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Officer of the year

Noe Rodriguez, a 1982 Hereford High School graduate, was named "Officer of the Year" this week by his fellow officers at the Hereford Police Department. Officers vote on the award each year. Qualifications include contributions to the force and reflecting a positive image for the department. Rodriguez has been with the department for one year and nine months. He is a field training officer and a member of the Swat team.

Lewis refuses grand jury call

AUSTIN (AP) - House Speaker Gib Lewis' attorney said the Fort Worth Democrat is not running away from a grand jury probe, but wants to be dealt with fairly.

Lewis refused Thursday to appear before a Travis County grand jury investigating ties between himself and a large San Antonio law firm.

Attorney Allen Hill said Lewis declined the invitation from the grand jury because Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle refused to tell Lewis specifically what allegations have been raised against him.

"The Code of Criminal Procedure requires any witness in front of a grand jury to be advised what felony offense is being investigated," Hill said.

But Earle said the probe concerns the relationship between Lewis and members of the Heard Goggan Williams & Blair law firm. Earle said Lewis is not entitled to know anything further about the investigation.

"To do otherwise would be to provide special treatment and neither Mr. Lewis nor anybody else is above the law, nor is entitled to special treatment," Earle said.

Despite Lewis' absence, the grand jury and Earle met for 3 1/2 hours.

The investigation has focused on trips taken by Lewis to Mexico and the Caribbean with members of Heard Goggan, one of the few firms that can collect delinquent taxes owed to governmental bodies.

One trip by Lewis, 54, appears to have attracted most of the attention from investigators.

In April 1987, six women including a woman who was reportedly a topless dancer named Chrissie, accompanied Lewis, four partners in the law firm and an Austin lobbyist to a resort on the Pacific

coast of Mexico.

Lewis denied any wrongdoing and said he doesn't remember a topless dancer or anyone named Chrissie on the trip.

As speaker for the last eight years, Lewis has controlled the House, assigning bills to committees, naming their chairmen and directing floor debate.

High prices, exports could bring national cattle expansion in '91

HOUSTON (AP) - Higher prices and more exports could bring the first national cattle expansion in nearly a decade, while Texas ranchers prepare to herd even more cattle in 1991, experts say.

Tommy Beall, director of research for Cattle-Fax, a market information service, expects the total herd on Jan. 1 to be more than 100 million, compared to 99.3 million recorded on Jan. 1, 1990.

The size of the U.S. herd was

Jet returns to Amarillo airport after losing engine 50 miles out

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - An American Airlines passenger jet en route to Dallas-Fort Worth with 148 people aboard returned safely to Amarillo after one of its two engines went out, airline officials said.

Flight 1538 left Amarillo International Airport at 1:07 p.m. Thursday and lost the use of an engine about 50 miles out, a spokesman from the airport control tower said. The aircraft landed at 1:55

No progress on talks with Iraq

More warships on way as Gulf deadline nears

BY BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press Writer

Two more U.S. aircraft carriers and a convoy of other warships have orders today to set sail for the Persian Gulf less than three weeks before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait or face possible war.

Soviet lawmakers reiterated support of the U.N. resolution while the nation's deputy premier traveled to Baghdad to meet with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and urge Soviet workers to return home.

A newspaper today reported the Pentagon plans to begin inoculating troops against germ warfare, and President Bush dismissed reports the

United States is still weeks away from being ready to mount a full military strike against Iraq.

Bush also said there has been "no progress" on settling a disagreement over dates for a proposed meeting between Saddam and Secretary of State James A. Baker III to discuss a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis.

About 16,000 sailors were scheduled to leave East Coast ports for the Gulf today aboard 17 ships, including the aircraft carriers America and Theodore Roosevelt from the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.

Three U.S. carriers - the Kennedy, Saratoga and Ranger - are already in the Gulf.

More than 400,000 U.S. troops are

expected to be deployed in the Gulf by mid-February. Iraq, which seized Kuwait Aug. 2 in a dispute over oil, land and money, reportedly has more than 500,000 troops in Iraq and southern Kuwait.

Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller said last week that he did not believe the United States was prepared for a full attack on the Jan. 15 U.N. deadline, and several recent media reports said Bush was told that Waller's assessment has wide support among officers in the Gulf.

But Bush said Thursday: "Don't believe those reports you're reading" and noted he was "very comfortable" with the firepower on hand.

Bush said he still hopes for a

peaceful solution but noted there have been no plans made for a meeting between Baker and Saddam. The Iraqis have insisted meeting on Jan. 12, but Bush said there will be "no compromise" on the U.S. position of talks beginning no later than Jan. 3.

A militarily enforced U.N. embargo against Iraq has caused shortages in the country but has so far failed to persuade Saddam to back down.

Twenty Iraqi diplomats who met with Saddam on Wednesday were heading back to their overseas posts today. The officials, which include envoys to the United States, United Nations and Soviet Union, are "ready for a serious and constructive dialogue based on mutual respect," according to the official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus.

But Iraq denied reports that Saddam was seeking a new peace initiative before the Jan. 15 deadline.

The New York Times reported today that inoculations of soldiers against biological weapons could begin "within a matter of weeks."

Army Lt. Col. Steve Roy, a spokesman for the Department of Defense, declined comment Thursday night about the report.

Saddam has repeatedly denied having biological weapons, based on viruses and bacteria.

Saddam met Thursday with Soviet Deputy Premier Igor Belousov, but details of the talks was not released. A Soviet diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said all but about 200 Soviet workers have agreed to leave the country before Jan. 15.

About 1,000 Soviets had earlier said they would remain beyond the deadline because of concern about unrest and economic problems in the Soviet Union.

Census under attack from state officials

WASHINGTON (AP) - The ink was barely dry on the first official 1990 census results when the numbers came under attack from state and local officials fearful of losing political clout and federal dollars.

"I think this thing was destined to fail from day one," said Mayor Jimmy Kemp of Meridian, Miss., a longtime critic of how the headcount was run.

He was far from the only mayor to complain that the census overlooks many of the nation's poor living in big cities.

The census numbers determine how many representatives each state sends to Congress and how many federal aid dollars states and localities receive.

If the numbers are skewed, some states will get more than their share of money and power while others will be shortchanged.

Michael Darby, undersecretary of commerce for economic affairs, said Thursday he was confident the count was "full, fair and accurate." He said an analysis due next summer is designed to check the accuracy.

"Certainly there's no valid basis for making a judgment about an

undercount or overcount at this point," said Darby, who oversees the Census Bureau.

The bureau said Wednesday that it counted 248.7 million people in the United States as of April 1, up nearly 10 percent from a decade ago. Sun Belt states such as California, Arizona and Florida were the big gainers. Population grew at a far slower pace in the industrial northern states and the Farm Belt.

New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, president of the National League of Cities, said the numbers seemed "to confirm the fears of many city officials that significant numbers of people in their communities were uncounted."

He said the figures put "a substantial burden" on the Census Bureau and the secretary of commerce to prove the count was accurate or adjust it to account for uncounted people.

"We have not seen anything that would convince us that there has been a complete count in Texas," said John Bender, a spokesman for the state comptroller's office. "We are certain there was an undercount in 1980 that cost the state at the very

least \$30 million a year in federal funds during the 1980s, and it appears that there's been an undercount again in 1990."

"We will assume they missed people in the state," said Ken Jones an analyst with the Vermont Office of Policy Research and Coordination.

"If we feel that the number missed in Vermont is consistent with the number missed throughout the country, then we are comfortable with that," he said. "If we feel that the rural areas were undercounted more than the urban areas, then we will take action."

But California officials praised the census figures, which showed the state's population grew 26 percent in the 1980s.

CSF hopes to make after-Christmas calls

Donations to the Christmas Stocking Fund will continue to be accepted through New Year's Day. Contributions may be mailed to Box 673, Hereford, or left at the office of The Hereford Brand, 313 Lee.

CSF hopes to meet or exceed last year's record funding total of \$20,718, and the total this morning had reached \$17,796.22. An initial round of assistance to needy families in Hereford and Deaf Smith County was made Dec. 21-22. Additional donations will be used to provide vouchers for medical and utility needs.

"We are gratified with all of the help CSF has received this holiday season," said a CSF spokesman. "Unfortunately, there are a few

grinches who have made the holiday difficult for the Red Cross volunteers here in Hereford," he added.

"The local Red Cross office gives invaluable assistance to CSF by providing the office space and volunteers who take applications. However, the Red Cross has no part in deciding who gets assistance. In addition, everyone who signs up does not receive assistance," pointed out the spokesman.

"Red Cross volunteers and the county Red Cross office are not affiliated with CSF, but merely provide office space to accept applications. We regret that Red Cross volunteers have received numerous nuisance phone calls, complaining about not getting help from CSF.

"By and large, we feel the majority of recipients appreciate the help they receive, and just a few Scrooges seem to dampen the spirit of Christmas for those who are only trying to help," he concluded.

CSF is administered by an anonymous committee of volunteers representing a wide cross-section of the community. The committee is responsible for all decisions on assistance from CSF, and it screens the hundreds of applications. The committee has found some applications to be unfounded and marked those names off the list.

CSF CONTRIBUTIONS
Previous balance: \$17,496.22
Anonymous: 50.00
Anonymous: 250.00
TOTAL TODATE: \$17,796.22



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Local Roundup

Police arrest three

Hereford Police arrested three persons Thursday including a male, 20, for second offense of no liability insurance; a 26-year-old male for second offense of no liability insurance and a 29-year-old female for driving while license suspended.

Police investigated the following reports, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 400 block of Ave. H, vehicle was later located by an officer; assault in the 500 block of Ave. K; assault in the 500 block of Knight; theft in the 400 block of north Main, wallet stolen from purse, \$55 was taken; domestic disturbance in the 500 block of W. 1st and incident of a possible runaway, the runaway was reported to have been from Cactus, TX.

Police issued 15 citations, investigated one accident and two fire calls.

Fire department respond to calls

Hereford Fire Department responded to a CRP grass fire southwest of Hereford. According to Fire Chief Jay Spain one-third of a section was burned. The fire department also responded to a dumpster fire around 4:30 p.m.

Rain chance in forecast

Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, low in the mid 30s and southwest wind 15 to 20 mph and gusty. Saturday will be mostly cloudy and turning colder, a 20 percent chance of rain becoming mixed with sleet or snow by late afternoon. High expected in the upper 40s with temperatures falling during the afternoon, southwest wind 15 to 20 mph and gusty becoming north during the afternoon.

New Years day look for partly cloudy and cold with high in the lower 20s and a low around zero.

KPAN reported Thursday's high of 51 and the overnight low of 38.

News Digest

World, National

MOSCOW - Mikhail S. Gorbachev, having won stronger powers from the Soviet Congress, faces a new crisis as the Russian Federation plans to cut its contribution to the national budget by more than 80 percent.

UNDATED - The Soviet Congress throws its support behind the use of force to drive Iraq's army from Kuwait, and two more U.S. aircraft carriers with 16,000 sailors prepare to sail for the Persian Gulf region.

WASHINGTON - Could U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf go to war 10 minutes from now? Or on Jan. 15? Or shortly after Jan. 15? Or not until Feb. 15? President Bush says there's been enough talk about the preparedness of U.S. forces, but he continues to address the subject.

JERUSALEM - An ultra-Orthodox rabbi influential considered a kingmaker in Israeli politics has caused an outrage by claiming that the Nazi genocide was God's punishment for sins such as violating the Jewish Sabbath and eating pork.

LOS ANGELES - Navel orange prices could double nationwide because of the deep freeze that devastated much of California's citrus crop, industry officials say. Farmers, meanwhile, braced for a second arctic blast that threatened to destroy surviving crops and the trees themselves.

WASHINGTON - The ink was barely dry on the first official 1990 census results when the numbers came under attack from state and local officials fearful of losing political clout and federal dollars.

TEXAS

AUSTIN - Minorities that challenged the creation of seven state district courts by saying they violated their voting rights plan to appeal a federal court panel's decision maintaining those Texas courts.

WASHINGTON - State officials say thousands of low-income and minority Texans may have been overlooked in the Census Bureau's official 1990 head count.

AUSTIN - House Speaker Gib Lewis' attorney said the Fort Worth Democrat is not running away from a grand jury probe, but wants to be dealt with fairly.

DALLAS - American Airlines Inc. says its pilots' unreliable attendance will force the nation's second-largest carrier to reduce its schedule by about 4 percent and lay off an unspecified number of employees.

KILLEEN - A Fort Hood flight surgeon says Army officials in Saudi Arabia have ordered him to eat because they say he's too weak to perform his duties, his attorney said.

DALLAS - Lawyers for Southland Corp. have been asked to present a streamlined version of the company's reorganization plan because the current proposal is too confusing.

HOUSTON - Drug counselors say drug abuse has become an epidemic, despite a national survey showing huge decreases in casual use in the last five years.

HOUSTON - Higher prices and more exports could bring the first national cattle expansion in nearly a decade, while Texas ranchers prepare to herd even more cattle in 1991, experts say.

Tower settles score with ex-colleagues

WASHINGTON (AP) - John Tower believes his former Senate colleagues did him wrong when they rejected his nomination as defense secretary. Now, he's settling the score.

Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., is a "genuine boozier," Tower writes in a new book. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is the "Senate bully ... a study in arrogance and pomposity." Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., "has a tendency to resort to flatulent indignation."

Tower, a four-term Texas senator and former Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, suffered an ignominious defeat in March 1989 when the Senate turned thumbs down on his nomination.

In the book, Tower denies allegations aired before the Senate that he was an excessive drinker, a womanizer, who held close ties to defense contractors.

The book, titled "Consequences: A Personal and Political Memoir",

Freeze hits nation's crops hard

WASHINGTON (AP) - The freeze that hit much of the nation before Christmas ravaged fruit and vegetable crops in California, but Agriculture Department analysts are holding to their 1991 food price forecast.

Ralph Parlett Jr. of the department's Economic Research Service said Thursday, however, that it was too soon to predict accurately what impact the freeze will have.

Parlett said fruit and vegetable prices will go up "a little more" next year than has been predicted. Overall, he is sticking with the agency's forecast that food prices will rise an average of 2 percent to 5 percent in 1991.

This year, according to USDA calculations, consumer food prices rose about 6 percent, compared with a 5.8 percent gain in 1989. That is the sharpest back-to-back increase since an 8.6 percent jump in 1980 and a rise of 7.8 percent in 1981.

Parlett's comments, in a telephone interview, followed a report by the government's Joint Agricultural

Weather Facility that crop damage from the cold wave during the week of Dec. 16-22 was mostly confined to fruit and vegetables in California.

The severe cold in California "caused extensive damage to the citrus and vegetable crops," the report said. But Arizona and Texas crops escaped serious freeze damage, it added.

"Rain and snow over the eastern third of the nation provided moisture to growing crops and delayed late harvest of corn and soybeans," the report said. "Lack of moisture in Florida resulted in continued use of irrigation in fruit groves."

The weather facility is operated by the Agriculture and Commerce departments. Weekly reports show the general effects of weather on crops but do not foretell actual losses or production estimates.

While the low temperatures in California damaged the citrus crop, the report said "damaged fruit can be processed but will be limited by processing capacity."

In southern Texas, growers in the Rio Grande Valley "reported little damage to growing crops" from cold weather, the report said. However, there was some minor damage to spinach and beet crops in the San Antonio winter garden area.

Parlett said it appeared losses in California were mainly to navel oranges, a valuable fruit for the fresh market. Valencias, he said, come along later but still may have been badly hurt by the cold.

"We have a big crop (of oranges) in Florida, and when we get into the Valencia season, I'm sure a lot of the Florida valencias will be attracted away from the juice market and end up in the fresh market," he said.

As for vegetables, Parlett said lettuce prices don't need much cold weather to trigger sharp increases. Other vegetables also may react.

"This will be temporary," he said. "They'll come back pretty quick" as growers plant new vegetable crops. "But it's going to have some effect."

In USDA's first 1991 food price forecast a month ago, retail prices of fruits and vegetables as a group were projected to rise 1 percent to 4 percent in 1991, compared with gains of 7.5 percent in 1990, 8.5 percent in 1989 and 7.6 percent in 1988.

Parlett, without being more specific, said the outlook for the fruit and vegetable price index now will be "a little more" than was forecast.

The report by the weather facility said the condition of winter wheat planted for the 1991 harvest was varied.

"Snow provided limited cover and moisture to Kansas wheat," it said. "Some wheat fields in south-central areas of Kansas had serious army worm damage."

The wheat crop was said to be in "mostly good to excellent condition" in Illinois. Snow helped provide insulation from the cold in Montana and Oklahoma.

"Showers early in the week slowed the last of the corn harvest in Michigan," the report said. "The soybean harvests in South Carolina and Georgia were almost complete. Texas' soybean harvest was almost complete, with yields poor to average."

The 1990 cotton harvest was "virtually complete" in Arizona, the report said. But late harvesting continued in southern California. The Texas cotton harvest was said to be

97 percent completed, nine percentage points ahead of normal.

Pastures and livestock across the nation were reported "in good to fair condition" as the holidays approached.

"Hay supplies were adequate in North Dakota, and adequate to surplus in West Virginia," the report said. "Range conditions in the southern two-thirds of California were poor to very poor, and poor to good in the northern third."

Winter pastures in Texas continued to provide adequate grazing despite a lack of moisture, the report said.



Herring named Kiwanian of Month

Dean Herring, longtime member of the Hereford Kiwanis Club, was recognized Thursday as "Kiwanian of the Month" and presented a "good-guy cap" by club president Paul Hamilton. Herring was cited for his work and dedication in many areas of club activities and projects.

Officer assaulted by spit

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Charges of aggravated assault on a peace officer were filed against a man claiming to have AIDS who is accused of spitting in an officer's eye and threatening him with a long, agonizing death from the disease.

Sammy Ray Poppowell is being held at the Potter County Correction Center in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

He was arraigned Dec. 21 in the court of State District Judge Patrick Pirtle.

According to police reports,

Poppowell was taken into custody Dec. 19 at about 1:30 a.m. for public intoxication following a reported street fight outside a club on the edge of downtown Amarillo.

Officers took Poppowell to the city jail, but a nurse advised them to take him to the hospital for treatment of injuries apparently suffered in the street fight. Poppowell was complaining of pain to his shoulder, the report said.

Police said Poppowell was belligerent and aggressive and had to be secured to the rail of the bed in the

trauma room at the hospital.

He told police and hospital staff that he had been diagnosed as being HIV positive, the report said.

A police officer said he was sitting about 7 feet away from Poppowell in the trauma room and had taken off his glasses to rub his eyes. The officer said Poppowell told him he was going to die a long, agonizing death, similar to what his own (Poppowell's) would be like, and then spit at the officer, police said. The officer said the spit hit him in the left eye and cheek.

Obituaries

ERNEST A. HARDER Dec. 27, 1990

Ernest A. Harder, 73, of Hereford died Thursday, Dec. 27, 1990.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Frio Baptist Church with Rev. Sam Milam, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Harder was born in Nowata, Okla. He married Annie Schmidt in 1941, at Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Frio Baptist Church. He moved to Castro County in 1953, from Clinton, Okla. He was a farmer in the Easter and Frio communities.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Gerald Harder and Norman Harder, both of Hereford, and J.D. Harder of Plainview; four brothers, Carl Harder, Ray Harder, Paul Harder, all of California, and Milford Harder of Inman, Kan.; four sisters, Martha Edigar of Meade, Kan., Helen Wallace and Ella Schmidt, both of Clinton, Okla., and Selm Deirnkorn of California; and five granddaughters.

Hospital Notes

HOSPITAL NOTES

Rosemary Arzola, Morris W. Blankenship, Clifford Gandy, Adan M. Garcia, Guadalupe Garcia, Annie Harder, Rafelita Pacheco, Jose E. Padilla, Amariah Rodriguez, Raymond Smith, Infant Boy Vazquez, Josefina Vazquez and Irene C. Villanueva.

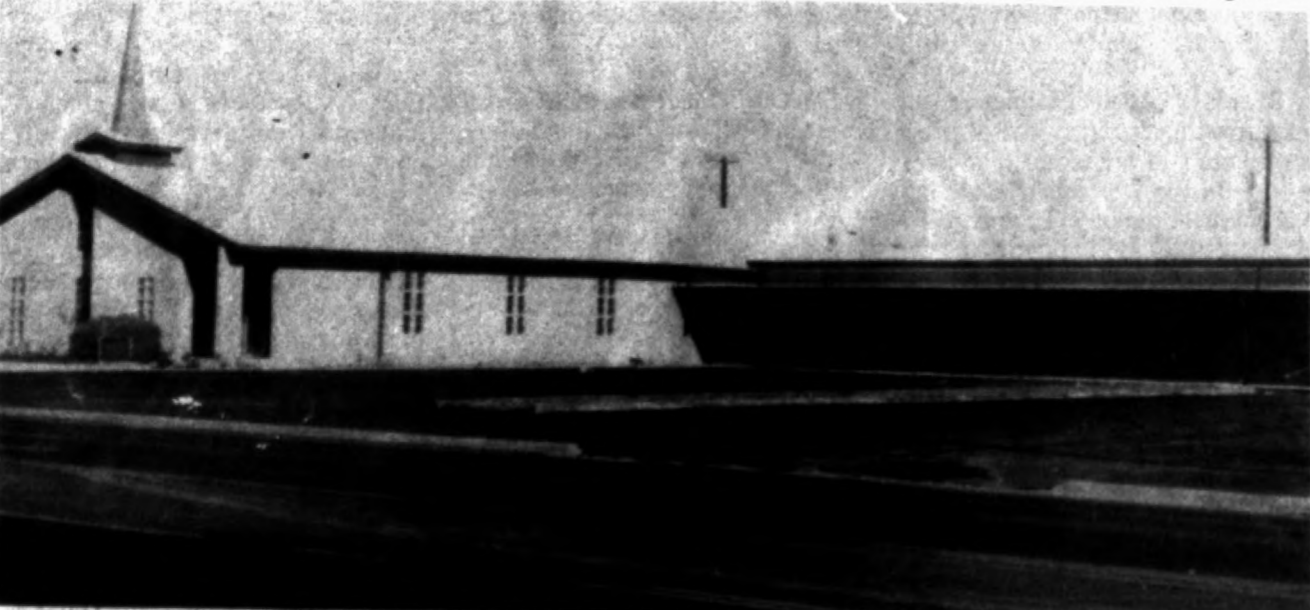
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Avenue Baptist adds on

Avenue Baptist Church recently expanded its facility at 130 N. 25 Mile Ave., adding a Fellowship Hall and additional classrooms on the south side of the existing building. The new wing balances with a wing on the north side of the sanctuary. The construction project also includes a new parking lot.

Life!

Church News

SAN PABLO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The church congregation extends best wishes to everyone for a most joyous holiday season and invites the public to attend the candlelight service at 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The special service will begin with a short devotional and music by the "Alumnos del Senor", a group from Dimmitt. At 11:55 p.m., individual candles will be distributed and then lit. A prayer will follow as the New Year is welcomed. Following the service, there will be a fellowship hosted by the United Methodist Men.

There will be a special prayer service for the children at 6 p.m. New Year's Day followed by a wiener and marshmallow roast.

Pastor Hilda Cavazos also invites the public to attend Sunday school at 10 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service at 11. Prayer service Sunday is held at 6:30 p.m. and the Wednesday night prayer service starts at 7.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

During the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, Pastor Jim Hickman will preach a message entitled "New Year's Cheer." Looking ahead to 1991, the sermon will explore the foundations for a Christian optimism in the face of a new year which may bring war, economic trouble and personal crisis.

During the 6 p.m. Bible study time, "The Life of David" will be the topic. David's encounter with Goliath will be studied.

For additional information or assistance, call 258-7330.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Lanny Wheeler, chaplain at King's Manor Methodist Home, will preach at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. His sermon is entitled "Does God Ever Send A Storm?". The scripture lesson is Matthew 14:22-32.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the fellowship time before the worship service is held from 10:10-10:30 a.m.

Those who have not already done so, please pick up your poinsettias.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Doug Manning is the regular worship leader for the Fellowship of Believers. The public is invited to attend the Sunday worship meeting held from 10-11:30 a.m. at its temporary location at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 426 Ranger Dr.

The study of the New Testament

will begin at 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

Among the congregation's unique ministries designed to meet various needs in the Hereford area, is the "taxi" service. Persons needing transportation to and from any church or have other transportation needs, may call 364-0359 seven days a week. In an emergency, call 364-3869. There is no cost for this service.

The Ministry of Manual Labor, "MML", ministers to the needs of the community. All men interested in the program are invited to attend the meetings which are held at 9 a.m. the first and third Sunday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday morning Bible classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. Classes are planned for the needs of different age groups.

The morning worship service is set

for 10:25. This includes the Lord's Supper, congregational singing, prayer, and meditation. Evening service at 6 p.m. will be a time of encouragement and edification.

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. a special study and devotion will be held.

The public is invited to attend.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend a special service which will feature The Singing Farmers of Hart on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m. The quartet has been singing together since 1983, and are all farmers of the Hart area. For further information call the church at 276-5380.

Pastor Sam Milam will be preaching a series of messages on harmony in the home beginning Dec. 30 in the morning service.

The church is located seven miles South of Hereford on farm road 1055.

Prevent frozen pipes

Fortunately, advance planning can help cope with a "silent catastrophe" that harasses home owners and inflicts millions of dollars in damage almost every year.

It's bursting water pipes. Virtually unnoticed because they aren't life-threatening, frozen pipes that burst can cause staggering economic loss. In December 1989, for example, Arctic air blanketed the South and customers of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company suffered \$192 million in home and apartment damage.

That's more claim dollars paid than for any other major loss event in the insurance company's history except for Hurricane Hugo (nearly 500 million) earlier that year.

Significant frozen pipe damage has occurred in several recent winters. Projections indicate more than 800,000 home losses were reported to insurance companies over a three-year period (1987-1989) in the 17 high-risk states—typically those in the South and Northwest where pipes aren't installed to minimize exposure to cold air.

Freezing pipes, however, occur all over the United States with the exception of South Florida, and most of Arizona, Nevada and California.

"Bursting pipes translate into damage that must be repaired and mess that must be cleaned up, all of which could be prevented," says Harold Covey, State Farm Fire and Casualty's chief administrative officer. Continued high claim payments also affect what consumers pay for insurance.

Here are some tips from the people

at State Farm on frozen pipes prevention:

-Insulate around pipes that are vulnerable to cold air.

-Wrap heat tapes (approved by an independent testing organization such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.) around those pipes.

-If practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain the water supply to outdoor faucets. This will prevent freezing in a short span of pipe just inside the house from the faucet. At a minimum, disconnect garden hoses from faucets to release accumulated water.

-Keep water dripping or trickling from the faucet farthest from where the water main enters your house (usually near your water meter). This will keep water moving through most of your plumbing and discourage freezing.

-If you have pipes that aren't insulated in an exterior wall near a sink, open cabinet doors beneath the sink to let warm air in.

-If you plan to be away for several days, keep your heat on—not necessarily full blast, but high enough to discourage freezing of pipes. Ask a neighbor to come in and check daily to make sure the heat is still on.

-An alternate plan if you're leaving: Shut off the water; drain the water supply by opening a faucet at the lowest point in the house; and put antifreeze in the toilet bowl and traps under the sink and tub (but keep it away from pipes that carry drinking water).

To keep warm, put on a hat. Eighty percent of your body heat escapes through your head.

Jeri McConnell feted with bridal shower

Jeri Rene McConnell, Dec. 31 bride-elect of Bill Ruckman, was honored with a bridal shower Thursday, Dec. 20, in the home of Jan Weishaar.

Greeting guests with the honoree were her mother, Jan McConnell; the prospective groom's mother, Nancy Ruckman; and the hostess, Mrs. Weishaar.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A United Methodist bishop says the next missionary challenge for U.S. Christians is not overseas, but among teen-agers and young adults in American communities.

Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp of Indianapolis, president of the denomination's 100-member Council of Bishops, attributed the church's membership decline in recent years to its failure to involve the young.

Unless it finds ways to do so, the denomination could "die in one generation," he said at a news conference.

Antarctica, the world's greatest remaining pure wilderness, has more than two-thirds of Earth's fresh water locked up in its snow and ice, says National Geographic.

Jan Carroll invited guests to register and Brooke Weishaar and Vaavia Rudd served refreshments of cheeseballs, sausage waffers, ham and cheese balls, lemon tart cookies and hot cider.

The serving table was appointed with a large white poinsettia, brass candleholders and hunter green tapers and hunter green napkins.

The honoree was presented with cookware from the hostesses: Johnnie Alford, Millie Barrett, June Rudd, Vaavia Rudd, Susan Baker, Betty Rusher, Jan Carroll, Freda Bridwell, Gayle Nielsen and Weishaar.



Studies show the Atlantic Ocean is widening by 6/10ths of an inch a year.

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SPORTS

Lady Whitefaces, Herd suffer losses in tournament play

The Hereford Whitefaces and Lady Whitefaces both suffered their 10th losses of the year Thursday in the opening rounds of holiday tournaments.

The Herd (2-10) dropped an 87-51 decision to Snyder in the Canyon Rotary Classic at Canyon while the Lady Whitefaces (8-10) fell to Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 56-39 in the Texas Lions Basketball Festival in Kerrville.

The boys moved into the consolation bracket where they were scheduled to meet the Canyon junior varsity at 3 p.m. today. The Lady Whitefaces were to play the loser of the Midland Lec-Uvalde game in the consolation bracket of the Kerrville tourney.

Snyder 87, Herd 51

The Tigers took a 17-12 lead in the first quarter before erupting for 52 points over the next two periods while holding Hereford to 19.

Snyder outscored the Herd 28-10 in the second for a 45-22 lead at the half and pushed the margin to 69-31 with a 24-9 run in the third.

"We didn't execute very well in either the second or the third quarter," Herd coach Jimmy Thomas said. "We didn't do very well on offense or defense."

"Foul trouble had a little to do with that. We had Andrew (Tijerina) with

three fouls before the end of the first quarter."

Hereford cut two points off the lead with a 20-18 edge in the final quarter.

Leo Brown led all scorers with 21 points for the Herd and was joined in double figures by Richard Sanderson with 14. Tijerina scored nine points with Eric Sims adding three, Sean Smith two and Ben Weatherly and Derek Mason one each.

Snyder had four players finish in double figures, led by Clay Hayward with 20. Edward Rios added 15 with Jeff Wortham getting 14 and Chad West 13.

CC Incarnate Word 56, Lady Whitefaces 39

Claudia Ermon scored 34 points to help Incarnate Word send the tournament's defending champions into the consolation bracket.

Incarnate Word jumped out to a 21-7 lead in the first quarter and pushed the margin to 20 points by halftime with a 16-10 run for a 37-17 lead.

The Lady Whitefaces cut two points off the lead with a 13-11 edge in the third period to trail 48-30 and trimmed another point off in the fourth with a 9-8 advantage.

Shantel Cornelius led Hereford with 18 points while Brek Binder added eight.



YMCA grid finalists

George Warner Seed reached the championship game of the Hereford YMCA men's flag football league before falling to the Beef'n More Shockers. Members of the second-place team are (front, from left) Demitrio Zuniga Jr., Fidencio Cantu, Rafael Zuniga, Felix Mungia, Charlie Garza, Gilbert Aragon, (back, from left) Freddie Gamboa Jr., Rodney Torres, Max Mungia, Randy Gomez, Ernie Villareal and Joseph Felton.

Aikman to hold off on surgery

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Too many questions remain about his separated shoulder for Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman to give up the rest of the season without getting a second opinion.

Despite Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson's plans to put Aikman on injured reserve Friday, Aikman says he'll seek another opinion about surgery because the pain and swelling in the shoulder has subsided.

"Right now there are a lot of questions, a lot of ifs," said Aikman, who was injured in Sunday's loss to Philadelphia. "But the way I'm feeling, with the improvement over the last three days, if there is a slight chance of getting back, I'd like to do it."

"I have much better mobility than what I had on Monday."

On Wednesday, Aikman postponed his decision regarding surgery and Johnson canceled plans to place Aikman on injured reserves.

Aikman has been told he won't be able to play for at least four weeks, until the Super Bowl, if he rests his shoulder. But the Cowboys (7-8) may try to use his knowledge on the sideline when they try to clinch a NFC wild card berth Sunday against Atlanta (4-11).

Ranked teams survive scares

By The Associated Press

Christmas vacation is not a time for exams. Still, Ohio State and South Carolina were tested severely in holiday tournaments.

The sixth-ranked Buckeyes barely got by Mississippi State 82-80 Thursday night in the opening round of the Palm Beach Classic in Florida. Ohio State (9-0) plays Miami, Ohio, for the title.

"I commend Mississippi State. They've got a good ballclub and they did a good job of taking it to us," Ohio State coach Randy Ayers said. "We needed another close game like this to get ready for our Big 10 season starting next week."

No. 12 South Carolina didn't put away Brigham Young until 16 seconds were left in their first-round game of the Holiday Festival at New York. Joe Reth's long pass to JoJo English on an inbounds play provided the clinching points.

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 4 Arizona beat Pepperdine 80-66 to start off the Fiesta Bowl Classic; No. 5 Indiana took Marshall 91-67 in the first round of the Hoosier Classic; No. 10 UCLA blitzed Fresno State 110-89; and 18th-rated Kentucky defeated Eastern Kentucky 74-60.

In other tournament games, it was Maryland 86, Rutgers 81 in the Holiday Festival; Iowa State 81, Temple 79 in overtime at the Fiesta Bowl; Ohio 77, North Texas 74 in the other first-rounder of the Hoosier Classic; Miami, Ohio 101, Miami, Fla. 99 in double overtime at the Palm Beach Classic; Georgia Tech 95, Tulane 83, and Villanova 88, Auburn 71 in the Sugar Bowl Classic.

No. 6 Ohio State 82, Mississippi State 80

Mississippi State (7-1), showed it might be a Southeastern Conference contender with the way it pushed Ohio State. The Buckeyes trailed

much of the first half and the lead changed five times after halftime before Ohio State took charge.

Jamaal Brown led Ohio State with 20 points and Jim Jackson scored 18, including three baskets in the last four minutes.

No. 12 South Carolina 52, Brigham Young 49

Despite shooting just 9-for-26 from the field in the second half and scoring a season-low 23 points in the final 20 minutes, South Carolina won. The Gamecocks scored the final four points of the first half for a 29-22 halftime lead, but then managed just one free throw in the opening 6:01 of the second half.

It took almost the rest of the game to recover, with Joe Reth's three-point play with 1:26 to go giving the Gamecocks the lead for good at 50-49.

No. 4 Arizona 80, Pepperdine 66

Sean Rooks scored 26 points and had 11 rebounds as Arizona overpowered Pepperdine to advance to the championship of the Fiesta Bowl Classic for the sixth consecutive time.

Arizona had a massive height edge with its 6-foot-11 frontline - Pepperdine's biggest player is 6-8.

No. 5 Indiana 91, Marshall 67

Calbert Cheaney scored 27 points for Indiana, which scored the game's first 12 points and 18 of the first 20. Marshall never recovered, trailing 34-11 at 6:30 and 43-22 at halftime. Cheaney had 16 of his points in the second half as he scored in double figures for the 25th straight game. No. 10 UCLA 110, Fresno State 89. Tracy Murray scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and Don MacLean had 22 points.

UCLA, rebounding from its first loss of the season at Iowa, got 19 points from Mitchell Butler in beating the Bulldogs for the sixth time in as many meetings.

Portland stings Hornets

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer

If the mark of a great team is to win without playing its best, put the Portland Trail Blazers in that category.

"There's a lot of hard work that has led to this great start," Clyde Drexler said after Portland beat Charlotte 105-96 Thursday night. "We were not at our best and we still won. That's a compliment to this team."

Drexler scored 25 points as the surging Trail Blazers handed the Hornets their 11th straight loss. The Trail Blazers, winning their fourth straight game and seventh in eight, improved the NBA's best record to 26-3. They also are the league's best road team at 11-2.

But all of that is of little interest to the players. Their biggest incentive was born in defeat, specifically that at the hands of the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals last season.

"There's a hunger in our stomach to get back and win the whole thing," Drexler said.

Another year of experience also is paying dividends.

"We're another year older and playing better together because we're more used to one another," said Buck Williams, who had 14 points and 17 rebounds against Charlotte. "We're more consistent defensively. We're rebounding the ball well."

The loss left the third-year Hornets one short of the franchise mark for futility set last season. Still, coach Gene Littles was not discouraged.

Elsewhere, it was Chicago 128, Golden State 113; Utah 110, Dallas 102; Seattle 125, Washington 120; and Miami 124, Denver 114.

Bulls 128, Warriors 113

Michael Jordan scored a season-high 42 points and Scottie Pippen a career-high 34.

The Warriors, led by Tim Hardaway with 29 points, dropped their fourth consecutive road game.

The Bulls blew past the Warriors in the third quarter when Jordan, 8-of-11, scored 18 points and Pippen, 5-of-7, added 14 to account for 32 of the Bulls' 41 points. Chicago led by as many as 29 points and had a 105-85 lead entering the final quarter.

Jazz 110, Mavericks 102

Thurl Bailey scored 10 of his 18 points in the final period to spark surging Utah over stumbling Dallas.

Karl Malone led the Jazz to its 10th victory in 13 games with 35 points on 12-of-16 shooting. Derek Harper had 32 points and 11 assists for the Mavericks.

The Mavericks, who trailed by as many as 14 points, pulled to 87-86 a minute into the final period on a 3-pointer by Brad Davis. But Bailey scored the next six points for Utah, which took a 93-88 lead with 7:35 remaining. Dallas got no closer the rest of the way.

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SuperSonics 125, Bullets 120

Eddie Johnson scored 18 of his 22 points in Seattle's 71-point first half.

Bernard King scored 29 points for the Bullets.

Johnson scored 12 points in the pivotal second quarter, when Seattle outscored the Bullets 39-29 to take a 71-57 lead.

Heat 124, Nuggets 114
Sherman Douglas had a points and 11 assists.

career-high 42 points and Willie Burton a career-high 27, rallying Miami over outmanned Denver.

Billy Thompson led the way with 12 rebounds, while Ron Seikaly and Burton pulled down 11 apiece and Grant Long 10 as the Heat outboarded the Nuggets 64-45.

The Nuggets, who suited only eight players because of injuries, were led by Michael Adams with 23 points and 11 assists.

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A&M must 'get after' Detmer in Holiday

By The Associated Press

There is no argument on either side about the importance of Texas A&M stopping Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer of Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl.

"If we're going to win, we're going to have to get after Detmer," linebacker William Thomas said of the BYU quarterback. "The way to stop him is to not let him have a lot of time to pick you apart."

So, the Aggies plan to blitz extensively, even though Detmer generally plays apart defenses which rely on an all-out rush and man-to-man coverage. Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum says there is no mystery surrounding his defense's strategy in the game Saturday night at San Diego.

"That's been our style for a long time," Slocum said of the blitz. "They know good and well what's going to happen."

"It's like having lighted sticks of dynamite. You pass them back and forth and hope they go off in your favor."

Detmer has had a dynamite season, leading the Cougars to a 10-2 record while becoming the first Western Athletic Conference player to win the Heisman. He passed for an NCAA-record 5,188 yards and 41 touchdowns while completing 64.2 percent of his passes.

Yet Detmer is wary of an Aggie defense that allowed a Southwest Conference low of 5.9 yards per pass attempt and recorded 35 sacks. Opposing quarterbacks completed just 51.4 percent of their passes for seven touchdowns against Texas A&M (8-3-1), which also had 12 interceptions.

"I lived down there and know about their tradition," said Detmer, whose family resides in San Antonio. "This will be tougher for us than a lot of people might think. They like to blitz. If we're able to pick up the blitz, we'll be successful."

The Bowl season began to heat up Thursday night when Air Force (7-5) upset No. 24 Ohio State (8-4-1) 23-11 in the Liberty Bowl.

It continues tonight when No. 6 Florida State takes on No. 7 Penn State in a meeting of 9-2 teams at the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl and No. 23 Southern Mississippi (8-3) meets North Carolina State (6-5) in the All American Bowl.

In other games Saturday, it's Indiana (6-4-1) vs. Auburn (7-3-1) in the Peach Bowl and Oregon (8-3) vs. Colorado State (8-4) in the Freedom Bowl.

On Monday, it will be No. 21 Southern Cal (8-3-1) vs. No. 22 Michigan State (7-3-1) in the John Hancock Bowl and California (6-4-1) vs. Wyoming (9-3) in the Copper Bowl.

Three New Year's Day bowls will help determine this season's national champion. No. 1 Colorado (10-1-1) takes on No. 5 Notre Dame (9-2) in the Orange Bowl, No. 2 Georgia Tech (10-0-1) meets No. 19 Nebraska (9-2) in the Citrus Bowl and No. 3 Texas (10-1) plays No. 4 Miami (9-2) in the Cotton Bowl.

In the other New Year's day games, it will be No. 12 Michigan (8-3) vs. No. 15 Mississippi (9-2) in the Gator Bowl, No. 14 Clemson (9-2) vs. No. 16 Illinois (8-3) in the Hall of Fame Bowl, No. 18 Louisville (9-1-1) vs. No. 25 Alabama (7-4) in the Fiesta Bowl, No. 8 Washington (9-2) vs. Iowa (8-3) in the Rose Bowl, and Virginia (8-3) vs. No. 10 Tennessee (8-2-2) in the Sugar Bowl.

Air Force flies past Buckeyes

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Ohio State coach John Cooper had sent up the warning signals earlier in the week, but the lesson was not taken to heart until the No. 24 Buckeyes walked off the Liberty Bowl field a 23-11 loser to Air Force.

The Falcons (7-5) held the Buckeyes and 1,000-yard rusher Robert Smith in check Thursday night and controlled the game tempo with a ground-hugging wishbone offense that gained 254 yards on 61 rushes.

Despite going into the game a 17-point underdog, the Falcons looked the part of a victim only for a few fleeting minutes in the first quarter when they gave up a safety

and a field goal to fall behind 5-0. "We proved we deserved to be here. I don't know if I've ever been prouder of a team," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry. "In my opinion, (it is) one of the greatest wins in the history of Air Force Academy football."

Ohio State's Cooper said he was prepared to meet a strong challenge from the Falcons, but his Buckeyes (7-4-1) were not able to overcome a sputtering offense that was limited to 80 yards rushing and 134 yards through the air.

"As the game went on, we let them stay with us and it was kind of like a fight. They kept after us and

continued to gain confidence," Cooper said. "We probably played well enough defensively to win the game ... but not offensively."

Smith, who broke the freshman rushing record set at Ohio State by Archie Griffin with 1,064 yards during the season, said the Buckeyes were just not the better team Thursday night.

"I don't think we underestimated them. You have to give credit where credit is due. They played some tough defense and they confused us with their offense. They controlled the ball. They deserved to win," said Smith.

Smith gained 62 yards on 13 carries, including a 29-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter that cut the Falcons' lead to 13-11.

Quarterback Rob Perez, the Liberty Bowl MVP, scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and cornerback Carlton McDonald returned his second pass interception of the evening 40 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to subdue the Buckeyes.

"We've been a big underdog all along this year," said Perez, who rushed for 93 yards on 26 carries and completed one of his three passes for 11 yards. "We did what it took. They would think they had made a big play and we'd have 4 or 5 yards."

Lions, FSU meet in Blockbuster

MIAMI (AP) - There's a lot of similarities in tonight's inaugural Blockbuster Bowl between Florida State and Penn State.

The game features two junior quarterbacks, the nation's two winningest major college coaches, and two teams carrying 9-2 records.

"We've both gotten better and that's what we're supposed to do," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Thursday.

Coach Joe Paterno's seventh-ranked Penn State team brings the nation's longest winning streak, nine games, into the 8 p.m. EST kickoff while No. 6 Florida State has won five straight games.

Both have prospered from the development of their quarterbacks. Penn State's 6-foot-5, 225-pound Tony Sacca, completed 44 of 82

passes for 626 yards for five touchdowns and just two interceptions in the Lions' last three games.

Sacca had his biggest game in a 24-21 victory over Notre Dame, completing 20 of 34 passes for 277 yards and three touchdowns without throwing an interception.

"He's got a strong arm and you can't ever let up on his receivers," Bowden said. "He can get the ball to them."

Sacca threw for 1,866 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season and ranks fifth on the school's passing charts with 3,381 career yards.

Florida State's Casey Weldon didn't win a starting job until the Seminoles' seventh game, but his overall numbers exceed Sacca's despite 67 fewer passing attempts. Weldon, ranked third nationally

in passing efficiency, completing 61.5 percent of his passes for 1,600 yards and a dozen touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"We're going to have to play like

we did against Florida," said Weldon, who passed for a career-high 325 yards in a 45-30 victory over the Gators. "We can't make a dumb mistake that will get us beat."

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Cotton could get cold

AUSTIN (AP) — It may be a game of inches, but for many Texas football players and their fans Tuesday, the deciding factor in the Cotton Bowl may be degrees — or lack thereof.

Weather forecasters say that, by New Year's Day, an arctic front will have swept deep into Texas, dropping the game time temperature in Dallas a couple degrees below freezing. Add a 15-mph north wind and the chill factor would be about 9 degrees.

enough where you can freeze to death, stay home."

Both of those people should know what they're talking about. It was about the same temperature in Chicago and Butte on Thursday as its forecast for Dallas on Tuesday, when Texas faces Miami.

"What we tell people is to dress appropriately," says Ms. Bushmaker. "Wear a hat and gloves. People lose most of their body heat through the extremities — the fingertips, ear tips, nose and cheeks. Be sure to cover up those areas."

Royko says: "No matter how you dress, it's impossible to dress warm enough. And if you do dress warm enough, you are almost immobilized."

Spanky Stephens, trainer for the University of Texas football team, says his players will wear long underwear, covered by bicycle tights and their normal uniforms. The

quarterback will carry hand warmers in the pockets of his jersey. Everybody else will wear gloves.

And the bench warmers? They get industrial strength space heaters.

Ms. Bushmaker says spectators should drink "lots of fluids. That helps with the circulation of blood. But not alcohol. That causes dehydration and loss of senses that are needed to know whether the body is getting too cold."

Royko says, "The game probably would be good for a hanger. Take off your hat and let the wind blow for a while. That throbbing head will go numb."

Royko considers the dilemma of those who want to experience the game without actually braving the elements and suggests: "Of course, you could stay home and watch the game (on TV) and stick your head in the freezer."

Favre sparks So. Miss

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Southern Mississippi quarterback Brett Favre wears a golden "4" on his neck and both teams figure that No. 4 will be a key when the Golden Eagles play North Carolina State in tonight's All American Bowl.

Favre fingered the "4," which dangles from a necklace, and commented, "My aunt melted down her wedding ring and put it in it and my mom had it made for me. She gave it to me two years ago and I haven't taken it off."

In four years, No. 4 has passed for 7,695 yards, more than twice as much as anyone else had ever accomplished at Southern Mississippi (8-3). This season, he hit on 150 of 275 passes for 1,572 yards and seven touchdowns.

N.C. State coach Dick Sheridan

described Favre as "a strong-armed, very powerful athlete with good instincts. He is smart and a good leader — all qualities of a great quarterback."

Favre's coach, Jeff Bower, said, "The thing I appreciate is his football mind. He knows what you're talking about. You can be flexible because he understands. He's like a coach on the field."

Favre sustained massive internal injuries in a traffic accident last July 14, and in August had 30 inches of his small intestines removed. His doctors said he might be able to play by mid season but a month after the surgery he started against Alabama, leading his team to a 27-24 victory at Birmingham.

"Brett is the kind of player who can give a team a lift," said John

Camacho, Favre's center for two seasons. "We knew he wasn't at full strength for Alabama, but with his attitude he lifted the team. We gained confidence through his confidence. He can lead guys and make them want to be great players."

"I worked hard to get here," Favre said. "What better way than to be in a bowl in Birmingham where it all started this season."

Despite his praise of Favre, Sheridan said he didn't want anyone to overlook quarterback Terry Jordan of N.C. State (6-5).

"He's also strong-armed and a tough competitor," Sheridan said. "The main difference is that he is smaller than Favre."

Southern is a slight favorite in the 6:35 p.m., CST, game, which will be televised by ESPN.

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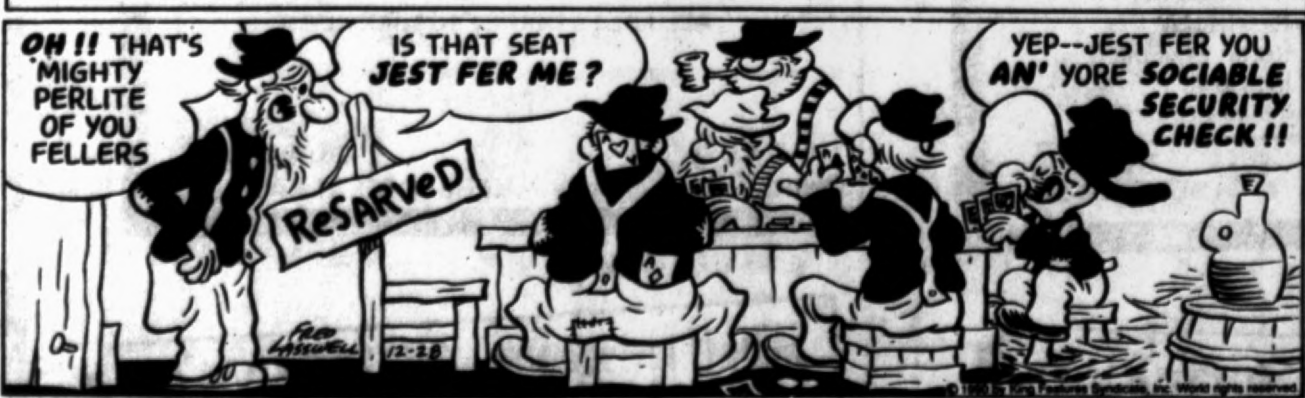
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Happy Days	Jefferies	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Hawks (L)	Strangers	Movie: Look Who's Talking	1989	Movie: Dirty Harry	C. Eastwood 1971 (R)	News	(35) G	(35) Love
News	Wheel	Full House	Frny	Movie: Pulp Fiction	W. Mathis, D. Thomas 1986	News	News	News	(35) G	(35) Love
Brother Jake	Maniac	Beauty and the Beast	Beauty and the Beast	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
Jeannie	Night Court	Movie: Pirates	W. Mathis, D. Thomas 1986	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
Golden Girls	Night Court	True Detectives	Kennedy Center Honors	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
SportsCenter	All American Bowl	Blockbuster Bowl	John C. COPPS	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
Newhart	Mama's	Mr. Ed	Bewitched	Green Acres	Donna Reed	Best of SNL	America	Hilcock	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons
Insp. Gadget	Looney	Mr. Ed	Bewitched	Green Acres	Donna Reed	Best of SNL	America	Hilcock	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons
MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote	Hilcock	Ray	Hitchhiker	Swamp	Miami Vice	Joysticks	News	News	News
(5:00) Deceivers	1988	Movie: Who Framed Roger Rabbit	B. Hoskins	Movie: Look Who's Talking	1989	(35) Coast to Coast	Joysticks	News	News	News
(5:15) Christmas	Movie: Pink Cadillac	C. Eastwood, B. Peters	(35) Dirty Harry	C. Eastwood 1971 (R)	Wits in Hell	Movie: Pulp Fiction	W. Mathis, D. Thomas 1986	News	News	News
(5:30) Nickelodeon	Movie: Puppets	P. LeMat	Movie: Whipstar	J. Quinn 1989 (R)	(35) Love, Lust and Ecstasy	News	News	News	News	News
(4:00) VideoPM	Texas Conn.	On Stage	Nashville Now	Crook, Chase	Texas Conn.	On Stage	Nashville	News	News	News
Rendezvous	Wild	Wild Things	Carriers	Firepower	World Monitor	Monkeys/ Wildlife	Discovery	News	News	News
Survival Wld	Gallant	Movie: Hammett	F. Forrest, P. Boyle 1982	Graham Nash	At the Improv	Hammett	News	News	News	News
E.N.G.	L.A. Law	Movie: My Two Loves	M. Hartley, L. Redgrave	T. Ullman	Molly Dodd	Dr. Ruth	News	News	News	News
Pan Am Winter Games	College Basketball	All College Tournament (L)	College Basketball	All College Tournament (L)	College Basketball	All College Tournament (L)	College Basketball	All College Tournament (L)	College Basketball	All College Tournament (L)
(5:30) Bugs Bunny	Movie: Rose Marie	J. MacDonald, N. Eddy	(15) Naughty Marietta	J. MacDonald, N. Eddy 1935	News	News	News	News	News	News
M. Hickey	Victory	Success-N-Life	R. Roberts	Salvation	Success-N-Life	Salvation	Change	Pat Pfy	News	News
Amanda Sabater	Pobre Diabla	De Nadie	Mi Soledad	Paul Rodriguez	Nolciero	Movie: Nino y Estrella	(G)	News	News	News

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 29

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Mickey!	Mother	Fraggle Rock	Donald Duck	Dot and the Smugglers	Allens	Movie: Chariot	Chall in Concert	Cousin Kevin	News	News
Camp Candy	Gravedale	Captain N	Kid of Plays	Inside Stuff	By the Bell	Charmers	InSport	Inside Stuff	News	News
(35) Bonanza	(35) Wrestling	(35) National Geographic Explorer	Movie: Look Who's Talking	1989	(35) Coast to Coast	Joysticks	News	News	News	News
Winnie Pooh	Wizard of Oz	Real Ghostbusters	Beetlejuice	New Kids	Bugs & Tweety	Little Rascals	Peach Bowl	News	News	News
Amer. Baby	Gerbert	Headline	Popeye	Love Ranger	New Zero	Bonanza	Virginia	News	News	News
Farm Report	People	Charlando	Chicago Hrt.	Business Rpt	Good	NWA Pro Wrestling	Soul Train	Stagecoach	News	News
Muppet Babies	Garfield and Friends	Teen Ninja Turtles	Cl. Duckula	Cl. Duckula	Think Fast	Double Dare	Dennis	Dennis	Lassie	Cl.
Ultimate	Fly Fishing	Gr!t Outdoors	J. Houston	Fishin' Hole	Crooked Crk.	Clay Target	NFL	College Basketball	News	News
Zazo U	Bobby's Wld	Jerry Kids	Tombaks	Piggery	Fun House	John C.	Omn/Build	WWF Superstars	Big Bounce	News
Headline	Headline	Insp. Gadget	Insp. Gadget	Cl. Duckula	Cl. Duckula	Think Fast	Double Dare	Dennis	Dennis	Lassie
(5:00) Paid Programming	Pat Pfy	Hollywood	Cartoon Express	Youthquake	Dance Party	Movie: Attack of the Killer Tomatoes	News	News	News	News
Movie: Payment Deferred	1932	Movie: Anatomy of a Murder	J. Stewart, B. Gazzara 1959	Movie: Ghostbusters II	B. Murray 1989 (PG)	Inside the NFL	Movie: Adventures of Baron Munchausen	1989 (G)	(15) Earth	News
(Cont)	Movie: License to Kill	T. Dalton, C. Lowell 1989 (PG13)	Movie: Desperadoes	Movie: Islander	D. Weaver, B. Peters 1978	21 Jump Street	Super Force	Chas. Charge	News	News
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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This came to me through the mail and it made me smile all day. I don't know who wrote it but I do hope you will run it in your column.

These days we seniors need a good laugh and this will surely do it. Love your column, honey. -- Al G. in Tennessee

DEAR AL: Here it is, with thanks for sending it along. I smiled all day, too. If anyone knows who wrote this, please let me know so I can give credit.

Life Begins at 80

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties.

Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 you have a perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age they expect you to retire to a house in Florida and complain about your arthritis (they used to call it lumbago) and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually your hearing is about 50 percent gone.)

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived so long. Actually they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So please, folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I've never written to you, but I desperately need the advice of an intelligent and objective person.

About every other week my husband gets a burst of energy and stays up all night working in his shop or putting around the house. He's very quiet and considerate of the rest of the family. Unfortunately, I never sleep well when he is not beside me. I wake up every hour or two, look at the clock and twist and turn until he comes back to bed. We have gotten into a good many fights about his periodic night wanderings.

We have talked about this many times and can't seem to reach an agreement. I've tried tea and hot milk, reading a book and relaxation exercises to help me sleep. Nothing works.

My husband and I are in our mid-30s and have four children. We both have careers and work hard. I need eight hours of sleep. I can't stand these fights over something so trivial. Please help! -- Just Plain Tired in Colorado

Rice dishes lean, light delicious

Good cooks rave over rice, and no wonder: Dishes that include rice look elegant, taste delicious and are easy and inexpensive to prepare. They're wonderfully nutritious, too.

This rice recipe is low-fat, low-sodium and has no cholesterol. Brown rice is used—its nutty flavor and chewy texture comes from a natural coating of fiber-rich bran. The rice is cooked in chicken broth, a healthful way to add flavor without adding fat and calories. Serve with poultry—as a great stuffing or a tasty side dish.

Almond Brown Rice Stuffing

1/3 cup slivered almonds
2 teaspoons margarine
2 medium tart red apples, cored and diced
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
3 cups cooked brown rice (cooked in chicken broth)

Cook almonds in margarine in large skillet over medium-high heat until golden brown. Add apples, onion, celery, poultry, seasoning, thyme and pepper; continue to cook until vegetables are tender crisp. Stir in rice; cook until thoroughly heated. Serve or use as stuffing for poultry or pork roast. Stuffing may be baked tightly covered in baking dish at 375 degrees 15 to 20 minutes. Makes six servings.

DEAR COLORADO: Buy a body pillow or make one by sewing three pillows together. This should serve as a "comforter" when your husband decides to do some night roaming.

It seems unreasonable -- if not selfish -- to ask him not to indulge in this harmless pleasure just because you miss his presence. If you could read the mail I get from women whose husbands are out all night boozing, gambling and chasing girls, you'd be grateful that yours only putters around the house.

Is that Ann Landers column you clipped years ago yellow with age? For a copy of her most frequently requested poems and essays, send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.85 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.87.)

Lifestyle analysis offered

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to get into shape? Did you vow to eat balanced meals and eliminate junk food from your diet? Are you confused by all the nutritional and health information available? Is it hard to determine what applies to you?

In time for National Heart Month, the Promise Get Heart Smart program is available to help Americans sift through the current clutter of information and to provide them with a detailed, personalized lifestyle analysis. The analysis includes recommendations for healthy choices that are customized to each individual's lifestyle.

To receive your questionnaire, completely free of charge, write to: Promise Get Heart Smart Program, P.O. Box 9554, Clinton, Iowa 52736. After making this initial inquiry, you will be sent your questionnaire, which can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

School Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast

MONDAY-TUESDAY-No school.
WEDNESDAY-Cheese toast, diced pears, milk.
THURSDAY-Scrambled eggs, toast, diced peaches, chocolate milk.
FRIDAY-Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, applesauce, milk.

Lunch

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetarian beans, carrot sticks, chocolate prune cake, hot rolls, butter, milk.
THURSDAY-Nacho grande, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple tidbits, oatmeal-raisin cookie, hot sauce and chips, milk.
FRIDAY-Sloppy Joe, burger salad, French fries with catsup, dill pickle wedge, cherry cobbler, bun, milk.

WALCOTT SCHOOL Breakfast

MONDAY-TUESDAY-No school.
WEDNESDAY-Biscuits and gravy, little smokies, cereal, juice, milk.
THURSDAY-Cinnamon toast, bacon, cold cereal, juice, milk.
FRIDAY-Eggs and toast, sausage, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, French fries, green salad, ice cream, milk.
THURSDAY-Roast beef with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, apricot cobbler, milk.
FRIDAY-Baked beans with wieners, green salad, corn, pears, milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-No school-Holiday
TUESDAY-No school-Holiday
WEDNESDAY-Burritos, corn, cheese sticks, sliced peaches, milk.
THURSDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, toast, fruit jello, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, peanut butter cookies, milk.

The Community

What is a community?

A community is a group of people who have something in common, shared by all. In our case, it's that we live in the same area. Our children go to school together. We attend the same churches, yell at the same ball games, play dominoes at the same senior center or domino hall.

Our taxes go into the same pot, to provide us with water systems, fire and police protection, roads, schools and hospitals. We share the same wide open spaces, the beautiful sunsets, the clear open skies at night. We cherish the small town atmosphere.

Most of us have chosen to live here even though we may have originally come from some distant place. Our community grows on you. The longer you stay, the harder it is to leave. Here we can raise our kids and know our neighbor, grow our gardens, or keep a horse.

The Hereford Brand is a vital part of this community. We read the local paper for news we can't get anywhere else, for ads we won't see anywhere else. The Brand feels the pulse of our community--city and county commissions, school board, hospital, senior citizens, school kids. It gives us honor rolls, lunch menus, birth announcements, weddings, ball games, chili suppers and church events. When we read the local newspaper, we see ourselves, our community, reflected.

If the local newspaper didn't tell us those things, nobody would. Not the Globe-News, not the Avalanche-Journal, not channels 4, 7 or 10. This isn't their community, it's ours. The local paper is not the center of the community. You are. But every community needs a good local newspaper.

The Hereford Brand

CLASSIFIEDS

PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY
Position available immediately, computer-word processor skills required. Send resume to Box 673xyz.

NEED EXTRA CASH?
Farmer County Community Hospital, Friona, has part-time positions open for RN's & LVNs on all shifts. Call for information, Sue Smith, DON at 806-247-2754 or 247-2814

Get into sales with an established company where many earn from \$18,000-\$30,000 salary plus commissions. This industry leader seeks an energetic person who works well with people to sell products to super markets and restaurants on a structured route. Must be able to drive delivery truck, position requires long hours, including early mornings & weekends. Send resume to 3310 Reeder Drive, Amarillo, Texas. 79121.

9-Child Care

Openings for children in my home. Drop-ins welcome. Will sit Friday nights & week-ends. Ten years experience. Call Bonnie Cole, 364-6664. 15314

Illys Day Care, State Licensed, excellent program, breakfast, lunch, snacks, 20 years experience, 364-2303.

KING'S MANOR METHODIST CHILD CARE
State Licensed
Qualified Staff
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Drop-ins Welcome with Two Hours Notice.
MARILYN BELL
Director
364-0661
400 Ranger

HEREFORD DAY CARE
State Licensed
Excellent program by trained staff.
Children 0-12 years
215 Norton 364-3151
248 E. 16th 364-5062

10-Announcements
Notice! Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 East Hwy. 60 will be open Tuesdays and Fridays until further notice from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. For low and limited income people. Most everything under \$1.00. 890

Problem Pregnancy Center, 505 East Park Avenue, 364-2027. Free pregnancy tests. Confidential. After hours hot line 364-7626, ask for "Janic." 1290

YOU WANT IT YOU GOT IT CLASSIFIED
364-2030
ADDRESS: 313 N. LEE

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1, 2, 3 Bedrooms
Carpet, drapes, disposal, fireplace, dishwasher, carport.
TOWN SQUARE APTS.
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Carpet, drapes, disposals, Jen-Airex, dishwashers, fireplaces in 4 bdrm. apt's, garages, pets welcome.
Resident Manager-364-0739

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Get into collecting!
Baseball, Football, Basketball cards for the starting or serious collectors. Many other collectable cards available.
Spiderman, Batman, X-men - many other collectable comics available.
COMICS - N - CARDS
Sugarland Mall
Hereford

O	Mon-Wed	4 - 6 pm
P	Thur	4 - 9 pm
F	Fri	4 - 7 pm
E	Sat	1 - 7 pm
N	Sun	1 - 5 pm

11-Business Service
Defensive Driving Course is now being offered nights and Saturdays. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 364-6578. 700

Will pick up junk cars free. We buy scrap iron and metal, aluminum cans. 364-3350. 970

Garage Doors & Openers Repaired. Call Robert Betzen Mobile 1-679-5817; Nights Call 289-5500. 14237

Slash Grocery Bills! Huge Savings Weekly! Learn Insider's Proven Refunding Methods! Information? Rush self-addressed stamped envelope! Foodmaster Publications, PO Box 1146, Hereford, Tx. 79045-1146. 15996

WINDMILL & DOMESTIC Sales, Repair, Service, Gerald Parker, 258-7722 578-4646

Would you like a good Country Western band for your Holiday parties? The Blue Sage band is made up of six musicians from the Hereford area. For more information call 364-6237 after 5:30 p.m.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE
Seasoned Oak Or Mesquite
Collier Tire Store
364-8411

13-Lost and Found

Lost: Male Benji look-alike dog from vicinity of Furrs. Reward. 364-1925-nights. 16148

Lost: Black and white mixed breed Terrier, (mid size) full white chest, all 4 paws white, long tail, tip of tail white, answers to Pepe. Reward offered. Call 364-6429. 16176

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Hereford, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Manager until 2:00 P.M., Monday, January 7, 1991, for the purchase of a street sweeper.
Bids to be plainly marked and addressed to the City Manager, City of Hereford, P.O. Box 512 or 224 N. Lee, Hereford, Tx. 79045.
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Specifications and additional information may be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office, 224 N. Lee, telephone (806)364-2123.
CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS
By: Wesley S. Fisher, Mayor

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Hereford, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Manager until 2:00 P.M., Monday, January 7, 1991, for the purchase of mowers for the Golf Course.
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The City of Hereford, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Manager until 2:00 P.M., Monday, January 7, 1991, for the purchase of one 1991 full-size 1/2-ton 4X4 pickup, SWB, wide bed.
Bids to be plainly marked and addressed to the City Manager, City of Hereford, P.O. Box 512 or 224 N. Lee, Hereford, Tx. 79045.
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Specifications and additional information may be obtained by contacting the City Manager's office, 224 N. Lee, telephone (800)364-2123.
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12-28

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