15.8 million viewers in prime time last week (10.1 household rating, 16 share). CBS had 12.9 million viewers (8.9 rating, 14 share), NBC had 12.8 million viewers (9.0 rating, 14 share), and Fox had 11.3 million viewers (7.3 rating, 11 share).

"Malcolm in the Middle" continues as a success story for Fox. With 19.2 million viewers, it was second only to a "Friends" rerun for most popular comedy or drama series last week.

Television

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Living Edens	Culture Shock	Digital TV	Newshour						
3 Boss?	Movie: Radio Flyer (1992) Elijah Wood, Joseph Mazello. ***½	World Gone Wild	700 Club	Boss?						
4 News	Ent. Tonight	Twenty One	West Wing	Law & Order						
5 Movie: Noah	Tony Danza	(40) Movie: Splash (1984) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah	Britney Spears	MusicVids	Zorro					
6 Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW				
7 News	Fortune	Two Guys Norm	Drew Carey Spin City	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
8 News	Home Imp.	City of Angels	Movie: Stolen From the Heart (2000) Tracey Gold	News	(35) Late Show					
9 3rd Rock	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Get Real	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
10 College Basketball	Maryland at North Carolina	College Basketball	Florida at DePaul	Sportscenter	NFL Dream					
11 Movie: Tiger Woods	Movie: Senseless	Marion Wayans *** R	(35) Movie: The Truman Show	Jim Carrey ***½ PG	Lateline	Beggars				
12 (4:45) Movie: ** Beaches	Real Sports	Sopranos	Oz	Movie: Caracas	Natasha Henstridge NR					
13 Movie: Color of Money	Movie: Nobody's Fool	Paul Newman ***½ R	Movie: Power Play	Shannon Tweed R	Hot Line	Movie:				
14 Movie: Princess O'Rourke	Movie: Up the Down Staircase	(1967) Sandy Dennis **½	Movie: Our Miss Brooks	(1956) **½	Movie:					
15 Waltons	Dead Man's Gun	18 Wheels of Justice	Magnificent Seven	Dallas	Basemstr.					
16 Wild Discovery	On the Inside	CIA: America's Front Line	CIA: The New Threats	On the Inside	CIA					
17 Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
18 Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: The Cold Heart of a Killer	(1996) **½	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
19 Football	Last Word	Helmet	GST	FOX Sports News	Toughman					
20 ER	Movie: Die Hard	(1988) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia ***½	Movie: Die Hard	(1988) ***½						
21 Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Rocket	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies		
22 JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Double Impact	(1991) Geoffrey Lewis **	Walker, Texas Ranger	Stalkings					
23 Sonadoras	Nunca Te Olvidare	Tres Mujeres	?A Que No Te Atrevas?	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
24 20th Century	Lost City of Atlantis	Mummies: Tales-Crypts	Golden Gate Bridge	Great Ships	Lost City					
25 Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Fri. the 13th	
26 Full House	Caroline	Movie: Only the Lonely	(1991) John Candy. ***	News	MacGyver	Heat				

THURSDAY JANUARY 27

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2 Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
3 Kids	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Boss?	Itsy Bitsy	Wiggles	Storytime		
4 Today			Later Today	Leza	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives			
5 Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rolie Polie	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rolie Polie
6 Fam. Mat.	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Mattlock	Hunter			
7 Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Brown	Brown	News			
8 Early Show			Dr. Joy Browne	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News				
9 Magic Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis		
10 Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
11 (05) Movie: Hester Street	Carol Kane	(45) Movie: Golden Needles	Joe Don Baker. * PG	Movie: For Pete's Sake	Barbra Streisand	Movie:				
12 Movie: Dead Poets Society	Robin Williams. ***½ PG	(15) Movie: In the Line of Duty: Hunt for Justice **	Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan ***½							
13 (6:00) Movie: King Kong	(15) Movie: Under Fire	(1983) Nick Nolte, Gene Hackman. ***½ R	Movie: The Karate Kid Part III	Ralph Macchio. *** PG						
14 Movie: Murder, My Sweet	(1945) Dick Powell. ***½	Movie: Born to Kill	(1947) Lawrence Tierney. **	Movie: Key Largo	(1948) ***½					
15 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazzard	Alice	McCoy's	Dallas	Aleene's Creative Living	Waltons			
16 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
17 Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order				
18 Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Chicago Hope	Party of Five	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
19 Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Golf Texas	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source
20 CHiPs	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Brewster's Millions	(1985) Richard Pryor. **	Movie:					
21 Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin		
22 Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stacky	Fired Up	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy	
23 (6:00) Despierta America				Malta	Girasoles Para Lucia	Enamorada	Infierno-Par	Infierno-Par		
24 Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Malmady			
25 Monster	Beakman's	Incredible Hulk	Sightings	DarkShad	DarkShad	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z.			
26 Charles	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Wayans	Knightrider	Mattlock	Hawaii Five-0	News			

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2 Body Elec.	Alexander	Jenkins	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
3 Life-Louie	Donkey	3 Friends	Kids	Angela	Allen	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	Partridge	Partridge
4 Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Maury	Brotherly	Ready-Not	Torkelsons	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy	
5 Madeline	Mermaid	Ducktales	Timon	Aladdin	Brotherly	Ready-Not	Torkelsons	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
6 Hunter	Movie: Matlock: The Witness Killings	(1992) **½	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne		
7 Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
8 Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
9 Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Magic Bus	Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under	
10 (12:00) Tennis	Australian Open - Men's Semifinal			SuperBowl	NFL's Super Bowl Team	Up Close	Sportscenter			
11 (12:00) Movie: Defiance	(45) Movie: Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller	Movie: Gamera: Guardian	Movie: Looking for Lola							
12 (4:45) Movie: Without a Trace	(1983) Judd Hirsch, Kate Nelligan. PG	Movie: Tommy Boy	Chris Farley. PG-13	(45) Movie: Dead Poets Society	PG					
13 Movie: The Postman	(1997) Kevin Costner. Will Patton. *½ R	Movie: Titanic	(1997) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. *** PG-13							
14 Movie: Key	Movie: Hard, Fast and Beautiful	(1951) Parade	Movie: My Man and I	(1952) Ricardo Montalban. ***	Movie: Cockeyed Mirci					
15 Waltons	Dukes of Hazzard	McCoy's	Alice	Waltons	Dukes of Hazzard					
16 Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
17 Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law				
18 Movie: ** Locked Up: A Mother's Rage	Movie: Invisible Child	(1999) Rita Wilson. **	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
19 Source	Golf Heineken Classic - First Round	John Brady	Helmet	Slide	High Octane	Sports	NBA Action			
20 (12:00) Movie: Executive Action	(1973) Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	In the Heat of the Night						
21 Kipper	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Double Dare	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog	
22 Boston	Movie: Double Impact	(1991) Geoffrey Lewis **	PGA Golf Phoenix Open - First Round	Baywatch						
23 Infierno-Par	Cosas del Amor	Gordy	El Biabazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
24 Malmady	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Massacre at Malmady			
25 Twilight Z.	Lost in Space	Quantum Leap	Star Trek	Star Trek	Hercules-Jrny.	Sliders				
26 News	MacGyver	Caroline	Bzz!	Cosby Show	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

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2 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Attenborough In Paradise	Flander	Fiesta	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	Newshour				
3 Boss?	Boss?	Movie: The Face on the Milk Carton	(1995) Kellie Martin	Hidden Secrets of Magic	700 Club	Boss?				
4 News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Frasier	State of the Union Address						
5 Movie: You Lucky Dog	Kirk Cameron	(35) Movie: Up, Up and Away	Movie: Robin Hood: Men in Tights	Cary Elwes PG-13	Zorro					
6 Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Movie: Octopussy	(1983) Roger Moore, Maud Adams. ***	(05) Movie: Never Say Never Again ***						
7 News	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	State of the Union Address	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
8 News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	State of the Union Address	News	(35) Late Show					
9 3rd Rock	Simpsons	Road to Fame	State of the Union Address	Mad	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
10 NFL Dream Season	NFL Dream Season	College Basketball Cincinnati at Louisville	Sportscenter	Basketball						
11 Movie: Looking for Lola	Movie: The Mask of Zorro	Antonio Banderas. PG-13	(15) Movie: Eruption	F. Murray Abraham. R	Line's					
12 Movie: Dead Poets	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Siege	Denzel Washington. **½ R	Real Sex 18	NFL					
13 (3:30) Movie: Titanic	Movie: Shattered Image	(1994) Bo Derek, John Savage	Movie: Home Fries	Drew Barrymore. **	Erotic	Movie:				
14 Movie: Cockeyed Mirci	Movie: Singin' in the Rain	(1952) Gene Kelly. ****	Movie: The Unsinkable Molly Brown	(1964) Debbie Reynolds. ***						
15 Waltons	Movie: The Man Who Broke 1,000 Chains	(1987) ***	Road to Stardom	Dallas	In-Fish					
16 Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Mysteries-Twilight Zone	Into the Unknown	On the Inside	Twilight					
17 Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	Inside Story	Law & Order	Biography					
18 Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Have You Seen My Son?	(1996) William Russ	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
19 Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Houston Rockets	College Basketball: USC at Ore.						
20 ER	Movie: Dumb & Dumber	(1994) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. **	Movie: Dumb & Dumber	(1994) Jim Carrey. **						
21 Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies		
22 JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Sweepers	(1999) Dolph Lundgren. **	Walker, Texas Ranger	Stalkings					
23 Sonadoras	Nunca Te Olvidare	Tres Mujeres	Lente Loco	Picardia	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med			
24 20th Century	Disappearance	Mummies: Tales-Crypts	Plumbing-Chillzone	Secrets of World War II	Anasazi					
25 Movie: Laserhawk	(1997) Jason James Richter. *	Movie: Barb Wire	(1996) Pamela Anderson Lee. *½	Movie: Barb Wire	(1996) *½					
26 Full House	Caroline	Movie: True Identity	(1991) Lenny Henry. **½	News	MacGyver	Heat				

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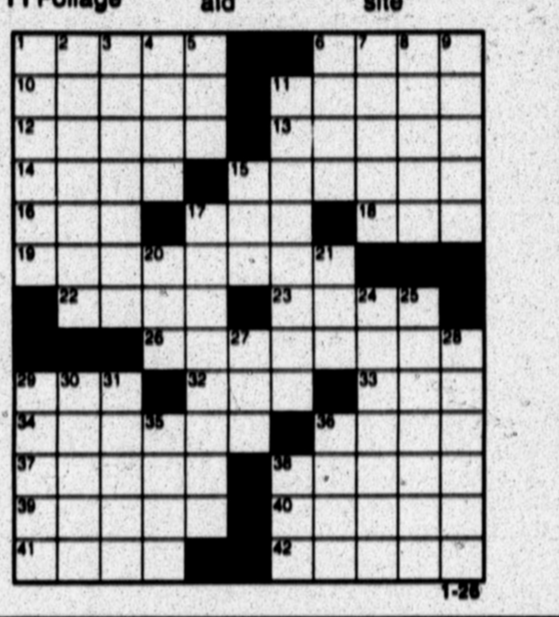
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GOP debate set

Hatch leaves race after poor showing in Iowa

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — With the field narrowed by an Iowa defeat, the Republican presidential candidates were meeting for their final debate before New Hampshire voters weigh in the nation's first presidential primary next week. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who limped away from Monday night's Iowa caucuses with 1 percent of the vote, planned to drop out of the nominating contest today, an aide said. His decision would leave a

five-man field with Gary Bauer, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Bauer, meanwhile, was trying to dampen speculation about his political future after finishing fourth in Iowa, with 9 percent of the vote, behind Bush, Forbes and Keyes. "There was some speculation in the media last night that because I didn't get second or third or whatever that I might be out of the race," Bauer said Tuesday night in Exeter. "So it's great to be at Exeter to be able to say I was raised a fighter. So if anything, the results in Iowa will cause me to work twice as hard here in New Hampshire." On Tuesday, McCain told reporters: "I am fully prepared

to be president of the United States — more prepared than any other candidate." That dovetailed with a new television ad he began airing a day earlier, which says he is the "only candidate who knows the military and understands the world." Bush, coming off a win in the Iowa caucuses, said Midwest voters had seen in him what Texas voters had endorsed through two elections, as well as what a majority of Republican senators and governors support through their endorsements. Forbes, bolstered by placing second in Iowa with 30 percent of the vote to Bush's 41 percent, labeled himself the "authentic conservative" and said: "The Republican establishment has met its match."

'A whole new ballgame'

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The abbreviated race for New Hampshire is shaping up on the Democratic side as, in Bill Bradley's words, "a whole new ballgame," with Vice President Al Gore seeking opportunities to hitch himself to President Clinton's economic coattails. Gore, who boomerangs between shunning Clinton and embracing him, has settled on the latter in his attempt to win next week's primary and deny Bradley any comeback from his sound defeat in Iowa. Before meeting Gore tonight for their last pre-primary New Hampshire debate, Bradley campaigned at a YMCA day care center to promote his agenda for middle-class working families. He told youngsters that he understood the challenges of single parenthood because he cared for his daughter while he was in the Senate. "We had cereal most of the nights," Bradley chuckled.

The vice president was reaching today for a chunk of the credit for the 1996 welfare reform that congressional Republicans pushed and Clinton signed. The theme of Gore's noontime appearance at the Electropac company here was timed, aides said, to dovetail with expected news from the White House about Clinton's proposed budget for new welfare-to-work investments. Gore's all-out drive for New Hampshire includes spending about \$20,000 on a half-hour TV "infomercial" to air here on Saturday, two days before the vote. Not only was Gore campaigning on the current record-breaking economic expansion, but also on the premise that he could lead the country into deeper prosperity. "The question that must be answered in this election is

not whether or not we're better off than seven years ago. We know that we are," Gore said. "The question is can we do even better?" On Thursday, Gore was briefly suspending his commitment to campaign in New Hampshire "every minute of every hour of every day" leading to next Tuesday's ballot, to fly to Washington to be in the House chamber for the State of the Union address. "What the Clinton-Gore administration has done over the last seven years economically helps Al Gore a lot, and I think President Clinton will be a very valuable asset during the campaign," said Bob Shrum, a top Gore adviser. Gore's message could find particular resonance in New Hampshire, where unemployment has plunged by 5 percent during the Clinton-Gore tenure and jobs are created at a rate of 16,000 per year. The state was losing 10,000 a year in 1992.



Al Gore



Bill Bradley

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Show Clinton

From Page A1 Hunter, Bailey Nutt and Charley Nutt. Parmer County exhibitors are Robbie Jan Barrett, Kaison Graham, J' Lond Jarecki, Cassie Jo London, Luke London, Jordan Monroe, Kelby Monroe, J'Mae Randolph and T.J. Randolph. Oldham County exhibitors will be Aron Fangman, Jacob Fangman, Madeline Fangman, Shelley Fangman, Courtney Lookingbill, J.W. Wagner, and Janie Wagner.

Clinton

From Page A1 carry on the work of the Clinton-Gore administration. It is a factor in developing Clinton's own agenda. "They're not going to jeopardize the Gore campaign in any way with any initiatives that might be politically unattractive to Gore," said political scientist Shirley Anne Warshaw of Gettysburg College. But on the other hand, she said, that doesn't mean Gore gets to write Clinton's script. "This is still the Clinton administration and they are very firmly in charge." Thomas E. Mann, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said Clinton will make sure that Gore is protected. "You proceed with your presidency but check what you propose to do against its likely impact on the Gore candidacy," Mann said. "The object is to do no harm — and preferably to do some help. "Gore also realizes the strong thing going for him in

Clinton

From Page A1 this election are the governing successes of the Clinton administration and the broad successes in the economy and improvements in American society," Mann said. "It would be foolish to run away from those." Clinton also has his mind on the Senate race of his wife, Hillary. "I think she's done a good job with this and she's getting into it," he said Tuesday. "I think it would be a good thing for New York and a good thing for our country." Even before his speech, Clinton went out of his way to credit Gore for some of the administration's big-ticket proposals. The president said, for example, that it was Gore who persuaded him to expand a health care program for needy children to include their parents, as well. "I thank the vice president for this proposal," Clinton said. Lockhart said Clinton's administration was "not in the

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business of micromanaging our policies to try to help or hurt any campaign." But he acknowledged there is coordination between the Clinton and Gore teams. "There always is. We talk to their staff all the time," Lockhart said. "But the agenda that the president's going to lay out is the president's agenda." The spokesman would not say how much of it came from Gore. "There's a long list of people in that category who want things," he said, but it is the president who decides how to lay out the speech. Clinton will offer a boost in the minimum wage, a prescription drug benefit under Medicare, tougher gun controls and a patients' bill of rights. In health care coverage, alone, Clinton is proposing a \$110 billion initiative — saying it would be the largest investment in health coverage since Medicare was established in 1965.

Reward

From Page A1 insurance for the trailer. Roach will gather more details and present the information later. During the meeting, new officers were installed. They are Charles Brownlow, chairman; Daniel Villarreal, vice chairman; Melinda Brownlow, secretary; and Melva Perez, treasurer.

Grandmothers eager for Miami meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The grandmothers of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez are ready to head to Florida for a government-ordered session with the Cuban boy while political maneuvering intensifies over legislation to make him a U.S. citizen. The two women made an impassioned appeal to Congress on Tuesday not to pass such a bill, saying Elian was a Cuban citizen and belonged with his father and them in Cuba. "It's our right to see our grandson and take him back

home," Mariela Quintana, the child's paternal grandmother, said during a visit to Capitol Hill. They won't be able to do that at today's session with Elian in Miami, however. The meeting, planned for 4 p.m. EST, was set as just a visit by the Immigration and Naturalization Service after efforts by the grandmothers to see their grandson in Miami on Monday fell through. They still looked forward to the visit. "I don't know if I'll cry or if I'll laugh" when seeing Elian for the first time in more than two months, Raquel Rodriguez, Elian's maternal grandmother, told CNN late Tuesday after the INS ruling. President Clinton supported the grandmother's cause, hinting he might veto the citizenship legislation if it passes. And those in the Senate seek-

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ing Elian's repatriation to Cuba suggested they might use delaying tactics, including a filibuster, to keep the Senate from debating the measure. Winter headache — rising fuel costs amid the cold STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — It was heartwarming news for needy residents struggling through the winter in New England and Alaska. President Clinton released \$44 million in emergency heating fuel funds on Tuesday. Authorities estimate the aid will help tens of thousands of U.S. families in coming weeks. A sharp and sudden increase in heating oil prices has stunned many consumers, including Alex Terentino of Stamford. He said he feels as if fuel suppliers have him over a barrel twice over. Terentino has seen the amount he pays for home heating oil go from 99 cents per

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SNOW JOB?

Weather delaying release of reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government numbers crunchers, out of work for two days because of the snowstorm that raked the East, will be delaying release of at least one economic indicator.

The Labor Department is postponing release of its Employment Cost Index until Friday. The index is considered the best measure of changes in wages and benefit costs and is closely watched by financial markets. It was originally slated for release Thursday.

The Commerce Department announced that Friday's release of the Gross Domestic Product — the total output of goods and services — would take place on schedule. However, officials said, some of the data tables normally included in the report may not be ready in time because of the government shutdown.

The report on the GDP, which would be for the fourth quarter of 1999, is considered the broadest measure of the economy's pulse and is a key economic indicator for economists, financial markets and the Federal Reserve.

The storm forced the federal government to shut down today and on Tuesday.

Storm surprised forecasters

The Associated Press

Thousands shivered today in stranded cars, waited at airports or dug themselves out from nearly 2 feet of snow as forecasters admitted that the deadly East Coast storm was a nasty surprise.

"We're really cursing those computer models," said Andrew Woodcock, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Va. "They had the low (pressure system) way out to sea."

The storm, however, raged north along the coast Monday and Tuesday, dumping nearly 2 feet of snow in places. Flurries were expected today across parts of the Northeast as the storm system moves out to sea and more delays were expected at major Eastern airports, some of which were shut down Tuesday.

Many schools and businesses across the East also were closed again today, along

with all Philadelphia city offices and courts and most Maryland state offices. And more than 150,000 people were still without power in the Southeast today.

Traffic deaths on snowy and icy roads were reported from the Carolinas to New York, and two people were found dead of exposure in South Carolina.

In Great Barrington, Mass., the search resumed today for a 5-year-old girl missing and feared dead after she and her 9-year-old brother tumbled into the icy Housatonic River while walking to school Tuesday. The boy was treated and released.

Hundreds of motorists waited for help today along Interstate 85 in North Carolina, which was virtually shut down by jackknifed trucks for a 20-mile stretch near the Virginia state line. National Guardsmen and Highway Pa-

trol officers were sent to help. Some of the stranded motorists had been in their cars since Tuesday afternoon, they complained in cellular phone calls to broadcasters in the area.

"I've been here since 2:30 and I don't understand why no one's come," one irate motorist, who identified herself only as Cheryl from San Diego, complained today.

Elsewhere in North Carolina, hundreds of travelers were stranded at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, where airlines were not expected to begin carrying passengers again until Thursday morning. The airport had a record 20.3 inches of snow.

By today, up to 22 inches of snow had fallen in North Carolina, with 20 inches in Maryland, 19 in Virginia, 15 near Washington and in north-central Massachusetts and 14 in southern New Jersey. Farther

south, Georgia was reeling from a weekend ice storm that caused an estimated \$35 million in damage.

"We were definitely hoodwinked in this case," said Paul G. Knight, a meteorologist with the Independent Penn State Weather Communications Group in University Park, Pa.

"Wow. Eating a lot of humble pie this morning," Dewey Walston wrote Tuesday to fellow weather service forecasters in Washington, where 250,000 federal employees were given another day off.

States of emergency were declared in parts of Georgia, North Carolina and Maryland, with the National Guard called in to help clear roads and rescue motorists.

Nearly 127,000 people remained without electricity today in North Carolina, where the town of Pinehurst had no water service because of power outages.

Staying alive in market

John Cunniff
Associated Press



As a consumer, you may think that the business of business is almost totally consumed with thoughts of you and ways to entice you into buying its products.

Think again. You're important, no doubt about it. But businesses today are spending more time than ever watching competitor moves, selling to them, buying from them and merging with them.

The marketplace is in flux, and if companies fail to evolve with it they can find themselves out of the race.

It's why Internet providers and potential Internet marketers are cozying up to each other. And why big companies seek mergers to become bigger still. The value of mergers exceeded \$1 trillion last year, a record. A new record is likely this year.

And so you find Time Warner seeking to buy EMI Group, a music company, and America Online planning to acquire Time Warner, and Procter & Gamble negotiating at one point to acquire Warner-Lambert and American Home Products after being scorned earlier by Gillette.

It's not all about buying one another. They're seeking various other alliances as well, formal and informal.

Ford and General Motors are seeking other companies to join their Internet marketplaces in acquiring supplies. Drugstore.com Inc. has agreed to pay \$105 million to display its name on the home page of Amazon.com's Web site. And food companies, such as Kellogg and Pillsbury, are allying with Webvan Group, an Internet grocer.

It goes on like this, week after week. Companies that once spoke mainly to con-

sumers now aim their messages at other companies. And, lest they be outmaneuvered, they're watching each other like hawks.

Patent fights are almost routine, as companies trample on each other's ideas, intentionally, inadvertently or questionably. Suits are common. Wal-Mart and other retailers, to cite a case, are suing Visa and MasterCard for alleged antitrust violations.

The marketplace has become treacherous, mainly because of the explosion of new techniques associated with the Internet. The Internet empowers consumers with new options. It changes production methods. It can give sudden rise to brand new competitors.

For some companies, the best assurance of a spot in the new marketplace is to cover all possibilities, by merging into behemoths that make them multipurpose powerhouses, ready for all comers.

Others are still testing the market, allying with Internet-savvy companies that will allow them to study the new technology, test it, and determine how they might benefit from it.

Whichever way they choose, most companies today recognize, albeit in some instances reluctantly, that the old ways of doing things, sound as they were in their time, might fail in the new marketplace.

It isn't that they've lost sight of the consumer. How could they completely ignore the end buyer? In fact, most companies have as their goal the long-term enhancement of consumer relationships. The better to serve you, they say.

But right now, staying alive is important.

Some states seem to be reluctant to endorse breakup of Microsoft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some states active in the Microsoft antitrust case don't necessarily favor the Justice Department's plan to break up one of the world's most successful companies, state attorneys say.

That signal of potential division within the government's ranks could complicate settlement talks and the next important phase of the trial.

Although debate continues in secret among the 19 state attorneys general deciding what to recommend about Microsoft Corp., there is risk the government might fail to bring a unified proposal on sanctions to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Illustrating the difficulties in achieving such consensus, Ohio's attorney general indi-

cated she is leaning toward a ban on some of Microsoft's behavior toward others in the technology industry rather than a forced restructuring of the software giant.

Calling the dilemma "the most difficult professional decision I ever got involved with," Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery told The Associated Press that a breakup of Microsoft "has never been on my top list."

"I have to tell you that my bias is toward a conduct resolution, but again it's too early to be specific," said Montgomery. "Quite frankly, I indicated to my staff when we started this lawsuit that I was not looking out for a structural solution as much as a conduct solution."

An official in another of

the 19 states, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also has hinted that a breakup — considered the "death penalty" among possible remedies — might be too disruptive for consumers.

Critics have suggested a court-ordered breakup could result in different — even incompatible — versions of Microsoft's dominant Windows software, which is entrenched as a de facto standard for running most of the world's personal computers.

Jackson, the trial judge, previously told government lawyers bluntly to agree among themselves before they present any plan for sanctions.

"I would not like to have to deal with divergent points of view," Jackson told them in

a private meeting in November.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, who is coordinating the effort by the states, acknowledged there was "no lock step" among them, but said it was inaccurate to suggest attorneys general were at loggerheads over what sanctions to recommend.

"To imply there is a lot of division among the states is an enormous leap, an enormous stretch," Miller said. He declined to discuss internal talks about remedies, saying they were too closely linked to secret settlement negotiations.

In the government's final legal filing before the next round of courtroom arguments, it rebutted claims made by Microsoft in earlier filings.

Coke to cut 6,000 jobs

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola plans to eliminate 6,000 jobs, its biggest employment cutback ever, as part of a major restructuring at the world's largest soft drink maker.

The cuts announced today will affect 2,500 positions at the company's Atlanta headquarters, 2,700 overseas, and 800 jobs around the United States. Coke estimated that the cuts will save \$300 million.

The size of the cuts surprised many analysts who had predicted Coke would trim 2,000 to 4,000 jobs.

It is the latest move by the company to boost its profits since President Douglas Daft was designated to become chairman and CEO after its April shareholders' meeting.

Daft called the cuts "painful both for those within the company."

Immigrant farmers bring techniques, seeds, crops

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (AP) — When Efrén Avalos left his home in Mexico for a better life in the United States, he brought more than his farming skills. He brought seeds.

Today, Avalos, who farms in California's lush Salinas Valley, grows a breed of red corn common in his homeland but unavailable in local supermarkets. He also grows small, unique tomatoes called tomatillos, an edible cactus called nopales and special fava beans that are cooked in the pod.

Avalos wouldn't be growing these crops if there weren't a market. In fact, business is booming.

"Although a lot of American people don't recognize my crops, we have so many Latinos living in my area that I sell out," he said.

Avalos is one of hundreds of immigrant farmers making

a good living growing fruits and vegetables from their homelands.

For Avalos, it's not just immigrants snapping up his produce. This year, he sold 100 pounds of organic purple tomatillos a week to Whole Foods markets, charging about \$1 a pound. Whole Foods resells the tomatillos to customers for twice that price.

"I wasn't sure I was going to find a market, but now I think I should plant even more," he told farmers last week at Eco-Farm 2000, the nation's largest annual gathering of organic farmers.

While Avalos grows primarily for the burgeoning Latino population in his region, Central Valley farmers — including thousands of Southeast Asian immigrants — are growing and marketing their own array of ethnic specialty crops.

"Lemon grass, winter melon,

red basil, bitter eggplant, lotus roots — maybe you never heard of this stuff, but this is what we love to grow and eat," said Michael Yang, a Hmong immigrant who works with farmers in Fresno through the University of California's cooperative extension program.

Yang said there are more than 850 Southeast Asian families farming in Fresno County, including Cambodian and Thai.

They sell their produce through wholesalers and at farmers' markets, renting land from large property owners.

Because their crops are uncommon, Yang said they sometimes have a hard time convincing brokers to buy it. However, as these items become mainstream, the farmers have a distinct advantage over traditional farmers because they've been growing the crops for generations, he said.

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