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FLOWERS Christmas brightened by blooms

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Amongst the beauty of the season, few decorations and even fewer ornaments stand out with the glowing charm and color of the seasonal plants.

Most common of all yuletide plants is the scarlet-leaved poinsettia. Poinsettia color ranges from softest green to dark pink to flaming scarlet.

Legend says the first poinsettia bloomed on Christmas Eve and have been blooming ever since.

Travis Lovvorn, owner of Flowers West, poinsettias are extremely susceptible to drafts. To maintain their color, poinsettias should be kept moist, in a medium- to high-light area and always away from televisions.

The portion of the poinsettia usually considered the blossom is actually a pigmented bract, which is a modified leaf growing at the base of the flower. The flower is the tiny yellow center, which gets very little notice.

Poinsettias are relatively easy to grow and experts say to get one to bloom in time for the holidays, the plant should be given 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness daily, beginning near the end of September.

Another holiday favorite is the Christmas cactus.

"It blooms in a number of colors," said Lovvorn. "And, it's much harder than some of the other Christmas plants."

Lovvorn said that with a little care, Christmas cactus can be kept blooming all season by carefully removing withered blooms.

"They are very good for people who can't seem to keep some of the more delicate plants alive," he said.

Christmas cactus originated in the jungles - not the desert - and, unlike its desert cousins, loves moisture, light to medium-light and moderate temperatures of 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Keeping the plant in total darkness for 12 hours a night for six to eight weeks in early fall will produce the brightly colored, tubular flowers.

A less-known seasonal beauty is the lily-like Amaryllis. Its giant 10-inch bell-shaped blooms top a slender leafless stalk grown from a single fist-size bulb.

"Amaryllis are probably harder to grow than most others," said Lovvorn. "They need to be kept in a medium to high light, moist and



Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

This giant poinsettia adorns the Flowers West floral shop in Hereford, but the small plants, such as the Christmas cactus and the amaryllis, which is just starting to bloom, shine in their own beauty.

cool."

After the amaryllis blooms, it should be left dormant for at least two months before removing to a cooler location. The bulb will grow year after year.

Of the non-flowering varieties, the Norfolk Pine has earned a place in the holiday plant hall of fame.

Norfolk Island pine, with its bright green furry needles and light airy

symmetry, has become a Christmas-time favorite around the world.

Each year Norfolk Island pines produce a tier of the shiny branches which spring upward and out.

In its natural setting, the Norfolk Island pine grows to giant size, but indoors it grows about 6 inches a year.

Norfolk Island pine do well in medium light near a bright window

in temperatures from 55 to 80 degrees.

Norfolk pines need to be watered thoroughly, then allowed to become nearly dry before watering again.

All these seasonal beauties can be found at local florist shops or even floral departments of grocery stores and add beauty, charm and grace to any decor long after the season has passed.

Seven area schools to share mini-grant

CANYON - Seven area schools will receive mini-grants for math and science projects, thanks to help from Dr. Nella Bea Anderson, assistant professor of special education at West Texas A&M University. The grants total more than \$14,000.

Anderson helped organize a Regional Alliance for Science, Engineering and Mathematics for Students with Disabilities (RASEM) conference at WTAMU. The conference sessions help teachers learn to write RASEM grant requests.

Hereford High and Hereford Junior High schools received a total of \$4,175.

The high school's project is an agricultural science swine show. HHS special education teacher D'Ann Blair said the grant money was used to buy four show pigs.

The students will care for and show the animals.

Junior high students will participate in a horticultural project. Grant money has been used to purchase a greenhouse kit. The traditional students are building the greenhouse, but all the students will learn from it, HJHS special education teacher Kay Richard said.

Other schools receiving grants were Will Rogers Elementary in Amarillo; Crockett Elementary in Borger; Bushland Middle School; Lubbock's Maedgen Elementary School for the visually impaired; and Perryton High School.

WTAMU is in collaboration with New Mexico State University to acquire funding through the National Science Foundation.

Schools spending more on special ed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Spending per student in U.S. schools leveled off in the 1990s, but the share of school budgets going to special education programs grew, a private report said today.

"People say that we've been throwing money at schools and not getting results," said Lawrence Mishel, research director for the nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute, which released the study. "Well, we certainly haven't been throwing money at schools in the 1990s."

While total school budgets have grown because of an 8.4 percent increase in enrollment from 1991 to 1996, inflation adjusted statistics from the Education Department show that the money spent on each student has grown just 0.7 percent during those five years, according to EPI.

That's a significant slowdown from 1.7 percent average annual growth during the previous 30 years, the institute said.

In 1996, inflation adjusted spending on each student in public elementary and secondary schools was \$6,576, up just \$47 from \$6,529 in 1991.

How schools spend their money is changing, however.

Looking at nine representative school districts across the country, EPI researchers found that the portion of their budgets going to special education was up to 19 percent in 1996, from 17.8 percent in 1991.

Special education costs included instructors, materials and the administration of programs to help learning-disabled children and those with handicaps, as well as structural modifications and transportation to make schools handicap accessible.

Ex-county commissioner, wife injured in Oklahoma

Bruce and Jo Coleman of Hereford were in critical condition in the Oklahoma Burns Center in Oklahoma City this morning after being severely burned in a mobile trailer explosion Wednesday night in Lawton, Ok.

Bruce, a former Deaf Smith County commissioner, was reportedly burned over 80 to 90 percent of his body. Mrs. Coleman apparently sustained severe respiratory problems, according to information received at the Nazarene Church this morning. It was reported that a gas leak caused the explosion in the Coleman's trailer about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

1997 CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND



Elderly couple needs help

The salary from a part-time job as a clerk and a Social Security pension represent the sole income for a pair of senior citizens, both age 67.

That's meager means in most times, but the husband diagnosed with cancer, unable to work and having an increasing number of medical needs, financial times are especially tight for these local residents.

The couple is asking help with their utility bills and food to brighten their holiday.

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The Christmas Stocking Fund works to address such needs of the See FUND, Page 9



Concert preparations

Members of the Hereford High School band practice for the music department's annual Christmas concert, which will begin at 7 tonight in the HHS Auditorium. The program will include selections by the orchestra, choir and concert band.

DEPARTMENT	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Adult Probation	6	11	1
Adult Probation	6	6	1
Adult Probation	13	31	13
Justice of the Peace	5	8	4
Maintenance	24	60	34
DPS	25	72	28
DPS	54	64	112
DPS	42	79	93
DPS	74	53	88
Precinct 2	57	28	18
DPS	44	71	55
Precinct 2	0	47	29
Courthouse	126	52	59
Precinct 1	90	61	62
Courthouse	31	99	57
Precinct 3	187	103	115
Crimestoppers	39	53	44
Extension Svc	19	35	14
Extension Svc	127	192	48
Extension Svc	91	144	394
District Attorney	255	46	29
District Attorney	0	0	3
Sheriff	49	95	75
Sheriff	45	31	103

PHONES

County sets new policy

Deaf Smith County Commissioner Wayne Betzen isn't the county's new "phone czar," but he is responsible for a change in policy regarding cellular telephones.

At the Nov. 24 commissioners meeting, Betzen pointed out the county spent about \$15,000 last year for cellular telephone use.

During the discussion, Betzen said there is a variety of plans available that can cut costs while offering as much as 90 minutes per month in service.

The commissioners acknowledged there doesn't seem to be a major problem with abuse of the cellular phones, but even if restrictions on the phones' use were put into place, there should be some exclusions.

At Monday's meeting, the commissioners decided to continue to pay the base bill, but the employees would have to reimburse the county for any calls in excess of the monthly limit. The commissioners did, however, exclude the four precinct foremen and the Adult Probation Office from the requirement.

Also, it was decided that the purchase of new cell phones would have to be approved by the county commission.

A look at the last three months shows great fluctuations in the amount of time the cellular phones are in use, ranging from a low of 1 minutes to a high of 394.

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Local Roundup

Pinning ceremony

CLOVIS, N.M. - A Hereford resident was among the nurses honored at a pinning ceremony today at Clovis Community College.

Ilda Jergens also received her associate degree in nursing at the ceremony, which was in the Student Activity Center on the college campus.

Holiday schedule

CANYON - Classes at West Texas A&M University will dismiss at 5 p.m. Dec. 19 for the Christmas-New Year's holidays. The university will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 5.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a few snow flurries, continued windy with low 15 to 20.
Friday, partly cloudy with high in upper 30s. Friday night, mostly clear with low in lower 20s.

5-DAY FORECAST

Saturday, partly cloudy with high in the lower 50s.
Sunday, mostly clear with low in upper 20s and high 55 to around 60.
Monday, mostly clear with low near 30 and high in lower 60s.

Wednesday's Recap

The high Wednesday was 31, with an overnight low of 22. There was 0.05 inches of precipitation. As of 7 a.m. today, Hereford had received a half-inch of snow.

NEWS

in brief

LAWYER SEEKS REMOVAL OF 10 COMMANDMENTS

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston attorney says it offends him to see the Ten Commandments displayed in the courtroom.

Daniel Shea, a lawyer and Roman Catholic theologian, filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking a temporary restraining order to make District Judge Scott Brister take down the display.

Shea said he saw the display of the famed text when he visited Brister's courtroom on Dec. 8.

The Ten Commandments are sacred Hebrew writings found in the books of Genesis and Deuteronomy in the Bible and have no place in a courtroom, Shea said.

Shea contends the display violates his Constitutional right to free exercise of religion without government interference and asked U.S. District Judge David Hittner to order Brister to remove the display until the issue is settled.

HEALTH OFFICIALS SEARCH OUTBREAK'S ORIGIN

WACO (AP) - An outbreak of shigella has prompted the federal Centers for Disease Control to begin helping Central Texas doctors trace the roots of the bacterial illness.

With the number of reported shigella cases in McLennan County standing at 66, investigators from the CDC and the Texas Department of Health were due in Waco today.

Sixteen more cases have been reported since Nov. 1, when there were 51 reports of shigella in McLennan County, which has about 200,000 residents.

Health workers say that's high for a disease that normally strikes a maximum of 12 out of 100,000 people per year. That attracted attention from state and national officials.

"They're going to help us see if there's a common thread" between the cases, said David Litke, environmental health supervisor for the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District. "There's something out there, but we don't know what it is yet."

SUPREME COURT SUSPENDS DISTRICT JUDGE

HOUSTON (AP) - State District Judge Jim Barr has been suspended with pay by the Texas Supreme Court while the high court waits for a final decision on a recommendation to remove him.

The Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct asked the Supreme Court in November to suspend Barr pending his appeal of its recommendation that he be removed because of several incidents of alleged unprofessional behavior.

Barr was suspended Wednesday until a panel of judges decide, probably in January, what to do.

Barr is believed to be the first state judge from Harris County to be suspended by the high court. Other judges from the county have been temporarily suspended, all after indictment on a criminal charge.

Visiting Judge Jon Hughes will preside over Barr's court, it was announced Wednesday.

TEXAS ORGAN DONATION PROGRAM ACCEPTED NATIONALLY

DALLAS (AP) - The same surgeons who perform the meticulous work of transplanting organs to save lives now are being called upon to give of themselves.

A scarcity of organ donors is continuing to become a crisis in American health, say Texas delegates to the American Medical Association's national conference.

A new project targets physicians with booklets and videotapes that include testimonials from people who have volunteered to donate their organs.

STATE TARGETS POLLUTION IN LAKES, STREAMS

HARLINGEN (AP) - The state has launched an initiative aimed at cleaning up Texas waterways, some of which are so filthy that they're off-limits to humans.

Some 140 rivers, lakes and streams that don't meet water quality standards are being targeted by state environmental officials.

"The goal of this project is simple - cleaner water for Texas lakes and streams," Barry McBee, chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, said Wednesday at a news conference on the banks of the Arroyo Colorado.

The Arroyo, a 90-mile river running from Mission to the mouth of the Rio Grande, is one of the watersheds included in the project. Its waters are so polluted in some areas that fishing and swimming has been restricted.

The project intends to help state and local officials implement pollution controls to return the watersheds to standards compatible with their recreational and municipal uses.

TECH REGENTS EYE ADMISSIONS CHANGES

LUBBOCK (AP) - A proposal to strengthen Texas Tech's admissions policies promised to spice up today's special meeting of regents, who are accustomed to minimal public discussion and unanimous votes.

Chancellor John T. Montford acknowledges there could be some "pretty lively debate" when regents consider a set of ambitious goals designed to improve Tech's 42-percent graduation rate.

In an effort to boost that number to 60 percent, Tech has raised eyebrows by setting an average SAT score goal for incoming freshmen at "approximately 1,200," a full 120-point increase over the current figure.

Even though most admissions standards aren't changing, Montford and Regent James Howell both said they've received piles of mail from parents frightened that their children won't be able to get into Tech.



Stocking fund contribution

Hereford Elks Lodge #2269 contributed \$500 to the Christmas Stocking Fund Wednesday. Elk members Cody Ruland and Bobby Weaver presented the check while Speedy Nieman, Brand publisher, accepted on behalf of CSF.

High court rules 12 jurors not necessary

AUSTIN (AP) - A jury trial in a felony case not punishable by the death penalty can proceed with fewer than 12 jurors if the defendant agrees, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled.

A dissenting judge decried Wednesday's 5-4 decision as part of an agenda to benefit the state in its role of prosecuting criminal cases.

In the case from Dallas, Michael Lynn Hatch was accused of delivering cocaine. After his trial began, it was learned that one juror wasn't a U.S. citizen.

Hatch and state prosecutors agreed to proceed with 11, and the jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict, the opinion said.

On appeal, Hatch said the jury had no power to render a verdict because it had fewer than 12 members. The state said Hatch waived the right to

a dozen jurors.

In 1995, the Court of Criminal Appeals had ruled that a felony defendant choosing a jury trial couldn't waive the right to 12 jurors. It based the decision on a 1907 ruling and a state constitutional provision saying a district court trial jury shall have 12 members.

Wednesday, the court majority agreed with state lawyers that the law has changed since the 1907 case.

The Texas Constitution says the right of trial by jury can't be violated, but it can be regulated by the Legislature, Presiding Judge Michael McCormick noted in the majority opinion.

Legislative amendments allow a defendant, with the consent of prosecutors, to waive a jury trial in felony cases where the death penalty isn't sought, the court opinion said.

Timber thieves charged

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) - A Louisiana pine plantation was stripped of its trees by a logging crew that did not get permission for the cutting, a manager has testified.

George Trevison told jurors in the lumber conspiracy trial of two Texans the loggers apparently knocked over a boundary marker at the Bienville Parish plantation where they were cutting.

"When I got out there, there was very little left," Trevison said Wednesday of the 15-acre forest. "There were big trees and little trees laying on the ground."

Clear-cutting, or removing all trees in areas designated for cutting, has been criticized by scientists and environmentalists as destructive to forests, prompting erosion and harm to wildlife.

Timber taken on March 8, 1996 was worth about \$60,000, Trevison told jurors in Judge William Wayne Justice's Marshall court.

Trevison, the Willamette Industries district forester, said prime pines planted in 1948 were clear-cut.

He said a logger could not tell him where the timber was going.

"I asked where he turned the lumber in from, and he told me he didn't know," Trevison testified.

Bienville Parish sheriff's Deputy Randy Price said he later found the timber had been turned in to three mills near the Texas-Louisiana line.

Earlier, Parish resident Terry Burns testified his wife, Kelly Barnes, had agreed to sell Christopher Garner of Shreveport, La. timber on her father's land, near the Willamette property.

In July, a federal grand jury in Tyler indicted Garner along with James Anderson of Whitehouse and Dean Hodge of Smithland in Marion County on charges of conspiring to transport and sell stolen goods in interstate commerce along with transportation and sale of the timber.

In September, the trio were reindicted in a superceding indictment that added charges of timber thefts from Bossier and Bienville parishes in Louisiana.

The opinion said since that is allowed, the right to having 12 members on a jury also can be waived in non-capital cases.

In addition, the majority says, the Legislature in 1985 provided that parties may agree to try a case with fewer than 12 jurors.

Dissenting judges said that law was only intended to apply to civil cases. They said the Code of Criminal Procedure requires 12 jurors in felony jury trials unless one dies or becomes disabled.

"The majority opinion is yet another attempt to circumvent applicable law in furtherance of a result-oriented agenda," wrote Judge Charles Baird.

"Only two years ago ... the majority followed the law and permitted the state to assert the requirement that there be 12 jurors in

a felony prosecution. They owe as much to the appellant today, even if, this time, the law does not favor the majority's partisan agenda of reaching results which ultimately benefit the state," Baird wrote.

Judge Morris Overstreet also dissented, joined by Judges Lawrence Meyers and Stephen Mansfield.

Civil rights lawyer Jim Harrington said the decision means "another sad day for the Texas bill of rights. In a couple of years, there won't be anything left."

The ruling will open the door to defendants being pressured to continue trials with fewer than 12 jurors, Harrington said.

"The more people you have in a criminal case, the better it is in terms of discussing the case. I think it's better for the quality of justice," he said.



Ribbon cutting

A new restaurant, The Classic Diner located at 505 Grand, was welcomed to Hereford Tuesday as the Deaf Smith County Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting. Owner Harvey Martinez, with scissors, was joined by his mother and the restaurant's cook, Tina Martinez; and employees Abbie Martinez, his sister; and Veronica Castillo. The diner will feature traditional Mexican cuisine, serving breakfast and dinner all day long, seven days a week with extended hours on Saturday.

Extradition not always possible

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - After a mother of young quadruplets was shot to death in Florida, the investigation into her murder quickly turned to a former Texas high school football player.

Jose Luis Del Toro, named as the top suspect in the killing of Sheila Bellush, first was thought to be in Austin, where he'd been serving a jail sentence on weekends and where police found the alleged murder weapon.

Then Del Toro was sought in Eagle Pass, a remote spot on the Texas-Mexico border. Next, he was said to be brazenly walking the streets of Piedras Negras, Mexico, just across the narrow Rio Grande and beyond the grasp of U.S. law officers.

Days later, Mexican police - tipped by the Texas Rangers - arrested Del Toro farther south in Monterrey, Mexico.

American investigators were relieved Del Toro had been captured. But any plans prosecutors had to seek the death penalty may have to be shelved.

Like many other nations, Mexico opposes capital punishment and has pledged not to return Del Toro to face trial in Florida unless it receives assurances he won't face execution if convicted.

It is a familiar scenario that frustrates American prosecutors.

"It's extremely tough," said Dan Hagood, a Dallas lawyer who prosecuted Joy Davis Aylor. She received a life sentence in 1994 for

arranging the murder of her husband's mistress.

France, where Ms. Aylor had fled four years earlier, refused to extradite her until Texas promised not to execute her.

One of the most difficult aspects of the more than two-year extradition process, Hagood said, was working through the court system of a foreign government. It also wasn't easy getting French officials to believe that Ms. Aylor's life would be spared, he said.

"It was a dickens of a time convincing them - like we were going to trick them or something," Hagood said.

In a case this year, Mexican officials refused to extradite David "Spooky" Alvarez, wanted for killing four people in California, because he could be put to death if convicted. Mexico decided to prosecute him instead. That case is still pending.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti earlier this fall said he worried that abandoning his option to seek the death penalty for Alvarez could have implications for future murder cases.

"I don't want to set a precedent for other killers who potentially face the death penalty who see this as a way to go across the border and avoid justice," Garcetti said.

The younger brother of Roland Garcia Jr., currently under consideration for the top federal prosecutor's job in Houston, benefited from

Canada's opposition to the death penalty.

The Justice Department doesn't tally how many of these cases of occurred or which countries are involved most. Typically, however, about five are pending at one time, Russell said.

Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig of San Antonio, who is investigating Texas ties to the Bellush slaying, said he discussed the Del Toro case recently with other prosecutors at a statewide meeting.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency personnel for Dec. 10, include the following.

Police Department
--A criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of west Park Avenue.

--Forgery was reported in the 1300 block of West Highway 60.

--A disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.

--A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of south Texas.

--No arrests reported; no curfew violations; no traffic tickets; no accidents.

Grand jury hands down indictments

The grand jury met Wednesday and handed down the following indictments.

Glenn Ray Green, felony driving while intoxicated.

Yzidorio Gonzales Flores, aggravated assault on a public servant.

Reynaldo Aranda aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.


Hector Rodriguez, Mario Pena, Gerardo Camacho, engaging in organized criminal activity.

Billy Gene Riggall, five counts of possession of a controlled substance by fraud.

Guadalupe Tapia, Jr., injury to a child.

Felician Gilbert Castillo, possession of a controlled substance, namely cocaine.

Five individuals are still at large. Grand jury indictments are no indication of guilt. It only means the grand believes there is enough evidence to bring an individual to trial.



By The Associated Press

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

The jackpot, which was worth an estimated \$4 million, will rise to about \$8 million for Saturday's drawing if sales continue as expected.

Numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-2-20-21-26-41.

By The Associated Press

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-9-7

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Lifestyles

Boyd receives doctor's degree

Bethany Jane Boyd, former Hereford resident, was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Pharmacy at the Convocation of the Graduate School of the University of Texas in Austin on Dec. 6.

Boyd is a 1983 graduate of Hereford High School and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Pharmacy at the University of Texas.

She is a registered pharmacist and currently resides in San Antonio with her husband, Cleon Houpt, and her sons Hayden and Graham. She is the daughter of Bobby and Bera Boyd of Hereford.

Choir sponsors hunters' meal

Handbell choirs of First United Methodist Church will sponsor an all-you-can-eat "Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast" from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday in the church fellowship hall.

The cost is \$5 for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, fruit and orange juice or coffee.

Advance tickets are available from any handbell choir member or by calling the church office at 364-0770.



Member recognized

Helen Biddle of Vega, left, member of Hereford Chapter 312 of the Order of the Eastern Star, was recognized during the Tuesday evening meeting for 50 years of membership in the organization. Biddle was presented a 50 year certificate and lifetime membership by Suzan Schriber, worthy matron of the Hereford chapter.

Program for Legion, Auxiliary is Pacific campaign in World War II

Hereford American Legion and Auxiliary, Post 192, held their annual Christmas dinner in the Post Home with the Auxiliary serving as hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Robinson, auxiliary president. Miles Caudle, post chaplain, gave the prayer and Grant Hanna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jess Robinson, post commander gave information on the Zone

meeting to be held in Tulia and the 18th District Spring Convention to be in Amarillo in March.

Following a dinner, Caudle presented the program of the Pacific Campaign in World War II, a video from CBS Library of World War II, narrated by Walter Conkwright.

Earl Lance, who served with the Marines, recounted his service of 34 months, with the Battles of Guadalcanal in August 1942, Tarawa in

November 1943, Saipan and Guam in 1944 and Iwo Jima in February and March 1945. Many veterans told of their experiences in air, land and naval battles.

Gifts and contributions were given to the Christmas Gift Shop at Veterans Medical Center in Amarillo where hospitalized veterans can shop for their families.

The next American Legion and Auxiliary meeting will be held Jan. 6 in the Post Home.

CCS will host homecoming

Community Christian School is hosting a Homecoming Reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 at Community Church to honor those students who graduated from CCS from 1981 through 1997.

Sandwiches will be served. Following the reception, the Graduate Ceremony will be held at Stanton Gym where the CCS Warriors and Lady Warriors will host Plainview in basketball games.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You've printed a lot of letters about the Internet. Maybe my letter will help other women whose husbands like to surf.

My husband, "Joe," spent a lot of time at the computer. Crazy me, I thought he was working on projects for his company. We have been married for almost 31 years, and his working at home was nothing unusual.

Whenever I walked into the room, he would quickly switch to a new screen. It seemed odd to me, so I asked if he was hiding something. He always said "no." After several confrontations and repeated denials, Joe finally confessed he was having sexual conversations with women on the Internet.

I asked him to please stop doing this in our home, which he did, but it was too late. He already had exchanged telephone numbers with one of the women. He told me he never actually met her but admitted they had made plans to "get together." Joe finally promised he would give up Internet flirting completely.

This has taken a heavy toll on our marriage. I'm not completely sure he didn't hook up with this woman or might not still try. The trust is just not

there anymore. He no longer surfs the Net except to get stock market prices. Please tell all the women in your reading audience to find out what, or whom, their husbands are looking at when they are on the computer. -- Surf's Up in Durham, N.C.

Dear Durham: At this very moment, I have a pile of letters on my desk from both men and women with problems like yours. It seems an astonishing number of marriages are in trouble because a husband or wife has caught a spouse spending too many hours on the Internet, hooked up with a member of the opposite sex, making plans to meet.

Surfing the Internet is the latest addiction. For those who are having trouble using the computer sensibly, I recommend a few counseling sessions. Once a person is hooked, it is extremely difficult to give it up. Good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Harrisburg, Pa.," who wanted to marry a much-younger man. I hope she will do it.

My husband is 17 years younger than I, and we've been blissfully married for over 25 years. "Dave" was barely out of college when we met. My ex-husband had abandoned me, and I had three children under 12

to raise. To complicate matters, Dave is legally blind, and I am seriously arthritic.

This man has been a blessing from God. He treats me better than a princess. He loves me for my faults as well as my strengths. He's been a wonderful father to my children. I encouraged him to return to college for an engineering degree. He was the second legally blind person in New York to earn that degree and was voted most outstanding engineering graduate by his classmates and faculty.

Dave was afraid he would never be able to support me and the children. As an engineer and an inventor, he has supported us beyond my wildest dreams. In every way, he has been my Prince Charming. -- No Name in Los Altos, Calif.

Dear Los Altos: What a beautiful story. Although you are heaping a great deal of praise on your husband, I suspect that you are the heroine.

Gem of the Day: Christopher Columbus was the world's most remarkable salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he returned, he didn't know where he had been. He

did all this on borrowed money and managed to get a repeat order.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Correction

The Texas Plains Chorale's presentation of "Dickens Dessert and Carol Fest" will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

An incorrect time for the performance had been reported in earlier editions of *The Brand*.

Girl Scout News

Marie Carra, who started the year as our service unit manager, has resigned for health-related reasons.

She got our year off to a good start and we appreciate all her help. This isn't goodbye. She is still involved in Scouting through her granddaughters.

Linda Arellano has agreed to head the search for a new service unit managers.

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 Florida 5, Carolina 2
 Montreal 4, St. Louis 3, OT
 Calgary 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
 New Jersey 4, Edmonton 2
 Colorado 2, Toronto 2, tie
 Phoenix 3, Chicago 3, tie
 Dallas 3, Tampa Bay 0
 Washington, 3 San Jose 3, OT
 Pittsburgh 3, Anaheim 0

Thursday's Games
 Buffalo at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

Wednesday's Games
 Charlotte 104, Washington 101
 Cleveland 102, Denver 83
 Toronto 104, Philadelphia 97
 Orlando 106, Chicago 98
 Boston 98, Milwaukee 91
 Golden State 93, L.A. Lakers 92
 San Antonio 102, L.A. Clippers 87
 Portland 93, Indianapolis 85

Thursday's Games
 Minnesota at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
 Army 72, Cent. Connecticut St. 70
 Boston College 77, Fairfield 65
 Boston U. 74, Harvard 57
 Holy Cross 68, Brown 57
 Iona 78, Hofstra 63
 Kentucky 81, Canisius 54
 Lafayette 104, Swarthmore 47
 Niagara 84, La Salle 60-
 Yale 83, Vermont 77, 2OT

SOUTH
 Connecticut 74, Virginia 63
 Duke 94, Villanova 66
 Georgia St. 93, Augusta St. 64
 N. Carolina A&T 68, Winston-Salem 66
 N.C. Charlotte 70, Davidson 55
 NW Louisiana 104, Wiley 83
 Virginia Tech 79, Radford 72

MIDWEST
 Ball St. 81, W. Michigan 76
 Butler 83, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 44
 Creighton 84, Nebraska 73
 Drake 63, Iowa St. 61
 E. Michigan at Michigan, ppd., snow
 Kansas 73, Massachusetts 71
 Kansas St. 90, Wichita St. 83, OT
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 Missouri 85, Oral Roberts 67
 Mo.-Kansas City 66, Denver 54
 Wright St. 76, Bowling Green 67

SOUTHWEST
 Ark.-Little Rock 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 42
 Colorado St. 86, Texas A&M 82, OT
 Nicholls St. 72, Rice 64
 Oklahoma St. 79, Arizona St. 68

FAR WEST
 Boise St. 86, Idaho St. 51
 San Jose St. 60, Sacramento St. 49
 Utah 71, Utah St. 55
 Washington St. 63, Idaho 52

IN BRIEF

Brown hires two
 AUSTIN (AP) -- New Texas coach Mack Brown has tapped Carl Reese, coach of one of the nation's best defenses at Louisiana State, to head the Longhorns' defense.

Brown also said in a statement Wednesday that Greg Davis, the architect of Brown's offense at North Carolina, will be his offensive coordinator.

Brown is wasting no time after succeeding fired and reassigned Texas coach John Mackovic last week.

Davis and Reese were expected to be officially named on Friday.

Jr. High Basketball

From staff reports
HJHS boys 7th grade 'A'
 Derek Mendoza scored 19 points but Hereford couldn't rally in the second half as Canyon Westover edged the Whitefaces 43-39 in junior high boys basketball action Monday.

Jose Reese added six points for Hereford. Stewart Carr and Ezequiel Silva each scored four points for the Whitefaces.

Westover got out to a 12-6 first quarter advantage, but Hereford slowly chipped away during the second and third quarters, outscoring Westover 13-12 and 12-9, respectively. Westover then outscored Hereford 10-8 in the final period.

Next game: Monday at Dumas.

HJHS boys 7th grade 'B'
 A one-point second quarter for the Hereford Whitefaces was the big difference Monday night as Canyon Westover defeated the Whitefaces 41-31 in junior high boys basketball action.

Chris Ruckman and Raul Delgado each scored eight points to lead Hereford. Patrick Jones added seven points for the Whitefaces.

Westover led only 11-8 after the first quarter, but outscored Hereford 9-1 in the second. Hereford outpointed Westover 22-20 in the second half.

Next game: Monday at Dumas.

Sports calendar

Thursday Basketball
 Hereford girls, junior varsity, at Lubbock Coronado tournament, TBA.
 Hereford boys, varsity, vs. West Texas High at Amarillo Highland Park tournament, 3 p.m.
 Hereford boys, junior varsity, at Canyon tournament, TBA.

Friday Basketball
 Hereford girls, varsity, at Dumas, 7:30 p.m.
 Hereford girls, junior varsity, at Lubbock Coronado tournament, TBA.
 Hereford boys, varsity, at Amarillo Highland Park tournament, TBA.
 Hereford boys, junior varsity, at Canyon tournament, TBA.

Herd looks for confidence

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

It's all about confidence. That's the way Hereford head boys basketball coach Randy Dean sees it. And heading into the District 1-4A opener Monday with Amarillo Caprock, Dean wants to build on the confidence the Whitefaces gained from their 72-64 non-district win Tuesday night against Lubbock Monterey.

Toward that end, Hereford (2-6) will use the Amarillo Highland Park tournament that begins today and runs through Saturday to help build their confidence as well as tune up for their district schedule.

"There were two things that we wanted when we first scheduled this tournament," Dean said. "We wanted to gain some confidence, and not be too far from home because of our district game on Monday."

Hereford should have some confidence after earning their second win of the year over Monterey (5-4), a District 3-5A team. The Whitefaces stormed back from a 50-37 late third-quarter deficit.

Dean didn't attach any special significance to the victory over the Plainsmen, but he stopped short of completely downplaying the win.

"It was a big win against a good team," he said. "I think it proves to (our players) that we're capable of playing with anyone."

"I know we didn't have to wait as long as for the first win," Dean added. "But we have to keep it all in perspective. Our focus is what we do in the district race."

The goal now is to make the effort and the performance against Monterey the norm and not the exception, Dean said.

"It was a big encourager," he said.

"Our effort picked up and we responded well to the challenge."

The Highland Park tournament gets under way at 1 p.m. this afternoon when Panhandle (6-2) and San Jacinto Christian Academy (6-3) play. Hereford and West Texas High (5-3) will play at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

Other first-round games will see Amarillo River Road (1-6) tip off with Claude at 5 p.m. and Logan, N.M., will take on Amarillo Highland Park (5-1) at 7 p.m.

Hereford is the only Class 4A team in the tournament with the remainder of the teams mainly 2As and 3As. Dean doesn't expect a whitewash, though.

"There will be some good teams in the tournament," he said. "Although there are some smaller

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford senior Matt Cosby battles for a rebound with Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas Dec. 2 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt during a non-district game.

Osborne announces retirement

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Nebraska coach Tom Osborne retired Wednesday with tears in his eyes, ending one of the most successful careers in college football history with a team that has dominated the sport for decades.

Osborne said health problems were forcing him to give up the game and that he wanted to spend more time with his family and at church. He will coach his last game when the No. 2 Cornhuskers play No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2 and said he may stay on until February if he can help the team.

If he wins his final game -- and top-ranked Michigan loses to Washington State in the Rose Bowl -- his 25-year reign as head coach almost certainly will end with a national championship.

"I think it's wise to back off before you leave feet first or somebody tells you it's time to go," the 60-year-old coach said.

He rejected the idea of continuing to coach while delegating duties to top assistants. He said he didn't want to become a "figurehead coach." Longtime assistant Frank Solich, the running backs coach, will take over the team.

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Huskers' Wistrom receives Lombardi

HOUSTON (AP) -- Just hours after learning that his coach was retiring, Nebraska defensive end Grant Wistrom got good news Wednesday night that he had won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

Tom Osborne, who led the Cornhuskers to two national championships and 254 victories over 25 years, announced Wednesday that he would step down following No. 2 Nebraska's game against No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

Wistrom, a 6-foot-5, 250-pound senior, was a main cog in the defense that helped the Cornhuskers take a 12-0 record into Osborne's final game as coach.

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Woodson continues to battle against odds

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) -- The baby laughed and splashed as he always did. Charles Woodson was 6 months old and loved his bath. His mother smiled. Then, for the first time, she noticed his arches.

"They just didn't look the way they should," Georgia Woodson recalls.

Charles was diagnosed as having clubbed feet.

For the better part of the next year, Charles Woodson wore leg braces. They secured his legs to each other, preventing him from walking.

"We had to carry him because he had to wear leg braces all day," his mother says. "He basically couldn't walk at all."

Until he was 4, he had to wear

corrective shoes. Kids being kids, he was teased.

"He didn't want to wear them," Georgia says. "He fought it."

Woodson has been fighting -- and winning -- ever since. He went on to become Ohio's best high school football player, then an All-American at Michigan. Now he is a top candidate for the Heisman Trophy. The winner will be announced Dec. 13.

He already has earned the Walter Camp award, also honoring the nation's top college football player. Only five times since the award was first given in 1967 has the Camp award gone to someone who didn't walk at all.

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Dallas ices Lightning, 3-0

DALLAS (AP) -- Ed Belfour had to stop only 12 shots for his franchise-record seventh shutout and Sergei Zubov had a goal and an assist as the Dallas Stars extended their home winning streak to seven games with a 3-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Belfour improved his record to 17-5-4 with an easy night in goal behind a stifling Stars defense, breaking the club shutout mark of six set by Cesare Maniago of the Minnesota North Stars in 1967-68 and tying Belfour's career high for a season.

The 12 shots matched the Stars' team record for fewest by an

opponent. Dallas allowed only 12 shots in a 4-0 win over the Florida Panthers on Oct. 16.

Dallas is 8-1-0 in its last nine games while slumping Tampa Bay dropped to 1-4-2 in its last seven.

Joe Nieuwendyk's wrist shot from the middle of the right circle produced the only goal of the first period at 13:50. The veteran center's 16th goal gave him the club lead and came while Dallas was on a power play.

Nieuwendyk started the night tied with Mike Modano for the team lead in goals. Modano will be out at least another month after suffering a torn knee ligament last week.

Tight-checking and conservative play dominated a second period with few scoring chances.

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Dallas 1 0 2 3

First Period -- 1, Dallas, Nieuwendyk 16 (Zubov, Adams), 12:50 (pp). Penalties -- Enry, Dal (interference), 8:42; Yeebaert, TB (interference), 12:29; Bassen, Dal (holding stick), 14:22; Yeebaert, TB (slashing), 14:32; Renberg, TB (tripping), 15:36.

Second Period -- None. Penalties -- DeBruuk, TB (roughing), 7:34; Verbeek, Dal (slashing), 8:31; Huscroft, TB (slashing), 13:20.

Third Period -- 2, Dallas, Zubov 4 (Lehtinen, Langenbrunner), 7:46; 3, Dallas, Adams 6 (Charbono), 19:03 (en). Penalties -- Ciccarelli, TB (roughing), 7:33; Verbeek, Dal (roughing), 7:33.

Shots on goal -- Tampa Bay 4-5-3 -- 12, Dallas 10-10-27.

Power-play Opportunities -- Tampa Bay 0 of 3; Dallas 1 of 5.

Goalsies -- Tampa Bay, Puppa 3-12-3 (26 shots-24 saves). Dallas, Belfour 17-5-4 (12-12).
 A -- 16,108 (16,924).
 Referee -- Greg Kimmmerly. Linesmen -- Swede Knox, Randy Milton.

Photo by Julius Bodner

Up for two

Hereford's Mitch Wagner lifts a shot over three unidentified players at Whiteface Gymnasium Tuesday night in the Whitefaces' 72-64 non-district win over Lubbock Monterey. Hereford improved to 2-6 on the season and Monterey fell to 5-4.

Robinson leads Spurs past Clippers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Avery Johnson had a career-high 20 assists and David Robinson scored 30 points Wednesday night to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 102-87 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Spurs, who never trailed, broke a three-game losing streak.

Vinny Del Negro added 22 points, Tim Duncan had 14 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots and Robinson tied a franchise record by connecting on 18 free throws.

Los Angeles, led by Rodney

Rogers with 12 points, suffered through a cold-shooting night and connected on only 39.5 percent of its field goal attempts.

Johnson, who had 12 assists in the first quarter -- two shy of the NBA record of 14 by John Lucas of the Spurs in 1984, tied the NBA season-high by rookie Brevin Knight of Cleveland against Washington on Nov. 22.

San Antonio connected on 15 of 19 shots in the first quarter, which ended with the Spurs ahead 34-22.

Behind 14 points by Robinson, the Spurs stretched the lead to 50-28 in the second quarter before Los Angeles pulled to 57-45 at halftime.

San Antonio allowed the Clippers to climb back into the game in the third quarter by hitting on only 3 of 16 field goal attempts, and Los Angeles closed to 75-70 at the end of three quarters.

San Antonio opened the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run, capped by a jumper by Sean Elliott, for an 81-70 lead with 10:22 to play.

Osborne now becomes the shadow

For that one moment, the world was perfect.

It was Jan. 1, 1995.

Nebraska 24, Miami 17. For Nebraska fans, and yes, I'm one of them, it was the ultimate redemption -- a victory that ended two decades of being labeled as not being able to win the big one.

Huskers head coach Tom Osborne barely cracked a smile after the game.

Osborne was never one to show much emotion on or off the field. Wednesday he did.

With tears in his eyes, the 60-year-old Osborne announced in Lincoln his retirement after 25 years and 254 victories. He'll coach his last game Jan. 2, 1998,

The Toy Department

By Bob Varmette



three years and a day removed from his greatest coaching milestone -- his first national championship.

During his press conference, Osborne said health concerns were what prompted him to announce his resignation. Thirteen years ago, Osborne

underwent heart bypass surgery and last month was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat. The diagnosis was atrial fibrillation. Osborne said the condition often increases the risk of stroke, and that with the pace incumbent with coaching, it was time to slow down.

Some would disagree, but the game of college football is not only losing a great coach, but a great human being as well.

I've never been one to collect autographs or be impressed with players and coaches. I have only one autograph.

It's signed, "Tom Osborne." I only met Osborne once. Only now do I realize the significance of

that brief talk he had with a mediocre defensive back.

For many of the past 25 years, Osborne stood stoically in the shadow of a living legend, a man almost revered as a god in Nebraska -- Bob Devaney. With his first national title in 1994 he stepped out of that shadow. With his second, he established himself as the shadow in which his successor, longtime assistant Frank Solich, must now inevitably stand.

It hasn't been easy for Osborne, and I admit I've second-guessed him on occasions. The early years were about not being able to beat hated archrival Oklahoma.

As time marched on, it was about not having won that national

title that was expected of him. Even after winning back-to-back national titles, last year there were whispers that cut across the Cornhusker state like an icy Panhandle wind in January after the embarrassment of losing to Texas.

The whispers wondered if maybe it was time for Tom to go, if maybe the game had passed him by.

The day, whether it be Jan. 2, 1998, or some other day down the line, was inevitable. I just never thought about it -- Osborne was Nebraska.

For so long, we just took it for granted that he was there, that he

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Osborne

Osborne said the difficult part about retiring was telling his players. Usually stoical and composed, his eyes welled up as four of his players took the podium to offer their thanks.

"I care very much about those guys so that's what's been most difficult," Osborne said. "I hope at some point they will realize that I'm trying to do what's the best thing for them."

For a quarter-century, Osborne and Nebraska have been perennial powers, winning national titles in 1994 and 1995 while making 25 straight bowl appearances, including the upcoming Orange Bowl game.

He will always be remembered for his gutsy decision to go for two points and a win over Miami in the 1984 Orange Bowl.

After his team pulled within 31-30 with 48 seconds left, the Huskers needed only a tie for the national title. But Osborne, in what may go down as his defining moment as a coach, went for the win. The 2-point conversion pass fell incomplete and Miami ended up winning the national title.

"He accomplished it all," said Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, who as coach of the rival Oklahoma Sooners battled Osborne for years in the old Big Eight Conference.

"No one won as consistently as Tom did," Switzer said. "He won every year and a lot of times he was undefeated. What more could he do?"

Osborne weathered criticism in recent years over his decisions to allow players facing criminal charges to stay on the field. In 1995, he reinstated star tailback Lawrence Phillips to the team even after Phillips pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting a former girlfriend.

With 15-hour days routine for many coaches, Osborne said it was time to slow down.

"What I've come to realize over the last three months is that I'm not going to sustain that pace for any length of time," he said.

He had heart bypass surgery 13 years ago and was hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat last month. He was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, which can produce varied and irregular heartbeats, and Osborne said patients are sometimes at risk for strokes.

Osborne predicted the Huskers would change little under Solich, an 18-year assistant who has for years worked closely with Osborne in designing Nebraska's offense.

"I don't know how you replace Tom Osborne as much as you follow him," Solich told about 300 people at the crowded news conference. "In his 25 years, nobody has equaled him."

Osborne has a 254-49-3 record -- and hopes to finish with win No. 255.

He said he didn't think his decision would affect the resolve of the Cornhuskers (12-0) to beat Tennessee (11-1) in the Orange Bowl. Nonetheless, he said he hasn't even thought about strategy.

"My mind's kind of a blank slate right now," he said.

He also said he would try to talk with some of the players he has been recruiting to encourage them to attend Nebraska.

Osborne retires as the sixth winningest coach in NCAA Division I-A history, behind Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden.

"I'm surprised and saddened and I just hate it," said Bowden, coach at Florida State. "Tom Osborne is one of the good guys in coaching and in any profession. He's an icon in Nebraska and in this nation."

Osborne reached his 250th career victory on Nov. 1 with a 69-7 defeat of Oklahoma, and the Cornhuskers are 59-3 over the past five years with five straight 11-win seasons, an NCAA record.

Osborne was an assistant coach to Bob Devaney's team that won titles in 1970 and 1971. Much like Solich taking over for Osborne, Devaney picked Osborne as his successor in 1973.

Osborne grew up in Hastings, the son of a minister, and showed athletic talent in a number of sports -- football, basketball and track.

After his 1959 graduation from Hastings College, he played three seasons in the NFL -- two with the Washington Redskins and one with the San Francisco 49ers -- as a reserve wide receiver.

Osborne returned to Nebraska as a graduate assistant to Devaney in 1962. He became a part-time coach in 1964, full-time receiver coach in 1967 and later offensive coordinator under Devaney, who saw something special in the tall, thin, mild-mannered assistant.

"He didn't just teach us football," quarterback Scott Frost said. "By the example he sets, he teaches us how to be grown-ups, to be men. We're just going down to the Orange Bowl to make sure he goes out a winner."

Shadow

would always be there. Maybe it's denial.

After all, there are a lot of questions now begging for answers.

The first and foremost, in any Husker fan's mind, is if Solich will be able to carry on the dynasty that Devaney built and Osborne perfected.

It's a given that little will change superficially at Nebraska. After all, Solich is the hand-picked successor to Osborne, as Osborne was to Devaney.

Just as Osborne never thought to stray from the course laid out by Devaney, Solich will not deviate from the plan. Think about this -- Nebraska still runs the same basic offense that Devaney put in three decades ago.

No, the offense and the defense will remain much the same. Solich,

as running backs coach for 18 years, had significant input into the team you see on the field.

But what will be different is that Osborne will no longer be on the sidelines. It will be different, in a way I can't describe, the first time the Huskers take the field and Osborne isn't there to lead them from the tunnel at Memorial Stadium.

The last game will be an emotional one -- for Osborne, his assistants, the players and for every Nebraska fan.

It will be the ultimate retirement party if Washington State was to beat No. 1 Michigan and No. 2 Nebraska beat Tennessee.

Win or lose, though, he will leave the game a champion.

Have a great game, coach. And thanks for making the world perfect, if only for that one moment.

Woodson

win the Heisman.

Still, the odds are against Woodson. A defensive player has never won the Heisman.

"If the Heisman doesn't come around, it doesn't," Woodson says. "I'll still be happy."

That is exactly what his mother would expect him to say. She says her son was always "laid-back and quiet, so much so you never knew he was in the room."

The child from a devoutly Pentecostal house never caused trouble. And he honored his mother's directives to do his homework before play.

This may be Woodson's last shot at the Heisman, even though he's only a junior, majoring in sports management and communications. Many think he is ready for the NFL and would be a top-five draft pick. If he does leave school, it would be with Carr's blessing.

Woodson is less certain how his mother might feel about that. All his big decisions have gone through Georgia Woodson, from the days of leg braces and cumbersome shoes. This one is no different. They will discuss it after the Rose Bowl.

"We'll just talk everything out and go from there," he says.

Wistrom

Wistrom credited Osborne for his success.

"You look at every one of the players here tonight and each one is on a great football team," Wistrom said. "The reason we are on a great football team is because of coach Osborne. He's a large part of why I've been fortunate to have won it."

It was an emotional day for Wistrom, who learned of Osborne's retirement decision in a telephone conversation with his coach prior to the Lombardi dinner.

"I was upset. I mean, the man meant the world to me the last four years," Wistrom said. "He praised me when I needed praise and he scolded me when I needed scolding. He's been a father to me away from my own father. Next

to my father, I respect him the most."

Wistrom, the school's career leader in tackles for losses, became Nebraska's fourth Lombardi winner and first since Dean Steinkuhler in 1983.

On Monday, he was named Big 12 defensive player of the year for the second year in a row.

Wistrom beat out Greg Ellis of North Carolina, Andy Katzenmoyer of Ohio State and Andre Wadsworth of Florida State for the 28th annual trophy, named in honor of former Green Bay and Washington coach Vince Lombardi.

Wistrom returned for his senior year at Nebraska instead of turning pro and has no regrets.

"This season has been a dream come true," Wistrom said.

Merkel coach Dorsett dies

MERKEL (AP) -- Jack Wayman Dorsett, head football coach at Merkel High School, has died of an apparent heart attack during a West Texas trip. He was 44.

Dorsett was working on a deer blind and scattering deer corn at a ranch. His body was discovered early Wednesday near his truck after he failed to return home from the blind located on the Shelton Boyd Ranch. Services for Dorsett were scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in Merkel

High School gymnasium, with burial at Rose Hill Cemetery in the city about 200 miles west of Dallas.

The Childress native also coached at Snyder and Big Spring before taking over at Merkel.

Dorsett's survivors include his wife, Trena; one son, Riki; a daughter, Krista; his parents, Don Dorsett of Amarillo and Juanita Dorsett of Childress; a brother and sister; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Confidence

classification teams, there are some pretty good records so far this season.

Evaluating the state of the Whiteface basketball program heading into the district season, Dean said Hereford will need to get better in order to compete.

"We've not gotten as far along as we would've like," he said. "It'll be interesting to see what we can do this weekend."

Hereford will concentrate upon two areas.

"We need to shoot the ball better," Dean said. "And we need to continue to improve on defense. That's always where we've hung our hat... We need to continue to improve defensively as we move into the district schedule."

Nicholls beats Rice

HOUSTON (AP) -- Russell McCutcheon scored 23 points Wednesday night, leading Nicholls State in a 72-64 victory over Rice.

McCutcheon scored 16 of his points in the second half, when the Colonels (1-4) turned a 32-31 halftime advantage into leads that reached 11 points down the stretch.

Jarvis Kelley Sanni led the Owls with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

A&M women lose

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -- Adia Barnes scored 34 points as No. 8 Arizona beat Texas A&M 84-59 Wednesday night.

Barnes was one point shy of her career best. She scored 20 points in the second half. Barnes also added 11 rebounds. Marte Alexander added 21 points.

Texas A&M was led by Kera Alexander's 20 points.

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JAY LENO

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) - Jay Leno took it on the chin for something he said that cost him a viewer. JoAnna Wilterding, 23, who is white, called Leno on the carpet in a letter characterizing one of the NBC talk show host's on-air remarks as racist. He thought she was wrong - and called her to talk about it.

Her recollection was that Leno asked "Tonight Show..." bandleader Kevin Eubanks to "tell me a heartwarming story about life in the ghetto."

Leno had the tape of the Sept. 23 show checked, then called to correct her account. He said he used the words "life in the 'hood.'"

No matter to Wilterding.

"I said that was a racist comment," Wilterding said Wednesday. "We talked for 20 minutes, but he didn't apologize. He told me he tries to be as unracist as possible."

She said she won't watch the show again but was impressed that Leno called.

MONTEL WILLIAMS

NEW YORK (AP) - A lawyer was hit with a \$15,000 fine for adding a gay male plaintiff to a lawsuit accusing Montel Williams of sexual harassment.

Ernesto Medina was added by attorney W. Randolph Kraft in an effort to keep his role in the lawsuit alive, U.S. District Judge John S. Martin said in imposing the fine Wednesday.

The original 1996 complaint was filed by two former employees of "The Montel Williams Show" who alleged they were fired after complaining that Williams had sexually harassed them.

Two more female employees of the syndicated TV show and Williams' former nanny and housekeeper joined the lawsuit. By March, all of the plaintiffs except the nanny and housekeeper had dropped out or fired Kraft.

The lawyer then added Medina, who alleged that during his seven months as Williams' executive assistant in 1994-95 Williams groped him and ridiculed him, Martin wrote. Williams denies the allegations.

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Names in the News

Calls to Kraft's office in Jersey City, N.J., were not returned.

PIETRA THORNTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Billy Bob Thornton's estranged wife bares it all in the January issue of Playboy for a cause.

Posing nude was her way to raise awareness about domestic abuse, said Pietra Thornton, who claimed in divorce papers that the Academy Award-winning "Sling Blade" screenwriter abused her physically.

"I want to speak about things that disturb me," Mrs. Thornton said Wednesday. "I just want men who abuse women to stop."

She wouldn't discuss the couple's breakup. The Thorntons have similar restraining orders. He denies the abuse allegations his fourth wife made in divorce papers filed in April.

Mrs. Thornton, 27, had no qualms about posing nude.

"I've always been pretty comfortable with myself. I don't see anything wrong with my body," she said.

TANYA TUCKER

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) - Tanya Tucker has got custody trouble with the father of her two children.

The country singer wants a court to order former boyfriend Ben Reed to refrain from interfering with her custody rights to their 7-year-old daughter Presley and son Beau Grayson, 5.

"My kids are the most important thing in the world to me," Tucker said Wednesday.

Tucker, whose hits include "Delta Dawn," filed a petition Nov. 21 claiming that Reed, an actor who lives in Los Angeles, kept the children for more than two weeks without her permission. Reed is seeking custody and child support payments, according to her petition

filed in Williamson County.

A judge in Los Angeles ordered Reed on Nov. 6 to return the children to Tennessee and the youngsters are back with their mom.

Reed had no listed telephone number and could not be reached for comment.

JESSE HELMS

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Sen. Jesse Helms will be hobbling around on crutches for a while as he recovers from knee surgery.

Helms, 76, watched the arthroscopic surgery on a TV monitor as doctors repaired a torn cartilage in his left knee on Wednesday. The North Carolina Republican hurt the knee when he slipped on the steps of the state Capitol several weeks ago. He's been using a cane ever since.

Helms should be able to toss the cane within a couple months, said his physician and friend Dr. Bert Coffey. "He'll need to do some physical therapy," he said.

BILL CLINTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - As a former Mustang owner, Bill Clinton ranks a freebie of Hot Rod magazine - and just in time to learn who's who.

The magazine's 50th anniversary January issue salutes its picks for the top 100 Hot Rodders of all time.

"The list reads like a motorhead's who's who - Richard Petty, A.J. Foyt, Craig Breedlove. They were rebels then, they are legends now," Hot Rod publisher Jim Savas said Wednesday.

A complimentary subscription was forwarded to the White House for review by "the nation's First Hot Rodder."

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK (AP) - Leonard Bernstein's autographed "B-52" fetched a grand price at auction: \$387,500.

The piano, bought by the maestro in Europe during the 1980s and signed inside in black marker, was bought Wednesday by a U.S. physician.

The price far exceeded expectations. Sotheby's expected the Bosendorfer Ebonized Semi-Concert Grand Piano to which Bernstein gave the odd nickname to bring in about \$80,000.

Bernstein's ivory, gold, ruby and diamond-mounted conductor's baton went for \$18,400 on Day One of the auction, which was to continue today.

So far the auction has brought in \$720,000, with proceeds to benefit an arts program Bernstein founded before his death in 1990.

TARA DAWN HOLLAND

REP. JON CHRISTENSEN OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The young congressman invited the former Miss America to step away from the

Christmas ball and escape with him to the south portico of the White House for a view of the Washington Monument.

There, he dropped to one knee, pulled out an engagement ring and asked her to marry him.

Of course, she accepted. "It was an incredible setting," Tara Dawn Holland, 24, said of two-term U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen's proposal Monday night.

Christensen, 34, is seeking the Republican nomination for Nebraska governor. Holland, whose reign as Miss America ended in September, has been regularly appearing with Christensen on campaign stops.

PERRY COMO

CANONSBURG, Pa. (AP) - Ah, the Fourth of July. Parades, fireworks, red, white and blue decora-

tions - and Perry Como. A statue depicting the singer is scheduled to be unveiled July 4 here in his hometown, 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

Canonsburg already has a street named in honor of Como, the singer of "This Magic Moment," "Accentuate the Positive" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Mayor Dan Caruso, who keeps a large collection of Como memorabilia in his office, wants to capitalize on Como's fame to attract tourists.

"The number one industry in Pennsylvania is tourism, and we get people coming in here every summer and they stop in my office and they ask for Perry Como Street," Caruso said.

Como, 85, who lives in Jupiter, Fla., has been asked to attend the dedication of the statue.

Television

THURSDAY		DECEMBER 11								
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid PG	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Movie: Blank Check Brian Borsari PG	ER	LA Ann Rimes in Concert	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro	News	Ent. Tonight	News
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Comics

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Marvin By Tom Armstrong

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell

FRIDAY		DECEMBER 12								
7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Mermaid	Pooh	Katie-Orbie	Beet	Wonderland	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
Today	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Katzen	Barney
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Area Events

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer.

The "Women in Touch" support group will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

The program in December will feature a musical program by "Sforzando," performed by the men's choral group from West Texas A&M University and an original Christmas story presentation by D.J. Sorenson, a "Women in Touch" member.

For information please call Kathryn Hughes at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 806-359-4673, ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice announces its winter 1998 volunteer

training class, "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying."

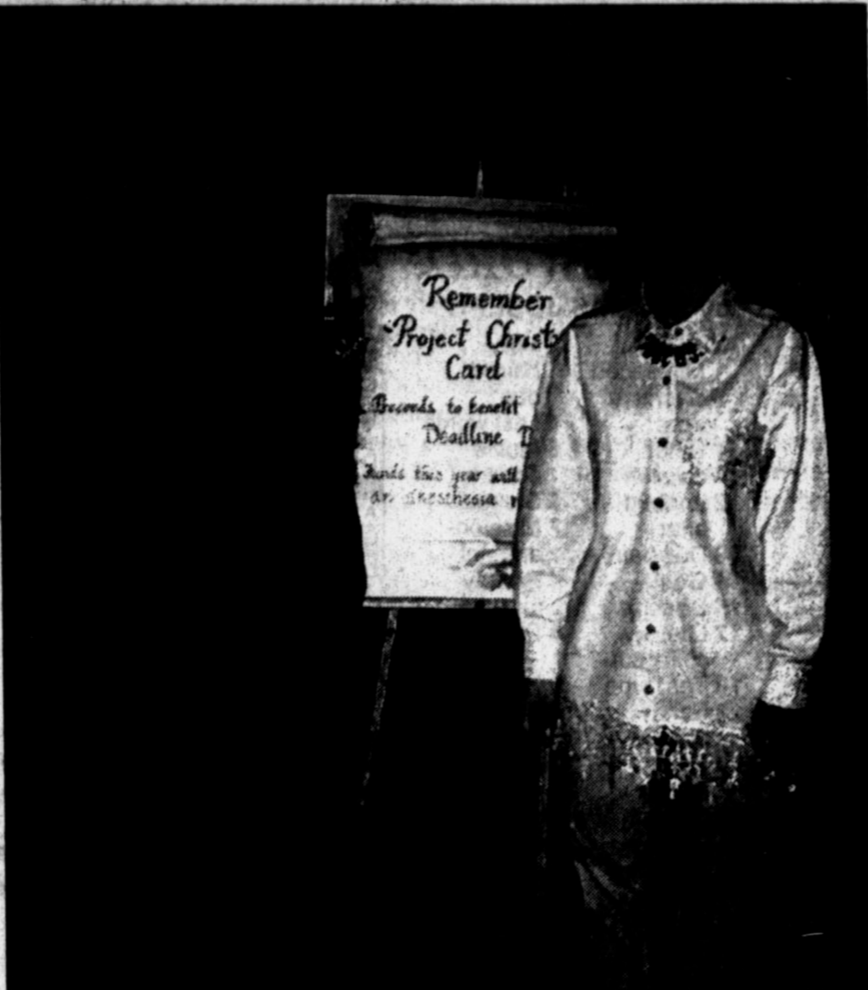
The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training and/or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment.

This 10-session class meets from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 26 and ending Feb. 26.

Individuals taking the class to become Hospice Volunteers must attend a Health and Safety class on March 2. Those who wish to work with patients must attend an additional class on March 5.

The training is free of charge to all participants. Three continuing education units will be awarded by Amarillo College.

If you are interested in registering for the class, call Elizabeth Miller, volunteer coordinator for Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice, at 806-378-6715.



Project display

Project Christmas Card displays similar to this one at Charlie's Tire, shown with owners Chris and Laurie Kahlich, have been placed in businesses throughout Hereford by L'Allegra Study Club. Residents are asked to make donations equal to the amount they would spend sending Christmas cards. Donors' names will be included in a special greeting to the entire community in *The Brand* on the Sunday before Christmas.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: If you have dry or damaged hair that needs a lot of conditioning, try washing your hair and putting on the conditioner at the start of your shower. This way the conditioner gets to stay on longer and the heat created by the shower will help it penetrate more thoroughly. Don't forget to rinse thoroughly before getting out of the shower. — E. Rauh, San Antonio

RUBBER STAMPS
Dear Heloise: I use my rubber stamps about once a week. Before, I often had to re-ink my stamp pad. Now I store them in plastic bags and they last forever, it seems. — Bill Hoover, Lindale, Texas



Finance office contribution

Ana Zepeda, manager of Continental Credit, presents a check to Johnnie Turrentine, chairman of the Deaf Smith County Volunteer Board. The amount of the contribution is based on the number of new customers who chose to do business with Continental Credit during 1997. Continental Credit's parent company's private charitable foundation, Security's Lending Hand Foundation, allows each of its more than 600 consumer loan offices to give something back to the local community.

Send a Special Holiday Greeting in the Hereford Brand

Each year, the Hereford Brand publishes a "Christmas Greetings" section. This accent section is filled with local stories that relate to the spirit of the holiday season. Local and area merchants will also be expressing their hopes and thanks in this well-read section.

Peace On Earth
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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 1997. There are 20 days left in the year.

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On this date:
Ten years ago: NATO allies urged the U.S. Senate to ratify the intermediate-range missile treaty quickly and underscored their support by pledging to let the Soviet Union inspect missile bases in five European countries.

Five years ago: President-elect Clinton tapped Robert Reich to be labor secretary and Donna Shalala to be secretary of Health and Human Services. A severe storm pounded the upper Atlantic coast with snow, rain and high winds.

One year ago: A China-organized committee of 400 Hong Kong notables elected shipping tycoon Tung Chee-hwa to be the first post-colonial leader of Hong Kong.

Thought for Today: "The fear of life is the favorite disease of the 20th century." — William Lyon Phelps.

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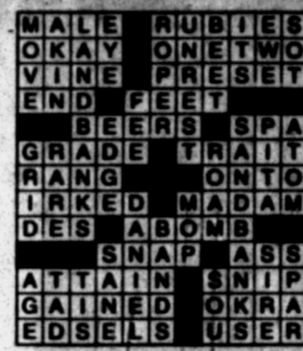
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Real trees make scents

Sixty Texas counties have Christmas tree farms where buyers can choose and cut their own trees. When a tree is harvested, another is planted in its place. While growing, one acre of Christmas trees can produce enough oxygen for 18 people. Texas Christmas tree farms host approximately 640,000 tourists year round, and generate nearly \$400,000 in sales tax revenues yearly.

Give your tree a little "tender loving care"

- Finest the tree stand with a mixture of one cup of bleach and one cup of water. This reduces the growth of micro-organisms that can block the tree's ability to absorb water.
- Make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk at least one-half inch or more above the original.
- Place the tree immediately in a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water.
- Check your tree stand daily and replenish the water supply. A tree may drink as much as a gallon overnight.
- Recycle. Check your local newspaper for recycling locations and let your tree continue to keep our environment beautiful.

For the Texas Christmas tree farm nearest you on the Internet: <http://agrinet.tamu.edu/forest/x-mas.html> or call the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association 617-631-0591

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

El negocio de árboles verdaderos

SeSENTA condados en Texas contienen granjas donde crecen árboles Navideños y donde los consumidores pueden cortar sus propias selecciones. Cuando se cosecha un árbol, siembran otro en su lugar. Mientras crecen, un acre de árboles Navideños puede producir suficiente oxígeno para 18 individuos. Las granjas de árboles Navideños en Texas se visitan anualmente por 640,000 turistas y generan casi \$400,000 al año en impuestos sobre ventas.

Cuide bien a su árbol

- Lave el estante del árbol con una copa de agua mezclada con una copa de líquido para blanquear. Esto evita que crezcan micro-organismos que le previenen al árbol absorber agua.
- Corte la base del tronco aproximadamente media pulgada arriba del corte original.
- Ponga el árbol pronto en un estante con capacidad mínima de un galón de agua.
- Revise diario su estante y no olvide darle agua al árbol. Un árbol puede requerir hasta un galón por noche.
- Reciclar. Cheque su periódico local para los sitios de reciclamiento y deje que su árbol siga mejorando el ambiente natural.

Para encontrar la granja de árboles Navideños más cercana, visite la Red: <http://agrinet.tamu.edu/forest/x-mas.html> o llame a la Asociación de Productores de Árboles Navideños al 617-631-0591

FUENTES: John Sharp, Contralor de Cuentas Públicas y la Asociación-Tamara de Productores de Árboles Navideños.



TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Capital Highlights

AUSTIN - From an elementary school podium in Midland, Gov. George W. Bush last week announced his re-election bid for a second term. The 51-year-old Republican, who has reported a campaign war chest of \$13 million, is expected to face Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro in the November 1998 election.

"I propose that we begin the new century by putting an end to social promotion in Texas schools," Bush said. "We must recognize that self-esteem is not taught but earned by teaching our children to read and write and add and subtract."

Bush outlined his campaign platform as follows:

- * Require public school students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam in third, fifth and eighth grades before advancing to the next grade.
- * Offer more advanced training for teachers.
- * Exempt businesses with sales of \$100,000 or less from paying the state franchise tax.
- * Enact tax credits for companies doing research and development.
- * Put more state money into child care.
- * Establish live-in facilities for pregnant, unwed teen-agers.
- * Allocate more state money to encourage prosecutors to litigate statutory rape cases.

35 Candidates Have Filed

Dec. 3 marked the first day for statewide candidates for political office to file. Some 35 candidates had officially declared as of Dec. 4. Jan. 2 is the last day for candidates to file.

There are no Democratic incumbents for the state's top six elected offices. Last week, two-term Attorney General Dan Morales, a Democrat, decided not to seek re-election. Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Morris Overstreet of Amarillo, who is a Democrat, has announced his bid to succeed Morales. Supreme Court of Texas Justice John Comyn is seeking the GOP nomination for attorney general.

Bomer Postpones Decision

After listening to homeowners' concerns over a proposed rule that would give discounts only to those who install new hail-resistant roofs, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer postponed a decision, saying he would take more time to study the issue.

At a public hearing last week, a homeowner who said his house has a durable concrete tile roof, complained that he would not qualify for the proposed discounts because his roof is not new.

Under the proposal, discounts could be as much as 35 percents, depending on the area of the state and the type of roof purchased. Discounts would apply to asphalt composition shingles and concrete tile roofs that have been certified as impact-resistant by Underwriters Laboratories, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Use of Force Rules Opposed

Following Texas sheriffs' opposition, proposed state guidelines on use of force against jail inmates are doomed, according to *The Brazosport Facts*, a daily newspaper in Brazoria County.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards executive director Jack Crump, who proposed the new regulations after viewing a Brazoria County videotape allegedly depicting abuse, told the newspaper he has changed his mind.

The proposal - which would require operators of county jails and for-profit prisons to submit for commission review policies on use of force against inmates - was expected to die at the panel's meeting last week.

Crump and the nine governor-appointed members of the jail commission say they have been overwhelmed with negative feedback from Texas sheriffs in the months after publishing the proposal in the state register.

Other Capital Highlights

* Bush appointed his lawyer, Alberto R. Gonzales, to replace Tony Garza as secretary of state. Garza resigned last month to seek the GOP nomination for land commissioner. Gonzales' appointment requires state Senate approval.

* Three nationally established lottery contractors submitted cost proposals and letters of intent to run Texas Lottery instant-ticket games and on-line games. GTECH, the current operator, did not submit a proposal. It has filed a lawsuit challenging the rebidding of its multimillion dollar contract to operate the Texas Lottery.

* State Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican, are candidates for lieutenant governor. Both are Texas A&M graduates and friends of agriculture. And both have good pitches for the endorsement of the influential Texas Farm Bureau. Vernie Glasson, executive director of the Bureau - whose son works for the comptroller's office - said he "told John and Rick this is the race from hell."

NEWS in brief

DEER REPRIEVE: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SHARPSHOOTERS ORDERED TO HOLD FIRE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hundreds of deer got a reprieve Wednesday, a day before sharpshooters were to start gunning for overpopulated whitetails in an Ohio preserve.

U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman granted a preliminary injunction blocking the winter-long hunt, set to begin today in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

He said local residents and animal rights organizations showed there would be irreparable harm if the hunt proceeded before their full case was heard.

The National Park Service had no immediate decision on whether to appeal the injunction.

The Humane Society of the United States and others complained that the National Park Service decided to shoot the animals without producing a full environmental impact statement.

The park did an abbreviated environmental assessment on its deer-control plan.

John Debo Jr., the recreation area's superintendent, said Park Service sharpshooters had been scheduled to start hunting deer at 5 p.m. today. The goal was to kill about 470 of the park's 1,030 deer to protect plants, prevent overgrazing and reduce accidents caused when deer wander into traffic.

INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS GIVE OK TO GLOBAL WARMING TREATY

KYOTO, Japan (AP) - The United States and other industrialized countries ended 11 days of contentious haggling at a global warming conference today by agreeing on a historic pact to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

But the pact, approved by delegates from 150 nations, immediately was denounced by Republican critics in Congress who predicted it would never be ratified by the U.S. Senate.

Diplomats worked through the night to finish the agreement, which for the first time will commit nations to rolling back emissions - carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels and five other atmospheric gases - to pre-1990 levels.

Vice President Al Gore, who energized the talks during a one-day trip to the conference when he signaled to U.S. negotiators the need for deeper emissions reductions, said the agreement "lays a solid foundation for long-term efforts to protect our climate."

In New York, President Clinton called the accord "a huge first step" for dealing with what an overwhelming number of scientists believe is a threat to the Earth's climate because of warming caused by heat-trapping gases.

"I did not dream when we first started that we would get this far," Clinton said.

The accord calls for the United States to reduce greenhouse gases to 7 percent below what they were in 1990, deeper cuts than originally proposed. Europe and Japan would make cuts of 8 percent and 7 percent, respectively, below 1990 amounts. The reductions would be achieved between 2008 and 2012.

CLINTON SETS VISIT TO COAST GUARD TO PRAISE ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS

MIAMI (AP) - President Clinton is mixing a fund-raising finale - three in one day - with a visit to a Coast Guard station to salute the government's battle against drug smuggling on the high seas.

Clinton was to board a Coast Guard cutter for a half-hour ride today from the Port of Miami to a Coast Guard station on one of the city's causeways.

There he will praise a recent increase in drug seizures and arrests and "highlight the effective role of the Coast Guard," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

White House aides said Clinton, in the Miami visit, wanted to pay special tribute to Coast Guard members based here for their nearly daily, and often harrowing, battle against drug smugglers.

Miami was the final stop on a six-week fund-raising marathon, during which Clinton has combined appearances at fund-raising dinners with a series of events the White House considers official business.

On Wednesday, he toured a revitalized neighborhood in South Bronx in New York and today he was doing the Coast Guard tour. Including nominally nonpolitical events in his schedule helps spread the costs of his trips between those that are paid for with public funds and with party funds.

Clinton is trying to help the Democratic National Committee erase more than \$13 million in debt, even as he remains the target of Republican criticism for contributing to alleged 1996 fund-raising abuses.

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LEE URGES GOP TO FOCUS ON QUALIFICATIONS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Lann Lee says he wishes his Republican opponents would forget about past battles over who should be the nation's top civil rights enforcer and simply judge him on his qualifications for the job.

In an interview Wednesday, the longtime NAACP lawyer drew a distinction between his case and that of President Bush's nominee, Bill Lucas, whose nomination to be the assistant attorney general for civil rights was thwarted in 1989 by Senate Democrats who argued that Lucas was poorly qualified.

"Qualifications matter," Lee said, without referring directly to the Lucas nomination. "I've been a civil rights lawyer for 23 years," he continued. "No one would question my qualifications. Many people have had kind things to say about my qualifications."

That would include Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman who described Lee as a "very nice young man" who unfortunately embodies Democrats' tendency to "get ahead of this civil rights position and ... use it and abuse it every doggone time."

TWA 800 PROBE FOCUSES ON CORROSION IN TANK

BALTIMORE (AP) - Missiles, bombs and even meteorites have taken their turn as possible causes in the explosion of TWA Flight 800, but the true culprit may turn out to be a simple piece of wire, investigators said.

The possibility that damaged wires and corrosion of a fuel measuring rod could have caused the fuel tank to explode has led investigators back to study 150 miles of wires that were damaged, said Robert Swain, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

For some families observing the NTSB hearings Wednesday, it was hard to digest the possibility that a tiny wire might have caused the crash that killed all 230 aboard the plane when it went down off the Long Island coast on July 17, 1996.

"It's a bitter pill to have something as simplistic as what you have gone wrong in your car or on your lawn mower. To have such a devastating result is almost incomprehensible. You expect a much more important event to have caused this," said William Rogers of Montoursville, Pa., whose teen-age daughter lost her life.

BURGER KING TRYING OUT NEW FRIES

NEW YORK (AP) - How to build a better french fry? Burger King is taking the deep-fried plunge.

The nation's second-biggest hamburger chain is making Jan. 2 "Free FryDay" as part of its most expensive product marketing push ever - a \$70 million campaign aimed at convincing consumers that Burger King's new fries are tastier, crispier and stay hot longer than those from McDonald's.

The fries are made with a process in which fresh-cut potatoes are sprayed with a potato-based coating before they are frozen and shipped to Burger King restaurants where they are cooked, as before, in vegetable oil.

Hungry for details? Burger King said there will be little change in the nutritional content of the fries, but the number of calories in a typical medium-size package will rise 8.1 percent to 400 while the level of saturated fat rises to eight grams from five.

JUDGE BLOCKS TOBACCO DISCLOSURE LAW

BOSTON (AP) - In a blow to the nation's first disclosure law for tobacco products, a federal judge barred Massachusetts from requiring companies to reveal additives in cigarettes, snuff and chewing tobacco.

Companies had faced a Monday deadline under a new state law to submit lists of the substances they add to tobacco products.

But U.S. District Judge George O'Toole ruled Wednesday that the industry had shown a "sufficient likelihood of success" in proving its claim that the law is unconstitutional.

He also said the harm caused by forcing tobacco companies to reveal their secret ingredients may be "disproportionate to the marginal benefit in increased public awareness."

The tobacco companies claim that forcing them to disclose their ingredients is equivalent to the government "taking" private property without paying fair compensation to the owner.

FOUR ARRESTED IN SWEET OF LOTTERY SCHEMES

MIAMI (AP) - Police raided more than 40 telemarketing "boiler rooms" and arrested four people for allegedly selling shares in fake lottery clubs that targeted the elderly.

The \$1 million-a-week telephone scams were fairly sophisticated, with some Internet Web sites and the pretense of customer-service departments, said Wilfredo Fernandez, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

"When they call you, they say: 'Would you like to share in a lottery pool? If we win, you'll get a share of whatever the jackpot is,'" Fernandez said Wednesday. "But, of course, as with all fraud schemes, there's no jackpot. They pocketed the money and then just kept on getting more and more people."

The arrests followed a yearlong investigation into the lottery clubs.

It's a federal crime to sell shares in lottery tickets. All four men were arrested on a charge of importing or transporting lottery tickets, a felony carrying a possible two-year prison term and \$250,000 fine.

POLICE SEE IF REVENGE BEHIND MAIMING OF MAN

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP) - Alan Hall left town as police began to investigate whether a razor-wielding seductress apparently bent on avenging the death of a friend he killed in 1983 severed his penis.

While police searched for the woman Hall knew only as "Brenda," he packed up his trailer and took to the road as the public learned of his story Wednesday.

"I believe he's in shock. He's not talking a whole lot about what happened and I'm not asking a lot," said John Hall, who didn't know where his brother was. "It's not only a traumatic experience - it's also embarrassing."

Alan Hall, who was convicted in 1983 of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Denise Denofrio, told police he met Brenda on Thursday when he bumped into her at a service station in Fairfield, about 40 miles east of San Francisco.

It was the first time he'd seen her in three years, he told police.

They went back to his trailer, which was parked outside his brother's house, and had sex.

Hall, 48, told police the woman suddenly grabbed a cutting tool she found in the trailer - a pen-sized X-Acto knife with a razor blade three-quarters of an inch long - and sliced off his penis. She then ran out the door.

JUDGE DISMISSES SUIT AGAINST NEWS AGENCY

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge has dismissed a suit by photographers against The Associated Press, saying the worldwide news agency has a legal claim to copyright of all pictures taken for it by free-lancers on assignment.

In a 31-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Denise L. Cote on Wednesday rejected five claims by the National Association of Freelance Photographers - among them that the AP, through its "dominance of the market," violated antitrust, monopoly, restraint of trade and copyright infringement laws.

The primary complaint was that AP required the photographers, as a condition of sale, to surrender copyright and future earnings from the resale of their pictures.

The plaintiffs said AP also would "refuse to do business with ... or threaten not to do business with those freelance photographers who object" to its policy.

ESPY PROSECUTOR SAYS PROBE UNDERMINED

WASHINGTON (AP) - Independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz says bureaucratic turf drove Justice Department attempts to keep him from investigating former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy's former chief of staff, Ronald H. Blackley.

"I never got the sense in connection with Blackley it was so much political pressures, it was a sense of controlling the independent counsel," Smaltz told the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee on Tuesday.

Despite Justice Department opposition, Smaltz obtained a ruling from the special court that supervises independent counsels that allowed him to prosecute the former USDA aide. Blackley was convicted last week of concealing the receipt of \$22,000 from Mississippi associates who had dealings with USDA.

The charges were brought after the Justice Department declined to prosecute Blackley even though it was "aware of at least some" of the facts of the case, Smaltz said.

Chamber goes after lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Washington's largest business lobbying group is making plans for a campaign next year that could be its most expensive ever: an all-out attack on trial lawyers.

Enlisting help from congressional Republican leaders and from natural allies like the tobacco industry, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce plans a public relations offensive, stepped-up lobbying on Capitol Hill on issues like product liability, and a possible legal challenge to the election of judges in states like Alabama that are seen as particularly friendly to plaintiffs.

The multimillion-dollar fight is to be financed by a variety of business interests who see growing legal costs as a burden to economic growth and competitiveness, said officials knowledgeable about the campaign.

One chamber official said it may grow into the most expensive effort ever undertaken by the group, which is an alliance of more than 200,000 businesses nationwide, together with 3,000 state and local chambers.

Tobacco companies have been approached about helping to pay for the campaign, along with other manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, the official said.

Chamber spokesman Frank Coleman declined to discuss details, saying the plans are still in formation. But he said the organization's new chief executive, Thomas Donohue, has a more aggressive agenda for the chamber that includes "going toe to toe with the trial lawyers."

The lawyer bashing is welcomed by congressional Republicans, for whom plaintiffs' attorneys are a financial as well as an ideological foe. The trial lawyers group was the third largest political contributor in the 1996 election campaign.

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AMTRAK PRESIDENT STEPS DOWN

WASHINGTON (AP) - Less than two weeks after President Clinton signed a multibillion-dollar rescue package for Amtrak, the passenger railroad's president resigned Wednesday.

Thomas M. Downs, who has run the railroad since 1993, said it was time for him to move on. He said he had no immediate plans for the future.

"It is time for me to move on to new challenges and, hopefully, take some time off," Downs said. "I am extremely proud of the progress Amtrak has made toward not only self-sufficiency but a promising, growing role as America's national passenger rail service."

PROBE OF HOFFA'S CAMPAIGN WIDENS

WASHINGTON (AP) - A court-appointed officer launched the broadest probe yet of James P. Hoffa's Teamsters election campaign, and a company implicated in a scheme to raise money for former union President Ron Carey settled with prosecutors.

The new Teamsters election overseer was granted federal subpoena power Wednesday to investigate Hoffa, indicating that the government has begun what promised to be a hard look at the son of memorable union leader Jimmy Hoffa.

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YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

The YMCA Men's Basketball League is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in 5-on-5 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 tournament. 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.

- 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)
- Uniforms:** Teams may provide their own or use pullovers provided by the YMCA.
- Unsportsman-like Conduct Penalties:**
 - 1) 1 warning, 2nd one out of the game
 - 2) 2nd time out of the game and out of the league
 - 3) Cheapshots or undercutting or any unnecessary play that could cause serious injury shall result in immediate ejection from the game. (Consumption 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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