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in brief

CHIEF APPRAISER STEPPING DOWN

The chief appraiser for the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District will leave his position next month.

In a letter to Troy Don Moore, chairman of the district board, Fred E. Fox, who has been chief appraiser for more than 18 years, submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 30, 1998.

"There have been many changes over these years and I have worked very hard with the support of an excellent staff and board of directors to make Deaf Smith County Appraisal District one of, if not the best, in the (state)," Fox wrote.

HEDC OK'S ASSISTANCE PLAN TO HELP MODULAR BUILDING FIRM TO RELOCATE

Hereford Economic Development Corp. on Wednesday approved an assistance plan for American Modular Buildings of Amarillo to move to Hereford, according to Mike Hatley, HEDC executive director.

The HEDC board voted to provide the company \$2,500 a month for one year if certain criteria are met, including a minimum of 10 employees. The funds will be used for rent and other items, and payment will be made at the end of the month.

AMB manufactures modular buildings and is headed by Jimmy Fields of Amarillo. Nelson Canode of Hereford is associated with the business.

The company will rent a building located just off east Highway 60. It is estimated to have about 8,000 square feet of floor space and is owned by Rene Ramirez. The HEDC board also approved a grant of \$2,000 to help renovate and clean up the building.

The company plans to be in operation by the first of the year.

BRITISH SCIENTISTS SAY 1997 CONTINUED STRING OF WARM YEARS

KYOTO, Japan (AP) - British scientists came to the global warming conference today to report that 1997 is expected to be Earth's hottest year on record, adding to a string of warm years in the 1990s and to the evidence that something is happening to the planet's climate.

"We are beginning to see the fingerprint of man's impact on the climate," said Catherine Senior, of the British government's Hadley Center for Climate Prediction and Research.

In conference meeting halls and transoceanic telephone calls, meanwhile, negotiators from 150 nations labored on, trying to nail down details of a historic agreement to control gas emissions linked to global warming.

The chairman of the talks, in the fifth of 10 scheduled days, was searching for a compromise formula assigning various levels of gas reductions to 34 industrialized countries. But progress was slow on that and a host of other issues.

PATHFINDER MISSION DETERMINES MARS HAD HABITABLE CONDITIONS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mars was once warm and moist, conditions that make it more likely that the Red Planet could have harbored life, according to research published today from the Pathfinder robot landing mission.

"The body of evidence returned by Pathfinder are suggestive that conditions had been conducive for the formation of life early in Mars' history," said Matt Golombek, a Pathfinder mission scientist and lead author of a research report in the journal *Science*.

Golombek said several lines of evidence have produced a strong consensus among scientists that Pathfinder landed July 4 on a Martian plain that was sculpted by liquid water sometime in the past and that such water proves the planet once was a warmer, more life-friendly place.

Pathfinder and its faithful wheeled rover, Sojourner, found no definite evidence of life. But the report in *Science* said the spacecraft studies "appear consistent with a water-rich planet that may be more Earth-like than previously recognized, with a warmer and wetter past in which liquid water was stable and the atmosphere was thicker."

HEALTH OFFICIALS ISSUE WARNING ABOUT THREAT OF MAD COW DISEASE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Europe's effort to stem the threat of mad cow disease risks not only the supply of medicines overseas but also perhaps the drug supplies of Americans, U.S. health officials are warning.

The problem: 80 percent of oral medicines contain animal byproducts that the European Union has ordered banned by Jan. 1 to avoid spread of the fatal cattle disease named because of symptoms afflicted cattle exhibit as they die.

If the EU does not amend the ban, the time needed to change drug ingredients "is such that there would be shortages everywhere," said Sharon Smith Holston, deputy commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

An unusual coalition of FDA regulators and drug manufacturers is pressuring Europe to back off. The European Commission issued a statement this week suggesting a compromise that could give many drug makers another year to comply.

STUDENTS KILLED IN SCHOOL SHOOTING BURIED; CLASSMATES GATHER

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - The schoolchildren of this shattered community are learning their toughest lessons outside the classroom as they gaze one last time into the faces of the students who fell in a hail of gunfire.

Some sobbed openly as they ambled past the white caskets of the three girls who died at their school. Many classmates scrawled goodbye notes. And they tucked stuffed animals inside the coffin of Nicole Hadley, whose head rested on her favorite Winnie the Pooh pillowcase. A Heath High School T-shirt was folded neatly beside her.

Youngsters hugged each other Thursday night as they stared at photographs of happier times, the finality of death an unfamiliar concept to those so young.

GOP INVESTIGATORS UNABLE TO FIND EVIDENCE EX-DIPLOMAT WAS VETERAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican investigators have not found any records verifying that late ambassador M. Larry Lawrence was a merchant marine injured during World War II. It was that service that helped get him buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lawrence's claim that his ship was torpedoed off the Russian coast, severely injuring his head and tossing him into icy Arctic waters is being investigated by a House panel looking into whether the administration waived Arlington burial requirements for Democratic donors.

Military records do not show a Larry Lawrence on the SS Horace Bushnell or even in the Merchant Marine, said Rep. Terry Everett, R-Ala., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee's panel on oversight and investigations. Everett asked the Pentagon to investigate the matter Thursday.

CANDIDATE'S NAME LISTED INCORRECTLY

Darla Hale filed Wednesday as a district clerk candidate in the March 10 Democratic primary election. In an article in the Thursday edition of *The Brand*, she was misidentified.

The newspaper regrets the error.

AFTER THE HYPE: El Nino finally delivers

LOS ANGELES (AP) - After months of hype, the much-heralded El Nino is finally delivering its unwelcome goods, helping drive a major winter storm toward California and the Southwest.

Forecasters predicted heavy rains and the chance of flooding, water spouts and "isolated tornadoes." The rain could begin today.

The cyclical weather pattern, though not the cause of the storm, is intensifying it and driving it to the Southern California coast, meteorologists said.

"What we think it's doing is helping to provide more energy for the storm and shifting it further south. Normally, these storms hit more toward the Pacific Northwest," said Gerald Bell of the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

El Nino is a periodic weather-disrupting condition in the tropical Pacific in which westward-blowing trade winds weaken, allowing a mass of warm water to drive east to South America. The name is Spanish for baby Jesus because the huge, warm pool usually arrives around Christmas.

This year's large El Nino - it occupies an area of the Pacific Ocean 11/2 times the size of the continental United States - has strengthened this year's Pacific hurricanes, some experts said.

Hundreds of people died when Hurricane Pauline tore across Mexico's Pacific coast in October. Hurricane Nora - downgraded to a tropical storm -

gave landlocked southwestern Arizona an unaccustomed soaking this summer.

El Nino has also been blamed for floods and drought on several continents.

But for the United States, El Nino will make itself known by the "intensity, frequency and location" of winter storms expected to lash the southern tier of states from California to Florida from mid-December to January, Bell said.

"That's when you get these repetitive storms, one after another after another, that we've seen in past El Ninos," Bell said.

Satellite imagery of the storm, which stalled Thursday about 400 miles west of the central California coast, makes it appear "like a giant bowling ball off the West Coast ready to strike the Southern California coast," said Wayne Higgins, a federal meteorologist in Camp Springs.

"This is likely to be the most intense weather system this season. You can look for some pretty heavy precipitation Friday night and Saturday," said state climatologist Bill Mork.

As much as 4 inches could fall on Los Angeles over the next five days, with 1.95 inches in Arizona, 2.75 inches in southwestern Colorado and 1.5 inches in southern Utah, Higgins said.

Southern California could see high surf on south-facing beaches and coastal flooding, with water spouts offshore and tornadoes in the Los Angeles Basin on Saturday, the National Weather Service said.



Courthouse decorated

Deaf Smith County's historic courthouse has been decorated for the Christmas season, with a Nativity mural mounted on the front of the building and lights in the yard.

Christmas may be special, but it's also a time of abuse

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Christmas may be a special time of year, but with the holiday season comes more stress and additional problems, which can unintentionally lead parents to abuse their children.

Children often get into the excitement of the season and may become more excitable and rowdy than normal. This extra rowdiness is often the root of the problems. Parents already taxed with meeting the normal household routine and financial concerns may easily find themselves overwhelmed by the increasing demands of children.

Children want to go to all the holiday festivities, which often means gifts, new clothes or other out of pocket expenses.

Along with festivities go the shopping, the decorating, the excitement of guests or travel and of course, extra time out of school.

Danny Jackson, supervisor of the Children's Protective Service, Danny Jackson has some ideas for avoiding situations that could ruin an otherwise enjoyable event.

"Keeping children, especially pre-teens, on a regular schedule of set naps and bed times allows parents a chance to take a break from the non-stop enthusiasm of the children," said Jackson.

Other tips include teaching children the joy of doing for others during this time of year.

"Taking a gift or a fruit basket to someone or even getting a group of children together to go caroling, with adult supervision, can also make children understand the gift of giving," he said.

Parents should include children in the pre-holiday fun by allowing children to shop for friends and family members, as well as wrap gifts and do simple decorations.

One of the biggest things that parents can do to prevent undo stress during this hectic time, is to schedule and budget their time and money.

"There are only so many hours in a day. And there is only so much money," said Jackson. "Parents need to know where the limits are and not let the pressure of the season push them past that point."

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Jobless rate hits 24-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) - A burst of job growth across a wide range of businesses pushed the nation's unemployment rate to a 24-year low of 4.6 percent in November.

Last month's seasonally adjusted rate of joblessness - down from 4.7 percent in October - was the lowest since October 1973 when it also was 4.6 percent, the Labor Department said today. The rate hasn't been lower since March 1970, when it was 4.4 percent.

The report upset the inflation-sensitive bond market. Interest rates on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond, which move in the opposite direction from prices, almost immediately jumped from 6.05 percent to 6.13 percent. The stock market took it in stride. The Dow Jones

average of industrial stocks rose was up more than 50 points in early trading.

Employers added a seasonally adjusted 404,000 workers to their payrolls - roughly a quarter of them in such retail establishments as department stores, gift shops, book stores and catalog sales operations.

The jobs gain, even better than the robust 287,000 advance in October, was the largest since February 1996 when workers were streaming back to jobs temporarily interrupted by record snowfalls in the Northeast.

In retailing alone, the 105,000 increase was the most in nearly three years.



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CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

Senior citizens need some aid

A warm and cheery home is especially inviting during the Christmas season, and something that many of us take for granted.

A pair of senior citizens trying to get by on a Social Security pension are hoping simply to have sufficient means to keep their home heated this winter.

Because they're rural residents, they use propane gas as heating fuel. Their limited income often doesn't stretch far enough to keep their heating fuel tank filled.

With prospects of a cold Christmas staring them in the face, this senior couple has requested help with their fuel bill from the Christmas Stocking Fund.

Hereford and Deaf Smith County residents willing to share their holiday good fortune make it possible to address these kind of pressing needs among the community's less-fortunate.

An anonymous committee of volunteers representing a broad cross-section of the community is in charge of the Christmas Stocking Fund. Not affiliated with any other organization or government entity, the charity is funded solely through contributions.

Assistance from the CSF can come in the form of food boxes or vouchers for help with utility, medical or clothing expenses. Needy children and the elderly are given high priority by the CSF committee.

A time for applications was held earlier, and they are thoroughly screened by the anonymous group that administers CSF. Sometimes, tough decisions have to be made. Food boxes, along with some voucher deliveries from CSF, are scheduled Dec. 19.

The Hereford Brand serves as the fund-raising arm for CSF. Contributions can be made in person at The Brand, 313 Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of Box 673, Hereford.

The Brand periodically publishes a listing of donors, along with a running total of the fund. Those wished to contribute anonymously should so designate on their gift.

Balance forward:	\$1,120.00
Hereford Lions Club	500.00
James H. Bradley	100.00
In memory of C.O. Barber of Dalhart	25.00
James Cross	25.00
Elizabeth Cesar	50.00
Hereford AMBUCS	100.00
La Plata Study Club	25.00
Anonymous	100.00
Alpha Alpha Preceptor for Beta Sigma Phi	50.00
Earl & Joy Stagner	100.00
M/M S.L. Garrison	100.00
TOTAL 12-4-97:	\$2,295.00

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Local Roundup

Recycling day canceled

The recycling day scheduled Saturday has been canceled due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Band booster meeting

Hereford band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall. All parents of band students are urged to attend.

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with low around 20 and east wind 5-15 mph.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with high 45 to 50 and low in upper 20s.

3- to 5-day forecast

Sunday, mostly cloudy with chance of rain, low in upper 20s and high about 50.

Monday, mostly cloudy with chance of rain, low in lower 30s and high in upper 40s.

Tuesday, chance of rain or snow early, otherwise partly cloudy with low mid- to upper 20s and high in mid-40s.

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ACCREDITATION OFFICIALS TO VISIT ACADEMY

HARLINGEN (AP) - Concerned about allegations of abuse at the Marine Military Academy, accreditation officials will visit the school next week to see if students are being adequately supervised.

The visit comes after the October throat-slashing of one cadet and a lawsuit filed last month alleging 11 former cadets were physically and sexually abused by classmates.

Mike Thomas, state director of the Texas Secondary and Middle School Committee, said Thursday that he had asked committee officials to meet with MMA administrators about the recent events.

"I'd like to have assurances that they will provide sufficient nighttime monitoring of students in the barracks so that this kind of hazing doesn't occur," said Thomas, whose committee evaluates 630 Texas secondary schools for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Clearly, if they have students who are being hurt in the dormitories, they're in violation of safety standards," said Thomas, who also is associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas.

LAWYER SEEKS DISMISSAL OF CHARGES AGAINST CADET

HARLINGEN (AP) - The lawyer for a Marine Military Academy cadet accused of slashing a classmate's throat demands that the charges be dropped because prosecutors allegedly administered an unauthorized polygraph exam.

Rudy X. Rodriguez filed a motion in state district court this week asking that attempted murder charges be dropped against 17-year-old Jeremiah George Jensen because of alleged misconduct by Cameron County prosecutors.

Rodriguez claims prosecutors administered a lie-detector test to Jensen Monday without the lawyer's permission.

"My understanding is they went and got him, took him to take the test, told him I had agreed to it and was informed of it, and asked him to sign a waiver," Rodriguez said Thursday. "This is the most outrageous violation of the Sixth Amendment I've ever seen."

Rodriguez said he did not know the results of the test. A hearing on his motion was scheduled for 10 a.m. today.

TOBACCO LAWSUIT SET FOR JANUARY

AUSTIN (AP) - Both Texas and industry officials say they are eager for the Jan. 12 start of the trial in the state's \$14 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"We are eager to get to trial," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, after U.S. District Judge David Folsom in Texarkana issued the order setting the date.

"We look forward to presenting the relevant facts in their entirety to a jury of fair-minded Texans," said Philip Morris attorney Jack Maroney. "And we remain confident that the outcome of the trial will be a favorable one for the industry."

Texas is among 41 states that have sued the tobacco companies.

The industry and the states earlier this year negotiated a \$368 billion national settlement that would have ended all such cases, but that deal is stalled in Congress.

TEENAGER GETS 35 YEARS FOR MURDER

FORT WORTH (AP) - A 14-year-old prostitute and dope dealer has received a 35-year prison term after admitting she shot a man to death during a robbery attempt.

Anisha Renee Walker - the youngest person ever tried as an adult in Tarrant County - pleaded guilty Thursday after confessing in a letter to state Judge Sharen Wilson, said defense attorney Bryan K. Buchanan.

Miss Walker originally had told detectives she killed Pedro Enemaku of Arlington in self-defense May 23 but changed her story in her October letter.

She agreed to the plea because the letter "essentially destroyed" her defense, Buchanan said.

"We really didn't have much of a choice. Her letter was very damaging," Buchanan said.

DEFENSE CONTRACTOR WARNS OF JOB CUTBACKS

FORT WORTH (AP) - A F-16 fighter production slowdown could cost Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth plant as many as 2,000 jobs by the 2000, about 18 percent of the current work force, company officials say.

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But the plant already has lost two-thirds of its work force in the past 10 years because of defense cuts. The biggest layoffs came in 1990, when about 4,500 workers were sent home upon the Navy's cancellation of its contract for the A-12 attack fighter.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO SELL BABY

MERCEDES (AP) - A Lower Rio Grande Valley woman who has given birth to 14 children has been charged with attempting to sell her 10-month-old baby to a Mercedes couple for \$300.

Bond for Irma Castillo of Mercedes was set at \$50,000 on a third-degree felony charge of sale of a child. She was arraigned Thursday before Municipal Judge Juan Gonzalez.

Ms. Castillo was being held in the Hidalgo County Jail in Edinburg. Mercedes police inspector Jaime Yaquez said none of Ms. Castillo's children remains in her custody.

The woman told police two of her 14 children died and the rest are either with relatives or have been taken away from her through legal channels.



Realtors honored

Don Tardy, left, was recognized as Realtor of the Year Thursday night at the annual installation banquet for the Hereford Board of Realtors. Denise Teel, center, will head the 1998 slate of officers, and Dan Hall was presented a plaque for service as the 1997 president.

Tardy named as 'Realtor of Year'

Teel is new president for 1998

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Publisher-Editor
 Don Tardy was named Realtor of the Year at the Hereford Board of Realtors annual installation banquet Thursday night at Hereford Country Club.

Tardy was recognized for his work in the real estate business as well as community endeavors, including helping move several new businesses to town. Denise Teel, last year's award winner, made the presentation, noting that Tardy had been in the business more than 25 years.

Teel also heads the slate of 1998 officers installed at the banquet. Other officers are Henry Reid, vice

president; Mark Andrews, secretary-treasurer; Freddie Savage, first-year director; Glenda Keenan, second-year director; and Justin McBride, third-year director.

Dan Hall, 1997 president, presided at the dinner meeting. He was presented a special plaque by Teel. Janie Shed of Pampa, regional vice president of the Texas Association of Realtors, installed the officers.

Special musical entertainment was provided by a trio composed of Christy Schumacher, Annie Keenan and Noelle Merrick. The girls presented a variety of Christmas songs.

Inmates released early -- in time

AUSTIN (AP) - If allowed to stand, a recent court ruling would result in the early release of more than 1,300 child molesters and nine murderers, Texas prison officials report.

Lawmakers in 1993 intended to make child molesters and people convicted of manslaughter ineligible for an early-release program, which has since been repealed for all new inmates.

But thousands of inmates convicted before the repeal remain eligible. They are released on parole after their time served plus their good-time credit equals their full sentence.

That program, established in 1977, was intended to ease prison crowding.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last week said the 1993 Legislature failed to correctly amend the law. That made 1,324 child molesters and nine manslaughter inmates eligible for the program, TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury said Thursday.

Attorney General Dan Morales said he will ask the court to reconsider its decision.

Castlebury said 180 child molesters and one of the manslaughter convicts would have to be released by the end of the year if the court

doesn't reverse its ruling. The other 1,144 child molesters and manslaughter convicts would have to be released early over the next eight years.

"We will audit each case to make sure that time computation is correct," Castlebury said. "Some of these could get out and produce an acceptable home plan, like other inmates. Some of them would have to be placed in halfway houses."

"For some, it would be the judgment of the Board of Pardons and Parole that they need to be in an intermediate sanction facility. It's a step up from a halfway house."

The early release program was ended for new, violent-crime

offenders in 1987 and for new, nonviolent-crime prisoners in 1996.

Lawmakers this year made child molesters and manslaughter convicts ineligible if they committed crimes after May 23.

Gov. George W. Bush and some lawmakers wanted to repeal the law

retroactively. But the U.S. Supreme court overruled a similar move in Florida.

Castlebury said the department is trying to determine in which of the state's 254 counties each of the child molesters and manslaughter convicts was convicted. That will determine where each is released, he said.



Ribbon cutting

Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting Thursday for Hereford Recreation Center. Cutting the ribbon are, center from right, Don Mansel, owner, and his wife Anne, along with Jason Boswell, manager. The facility is located in Sugarland Mall and houses a bowling alley, video game room and snack bar.

UP must work with competitors

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Union Pacific railroad must continue cooperating with competitors to clear train congestion across the western United States, federal regulators ruled.

The government's Surface Transportation Board extended its emergency order by three months, until March 15.

But the board, in a decision late Thursday, directed the railroad to return Dec. 12 with plans for making Midwestern grain shipments a top priority. A record corn harvest has overflowed grain elevators, which are reporting widespread spoilage.

"We conclude that while service is showing signs of improvement, the service recovery to date is not broad enough in scope," the board's ruling said. "Given the improvement that is still needed, we have concluded that the emergency is not yet over."

Gridlock along the 36,000-mile system also clogged California ports and stalled production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

The nation's largest railroad had argued against extending the order, which was to have expired at midnight Thursday. Union Pacific contended the backlog could be eliminated and rail traffic returned to normal by Jan. 1.

But at a day-long hearing

Wednesday, railroad customers disputed the claims of progress. Many predicted the snarl would last through March.

"What became clear at the hearing is that there is a lot of grain on the ground that is at risk of spoiling, and that there appears to have been no clear prioritization among grain shipments to ensure that those grain stocks that need to move first in face receive priority service," the board said.

Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson said the railroad would comply with the board's decision. The railroad argued that, at most, a 30-day extension was appropriate; shippers wanted the maximum 240-day extension.

"We look forward to completing our service recovery as rapidly as possible in order to regain the confidence of our customers," Davidson said in a prepared statement.

The new order calls for increased cooperation from the railroads in four areas: Midwestern agricultural shipments, western coal service and congestion in Texas and California.

In addition, the board ordered Burlington Northern-Santa Fe to develop grain-state priorities along with Union Pacific. Both railroads now must report weekly on their progress in grain states.

The original order was issued Oct. 31. Congestion and shortages of equipment and crews first appeared in Houston last summer, then spread throughout the network created by last year's merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

Meanwhile, the National Transportation Safety Board has promised to hold hearings on the railroad's safety record. The safety board is investigating 14 Union Pacific accidents in the past year.

2,000 workers could lose jobs

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The work force dropped to as low as 7,500 in the mid-1970s, but the Reagan administration's defense buildup pushed the number of jobs to more than 30,000 by 1985.

"What we have on the books doesn't allow us to maintain the work levels we have," Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout said.

The hardest-hit jobs likely would be those most closely related to aircraft assembly, Stout said. "Many of them would be operations jobs or related jobs that support hands-on production," he said.

Obituaries

GOLDIE POWELL

Dec. 4, 1997

Goldie Powell, 79, of Hereford died Thursday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Saturday in the Rose Chapel of Giffiland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. H. W. Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in the West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Powell was born Sept. 6, 1918 in Batesville, Ark., to Hiram Finley and Maimie Adams. She married E.R. Powell on Aug. 21, 1941 in McLean. They moved to Hereford in 1950.

Mrs. Powell was a member of the Temple Baptist Church and a licensed vocational nurse.

Survivors include her husband, E. R. Powell; two daughters, Linda Tucker of Hereford, Ruth McKinney of Grand Prairie; two sons, Tommy Powell of Mesquite and Larry Powell of Dumas; one sister, eight grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency personnel for Dec. 4 1997, include the following.

Police Department Arrests

--A 27-year-old man was arrested at west Park and Beech for no drivers license.

--A burglary of a habitaion was reported in the 400 block of Avenue F.

--A theft was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

--Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Elm.


--Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

--A minor accident was reported at 2901 East Highway 60.

--A minor accident was reported in the 800 block of East Park Avenue.

--Nine traffic tickets were issued.

--No curfew violations were reported.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 1-4-9-20-25

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-3

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Lifestyles



Christmas centerpiece

Deaf Smith County Historical Society members Betty Kriegshauser and Cheryl Betzen admire the Christmas centerpiece which adorns the table at the E.B. Black House where the historical society will host an Old-Fashioned Christmas Tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. All residents of the community are invited to attend the tea.

Christmas card is precious gift

By CHRISTI MAYS
Waco Tribune-Herald
WACO, Texas - One Waco mother recently received one of the most precious Christmas gifts ever - a Christmas card.

The card isn't like any other Christmas card, though, said DeeAnn Boatright.

The brightly colored picture - a shepherd gazing at the Christmas star with his lambs - was drawn by her son, David Moore, who died of leukemia in March 1995 at the age of 15.

As part of the Children's Art Project, his card was included in this year's holiday card collection from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where David was treated for leukemia.

"At first, I was surprised," Boatright said of the day the hospital called to tell her his drawing would be featured on a Christmas card. "Then I wished he was here to see it. I think he would have liked to have known. He would have gotten a kick out of it."

Boatright received several boxes of the Christmas cards to keep as

mementos and to send to friends and family.

Seeing the cards was like getting a special Christmas present from her son, Boatright said.

"When your children make you something for your birthday or Christmas, it's more special because it was from their heart," she said.

Boatright had no idea when she first saw the drawing that it would one day be a Christmas card.

"I accused him of tracing it," she said with a laugh, remembering the day she and her son sat together looking at the rough black and white sketch he had just drawn in an art class at the hospital.

Just months before, David had completed the ninth grade at a Waco school and was looking forward to a summer of fishing, water skiing and soccer.

"I took him to the doctor (shortly after school was out)," Boatright said. "He'd been feeling real rundown and sick and he wasn't eating. We had no idea. I just figured it was because it was the end of the school year and, with soccer, that he was just running himself down."

and advised them to go to M.D. Anderson for more tests.

They left that same afternoon in May 1994 for the hospital which, from that day on, became David's second home until he died the following March.

"He had the type of leukemia that always made his white (blood cell) count low," Boatright said. "He was having to get platelets about every third day, so he was never able to come home that long. He never got to leave Houston after that Christmas."

The only hope the family had for a recovery was a bone marrow transplant, however no donors were found with the exact match.

"We never found a chemotherapy that helped, and he never went into remission, either," Boatright said.

One box of her son's Christmas cards will not be opened this Christmas - or ever, she said.

"It will stay as it is, protected and put with all his things," Boatright said. "It's a way to let him and all the kids live on."

The doctor called her the next morning to tell her the tragic news.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the woman who was upset by the informal dress of hospital employees (women in floral prints and slacks). While I can understand her concern, I have another point of view.

When my young cousin was born, he had to spend a lot of time in the hospital. Since then, he has made numerous trips back for surgeries and checkups. With so much poking and prodding at a young age, he has developed a fear of anyone in a white lab coat or uniform. It was a blessing to go to a hospital where nurses wore brightly colored or patterned outfits. It really made things easier for everyone.

I think it's great that your writer was proud of her nurse's uniform, but I hope she understands the need for a more relaxed dress code in hospitals today. -- Geneva, Neb.

Dear Geneva: I agree, but unfortunately, the line between "relaxed" and "sloppy" can be a fine one. Ask any retired nurse what she thinks of the "relaxed" code, and you will get an earful. The important

thing is that the nurse is properly identified, regardless of the dress code. P.S. Many doctors are now wearing gray lab coats instead of the traditional white.

Dear Ann Landers: I've read a lot lately about children being injured by dogs. I thought these tips, which originally appeared in the journal Pediatrics would be helpful for your readers who own or are thinking about owning a dog. Please print them. -- Dog Owner in D.C.

Dear Dog Owner: I am grateful to you for sending them on. First-time dog owners will learn a lot from your contribution. Thanks on behalf of all of them.

Parents:
1. Consider the selection of any dog carefully. Speak with a professional, and ask questions about a dog's background and breed. Spend time with the dog before bringing it home. If your children are afraid or apprehensive, delay getting the dog.
2. Dogs should be spayed or neutered to reduce aggressive tendencies.
3. Don't play aggressive games

with your dog such as wrestling or "sicking."

4. Never leave infants or young children alone with any dog.

5. Make certain that any dog entering the household receives proper training and socialization. Try to teach submissive behavior, such as rolling over to show stomach and allowing food to be taken away without growling.

6. Dogs with histories of aggression are not appropriate for families with children.

7. If your dog develops aggressive or undesirable behaviors, seek professional help immediately.

8. Teach children basic safety around dogs and review these ideas regularly.

Children:
1. Never approach an unfamiliar dog.

2. Never play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.

3. Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.

4. Never run from a dog and scream.

5. Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.

6. Don't disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.

7. Don't pet a dog without letting it see and sniff you first.

8. Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog.

9. If knocked over by a dog, lie still and remain curled up in a ball.

10. If you are bitten by a dog, let your parents know immediately.

Gem of the Day (Credit the Prairie Rambler): Wisdom doesn't always come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself.

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

Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast

MONDAY-Waffle stix with syrup; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, fruit cocktail, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, orange smiles, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, cherry muffin square; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, banana, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, orange pineapple juice, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Blueberry elfin bread loaf; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, diced pears, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat rolls, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Submarine sandwich (ham and cheese), lettuce and tomato slices, tator tots with catsup, orange cream bar, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Kitchen made pizza, cabbage, apple and raisin salad, Mexicali corn, pear delite, spice cake, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Nacho grande with picante sauce, lettuce and tomato bits, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, pineapple tidbits, cowboy bread, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Chili dog with mustard,

seasoned fried with catsup, baked beans, fresh fruit cup, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Chili beans, potato wedges, coleslaw, cherry cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Lasagna, corn, blackeyed peas, toast, peanut butter bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Charburgers, French fries, lettuce/tomato/pickle slices, chocolate cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey and dressing with gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit salad, milk.

FRIDAY-Macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, corn, homemade bread, applesauce cake, milk.

Tour features three homes

The annual Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by La Madre Mia Study Club will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Featured on this year's tour are the homes of Robert and Camille Beville, 313 Sunset; Steve and Tonja Horrell, 218 Texas; and Mitch and Jan Reeve, 1919 Plains.

Tickets are \$5 each. They are available from La Madre Study Club members or at any of the homes on the day of the tour.

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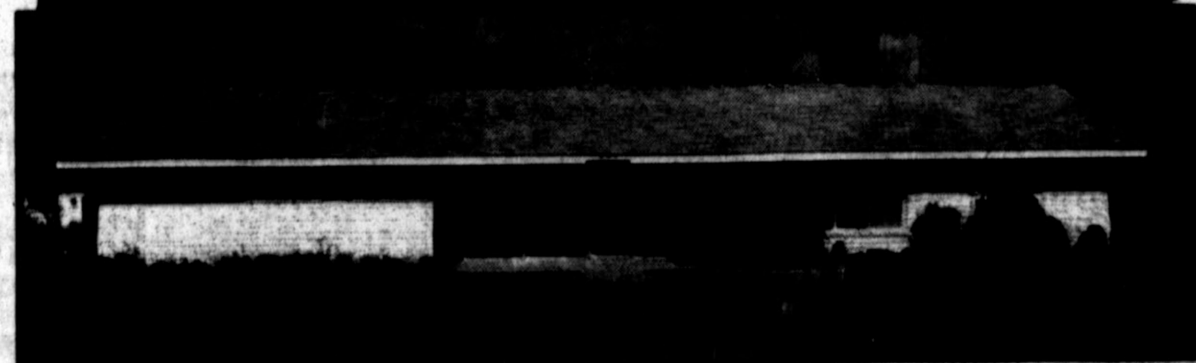
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In several northern European countries, children get their Christmas presents on December 5, the feast of St. Nicholas.

Doctor's Office Available



909 East Park Avenue

Dr. Charles Hennesey is relocating to Amarillo and Dr. Bartlett closed his office. Total Office Space available. Recently remodeled, 7 examining rooms, reception area, 3 large offices, 2 reception offices, right across the street from the hospital. No long time lease needed, can be occupied immediately! Complete building space, 2,702 sq. ft. For more information, contact....

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Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday!

Please call and leave a message on recorder and we will get back in touch with you to set up an appointment.

Any time between 10:00 am. to 8:00 pm.

Monday thru Saturday

806-364-7007

Church News

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastors Rafael and Linda Rosado would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study in prophecy. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.

Wednesday night Bible study is on the book of Genesis at 7.

Youth night service is at 7 p.m. Friday.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. If you need prayer call 363-9007 or 364-0210.

God bless you. See you in church. We are located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery.

FIRST UNITED

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.
For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

We at Calvary Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome for you to attend our Sunday school and church services.

When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual service. There will be a Sunday school class for every member of your family.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m.

Ray Sanders is the pastor.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

You are warmly welcome to attend our Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. We have a class for everyone in our Sunday school that starts at 9:30 a.m. The title of Pastor Ted Taylor's sermon for this Sunday is "Was the Fight before Christmas?"

We will have a water baptism Sunday. If you are interested in being baptized, call the church office at 364-8303.

Pastor Carol invites the children to Children Church where this week she will teach on "The Rock of Congregation." Kid Venture will not meet on Dec. 24 or 31. We will start back on Jan. 7.

Susie Merrick's Bible study is held at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Teens are welcome to join us for Sunday night Care Groups.

"Stand in the Gap" video tapes are available in the church foyer for \$5 while they last.

Nazarene Kid's Korner is open on Wednesdays and Fridays. All children are welcome to come share in the fun, games and outings we enjoy. Call Leslie Easley at 364-8161 for more information.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

On this Second Sunday of Advent, reflective of Marcus Borg's novel title, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, Pastor Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., will preach a sermon entitled, "On Being Christian for Too Long." (John 1: 6-9). Fellowship of Believers, always interested in a thought-full faith, will consider the notion that perhaps Christmas is an invitation to get lost again for the very first time.

In an attempt to see Christmas through different eyes the church will witness Dorina Guerrero signing (not singing) a contemporary recording called, "Love Song," by Third Day.

FOB is interdenominational, ecumenical and honestly seeking to be inclusive. The church Sunday schedule is as follows:
*9:15-9:35 - Coffee/Conversation/Morning Food
*9:35-10:15 - Forum topic: "Are kids really clueless and what about body piercing?"
*10:20-10:30 - Casual singing around Cindy Cassell's piano playing
*10:30-11:25 - The Worship of God

FOB is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman), phone 364-0359 for transportation. A nursery is available for all services.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

You are cordially invited to join us for our Sunday morning service to experience worship that heals, preaching that inspires and ministry that uplifts and delivers. Our Sunday

morning service begins at 10:45 and has a simultaneous Children's Church service for kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Our Sunday school classes, for all ages, begin at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided for all services.

Sunday at 3 p.m. there will be a service at Hereford Care Center.

Join us at 6 p.m. for our evening service. We will have the Lord's Supper. All are invited to participate in this special ordinance.

Tuesday at 9 a.m., join our ladies as they study the Word in their Burning Bush Fellowship.

Your kids will love our Missionettes and Royal Rangers programs (scouting programs for girls and boys). They meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible service begins at 7 p.m. Praise and worship are followed by in-depth teaching from the Word of God to help you "recharge" for the remainder of the week.

While the adults enjoy the Wednesday night service in the sanctuary, the youth gather in the Fellowship Hall for their own Youth Service at 7 p.m. where they study the Word, praise, have sports and refreshments.

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Sunday in our 10:30 a.m. worship service, Rev. Jeremy M. Grant will preach on Matthew 1: 18-25 and Luke 2: 1-5. The title of his sermon is "Joseph, the Face of Trust."

You are more than welcome to join us for Bible study in one of our Sunday morning classes at 9:15. We have a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young married and singles, other adults, youth, elementary, preschool and nursery.

At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffee, a goodie and great fellowship. Come and meet a friend this Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Prayer Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on Mondays.

Little Blessings Day Care is open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Space is limited. Call for reservations 364-2472.

Adult Choir practices at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

LOGOS is held Wednesday at 5 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 14 we will have our Christmas music program.

For more information, call the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 364-2471.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible Baptist Church is happy to announce that Travis Curry of Lubbock is presently bringing the messages at our church.

He and his wife, Louise, are commuting to be in our services Sundays but will be moving to Hereford very soon.

Bible Baptist Church has Sunday School for all ages with lessons taught directly from the Bible at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible preaching at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and Prayer and Bible Study Meetings at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

If you are searching for a church that centers around the Word of God, you will find it here.

You will receive a warm and friendly welcome at 1204 Moreman Avenue. Call 364-3729 or 364-3102.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Charles Ellingburg and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11. Nursery is provided for all services.

Team Kids meet each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawn Community Center. Evening worship services are at 6. Pastor Ellingburg is speaking on the Ten Commandments.

For more information or prayer needs, contact Pastor Ellingburg at 258-7330.

Please join us this Sunday and every Sunday and worship with the Dawn Baptist Church.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for Sunday and Wednesday services.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 5 which is followed by evening worship at 6.

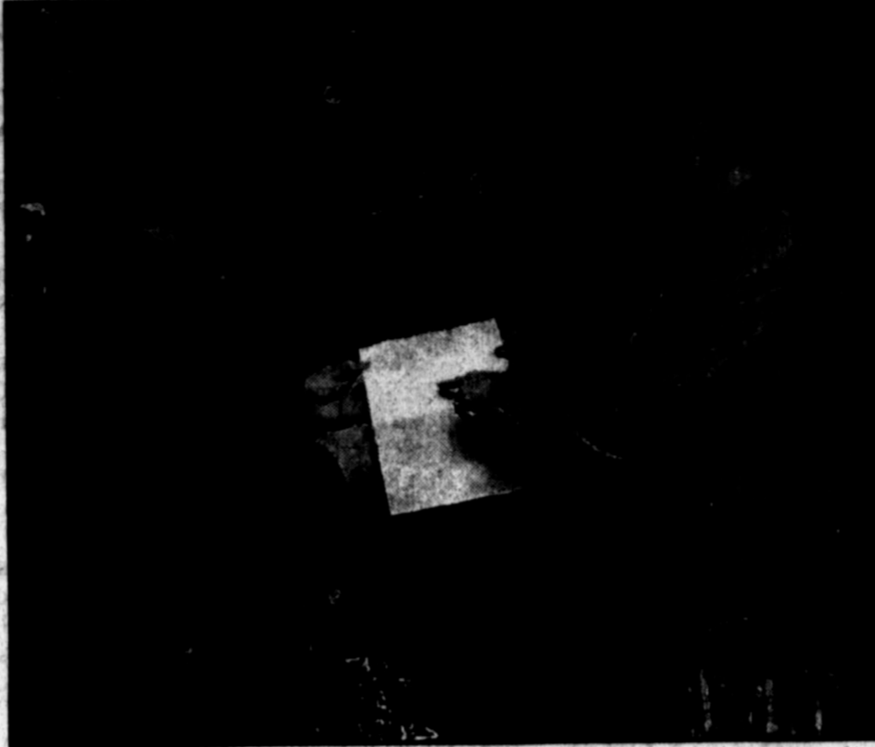
We would also like to invite any youth to join us and our interim youth minister Brett Baldwin.

Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christian Assembly is a nondenominational church desiring to minister to individual needs.

Join us for praise, worship, open sharing and ministry.
We are located at 1100 S. Main. Call 364-0974 or 364-2284.



Checking the list

Kee Ruland, left, and Marilyn Bell check the list of more than 35 artists who are scheduled to have booths at the 17th annual Wesley United Methodist Arts and Craft Show which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Any addition to the many handcrafted items which will be available, baked goods will be for sale and lunch will be served by the women of Wesley. The menu consists of chili, stew and baked potatoes with all the trimmings.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages.

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us.

Our minister is Tom Bailey.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Terry Cosby and the congregation of First Baptist Church invite you to come worship with them each Sunday. Services are:
Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship -- 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship -- 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday activities include:
Fellowship dinner -- 5:30 p.m.
Children's choir -- 6-6:50 p.m.
Prayer meeting -- 6:15-7 p.m.
Hang Time for youth -- 7 p.m.
Choir practice -- 7:10 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Some other activities include adult Disciples University. New classes will start soon; you may contact the church office, 364-0696 for further specific details.

If you are seeking a strong Bible based education program for your child ages 3 through sixth grade, we invite you to consider AWANA's which meets at 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Please call the church office for further information.

If you are seeking a warm Christ-centered atmosphere for worship and fellowship, we urge you to come join us in praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invites you to worship with them.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship follows at 11. Sunday evening worship begins at 6.

The Ladies Prayer Service and Book Study, led by Thelma Cherry, meets Monday evenings at 6:30.

Brian O'Donnell, music director, reminds all choir members that choir practice is Monday nights from 8-9.

Wednesday night Prayer Service is at 6:30.

Youth director, Carol Keyes, invites the youth to meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the church Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Noon Bible Study meets Thursday in the church Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to bring their Bibles and spend the noon hour studying God's word. Lunch will be furnished.

There's a place for you at Avenue Baptist Church, if you are looking for a church home and a place to serve God.

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Come and worship with us at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ, 307-309 Brevard.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is.

Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We preach it like it is.

Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

The Wednesday service, children's church and youth group all begin at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the regular schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

A nursery is provided during all services.

Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Luke 1: 39-45 is the scripture lesson for Dr. Tom Fuller's sermon for Sunday entitled "Great Questions of Christmas, Part 2: Why Am I So Favored?" The Sanctuary Choir will present an Advent meditation as the anthem and offertory with Karen Langford as the narrator.

The Homebuilders Class and Kindergarten 5 Class will be honored as winners of Sunday School Scramble attendance competition with a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship. Other classes will provide food and the Genesis and Junior High groups will serve.

Youth meet at 4 p.m. to rehearse the Christmas pageant which they will present on the evening of Dec. 14.

A vesper service will be held in Ward parlor at 6 p.m.

United Methodist Women circles meet on Wednesday as follows: Nettie Slaton in the home of Jolene Bledsoe at 9:30 a.m.; Carrie Black/Naomi Hare in Ward Parlor at 10 a.m.

The Fun Bunch Craft Circle will meet at 435 Westcom at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The handbell choirs are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat breakfast for pheasant hunters from 5:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Dec. 13. Cost is \$5. The event is to raise fund for choir equipment and activities.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 100 Avenue B, welcomes you to our Sunday School and Bible classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. followed by Christian Fellowship at 10:15 a.m. Worship Celebration is at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday guests include 4-H youth with special music as the call to worship at 10:30 a.m. The Advent

theme of worship includes "Road Preparations for the Lord's Coming" based on the gospel story of John the Baptist and the Prophet Isaiah as written in Luke 3: 1-6.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath will feature the second Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

This Sunday the Sunday School classes will rehearse their Christmas Worship service titled "A Christmas Surprise" which is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 21.

On Wednesday afternoon contact is being made with the Blue Waters Mission Field. Youth confirmation is held at 4 p.m. Wednesday Advent Worship and Bible Study is conducted at 7:30 p.m.

For further information about Immanuel and parish ministries, please call Immanuel at the church office, 364-1668. Rev. Robert Kuhlmann serves as interim pastor from Amarillo.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Converting the Tingle" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Second Sunday of Advent and is based on the ministry of John the Baptist in Luke 3: 1-6, the gospel reading for the day. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. There is a coffee hour after the service. A supervised nursery is provided during the Christian education and worship hours.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School room for "Living the Good News," our curriculum based on the Sunday readings in the Eucharist. Adults meet in the Ruth Warner Room for "From Christ to Constantine: The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church." Discussion follows the viewing of the video.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. and includes the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. The proper collect and reading are those from Various Occasions, "For Social Justice," in keeping with International Human Rights Day.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care meets at St. Thomas' on Thursdays and Fridays. For information on enrollment, please call Sylvia Martinez at 363-6468.

In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of Temple Baptist Church, Avenue K and Forrest Avenue, invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all age groups. Morning worship begins at 11. During the morning worship we will have ingathering for Lottie Moon; our goal is \$2,000.

At noon, we have our Holiday Dinner; coming Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The church is furnishing the turkey and dressing, tea and coffee. You are to bring your favorite salad, vegetables, and desserts. Everyone is invited.

Our evening activities being with PrayerLife at 5:45 p.m. and also TeamKID at 5:45 p.m. The evening worship service is at 7. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening services.

Tuesday evening Dec. 9, Women on Missions will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the church Parlor for the Study of the Bible and missions.

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. will be our prayer meeting time. If you need intercessory prayer call our office and we will put you on our prayer list. We will continue our study of the Bible. Sanctuary choir meets at 7:45 p.m.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H
Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

New Hope Church of the Nazarene was founded by Pastor Olivarez in June 1992, right in the center of the barrio. We are reaching out to single mothers, teenagers, the elderly and lots of children.

We would like to thank all who were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four Sunday school rooms, a cry room, fellowship hall and restrooms.

We are still praying and raising funds to complete our Vision.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

It is with much joy that we introduce to our community the new pastor of our church. Rev. Leon Armstrong comes to us from McAllen. He is currently pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree from Logos Graduate College from Jacksonville, Fla. He received the Master of Theology during the past year.

Brother Leon has worked as a high school instructor for several years and also as a certified police officer. He will include these experiences as he served God locally.

The family includes his wife, Lorie, who is an attorney, and a daughter and son. They will arrive this week. They will be at home in the parsonage near the church.

You are invited to join us as we welcome this God-sent family into our midst. Services at the church will continue on the regular schedule: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Regular business meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Brother Kevin Dotson will be the speaker this Sunday. Brother Leon will be in the pulpit on Dec. 14.

We look forward to greeting you during this season of joy and peace. Christ is the reason for the season.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This weekend in Catholic churches all over the country and world, a second candle is lighted on the Advent Wreath, as the second week of Advent begins. Weekend liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays. Scripture to be heard this weekend are from Baruch 5: 1-9, Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 and the Gospel of Luke 3: 1-6. This Sunday at 9 a.m. Mass, RCIA candidates are welcomed, with their sponsors, in the Rite of Acceptance.

Hereford Ministerial Alliance is taking responsibility to sponsor the Angel Tree Project for Chuck Colson Prison Fellowship. Lola Curtsinger is the local coordinator.

A Knights of Columbus breakfast for pheasant hunters will be offered at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 13 in the KC Hall. Cost is by donation.

As a way of recognizing the many gifts that college students bring to the life of the church, Bishop Yanta invites all college students from the Amarillo Diocese to a Christmas party from 4-8 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the Catholic Student Center, Canyon. RSVP to Sudan at 383-2243 by Thursday, Jan. 8.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

6 miles West on Hwy. 60
Bro. Ellis Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church invite you to worship with us at 10 a.m. Sunday for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for worship.

Bible study is at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Saturday at 7 a.m. there will be a Brotherhood meeting at the Ranch House. Come and bring a friend.

On Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. our church will help with the nursing home gift shops where churches help each resident shop. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

We will have our Christmas dinner on Dec. 21.

Transportation is available on request. For more information or for a ride call 357-2535.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave.
Sugarland Mall
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. There is also a Tuesday worship service at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

BARN CHURCH

Barn Church is a non-denominational Christian ministry. Our goal is to worship God and fellowship with each other. Barn Church is for everyone that likes things a little on the country side. We'll have some singing, some preaching and maybe a testimony or two.

Ty Bean, rodeo ministry director for Athletes International Ministries, will challenge your spirit and encourage your walk with Christ at Barn Church this Thursday. Communion will be celebrated during this service.

It's come as you are, so dust off your jeans and come on out. Bring the family and tell your friends.

Regular meetings of Barn Church are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the B Bar S Arena.

Sports

On the Sidelines

NHL

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 0
Ottawa 3, Los Angeles 2
Colorado 2, Chicago 1
St. Louis 4, Toronto 3
San Jose 3, Vancouver 2

Friday's Games
Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

NBA

Thursday's Games
Washington 118, Sacramento 98
Milwaukee 102, Charlotte 92
Dallas 105, New York 91
Houston 94, Atlanta 87
L.A. Clippers 100, San Antonio 96, OT

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
Boston College 69, Fordham 66
Northeastern 67, Navy 44
Rider 77, Loyola, Md. 69
Siena 76, Niagara 65

SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 79, North Texas 73
Clemson 76, Maryland 65, OT
Murray St. 64, E. Kentucky 57
N. Carolina St. 71, Georgia Tech 69, OT
Norfolk St. 70, Liberty 68
Stetson 69, Bethune-Cookman 64
Tenn.-Martin 77, Morehead St. 66

MIDWEST
E. Illinois 76, Austin Peay 65
Kansas 92, Emporia St. 50
Temple 56, Michigan St. 54
Tennessee St. 79, SE Missouri 77, OT

SOUTHWEST
Houston 57, Sacramento St. 43
Oklahoma 82, Ark.-Pine Bluff 51

PAC WEST
Ill.-Chicago 78, W. Illinois 60
Oregon St. 65, UC Irvine 43
St. Mary's, Cal. 92, Calgary 40
Washington St. 85, Gonzaga 70

TOURNAMENTS
Phoenix Classic
First Round
Fairfield 87, Hartford 81, OT
Yale 77, Cent. Connecticut St. 61

IN BRIEF

Cincy routs Oilers
CINCINNATI (AP) -- Corey Dillon needed only three quarters to surpass the best rushers in Cincinnati Bengals history. In the closing minutes, he even bested Jim Brown.

Dillon rushed for 246 yards -- an NFL record for a rookie running back -- and set a club record with four touchdowns as the Bengals beat the Tennessee Oilers 41-14 Thursday night.

Cincinnati (5-9) has scored 114 points in the last three games with 36-year-old Boomer Esiason starting at quarterback. He was sensational again Thursday, throwing for 253 yards in a high-efficiency passing attack.

Clippers nip Spurs

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Darrick Martin's 3-pointer with 2:14 remaining in overtime put the Los Angeles Clippers ahead for good in a 100-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

Eric Piatkowski led the Clippers, who improved to 3-14, with a career-high 24 points, and rookie Maurice Taylor added a career-high 17 and seven rebounds.

David Robinson led the Spurs with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Avery Johnson had 17 points and seven assists for San Antonio, and rookie Tim Duncan had 16 points and 16 rebounds, but he had only two points after the first half.

Sprewell suspended

NEW YORK (AP) -- The NBA met force with force Thursday and handed Latrell Sprewell one of the harshest penalties ever in professional sports.

Commissioner David Stern suspended the Golden State Warriors' All-Star guard one year -- the longest suspension in league history -- for the "premeditated assault" of coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Stern's action follows that of the Warriors, who took the unprecedented step of firing Sprewell Wednesday night by terminating the remaining three years of his four-year, \$32 million contract.

Sports calendar

Friday Basketball
Hereford girls, varsity, vs. Midland High at Concho River Classic, 12 p.m.
Hereford girls, junior varsity, at Muleshoe tournament, TBA.
Hereford boys, varsity, vs. Plainview at Plainview Lions Club Tournament, 8 p.m.
Hereford boys, junior varsity, at Amarillo tournament, TBA.

Dallas nets first win under Nelson's reins

DALLAS (AP) -- Don Nelson won his debut as Dallas coach Thursday night when Michael Finley scored 27 points and Khalid Reeves added 24 to lead the Mavericks to a 103-91 victory over the New York Knicks.

Nelson, already the Mavericks' general manager, took over bench duties from Jim Clemons, who was fired earlier in the day after posting a 28-70 record over two

seasons. Ex-Knicks Hubert Davis had 20 points and went 5-for-6 from 3-point range to help the Mavericks to their biggest margin of victory this season.

A.C. Green added 14 points and 11 rebounds and Dennis Scott had 12 points for the Mavericks, who had lost 12 of their previous

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Mavericks ax Clemons

DALLAS (AP) -- Jim Clemons is out and Don Nelson is in as coach of the Dallas Mavericks.

Clemons was fired Thursday after the Mavericks lost 12 of their last 13 games. He is the first NBA coach to lose his job this season.

Assistant coach Charlie Parker was to coach the team Thursday night against the New York Knicks. Nelson, a three-time NBA coach of the year and the sixth-winningest coach in league history, was going to take over the league's worst team of the 1990s on Saturday when the Mavericks play Houston in the first

regular-season game in Mexico, but decided to take a seat at the bench in Thursday night's game with the Knicks.

Clemons, whose overall record with Dallas was 28-70, received a four-year, \$5 million contract when he was hired in May 1996 to become an NBA head coach for the first time.

The Mavericks also fired two assistant coaches -- Butch Beard, a former New Jersey Nets coach who was Clemons' top aide, and Sonny Allen.

Nelson, who was hired as general manager in February, had been

lobbying for Clemons' dismissal for months and owner Ross Perot Jr. finally agreed. Nelson has said all along that he didn't want to coach, but Perot apparently made the final decision.

Perot squashed talk of Clemons' dismissal in April, but rumors swirled again in recent weeks as the team continued to sputter.

"We wanted to be fair to coach Clemons and deal with it with as much integrity as we could given the

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Herd holds off EP High for first win of season

From staff reports
PLAINVIEW -- The Hereford Whitefaces got their first win of the year Thursday night, holding off the El Paso High Tigers 59-57 in the first round of the Plainview Lions Club Tournament.

Senior Bryant McNutt led the Whitefaces with 16 points.

Hereford (1-4) took a 13-point lead into the fourth quarter after leading 26-21 at halftime. A furious Tiger fourth-quarter rally narrowed the gap and El Paso eventually tied the score at 57-57.

Freshman Cody Hodges scored the winning points for the Whitefaces on a pair of free throws with five seconds left in the game after being fouled while taking a shot off an inbounds play.

"We played a lot better," Hereford head coach Randy Dean said. "Our stretches of playing well were longer. We're still not consistent for four quarters, but we're getting better."

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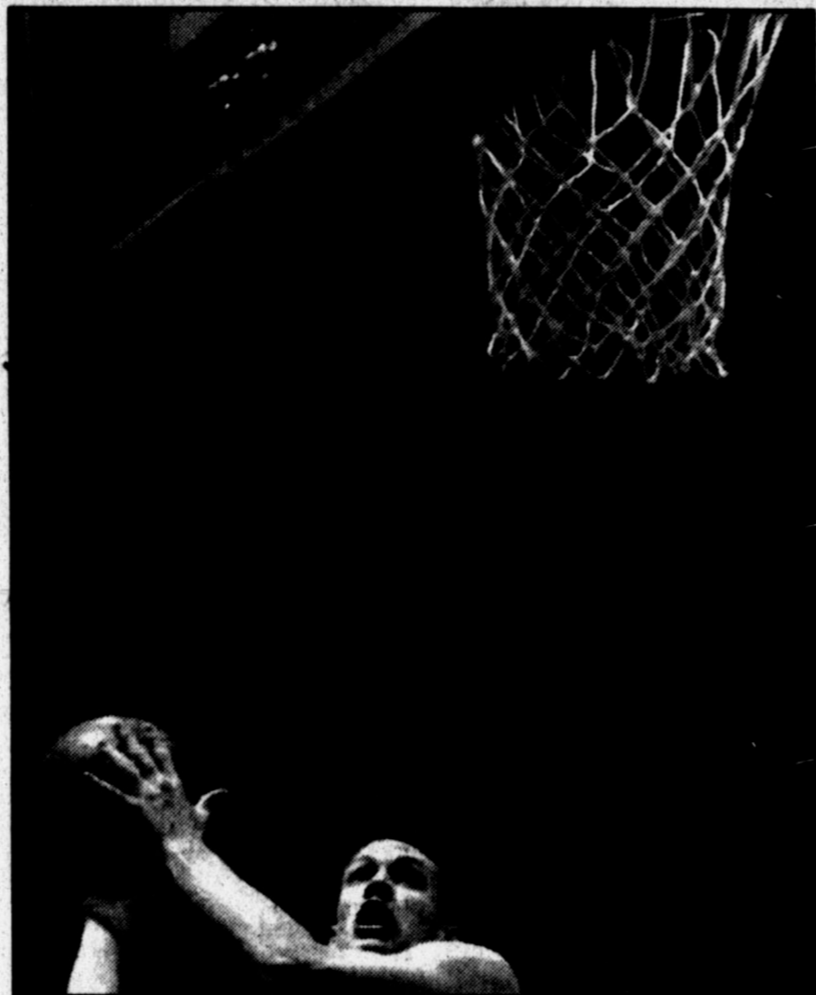


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Hereford's Briar Baker battles for a rebound with Dimmitt's Amber Matthews (20) and an unidentified Dimmitt player as the Lady Whitefaces' Makesha Rives (34) and the Bobbies' Amy Matthews (41) look on during a non-district game Tuesday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt.

Huskers: Win over A&M won't be easy

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- The Nebraska Cornhuskers have changed the way they feel about the Big 12 championship.

Entering last year's game in St. Louis, Nebraska had proclaimed the contest a nuisance -- another potential pitfall as the Huskers strived for three straight national titles.

Tom Osborne's concerns were realized when Texas won 37-27.

The Huskers insist things are different now. The trip to San Antonio for Saturday's game between No. 2 Nebraska (11-0) and No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2) is no longer a necessary evil. It's part of the schedule.

"This year, it's something everybody expects," quarterback Scott Frost said. "We're going to go down there and play, and we're looking to get some redemption from last year."

Like last year, Nebraska is favored. Yet the Huskers maintained this week that a victory is no foregone conclusion. Osborne and his players said last year erased any chance of that feeling.

In 1996, a pressure-packed season bottomed out against Texas. All year

long, the Cornhuskers had been shadowed -- even haunted -- by their two titles and the hunger for a third.

A 19-0 loss at Arizona State in the second game made for a rocky start. Nebraska played the rest of the way knowing that another loss would mean no national title.

"It seemed like it took all the focus we possibly had to just climb ourselves out a hole we dug and get back in contention for the national championship," Osborne said.

Nebraska cruised through its Big 12 schedule with little resistance. Then, in the regular season finale, the Huskers outlasted Colorado in a 17-12 slugfest on a rainy and cold day in Lincoln.

"That was a very big win for us," said defensive end Grant Wistrom. "Then it was like, 'Wow, we've got to get back up for another game.'"

Unfortunately for the Huskers, Osborne said they were drained emotionally and physically. About 35 players missed at least one day of practice before the Texas game with the flu.

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Girls advance with win over EP Montwood

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO -- The Hereford Lady Whitefaces advanced to the second round of the Concho River Classic, blowing out the El Paso Montwood Lady Rams 58-25 Thursday night.

Julie Rampley led the Lady Whitefaces with 17 points. Briar Baker had nine points and Makesha Rives and Tori Walker each added eight points for Hereford.

Angela Cochran scored nine points for Montwood.

"It was pretty smooth," Hereford head coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "We jumped out to a 14-4 lead and pretty much never looked back. ... It was one of our better defensive

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Tar Heels' Brown gets UT head job

AUSTIN (AP) -- After 10 years of turning North Carolina into a football power, Mack Brown on Thursday took the responsibility of trying to return Texas to national prominence.

Brown, who was offered the Texas job on Wednesday, announced his resignation from North Carolina in Chapel Hill after meeting with Tar Heels players.

He said it was time to "step away and help somebody else get to this point."

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds hailed Brown's arrival, saying he will win over Texas faithful who became divided and frustrated during the six-year tenure of John Mackovic, who was fired after a 4-7 season.

"We need to put our alumni constituencies back together," Dodds said. "They need to pull for the University of Texas during good times and in bad times. They need to understand how important it is that we all be together behind the football coach and team because that means something to us in recruiting and to the players on the field."

"I think Mack can bring those things to Texas, and we need that."

Brown, whose No. 7 team is a candidate for an alliance bowl, will become Texas' 28th head coach and was to meet with Longhorns players

At a glance

-- Mack Brown compiled a 99-49-1 record during his 10 years at the University of North Carolina.
-- The Tar Heels' 45 Atlantic Coast Conference wins during Brown's tenure are second only to Florida State.
-- Brown was paid a base salary of \$165,000 per year at UNC, not including radio and television money and endorsements.
-- Brown will receive a \$750,000 base salary at Texas. With incentives he could receive \$1 million per year, including radio, TV and endorsements.
-- Brown began his head coaching career at Appalachian State (N.C.) and coached at Tulane before coaching at UNC.

possibly as early as Thursday night.

Brown indicated to Texas officials after being offered the job on Wednesday that he was interested, but he waited to announce his decision until after talking to players and North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour on Thursday.

"I felt it would be unfair to wait

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UT star chamber picked Brown over Gary Barnett

AUSTIN (AP) -- The Texas search committee had planned to interview Northwestern's Gary Barnett for the Longhorns coaching job but told Barnett they were going in another direction after meeting with North Carolina's Mack Brown, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Thursday.

Dodds said he and Texas regent Thomas Hicks, owner of the NHL's Dallas Stars, met with Barnett Tuesday night in Chicago for about four hours.

Dodds said he planned to return to Chicago on Wednesday with the entire 11-member Texas search committee to talk further with Barnett but decided after interviewing Brown in Atlanta on Wednesday to offer the job to Brown.

Brown resigned from North Carolina and accepted the Texas job on Thursday.

"Everyone knew after talking to Mack that he was our guy," Dodds said. "I called Gary after we met with

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Rockets take win streak to seven games

HOUSTON (AP) -- Kevin Willis scored 31 points -- 11 in the fourth quarter -- and added 15 rebounds Thursday night as the Houston Rockets won their seventh straight game, 94-87 over the Atlanta Hawks.

The loss for the Hawks, who have the NBA's best record, was only the third in 18 games and broke a four-game winning streak. Atlanta has not won a game in Houston in six years.

The 14-year veteran Willis, who spent his first 10 seasons in the NBA with the Hawks and still is among career leaders in several categories for the team, had Houston's final two baskets in the game.

Willis had 7 points, plus a blocked shot, and Charles Barkley four during an 11-2 Houston run midway through the final quarter as the Rockets erased a 76-70 deficit to grab an 81-78 lead with 6:04 left. Barkley's 10-foot jumper with 7:37 remaining gave Houston the lead for good.

Steve Smith, who topped five Atlanta players in double figures with 22 points, hit a pair of 3-pointers down the stretch to cut Houston's lead to 88-86 with 1:52 left.

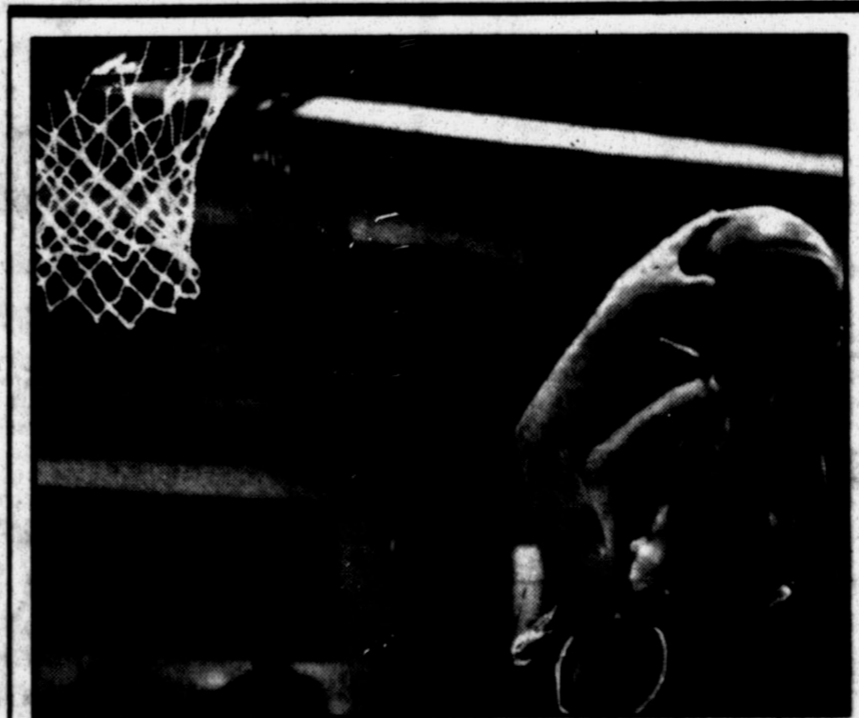


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Tough shot

Hereford's Tori Walker attempts a shot Tuesday night at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt during a non-district basketball game with the Bobbies. Hereford defeated Dimmitt 60-42 to improve their record to 6-1 on the season. Walker had eight points Thursday night as the Lady Whitefaces defeated the El Paso Montwood Lady Rams 58-25 to advance to the second round of the Concho River Classic in San Angelo. Hereford was scheduled to face Midland High at noon today.

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Clemons

difficulty of the situation," team president Terdemia Ussery said. "Given that the decision was made, what was the need to drag it out?"

Players were told of the changes just before the shootaround. Clemons then spoke to them one last time.

"He told them to play hard and be professional," Parker said. "I think that's what we all have to do. It comes as a tremendous loss, but we all have to be professional."

Nelson overhauled the roster since being hired in February, stocking it with players best suited for his up-tempo style and not Clemons' slow, methodical offense.

With Nelson returning to the bench, the players will finally be allowed to run.

"We're going to try to push the ball a little more," said guard Erick Strickland, signed to a six-year, \$14 million contract by Nelson this summer but made a reserve by Clemons.

Clemons, a former Chicago Bulls assistant, insisted on sticking with the triangle offense, a complicated scheme best used by the NBA champions. He clearly did not have the likes of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, and the triangle

offense alienated him from the Mavericks players.

Their inability to grasp or embrace the triangle led to embarrassments, such as a 45-point loss to Portland, a franchise-low 62 points against Milwaukee and a 33-point loss to Atlanta.

Clemons is the fifth coach this decade unable to lead Dallas to a winning record and the second unable to install the triangle offense. Quinn Buckner was fired after going 13-69 in 1993-94.

He had spent the previous seven seasons as an assistant with the Bulls, taking part in four championships. He had a fifth ring from the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, whose NBA record of 69 wins lasted until being broken by Clemons' final Bulls team.

Clemons got off to a good start, winning his first four games before internal strife ripped last year's team apart. The foundation of Jason Kidd, Jamal Mashburn and Jim Jackson was traded, with Clemons the driving force behind the Kidd deal.

Dallas finished the year 24-58, but didn't get a high draft pick because Clemons had traded it to Boston for center Eric Montross, one of the first players shipped out by Nelson.

Huskers

"There was some flu bug, some emotional things," Frost said. "The Colorado game was very emotional. Some of the problems we had through the year, with people changing positions, distracted us from the game."

"Then there was all the talk around here about whether we should even be playing in this game," Frost said.

This year, Nebraska's players got their flu shots early. Although Colorado rallied for two late TDs last Friday, the Huskers said it wasn't as draining a game as the year before. And practice this week has been crisp.

For the fifth straight year, Nebraska carries national title hopes into December. Osborne said the difference over last year is that this time his team is ready.

"Just being around them, I don't feel we've run out at this point, that we can't go out and play a great game. ... I feel we're in a better place now than we were a year ago," he said.

Nelson

13 to cost Clemons his job.

Running a freelance attack for Nelson after the players rebelled against Clemons' structured triangle offense, the Mavericks connected on 12-of-22 3-pointers and broke 100 points for only the second time this season. They are the first team to break 100 against the Knicks this season.

Nelson coached the Knicks for the 1995-96 season before being fired with 23 games remaining.

Patrick Ewing scored 20 points and Allan Houston 17 to pace the Knicks, who have dropped three of their last four. Chris Childs added 16 points and John Starks 15 points for New York.

The Knicks narrowed Dallas' 16-point third-quarter lead to 74-66 on consecutive baskets by Childs to open the fourth quarter. But Dallas got two 3-pointers from Davis and one from Scott during a 13-7 run to expand its lead to 87-73 with 5:22 left.

New York got within 90-82 with 2:52 left on Childs' 3-pointer.

Herd

The Whitefaces and the Tigers both started slowly. Hereford held a slim 9-7 lead after the first quarter.

"We had a lot of good shot opportunities," Dean said. "We just couldn't cash in."

Dean said Hereford finally got untracked in the third quarter, but the Tigers were able to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter because of Hereford miscues.

"They came back on us," Dean said. "We made some mistakes... turnovers and defensive breakdowns were the two main things. Our turnovers led to some easy baskets for them..."

Hereford will face Plainview in a second-round game at 8 p.m. tonight. The Bulldogs had a first-round bye.

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Montwood

performances."

Hereford (7-1) took a 15-6 advantage into the second quarter, and then extended their lead to 31-14 at halftime.

Fortenberry was pleased that six of the nine Hereford players had six points or more.

"Tori had a great game," he said. "And we got some kids that need to be a part of it. Our bench is playing real well."

Not knowing much about Montwood didn't prove to be much of a handicap for Hereford.

"You never really know," Fortenberry said, "how the kids are going to react. You kind of just have to go out there and play the game."

Hereford was scheduled to face the Midland High Lady Bulldogs at noon today in the second round. The winner advances to the championship bracket semifinals at 6:00 p.m. tonight. The loser will play 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

Rockies sign Kile

DENVER (AP) -- Pitcher Darryl Kile, one of the most coveted free agents, signed a three-year contract Thursday with the Colorado Rockies.

The terms of the deal were not immediately disclosed.

The 29-year-old right-hander was 19-7 last season for the Central Division champion Houston Astros. His 19 victories marked a career high.

Brown

any longer for everybody involved," Brown said.

Dodds said it would be Brown's choice whether to coach North Carolina in its bowl game or come directly to Texas to begin working.

"I didn't want to ask him a question that gave him any chance to think about some reason he should not come to Texas," Dodds said. "When he told me he was coming, I said, 'Let's get going.'"

Dodds said Brown received a five-year contract with rollover clauses that essentially makes it a seven-year deal worth \$750,000 per year.

Incentives tied to graduation rates and victories leading to a national championship could increase that amount to \$1 million per year, Dodds said. The salary would include TV, radio and shoe endorsement income.

Brown's base salary at North Carolina was about \$165,000, which didn't include TV, radio and shoe deals.

Brown said Baddour and North Carolina Chancellor Michael Hooker "did more than they should have done to try to get me to stay," but to no avail.

"The hardest thing is to leave the kids," Brown said. "I do love those kids. You probably spend more time with the football players than your own family."

Brown built a 69-46-1 record in his 10 years at North Carolina. The Tar Heels went 10-2 last year and made it to the Gator Bowl. They are 10-1 this season.

The decision came together very quickly, he said. It was a tough one because his teams have done well and Chapel Hill is such a desirable place to live.

"We've had a good run. We've had a good stay," Brown said. "There's not any reason for me to leave here. I think it's the challenge of starting over... I never thought I'd leave here."

Baddour compared the emotional discussions leading to Brown's decision to the death of a relative or friend.

"I don't have a better friend than Mack Brown," he said. "He has served this university with class. ... From day one, Mack Brown was a perfect fit."

Texas sought Brown because he's very personable, has proven he can win at a school with strong academics and is an offensive coach who has also fielded strong defenses.

Carolina's 45 wins over the past five years are second-best in the Atlantic Coast Conference, behind Florida State. The Tar Heels have made five consecutive bowl appearances, winning three. They lost to Texas 35-31 in the 1994 Sun Bowl.

Texas freshman defensive tackle Leonard Davis said, "It's encouraging knowing that the coach coming in is coming from a good team. It's incentive to be motivated and work harder."

Barnett

Mack and told him we were going in a different direction."

Dodds said it was after he gave Barnett that information that the Northwestern coach withdrew his name from consideration for the Texas job.

Barnett issued a statement Wednesday saying he would have no further comment on the matter and asked the media not to ask him about it.

"There are no two better coaches in America in my opinion than Gary Barnett and Mack Brown," Dodds said. "We just felt Mack would be a better fit."

Newspaper reports said that Hicks and Dodds were initially set on hiring Barnett and that former Texas coach Darrell Royal, former players Doug English and Corby Robertson and UT donor Red McCombs heavily influenced other members of the search committee to go with Brown.

Dodds said once he met with Brown alone in Atlanta, before the search committee interviewed the North Carolina coach, that he wanted to go with Brown.

Dodds acknowledged on Thursday that McCombs and Royal had both pushed for Brown.

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Religion in brief

ALABAMA PASTORS CRITICIZE LYONS ABOUT MONEY

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Pastors and deacons of Alabama churches that burned two years ago say the Rev. Henry J. Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., betrayed their trust.

A year ago, Lyons accepted a check for \$225,000 from the Anti-Defamation League and the National Urban League. Two weeks later the St. Petersburg minister wrote the Anti-Defamation League, saying six Alabama churches had been given \$35,000 each to help rebuild.

Most of the money was never distributed. After *The Tampa Tribune* reported the status of the funds two months ago, Lyons returned most of the money to the Anti-Defamation League.

"A liar is a liar," the Rev. John Alexander told the *Tribune*. "If you tell one lie, you have to make up another to make it fit. I said to my wife, 'That's the devil's work.'"

Lyons said the letter was mailed by mistake and that all the money wasn't given out because Lyons decided that some of the churches really didn't need the help.

Four of the six churches still need to build or complete improvements, the *Tribune* reported.

Investigators with the Alabama Attorney General's Office have questioned the pastors, asking whether they received any money from Lyons, who remains under investigation by federal and Florida officials examining his financial dealings.

While the investigations continue, the tiny congregations of the unfinished churches struggle to raise more money. Any insurance money was spent long ago. Donations that poured in while the burnings received national focus have long since dried up.

COPY OF FATIMA STATUE ON TOUR

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Roman Catholic authorities expect thousands of the faithful to view a statue of the Virgin Mary during a three-month visit to more than 40 churches in northern New Jersey.

The wooden image, depicting Mary with a crown, is a copy of a statue erected in Fatima, Portugal, after three children in 1917 reported seeing an apparition of the woman revered as the mother of Jesus.

Some 30,000 people of Portuguese ancestry live in the Newark area, and about half of northern New Jersey is Catholic, so processions and special services are being planned from December through February.

"We have a waiting list of parishes who have requested the statue," said Monsignor Richard F. Groncki, director of pilgrimages for the Newark Archdiocese. "And perhaps, if it can stay a little longer, we can accommodate them," he added.

The statue will spend from one to three days at 44 churches.

Clinton eyes tax cut in '98

NEW YORK (AP) - While not wanting to raise "false expectations" about a sweeping revision of the nation's tax laws, President Clinton says in a published report he is considering a modest tax cut as part of his budget proposal next year.

He told *The New York Times* in an interview that he has to be convinced that any tax cut would be fair to average taxpayers, good for the economy and lead to a simpler federal tax code.

White House officials disclosed last month that Clinton would look at reducing the tax penalty that two wage earners pay when they get married. Clinton's aides also were looking at a proposal by Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., to establish a flat tax rate of 10 percent for about 70 percent of workers.

Clinton said in the interview published in today's editions that he has met with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, to discuss Archer's proposal to eliminate the federal income tax in favor of a national sales tax.

But he added that he has not decided which tax plan to embrace, if any. "I have drawn no conclusion yet about what I'd be for," Clinton said.

While moving closer to Republicans' call for a tax cut, Clinton also raised the possibility of confrontation. He indicated he wants civil rights lawyer Bill Lann Lee in the post as assistant attorney general for civil rights despite vehement Republican opposition to the nomination.

By making the appointment when Congress was out of session, Clinton could bypass Senate confirmation

and Lee could serve until the end of the 105th Congress. Senate Republicans have refused to allow a floor vote on Lee because he supports affirmative action.

"I think they made a terrible mistake," Clinton said. "I don't even think it makes political sense for them."

On another issue, the president said Attorney General Janet Reno's credibility remains intact despite an outcry from Republicans over her decision Tuesday against seeking an independent counsel to investigate him and Vice President Al Gore for alleged violations of campaign finance laws.

"She did what she had to do based on her reading of the law," Clinton said. "And everybody knows that she is an independent-minded person."

Gore, meanwhile, told *The Times* in a separate interview that the unfavorable glare of the spotlight over his own campaign finance problems was a learning experience.

"I think that you learn more from adversity than you do from the success," he said. "I think growth comes more easily and naturally when you learn how to move past the difficult moments."

Gore defended a top adviser, Peter Knight, who came under scrutiny for helping his clients obtain millions of dollars in federal funds. Knight, a legislative aide to Gore when he was in Congress, left his law firm to run the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign and then returned to the practice.

"Peter is one of the most honorable, honest men I have ever known in my life," Gore said.

Weight loss mystery puzzles researcher

WASHINGTON -- A nutritional researcher's plan to end world hunger became side tracked when people eating his "hi-tech" chewable food tablet lost weight. The reason for the weight loss is still somewhat of a mystery, but some results have been significant.

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Dr. Morris says that he has received some incredible success stories from people who have lost 70 pounds or more with the Food Source One Plan. One woman from Niagara Falls, New York lost over 70 pounds without giving up her favorite foods which included chocolate, pizza and chicken wings. Although her results are not typical because individuals are different, the FS-1 Plan is a bona fide natural, drug free way of fighting obesity. According to an article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* you don't even have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat. "Use only as directed with enclosed plan."

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TIPS

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Jackson advises that parents make time for themselves. "Read a book, take a hot bath, work out. Just do something that relieves stress and gets you in a better frame of mind," he said.

There are lots of ways for families to enjoy the season that bring the family together and cost very little.

Families should take advantage of seasonal events, such as public tree lighting ceremonies, Christmas pageants at school and church and even driving through

town to look at decorated houses can lessen the tensions during this time of the year," Jackson said.

Also, he said parents need to remember that children need to participate, but fragile ornaments and decorations in little hands lead to disaster.

"Be sure to have things the kids can do without breaking something or getting hurt. If something gets broken, someone's going to get mad and a little incident becomes a big one," he said.

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'AMISTAD': A dream come to life

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH - I wish I could tell you how wonderful "Amistad" is, but I've seen only clips of the movie, and that was months ago at the National Association of Black Journalists' annual convention. I can tell you that Oprah says, "It will take your breath away." Of course, if Oprah is to film what she is to books, the Steven Spielberg film about a historic rebellion aboard the Spanish slave ship La Amistad will earn rave reviews.

But that's another column. This one is about what can happen when we don't let go of our dreams; what can happen when circumstances force us to tuck them away in a drawer the way Debbie Allen did, but we go on hoping anyway.

That is a story I can share with you because Allen, one of "Amistad's" producers, shared it with me. Well, not just me. There must have been thousands of others in the room, but it felt as if she were talking only to me.

It was 1978 and Allen was in the library at Howard University, her alma mater, when she spied a book by William Owens about the Amistad revolt.

"Books were always a priority in my home, and a book led me here today," she told me.

But "Black Mutiny" wasn't just some ordinary book, not a collection of essays, of poetry or fiction of the type that Allen read while growing up in Houston. No, this was a true story.

It was the first Allen had ever heard of the 1839 Amistad revolt. I was hearing about it for the first time from her.

"I was almost 30 at the time ... to read a story like this, I was so overwhelmed with emotion," she recalled. "I was mad. I was also imbued with a great deal of pride and strength, and I was going to tell this story. Honey, I felt I had all I needed: the wind in my back, the ancestors pushing me on."

But over and over, Allen said, doors slammed in

her face, brick walls went up.

"I was told no," she recalled. "It's so expensive to do a historical movie. I was going to choke one person who said, 'Can't you do a musical? Sing and dance for us.'"

After a year of trying, Allen said, she locked the book in a drawer. Years went by, and then she saw Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List."

Allen would say later that "Schindler's List" gave her a glimpse into the director's soul. She knew that if anyone could understand and tell the Amistad story, Spielberg could.

All she needed was 30 minutes with him. She got an hour and a half.

That was in 1994. But because Allen never lost sight of her dream, "Amistad" will open next week in movie theaters nationwide.

The film stars Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins and Matthew McConaughey. Its dominant figure is Djimon Hounsou, who plays Cinque, the charismatic leader of the rebellion and the U.S. Supreme Court fight that followed.

As I said, I have seen clips of "Amistad," most of them including Hounsou, so I can understand why Spielberg considered him the miracle he needed to pull the film off. And I even understand how Hounsou, once homeless on the streets of Paris, could breathe life into a story more than a century old.

In a letter he read to Spielberg on "Oprah" last week, Hounsou said that the director's work is his love made visible. And he said one other thing that I've always considered important, especially in the creative process. Hounsou said that Spielberg taught him to hear, not just listen.

I suspect that is what Allen also learned growing up in Houston: not just to listen to her heart, but to hear it and then, no matter how long it takes, to respond. Because that's how dreams come true.

Gracie Bonds Staples is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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TED TURNER

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - Ted Turner's stand against "The Star-Spangled Banner" has produced thousands of protest letters from the National Rifle Association.

More than 4,000 postcards were received in a two-day span this week by *The Billings Gazette*. The *Missoulian* in Missoula said it received "hundreds, if not a couple thousand" cards as well.

Cards also went to Turner's Montana ranch, and a ranch manager said he threw them away.

Turner made the remarks at Independence Hall in Philadelphia while accepting the Liberty Medal for CNN International. He said the anthem is a war song and "America the Beautiful" represents brotherhood.

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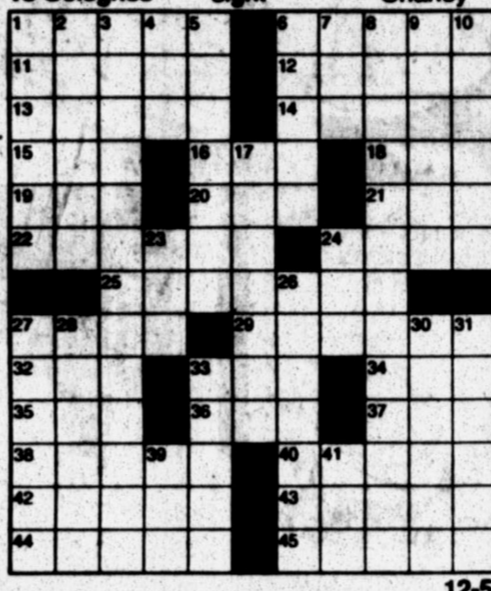
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Another year, another commission

WASHINGTON (AP) - When something is out of commission, the political instinct is to appoint one now and try to fix things later. Hence the new commission to study and recommend steps to keep Medicare from going broke.

The 17 members were to have been named by now, but deadlines, like government commissions, come and go.

Congressional Republicans named their eight members on Monday, and at the same time foreclosed one option for a Medicare cure, agreeing that there should be no tax increases involved.

Six Democratic members are yet to be named, but even so, the no-new-taxes vow from Republicans prompted critics to complain that the GOP position would make it more difficult for the commission to reach bipartisan solutions.

"I personally don't know that we need any taxes to reform the Medicare system," President Clinton said today. "I hate to see the commissioners themselves have their hands tied at the outset because I think we want them to be free to look at this Medicare System over the long run."

Clinton wants to settle with Republican leaders on the choice of a chairman for the bipartisan panel before making his choices to work with congressionally chosen commissioners on the future of the program.

The commission was part of the balanced-budget deal, under which Medicare costs are to be whittled by \$115 billion over the next five years, most of it in lower payments to doctors and hospitals.

That's to keep it solvent beyond 2001, when Medicare had faced bankruptcy, which now is projected in 2010 without more stringent steps. But stringent steps inevitably would add costs to the budgets of over-65 Americans, a powerful voting bloc. That is why neither party wants to risk offending them.

Hence the two-party panel, instructed to figure things out and report to Congress and the White House by March 1999. Not that prior commissions hadn't suggested the way out or, for that matter, that the Senate hadn't voted to make repairs now.

The Senate approved the most drastic changes in Medicare's 32-year history in passing its version of the balanced-budget package. It would have raised the Medicare age from 65 to 67 in 2027, and increased premiums paid by upper-income seniors, but the House didn't agree and Clinton didn't want it done in the budget bill.

So the cures, including those steps and more, will be considered by the commission first and Congress later, effectively shelving the issues until after the 1998 elections.

The first appointee to the Medicare commission was, appropriately, Sen. Bob Kerrey, the Nebraska Democrat who seems to get the assignment every time there's a heavy-duty panel like this one.

Kerrey was co-chairman of a commission on entitlement reform, which included Social Security and Medicare, but couldn't agree on steps to hold down costs and keep them solvent. So that commission wound up sending

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Washington Today

Clinton a letter saying that "tough action is needed sooner rather than later," but not what it ought to be.

So Kerrey and then-Sen. Alan Simpson, a Wyoming Republican, tried themselves, with bills to limit cost-of-living increases in Social Security and other federal retirement benefits, and to increase eligibility ages, eventually to 70.

It is 65 now, with a gradual increase to 67 in 2025 under current law, enacted after an earlier commission proposed it to keep Social Security solvent. That doesn't affect Medicare. So now there is a commission on that entitlement, and there will have to be another round on Social Security, lest it fall into deficits after 2012.

That's the way it is in the commission business. Get one set of proposals done and there's another set of problems waiting. Kerrey can attest to that; between his roles on entitlement panels, he served as co-chairman of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service, which proposed reforms including an outside board to oversee the tax collectors.

The White House opposed that idea until it became the Republican issue of the autumn because of Senate hearings that produced televised horror stories about aggressive, intrusive tax agents. Then, in a compromise, a revised version of the commission's reform plan was overwhelmingly approved by the House with Clinton's backing, and will be completed by the Senate next year.

Some commissions are more than advisory, and actually work. The prime example is the military base closing system, under which commissions decide which military bases are unneeded, decisions politicians found impossible to make because of the impact on jobs and economies back home. The commission system shelters the politicians by recommending shutdown lists that can only be voted up or down, not altered. Some 250 bases have been closed or consolidated that way. The administration wants another round now, but Congress so far is balking.

There once was a commission to handle congressional pay raises, so that members wouldn't have to vote themselves more money and risk punishment at the polls. That system was scuttled by an uprising against a commission increase so hefty that Congress couldn't risk taking it.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Panel urges colleges to trim their costs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fearing a renewed surge in tuition costs could lead to outside controls, a federal panel recommends colleges trim down and families pinch pennies to take the shock from the higher education sticker.

The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education included two political hot potatoes in its recommendations to Congress: a return to mandatory faculty retirements and a review of faculty job guarantees through tenure.

"It is our concern that if prices take another big jump forward, will there not be an action on the part of government that looks somehow like cost controls," said William E. Trout, chairman of the 11-member commission, which was chartered by Congress.

The panel, made up principally of college presidents and chancellors and officials of academic organizations, agreed Thursday on a list of recommendations to Congress. A final report is due early next year.

The recommendations include a call for more cost data from government and colleges.

The panel also said the government should streamline student aid while cutting regulations and paperwork. Families should carefully plan for college and begin a saving program early to pay the costs, the commission agreed.

Trout, president of Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., was under pressure Thursday from Republican lawmakers. Earlier this week, they publicly criticized a draft report from the commission and earlier statements by some members that the problem with rising tuition had dwindled.

"There is literally a college for every pocketbook and purpose," a recent draft said. It equated the cost of tuition for most full-time undergraduates to that of a "decent used car."

The rate of increase has slowed recently to about 5 percent a year, still much higher than overall inflation but lower than the double-digit increases in the early 1990s, the College Board says.

Some data indicated that the total cost of attending a public, four-year institution has fallen 3 percent when grants and other aid are factored in.

But Trout said the statements from Reps. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, and Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., a subcommittee chairman, caused no change in the overall recommendations.

Trout said there are "lots of drafts around."

"We've been talking since day one about the need to redouble our efforts to contain costs," he added.

Another member, Robert V. Burns, political science professor at South Dakota State University, said the Republicans were disappointed with "some of the earlier headlines."

"Members of Congress had some preconceived idea of what the truth was," he said. One of those, he said, was that federal grants and loans lead to higher prices.

"We do understand that families have a problem affording higher education, and we have never gotten away from that basic truth," he said.

Panelists said there appeared to be no evidence that grants to needy students led to higher tuition. But they said the possible connection between tuition increases and a higher volume of student loans should be further studied.

Thursday's session opened with a report showing that tuition more than doubled between 1987 and 1996 at public colleges and universities - from nearly \$1,700 to \$3,900. At the same time, the cost of educating a student increased by one-half - from nearly \$8,000 to more than \$12,000.

Active-duty generals to head Guard units

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Carson, Colo., have been chosen as the headquarters for two new Army National Guard divisions led by active-duty two-star Army generals.

The step is part of an effort to smooth long-simmering tensions between the full-time Army and the National Guard, which answers to state governors but can be put under federal command in national emergencies.

Each "integrated division" will have three Army National Guard brigades and be organized under a headquarters unit composed primarily of active-duty soldiers, the Army said. Each division has about 17,000 soldiers.

Neither of the two-star generals has been named.

"The National Guard leadership is supportive and enthusiastic of this significant step that furthers the integration of the active and National Guard combat structure," Maj. Gen. William Navas Jr., the Army National Guard director, said in a statement.

The move provides for a full-time headquarters unit that can deal with ongoing issues affecting each division, an Army official said.

The brigades chosen as part of the Fort Riley division are the 30th Mechanized Infantry Brigade of North Carolina, the 218th Mechanized Infantry Brigade of South Carolina and the 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade of Georgia. A liaison unit will be located at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The brigades to be part of the Fort Carson division are the 45th Infantry Brigade of Oklahoma, the 39th Infantry Brigade of Arkansas and the 76th Infantry Brigade of Indiana. A liaison unit will be located at Fort Polk, La.

Each headquarters unit will have about 200 soldiers, and each liaison unit will consist of about 15 to 20 people.

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REGULATORS REJECT USE-OF-FORCE GUIDELINES

HOUSTON (AP) - The idea of developing state guidelines on how to restrain unruly county jail inmates has been rejected by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards because of opposition from two lawmakers and officials from 10 counties.

Those objecting to setting guidelines claimed the rules were a "knee-jerk reaction" to the problem.

"I think that the news media has chased you up a tree and your response has been to overreact," state Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, said in a letter to Jack Crump, the commission's executive director.

"The sheriffs in my district don't need your help or your interference," Swinford said.

The proposal, made by Crump two months ago, would have required the commission to review and approve use-of-force plans for all counties and private jail operators. But it was rejected without comment on Thursday at a meeting of the commission in Austin.

NEW INVESTIGATOR PICKS UP RAMSEY CASE

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - Eleven months and 11 days after 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in her family's basement, three more detectives and a new commander are on the case.

Still, who killed the littlest beauty queen remains a mystery.

The new lead investigator, Cmdr. Mark Beckner, was to provide an update today on a case that has fascinated the nation and brought criticism and turmoil to Boulder.

"He may be able to talk about some of the options that are available down the road when the investigation is finished, which we don't have any time frame on," police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said.

Parents John and Patricia Ramsey have been the focus of the investigation, though authorities say all leads are being pursued. The Ramseys, who have proclaimed their innocence, have turned to newspaper ads in their own effort to find the one responsible for their daughter's death.

LAWYERS WON'T SEEK HOLIDAY TRIP FOR AU PAIR

BOSTON (AP) - A lawyer representing Louise Woodward, the British au pair convicted of killing a child in her care, says he won't ask a judge to allow her to return home to England for Christmas.

Ms. Woodward's defense lawyers agreed last month to let the court hold her passport, pending the outcome of appeals of her conviction.

Defense lawyer Harvey A. Silverglate said Thursday he will not seek court permission for a holiday trip home. Ms. Woodward is staying in nearby Marblehead at the home of British native Elaine Whitfield Sharp, another of her lawyers.

In October, a jury convicted Ms. Woodward, 19, of second-degree murder in the Feb. 9 death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, the son of Sunil and Deborah Eappen of Newton. She was given a mandatory sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years.

Ten days later, Judge Hiller B. Zobel reduced her conviction to manslaughter and her sentence to the 279 days she had served since her arrest.

FOUR SHOT TO DEATH AT FACTORY

BARTOW, Fla. (AP) - A dispute between two owners of a conveyor-belt business and a former partner is the focus of an investigation into the shooting deaths of four people.

George Gonsalves, Felice Dosso and Nelson Serrano had been partners in the business for years, but a rift had grown recently between Serrano and his two partners.

Gonsalves and Dosso stripped Serrano of his title and salary this summer and fired his son from a top job. Serrano countered with a lawsuit against his former partners alleging mismanagement.

Gonsalves' body and the bodies of Dosso's son, daughter and son-in-law were found Wednesday night in the one-story concrete building that housed the business.

Police said Thursday there were bullet-shell casings all over the scene and investigators were looking into whether the dispute had anything to do with the slayings.

"We haven't ruled anything out yet," Lt. Charles Spencer said. "The only thing we know is we have four dead people and we don't know who did it and we don't why."

A man that will enjoy a quiet conscience must lead a quiet life.
—Lord Chesterfield

N.Y. BAR SUES OVER MEDICAID LAW

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The state bar association says its members are being gagged by a federal law meant to discourage senior citizens from transferring assets to relatives in order to qualify for Medicaid.

The law makes it illegal to accept a fee to counsel people how to make those transfers.

The New York State Bar Association sued the federal government on Thursday, saying the law is a "gag order" that denies people from seeking professional help.

"This 'Catch-22' legislation says to the 80-year-old Alzheimer's patient, 'Sure, you can make lawful transfers, but no one can help or advise you,'" state bar President Joshua Pruzansky said.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Albany, claims the law violates First Amendment protections of free speech. Other bar associations have expressed interest in joining the lawsuit, said Frank Ciervo, a spokesman for the New York bar.

The current law replaced a 1996 law that made it a crime to apply for Medicaid, under certain circumstances, after transferring significant assets. It was quickly dubbed the "Granny Goes to Jail" law by critics. Congress repealed the unpopular law in its Balanced Budget Act of 1997, but substituted new language.

ASTRONAUTS BACK ON EARTH, FACE QUESTIONS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts returned to Earth today following a two-week science mission, an inquiry awaiting them because of a botched satellite release.

Columbia and its crew of six swooped through a clear, chilly sky a little after sunrise and landed on the runway at Kennedy Space Center.

"Welcome home, Columbia. Excellent landing," said Mission Control.

Among the achievements of the mission, which spanned 16 days and 6.5 million miles: Two spacewalking astronauts saved a runaway \$10 million satellite by catching it with their hands.

But the daring rescue almost certainly would not have been necessary if the craft hadn't been sent into a spin by another crew member.

The Spartan solar observatory malfunctioned within moments of its release on Nov. 21. It never received a crucial computer command, apparently the consequence of a software problem or a crew error.

JONES ORDERED TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Paula Corbin Jones must turn over 103 more pages of documents from a legal fund for her sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, a judge ruled.

Documents involving trial strategy and settlement negotiations could be kept secret, but documents involving fund raising, public relations strategy and tax returns must be turned over, Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled Thursday.

Wright previously said Clinton's lawyers could not have the names of Mrs. Jones' contributors but should be told the number of contributors, amounts raised and any communications with donors about the legal fund's operation.

The ruling settled a dispute on whether scores of Mrs. Jones' legal fund documents should be shared or whether they were covered by attorney-client privilege and exempt from scrutiny by Clinton's lawyers.

Wright told Mrs. Jones' lawyers to turn over the documents no later than 1 p.m. Monday.

NYC MAYOR CRITICIZES HOUSTON CANDIDATE

NEW YORK (AP) - Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has made a point of publicly criticizing a former New York City police commissioner, who is a front-running mayoral candidate in Houston, The New York Times reported.

Giuliani told reporters in Houston during a phone call on Wednesday that Lee P. Brown's tenure as police commissioner under former Mayor David Dinkins "was a very bad time for the city."

The mayor derided Brown's handling of the 1991 violence between blacks and Hasidic Jews in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. Days of unrest erupted after a car carrying Hasidic Jews struck and killed a 7-year-old black boy. In the ensuing days of racial clashes, 200 people were injured, blocks of property destroyed and a Hasidic scholar killed.

Giuliani called Brown's response to the situation as police commissioner "a negative lesson on how we do police work in New York," the Times said.

An inquiry ordered on Crown Heights by then-Gov. Mario Cuomo criticized Brown for a vacuum of leadership.

STRONG QUAKE REPORTED IN BERING SEA

PALMER, Alaska (AP) - A strong earthquake was recorded this morning in the Bering Sea, prompting officials to warn of a possible tidal wave off Alaska.

The 7.6 magnitude quake, which struck at about 2:27 a.m. (5:27 a.m. CST), was centered 75 miles off the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula in eastern Russia, said Paul Whitmore of the Tsunami Warning Center. There were no immediate reports of damage, he said.

Based on the size of the quake, the center issued a tsunami warning for coastal Alaska from Dutch Harbor to Attu in the Aleutian Islands.

A tsunami watch was in effect for the northern tip of Vancouver Island in British Columbia north to Dutch Harbor.

U.S. ABORTION RATE FALLS IN '95

ATLANTA (AP) - While the two sides in the abortion debate dispute the reason, the nation's abortion rate fell in 1995 for the second straight year, reaching the lowest level in two decades, the government said.

Twenty of every 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 44 had abortions in 1995, the lowest rate since 1975 and a slight drop from the rate of 21 per 1,000 in 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

Abortion opponents have said one reason for the drop is that more women are deciding to give birth. But supporters of abortion rights say the decline results from a lack of abortion clinics, particularly in rural areas.

The CDC includes both as possible reasons for the declining rate and adds that the number of unintended pregnancies also might be declining.

The abortion rate increased steadily from 1972 to 1980, then leveled off between 1981 and 1993, before starting a gradual decline in 1994 and 1995, the last years for which figures are available.

GOVERNOR'S EX-MAID AVOIDS DEPORTATION

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Gov. Pete Wilson's former maid said he knew she was in the United States illegally when his family hired her in the late 1970s.

"They knew because they asked when I first started working for them," said Josefina Delgado Klag, who worked for Wilson for three years when he was mayor of San Diego.

Klag avoided deportation to her native Mexico when a judge ruled Thursday that she did not intentionally mislead authorities about her marital status.

Wilson, a strong supporter of tough immigration laws, denied Klag's claims through a spokesman.

"The governor did not know what her legal status was," spokesman Sean Walsh said in Sacramento.

Klag, 54, turned herself in this year after the Immigration and Naturalization Service issued an arrest warrant accusing her of lying on a 1979 application for U.S. residency.

WAL-MART REMAINS NONUNION; VOTE CANCELED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Labor called off a union organizing vote at a Wal-Mart store, saying it couldn't get a fair election because the giant retailer was intimidating and harassing its U.S. work force of 700,000 people.

The store in the Birmingham suburb of Fairfield would have become the first unionized Wal-Mart operation if its 197 employees had joined the United Mine Workers in a vote that was scheduled for today.

The union canceled the request for a vote about 16 hours before balloting was to begin.

"At this time the union feels it cannot get a fair election," the UMW said in a statement. "In its anti-union campaign Wal-Mart has threatened, intimidated and harassed its employees to the point they are afraid to vote for fear of losing their jobs."

THURMOND EXPECTED TO SURRENDER PANEL CHAIR

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. John Warner is considered likely to be the next chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee now that 95-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond says next year will be his last leading the panel.

The polite and surprisingly robust Thurmond, R-S.C., whose 95th birthday is today, said Thursday that he will surrender the chairmanship after 1998. He is the oldest member of Congress ever and its longest-serving senator.

Though he said he felt "no pressure" from colleagues, some other Republicans on the panel have wanted to replace him with a younger, more assertive lawmaker for some time. In 1996, senior members of the committee talked to Senate Republican leaders about replacing Thurmond as chairman, but the move went nowhere.

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