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Smith County, Texas Wednesday, December 1997

# in brief

#### CSF HAS BASKET SHORTAGE

The Christmas Stocking Fund has a shortage of food baskets for needy families in the community.

A local civic club has disbanded and will not be able to provide boxes of food to 50 homes as it did in the past. The CSF annually provides food staples for 45 families and refers an additional 75-100 households to other charitable groups

The CSF is notifying the community it needs concerned groups and individuals to coordinate their food drives with the fund. Acting as the public representative for the CSF, the local Red Cross office has volunteered to provide names of needy families to interested organizations.

The anonymous volunteers who manage the Christmas Stocking Fund try to coordinate their charity work with local agencies, schools, clubs, church grops and individuals so there is an even distribution of assistance. Any group of individual interested in providing food baskets should

contact the Red Cross office at 364-3761 by Dec. 15.

#### INDUSTRIAL NATIONS NEAR ACCORD ON EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS

KYOTO, Japan (AP) - Industrial nations neared final agreement today on a historic treaty to reduce the flow of heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere, a down payment on what many scientists say will be a decades-long struggle to reverse global warming.

U.S. and European negotiators, locked in around-the-clock talks, worked to resolve a string of thorny details, but were expected to approve greenhouse emission reductions of about 6 percent below what they were at the beginning

If the last-minute differences are settled, an overall deal will be presented to the 150-nation conference late tonight for consensus approval.

The accord would wrap up two years of negotiations to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding limits on 34 industrial nations' emissions of such greenhouse gases as carbon dioxide and methane.

The reductions would vary slightly among the nations covered, including the United States, Japan and the European Union. Developing countries such as China would not face binding emissions caps, but were expected to take action sometime in the future.

Emissions cuts for the industrial nations would begin in 2008.

A flurry of closed-door meetings brought the United States and members of the European Union closer to an agreement after Vice President Gore cleared the way earlier in the week for U.S. negotiators to agree to deeper emissions reductions.

# RENO, FREEH STANDING TOGETHER, REFUSE TO RELEASE MEMO

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh are standing together in the face of Republican attacks in refusing to hand over a key document to the House committee investigating campaign fund raising.

Reno went against Freeh's recommendation that an independent counsel be appointed to investigate fund-raising phone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Republicans on the panel engaged in several testy exchanges with the attorney general Tuesday while seeking to capitalize on the disagreement between the two top law enforcement officials.

"If I did not believe very strongly in the recommendation, I would not have made it," Freeh testified to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

When Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the committee, accused her of trying to protect the president, Reno shot back: "I will make the decisions based on the evidence and the law and not on newspaper headlines, newspaper editorials, polls or threats."

Reno and Freeh agreed that the FBI director's memo explaining his recommendation should remain under wraps as they pursue investigative leads in high places.

Freeh said his agents had never been turned down in requesting to interview top Clinton administration officials, but he complained there have been many delays in getting documents from the White House. "I'm not confident we have all the documents yet," he said.

Information in Freeh's memo could be helpful to potential targets, said the attorney general and the FBI director.

#### SURVEY: U.S. ADULTS HAVE TROUBLE WITH COMMON MENTAL DEMANDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly half of American adults have trouble with such common mental demands of life as reading newspapers, filling out job applications or balancing a checkbook, a survey found.

And Americans aren't alone, the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported today in its annual look at education. "Low literacy is a problem everywhere," the report said.

Among 12 Western industrialized nations, Swedes scored best and Poles worst in the International Adult Literacy Survey that was cited in the report. There was no statistically significant difference among Americans, Australians, Belgians, Britons, Canadians, Dutch, Germans, Irish, New Zealanders and the Swiss.

Another researcher cautioned, however, that such surveys tend to overstate the problem by confronting test-takers with unfamiliar documents. Police aren't reporting people lost because they "couldn't find their way to Main Street," said Richard L. Venezky, an educational psychologist at the University of Delaware.

Although the OECD report found high levels of college among Americans, it also found some disturbing signs. High-school dropout rates were high. And education wasn't always a guarantee of literacy, defined by the researchers as ability to read texts, understand documents such as charts, graphs and schedules, or perform arithmetic.

Moreover, the report suggests that workers who don't use their mental skills lose them, perhaps suggesting diminished mental capacity for all the Dilberts who stay on the job too long.

"The No. 1 thing, we believe, for literacy is the workplace," said Albert Tuijnman, the OECD's education analyst, in a briefing in Washington on Tuesday. "It's use it or lose it."

### 1997 CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

# Couple burdened with medical bills

A senior couple, ages 65 and 63, are asking the Christmas Stocking Fund, Hereford's holiday charity, for help with bills for prescription medicine and food this Christmas season.

Stricken by severe illness, the husband is now blind after being hospitalized for a year.

The couple have used their life savings on medical expenses and both now have large medical bills, and require medication refills each month.

The Christmas Stocking fund works to address such needs of the community's less-fortunate during the holiday season.

The needy young and elderly are given top priority by the administrators of the Christmas Stocking Fund. Residents of local nursing homes often are on limited incomes and may have special needs for personal items, dietary supplements, prescriptions or clothing.

An anonymous committee of volunteers representing a broad cross-section of the community administers CSF and thoroughly screens all applications for

Help from the Christmas Stocking Fund can come via food boxes, or vouchers for clothing, utilities and medical help.

The Hereford Brand is the official collection point for donations. Contributions may be made at the newspaper office, 313 Lee, or mailed to CSF, c/o The Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Listings of CSF gifts are published periodically

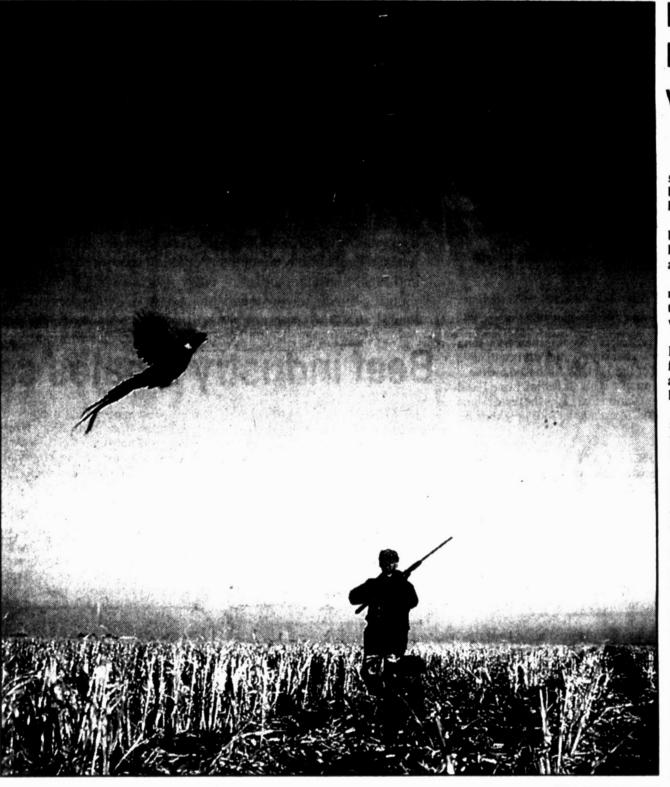
by The Brand, along with a running tally of funds

Anyone wishing to make an anonymous contribution to CSF should so designate the gift.



CHRISTMAS **STOCKING** FUND

# PHEASANT SEASON



Hunters will be out in the fields Saturday when pheasant season opens

# Extension agents predict good hunting

year's weather conditions have produced excellent quail and deer hunting without last year's fear of low-quality game, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Don Steinbach of College Station, Extension program leader for wildlife and fisheries sciences, said the quality of quail and deer has broken the declining trend over recent

"It has been several years since we had a good quail crop," Steinbach said. Also, this year, H.P. Appling

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - This from El Campo killed the biggest deer rebounded nicely from recent years. entered in the Muy Grande Contest in La Salle County.

According to Steinbach, hunters can thank favorable weather. "We have had good quality deer and quail primarily due to good

Dale Rollins of San Angelo said quail hunting has been the best since 1991.

rains," he said.

"Covey numbers are up, as is covey size," Rollins said.

He said populations of scaled or blue quail, in particular, have

Rollins commented that quail hunting reports have shown that quail

hunting has increased everywhere, but some areas have shown significantly stronger numbers than other

"Quail hunting has been the Extension wildlife specialist Dr. strongest in areas west of a line from Wichita Falls to Del Rio," he said.

He said that deer size has increased 10 percent across the board. Steinbach said good quality game

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# Local motels booked, have waiting lists

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE Staff Writer

It won't be long now. The shotguns are cleaned. The fields have been harvested and the prairie grasses have turned to dry brown stalks.

The pheasants have raised their broods and will be fair game for hunters willing to traipse the fields abounding in the ring-necked birds.

Reservations at the local hotels are now truly hard to come by as all but two hotels are booked for the opening weekend of pheasant season.

The staff of the Best Western Hotel said the motel has been booked for a number of weeks and even has a waiting list for those hoping for last-minute cancellations.

For the uninitiated, pheasant season actually means "cock" pheasant season. Hunting hens is

strictly forbidden. For sexing purposes, regulations require that at least 1 foot of the tail feathers remain attached to the carcass until it reaches its final

destination. Deaf Smith County game warden Chuck Cospers said hunters should go into the field with the intent of

killing, not wounding, birds. Part of this intent is to know the pattern of the gun being used and choosing the correct choke and shot size for the individual hunter.

Cosper reminds hunters that heasants are strong, fairly large birds that run quite fast and hunters should be prepared to do quite a bit

of walking. "Due to conditions just right with just the right timing, hunters should have a good hunt this season," said

Jim Steiert, a local hunting guide. "We got the rain at a good time, which made lots of weeds, which meant lots of insects for the young

pheasants," he said. Cosper said hunters should make some early preparations for the upcoming season, including reading up on hunting laws, refamiliarizing themselves with their weapons with

a little practice at a shooting range and - most of all - know the target. "The most common violations are hunting without a license and shooting hens," said Cosper. "We do issue tickets for these offenses."

With fines ranging from \$25 to \$500, depending on court costs, Cosper said it just makes more sense to buy the license and know what to

Cosper estimates that more than

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# Modern food system contributing to the rise of harmful bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) - The efficient, worldwide food system that gives grocery shoppers more choices and lower prices carries a troubling cost: an upsurge in food poisoning. The rate of salmonella illness alone has doubled over the past 20 years.

The way outbreaks occur also is changing. In the past, most cases originated in restaurants or at events like church suppers.

Such cases still happen - one

person died and 750 were sickened Millions more are sickened. by salmonella at a Maryland church outing last month. There is now a bigger problem: Food sometimes is growing number of huge food factories and is widely distributed before anyone gets sick.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 9,000 people die every year from food poisoning in the United States.

'Industry consolidation and mass distribution of foods may lead to large outbreaks of foodborne tainted during processing at the disease," Dr. Sean F. Altekruse, a Food and Drug Administration, said in a new CDC report on emerging

> About 224,000 people in many states were sickened by salmonella in 1994 because tanker trucks used

to haul thousands of gallons of ice cream previously had been used to transport contaminated liquid eggs, according to the CDC.

"The huge epidemic was the result veterinary epidemiologist with the of a basic failure on an industrial scale to separate the raw from the cooked," said CDC researcher Robert

A single day's production at a modern ground beef plant can turn out hundreds of thousands of pounds

of hamburger, which are then quickly trucked all over the country.

'That means any single problem that happens can be spread very quickly and cause massive illness before we even know about it," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director at the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Along with the industrial food processing system, Altekruse said the trend toward large-scale livestock

operations in which thousands of animals are crowded together is another reason for increased problems with bacteria.

In 1945, there were about 500 birds in a typical henhouse. By 1995. houses contained as many as 100,000 hens, which can spread salmonella through their eggs.

"Multiple houses were often

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# THE HEREFORD BRAND Local Roundup

### Student council talent show

The Shirley student council will hold a student/teacher talent night at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Shirley Gym. Admission is one can of food or 50 cents and all proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

Acts include singing and dancing routines, puppet shows, and student and teacher acts. The show is part of the student council's monthly community service project. Next month the council will collect books to send to Sierra Leone, Africa.

For more information about the student council community service projects contact Chandra Davis at Shirley School.

### Primary filings

Two candidates have filed for spots on the March 10 Democratic primary ballot, according to Jerline Williams, chairman of the Deaf Smith County Democratic Party.

Gracie Varela of Hereford filed for the Democratic nomination for district clerk. The incumbent, Lola Faye Veazey, is not seeking re-election to the post she has held for 26 years.

Eldred Brown has filed for the Precinct 8 chairmanship.

### Mostly cloudy

mid-40s.

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow and low 15 to 20.

Thursday, mostly cloudy with flurries possible in the morning, turning partly cloudy in the afternoon and high in lower 30s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow and low around 15.

#### 5-day forecast

Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow in the morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon, high near 35. Saturday, partly cloudy with low around 20 and high in the

Sunday, partly cloudy with low in the mid-20s and high around

# NEWS in brief

#### NO DEAL YET IN WRIGHT AMENDMENT FIGHT

GRAPE VINE (AP) - The court-ordered effort to settle the airport feud between Fort Worth and Dallas has hit some turbulence, with some predicting the dispute will go to trial.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr participated in a closed-door meeting along with airline representatives and lawyers Tuesday.

An executive of Fort Worth-based American Airlines, an intervenor in the lawsuit the city filed against Dallas, was uncertain about the case's

'Who knows, when you have lawyers airing legal issues, how long it will take to have them fully aired or whether simply the courts will have to decide," said Don Carty, president of the Fort Worth-based airline

The city filed suit to block expansion of flights at Dallas Love Field after Congress gave final approval to legislation that eases the restrictions by permitting some direct flights beyond Texas and its four neighboring

### HISTORIC BISON HERD BEING RELOCATED

AUSTIN (AP) - A herd of bison, whose lineage can be traced back more than a century to the last of the great Southern Plains herds, is getting a new home on the range.

Fourteen animals have been relocated to Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, about midway between Lubbock and Amarillo, with more scheduled to arrive there on Monday.

"This is really historic," Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Tom Harvey said Tuesday.

The herd is being moved from the JA Ranch near Amarillo. It was started

there by pioneer cattleman Charles Goodnight in 1876, when the bison were rounded up for preservation. The bison being moved are descendants of those animals, a herd that

has supplied stock for Yellowstone National Park and the Bronx Zoo.

### LAW PERMITS CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN CHURCH

AUSTIN (AP) - There are many places you can't carry a concealed weapon into, but a church no longer is one of them.

The Texas Legislature revised the state's concealed gun law during its

session earlier this year. The concealed handgun law passed in 1995 prohibited people with handgun permits from taking the weapons "on the premises of a church, synagogue or other established place of religious worship.'

The language of the law was changed earlier this year, and churches now are required to follow the same rules as businesses that don't want weapons in their buildings.

They must post a conspicuous sign or hand out cards to everyone coming onto church property, and both cards and signs must meet state specifications to the letter.

### **ESCAPEE GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE**

BEAUMONT (AP) - A convicted killer who said he escaped from a Southeast Texas prison because he was harassed and threatened by prison guards has been sentenced - again - to life in prison. A prosecutor says the life prison term means that James Miller Keith

IV will probably never live to see freedom again. He was already serving two concurrent life sentences for killing a Port

Arthur man in 1991 and for shooting at a police officer while fleeing the

Prosecutor Mark Mullin said Keith will serve the life sentence for escape after completing the two concurrent life sentences. Prior to his escape on June 24, he would have been eligible for parole in 2007.

Jurors had a choice of sentencing Keith to a sentence ranging from as short as five years to life in prison.

# AMA PRODUCE ENDORSEMENTS BANNED

DALLAS (AP) - The legislature of the American Medical Association has banned any future AMA product endorsements in the wake of criticism from doctors nationwide over the organization's ill-fated commercial deal with Sunbeam Corp.

The AMA's House of Delegates also voted Tuesday to create a committee to investigate how the AMA got involved with Sunbeam in the first place especially without the knowledge of the AMA's board of trustees. The board has said it was unaware of the deal.

"The AMA is against product endorsement, and this organization has made a move to make sure everyone knows that," said Dr. Thomas Reardon, chairman of the trustees.

The committee will investigate all aspects of the Sunbeam affair as a way to restore faith in the AMA's integrity, said Dr. Ralph E. Schlossman, chairman of a panel that brought the resolutions to the floor of the organization's biennial conference.

# Scientists provedangers of thinning ozone

**WASHINGTON (AP) - Biologists** have shown for the first time that excess ultraviolet rays from natural sunlight kills amphibians, an ominous sign of the dangers of solar radiation leaking through a thinning ozone

Oregon State University researchers found that natural sunlight contains enough ultraviolet-B radiation to kill most embryos of the long-toed salamander in mountain lakes of the Cascade Mountain Range, a home for the animals for thousands of years. Salamanders shielded from UVB were able to reproduce normally in the lakes, said Andrew Blasstein, leader of the Oregon team.

findings," said Blaustein, "This is proof that excess UVB radiation in nature can cause death and deformity in this species.'

A report on the study was being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
Other scientists said the study

sharpens concern about the thinning of the natural ozone layer of the atmosphere that normally shields the Earth from high levels of UVB. Studies have shown that the ozone layer has been eroded by industrial chemicals, principally cholorfluorocarbons used in refrigeration.

Most such chemicals are being phased out or have been banned

We were stunned by our worldwide, but the chemicals from earlier years remain in the atmosphere and continue to affect the ozone layer. Among the effects is the so-called ozone hole that forms annually over the Antarctic, but similar thinning has been detected

over North America. Blaustein said the findings strongly support the theory that increased solar UVB has played a role in the worldwide decline of a number of amphibian species. Most of these animals reproduce by laying eggs in jelly-like masses in shallow water where they can be affected by solar **UVB** radiation.

Scientists internationally have reported a sharp decline in the

numbers of frogs, toads and salamanders in many locations and a number of explanations have been

Although earlier studies in laboratories have shown that UVB can cause genetic damage and death for some amphibians, the Oregon State University work is the first to

precisely measure the effects of UVB in a comparative study in nature. "This is something we should be concerned about," said Dennis B. Fenn, chief of biological resources at the U.S. Geological Survey. "UVB is one of the theoretical causes of the worldwide decline of amphibian species. We had better start taking it very seriously."

Gary Ankley, an Environmenta Protection Agency scientist, said the Oregon State study "is a serious thing," but he cautioned that the result applies to only one animal species and does not prove that UVB is the cause for the all of the declines of frogs, toads and salamanders.

Ankley said there could be a combination of factors, including water pollution, that will explain why some of the amphibian species are decline.

'It would be simplistic to blame all of the declines on one factor at this time," he said.

In the Oregon State study, egg masses of some long-toed salamanders in lakes were shielded with UVB filters, while other egg masses were left exposed. All other factors were the same, said Blaustein, with many of the comparative groups of eggs side by side in the same lake.

Blaustein said that 85 percent of the embryos in the exposed eggs died. Of the 15 percent that hatched successfully, all but four individual animals were deformed.

Among the eggs shielded from UVB, there was a 98 percent hatch rate and virtually all of the animals were normal, said Blaustein.

'The point is that these were not artificially elevated levels of UVB in a laboratory," he said in an interview. "These were natural levels of sunlight in their natural habitat. The only difference between the two groups was the amount of ultraviolet

# FDA bans imported raspberries

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration still plans lan raspberries from being imported into this country, because growers have not yet discovered how the fruit became contaminated with a parasite called cyclospora.

Council members represent all The U.S. government blames fresh aspects of the beef industry, including Guatemalan berries for sickening retailers, large and small processors Americans who ate the berries last and producers. Their mission is to summer and in 1996. The parasite can find a solution for E. coli contaminacause days, even weeks of fever and diarrhea.

The FDA told Guatemalan growers late last summer that unless they discovered how the parasite could infect the crop, and how to stop it, the agency would not allow 1998 imports. FDA policy director Robert Lake told an international food meeting Monday that that decision still stands.

'We will not be accepting raspberries until the situation there is straightened out," he said. acknowledging that banning an entire crop before harvest "is without precedence.'

Guatemalan Embassy official national but some people are looking Roberto Rosenberg said berry to Nebraska, a major beef-producing rowers still were working with the state, to take the lead in addressing FDA to solve the problem. Lake said the ban will affect

"I think we realize we all have to Guatemala's March through August fight this together and make it a harvest. Yates said a concern for producers



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-7-10-11-15

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

### THE HEREFORD BRAND

Christmas present John Flores, left, received an early holiday gift Tuesday after he was named the winner of a recent drawing for \$500 in Hereford Santa Bucks. The drawing was offered in conjunction with a recent holiday shopping promotion sponsored by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce and local merchants. Flores' entry was drawn at the Music Store in Sugarland Mall. Also pictured during the presentation were store owner, Lonnie Venable and manager, Rosemary Perez; and Don Cumpton, executive vice president of the chamber.

# Beef industry creates safety council

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) - The Dallas. Lawrence Yates, executive Nebraska over fears of E. coli Nebraska Beef Council will give help from its executive director, office space and clerical support to a food-safety council created in the wake of a large hamburger recall.

The 45-member Beef Industry Food Safety Council will hold its first meeting Thursday and Friday in

# **Emergency** Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 9, 1997 include the following.

#### **Police Department** Arrests

-- A 57-year-old man was arrested in the 1100 block of west Park Ave and charged with possessionof a

volatile substance. -- A theft was reported in the 400 block of Ranger.

-- Theft was reported in the 300 block of Union.

--Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1600 block of north Avenue K.

-- Theft was reported in the 300 block of north 25 Mile Avenue. --Burglary of a vehicle was

reported in the 200 block of Beech. -- Theft was reported at south Main and Country Club Drive. -Criminal mischief was reported

in the 700 block of La Plata Drive. --Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Avenue

-- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving. -Officers issued 12 traffic citations.

#### Registered Sex Offender The following information is being

released by law to the public regarding three newly registered sex offenders. The first offender is a 23-year-old

man, living on 13th Street. His offense is indecency with a child. The second offender is a 27 year-

old man living on Brevard Street. His offense was sexual assault of a child. The third offender is 20-year-old man living on Avenue H. His offense

is sexual assault of a child. For further information regarding these or any other area sex offenders contact Cpl. Terry Brown in writing at the Hereford Police Department.

director of the Nebraska Beef Council, will help Chuck Schroeder, executive director of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, in coordinating staff and communications for the new council.

The council grew from a conference on beef safety that was organized in Nebraska after millions of pounds of ground beef were recalled from Hudson Foods and Beef America processing plants in

# **Obituaries**

#### JOHN D. (JACK) KEATING NOV. 30, 1997 John D. (Jack) Keating, 93, of

Cheyenne, Wyo., died Nov. 30 in his Mr. Keating was born May 3, 1914

in Humbolt, S.D., to John C. and Edna Keating. He married Phyllis Jane Craig on June 8, 1939, in Lennox, S.D. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral and the Knights of Columbus in Cheyenne, and the Elks and Eagles of Watertown.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Keating of Cheyenne; four sons, Craig Keating of Wichita, Kan., J. Michael Keating of Virgina Beach, Va., Patrick Keating of Madison, S.D., and William Keating of Sioux Falls, S.D.; three daughters Phyllis Gross of Pine Bluffs, Mary Keating-Scott of Cheyenne and Theresa Brown of Cheyenne; one brother and one sister and numerous grandchil-

#### ESMALDO VILLARREAL DEC. 6, 1997

Esmaldo Villarreal, 58, of Sonora died Saturday at his home.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will be 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford. Arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 8, 1939, in Sonora. He was a laborer and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include one brother, Raul Villarreal of Hereford, three sisters, Estella Holguin of Sonora, Orelia Rodriquez of San Angelo, and Rebecca Ramirez of Hereford and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### problems of food safety onto farmers and ranchers. He said the responsibility must be shared by everyone, from producers to consumers.

priority," she said.

contamination.

tion problems.

Yates said Monday.

18 to 24 months.

"The entire beef chain is coming

The National Cattlemen's Beef

Association will pay for Yates' time

and expenses on the food safety

project. He expects work on the

initiative to take one-half to

three-fifths of his time over the next

Sallie Atkins of Halsey, a beef

council director, was concerned the

E. coli issue was being labeled a

"Nebraska problem," even though

plants in Nebraska process beef from

other states. She said the problem was

is an interest by some to throw all the

Separately Monday, Nebraska

Farm Bureau President Bryce Neidig

said well-intentioned groups often

have exaggerated the risks of

together to solve this problem,'

food-borne illnesses. Neidig, who addressed the farm bureau's convention in Kearney, said the destruction of millions of pounds of ground beef during a recent E. coli scare proves "any nation that can afford to do this is either more

The Farm Bureau is one of the state's largest farm organizations with 40,000 member families in Nebraska.

affluent or less wise than it ought to



Big Brother

Chris Strowd, center, was presented the Big Brother of the Year Award by his Little Brother Nicholas Figueroa during the recent Big Brothers/Big Sisters appreciation dinner and Christmas party. Also pictured is Alva Lee Peeler, executive director of



**Big Sister** 

Terry Perez, right, accepts the Big Sister of the Year Award from her Little Sister Laura Montgomery as Alva Lee Peeler, executive director of BB/BS looks on. The presentation was made during the 13th annual appreciation dinner and Christmas party. (See related photo, Page 7.)

# **Senior Citizens**

**MENUS** 

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits, oatmeal cookies; or chicken fillets, diabetic cookies. FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon

wedge, au gratin potatoes, buttered zucchini squash, cabbage/fruit slaw. combread, lemon cake; or hamburger

steak, applesauce.

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with
meat sauce, seasoned green beans, tossed green salad, garlic bread, sherbet; or chicken ala king, mixed

chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, rosy applesauce, roll, chocolate cake; or roast beef, D'zerta salad, vanilla wafers.

TUESDAY-Cornflake baked

WEDNESDAY-Swiss steak, corn O'Brien, carrots, perfection salad,

cornbread, angel food cake with fruit topping; or smothered chicken, D'zerta salad, angel food cake.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., BP/BS by DSHHC 9 a.m.-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., holiday dinner 6 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m. TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 10

a.m.-12 noon, decorative tole painting 1-3 p.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m. WEDNESDAY-Pool classes.

ceramics 1-3 p.m., birthday social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

# BB/BS of Year presented at dinner

Brother of the Year and Terry Perez was named Big Sister of the Year during the 13th annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Christmas Party and Appreciation Dinner Friday in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

The Bigs and Littles were treated to a hamburger meal with an array of desserts provided by the Board of Directors. Members of Hereford Pilot Club served the meal.

Amarillo band

Trent Taylor, grandson of John and Sheila Thames of Hereford,

and his band from the First

Church of the Nazarene in

Amarillo, will perform for Hard

Line Ministries, 519 Star, at 7

Taylor is active in the music

ministry of his church, playing the

piano, keyboard, guitar, cello and

er instruments as well a singing. He performs many

He is a junior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, majoring in computer. Taylor is employed at Micro 4 in Amarillo. For more information on Hard Line Ministries, call Doris

p.m. Saturday.

benefits for youth.

Huckert at 364-6078.

will perform

Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First

Chris Strowd was named Big United Methodist Church of Hereford, was guest speaker. He gave a "magic show" and added words of wisdom about applying Christian principles in our daily life.

Cagney Cantu, 12-year-old daughter of Big Brother Manuel Cantu, entertained with her singing. The Littles joined her in singing "Silent Night."

Retiring board members Rich Kendrick and Nancy Griego-Quintero were presented plaques by vice

of their years of service. Kendrick has Laura for the past two years. been a Big Brother and board member since 1985. Quintero's son, Jeremiah Griego, has been a Little Brother in the program.

Big Brother of the Year award was presented to Strowd by his Little Brother, Nicholas Figueroa: They have been matched for three years.

Terry Perez received the Big Sister of the Year award from her Little Sister, Laura Montgomery. Perez has

The highlight of the evening for the Littles was "Doug's Christmas Tree." The memorial fund gave each child a "fleece jacket." A volunteer group known as "A Band of Angels" presented a fleece throw to each child with their name embroidered on it.

The benediction was a tribute to the volunteers sung by Little Sisters Teresa Satterfield, Danelle Haws, Erica Elizondo and Chelsey Stone.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a

# been involved as a volunteer for president Carey Black in appreciation seven years and has been matched to United Way Agency. 'Dickens Dessert and Carol Fest' are offered by Texas Plains Chorale

Texas Plains Chorale will present well. a Christmas program titled "Dickens Dessert and Carol Fest" at,6 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Desserts from England will be singing of familiar Christmas carols served to begin the evening. Wassail

The chorale will take the stage and present an abbreviated version of Charles Dicken's "A Christmas The evening will conclude with

with audience participation.

included during the evening.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available by calling the First United Methodist Church or from any member of the Texas Plains Chorale.

Advanced purchase of tickets is advised to ensure a reservation, but



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# HRSEA has dinner party

Hereford Retired School Employees Association met at the Hereford Community Center Monday evening for a Christmas dinner, gift exchange and game night with 35 members and guests present. The room was decorated with one

large Christmas tree and miniature Christmas trees on the dinner tables.

Those attending brought covered dishes that were served with baked ham and desserts.

Gifts were exchanged after the meal.

During a short business meeting conducted by president Betty Mercer, HRSEA members were urged to go to Friona on Jan. 12 to the first meeting of the Friona Retired School **Employees Association.** 

Crazy Bridge was played. Dempsey Alexander and Julia McNaney were high while Jim McNaney and Frances Crume were

Rita Burges served as chairman for the party. Assisting were Charles Duvall, Mary Duvall, Dempsey Alexander, Thelma Alexander, John Poindexter and Teddy Poindexter.

# Bean to speak at Barn Church

Ty Bean of Athletes International Ministries will be the featured speaker at 7 p.m. Thursday at Barn Church in B Bar S Arena.

As the rodeo ministry director of Athletes International Ministries, Bean ministers to junior, high school, college and professional rodeo cowboys across the nations.

Through human videos, illustrated sermons and life changing teaching he is able to deliver the gospel more effectively.



Cast members

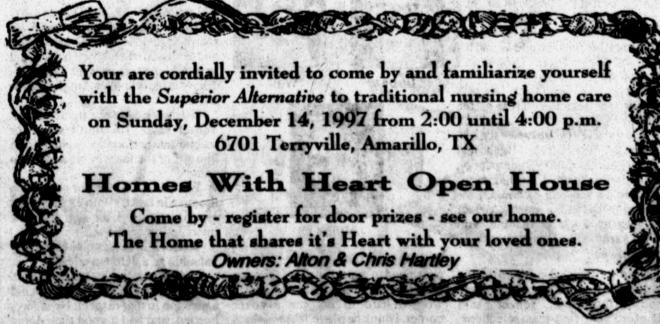
An abbreviated version of "A Christmas Carol" will be performed by the Texas Plains Chorale as part of a Christmas program titled "Dickens Dessert and Carol Fest." The program will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. Included in the cast of characters are, from left, Robb Wallace as Nephew; Dwight Joiner, Jacob Marley; John Gililland, Scrooge; and Gene Streun, Bob Cratchit.

Play is one of the main bases of civilization.

—Johan Huizinga What's the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet

-Henry David Thoreau

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The Music Ministry of **First Baptist Church** 

The Hereford community is invited to be our guest as we share this heart warming Christmas Musical this Sunday evening at 6:30 pm.

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# On the Sidelines

Wednesday's Games
Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

#### NBA

Tuesday's Games
Washington 120, New Jersey 99
Charlotte 95, Toronto 82
Miami 97, Atlanta 81
Detroit 92, Denver 83
Chicago 100, New York 82
Seattle 108, Minnesota 99
Houston 108, San Antonio 78
L.A. Clippers 99, Dallas 92
Phoenix 107, Vancouver 85
Sacramento 113, Utah 101
Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Usahington at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.

### NCAA Basketball

EAST American U. 72, Loyola, Md. 65
Delaware 68, Towson 63, OT
Hartford 80, New Hampehire 73
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 69, Columbia 42
Princeton 64, Bucknell 52
Rhode Island 69, Providence 58
Rutgers 85, Delaware St. 60
Seton Hall 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
St. John's 69, Colgate 53
Temple 76, Fresno St. 61 Temple 76, Fresno St. 61 SOUTH

Alabama St. 80, Troy St. 71 Alabama St. 80, Troy St. 71
Arkansas 100, Louisville 83
Citadel 64, Winthrop 56
Georgia Southern 72, Mercer 71
Montana St. 71, Appalachian St. 69
Southern Miss. 52, South Alabama 4
Tennessee 74, St. Joseph's 54
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Houston 54, California 51 Texas 85, Florida 82 Texas Christian 113, North Texas 74 Texas-San Antonio 96. Texas-Pan **FAR WEST** 

Georgia 64, Colorado 73 Montaria 66, Whitman 46 New Mexico 62, New Mexico St. 59 Washington 83, Brigham Young 68

## Sub-varsity roundup

Boys junior varsity at Amarillo Caprock tourney Thursday Amarillo High JV 68, Hereford JV

61 (Slade Hodges, HHS, 31 points.) Friday Hereford JV 74, Amarillo Caprock JV 42 Saturday

Consolation championship Hereford JV 62, Amarillo Palo Duro JV 48

Girls junior varsity at Muleshoe tourney Thursday Hereford JV 63, Friona freshman 17 Friday Hereford JV 46, Muleshoe freshman

Saturday Championship Springlake-Earth 32, Hereford JV

Record: Hereford 7-3. Girls Freshman Monday Hereford 42, Amarillo Caprock 35 (Bethany Williams, Her., 16 points.) Record: Hereford 1-7.

HJHS Boys 8th 'A' Monday Hereford "A" 51, Valleyview "A" 37 (Freddy Garcia 17 points.)

HJHS Boys 8th 'B' Valleyview "B" 28, Hereford "B" 26 (Juan Ayala 8 points.)

# IN BRIEF

# Tech gets 3rd win

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) --Cory Carr and Stan Bonewitz scored 20 points each to lead Texas Tech to a 79-71 non-conference victory over Southwest Missouri State on Tuesday night.

Carr, the Big 12 player of the week and the conference's leading scorer, was held to eight points in the first half while Bonewitz hit on five 3-pointers for most of his scoring.

### Clippers clip Mavs

DALLAS (AP) -- In their third game under new coach Don Nelson, the Dallas Mavericks ran out of adrenalin Tuesday night against the lowly Los Angeles Clippers.

Darrick Martin scored 18 points, going 5-of-7 from 3-point range, and Lamond Murray added 17 as the Clippers won for only the fourth time this season, 99-92.

#### Sports calendar Thursday

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Hereford boys, varsity, at land Park tournament, TBA. reford boys, junior varsity, at Canyon tournament, TBA.

# Canyon routs Hereford

By BOB VARMETTE Sports Writer

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces picked a bad night to have one of their poorer games of the season.

It's hard enough to play Canyon when you're at your best. When you're not, well, it makes Canyon look like their putting on a clinic.

The Lady Eagles dominated Tuesday night, thrashing Hereford 74-49 in front of 800 at Whiteface Gymnasium in the District 1-4A girls basketball opener for both teams.

"Hereford's got an excellent ball club," Canyon head coach Joe Lombard said. "It's still early. We have a lot more season to go through . I don't think this was indicative of how well they can play."

Hereford head coach Eddie Fortenberry doesn't disagree. "They're not 25 points better than

us," he said. "Defensively, we couldn't play with them. We pretty

much gave them everything they wanted in the second half . . . gave them too many putbacks, too many offensive rebounds."

T'nae Thiel led Canyon (10-0, 1-0 District 1-4A) with 16 points. Three other Lady Eagles reached double figures, with Tara Sherrod coming off the bench for 14 points, Jolee Ayers adding 12 and Shayla Weatherly

scoring 11 points for Canyon.
Julie Rampley led Hereford (10-2, 0-1) with a game-high 21 points before fouling out with 4:10 left in the game. Catie Betzen added 13 points for the Lady Whitefaces.

Canyon also won the junior varsity game, 42-30. The second half doomed the Lady Whitefaces. Down by only two

points, 30-28, entering the third quarter, Hereford got outscored 44-

The bigger, stronger Lady Eagles did it inside and the quicker Lady

Eagles also did it on the break.

We have some guards that can run the basketball up the court," Lombard said. "And we have some post players that can run the basketball, too."

Canyon's depth didn't hurt either. "Our depth was a factor," Lombard said. "Being able to play eight or nine girls like we did and have them contribute really helps."

Hereford's lack of depth didn't

escape Fortenberry's attention.
"We told the girls before the game that somebody besides our top three players was going to have to step up. That didn't happen. We have to get more points from people besides Julie, Catie and Misti (Davis)," Fortenberry said.

He said Sherrod was a case in point.

"She's a great player," Fortenberry said. "And she's not even good

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**Photo by Julius Bodner** 

Hereford's Julie Rampley puts up a shot over an unidentified Canyon defender Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium.

# Herd rallies to flatten Plainsmen

By BOB VARMETTE Sports Writer It looked bleak.

The Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen had just finished a six-point run to put them up 50-37 on the Hereford Whitefaces with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

Then something happened. It was as if the Plainsmen ran out of gas.

Hereford scored the final six points of the third and outscored Monterey 29-15 in the fourth to decision the Plainsmen 72-64 in boys non-district basketball Tuesday night in front of 200 at Whiteface Gymnasium.

"We came up with some defensive stops," Hereford head coach Randy Dean said. "And we got some timely baskets, a couple of big 3s, and made some free throws down the stretch."

Dean said it wasn't as if the Whitefaces made any changes. More than execution or Monterey's inability to do so in the final quarter, it was patience.

"Our players deserve a lot of credit," Dean said. "They didn't get frustrated, and it would've been easy to. We'd get back to seven or eight

points a couple of times and then they'd pull away again.

We just hung in there," he added. "Some of those loose balls and rebounds started coming our way." Hereford (2-6) was led by 17

points from freshman Cody Hodges. Senior Bryant McNutt added 14 points. Greg Ewing scored 12 points and Mitch Wagner had 10 to round out the Whitefaces in double figures.

Kyle Moeller led the Plainsmen with 22 points and John McPhaul added 16 for Monterey.

The game was close throughout much of the game. The Plainsmen took the early lead and kept Hereford at bay with a steady 1-2-2 zone defense for much of the first three quarters.

Monterey led 18-15 after one and took a 35-29 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

"We didn't shoot it well early," Dean said. "I thought we were getting good shot selection. . . . We finally got a stretch of where we shot the ball well. We did that when we started getting inside."

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# Rockets burn Spurs, 108-78

(42) and Kyle Moeller Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium.

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Rockets had all cylinders clicking. The San Antonio Spurs simply stalled.

Clyde Drexler led six players in double figures with 17 points and 11 assists as the Rockets won their ninth straight game Tuesday night with a 108-78 clobbering of the San Antonio Spurs.

Kevin Willis added 16 points, Mario Elie had 12 and Matt Maloney shot 4-for-4 on 3-pointers and also scored 12. Reserves Eddie Johnson and Rodrick Rhodes added 13 and 10, respectively.

We had so many great contributors," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I think we have a strong team with different guys doing it on different nights.

"Tonight, Kevin early in the game was outstanding. Clyde, energy-wise and passing, was just phenomenal. And we got a 24-point lead and didn't ease up. As far as numbers, yeah, it was our best game. I can't think of a

Hereford's Bryan Matthews gets ready to shoot over Lubbock Monterey's Tyler Henthorn

negative." The Rockets broke from a 19-19 deadlock midway through the first quarter and pulled out to a 60-42 halftime lead to send the Spurs on the way to their third straight loss.

Both teams started out shooting hot but the Spurs quickly cooled off and finished hitting 34.4 per cent from the field.

"Everyone was clicking, it was a fun game to play," Charles Barkley said. "Our defense got better as the game progressed but I'm not sure how we got such a big lead."

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) --Ryan Leaf is one of the few quarterbacks for whom thirdand-20 is no big deal.

Photo by Julius Bodner

A more daunting task is convincing Heisman Trophy voters that someone from low-profile Washington State is worthy of being selected as the best player in college football.

No one from the school has ever won the Heisman, but no one has led Washington State (10-1) to the Rose Bowl since 1931. Leaf also led the school to its highest ranking ever, No. 8, while tearing up opposing defenses and the Pac-10 record book.

"Ryan Leaf is the best quarterback in America," said coach Mike Price, who lured Leaf to the school by promising him a trip to the Rose Bowl. The most gifted football player to come out from Great Falls,

Leaf thrives under pressure

Mont., Leaf is an emotional leader with a shotgun arm and the strength to shed tacklers. He loves the spotlight and thrives under

In the final regular season game at Washington, with a Rose Bowl berth on the line, Leaf converted 13 of his first 17 third-down opportunities, several on long passes that broke the Huskies'

spirit. He converted on third-and-27, third-and-17 and third-and-13.

After the game, Leaf rushed across the field to the Cougars section and spiked the football. He was then carried off the field on fans' shoulders, which was no

Leaf is listed at 6-foot-5, 238 pounds; opponents swear he's bigger.

'Other coaches say he's 250," said Lloyd Carr, coach of top-ranked Michigan, which faces the Cougars in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. "If you rush him, he takes

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# Hereford lands 3 on all-district teams

By BOB VARMETTE Sports Writer

Three Hereford Whiteface football players were among the 53 players honored as All-District 1-4A by the district's coaches Tuesday.

Senior cornerback Anthony Lopez and senior defensive end Zack Wall were selected to the first team and senior tailback Jeremy Miller was picked for the second team in selections announced to the media

Tuesday. Hereford head football coach Craig Yenzer said it's not easy to get

recognition for players on a 2-8 team.
"It's certainly hard to get, in my opinion, votes when you suffer through a 2-8 season like we did," he said. "Obviously, teams that have been successful deserve the accolades for their players."

District 1-4A champion Dumas landed 14 players on either the first or the second team. The district's two other playoff teams, Canyon

Randall and Borger, each had 10 players on the first or second team. The Demons' Brent McCallie was

voted Coach of the Year by his peers. Brent and his staff have done a fine job," Yenzer said. "There was a lot of pressure on them and he and his staff did a good job. They didn't disappoint."

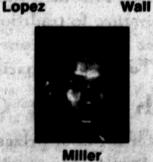
Dumas running back Astolfo Venzor was selected Player of the

'He didn't have the greatest game against us," Yenzer said. "But he had a great year. He had a big impact on their winning the district championship. He's a very good choice.

During the regular sea on, Venzor led District 1-4A in rushing with 1,739 yards on 255 carries with 23 touchdowns.

"Anthony with his interceptions continued to make big plays to set up our offense," Yenzer said. "He really Despite their 2-8 record, the Whitefaces were stronger defensively worked hard to become a cover than offensively. Yenzer said Hereford's two first-team selections, corner. I think he played the toughest Lopez and Wall, were well-deserving. position on our defense.





"We put him out on an island," Yenzer said, "and he did a fine job for us all year long."

Lopez, 5-10 160, led District 1-4A in interceptions with seven with 68 return yards. He also 22 unassisted and 29 assisted tackles, including a season-high 11 in the Whitefaces' 27-20 overtime win over Amarillo Palo Duro.

"His work ethic was tremendous," Yenzer said. "He didn't stand for second-rate performances either from himself or the team in practice or in

Wall, 6-2 200, tied for second on the team in tackles with 25 solo stops and 51 assists. Wall also had one nterception on the season.

Yenzer said he was also extremely

valuable as a defensive leader.

"He's a tremendous impact player.

... He showed great leadership, did a nice job in that respect. He always hustled, and had a good time doing it," Yenzer said.

Yenzer added one of Wall's biggest assets was his attitude, despite Hereford's disappointing season.

"His never-say-die attitude rubbed off to the other players," Yenzer said. "And besides his work ethic, he's a stickler for details -- making the reads and getting his job done. Then he does beyond that in terms of hustle and back-side support."

Wall was a two-way starter for the Whitefaces, also starting at center on offense.

Miller was the only Hereford layer honored on an offense that was ast in the district, averaging only 190.2 yards per game.

"Jeremy's quite a success story," Yenzer said. "Coming into the season, he was an unknown quantity. He never quit working . . . He was a slashing-type runner. That impressed the coaches of the district." Miller led the Whitefaces and was

fifth in District 1-4A in rushing with

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Yenzer called Miller "deceptively. fast." He said his biggest asset as a

runner was his vision "Through his hard work, he developed a knack for finding the cuts," Yenzer said. "That's something all good backs need to have....And if he got a step on you, he's got a knack for getting away from you."

The district coaches didn't select a return specialist, but Yenzer believes sophomore L.J. Vallejo would certainly be deserving of recognition if they had. "On special teams, he had a

tremendous impact for our team," Yenzer said.

Vallejo led district returners with more than five returns on punt and kickoff returns. He averaged 24.4 yards per punt return and 33.5 yards per kickoff return. He returned one punt 75 yards for a touchdown and one kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown.

Yenzer said two other Hereford seniors may have merited inclusion on the honor squad -- linebackers Martin Garcia and Jared Haile.

"If Martin had stayed healthy, I think he would have been there," Yenzer said. "(And) Jared made a lot of tackles at the end of the season."

Garcia had 76 tackles for the Whitefaces to tie wall for second on the team. Haile led Hereford and finished 10th in the district in tackles with 80 stops.

> All-District 1-4A ected by district coaches

Coach of the year Brent McCallie, Dumas Player of the year Astolfo Venzor, Dumas

Offense
First team

Quarterback: Michael Soria, Amarillo
Caprock, 6-3 190 Senior.
Running backs: Astolfo Venzor, Dumas, 5-10
195 Senior; Kevin Massey, Borger, 5-11 166
Senior; Jessie Hunnicutt, Canyon Randall, 6-4
212 Senior.
Receivers Massey Receivers: Micah Ladd, Canyon Randall, 5-9 153 Senior; Trent Teague, Amarillo Caprock, 6-1,

180 Senior. Tight end: Benny Mitchell, Amarillo Caprock, 5-10 180 Senior. Center: Jay T. Hamilton, Pampa, 5-11 232

Senior.
Guards: Jacob Florer, Borger, 5-11 194
Senior: 'Brandon Gibson, Dumas, 5-8 250 Junior.
Tackles: Justin Farmes, Borger, 6-2 208
Senior; Seth Hammitt, Dumas, 5-11 175 Senior
Kicker: Charlie Russell, Canyon, 6-0 185

Defensive tackles: Aaron Hayden, Pampa, 5-8 250 Senior; Felipe Arellanes, Dumas, 5-9 200 Senior; Matt McCormick, Canyon Randall, 6-5 242 Junior.

Defensive ends: Zack Wall, Hereford, 6-0 200 Senior; Derek Scheihing, Dumas, 5-9 160

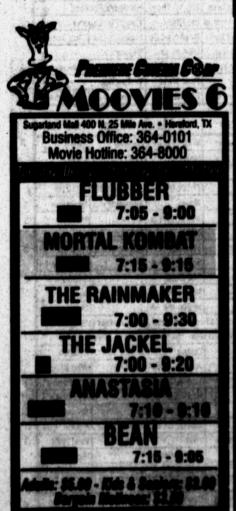
Linebackers: \*Carl Clements, Dumas, 5-11 Senior; Matt Burd, Canyon Randall, 5-9 167
Junior; Chad Casida, Borger, 6-0 190 Senior.
Defensive backs: "Tony Powell, Borger, 5-9
140 Junior; Anthony Lopez, Hereford, 5-10 160

Quarterback: Lucas Evenson, Dumas, 6-4
180 Senior.
Running backs: Jeremy Miller, Hereford, 510 145 Senior; James Terry, Amarillo Caprock,
5-10 170 Senior; Shane Stumbo, Canyon
Randall, 5-11 187 Senior;
Receivers: Milke Davis, Canyon, 5-10 160
Senior; James Nix, Borger, 5-8 155 Junior.
Tightend: Bart Cheyne, Canyon Randall, 6-1
217 Senior.
Center: Oscar Murga, Dumas, 5-7 230 Senior.
Guards: Aaron Lane, Canyon Randall, 6-0
232 Junior; Ryan Denny, Borger, 5-10 200
Sophomore.

Sophomore. Tackles: Aaron Schnelle, Canyon Randall, 5-10 221 Senior; Leroy Aldana, Dumas, 5-11 230 Senior. Kicker: Josh Blackmon, Pampa, 6-0 160

Defense
Second team
Defensive tackles: J.R. Duke, Borger, 5-10
185 Junior; Ronnie Proby, Pampa, 5-9 270
Senior; Sam Whipple, Dumas, 5-11 210 Junior.
Defensive ends: Kyle Schneiderjan, Canyon
Randall, 5-9 187 Senior; Bradley Blommaert,
Borger, 5-10 168 Senior.
Linebackers: Kegan Faris, Dumas, 6-1 180
Senior; Shane Stumbo, Canyon Randall, 5-11
187 Senior; Lance Bradley, Borger, 6-0 155
Senior.

Defensive backs: Kit Black, Canyon Randall, 6-0 165 Senior; Jose Ibarra, Borger, 5-10 163 Senior; Trent Teague, Amarillo Caprock, 6-1 180 Senior; Josh Buchanon, Dumas, 6-4 170 junior. -- Unanimous selection.



## Canyon

enough to start for them. Sherrod was a catalyst inside for the Lady Eagles early. She scored three straight baskets in the first quarter to put Canyon up 17-8 with 36 seconds remaining in the first

Tara was a tremendous spark for us offensively and defensively coming off the bench," Lombard said. "She's a big reason for the tempo

turning in our favor." The Lady Eagles had a 20-10 advantage going into the second quarter. Those eight minutes were the only eight minutes the Lady Whitefaces controlled.

In the second, Hereford outscored Canyon 18-10 to trail by only two at halftime.

"We backed off a little bit (defensively)," Fortenberry said. That got us back into the game. . Then we started digging a hole for ourselves by letting them get inside. Sooner or later, it's going to get you."

In the third quarter, Canyon extended their lead to seven points when Thiel put up an offensive rebound for two points at the 7:02 mark. But Hereford battled back, ripping off four straight points to close the gap to three at 5:46 left in the third when Betzen nailed an 18footer from the right wing to make the score 35-32 Canyon.

The Lady Eagles got the lead to 51-39 with 1:12 left in the third when Weatherly got her second straight basket inside. Rampley went 3-for-4 from the free throw line to cut the deficit to 51-42 at the end of the third, but that was as close as the Lady Whitefaces got the rest of the way.

Fortenberry had high praise for the Lady Eagles than just stating the obvious that they were the team to beat in District 1-4A.

"I think they're the best team in the state of Texas," Fortenberry said. "We're a good basketball team and they took us apart. . . . (But) we can bounce back from this. These kids are tough."

**Lady Techsters win** 

EL PASO (AP) -- Angie Braziel

scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as No. 7 Texas Tech

overwhelmed Texas-El Paso 82-48

of 65 shots from the field. The Lady

Raiders did most of its damage in the

first half, forcing 17 turnovers and connecting on 17 of 32 shots from the

field to build a 45-25 halftime lead.

Texas Tech (5-1) connected on 29

Tuesday night.

# At 6-8, Cowboys know season over

IRVING (AP) -- Barry Switzer wants to come back as the Dallas Cowboys coach.

So far, he hasn't received a second on his self-nomination.

Troy Aikman is looking for big changes in the Cowboys next year. Owner Jerry Jones says they will come after the season.

'It's hard to watch," Aikman said. "Something has to be done."

The Cowboys, winners of three Super Bowls in the 1990s, won't win their sixth consecutive NFC East title. For that matter, they won't even make the playoffs -- the first time in seven years that has happened.

The NFL office says there is still a distant possibility Dallas can qualify for the postseason, but there are so many scenarios the league hasn't bothered to figure out exactly

how the Cowboys could stay alive. In any case, everyone on the Cowboys knows it's over.

"We'll look at all the issues, but we'll wait until way after the season is over," said a crestfallen Jones. "I know we can't keep having a direction like this. "

Unable to respond under Switzer, the Cowboys have tumbled to 6-8 following Monday night's 23-13 loss to Carolina, the same team that knocked Dallas out of the playoffs in January.

Rumors sweep Valley Ranch daily that Switzer will retire after the final two games and take a \$2 million pat-on-the-back check for winning a Super Bowl in four seasons as a replacement for Jimmy Johnson.

The Cowboys are ailing for their ame at Cincinnati on Sunday. Aikman has a rib injury; tight end Eric Bjornson has a fractured ankle; running back Emmitt Smith has a bum left shoulder; and offensive linemen Nate Newton and Erik Williams are both injured.

### Herd

At the start of the third quarter, Monterey got a 3-pointer from McPhaul to put the Plainsmen up by 11 points. Hereford got it back to seven points, but after taking a time out with 3:09 left in the third, Monterey ran off six straight points to up the margin to 50-37 with 2:19 in the third.

That was when the Plainsmen fell

Down by seven entering the final quarter, Hereford went on an 11-point run over a span of 3:02. The Whitefaces got their first lead of the game at the 3:40 mark when Ewing connected on a 3-pointer from the right corner to put the Whitefaces up

Wagner pushed the Hereford lead Hereford won 55-52.

to five, 59-54, when Wagner canned a 3 from the left corner with 2:20 remaining in the game. The Whitefaces then sealed their second win of the season at the free throw line.

In the last 1:15, Hereford went 6for-7 from the line.

It isn't often that a coach will tell there wasn't anything about his team's effort with which he was disappointed. Tuesday night was one of those nights for Dean.

"Obviously, a win against a quality ball club is something we can build on," Dean said. "We'll see what we can do with this win. Hopefully, it will propel us into the district schedule."

In the junior varsity game,





one hand and knocks you down

and steps up and throws the ball."
The third-rated quarterback in the nation, Leaf completed 210 of 375 passes for 3,637 yards, with 33 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. His TD passes and yardage are Pac-10 season records.

Leaf's season has NFL scouts

drooling, and the junior has been projected as a No. 1 draft pick, ahead of Tennessee's Peyton Manning. Leaf has said he won't reveal whether he'll leave school early until after the Rose Bowl. Leaf began the season by

throwing for 381 yards and three touchdowns against UCLA and 355 yards against Southern California. Five touchdown passes against California tied a school record, and he threw for a career-high 447 yards in the Cougars' only loss of the season. at Arizona State

But will it be enough to persuade Heisman voters to choose him over Manning, Michigan's Charles Woodson or Marshall's Randy Moss?

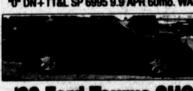
Leaf has downplayed his chances all season.



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JOHN LENNON STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) -Imagine that someone released previously unheard recordings by

John Lennon. It's a reality, the Swedish news agency TT said Tuesday.

The former Beatle recorded the songs about a year before he was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building in 1980, the report

The tunes are being released on a CD accompanying an edition of "A Spaniard in the Works," Lennon's 1965 book.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, gave the Lund-based company Bakhaal permission to issue the songs, titled "My Life," "Dear John," "Lord Take This Makeup Off Me" and 'Make Love, Not War.'

#### **EDWARD JAMES OLMOS**

James Olmos stands accused of sexually assaulting a woman at a motel.

No charges were filed against the Emmy-winning former "Miami Vice" actor. He denied the allegation through his lawyer Tuesday.

Police are investigating the woman's claim that Olmos assaulted her while he was in Rock Hill for a lecture at Winthrop University on Oct. 19.

Olmos' lawyer, Richard Harpootlian, said the woman had stalked the actor the night after the lecture and "was waiting on him the next morning" at his motel. He said she sought a financial settlement but wouldn't say how much she requested.

'We don't plan on paying her a dime," he said.

Olmos, who starred in the 1988 movie "Stand and Deliver," did not return calls to his production company, publicist and agent in Los Angeles. Calls to the woman's lawyers were not returned.

#### BEN BRADLEE

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Ben Bradlee speaks with awe about one of the First Amendment issues that carned him this year's We The People Award.

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News

The retired executive editor of The Washington Post was honored Tuesday, partly for deciding to publish the Pentagon Papers in 1971 under threats of punishment and for pursuing the story of the Watergate burglary and improprieties in the Nixon administration.

"Ben Bradlee would have made the founders proud," said Joseph M. Torsella, president of the National Constitution Center, which bestows the award.

Publication of the Pentagon Papers - the then-classified government ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP) - Edward account of the Vietnam War - by The New York Times and the Post led to a Supreme Court ruling upholding freedom of the press.

Bradlee remembers it as a tense, frightening time.

There is no feeling quite like walking into the Supreme Court as a defendant," he said.

#### JENNIFER ANISTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Rachel, a bookworm? Well ... just think of her as a friend helping a friend.

Jennifer Aniston's character on NBC's "Friends" is catching up on her reading to call attention to a pal's new book. Rachel has already been seen ignoring her ex-boyfriend Ross (David Schwimmer) by burying her nose in a copy of "Anthem: An American Road Story," published by Avon Books, Aniston's friend Kristin Hahn wrote the book with Shainee Gabel.

Rachel will be seen perusing the book in future episodes.

"It takes Rachel a lot longer than a week to read a book, so I'll be able to stretch this one out for the next couple months," Aniston said.
"Anthem" details Hahn and

Gabel's road trip, including encounters with the likes of Robert Redford and writers Hunter S. Thompson and

# **CHRISTIAN SLATER**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Christian Slater is ready to take responsibility for beating his girlfriend during a booze and drug binge.

The star of the movies "Broken Arrow" and "Interview with a Vampire" agreed to a 90-day jail term after his lawyer entered no contest pleas Tuesday to battery on a dating partner, battery on a peace officer and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Three other counts were dismissed.

"I'm ready to take responsibility for my actions," the 28-year-old actor said in a statement issued through his

Slater was arrested Aug. 11 after police found him fighting at a party with a man who tried to stop Slater from punching his girlfriend, police

#### **TIM ROBBINS**

NEW YORK (AP) - All play and no work makes Tim Robbins a sharp hockey player, indeed.

The star of the 1995 film "Shawshank Redemption" took to the ice with the Chelsea All-Stars, a team of local and former pro hockey players who iced the women's national team 6-2 Tuesday.

The actor has been playing quite a bit in the last year, three to four times a week "when I'm not working," he

Women's ice hockey will make its debut as an Olympic sport at the winter games to be played in Nagano, Japan, in February. The team is on an exhibition tour and is still working on settling its lineup.

Despite the lopsided score, Robbins admired his opponents.

"They were very fast - had a great forecheck," said Robbins, who didn't score any goals. "I was very impressed.

#### **BILLY GRAHAM**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - The Rev. Billy Graham is heading home for the holidays after a bout with

About two dozen well-wishers greeted the 79-year-old evangelist as he walked out of a hospital on his own Tuesday. He said he felt "excellent"

and was going home to Montreat, N.C.
"We've been very encouraged by Dr. Graham's quick recovery," said Dr. Charles Burger, who treated Graham. He said Graham - who also suffers from Parkinson's disease would keep taking antibiotics and was

advised to take it easy for a few weeks. Graham was admitted Dec. 3 to St. Luke's Hospital after falling ill during a Caribbean vacation.

#### JIMMIE WALKER

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Jimmie "JJ! Walker with his own radio

show? Dyn-o-mite!

The comedian, perhaps best known for his signature exclamation on the 1970s CBS sitcom "Good Times," starts work Monday as host of a

three-hour weekday afternoon talk show on radio station KKAR.

Walker also plans to continue touring comedy clubs and making appearances around the country.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Jim Bakker is back in the city where he launched his television ministry and

watched his religious empire crumble.
The paroled former televangelist recently moved to Charlotte from Hendersonville to be closer to his daughter, Tammy Sue, and his ailing

Shirley Fulbright, a longtime aide, said Bakker, 57, will live with a minister friend who is providing free accommodations. Bakker plans to continue preaching in an inner-city ministry in Los Angeles and delivering speeches around the

Bakker served five years in prison after being convicted of bilking 116,000 followers out of \$158

#### PRINCESS MASAKO

TOKYO (AP) - Crown Princess Masako, whose husband is heir to Japan's ancient Chrysanthemum Throne, marked her 34th birthday Tuesday with a quiet celebration at the Imperial Palace.

The privacy of Japan's imperial family is strictly guarded, and Princess Masako, who quit a career in the foreign service to marry Crown Prince Naruhito, has kept a low profile since her 1993 wedding.

# Television

#### WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 10**

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By Tom Armstrong







## Blondie<sup>®</sup>

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



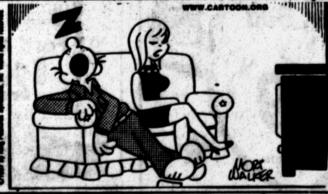




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Special recognition

Retiring board members Nancy Griego-Quintero, center, and Rich Kendrick, not pictured, received plaques from Carey Black, left, vice president of the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. in appreciation of their years of service. Also pictured is Alva Lee Peeler, executive director of BB/BS.

# La Madre Mia Club has Christmas party

scholarships and to benefit local

welcomed into the club and LaJean

Henry, a previous member, was

Each member brought a wrapped gift and the Chinese gift exchange

game was played. Betty Taylor was

the lucky member who drew number

Co-hostesses for the event were

Mary Beth White, Mary Herring,

Georgia Sparks, Judy Williams and

Baxter, Cindy Cassels, Merle Clark,

Susan Hicks, Betty Lady, Glenda

Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Nancy Paetzold,

Tricia Sims, Marline Watson, Cumpton, Hall, Henry, Herring.

Robbins, Sparks, Stone, Taylor,

Walser, White and Williams.

In attendance were Carolyn

One new member, Pat Stone, was

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Susan Robbins.

La Madre Mia Study Club held its Christmas party Monday night in the

home of Kay Hall. A buffet meal was served along a separate dessert buffet. Red punch

was served from a crystal bowl. A short business meeting was conducted by president Linda

Members voted to donate \$100 to the Christmas Stocking Fund.

It was reported that another successful Tour of Homes was held Sunday afternoon. Camille Beville was the winner of the door prize. Nicky Walser, home tour chairman, and her committee were congratulated for a job well done. Proceeds from the tour will be used for local

# Club members tell memories

Hereford Study Club met in the home of Joan Yarbro Monday

The president, Elizabeth Hellman, conducted the business meeting.

The club voted to join Friends of the Library.

Doris Bryant read several Christmas stories and finished with a poem titled "Twas the Night Before Christmas in Texas."

Gifts were exchanged and each member told of some special event they remembered about Christmas past.

Refreshments of finger sandwiches, fruit cake with whipped cream, Christmas candy, spiced tea and coffee were served by hostesses Yarbro and Nedra Robinson.

Members present were Barbara Allen, Morgan Cain, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Betty Gilbert, Betty Martin, Carol McGilvary, Helen Spinks, Mary Stoy, Evelyn Wilson, Addie Cunningham, Gladys Setliff, Bryant, Hellman, Yarbro and Robinson.

# **Hints from** Heloise

Dear Heloise: With winter approaching, I would like to share one of my favorite oatmeal hints. I love oatmeal sprinkled with a few of the new dried cranberries. It is simply delicious! - P.E., San Antonio

I love oatmeal too! Did you know that January is Oatmeal Month? Most Americans (89 percent) eat oatmeal as a breakfast cereal.

Dried cranberries are a different, tasty topper. According to a leading oatmeal manufacturer, the favorite

oatmeal toppers are:

• Milk (50 percent) • Sugar (36 percent)

• Fruit (12 percent) Butter or margarine (9 percent) They also say more oatmeal is bought in January than any other month! I guess a chilly New Year

means hot, yummy food.
HOMEMADE CROUTONS Dear Heloise: I just read your article about making croutons from day-old bread. I have a suggestion to

go with that. I make sandwiches for my family. They do not like the crust of the bread I buy in the store. So instead of wasting the crust, I trim it from the bread and save it by putting in a container and placing in the freezer. In this way I have bread for dressing and bread pudding, and it would also work out fine for croutons. -Helen Larimore, Mesa, Ariz. EASY GRAVY MAKING

Dear Heloise: If you need to thicken a gravy and don't have flour or cornstarch, use instant potato flakes. Works great. — Joyce Verret, Jeanerette. La.

who is concerned about the safety of his college-age children. Recent attacks on female students on college campuses have again raised the question of how single women can best protect themselves,

I believe we should encourage all universities to allow dogs in college dormitories to provide protection for these young women. Thousands of wonderful animals are being put to sleep daily at animal shelters. Allowing students to adopt these pets would be a major deterrent to on-campus attacks and at the same time save many animals. time save many animals.

Perhaps someday, universities will set up their own animal shelters where students could "check out" dogs for their protection when they have to walk alone at night or be alone in their dorms. I'm sure parents and alumni would provide the financial support necessary. This could be a win-win situation for everyone, an idea whose time has come. What do you think, Ann? --Temple, Texas, Parent Dear Parent: You may be right.

would like to hear from school administrators as well as parents who have children in dorms. I know the pros. What are the cons? Comments from students are welcome, as well.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been happily married for 13 years. We have a beautiful 9-year-old daughter. I would like to have another baby. I am 36 years of age, and my husband is 40. He feels it is too late for us to have another child. He insists that it would not be fair to the new baby to have parents who are in their 60s when he or she for letting us snow.

the lucky member who drew number If I let my husband win this battle, one and got her choice of all the I'm afraid I will look back in a few years and regret not having had another child. Will you please tell me what you think about this? -- Is One **Enough in Seattle?** 

Dear One: Sometimes, one is more than enough. It depends on the "one" and the parents.

A healthy 36-year-old woman is \$6.25.) not too old for motherhood, and a ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 40-year-old daddy can be perfect. I CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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from today. I have had many letters from couples who said the late dividend was the most cherished. Dear Ann Landers: You recently asked for feedback from readers

about what they had found while out

jogging. Several years ago, I noticed something sparkling in the dirt. It looked like a diamond, but I figured it was a cubic zirconia. With three young children, I didn't have time to get it checked out, so I put it in my ewelry box. I came close to throwing it out more than once.

While getting a watch repaired not long ago, I decided to ask the jeweler to check out this piece. The sparkler turned out to be a very high-quality 2-carat diamond. My jeweler bought it from me for \$6,000. -- Alert in

Dear Houston; Your jeweler was alert," too. A high-quality 2-carat diamond might have been worth a lot

Dear Ann Landers: I was inspired by the love story of Mrs. Snow, the nurse who married her patient, because 30 years ago, I was also snowed by a Mr. Snow.

We met Labor Day at a ski lodge in Vermont. There wasn't any snow, but Mr. Snow was at Mt. Snow anyway. To say I was "snowed" is putting it mildly. Ten months later, I became Mrs. Snow, and nine months after that, we had a little Snow. It's been warm and cozy ever since. - Marilyn Snow in New Jersey

Dear Marilyn: Beautiful. Thanks

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, III. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send

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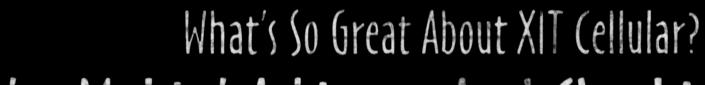
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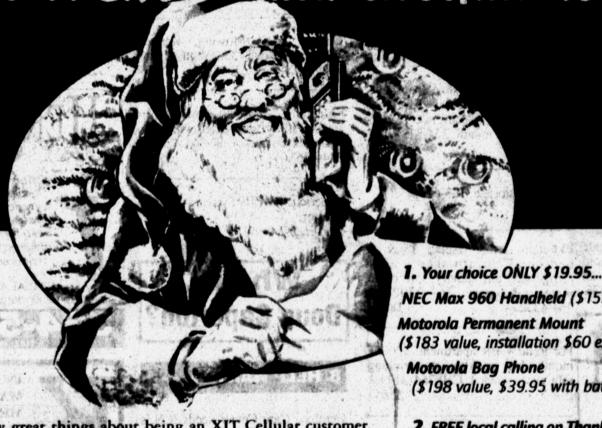
Stew supper

More than 200 tickets were sold to the stew supper sponsored recently by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 283. Proceeds from the supper will be used to help the Cadettes make a trip to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Their next fund-raiser will be a bake sale on Dec. 20. Girls Scouts is a United Way Agency.





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--Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

-- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condi-

-- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are

billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

— Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the est times to reach you.

# Business Mirror

# Penny-pinching said to be rising

NEW YORK (AP) - There has long been a pinch-penny element among Americans, and it is perpetuated today in the form of little journals, books and farmers' almanacs that provide advice on how to make do with less and how to save pennies on the dollar.

You can see it at the checkout counter when the shopper before you unloads an envelope of cents-off coupons, and at the buying clubs where shoppers pay near wholesale, and at the car dealer's, where buyers have printed guides to how low the dealer can afford to go.

You can see it in those "By Owner" ads in the real estate section, and by those customers who insist on the agent lowering the commission, and

by the number of people who scout the market on the World Wide Web rather than through their local broker.

And you can see it in the advertisements at Christmas time, where many retailers wouldn't consider a promotion that didn't include "sale" or "discount" in their ads, or include price comparisons showing their offerings

And so, at a time when a record 130.6 million American civilians are employed, and the job-to-population ratio is at a record-high 64 percent, and the jobless rate of 4.6 percent is at a quarter-century low, and wages are rising - penny-pinching is pervasive.

Of necessity sometimes, senior citizens are among the most avid and knowledgeable cheapskates, boycotting restaurants that fail to offer discount meals every Tuesday and Thursday, or on whatever days a particular restaurant's less-busy period falls on.

Small towns in out-of-the-way places have been so successful attracting factory outlets and discount stores that busloads of shoppers make a day of it, traveling hours to buy items at low, low prices compared to the big-city

And, while computer and software makers were busily adding what they believed were improvements, they awoke to the realization that consumers were buying stripped down PC models for under \$1,000, making them one of the hottest electronic items of the summer.

You can spot this strain of thrift throughout society, but it has its antithesis. While big-name book publishers continue to offer six and seven-figure contracts to celebrities, they're paying a dear price, having found that the public is inclined to allow books to fall into the overstock or remainder bin, where they're available at half-price.

Meanwhile, the niche publishing industry, made up of smaller, sometimes

one-person companies, is growing by the day, producing quality paperback books that people really want to read and at prices that are often well below

those of the big-name publishers.

Discount securities brokers are thriving on business attracted away from full-service brokers. And cheapskate investors have been eyeing the small-stock market, where small, fast-growing growth companies are available at low, low price-earnings ratios.

You can find the antithesis of thrift in the salaries paid to professional athletes (financed, of course, by unthrifty fans) but some clubs are auctioning off big-name, big-salary players and developing teams of smaller-name, smaller-salary performers.

There is growth among thrifty fans too. They're flocking to minor league baseball games, where ticket prices are a fraction of those in the big leagues, where you can park for free and where you can buy drinks and hot dogs for the entire family without taking out a loan,

And you can spot a streak of thrift in the biggest corporations, which have been counting; outling; conting. After seeing their legal bills soar, they're employing auditors that cut many finitions of dollars from bills submitted by big-income lawyers.

z - Dut not always where it nurts cost-cutters the most. That would be in the area of executive salaries which, to the astonishment of shareholders, are approaching those of basketball players.

But that time is likely to come, because thrifty shareholders already realize that the money is coming right out of their dividends, and thrifty consumers know that those salaries end up in the price of the product.



nked by common machinery, resulting in large flocks with common risk,"

Altekruse said.

There have also recently been increases in food poisoning from imported and domestic produce such as cantaloupe, strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes. The CDC report identified several causes, including use of the control of th

contaminated water to spray the produce and instances when animal manure containing B. coli touched fruit during picking.

Other factors cited by the CDC include: more people eating out, consumer ignorance about safe handling of food, and an increased chance of illness among the growing number of the elderly and people with suppressed immune systems, such as AIDS sufferers. Doctors are also getting better at diagnosing and reporting food illnesses.

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One disturbing trend is that some microbes are developing resistance to antibiotics used to treat ill people. One reason: Antibiotics are frequently given to livestock to prevent disease, serving as an unintended inoculation for the bacteria that live with the animals.

In Britain, a strain of salmonella called DT104 has proven resistant to many antibiotics, including tetracycline, and has triggered a jump in human illnesses from the strain - from 259 in 1990 to 3,837 by 1995 - said E.M. Foster of the Food Research Institute in Madison, Wis.

More than one-third of the people infected with DT104 were hospitalized and 3 percent died, Foster said. The strain is now emerging in the United States.

These figures are very unusual for ordinary salmonella infections and

indicate serious problems ahead," Foster said.
Food safety experts say the world's governments and private industry must spend more money on research into the causes and prevention of food poisoning, from the farm to the dinner table, and on identifying how the acteria are getting into the food system.

In the United States, a new surveillance system called FoodNet is being set up to monitor outbreaks. In addition, scientists are able to use DNA fingerprinting to trace microbes that sicken people in many places back to a single source.

That is how Colorado officials were able to discover that an unusually high number of people sickened with E. coli this summer had eaten tainted frozen hamburgers produced by Hudson Foods Inc., resulting in the recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef.

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# Business report cites two Canadian cities

LONDON (AP) - The Canadian cities of Vancouver and Toronto and Auckland, New Zealand, have the highest quality of life for major world cities, according to a business survey.

Cities ranked at bottom of the survey's rankings for quality of life were Brazzaville, Congo; Baghdad, Iraq; and the Bosnia capital, Sarajevo.

The report by the Corporate Resources Group examined 192 cities worldwide for 42 factors, including political stability, economic outlook, culture, health and education resources as well as public transport. It's aimed at corporate managers setting allowances for expatriate staff.

In North America, Canadian cities generally were at the top of the list, with Mexican cities ranked at the bottom:

Vancouver was voted No. 1 in North America and the world with Toronto No. 3. The report said Atlanta had the highest quality of life for any city in the United States, followed by San Francisco and Hunglula. The report said U.S. cities stored low on personal safety.

In spite of crime problems, Cape Town and Johannesburg in South Africa were the best African cities in which to live, followed by Tunis, Tunisia, and Harare, Zimbabwe, Luanda, Angola, Conakry, Guinea, and Brazzaville were at the bottom; Brazzaville was listed the least livable city in the world. In Latin America, the report said Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Panama City had the highest quality of fiving, while San Pedro Sula in Honduras; Port-Au-Prince, Haiti; and Havana, Cuba, had the lowest.

In Asia, Melbourne and Sydney trailed Auckland as the most hvable cities. Hanoi, Vietnam, Rangoon in Burma and Phnom Penh in Cambodia were ranked the worst three cities in the region.

In the Middle East, Tel Aviv in Israel came in tops, although only No. 87 in the world list, with Baghdad at the bottom of the regional list and the second worst city in the world in which to live.

In Europe, Zurich, Switzerland, Geneva and Helsinki, Finland, were rated the top cities, while Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kiev all ranked low on political stability, personal safety and health issues.

# Boeing may redesign fuel tank on jumbo jets

BALTIMORE (AP) - The Boeing Co. has acknowledged that it may have to redesign aircraft fuel systems to prevent explosions like the one in a center fuel tank that brought down TWA Flight 800.

The comments came during the second day of hearings on trying to pinpoint the cause of the disaster that killed 230 people.

The National Transportation Safety Board hearings are reviewing what is known about the July 17, 1996, crash of the Paris-bound plane off New York's Long Island. In Investigators have been trying to determine what ignited the fuel vapor in the jumbo jet's mostly empty center tank.

A design change, one of many solutions being explored by the airplane

giant, would be a shift in the company's focus on eliminating all possible ignition sources from fuel tanks and not just the flammability of the fuel and fuel vapor in the tanks.

"Now we've shifted gears and we have to look at flammability," Ivor Thomas, chief engineer of fuel systems for Boeing, said Tuesday. "This is the first time we have sat back and said we have to look at flammability

Thomas cautioned that it would be a mistake to rush to solutions before making sure they were correct.

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"We want to make sure what we are doing is adding safet

### REPORT-

#### From Page 1

has sparked a renewed interest in hunting.

"License sales are up and public hunting areas are being used more," he said. "The youth hunting program of the Texas Wildlife Association has many young people out getting their first hunting experience."

Despite promising overall conditions, Steinbach said that high forage quality in some areas has affected hunting.

Central Texas has caused deer not to feed on bait (corn), and has made hunting a little harder from stands," he said.

Rollins said dry conditions since late summer have delayed winter weed and some small grain growth.

The following specific livestock, Steinbach said that the size of this year's deer cannot be fully deter-

mined until the Texas Big Game Awards Program entries have been tabulated.

District Extension director Tony Douglas for the East Texas region said livestock are doing well despite grazing conditions.

Winter pastures are improving and they are offering limited grazing." Douglas said. "However, livestock are fair to good with active calving and steady market prices."

Scott Durham, district Extension director for the West Central region, said most wheat crops are in fair condition considering recent weather.

"Most wheat has emerged, but crops in general need rain," Durham said. "One or two fields have been sown early and could be grazed in two weeks.'

crop and weather conditions were

reported by district Extension

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moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges orange juice and coffee. The cost is fair. Cattle good; supplemental only \$5 and everyone is welcome. Tickets are available from any nearing completion. Wheat needs rain. Pecan yields good low quality kernels reported.

From Page 1 1,000 hunters will visit the area for opening weekend.

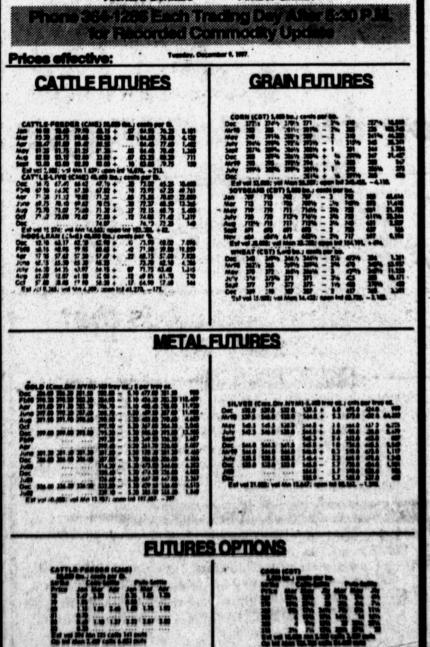
Pheasant season in Texas officially opens 30 minutes before sunrise on feeding under way, Cotton harvest Dec. 13. According to the U.S. Naval halted by rain. Wheat fair to good Observatory in Washington, that with mustard weed problem persistent means the first shot can be fired at 7:17 a.m. The season will end at 5:43

The menu will include eggs,

ROLLING PLAINS: soil sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, fruit,

handbell choir member or by calling the church office at 364-0770. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.





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# **Americans** ready to hit the road WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans

are happy with the economy and ready to hit the road this holiday season, according to an eager travel industry.
"Americans are hot to travel this

holiday," Graeme Clarke, senior vice president of the American Automobile Association, said Tuesday. predicting that a record 44.5 million Americans will take a trip of 100 miles or more.

"It will be an all-time winter-travel extravaganza," added William S. Norman, president of the Travel Industry Association of America.

Norman said Americans' travel plans are being "spurred on by optimism about their personal finances and the robust state of the U.S. economy."

The groups forecast a 5 percent increase in both personal and business travel this year to the highest level sinc they began measuring it in

The top destination for travel continues to be Florida, with 50 percent of potential travelers listing it. California was second at 36 percent and Hawaii third at 18 percent. Florida and California both showed 3-percentage-point increases, while Hawaii slipped 2 points, Norman said.

Rounding out the Top 10 were Nevada, 17 percent, up 2 points; Colorado, 14 percent, up 3; Arizona, 11 percent, unchanged; New York, 10 percent, up 2; Texas, 8 percent, down 2; Washington state, 5 percent, unchanged, and Georgia, 4 percent,

Georgia replaced Tennessee in the 10th spot. Norman speculated that was a result of the attention the state received during the Olympic games

ast year.

Mexico is the favorite international destination, followed by the Caribbean and London.

The YMCA Men's Basketball League is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in b-ball games and to try their hand in winning a trophy. (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place). Length of the league will be 6 weeks plus double elimination to unament. The team captain or manager will be responsible for the collection of the entry fee and to have all players listed on the roster in accordance with league guidelines by the start of the third game of the league. Out of town residents may participate in the league. Players must play at least 1/3 of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. Games will have 2 referees paid and scheduled by the YMCA. and scheduled by the YMCA.

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday, January 13th, 1998 at 3:00 pm.

Starting Date: Games will be played on Sundays starting at 1:00 pm, First game will be Sunday, January 18th.

Entry Fee: \$290.00 per team (Teams will not be entered until fee is turned in)

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could cause serious injury shall result in immediate ejection from the game. (Consumation of alcohol will not be tolerated)

Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game they shall be deemed as starting the season. There will be no grace period. Team may start with 3 players, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit.

Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

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# in brief

# BANKRUPTCY JUDGE OK'S SALE OF STEMPEL TO ILLINOIS FIRM

AMARILLO (AP) - A federal bankruptcy judge Tuesday approved the sale of an office-products maker to an Illinois company, effectively ending a year-long saga involving millions in publicly financed incentives. The sale of Stempel Manufacturing to Nu-Dell Manufacturing Co. Inc.

should close later this month, officials said.

'What the judge did was to basically endorse something that we've been working on so hard together with everybody," Nu-Dell president Dave Block said.

Bolstered by a \$4.35 million incentive package of grants and loans by the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, Stempel moved here from the small Abilene-area town of Coleman in February.

Overspending during the move and other cash flow problems resulted in Stempel's bankruptcy filing on Sept. 19. AEDC officials later learned that \$1.3 million intended to help pay for the move instead was applied to company debt.

Former Stempel president Jerry McGuire and his wife, Virginia, a vice president, resigned Friday.

AEDC since has tightened its rules for companies receiving incentive money, which comes from local sales tax revenues.

Tuesday was the court-imposed deadline to find a buyer for the 200-employee company. Otherwise, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John C. Akard was prepared

to order Stempel's assets liquidated. The Nu-Dell deal is worth between \$5.7 and \$7 million; depending on the court's valuations of collateral held by the Texas Bank of Brownwood. Des Plaines, Ill.-based Nu-Dell operates plants in Piedmont, Mo., and Downsview, Ontario.

#### MACHINIST WALKOFF HALTS TWA FLIGHTS

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Trans World Airlines, its operations already hampered by bad weather, was dealt another blow Tuesday night when baggage handlers, mechanics and ramp workers walked off the job at the St. Louis airport, the airline's main hub.

TWA spokesman Donn Walker said the workers, members of the International Association of Machinists, walked off the job for about two hours, effectively shutting down the airline's operations at Lambert Airport. Weather had already forced us to cancel about 130 flights and then

this happened," Walker said. "All our mechanics and baggage handlers just walked off the job, forcing us to cancel another 100 flights." Between the weather and the unexpected walkout, about one-third of

the airline's flights in and out of St. Louis were canceled, he said. As TWA's primary hub, anywhere from 70 to 75 percent of all the airline's flights pass through St. Louis.

#### **CUSTOMS AGENT MAKES "MIAMI VICE" BUST**

MIAMI (AP) - Crockett and Tubbs of "Miami Vice" couldn't have

A Customs agent, chasing a suspected drug smuggler off the coast of Miami on Monday night, managed to stop the boat - with one leg aboard his own vessel and one leg aboard the other - as they bounced through the choppy seas at 20 mph. The agent - whose identity the Customs Service wants kept secret - had

to make the straddling stop because the smuggling suspect dived into the ocean after he was rammed by the smaller Customs boat. After stopping the smuggler's boat in "Miami Vice" style, the agent

had to dive back aboard his own vessel before it sped away. "It's one of the most spectacular chases I remember, and I've been here

a long time," Keith Prager, Customs' acting special agent in charge, said Tuesday.

It also was productive. Customs agents seized cocaine worth more than \$17 million from the boat abandoned by the smuggler and a smaller boat that was also allegedly involved in the operation.

### REPORT: PILOT ERROR CAUSED BOMBER CRASH

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AP) - A pilot's attempt to perform an uncommon but permissible maneuver led to the September crash of a B-1B bomber that killed all four people aboard, the Air Force

The pilot of the \$200 million plane was making a sharp right turn during a Sept. 19 training mission on the Montana prairie when the plane neared stall speed and crashed, Col. Ned Schoeck said Tuesday. He said the technique is uncommon, but not forbidden.

The pilot tried in the last few seconds to roll the plane back to the left but was unable to do so because a computer on the plane would not allow it. Schoeck said the computer sensed that such a move would thrust the nose of the plane toward the ground or send it upward, stalling the craft.

**TOYMAKER CUTTING 2,500 JOBS** 

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - The nation's second-largest toymaker, Hasbro Inc., plans to eliminate 2,500 jobs, close several factories and scrap some of its products in a restructuring aimed at challenging rival Mattel.

The five-year plan, which will get rid of 20 percent of Hasbro's global work force, will save \$350 million, the company said Tuesday. Hasbro

is not planning to discontinue any American products.

Hasbro also said it will buy up to \$500 million worth of its stock over

the next two to three years. Companies use buybacks to boost stock value by reducing the shares available on the open market.

The company said it will close a factory in New Zealand, eliminating 100 jobs, along with other "under-utilized facilities" in the coming months. It had previously announced the closing of plants in El Paso, Texas, and in the British city of Waddington.

#### COMPANY WARNS OF DEFIBRILLATOR PROBLEM

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - More than 2,000 patients with defibrillators implanted in their chests are being warned that the devices need to be adjusted

to fix a programming error that can cause the heart to race.

The problem can leave recipients at risk of dizzy spells or more serious problems, but Guidant Corp. said no deaths have been linked to its Ventak

The defibrillators won't have to be surgically removed. Doctors can adjust the programming in the device by using a small radio transmitter. Implantable defibrillators treat patients prone to rapid heartbeats by delivering small electrical shocks directly to the heart via a wire. The Ventak AV sells for \$24,400 in the United States.

Indianapolis-based Guidant, which was spun off from Eli Lilly & Co. two years ago, said it did not expect the Ventak problems to hurt it financially.

#### HONDA TO SELL NATURAL GAS-POWERED CAR

TOKYO (AP) - Honda Motor Co. said today it will sell a natural gas-powered Civic sedan that produces less harmful exhaust gas than conventional models.

The vehicle runs on the same natural gas commonly used in U.S. homes. Its tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions are 20 percent less than a gasoline-powered car, and other toxic gases have been slashed to almost "zero," according to a Honda press release.

The car will be sold in Japan beginning next June for about \$15,300. Honda said it aims to sell 100 cars annually.

Honda is not the first to develop a natural gas car.

#### **CLINTON VISITS REVITALIZED NYC NEIGHBORHOOD**

NEW YORK (AP) - President Clinton is visiting a South Bronx neighborhood once used by politicians as a symbol of urban blight to emphasize how run-down, crime-invested areas can be revitalized through private, community and government partnerships.

Clinton today was touring the Charlotte Gardens section, where ruined tenements have been replaced by 89 single-family ranch houses with well-kept lawns, some with backyard decks and barbecue grills.

President Carter walked the same streets, then littered with broken bottles and trash, in 1977, calling it the worst slum in America. And Ronald Reagan came here in his 1980 presidential campaign, citing it as an example of urban decay.

But Clinton is using the neighborhood - which looks like a slice of suburbia rather than a tract in the inner city - as a backdrop "to highlight the good work that's been done both within the private and public sector," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

#### SHOOTING SUSPECT TAKES CHILDREN HOSTAGE

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - A day after breaking into a house and taking two small children hostage, a murder suspect continued to negotiate with police today.

"He is still awake and he is still communicating with us, which is a great sign," Lt. Cheryl DeGroff-Berry said. "He had to stop negotiating at one point to take one of the kids to the bathroom, so we know they're

John Edward Armstrong, 39, broke into the house Tuesday and released two women, but he threatened to kill the children if his demands - including a car - were not met, Sgt. Bill Mulloy told The Orlando Sentinel. The newspaper said the children were a 4-year-old boy and 2-year-old girl.

Hostage negotiators and Armstrong's family asked him to free the children, "but he has shown no indication at all that he is willing to let them go under any circumstances," Mulloy said.

### **GM-MEXICO SEES GAINS IN EXPORTS**

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MEXICO CITY (AP) - General Motors de Mexico SA, a subsidiary of U.S.-based General Motors Co., said Tuesday that its automobile exports in 1997 contained \$3 billion in locally produced automobile parts.

That is up significantly from \$100.0 million in local automobile parts used in GM's Mexican factories in 1994.

"This figure confirms General Motors as the most important exporting company in Mexico," Gary Cowger, General Motors Mexico's outgoing president, told a press conference.

ORTH, SOUTH KOREA HOLD PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

GENEVA (AP) - North and South Korea, meeting under the auspice of the United States and China, closed a historic opening session of peace talks today with promises to keep working toward settlement of their 44-year-o

The four nations set the next round of what could be years of talks for March 16 in Geneva.

"This marks a very good beginning," said Tang Jiaxuan, China's vice foreign minister, adding, "We hope the establishment of a peace mechanism on the Korean Peninsula will not take another 43 years."

Stanley Roth, the U.S. assistant secretary of state who acted as chairman for the first session, said there would be an interim meeting in Beijing in

mid-February.

Roth said each side had presented its views in opening statements over the two-day session but that a detailed agenda still had to be worked out. He said he expected the next session to last "some days" and that there was no overall deadline for finishing the negotiations.

#### YELTSIN HOSPITALIZED WITH VIRUS

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin, ill with a respiratory viral infection, was hospitalized today for fear it might turn into something more dangerous, a presidential spokesman said.

He was expected to stay about 10 days. Spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin's condition was not serious, but doctors had advised the president should stay indoors and rest.

The news shook the nation's stock market and raised fears of another serious illness in the Russian leader. Yeltsin, 66, has a long history of heart disease and other illnesses and underwent a heart bypass operation in November

Russian officials insisted Yeltsin's condition was not grave and that doctors had acted chiefly to ensure he did not develop a serious case of

#### **5 MORE BANKS SUSPENDED IN FISCAL SHAKEUP**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Struggling to shore up its ailing economy, South Korea suspended five more merchant banks today and announced measures to induce foreign investment.

"The government expects that the measures will help ease spreading concern in the financial market," Finance and Economy Minister Lim Chang-yuel said.

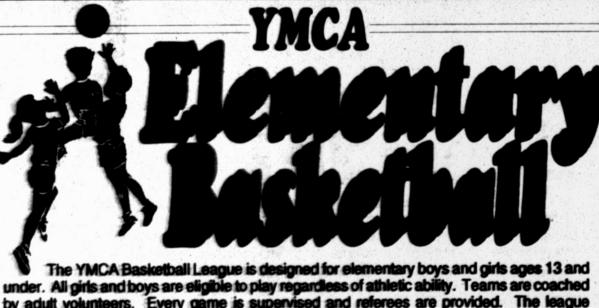
But analysts said the measures, expected for days, may fall short of

I don't think they will have any significant effect. What we see now is the whole banking system crumbling," said Cho Il-han, an analyst at Boram Securities Co. "The government must become more actively involved to inject new liquidity through such measures as issuing state bonds."









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