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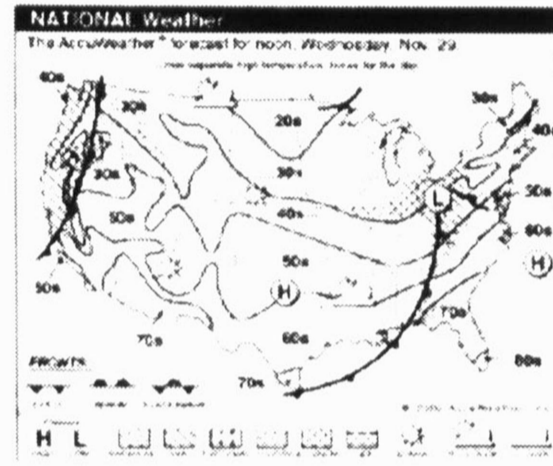
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## County OKs limits on 2,4-D

### Today's weather OUTLOOK



The forecast for Wednesday shows a few flurries for northern Maine. Snow is likely over northern Ohio and Indiana, while rain falls farther south. The southern Appalachians can expect showers, but the Plains will enjoy plenty of sunshine. Rain and mountain snow are in store for the Pacific Northwest.

#### • Partly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows around 25, east winds 10 to 15 mph becoming light and variable.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, highs in the mid-50s, south winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, lows around 30.

#### • Extended forecast •

Thursday: Partly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s, highs in the mid- to upper 60s.

Friday and Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows near 30, highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Sunday and Monday: Mostly cloudy, lows near 30, highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

#### • Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 61; low, 30; no precipitation.

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to restrictions on the use of the pesticide 2,4-D during growing seasons.

The commissioners accepted the recommendation of an ad hoc committee, which included producers and representatives of the county extension service, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service (TAES) and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Cotton producers asked the county to approve the 2,4-D ban because the herbicide, which is used by grain producers to control weeds, damages cotton plants. Proponents and opponents of the ban attended the Oct. 23 commissioners' meeting to express their opinions.

At that meeting, Dale Kleuskens of Dawn said his cotton crop was severely damaged by 2,4-D.

"If the system were working, there wouldn't be 2,4-D damage," Kleuskens said. "It's widespread, all across the county. It's a deterrent to cotton farming in Deaf Smith County the way the system is working."

Following discussion, an eight-member ad hoc committee — Mike Brumley, Joe Perrin,



Extension agent Dennis Newton (standing) discusses panel's proposal

Craig Soloman, Harold Sides, Ronnie Owens, Dick Fellers, Dennis Brown and Clyde Brorman — agreed to work out a recommendation to present to the commissioners.

County Extension Agent Dennis Newton acted as presiding chairman of the committee, and Dr. Brent Bean, TAES area agronomist, and Shawn Davis, TDA pesticide specialist, served as advisers.

The committee recommended the county:

- Prohibit the use of all ester formulations of 2,4-D or herbicide mixes containing ester formulations of 2,4-D during the period April 15-Oct. 1;

Require permits for all other regulated herbicides during the same period. No permits would be required during the period Oct. 2-April 14 of the following year.

The committee also asked that county producers be given adequate education into the selection and proper use of herbicides, as well as adequate notice of the proposed regulations.

The committee suggested the regulations be advertised in all local media annually before the start of the regulated period.

Brumley also suggested the regulations be reviewed at the end of next year's cotton season to see if they were effective.

During discussion, it was recommended to include aerial applications in the regulation.

The newly adopted county regulation will be submitted to the TDA for its review before Dec. 31.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Accepted easements for a road in Precinct 4;
- Agreed to provide the names of retired county employees who qualify for a Medicare supplemental insurance plan offered by the Texas Association of Counties (TACo).

## EYEING COMPETITION



Getting it just right — Garrett Fox, a fifth-grade student at West Central Intermediate School, checks out a science fair project next to his Monday evening while his father, Troy, helps position the boy's project among the many at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building. Judging of the projects was to have begun today, with winners expected to be named Thursday.

## Factory orders drop sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to American factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell a sharp 5.5 percent in October as demand for primary metals including steel dropped by the largest amount in nearly two years.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that last month's decline in orders for durable goods was the first since a 13.2 percent decrease last July. Orders had risen by 2.4 percent in September.

The \$12.1 billion decrease pushed total durable-goods orders down to \$209 billion for the month and represented the latest evidence that economic activity is still slowing in reaction to a string of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve.

The central bank has been pushing rates higher since July 1999 in an effort to dampen growth and keep inflation under control.

The overall economy, which was speeding along at an annual growth rate of 5.6 percent in the spring, slowed to just 2.7 percent growth in the summer.

The slowdown has taken its toll on Wall Street, where soaring stock prices have lost altitude with investors worrying about the impact weaker economic growth will have on corporate profits.

## Bush moving key staff to D.C.

### DECISION



AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush, in a bold gesture to assert authority, is moving key operatives to Washington and seeking private financing for a presidential transition.

In the face of Democratic court challenges to the Florida presidential balloting, the Texas governor was pressing ahead with plans to

form a new government and to fill thousands of top positions now held by Democrats.

"We can move fairly rapidly in a couple of areas, but he has to decide the timing," Bush's vice presidential running mate, Dick Cheney, said Tuesday on NBC's "Today."

He said there was a "good possibility" that a Bush Cabinet would include some Democrats. "The governor has given me instructions to look in those areas," said Cheney, who is overseeing transition planning. "We clearly will."

Cheney said Bush was reaching out to people with experience, including some from the Bush and Reagan administrations, "but we're also going to want new talent. We're going to want to emphasize diversity. We're going to want a broad Cabinet."

One veteran from the Bush administration is Andrew Card, a former transportation secre-

tary, who the Texas governor tapped as his choice for White House chief of staff.

Card said he had spoken about transition on Monday with the man he hopes to succeed, John Podesta.

"He expressed his willingness to work with us, to make sure transition works well," Card said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Podesta said the White House has been working with both campaigns.

"We want to make this as smooth as possible, whether it is Vice President Gore or Governor Bush," Podesta said on "Today."

Bush was to designate retired Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state and Stanford University scholar Condoleezza Rice as national security adviser. He also was expected to give economist Lawrence Lindsey a top economic job.

Bush settled on these selections before the election, aides said.

## HOLIDAY MAIL

### Postal Service gets ready for the crunch

Staff and wire reports  
The Postal Service is bringing in thousands of temporary workers, 80 more airplanes, extra trucks and trains and even the residents of Whoville to speed the movement of holiday mail.

However, the Hereford postmaster doesn't believe the crunch here will be that severe.

"The Christmas mail isn't as bad as it used to be 10 or 15 years ago," Charles Britten said. He said the office is hiring another part-time employee, which will bring the local post office up to full staff.

Also, there are no plans to bring in temporary workers, Britten said.

If this holiday mailing season is like past years, Britten said he expects the peak days will be Dec. 21-23.

According to an Associated Press article, Nicholas Barranca, head of Postal Service operations planning/processing, said officials "have planned well and feel confident that we will be able to handle the increased heavy volume."

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the agency will handle an average of 150 million pieces of mail daily, he said. That's 50 million per day more than the rest of the year.

Barranca said the peak day is expected to be Dec. 11, when he is estimating 280 million items will be postmarked. A second peak is expected Dec. 18, with the busiest delivery days between Dec. 13 and 20.

For last-minute shoppers, Express Mail will be delivered on Sunday, Dec. 24, and on Christmas Day itself, Barranca said.

He called on Americans to send their mail early. He stressed the importance of clearly printed addresses, including return addresses and having the correct ZIP code.

As part of their effort to get people to mail early, the post office has licensed the characters from the Universal Pictures film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The Grinch character is appearing in a Postal Service commercial, urging customers to send Christmas mail early, and characters from Whoville decorate postal lobbies.

The Postal Service command center at its Washington headquarters coordinates the flow of mail and operates 24-hours-a-day during the holiday season, rerouting mail around foul weather and other bottlenecks to speed delivery.

Barranca said the agency is adding about 40,000 temporary workers, putting 60 million more sacks and mail trays into service, establishing three air hubs with 80 more planes and adding more trucks and trains to temporary service.

Barranca said people sending packages by parcel post should get them in the mail by Dec. 8 to assure delivery before Christmas. Priority Mail can be sent until Dec. 18. After that Express Mail should be used, he said.

Mailers will see the same Christmas stamps this year as last. Because there was leftover stock last year, the agency decided to use that up and reprint more if needed.

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# Local roundup

• **Museum Christmas open house** •

Deaf Smith County Historical Society and the staff of the Deaf Smith County Museum will be hosting their annual open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the museum. Demonstrations on holiday arrangements, Christmas wreaths, candles, and other items will be presented. Refreshments will be served and musical entertainment will be provided.

• **Toys for kids collection** •

The Deaf Smith County Toys for Kids committee will be collecting toys for more than 620 children who may not have a Christmas. Board members are asking contributors to begin filling decorated boxes which will be at numerous, banks and other buildings between now and Dec. 14. Toys will be distributed as per prior agreement. Board members are asking donors to contribute larger toys that could be considered "the" Christmas gift and suitable gift items for older children. For more information please contact Judy Baker at 363-7075.

• **AC posts testing schedules** •

Persons interested in taking the MAPS test for enrollment in to Amarillo College can do so in Hereford at 6 p.m. Dec. 6., at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. AC's Off-Campus Programs Department will administer the test to individuals who have not yet taken any other college required tests such as TASP, ACT, or the SAT. Participants will need to bring photo identification, a #2 pencil and \$20 test fee. Spring enrollment is already underway at AC, but students must take this test to complete the application process. Classes begin Jan. 16.

• **CRP grazing extended** •

The local FSA office has been notified that due to native pasture conditions caused by the 2000 drought, CRP grazing has been extended through Dec. 31. No additional payment reduction will be charged to individuals who previously grazed, unless additional acreage is grazed. Participants who have been grazing need to be sure and not violate their grazing plan, as overgrazing could jeopardize the contract. All paperwork must be signed and in the FSA office before grazing will be allowed. Participants with questions, should contact the FSA office at 364-0530.

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# News digest

• **Court examines mentally ill killers** •

HOUSTON (AP) — By intervening a second time in the case of mentally impaired condemned killer said to have the intellect of a 7-year-old, the U.S. Supreme Court could finally address the question of whether it is legal to execute the mentally retarded.

Johnny Paul Penry, sentenced to die for the 1979 slaying of a Livingston woman, had his case overturned by the high court in 1988 because the jury was not able to consider his low IQ and history of child abuse.

The court agreed Monday to consider defense claims his 1990 retrial again failed to give jurors a complete opportunity to decide whether Penry's history was a mitigating factor that warranted life in prison rather than death by lethal injection.

Justices expressed a desire to clarify how a jury needs to consider the possible mental impairment of a defendant. However, legal observers say there is at least a small chance the Supreme Court could address directly the legality of executing the mentally retarded.

"They may just reach the point where they agree with the rest of the western world that execution of the mentally retarded is barbaric," South Texas College of Law professor Neil McCabe said.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, the federal government and 12 of the 38 capital punishment states prohibit execution of the mentally retarded. The group, which is critical of the death penalty, says 35 retarded men have been executed nationwide since 1984.

Penry, 44, was a few hours away from death Nov. 16 when the Supreme Court intervened. The execution remains on hold until the justices issue a ruling, expected by July.

• **Computer helps detect cancers** •

CHICAGO (AP) — Using computers to proofread mammograms can increase the detection of cancers by 20 percent, according to a study that supports early predictions for the new technology.

The findings based on mammograms given to nearly 13,000 women suggest the technology can help radiologists find cancers earlier while improving their overall track record. Currently, radiologists miss about one in five breast cancers.

"The reason is because the signs can be so extremely subtle," said Dr. Timothy W. Freer, director of a Plano, Texas mammogram center who presented his findings Tuesday at the Radiology Society of North America's annual meeting. "Computer-assisted detection helps us recognize those signs, such as minute calcium deposits, or very subtle masses or changes in architecture."

The \$200,000 ImageChecker system used in the study was okayed by the Food and Drug Administration for clinical use two years ago based on preliminary research showing success rates similar to Freer's. It is the only such technology to have that approval.

The system works with the regular X-ray image taken in a mammogram. The film is run through a computer processor that creates a digital image. The computer, "trained to recognize certain subtle patterns," scans the image and marks suspicious-looking areas, Freer said.

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# Looney Tunes kind of Christmas



**Seasonal fun** - No one ever said Christmas yard ornaments had to be traditional and Carlos Ruiz uses the season to enjoy some of his favorite cartoon characters - Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Sylvester, the Roadrunner, Tweety Bird and of course, Taz. Ruiz was caught connecting the garland type harness from the Looney Tunes sleigh to the ever-powerful Taz, early Tuesday evening.

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# Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 24-27, 2000, include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests**

- A 26-year-old woman was arrested at Fourth and Witherspoon and charged with misdemeanor warrants.

- A 34-year-old man was arrested at Highway 60 and North Avenue K and charged with Department of Public Safety warrants.

- An 18-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman were arrested in the 400 block of Avenue B and charged with county misdemeanor warrants.

- A 44-year-old man and 33-year-old woman were arrested in the 400 block of Roosevelt and

charged with domestic assault.

- A 23-year-old woman was arrested in the 500 block of Avenue J and charged with outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants. The woman was arrested when officers responded to a fight call and the woman was a party in the incident.

- A 43-year-old woman was arrested in the 1300 block of East First Street and charged with theft and public intoxication.

**Incidents**

- A phone harassment report was filed in the 100 block of Nueces.

- Lost property was reported in the 200 block of North Miles.

- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.

- A runaway juvenile was reported in the 300 block of Avenue A. The juvenile returned home later.

- During a runaway investigation in the 300 block of Avenue K, four suspects were detained for questioning on position of marijuana. Charges are pending further investigation.

- A 15-year-old girl was reported as a runaway in the 300 block of Avenue J.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Sixth Street.

- Possession of marijuana was reported in the 300 block of Avenue A.

- An unidentified male subject attempted to steal some items from the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, but left the items

when pursued by the owner.

- An incident was reported in the 900 block of Union.

- A two vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of Grand. No injuries were reported, but one driver was cited for failure to control speed.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests**

- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with assault.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with evading detention.

- A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check.

- A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

- A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

**Incidents**

- A broken window was reported.

- Trespassing was reported.

- An intoxicated driver was reported.

- A family violence was reported.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT Nov. 25**

- 7:09 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Highway 60 and FM 2943. One person was injured and taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

- 8 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue one mile east on Austin Road.

- 8:10 p.m. Firefighters responded to a false alarm at 215 South 25 Mile Avenue.

**Nov. 27**

- 9:45 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire six miles north on FM 1057. The fire was believed to be arson.

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# Obituaries

**THOMAS TROWBRIDGE Nov. 23, 2000**

Services for Thomas Trowbridge, 80, of Hereford were today at Rest Lawn Memorial Park with Rev. H. Wyatt Bartlett officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Trowbridge died Thursday at his home.

He was born Aug. 1, 1920, to R.H. and Maudie Trowbridge. He was a World War II veteran and had worked for the Hereford Ice Company for many years. He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include one sister-in-law and five cousins.

The family requests memorials be made to the Animal Rescue League of El Paso.

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**PRESTON "TED" RYAN Nov. 25, 2000**

Services for Preston "Ted" Ryan, 78, of Hereford were Monday at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Bailey, officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Ryan died Saturday at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born Jan. 19, 1922, in Jacksboro to George and Martha Ryan. He married Dicie Huskey in Ryan, Okla., on Feb. 27, 1939. He had lived in Hereford since 1954. He was a retired self-employed truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Dicie; one son, George L. Ryan of Friona; one daughter, Alice Harris of McLean; three brothers, Charlie Williams of Hereford, Don Ryan of San Mateo, Calif., and Chuck Ryan of Fort. Mojave, Ariz.; four sisters, Bertie Vanbeber of Morton, Addie Williams of Lubbock, Geneva Moreno of Cloverdale, Calif., and Coy Moore of Hereford; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

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**JOYCE BEAVERS Nov. 25, 2000**

FRIONA - Graveside services for Joyce Beavers, 61, of Friona were today at the Friona Cemetery with David Minson and Leon Talley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She died Saturday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Beavers was born Feb. 25, 1939, in Clovis, N.M. She married Alfred Beavers on Nov. 6, 1955, in Farwell. She was a lifetime resident of Parmer County.

She worked in the Friona School Cafeteria for 14 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the 10th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Kevin of Waco and Cameron of Friona; one brother, Roy Lee Hadley of Amarillo; five sisters, Lottie Bails of Texico, Margaret Hanson of Athens, Betty Freeman of Hereford, Carol Watson of Cranfills Gap and Mary Shoemaker of Hico; and two grandchildren.

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**LLOYD PARSONS Nov. 26, 2000**

LUBBOCK - Services for Lloyd D. Parsons, 66, of Lubbock were today at the Salvation Army Chapel, with Maj. Mark R. Satterlee officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parsons died Sunday at his home.

He was born on April 11, 1934, in Claude and graduated from Hereford High School in 1951 and West Texas State University in 1955. He was a teacher in Lubbock schools from 1963 to 1990.

After his retirement, he worked as a social service director at the Salvation Army until 1999.

He was a former member of the Lubbock Lions Club and was a local officer in the Salvation Army and active in the Western Little League for many years.

He married Glenda McIlwain on June 1, 1958, in Hale Center.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Neil of Lubbock and Mac of Midland; his mother, Helen Parsons of Hereford; one brother, Don Parsons of Liberal, Kan.; two sisters, Nancy Evans of Clifton and Doris Carey of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army.

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**GERALD THOMAS HUDSON Nov. 24, 2000**

CHILDRESS - Graveside services for Gerald Thomas Hudson, 68, of Childress, were Monday in the Childress Cemetery with Rev. Jon Crosby of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Hudson was born in Childress. He was a veteran and a locksmith and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Kimberly Gee of Hereford, Cynthia Janes of San Angelo and Beverly Hudson of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sons, Mark Hudson of Albuquerque and Rock Hudson of Irving; one brother, Roy Hudson of Payson Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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**CATHY DEBORD Nov. 28, 2000**

AMARILLO - Services for Cathy DeBord, 51, of Amarillo are pending at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. DeBord died Tuesday.

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# Texas lottery

**Cash Five**  
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:  
**2-7-25-31-35**

**Pick 3**  
The winning Pick 7 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
**2-8-1**

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

The ticket was worth an estimated \$19 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were:  
**6-13-26-27-32-46**

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

**Pick 3**  
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
**5-4-3**

# LIFESTYLES

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** On April 19, 1995, my wife of nine years was killed along with 167 others in the Oklahoma City bombing. In the days and weeks that followed her funeral, I faced extremely tough times. Whenever I closed my eyes, all I could see was my wife in her casket. I could not remember how she looked when she was alive and vibrant. I began searching the house for recent photographs, and to my sorrow, I found very few. You see, Dolores never liked to have her picture taken. She always said she didn't look right or her hair was a mess or she wasn't dressed properly. As a result, I have very few pictures to help me remember my beloved Dolores in better times.

Please, Ann, tell your readers no matter how terrible they think they look at the moment, someone is going to cherish that picture in the future. Let your spouse, relatives and friends take your photograph in the faded apron with your hair a mess.

They will cherish it as a reminder of happier times.

Thankfully, time is a great healer of wounds. Over the past several years, my broken heart has mended, and I now have a wonderful woman in my life. We plan to marry. She knows no matter how she thinks she looks, to me she looks beautiful, and I'm going to take her picture at every opportunity. — Charles Stratton, Moore, Okla.

**Dear Charles Stratton:** Thank you for a sweet letter and permission to use your name. I am pleased to know you have a second chance at happiness.

I am sure many husbands and wives feel as you do about their spouses. It doesn't matter how they are dressed or what their hair looks like. Those photographs are treasured keepsakes, and looking at them, regardless of how unflattering they may be, brings warm memories of shared times together. The same goes for photographs of children, parents, relatives and dear friends.

Your counsel to my readers to allow their pictures to be taken no matter how they think they look is wonderful. I hope they listen.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a divorced woman with a young son. For the past several months, I have been dating "Craig." He is also divorced, and has teenage children from a previous marriage. We all get along extremely well. The only problem we have is Craig's mother. When I tell you what the problem is, you are going to be surprised. Believe me, I was.

"Gladys" is a lovely woman and very close to her children. Craig no longer brings any of the women he dates to meet his parents. Two weeks ago, Craig asked if he could bring me home for dinner. Gladys said she did not want to meet any woman unless the relationship was serious. Craig was annoyed by this, and insisted they include me. The dinner was fine, and I thought everything went well.

Last week, Craig asked his mother if I could come for the holidays, and she said, "No." She said she likes me well enough, but refuses to have me in her home again unless there is a firm commitment between us. Craig is furious. I don't want to be the cause of a family rift, but I can't help feeling uncomfortable. What

should I do? — At A Loss in the Southwest

**Dear Southwest:** Apparently, Craig's mother is very eager for him to be married, and is using everything she can think of as leverage. Stay out of it. Be pleasant to the woman, but not obsequious. Do not show any interest in going to the woman's home. The ball is in her court, and you know the ground rules. I must say, however, this situation is most unusual. Apparently, her son has had a parade of dollies over the years, and she is sick and tired of it. Enough said.

Is life passing you by? Want to improve your social skills? Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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**Annual festival** — A wide variety of handcrafted items, such as these shown by Marlene Roe (left) and Sharon Edwards, will be available at the Wesley United Methodist Church's 20th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in the Hereford Community Center. The festival features only handmade items and offers a wide variety of Christmas gift ideas.

## Low-cost screenings offered at local clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A, on Dec. 8.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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## TDH checks for recalled children's items

The time from peering at a carefully drawn up wish list to filling out a shopping bag is a short one, often crammed into hectic hours of scanning store shelves to find just the right item to make a child happy.

Product Safety Division inspectors at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) want those selections to be not only good matches to fulfill desires but safe ones as well. Awareness is the key.

To emphasize that awareness, TDH inspectors make the rounds of retail stores several days each fall, looking for children's items that have been recalled. The 2000 Toy Sweep was Nov. 16, 17, 20, 21. Each inspector had a list of 10 items geared toward children that have been listed as recalled items since the first of the year by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

"The toy sweep was a reminder to both consumers and retailers that some items are not safe for children and have been recalled," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH Product Safety Division. "These recalled items should not be out on shelves for sale."

This year the list includes two items that are meant to ensure safety—bicycle helmets from Rand International and Cycle Express, Inc. Other items include Fisher-Price's Lift & Lock Swing and Get Up & Go Walkers; Kmart children's decorative lamps;

Playskool Klackeroo toys; Galoob Toys, Inc., Sky Dancers flying dolls; Today's Kids Music & Lights Kidaround Spinner; Playtex Classic Patterns Cherubs and Soft Comfort latex pacifiers; Shercore, Inc., Stand-Up 'N Play Tables; and Playskool Busy Poppin' Pals toys.

These items are 10 out of hundreds recalled annually, and TDH's product safety inspectors investigate problems and head off potential dangers year round. Reasons for recalls include head injuries, falls, bruises and cuts, choking, eye injuries, broken teeth, broken bones, mild concussions, lacerations and fire hazards.

"We check for dangerous children's products all the time," Branton said.

CPSC sends its recall notices to major retail stores across the country. Store managers then are to remove these recalled items and return them to the manufacturer. Some stores also post notices to inform consumers who may have bought the item before the recall.

"We do find items still for sale from time to time," Branton said. "The retailer may not have received the recall or the items may have been overlooked. Most retailers are happy to have our help getting unsafe items off the shelves." Inspectors who find a recalled item still for sale will ask the store manager to remove the

item and return it to the manufacturer.

Even with toys manufactured correctly, problems may arise when a child is not the right age for the item. What may be safe and appropriate for children of one age group may be uninteresting or dangerous for youngsters of different ages or skill levels.

Labels help answer many questions about a toy's safety and suitability. "Consumers should take manufacturer recommendations seriously," Branton said. "If the label says the item is not recommended for a child under 3 years of age, then it isn't. It may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child."

A good toy should be:

- Safe for that child's age, well constructed and durable.
- Appealing and interesting to the child.
- Suited to the child's physical capabilities.
- Suited to the child's mental and social development.

Branton said to look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other small parts. Also, discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately before they become deadly playthings. And always be sure a helmet and other protective gear is available along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment. Be sure a helmet fits the child's head and that the child likes the design and

will wear it.

People who find what they believe are dangerous, defective or mislabeled toys may call the TDH Product Safety Division at 512-834-6773. Information is available at on the TDH Product Safety Web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/about](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/about) toys and product hazards. TDH together with CPSC also offers an extensive checklist on Safety Suggestions for Gift Giving at the same Web site.

## WOY nominations close Thurs.

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

Nominations may be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 192, Hereford, or turned in at the office, 701 N. Main.

The award, presented by the Women's Division, will be given to a division member who has been active during the past year.

The winner will be announced at the Women's Division's first quarterly meeting in 2001.

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

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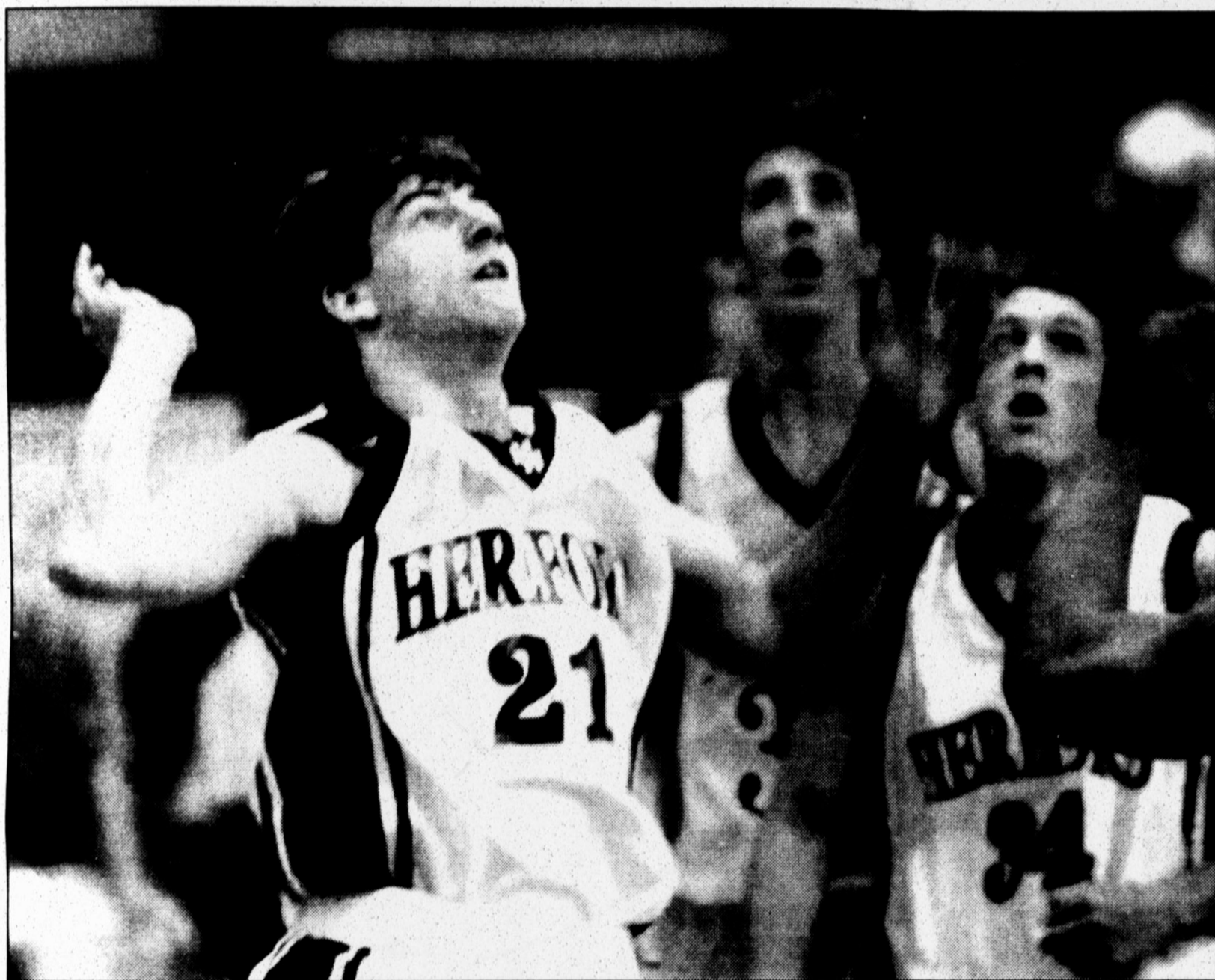
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## GAME ON



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**Bobcats coming to town**—Junior Tyler Nielsen waits for the ball to come down in the Whitefaces loss to Seminole last week. The Whitefaces host Dimmitt tonight beginning at 6 p.m. at Whitefaces Gymnasium.

## All-District Herd

### ■ 18 players named to All-District list

The Hereford Whiteface football team had 18 players mentioned in the District 3-4A All-District awards including four players named to the first team with head coach Craig Yenzen receiving the Coach of the Year award and quarterback Cody Hodges Player of the Year honors.

C. Hodges totaled 2,205 yards and 26 touchdowns at the end of the district season for the 9-2 Whitefaces. He also rushed for 413 yards and was intercepted only three times all season making him a unanimous selection for the first team offense.

Senior receiver Slade Hodges was also a unanimous selection for the first team All-District. S. Hodges compiled 856 yards on 61 receptions during the district season with 10 touchdowns.

Making first team honors on the defensive side of the ball were seniors Michael Barba and Kris Hammerbeck. Barba had 55 tackles on the district season including four tackles for a loss and nine

quarterback sacks. Barba also forced four fumbles for Hereford High.

Hammerbeck, noseguard for the Hostile Herd, was also named to the first team for his work against the centers of District 3-4A.

Taking second team offense honors were Hereford players Trey Bezner (senior) and Geoffrey Marquez (junior). Bezner averaged four knockdowns a game while Marquez caught 51 passes for 729 yards including six touchdowns.

Second team defense honors went to senior lineman Joseph Valdez and senior defensive back Chayse Rives.

Ten other Hereford High football players received Honorable Mention awards for their performances. They are: Senior offensive tackle Trey Madrigal, senior offensive tackle Hagen Henderson, senior wide receiver J.P. Holman, senior running backs Kyle Artho and Ramiro Zambrano, defensive end Gilbert Hernandez, junior cornerbacks Cody Marsh and Juan Ayala, senior linebacker Valentin Sustaita and senior strong safety Richard Salinas.

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## Girls place seventh

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Sophomore and All-Tournament guard Sarah Griffin scored 12 points for the Lady Herd against the Lady Mules followed by junior wing Michelle Bernhardt and junior Charlie Henson.

Griffin took All-Tournament honors by accumulating 48 points during the Queens Classic Tournament held Nov. 23-25.

The girls team is now 3-3 on the season with victories against Tulia, Lubbock High and Muleshoe.

The next test for the team is tonight when they host

Dimmitt at Whiteface Gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m.

### Contest results

Week 12 winners of the *Hereford Brand* Football Contest are Jessica Weishaar, Jim English and Lisa Kalka.

Weishaar, a Hereford native, missed just two games to take the first place prize.

English won second place by missing only three of his picks for the week, and Kalka took fourth missing four games and guessing the closest actual score.

There were a total of 86 entries in the contest. This is the final week to participate in the contest.

## WRESTLING WRAP-UP

### Dumas Invitational (Nov. 19)

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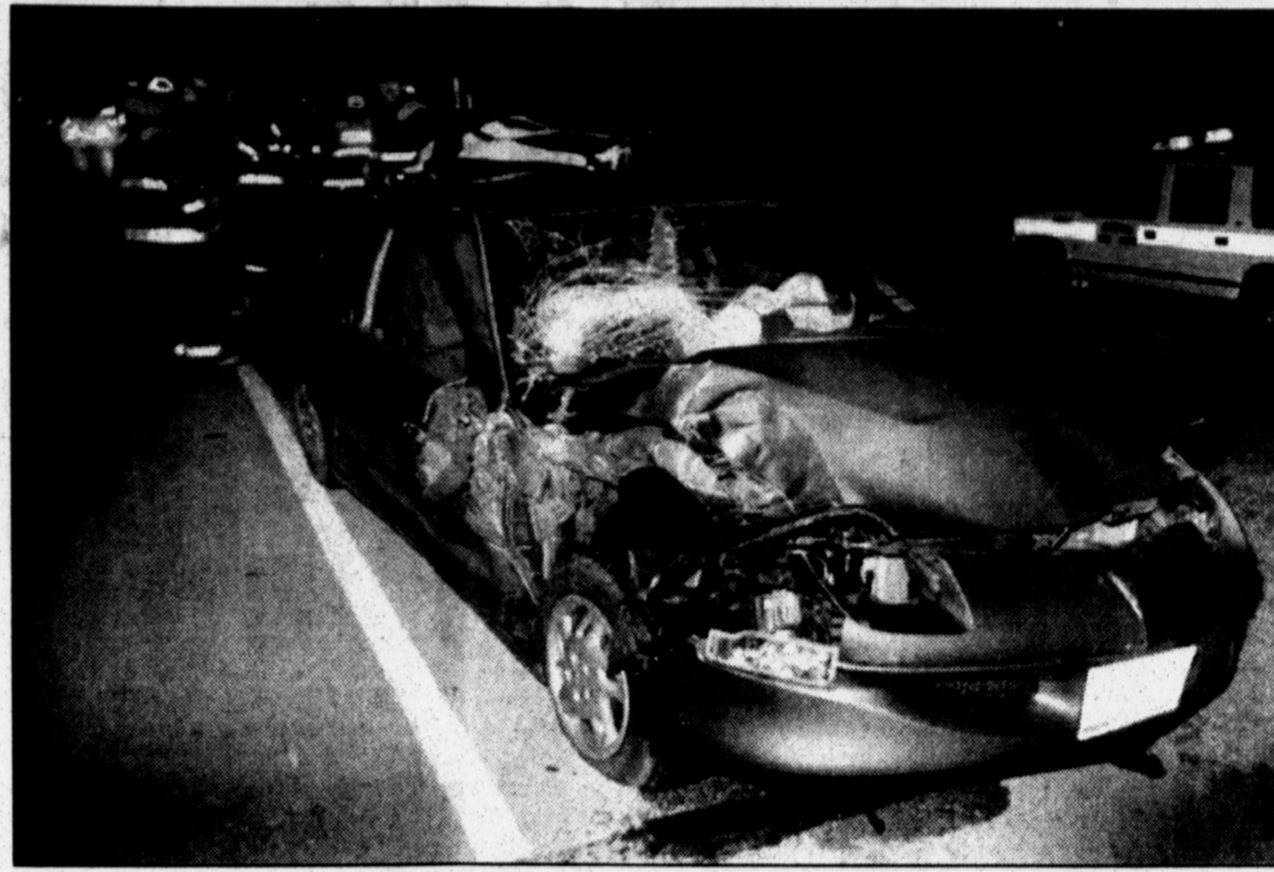
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**Failure to yield** — Rescue teams responded to a wreck Saturday evening at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Farm Road 2943. Texas Department of Public Safety reports show the northbound 1988 Chevy Van, driven by Surema Ruiz, 23, stopped at the stop sign, saw the oncoming car and thought she had time to get through. Ruiz cleared the eastbound lane of traffic and started to pull into the westbound lane and was struck by a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Chancey Hutchinson, 18. Ruiz was cited for no driver's license and failure to yield a right-of-way.

Consumer confidence posts drop

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence fell in November to its lowest level in more than a year, yet another sign the economy is slowing. The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index now stands at 133.5, a modest drop from the revised 135.8 reported in October and a significant decline from the record high of 144.7 last registered in May. The Conference Board index is closely watched because consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. The index compares results to its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

"The nine-point drop in consumer confidence over the last two months underscores an anxiety about future economic conditions," says Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "The dip in expectations may reflect concern about the still unresolved election."

Consumer confidence has fallen sharply since the index recorded 142.5 in September; the last time it was this low was in October 1999, when it stood at 130.5.

Consumers' outlook for the future also registered a much sharper drop at 103.4, down from 108.4.

"Consumers are still feeling confident about their personal financial situations. They are concerned about six months down the road and a lot of that reflects the political uncertainty," said David Orr, chief economist at First Union Capital Markets Group in Charlotte, N.C.

Orr also pointed to an increase in consumers' confidence in the present, from 178.7 in 176.8 in October, a potentially good sign for the holiday season.

Public thinks Bush won Florida, but divided on Gore concession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans by more than a 2-1 margin think George W. Bush has won the presidency, says a poll released Tuesday, but they are evenly divided on the question of whether Al Gore should concede the presidency.

The NBC Poll showed the public was split — 49 percent apiece — on whether or not Gore should concede or await the results from cases filed in the courts. A third of those polled Monday night by NBC News said they saw the vice president's plea for patience on national television.

Two polls taken after the certification but prior to Gore's speech — taken by CNN-USA

Today-Gallup and ABC News-Washington Post — showed that almost six in 10 thought it was time for Gore to concede.

Asked whether Bush was right to claim victory and set up a transition operation, just over half in the NBC News poll, 51 percent, said he should have waited. More than four of 10 thought he was right to claim victory.

People were about evenly split in the NBC poll on whether the Florida secretary of state's decision to certify Bush the winner was "based on a fair, unbiased process" or not.

By about a 2-1 margin, those in the poll said they were comfortable with each of the candi-

dates and were prepared to support them.

"It looked to me like Gore got a raw deal," said Noel McCoy, 56, of Newton, Mass. "I think he should fight."

Gore pleaded for patience Monday night as polls suggested his support could slip away.

"Our country will be stronger, not weaker, if our next president assumes office following a process that most Americans believe is fair," said Gore, who has challenged the Florida certified results in court.

"I think Gore should give up and say good luck to Bush," said 21-year-old Peter Greene of Concord, N.H., who voted for Gore.

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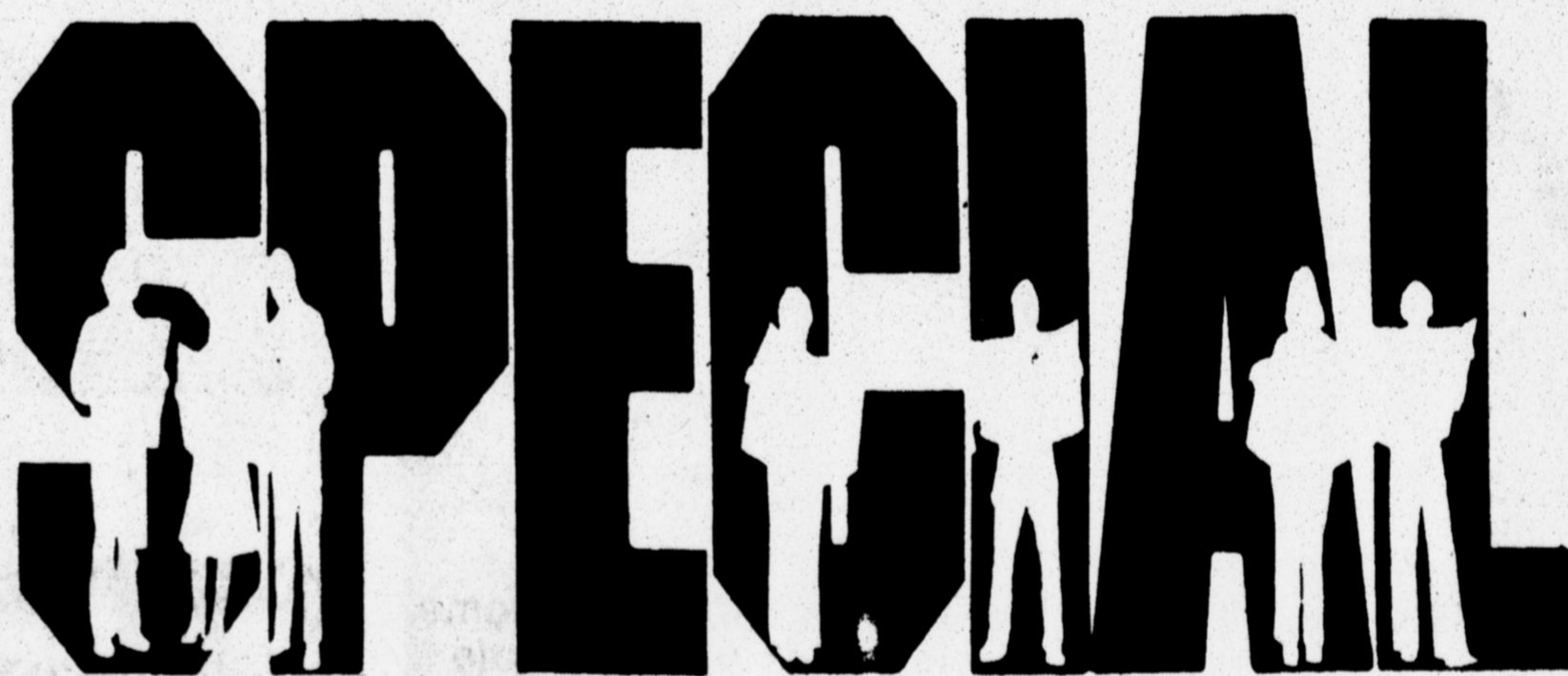
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## ■ Canadians 'Remember Florida' as they deliver no-recount-needed win to Chretien

OTTAWA (AP) — Jean Chretien had exhorted voters to "Remember Florida," and they heeded his message, delivering a no-recount-needed election victory that gave the prime minister's Liberal Party a third straight majority government.

The outcome placed Chretien among the most successful Canadian politicians of all time, yet it also highlighted the nation's bitter East-West divide. The Liberals were trounced by the conservative Canadian Alliance in the three western provinces, but the Alliance failed to impress the more populous East.

For Chretien, prime minister since 1993, it was a personal triumph. He had risked a backlash by calling an election less than 31/2 years into his five-year term, and leaders of the four opposition parties hoped to deprive him of an outright majority in the 301-seat House of Commons.

Instead, the Liberals gained seats, improving from 161 to 173. The Canadian Alliance improved from 58 seats to 66, but its dreams of a breakthrough in pivotal Ontario fizzled — it won just two of the 103 seats in the most populous province, compared to 100 for the Liberals.



**Prime Minister** Jean Chretien hugs his wife, Aline, as they celebrate the victory of Chretien's Liberal Party in the Canadian election.

In one of many Election Day allusions to the deadlocked U.S. presidential election, Health Minister Allan Rock — an easy re-election winner in Toronto — exulted over the Alliance's unthreatening showing.

"They can look at all the dimpled chads they want," he said.

The Liberals lost a few seats in the West, but more than compensated with gains in the Atlantic provinces and, most surprisingly, in Quebec. The Liberals picked up eight seats in the mostly French-speaking province to evenly split Quebec's seats 37-37 with the

separatist Bloc Quebecois.

The Bloc, which hopes eventually to win a referendum on seceding from Canada, received 40.5 percent of the Quebec votes, compared to 43.6 percent for the Liberals.

"This shows that Quebecers want to turn the page, that we want to go forward as a country together," said John Rae, one of Chretien's campaign managers. But the Bloc leader, Gilles Duceppe, refused to abandon the dream of independence.

"The struggle of the people of Quebec sometimes passes by roads that are very difficult," he said. "But in my most deepest soul I know Quebec will one day be a country — our country."

Chretien was re-elected for the 11th time from his district in Shawinigan, Quebec, a factory town where he grew up as one of 19 children. When President Clinton leaves office in January, Chretien will become the longest-serving leader of any of the major industrial powers.

"The campaign often was too negative and too personal," Chretien told supporters. "The Canadian people now expect all of us to carry out our responsibilities."

## Aristide moves to dispel fears

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Jean-Bertrand Aristide moved to dispel fears he will rule Haiti as a dictator after an election that he seems certain to have won. Breaking a six-year silence on political issues a day after the presidential vote, Aristide said the opposition would be welcome in his government and denied charges he would squelch Haiti's nascent democracy.

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"There will be a place for everyone in my government," Aristide said Monday at his first news conference since 1994. "To have a peaceful Haiti, the opposition is indispensable. ... It is part of our democratic fate." The fiery former priest, who became Haiti's first freely elected president in 1990, did not declare victory in Sunday's vote, but he spoke as if he were president. Preliminary results were expected Tuesday.

### Partial results show Romania left returning to power

BUCHAREST, Romania — Leftists will likely return to power in Romania after weekend elections, with an ex-communist leading in the race for the presidency and his party gaining the most support in parliament, partial results showed Monday. With nearly 92 percent of all votes counted, ex-communist Ion Iliescu, who was president from 1990-96, was leading with 36.8 percent of the vote, and extreme nationalist Corneliu Vadim Tudor was second with 28.3 percent, the central election bureau said.

### U.N. warns of AIDS complacency, coming epidemics

GENEVA — The world's richest countries are growing alarmingly complacent about the global AIDS epidemic as infections reach new levels, the United Nations said in a report Tuesday that noted the number of cases in Russia alone will more than double this year. The annual AIDS Epidemic Update released Tuesday predicted 45,000 new cases this year in North America and 30,000 in Western Europe. Nearly 1.5 million people in the industrialized countries will be living with the AIDS virus by the end of the year. Intravenous drug users accounted for the alarming rise in infections this year in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, where the number of people living with the virus is expected to rise from 420,000 to 700,000.

### Opposition seeks to force early elections in Israel

JERUSALEM — Israel's hard-line opposition rebuffed a final appeal Tuesday by Prime Minister Ehud Barak that it join a national emergency government, and said it was determined to force early elections with a crucial vote in parliament. The vote, to be held late Tuesday after several hours of debate, was expected to be close. The opposition was confident it could muster the 61 of 120 legislative votes required to get the bill passed in each of three readings. However, several lawmakers remained undecided.

### O'Donnell raises money to benefit abused children

ATLANTA — For \$100, you could win a chance to introduce Rosie O'Donnell on her show. The talk maven agreed to donate an appearance on her daily syndicated "Rosie" show to help the Georgia Center for Children, which helps sexually abused children going through mental counseling. The organization is selling 300 tickets for \$100 each. The winner gets a two-night trip to New York and intro duties for O'Donnell. The winner is to be chosen Wednesday at a benefit dinner in Atlanta.

### Remains of singer's wife identified

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The remains of a woman found buried in a rural canyon have been identified as those of Sandra Rosas, the wife of Los Lobos band leader Cesar Rosas. Dental records were used to identify the remains Monday, said Deputy Val Rosario of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

Sandra Rosas' killer and half brother, Gabriel Gomez, 40, led authorities last week to the shallow grave outside Los Angeles.

Rosas disappeared from her home on Oct. 23, 1999, while her husband was touring with his band in New Orleans.

## Restaurateur has advice for ranchers

RIO GRANDE, Ohio (AP) — Retired restaurateur Bob Evans has a simple message for struggling cattle farmers: Let them eat grass.

Evans, who once ran a chain of 445 restaurants, points to research showing that farmers can save money by grazing cattle on new types of grass that can endure winter weather.

"If I were 20 again, I never would have started a restaurant," Evans, 82, told *The Columbus Dispatch*. "This is going to make money, boy."

Because the new grasses are largely self-sustaining, farmers can avoid labor and equipment costs, Evans said. The grasses also are far cheaper to grow than the corn and soybeans usually used for feed.

At Evans' Ohio farm, experiments are also being done on turnips that yield leafy, cattle-pleasing tops.

"It costs 16 cents a day to keep a cow on turnips instead of 75 cents to \$1.50 a day on more traditional management systems," said Evans' assistant, Ed Vollborn.

## Former FDR home goes up for sale

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Own a piece of history: An 18-room mansion that once belonged to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is up for sale.

The home overlooking the Hudson River, one of several in Hyde Park that once belonged to the Roosevelt family, is being offered for \$599,500 by Bernard Kessler, a lawyer. He and his brother bought the mansion from FDR's estate in 1963.

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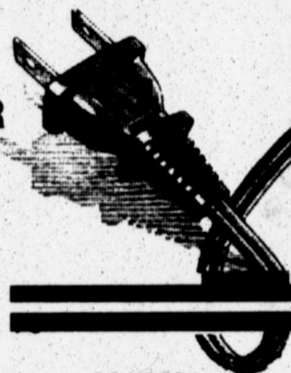


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