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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Cindy Isaacson

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows around 35, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, highs in the lower 60s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s.

Extended forecast

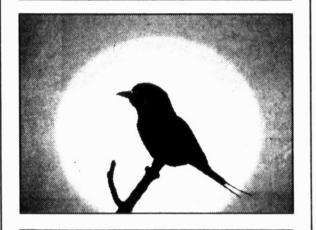
Friday: Cloudy and cooler, highs in the upper 40s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, lows near 20, highs in the mid-50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows around 25, highs near 60. Monday and Tuesday: Mostly cloudy,

lows in the mid-30s, highs in the mid-60s. Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 60; low, 22; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Front brings fog

A weak cold front moved across Central Texas early today, producing some fog in the area and prompting rainfall in southern parts of the state.

Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the front were affecting eastern portions of South Texas

The front stretched along a line from Texarkana through Waco and Junction to Guadalupe Pass. Patches of light rain were east of a line from Fairfield to Corsicana to Canton, with thunderstorms near Centerville.

Skies elsewhere were partly to mostly cloudy, with the exception of fog that reduced visibilities in south central sec-

Fog was reported from Texarkana to Waco and Austin into eastern sections of

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the lower 20s in the north and west to 60s in the south.

Extremes ranged from 21 degrees at Dalhart to 69 at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and Rockport.

Other readings include 46 degrees at Junction and 44 degrees at San Angelo.

BIRDS BRING BIG BUCKS

Pheasant hunters from across the country preparing to converge on the area—and they'll spend liberally

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer Corn and milo stubble remain it the fields. Early morning frost identifies the fall sea-

With the corn stubble and frost comes a larger and more profitable time - pheasant sea-

For a few days a year, pheasant hunters from all over the country converge on hot hunting spots in hopes of getting one of the first ring-necked pheasants of the year and these hunters are willing to spend big bucks to do it.

Field guides, hotels, restaurants, gas stations, entertainment establishments, and shopping outlets all benefit from the hordes of hunters.

Data from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife indicate more than 21,800 hunters visited the High Plains last year. These visiting hunters spent an average of 1.8 actual hunting days. It is not uncommon for the hunters to drop \$1,200 to \$2,000 dollars for the first weekend hunt.

"It's not as big as it once was, but still it brings in a lot of business in certain years," said Danny Swepston, district leader for wildlife in the Texas Panhandle.

Non-hunters may consider this a lot of money to hunt a bird which originated in China and is only slightly larger than a domestic chicken, but to the dedicated hunter it represents a challenge and a chance to socialize with other hunters.

"Most of these guys see this as a social gathering. They arrive in groups of four to.15. For some, it's the challenge of getting the game," Swepston said.

Merchants, retailers, and other businesses see it as an additional bonus on top of the expected surge because of the holidays.

"We're packed solid for the first weekend, and we have a long waiting list," said Cindy Isaacson, new owner of the Best Western Red Carpet Inn. "The second weekend is still open. but the opening weekend is always busiest."

"Everyone benefits when the hunters come to town," Isaacson said. "Some of these guys are spending \$150-\$200 per gun, probably \$30 a day for meals, and \$65 to \$75 for a room, plus all the other things like gasoline, snack foods and miscellaneous items.



PHOTO/Jim Stelert

Hide "n' seek — A pheasant stands still amid the tall grass as a hunter (background) prepares to take aim. Thousands of hunters are expected to be in the area starting Dec. 9 for the annual pheasant season. Although the season is not as big as it has been in the past, it does generate thousands of dollars for local merchants.

"I'd just have a wild guess of how much the hunters bring in on the first weekend," said Sid Shaw, executive director of the Hereford Chamber of Commerce. "My guess would be at least \$20,000 just on that first weekend."

An employee of a local liquor store said, "Pheasant season, and especially opening weekend is second, in our industry, only to New Year's Eve. These guys come in and buy a lot of high dollar items as gifts for their landowner hosts.

The same employee said the pheasant season has a "huge impact on the area's economy." He described a group of six, out of state spent about \$2,000 in less than a week's time.

"It's not just our business that booms, but the eateries and places that fix briskets and hams do a great business, too. The landowners order a lot of hams and briskets to feed to the hunters."

According to Swepston, hunters start watching for bird estimates as early as October waiting to see where the best hunting will be.

Members of the Parks and Wildlife Department travel established routes of 20 square miles, counting the number of birds spotted in each location. "So far, this has given us a fairly accurate count on the birds. It's a pretty good predictor," Swepston said.

Swepston said the drivers usually wait for the corn and milo harvest to finish so they can get a better idea of the number of birds.

While Isaaccson is getting ready for her first pheasant season as a new hotel owner, she is hoping for a good year and from what she has seen on her own land she is expecting hunters to look towards Deaf Smith County.

"We've seen three hatchings on our place," Issaccson said.

Swepston Isaacson's prediction.

"It looks to be a pretty good season. Not a record year, but pretty good at least east of Hereford," he said.

Pheasant populations are very closely tied to the amount of available cover, feed, and the severity of the

Swepston said local pheasant populations peaked in the late 1970s and early 1980s when row irrigation was at a high

"We probably have 60 percent of the birds we had then," Swepston said.

Even after the hunters have packed up their guns and promised to return another year, the profits continue to roll in.

Taxidermists in surrounding counties say they can get in anywhere between 50 and 100 birds for mounting. Some pheasant mounts can push \$500, depending on the taxidermist

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Healthcare center planning to conduct local food drive

ford will conduct a community-wide food drive Dec. 4-19.

The healthcare center, located at 125 W.

Park Ave., will serve as the dropoff site for the donated items. The Food Pantry will be the recipient of the food. The food will be presented to the Food Pantry on Dec. 20. Covenant Family Healthcare Center-Here-

Covenant Family Healthcare Center-Here- ford is a part of a primary network in 24 communities that Covenant Health System is developing throughout West Texas and eastern New Mexico. The centers are part of system providing comprehensive and pre-ventive care at the local level.

Physicians at the Hereford center are Drs. Bruce Clarke, Duffy McBrayer, Gerald Payne and Nema Uwaydah.

Lawsuits go on and on, but there's no president



The Associated Press Lawsuits by the fistful, lawyers by the score, contested ballots by the thousands and still no president-elect. That's the simple arithmetic of the 2000 race for the White House as Al Gore struggles to overcome George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida

three weeks after Election Day.

"The state of Florida has certified a vote count that is neither complete nor accurate," Gore said Tuesday as he appealed to the courts for a manual recount of 13,000 ballots and to the public for patience while he presses his unprecedented legal challenge.

That's not how the Bush high command saw it. Gore "proposed yet another count and yet another deadline" after losing each tally in Florida thus far, countered Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Texas governor. "Common sense does not allow it and the rights of the citizens of Florida to have their votes count do not allow it."

The battle for public opinion continued Wednesday, as it had each of the 22 days since the election in the state that stands to settle the race for the White House.

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Naughty or Nice

Deadline nears for Santa letters



The annual "Christmas Greeting Edition" will be published in the Dec. 16 issue of the Hereford Brand.

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

School classes may submit letters as a project, or children may send individual letters of their own. Some may want to add their own Christmas artwork. All letters to Santa will be

published, regardless if the children have been naughty or nice.

The deadline for submitting letters or artwork is Dec. 4.

Anyone who wants to share a recollection about a special Christmas in their life should write it down and send it to the Brand. These stories will be included as space allows in the Christmas Greeting

Stories should be relatively short, about 300 words or less, and neatly printed or typed. A photo which illustrates the story may also be included.

Letters and art may be submitted to the Brand office, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to P.O. Box 673, Hereford HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

Homes for annual tour announced

La Madre Mia Study Club will host its annual Holiday Tour of Homes from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The tour will include the homes of Bill and Kerry Glidewell, 126 Pecan; Jeff and Kim Shelton, 520 Westhaven; Stan and Jan Metcalf, 125 Nueces; and Joe and Annie Brown, 149 Liveoak. Tickets are \$5 and are available from any member of La Madre Mia Study Club or at any of the homes on the day of the tour.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa is coming to town and is ready to have breakfast with all his little friends, Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. Children from preschool age through the early grade school levels are invited to have breakfast and pictures with Santa, play on the bouncer, take a train ride and view a live nativity scene.

Cost is \$3 per child and reservations must be made before 5 p.m. Thursday. Parents must accompany their children.

To make reservations, please call 364-8303.

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, clean air standards 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

Former congressman dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — To many San Antonians, longtime U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez will be remembered for his

ability to "abrir caminos" — blaze trails.
"He made a name for the Hispanics," said Elvira Encina, a 43-year-old housing referral counselor and lifelong resident of San Antonio. "He came up and said, 'We're here. We do exist, and we're smart, like any other culture, any other race."

The news of Gonzalez's death Tuesday sent many in the nation's eighth-largest city into mourning. Gonzalez, who retired in 1998 after 37 years on Capitol Hill, died in a San Antonio hospital at the age of 84.

"It is a sad day, but I think we need to remember the contributions that my father made," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, choking back tears. "He was so proud to represent this city."

The younger Gonzalez, one of eight children, followed in his father's footsteps and now occupies his old seat in Congress.

Born in San Antonio in 1916 to recent immigrants from Mexico, the man known as "Henry B." emerged from poverty by attending San Antonio College and St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio.

After serving as a city councilman, he became the first Mexican-American elected to the Texas Senate.

First elected to Congress in 1961, the intensely proud, sometimes irascible and always unpredictable Gonzalez was derided throughout his tenure for his unwillingness to work within the system.

· ELSEWHERE ·

FORT ST LOUIS: More than 300 years after famed French explorer La Salle founded Fort St. Louis near modern-day Victoria, archaeologists announced Tuesday they have discovered human bones on the site for the first time. Texas Historical Commission archaeologists believe the bones belonged to two French settlers, and they hope the find helps complete the puzzle of Fort St. Louis.

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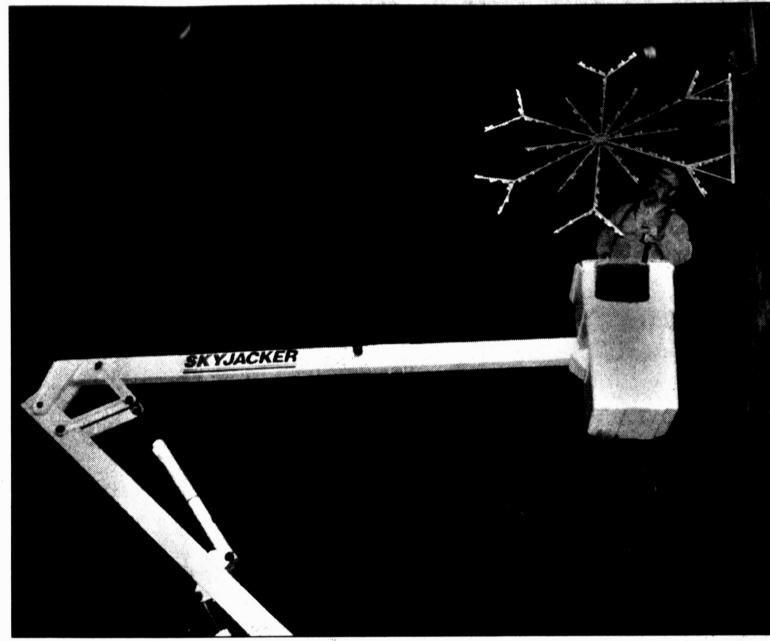
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Big city lights



First light -- City streets are beginning to look a lot like Christmas and with the help of the Hereford Rotary Club and Southwestern Public Service employees and their bucket truck, city nights will take on a holiday air. The Rotary

Club hung lighted snowflakes and angels along Park Avenue and 25 Mile Avenue. Bob Avery, an SPS employee, had the privilege of hanging the first street ornament and in the process had to replace several burned out bulbs.

Sugar cane company faces fines

Unauthorized burn violates border city

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) -A sugar cane burn that produced thick clouds of black smoke in border cities, violating clean air standards, could result in a fine against a South Texas company by state environmental officials.

The controlled burn of cane fields this weekend by Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 28, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

 A 17-year-old female was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue A and charged with public intoxication and being under the influence of marijuana.

 A juvenile was taken into custody in the 200 block of Avenue F for being truant and trespassing on school grounds. A 26-year-old man was

arrested in the 300 block of Avenue H and charged with public intoxication. Incidents

aggravated assault in the 1300 block of East First Street. Charges are pending. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A 15-year-old girl reported an

Incidents Dogs attacked some sheep.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 9:25 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 215 S. 25 Mile Avenue. Firefighters arrived to find the trash can on fire.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

3-10-34-35-39

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

9-1-2

Inc., based in Santa Rosa, unauthorized and firefighters.

"We are taking this very air section manager for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Harlingen, told the Valley Morning Star in Wednesday's

editions. "It did impact a city." She said residents in the area telephoned complaints of respiratory problems from the burn.

"We have had a number of complaints regarding this particular burn," said Gardner. "It basically impacted a large number of people. We've gotten calls from people who say it affected their breathing or gave them watery eyes."

Further, she said, the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers group was not authorized to conduct the burn Saturday

of Farm-to-Market roads 507 prompted residents to call and 599, north of Harlingen. An official at the Santa Rosa

seriously," Lorinda Gardner, countered that the sugar growing, a second offense carries ers' group lawfully conducted the burn. Cameron County Fire Mar-

shal Desi Najera said Monday he would recommend that sugar growers use incinerators to burn cane stock leaves to put an end to open burn-

Were going to get together with the growers to find another alternative to this open burning," he said. "My suggestion is they get an oven or an incinerator.'

However, Rozess called incinerator burning unfeasible because of the magnitude of the region's sugar cane burn-

Gardner said that if state records show the sugar grow-

morning near the intersection ers' group conducted a previous unauthorized burn, state environmental officials could hand down a fine. She said a sugar mill, Norman Rozess, first offense warrants a warnfines of as much as \$10,000.

"The (TNRCC) board order specifically says you don't burn over the weekend. Gardner said. "We have to authorize those requests, and we did not."

Najera said open burning now threatens large numbers of residents who live near sugar cane fields, with hot embers causing a potential fire hazard.

"We have to consider all the people who have respiratory problems and are on medicine," said Najera. "Some residents came back from the holidays and found their pools were damaged by soot. Some residents are saying their homes are full of ash.

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Obituaries

CATHY DEBORD Nov. 27, 2000

AMARILLO - Services for Cathy DeBord, 51, of Amarillo will be 10 a.m. Thursday at South Georgia Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Miller officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. DeBord died Monday. She was born in Amarillo and returned in 1978. She worked as a computer consultant for Medisoft.

She married Ken DeBord in 1968 in Vega.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Doug DeBord of Amarillo; one daughter, Dara Kager of Amarillo; one brother, Bob Miller, of Amarillo; three sisters, Jo Ann Blackwell of Hereford, Pat Bryan of Amarillo and Reta DeBord of McKinney; four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Circle of Friends at Don and Sybil Harrington Center.

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DORA FERN WARRICK Nov. 28, 2000

WELLINGTON - Services for Dora Fern Durfey Warrick, 85, of Wellington, will be 11 a.m. Friday in the First United

Methodist Church with Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Warrick died Tuesday. She was born in Childress County and graduated from Wellington High School in 1932. She married Velman Warrick in 1933 at Childress County where she helped operate Warrick's Inc. She retired in 1983.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was a former Sunday school teacher and superintendent. Mrs. Warrick was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the 1924 Study Club.

Survivors include two sons, Rill Warrick of Amarillo and Dan Warrick of Hereford; one daughter, Frances Holland of Wellington; one brother, Dean Durfey of Bella Vista, Ark.; nine grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son. The family suggests memorials be made to First Methodist Church or the Wellington

Cemetery Association. Hereford Brand, Nov. 29, 2000 BESSIE C. BRIDGES Nov. 28, 2000

Services for Bessie C. Bridges, 90, of Hereford will be 3 p.m. Thursday at the Llano Cemetery Mausoleum in Amarillo with Jack Bryant officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral

Mrs. Bridges died Wednesday at August Health Care Center.

She was born Feb. 12, 1910 to Howard L. Casebeer and Fannie Powell. She married Jack Bridges on Oct. 11, 1925 in Dimmitt. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1923 from Floyd County. She was a member of the United Methodist

Church and a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Forrest L. Bridges of Here-ford; two sisters, Rubye Walker of Hereford, Bertie Britt of Amarillo; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and one grea-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four broth-

ers, and two sisters.

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JESTYLES

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HRSEA members share holiday fun

Hereford Retired School Employees Association gathered at the Hereford Community Center Monday evening for a holiday potluck supper and game night. Table decorations featured toys and books brought to be given to Hereford children for Christmas.

Guests included former members Betty and Gene Volkman of Gothenburg, Neb., and Mary Alice Loveall, daughter of member Mary Jane Burrus.

The invocation before the meal was given by Dempsey Alexander. Bera Boyd led the group in singing traditional Christmas

Games of Crazy Bridge entertained members and guests with

Members and guests of the Jim McNaney winning the prize for high score and Margaret Bell the winner of low.

Arrangements for the party were under the direction of Social Chairman Rose Mary Shook, assisted by Dempsey and Thelma Alexander, John and Teddie Poindexter, Betty Jo Carlson and Leona Schilling

The next HRSEA meeting is set for Jan. 8 at the Senior Citizens Center with Lou Serrano of the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Board as the speaker. Members are reminded to bring a record of their volunteer hours for the year 2000. Mary Dziuk will send the tabulation of HRSEA community service to the state committee.



Early morning speaker -- Guest speaker at the Tuesday morning breakfast meeting of Hereford Pilot Club in the Lamar Room of King's Manor was Dr. Matilda Boozer with Action Mental Wellness Center. Pilots also pictured are (from left) Patsy Giles, Jody Branum and Ann Nelson.

Phipps is hostess for _a Afflatus

Margaret Baxter presented the program when La Afflatus Estudio Club met Nov. 21 in the home of Roxie Phipps.

Baxter gave a report of the trip she made to Nova Scotia with the Senior Citizens. The group flew to Canada, then toured Prince Edward Isle and then Nova Scotia. She also had pictures of the trip for members to see.

Aileen Montgomery presided at the business meeting and Virginia Curtsinger led the club collect.

Refreshments were served to Della Stagner, Louise Streun, Deborah Buck, Curtsinger, Montgomery, Baxter and Phipps

Mental health is program topic at Hereford Pilot Club meeting

Dr. Matilda Boozer with Action Mental Wellness Center was the guest speaker at the Tuesday morning meeting of Hereford Pilot Club.

Dr. Boozer provides therapy for children and teens, as well as adults. She also does family and marriage counseling.

During the business session, with President Patsy Giles presiding, members were reminded that Game Night is at 7

Community Center. In addition to "42," there will be two tables of bridge. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

Pilots will serve hot chocolate in the park during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

Members were encouraged to participate in the president's proposed "no-cost" service projects.

p.m. Thursday in the Hereford panels from greeting cards, saving hose to be used in the treatment of burn victims and obtaining small containers of shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, etc., to be given to the Women's and Children's Shelter.

Pilot Club members still have pecans for sale for \$6 per pound.

The next meeting will be the annual holiday party at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5. There will be no further These include saving the front meetings until Jan. 9.

Crafts festival set Saturday

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday in the Hereford

Community Center.
The festival features only handcrafted items and in-cludes a wide variety of Christmas gift ideas.



AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Ranch chicken, seasoned noodles, buttered broccoli, orange gelatin salad, Boston cream cake.

FRIDAY-Catfish with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, French green beans, coleslaw, brownies.

MONDAY-Cheeseburger with onions, pickles, lettuce and tomatoes, potatochips, vegetable soup, sliced peaches, pears and TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak,

mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cabbage-carrot-raisin slaw, plum

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips. creamed potatoes with peas, buttered carrots, cottage cheese with chopped vegetables, meringue pie.

ACTIVITIES THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-

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

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

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics

Harder gives Veleda presentation

County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Sciences Beverly Harder presented a program titled "Christmas in the Pines" at the Monday meeting of Veleda Study Club in the home of Marcella Bradly.

Harder gave tips on making decorations using mostly items which can be found around the home. She said she never throws anything away.

She said that each of us learn from the other when we share fun, laughter, tears and good food. She shared recipes for food and instructions for making decora-

Margaret Zinser, president,

presided at the business meeting. Members answered roll call with "exchange of Christmas ornaments.

Club members voted to donate \$25 to the Christmas Stocking

Detten's Furniture & Flooring

Those present were Juanita Brownd, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Della Hutto, Joyce Ritter, Norma Walden, Bradly and



Depositing an envelope - Amy Yosten (left) places an envelope in the Project Christmas Card canister at Kid's Alley while Judy Detten looks on. Project Christmas Card is an annual fund-raiser of L'Allegra Study Club with proceeds benefitting Hereford Regional Medical Center. This years' funds will be used to purchase two recovery beds for the hospital. Individuals are invited to contribute the amount they would spend on Christmas cards and names of all contributors will be printed in a full page Christmas greeting to the entire community in the Christmas Eve edition of the Hereford Brand.

New **Arrival**

Allen and Tammy Baum of Canton, Mich., are the proud parents of a son, Garrett Alexander Baum, born Nov. 27. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces

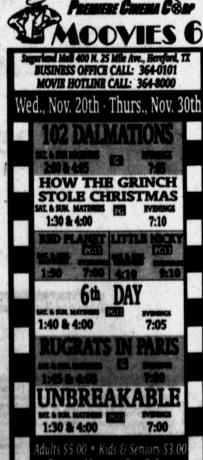
and was 221/2 inches long. Grandparents are Charlotte Wimberley of Amarillo, Brian

Baum of Worland, Wyo., and Harold and Berna Heard of Linn Great-grandparents are Ralph

and Jane Packard and Bob Baum,

all of Hereford.

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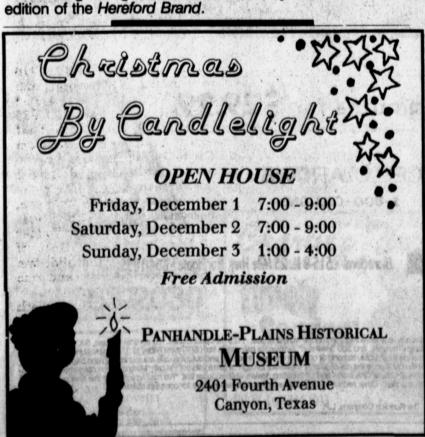
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Christmas decorations, like this old fashioned tree, abound at the Deaf Smith County Museum as historical society members and staff prepare for the Christmas Open House from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Demonstrations will be presented on making holiday arrangements, Christmas wreaths, candles and other items. Refreshments will be served and musical entertainment will be provided. Members of the Deaf Smith County Historical Society assisting with the decorating are (from left) Stacy Lesly, Suzanne Smith, Kitty Gault and Claudia McBrayer. All county residents are invited to come by and share in the annual celebration.

Unique prison ministry assists children of Juarez jail inmates

Hereford resident Raymond Cantu is, for the fourth consecutive year, seeking assistance for "God's Prison and Jail Ministry," a special ministry directed toward

Friendship.

A friend knows when you're feeling blue...doesn't ask why...and isn't friend, it's okay to be yourself because



children of inmates in prison in Juarez, Mexico.

According to Cantu, conditions are very different in the Mexican prison from those in the United

"If a father is put in jail and there is no one to care for the children, then they stay in with their father," Cantu said.

According to Cantu, this means that the children get only one meal a day, have to sleep on the floor, get a bath once a week and usually do not have shoes.

Cantu's prison ministry is in need of toys, Bibles or monetary contributions for these children.

He also needs a 16 foot trailer (any kind) that can be used to haul items to the prison.

"The deadline for collecting these things is Dec. 12 because we (a group of concerned Panhandle individuals) plan to be in Juarez on Dec. 16-17," Cantu said.

Cantu has already completed paperwork to allow him to cross. the border for the explicit purpose of visiting the prison.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with this ministry or who would like more information can contact Cantu by writing 306 Knight St., Hereford, or calling 364-2089 or 364-1497.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers

Landers: I

am writing in

response to

"Dad in San

remarry, but doesn't want

Francisco, who wants to



Landers

his two sons know about it until after the wedding. My stepfather could have written that letter.

Twenty years ago, my mother married "Allen," a kind man who had cared for his sick wife for several years before she died. Allen had two grown sons from that marriage. They hated my mother from the moment Allen introduced her to them. They never wanted their father to remarry. They refused to acknowledge my mother's presence, and sent cards and gifts only to Allen. Mom was never invited to their homes, even though they were married for almost 18 years.

When Allen became sick, Mom and I cared for him around the clock. When he died, my mother followed his wishes and had him buried next to his first wife. She took nothing from his estate. His selfish sons will never know how much they hurt their father by not accepting his wife. They punished him because he found happiness. I hope what goes around, comes around. - Daughter in Norman, Okla.

Dear Daughter: Your story is an old one. I have heard it time and time again. I hope you realize that your mother may be entitled to part of Allen's estate (they were married almost 18 years), and she would be foolish not to go after it. Perhaps you should revisit this situation and see that justice is done. As for Allen's sons, they will live tk regret their selfishness. You can count on it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband has threatened to divorce me because I cannot stop spending money. I've already maxed out all my credit cards, and he says he's fed up. I have really tried hard to control my spending, but I can't seem to do it. Whenever I feel low, I go shopping. It cheers me up a lot. I do have a decent job, but I don't make much money. My husband is a tightwad, and we argue about money a lot. Right now, I am so far in debt that he says I have used up all my second chances. He is ready to move

How can I stop spending and get my husband back? I want him to trust me again. Feeling Stupid in Alabama

Dear Alabama: Your real problem is not spending, it's depression. You go shopping when you are depressed and, as you said, it "cheers you up." It may also be your way of asserting yourself against your husband's "tightwad" ten-

I urge you to seek professional help to get you out of the depressed state. You need it desperately in order to get your life on the right track. Don't delay. Tell your husband you are going to get help for your "spending sickness," then DO IT. Get moving, and good

Dear Ann Landers: Will you print one more letter about spanking? I think my father had the right idea.

Whenever any of us kids misbehaved, my father would turn us over his knee and spank us with the side of a toothpick. This, of course, would bring down the house laughing, and believe me, the humiliation was worse than any beating. If we ever acted up, all my father had to do was pat his shirt pocket where the toothpick was, and we would settle down.

When my first child was born, Dad sent me a "paddle" carved from a tongue depressor with instructions on how to use it. Sweet? - Whipped in Wyoming

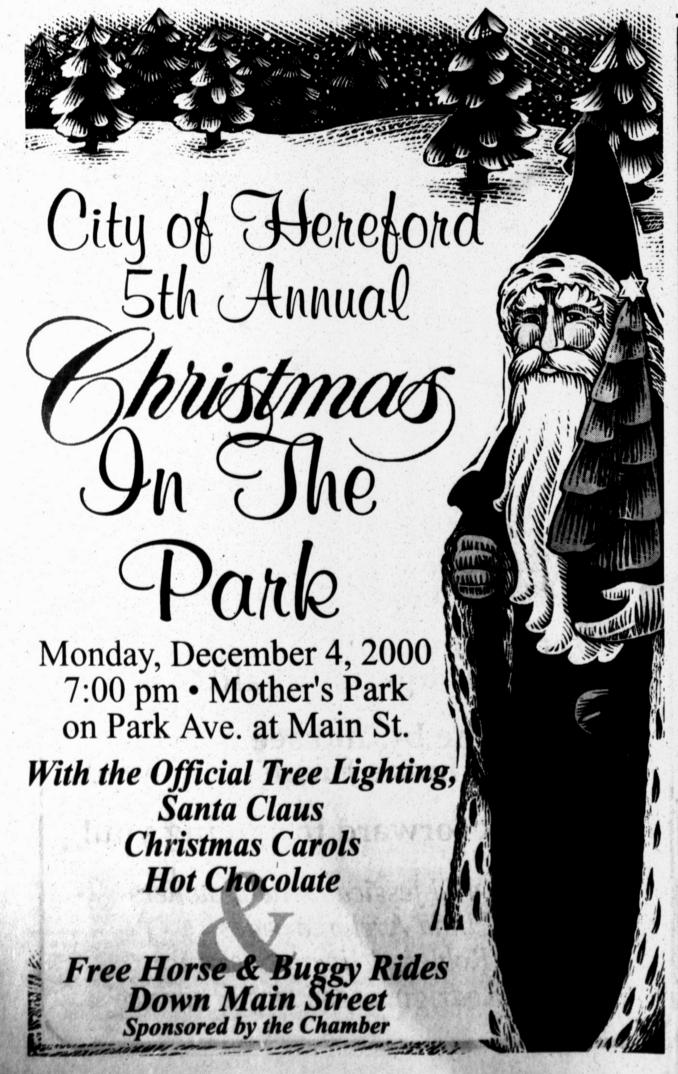
Dear Wyoming: Your father sounds like a dear man with a delightful sense of humor. Consider yourself blessed. and pass it on to the next generation. That original toothpick should be a fammly heirloom. Encase it in glass, and frame it.



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Herd declaws 'Cats, 52-43

■ Hereford varsity squad finds winning ways for first time in 2000-2001 season against Bobcats

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

How does the Hereford Whiteface basketball team spell relief?

Two ways: a slew of new varsity players and 20 points in the third quarter.

That is all it took Tuesday night for the sixth-ranked Hereford Whitefaces (1-2) to dispose of the Dimmitt Bobcats 52-43 and jump into the win column before a packed Whiteface Gymnasium.

Coach Randy Dean said he felt his players pulled out the win against a scrappy things at halftime that were

opponent despite being far from the physical shape they need to be

"I thought it was a real good performance and a real gutsy performance, too, because obviously we are not in very good shape," Dean

tradition, and to come out and win against this opponent with as little preparation as we have had is good."

Dimmitt led the game 23-20 at halftime, but whatever adjustments the Whitefaces made in the third quarter must have worked as the Herd outscored the Bobcats 32-20 in the final two quar-strictly on the guards," Dean quarter.

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SENIOR WHITEFACE POST

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"Third quarter is always going to be what wins the game," senior post Chayse Rives said. "We were all tired, but we told each other to suck it up, and we pulled it

Dimmitt grabbed the lead 35-33 in the third, but that was the last the Bobcats would be in control as the Whitefaces went back up 40-35 and never looked back. The quarter turned out to be the turning point of the con-test with the Herd scoring 20 points compared to Dimmitt's

"We talked about some

open," Dean said. "One of the things that was very pleasing was that we were able to get the ball to post our men, and we had some guys make some strong moves and get some baskets."

In the last two quar-

said. "Dimmitt has a great ters, senior James Stow and junior Cody Marsh combined for nine points and three key rebounds to keep the Whitefaces ahead. Dean said his post players' effectiveness took some pressure off his guards, allowing the team to get into a good offensive

"We were able to not rely



To the hoop—Hereford senior guard Cody Hodges lays the ball in the hoop against the Dimmitt Bobcats Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. Hodges had 12 points in the Whitefaces' 52-43 win.

said. "That got us the lead. and I thought our defense only 20 points in the final fense. Dean said the team was a lot better in the fourth two quarters of play, giving also must work on its game coach Dean confidence in the all the way around before

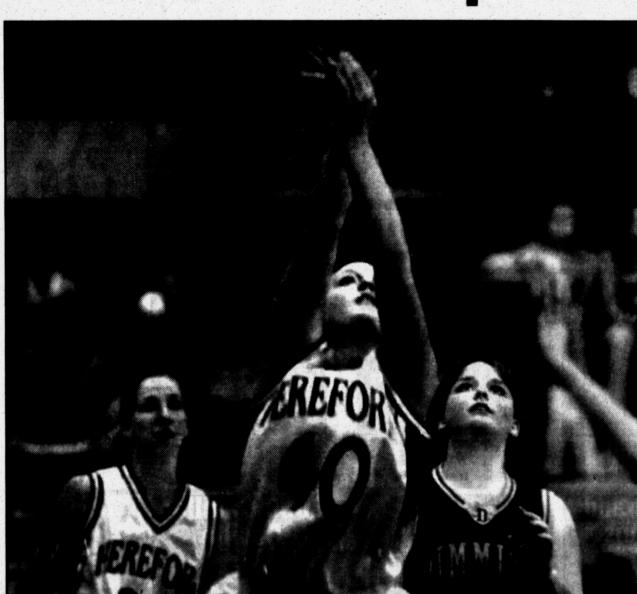
The Herd allowed Dimmitt

potential of the Whiteface de- district starts in two weeks.

"We try to put those shut

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Bobbies escape with win, 59-55



Strong move—Hereford senior Lady Whiteface post Holly Schilling goes up for the shot during Hereford's loss to Dimmitt Tuesday night. The Lady Herd fell 59-55 despite holding the lead for much of the game, including a seven point fourth quarter lead.







■ Dimmitt comes back to shock Lady Herd at home

By Jeff Blackmon Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Even though they led until the end of the fourth quarter, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces just could not put

a stake through the heart of the force that kept Dimmitt ticking when they were down by as many as eight points.

The Lady Whitefaces came up empty on their final two possessions allowing the Bobbies to stun them at home 59-55.

The Lady Herd led by as many as eight points during the game, but did not put the Bobbies away when they had

the chance. Junior wing Michelle Bernhardt said the young Lady Whiteface squad should take the loss as a lesson and apply it to their upcoming matches.

"I hope we learn from it, so we won't let a team come back like that," Bernhardt said. "Hopefully, it showed us how important putting away

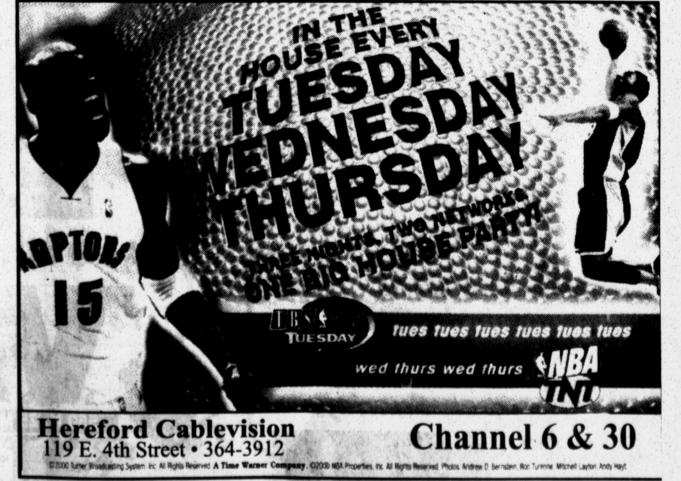
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down quarters on people to give us a chance to win," Dean said. "We have got to keep looking at the big picture. Once we get to district, we must have our stuff on and our guys must be ready to play.

"We have some work to do, but it is impossible to get

there overnight," Dean said. Senior guards Cody Hodges and Slade Hodges led Hereford with 13 and 12 points respectively despite being back for their first game after only two practices. S. Hodges said it felt good to get back on the court.

"It felt good to get back and compete," S. Hodges said. "We are a little rusty, but we played as a team and that is what we will do all year."

Rives also tossed in 11 points for the Hostile Herd while junior guard Geoffrey Marquez added 8 points.

Ladies

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a team is." Hereford (3-4) was ahead going into the fourth, including two spans in which the points. The game should have been Hereford's as sophomore Tiffany Mercer stole the ball with the clock at 3:45 with the Lady Herd up by seven, but Dimmitt (2-5) stayed in

the game by hitting clutch free throws down the stretch keeping Hereford at arm's length.

first half to put them away, and we let them hang around," Lady Whiteface coach Key Harrison said. "In those close ones, you never know what is going to hap-

pen at the end. Harrison said another aspect of Tuesday's game that bothered him was his team shooting about 50 percent from the free-throw stripe,

in the final two quarters. said. "Anytime you shoot 50 percent in close games, it

including eight shots missed

will hurt you." The Bobbies went up 57-55 with 13 seconds remaining, but the girls could not capitalize on their possessions,

ing on another possession.

ing clutch time.
"We had two plays at the end, and we turned it over both times. We just didn't get girls led Dimmitt by seven it done. We let them hang around too long, and it came back and bit us," Harrison said.

The loss is the fourth of the year for the Lady Whitefaces, but senior Ashley Fangman said she hopes it is one of those losses that her team will look at positively.

"We need to use this to "We had a chance in the build," Fangman said. "We had a tough week last week, and now we lost to Dimmitt with Plainview coming to town Fri-

"We just need to take it and build on it, and, hopefully, we will get better," Fangman said.

The girls team took a 27-22 lead into the locker room at halftime behind senior Ashley Fangman's three pointer just before the second quarter expired, but that "We shot 10 of 20 at the lead quickly shrunk to just free-throw line," Harrison two points after the third quarter to 40-38.

Sophomore guard Sarah Griffin led the Lady Herd with 19 points while senior post Holly Schilling tossed in

The loss comes just before turning the ball over on a the Lady Herd will play host backcourt violation and fail- to undefeated Plainview, the top team in the state Class

Duke edges out Illinois

■ Blue Devils get help from Williams and Dunleavy

NORTH CAROLINA (AP) Mike Krzyzewski's patience is stretched as thin as topranked Duke's victory mar-

Jason Williams matched his career high with 23 points, and Mike Dunleavy had 21 as Duke beat No. 9 Illinois 78-77 on Tuesday night in an ACC-Big Ten Challenge game in Greensboro, N.C.

Four days earlier, the Blue Devils (6-0) edged No. 17 Temple by two points to win the Preseason NIT.

"People are going to come after us and be very physical with our team. We need to play a much more physical

game," Krzyzewski said. "Right now, we're not the team I thought we would be."

Duke was outrebounded 42-27, shot 7-of-25 from 3-point range and didn't get a single point from its non-starters.

The victory gave the Atlantic Coast Conference a 3-1 edge in the first four games against the Big Ten.

In the other games, No. 12 Wake Forest beat Michigan 71-60, Clemson defeated Northwestern 57-44 and Iowa topped Georgia Tech 85-67 for the Big Ten's lone opening-night victory.

On Wednesday, No. 6 North Carolina is at No. 3 Michigan State, No. 13 Maryland plays No. 23 Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Purdue is at No. 21 Virginia, and Minnesota is at Florida State.

Four other Top 25 teams

with No. 16 Connecticut, No. 18 Utah, No. 20 Syracuse and No. 25 Arkansas all winning at home. Connecticut beat Brown 88-78, Utah routed Cardinal Stritch 93-47, Syracuse held off Colgate 73-65 and Arkansas beat Centenary 88-57. Duke survived two turnovers in the final 1:31 after taking a 77-68 lead on Dunleavy's layup and 3-

pointer in a 30-second span. "Thank goodness, 18 years ago we decided not to go zone," Krzyzewski said. "Our man-to-man defense has been good to us over the years,

were in action Tuesday night, and it was really good for us tonight.

Frank Williams led Illinois (4-2) with 19 points, but had nine of his team's 26 turn-

"Duke is a great ball club, but Cory (Bradford) and I just turned the ball over too much," Williams said. "We're supposed to be one of the top backcourts in the country. We've got to have more control than that."

Illinois lost to a top-ranked team for the second time in six days. Then-No. 1 Arizona beat the Illini 79-76 in the Maui Invitational.





Harrison said his team just 4A ranks. made too many mistakes dur-

MONDAY NIGHT MISFITS

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8. GOODIN FUELS	20	28
9. WATER INDUSTRIES	18	30
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HIGH SERIES: LAURA FIELD (517), MARTHA EMERSON (507), CAROL BERRYMAN (499)

HIGH GAMES: CAROL BERRYMAN (207), BRENDA ELLIOT (200), NANCY WALTERS (199)



ocal PBS station tries new approach for pledges

AMARILLO - KACV-TV, the area's PBS affiliate, is Quackenbush, and Systems Advisory Group Enterprises Inc. repeating a unique approach to increase the program funding raised in this year's winter pledge drive. KACV-TV will maximize the dollars raised from on-air funds by recruiting local sponsors to match cumulative donations made during the course of the drive.

The fund raiser, called the Holiday Challenge Drive, will premiere special pledge and holiday programs Dec. 2-6. Viewers who donate during the drive double the value of their donation due to the matching donation from the drive's sponsors.

Sponsors for the Holiday Challenge Drive are American General Annuity, Gilliland Family Foundation, John Chandler Ford, Josephine Anderson Trust, William M.

"People love the programs on our station and are always lamenting that they can't give us more support," said Joanna Latham, KACV membership coordinator. "The Holiday Challenge Drive gives them the chance to do exactly that, because whatever amount they give during this drive will be doubled in value by the sponsors' matching contributions. This gives the station twice as much funding to buy programs without being a hardship on individual members."

A variety of new musical performance programs will be premiered during the drive. including "Doo Wop 51," "Sarah Brightman: La Luna in Concert," "The British Invasion Returns," and "Paul Simon: You're the One in Concert from

New holiday specials include Andrea Bocelli and a stellar cast in "Christmas Glory 2000," "Charlotte Church: Dream a Dream" and "The Three Tenors Christmas."

Documentaries and "how-to" programs are also featured heavily during the drive.

Special drawings during the drive include a \$1,000 shopping spree with \$200 gift certificates from Hastings, Casual Gourmet, EtCetera, Raffkind's, and Dazzle. Everyone donating at the \$65plus level will be automatically entered and the lucky winner will

be drawn on Dec. 6. For more information about programs and membership, call KACV-TV at 371-5222 or visit the web site, www.kacvtv.org. Check local listings for the cable channel in your community.

Deadline nears to submit works for holiday contest

PLAINVIEW Plainview Writers' Guild is sponsoring a Holiday Poetry/ Prose Competition. First-place winners in each category will be awarded \$200; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. Submissions will be accepted through Thursday.

There is a \$10 submissions fee for each poem, or short story/essay submitted. Authors can submit up to two works in each of the two categories. Submissions must be previously unpublished works.

Winners will be announced Dec. 21. The winning entries will be published in the Plainview Writers' Guild 2001 anthology which will be on sale this coming summer.

The judges for the competition are Bettye Hammer Givens and Arch Mayfield. Givens is a poet and a writer. Her short story, Tea with Mr. Bowles, won the 2000 PEN Texas diction award. It is a chapter from her novel Diaries of Emili Saidouili. In February of this year, she was awarded a Fellowship at the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation. On Aug. 5 in Pampanga, Philippines, she was presented a golden laurel wreath inscribed Poet Laureate Woman of Letters. She teaches at the Paris American Academy in Paris, France. Givens will judge the

submissions in poetry.

Mayfield is a professor of English at Wayland Baptist University. He has judged numerous writing competitions, and is currently interest in writing screenplays. He has been instrumental in bringing writing seminars and workshops to the Plainview area. Mayfield will be judging the prose submissions.

RULES:

Fees: Entry fee is \$10 per short story/essay or poem submitted, not per person entering the competi-

Entry Information: Maximum of two submissions per author per category for a total of 4 possible

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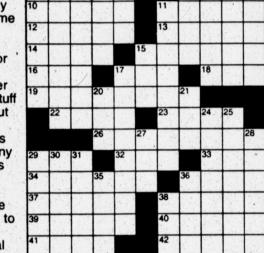
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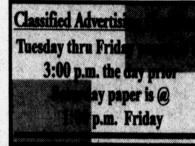
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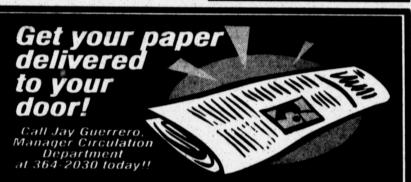
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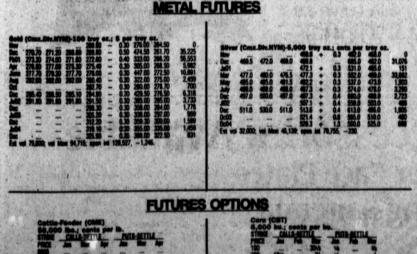
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■ New federal lawsuit contending both Bush, running mate are residents of Texas



A lawsuit filed in federal court challenges Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney's status as a resident of Wyoming.

AUSTIN (AP) - A second lawsuit seeking to block Gov. George W. Bush from becoming president by challenging running mate Dick Cheney's status as a Wyoming resident was filed in Texas on Tuesday.

Filed as a class-action lawsuit in Austin, it lists 1,915 plaintiffs and claims that Cheney and Bush cannot earn Texas' 32 electoral votes because Cheney like Bush — is a Texas inhabitant.

"We believe Bush is from Texas and Cheney is from Texas," said Philadelphia attorney Philip Berg. "Cheney does not meet the residency requirements of the state of Wyoming.'

The lawsuit cites the 12th Amendment of the Constitution, which says if the president and vice president are inhabitants of the same state, they can't earn that state's electoral votes.

The lawsuit alleges that Cheney, a former Wyoming congressman, is a Texas resident because he has lived in Texas for the past eight years, has not moved to another primary residence since then and has voted in the Texas elections for the past eight years, excluding the Nov. 7 presidential election.

Cheney spokeswoman Juleanna Glover Weiss said the lawsuit was frivolous.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the Bush team reviewed Cheney's status as a Wyoming resident before Cheney was selected as Bush's running mate.

Cheney lived in Dallas while he was chairman of Halliburton Co. until he changed his voting registration to Teton County, Wyo. on July 21 — four days before becoming Bush's running mate. Last week, Cheney put his Dallas house up for sale for \$3.1 million.

"Cheney flew to Wyoming to register to vote because they were aware they had a constitutional problem," said Berg.

Cheney, who was defense secretary under President George Bush, also owns a home in Jackson, Wyo., and McLean, Va. Weiss said the Cheneys have owned the Wyoming house for 25 years.

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ARLINGTON (AP) - The

United States needs a new in-

terior secretary who has "good common horse sense," U.S. Sen.

Kay Bailey Hutchison said Tues-

Farmers and ranchers at the

67th annual convention of the

Texas Farm Bureau liked what

rior Secretary Bruce Babbitt

should be someone who under-

stands farmers and ranchers

and shouldn't treat them as

someone trying to destroy land.

like children," she said in a

question-and-answer session

later. "We need to protect farm-

hope on Gov. George W. Bush

appointing the right person if

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Perry and Agri- Hutchison

sioner Susan Combs also spoke

Tuesday before the group held

Perry talked to members

its annual business session.

Hutchison is pinning her

ers' private property rights."

he becomes presi-

Hutchison was

one of several

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who addressed

bureau members

during the third

day of convention.

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"Farmers have been treated

The Republican senator said the person who replaces Inte-

they heard.

Election

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An upbeat Gore, hoping to prevent public sentiment from shifting against him, appeared in a taped interview for the morning "Today" show on NBC and insisted his chances of winning the presidency remain at 50-50.

"I am not tortured over what ifs at all. And, in fact, I believe we are going to win this election," he said, adding he ex-pected the legal battle to end by mid-December.

The Bush campaign did what it could to undermine the vice president's efforts. Asked if be believed Gore should concede, Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney, told CNN's Larry King, "If I were in his position, that's what I'd do.

"We really think it's time to get on with the business of governing," Cheney said in the Tuesday night interview.

Neither Bush nor Gore can command an electoral college majority without Florida's 25 electoral votes. Bush was certified the winner by 537 votes on Sunday night, triggering Gore's appeal to the state courts.

"Seven days, starting tomor-row, for a full and accurate count of all the votes," the vice president said Tuesday, and when his lawyers failed to gain immediate approval in court for their timetable, they signaled a possible appeal to the state Supreme Court, perhaps as early as Wednesday. The state's electors must be chosen by Dec. 12.

At the same time the legal drama unfolded, a GOP-controlled legislative committee began discussion of a possible special session of the Florida Legislature to appoint a slate of electors.

Both sides talked of a presidential transition, although the General Services Administration has yet to turn over the keys



Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore (left), shown with his running mate Joe Lieberman, insists his chance of winning the presidency remain at 50-50.

to the suite of federal offices set aside for that purpose a few blocks from the White House. Circuit Judge N. Saunders Sauls Bush has begun naming staff to to order a manual recount imhelp him prepare to take power, mediately of 13,000 ballots from private funds to proceed.

But increasingly, the lawsuits filed by both sides generated a momentum of their own.

There are cases pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court" and various lesser courts in Florida, Joseph Klock, a lawyer representing Secretary of State Katherine Harris told a judge in a Tallahassee courtroom on Tuesday.

"And we ... are party to every one," Klock said. "And we, your honor, do not have 500 lawyers."

Supplying legal talent wasn't

likely to be a problem for either Gore or Bush. "Both sides here have a lot of lawyers," said David Boies, one of several attorneys the vice president brought into Florida to help represent his interests.

Even so, Boies didn't get far on Tuesday when he pressed said he intends to raise Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties where voting machines found no vote for president, either on Election Day or in a statewide machine recount.

The Gore campaign says the ballots never have been counted; Bush partisans argue they contained no valid vote for president, only for other races being contested on Nov. 7.

Sauls agreed to have thousands of questionable ballots and a sampling of voting machines brought to Tallahassee, but no

"I have no idea what we're going to do concerning ballots counting or not counting of ballots," he told a courtroom packed with attorneys, and set

a hearing for Saturday. That was more than Bush wanted, less than Gore sought, and Sauls observed wryly he was trying to be "equally unfair" to

dominant party. Both predicted

that will prevent much progress on Social Security, medical care

and other broad issues over the

Congress acting like human be-

ings, which sometimes means they act in their own inter-

The lawmaker, who served

in the Vietnam War, also told

the audience that to accomplish

change in times of gridlock,

people must stop looking solely

"You have to be tolerant of

about the state's effort to promote easier access to higher education in rural areas. "One out of five Texans have

a college degree and that's not good enough," Perry said. He said technology can help ensure access. Higher educa-

tion institutions, for example, are offering more distance education opportunities that allow rural residents to take classes through the Internet. Combs told members that

water preservation will be the most important issue for the organization during the 2001 state legislative session. Texas farmers and ranchers have been hit hard by drought over the past four years, she said.

Combs also praised the Farm Bureau, the largest farm organization in the state, for its work during the last legislative session, which she referred to

as the "ag session." Season

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and the complexity of the mount.

"There's no doubt about it," said the liquor store employee. "Pheasants are expensive chickens that are good for the community.

Shaw agreed, saying "Deaf Smith County is going to have an abundance of birds again this year. It's a pheasant hunter's paradise."

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Lawmakers' retrospective of election takes on a new twist topics, such as the absence of a

BRYAN (AP) — Planned months before accusations of voter fraud and undercounting surfaced in the presidential election, two lawmakers' panel discussion on the presidency at Texas A&M University has taken a new twist.

Republican John Kasich and Democrat Bob Kerrey had no president-elect to evaluate Tuesday at Texas A&M's Presidential Conference Center.

Kerrey, a U.S. senator who served as governor of Nebraska, and Kasich, an 18-year U.S. representative from Ohio, traded jokes and predicted ridlock for the closely split Congress, often avoiding specifics on the unresolved presiden-tial election.

"We're going to have a president," Kasich told a capacity crowd of several hundred students and others. "I really don't think the country will spend a lot of time arguing after the

courts decide. They're ready to move on and get some closure.

But Kerrey, who supported Vice President Al Gore's initial challenge to the election outcome in Florida, criticized voting bungles in the state, likening the situation to "a bookkeeper using an abacus."

The Texas A&M event was billed as a thoughtful look back at the 2000 presidential election - before the trouble be-

"Little did I know when we arranged this evening many months ago, the title 'election retrospective' would be prema-

ture, if not a misnomer," Robert Gates, the event's modera-tor and interim dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, told the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Kerrey and Kasich focused

on government and legislative



"We've got to dream beyond our lifetime," he said. "If you want to be regarded as a hero 50 years from now, you'd better act like one today." Kerry and Kasich will join

for self-benefit.

next two years.

ests," said Kerrey.

the Bush School in 2001, serving as distinguished visiting policymakers and lecturing several times during the year, said

During a question-and-answer session, Kasich was asked if the election illuminated Electoral College problems. He replied that the system is necessary and works.

The Electoral College "forces you to appeal across America,"

Popular bowel drug off market

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

WASHINGTON — A popular new prescription treatment for women suffering irritable bowel syndrome is being pulled off the market amid growing reports linking it to severe intestinal side effects, including some deaths. Manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. withdrew Lotronex on Tuesday, just nine months after it began selling the drug with great fanfare. It becomes the seventh banned drug the increasingly embattled Food and Drug Administration has had to deal with in 21/2 years.

Barak takes a gamble calls for new elections

JERUSALEM - In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections, two years ahead of schedule. Prime Minister Ehud Barak took a gamble Tuesday - on his political future and on Mideast peacemaking - when he unexpectedly agreed to go along

with the hard-line opposition's push for an early vote. In first contacts late Tuesday, representatives of Barak's One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party raised May 1 and May 8 as possible election dates. In a new twist, Likud leader Ariel Sharon said Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if Barak issued an invitation.

Madonna concert draws 9 million fans on Internet

LONDON - Madonna's first concert in Britain in seven years drew some nine million fans, who tuned in over the Internet. Only about 2,800 people were able to see the concert in person Tuesday night. The fans crammed inside London's Brixton Academy for Madonna's performance featuring her latest album, "Music." The 42-year-old singer said she was warming up for a summer world tour. During the show Madonna wore a T-shirt emblazoned with the name of her 3-month-old son, Rocco Ritchie, on the front. The back read "Lola," a nickname for her 3-year-old daughter, Lourdes. According to Microsoft's MSN Web site, the Internet audience for Madonna's six-song, 29-minute performance was three times larger than an MSN Webcast of a Paul McCartney concert

a year ago

accidental hanging in classroom NEW YORK (AP) - A high school student was in critical condition after an accident left him hanging from a noose in an art classroom.

Student in critical condition after

Quentin Martin, 17, was apparently fooling around before class on Tuesday at The Door alternative high school, police said. He climbed up on a pipe or baseboard, put a noose being used in an art lesson over his head, and then lost his balance, they said.

Martin dangled a few inches off the ground while other students ran for help.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States should ease the Cuban embargo to help the island's transition to a post-Castro era and reduce chances of U.S. military intervention. a Council on Foreign Relations panel recommended Wednesday.

The task force urged that the United States eliminate travel restrictions to Cuba, allow regular commercial flights between the two nations and permit U.S. companies whose businesses were nationalized by Cuba to resolve their claims by entering into joint ventures in Cuba.

It also recommended increased U.S.-Cuban cooperation in fighting drugs, helping resolve the Colombian civil war and developing militaryto-military contacts.

"Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people, promote family reunification, address

current and future matters of sued two years ago, recom-U.S. national security, promote labor rights and facilitate reso-

further expose Cuba to international norms and practices," the task force said in a re-

The report made no recommendation whether the United States should lift its 38-year-old embargo, which is aimed at pressur- FIDEL CASTRO ing democratic re- Report says Cuban executive orders.

task force, which survive him. includes liberals and conser- took in September. As part of vatives, was co-chaired by Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, Democrats who held high-level State Department jobs under Republican administrations.

The group's first report, is-

mended expanded contacts between Americans and Cubans.

lution of property claims and A month later, President Clinton adopted many of its recommendations in announcing his "peopleto-people" policy, which relaxed travel restrictions.

Bipartisan task force contends easing trade embargo would be good for the post-Castro era

Some of the new recommendations may be more difficult to implement because they require legislation, not just

forms on the com-munist-ruled island. The 23-member communism will not Congress would have to reverse a vote it

a compromise easing restrictions on sales of food and medicine to Cuba, Congress prohibited U.S. financing of any sales and converted into law existing travel restrictions to Cuba.

The new report aims to build on the earlier one, seeking ways to promote peaceful democratic change.

The report said President Fidel Castro's communism will not survive him, and "many Cubans, including many who hold official positions, understand that a transition to a democratic and free-market Cuba is inevitable."

It said chaos could erupt, however, if Castro should die or become incapacitated. Fighting could break out, and thousands of Cubans could attempt to flee, which could prompt demands for U.S. intervention.

"We believe the United States should now adopt a series of measures that may reduce the chances of U.S. military involvement should Cuba's transition go awry, and by doing so, make Cuba's peaceful transition to democracy more likely," the report

U.S. economic growth slows

high-flying U.S. economy has come back to earth, growing at an annual rate of just 2.4 percent in the summer, the slowest pace in nearly four years.

Commerce Department's Wednesday report on the gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, dramatically underscored the effect the Federal Reserve's higher interest rates were having on economic growth and corporate profits.

The department said American corporations' after-tax profits rose by just 0.6 percent in the third quarter, the weakest performance in nearly two years.

However, the slower eco-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nomic growth was having the desired effect on inflation. An inflation gauge tied to the GDP showed prices rising at an annual rate of just 1.9 percent in the third quarter, the best showing this year.

The GDP growth rate of 2.4 percent for the July-September quarter represented a sharp slowdown from a sizzling 5.6 percent rate turned in during the second quarter.

It also marked a downward revision from government's estimate a month ago that the economy had expanded at a 2.7 percent rate in the third quarter. Economists had been expecting a downward revision about the size of the one the government reported.

"The revised data confirm

that the slowdown has arrived and the remaining question is how hard the landing will be," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Jasinowski said manufacturing may suffer more than the overall economy, hurt by a need to work off unwanted inventories and continued deterioration of the trade defi-

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average surged ahead Wednesday while the Nasdaq index struggled to avoid another loss. At late morning the Dow was up 99 points and Nasdaq held on to an 8-point gain.

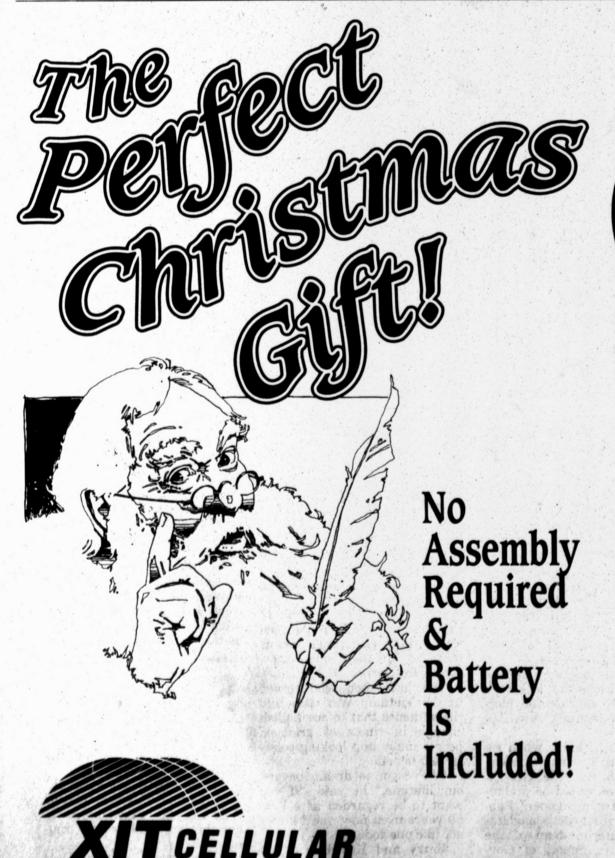
GDP growth for the past three years, a period of strong prosperity that the Clinton

administration touted as a reason to keep the White House in Democratic hands, has been at rates above 4 percent.

The 2.4 percent GDP increase in the third quarter was the weakest showing since a 2 percent gain in the fourth quarter of 1996.

The downward revision for the third quarter, which stemmed from more economic data, was blamed on a bigger trade deficit than originally estimated, less business investment and a smaller buildup in inventories.

The Federal Reserve began in June 1999 raising interest rates to slow economic growth as a way to keep inflation under control and bolster the record-breaking economic expansion, now in its 10th year.



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