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NEWS

in brief

CLINTON TO PROMOTE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS DURING TEXAS TRIP

McALLEN (AP) - On a million-dollar tour for Democrats, President Clinton says "the time just begs for historic drama" as he continues to promote a grand agenda covering new initiatives from Social Security to global warming.

Today's installment of the piece-by-piece unveiling of that master plan: adding \$70 million to the federal work-study program for college students.

In speeches Thursday in New York and again today - at two Texas high schools and another pair of political fund-raisers - Clinton primarily was seeking to resuscitate his campaign for national education standards and testing. He acknowledged the plan faces "enormous resistance."

At the same time, Clinton is arguing for everything from pollution controls and child care subsidies to making overdue payments to the United Nations. "We're two years from a new century in a new millennium," Clinton told Democratic contributors late Thursday before heading to Texas. "The time just begs for historic drama."

Clinton was in the Rio Grande Valley today for a speech at Mission High School, where the majority of students are poor Hispanics.

The nation "cannot pretend" that it can achieve its goals unless "all of our children, without regard to their race, their income or their background" are held to high standards and given support to meet those standards, Clinton said at the start of this two-day swing.

TOP U.S. OFFICIALS GOING TO INDONESIA TO HELP STRAIGHTEN FALTERING BAILOUT BID

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration and the International Monetary Fund, alarmed by Asia's deepening economic crisis, are sending top officials to Indonesia to help right a faltering bailout effort.

Both the White House and the IMF emphasized that their emissaries would underscore to Indonesian President Suharto the urgent need for his government to adhere to the reform pledges it made in November to qualify for a \$40 billion rescue package.

President Clinton made a personal appeal to Suharto in a 20-minute phone call Thursday night from Air Force One, the White House said.

"The president made it quite clear that the IMF program needs to be followed," said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Suharto pledged his support to Clinton for IMF-backed reform, a senior minister said in Jakarta today.

UNABOMBER SUSPECT UNDER SUICIDE WATCH FOLLOWING REPORTED TRY TO KILL HIMSELF

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Theodore Kaczynski is in the Unabomber's vision of hell - hooked to an electronic heart monitor in a cell for the suicidal, a camera watching his every move.

Kaczynski's mental health - the issue he has fought so hard to avoid - is at center stage in his strange case, a day after authorities say he tried to hang himself with his underwear and then sought permission to defend himself at a murder trial where he is accused of being the anti-technology Unabomber.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys were to confer today with psychiatrists who will examine Kaczynski. They must report to the court on whether he is competent to stand trial at all and whether he can represent himself. Experts say that process could take up to two weeks.

The trial that was supposed to have opening statements on Monday is on hold after a bizarre week of surprises from the 55-year-old professor-turned-hermit.

Only minutes before the presentations were to start again on Thursday, Kaczynski said he would rather defend himself than submit to his attorneys' mental defect defense. He delayed the trial Monday by trying to fire his lawyers.

Outside court, defense attorney Judy Clarke denied her client was sabotaging the trial.

MOURNERS PAY RESPECTS TO SONNY BONO; FUNERAL TO DRAW TOP POLITICAL LEADERS

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - They knelt and whispered prayers at his flag-draped coffin, hundreds of them, including his widow - mourners who filed into the little church for hours.

It would have been a somber scene in all respects if not for the presence of Sonny Bono.

In one of his life's many incongruities, a big-grinning image of the songwriter/comic-turned-conservative congressman radiated from a large color portrait behind his mahogany casket.

It wasn't too long ago that Bono shared billing with a diminutive actor known as Tattoo, or took a guest spot on "The Love Boat." But as the nation pays its respects to an unlikely icon, the guest list at St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church was strictly political A-list.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was among the politicians expected today at the funeral of Bono, who died Monday in a skiing accident at age 62. Dozens of members of Congress planned to attend the service, as did California Gov. Pete Wilson and a Cabinet representative of President Clinton.

Fittingly, it was all to be on national television, with Bono commanding his biggest audience since his days with Cher. After the service, police were to escort the funeral cortege to the burial site at Desert Memorial Park in nearby Cathedral City.



Eddie Montoya was selected Mr. HHS and Marlena Rodriguez was selected Miss HHS at the Koobraey '98 assembly in the Hereford High School auditorium Thursday night. "Koobraey," which is yearbook spelled backwards, was sponsored by the HHS yearbook staff. See related photos on Page 2. More results will be featured in Sunday's Brand.

Mr. and Miss HHS

Montoya, Rodriguez garner honors

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

Marlena Rodriguez was named Miss HHS and Eddie Montoya was named Mr. HHS at the Koobraey '98 assembly Thursday night in the Hereford High School auditorium.

The selection of Miss and Mr. HHS was the highlight of the assembly, which had the theme of "Out There Some Where."

"Koobraey" is yearbook spelled backwards. The HHS yearbook staff presented the awards, most of which were voted on by the student body.

Several students and teachers performed musical selections and skits for the audience.

Olga Geynrkh of Uzbekistan was recognized as a foreign exchange student.

The first award of the evening was presented to the HHS Teacher of the Year, Kristi Culpepper.

The winners received decorative stoneware and will be featured in the 1997-98 yearbook.

Other awards presented at Koobraey included:

Freshman class favorites: Irene Cortez and Ramiro Zambrano.

Sophomore class favorites: Valerie Guzman and L.J. Vallejo.

Junior class favorites: Lyndi Carlile and Brent Berend.

Senior class favorites: Wendy Brisendine and Daniel Tijerina.

Most humorous: Valerie Garza and Rusty Dutton.

Most courteous: Brynne Bryant and Riley Hall.

Cutest: Sloane Merrick and Slade Hodges.

Most athletic: Kristin Fangman and L.J. Vallejo.

Most dependable: Amy Perrin and Carey Lyles.

Shyest: Mary Fuller and Amit Patel.

Most intellectual: tie for girls between Jacque Bezner and Karen Smith; boy-Eddie Montoya.

Most talented: Noelle Merrick and Henry Hernandez.

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Unemployment rises slightly in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Unemployment rose slightly in December to 4.7 percent but that wasn't enough to spoil 1997's record as the best year for American job-seekers since 1973.

The average for the year, 4.9 percent, was the best since an identical rate in 1973, the Labor Department said today. Unemployment hasn't been lower since 1969, when it was 3.5 percent.

December's seasonally adjusted annual rate of joblessness - up from 4.6 percent in November - still was substantially lower than the rate at the start of the year, 5.3 percent.

Employers added a larger-than-expected 370,000 jobs in December, bringing U.S. payrolls to 123.9 million. That's 3.2 million more than a

year earlier, the largest number of jobs created since payrolls grew by 3.9 million jobs in 1994.

With Asian turmoil threatening to spill over to the U.S. economy, analysts are warning 1998 may not be quite as good.

"The economy will slow sharply this year, leading to an inevitable slowdown in job growth and causing the unemployment rate to edge up," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch.

Asian instability contributed to more jitters on Wall Street today. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks fell 70 points to 7,733 in the first

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City firefighters rebuild truck

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Drivers and bystanders often wonder what is happening when fire engines race by with sirens blaring and lights flashing, but few wonder what goes into the workings of a fire engine.

Local volunteer firefighters this week had a very real taste of what it takes to re-outfit a truck for fire duty.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department volunteers have spent the last few quiet, fire-free days preparing and refurbishing their new "Booster 1" truck.

The new Booster 1 is a 1997 Ford F-350, one-ton power stroke diesel.

Actually, only the cab, chassis, and power-train are new. The remainder of the new Booster 1 is the refurbished bed of the old Booster 1.

Booster 1 ready to roll

Hereford Volunteer Fire Fighters are finally putting the finishing touches on the new Booster 1 engine. Ken Tinkle and Gary Parker with W.T. Services finished up the sirens and lights while others completed the striping and detail work.

Volunteer fire fighters removed the bed and all the fire-fighting paraphernalia from a 1988 one-ton Chevy, which had been removed from a late 70s model, and completely refitted it to fit the frame of the new Booster 1.

The refurbishing included such details as rerouting the water pumping system, painting the old bed the new Ford white to match the cab, installing new lights and sirens and finally adding the stripes and chroming the water pump.

Hereford Fire Marshall Jay Spain said the biggest part of the work has been done by volunteer firefighters concerned with maintaining the equipment and the excellent reputation of the department.

He expects the new components should last about 10 years and the truck in its entirety is worth about \$65,000.

"Booster 1 is the first truck out on a call and usually the only one," said Spain. "We take pride in the work we do and with that pride is pride in our trucks. The volunteers have gone a long way to make this department stand out."

When the new truck is completely outfitted, it will be complete with a compressed air-foam applicator as a primary means of putting out fires.

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Local Roundup

Classroom fair

All fourth-grade students in Deaf Smith County are expected to attend the Classroom Fair, which will be Monday and Tuesday at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

Fair hours are 12:15-2:15 p.m. Monday and 9-11 a.m. and 12:15-2:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The fair also will include farm implement displays and a petting zoo.

Demonstrations will be conducted by Agri-Food Masters, Texas Corn Growers, Southwestern Public Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and Mobile Dairy Classroom.

Sponsors of the event are the Texas Farm Bureau, Hereford Independent School District, Deaf Smith County Extension Office and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

County Commission

Deaf Smith County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the commissioners courtroom at the county courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

The commissioners will discuss paving county roads, replacement of the central counting station judge, advertising for bids on general insurance coverage, selection of public members for the grievance committee, appointment of a county member to the juvenile board, and approval of bonds for county employees.

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy, with freezing drizzle or flurries possible and low near 20.

Saturday, mostly cloudy and colder, freezing drizzle possible in the morning, then drizzle in the afternoon, with high 35 to 40.

5-DAY FORECAST

Sunday, becoming partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s to lower 30s and high in the mid-40s to mid-50s.

Monday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s to lower 30s and high in the upper 40s to upper 50s.

Tuesday, partly cloudy, low in the 20s and high in the 40s.

THURSDAY RECAP

High, 51; low, 30; no precipitation.

NEWS

in brief

EX-OFFICIAL SQUANDERED EMBEZZLED MONEY

MALLEN (AP) - The former tax collector for the McAllen school district has admitted embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars, but a judge is dubious of the official's claim that he squandered it all and has nothing left.

In addition to gambling losses and bad investments, he spent some of the money on new computers for his office, Jesus Gonzales told U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa on Thursday.

"How can you possibly have stolen \$1.2 million and have nothing to show for it?" Hinojosa asked Gonzales, referring to a financial statement that Gonzales provided to a federal investigator.

Gonzales was McAllen's school district tax collector for 14 years. Under federal sentencing guidelines, Hinojosa can order Gonzales to pay restitution to the school district. Gonzales also faces up to 13 years in prison and an additional \$350,000 in fines.

FIRE THAT DESTROYED HOTEL CALLED ARSON

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A \$4.7 million fire that destroyed the half-completed Hawthorn Suites hotels and damaged several other nearby structures was deliberately set, fire officials say.

It was the worst fire in downtown San Antonio this decade, officials said.

"We have completed one aspect of the investigation," Arson Bureau Capt. Bill Sano said Thursday. "We have determined the fire was intentionally set."

Sano said investigators have not identified any suspects, and he declined to discuss a possible motive.

CONDEMNED WOMAN HASN'T ASKED FOR CLEMENCY

AUSTIN (AP) - As the pending execution of the first woman in Texas in 135 years approaches, state officials say she hasn't yet asked to have her death sentence commuted.

Karla Faye Tucker, 38, is scheduled to die by lethal injection on Feb. 3 in the 1983 pick ax slaying of a Houston man.

The U.S. Supreme Court last month rejected what could be her final appeal.

But while Ms. Tucker has attracted the attention of several national television shows and newspaper columnists, she hasn't taken the formal legal step needed to try to halt the execution.

Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, said Thursday Ms. Tucker has yet to ask the board to consider recommending that her death sentence be commuted.

REPORT: BIG TOBACCO OFFERS DEAL TO TEXAS

DALLAS (AP) - The tobacco industry has offered the state of Texas \$14.5 billion in the next 25 years to settle its lawsuit, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

However, attorneys familiar with the case told the newspaper the proposal Thursday hit a snag over attorneys' fees during a Dallas negotiating session.

The industry completely rejected a stipulation by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales that the cigarette makers support a plan guaranteeing that the private lawyers hired by the state would be paid 15 percent of the final deal, the newspaper reported.

According to lawyers familiar with the talks, fees for the state's lawyers are the last issue to be resolved, and a final agreement could come as early as this weekend, the *Morning News* reported.

The reports of a settlement offer came as the case is nearing trial. Jury selection is scheduled for Monday in a federal court in Texarkana, Texas.

NOTABLE QUOTE IRKS FATHERS' RIGHTS ADVOCATES

AUSTIN (AP) - Comptroller John Sharp and his staff need some sensitivity training, fathers' rights advocates say.

A recent collection of newspaper clippings distributed in Sharp's office included a quote from feminist author Phyllis Chesler, who in 1978 wrote: "If it were natural for fathers to care for their sons, we wouldn't need so many laws commanding them to do so."

Most state agencies collect and distribute daily newspaper clippings on subjects related to their work.

Sharp's public relations office, which assembles and distributes the comptroller's newspaper clippings, said a notable quote is selected for the cover page of the clippings every day.

The quotes, press officers said, are meant to be thoughtful, compelling, and in many cases, humorous.



Senior class favorites

Wendy Brisendine and Daniel Tijerina were named senior class favorites at the Koobraey '98 assembly Thursday night. The assembly, with an "Out There Some Where" theme, was sponsored by the HHS yearbook staff.



Junior class favorites

Lyndi Carlile and Brent Berend were selected junior class favorites during the Koobraey '98 assembly. The winners received decorative stemware and will be featured in the 1997-98 yearbook.



Sophomore class favorites

Valerie Guzman and L.J. Vallejo were named sophomore class favorites at the Koobraey '98 assembly Thursday night. Along with the award presentations, several students and teachers performed musical selections and skits.



Freshman class favorites

Irene Cortez and Ramiro Zambrano were selected freshman class favorites during the Koobraey '98 assembly. Awards were given in several categories, many of which were voted on by the student body.

New book chronicles tragic death

ALVIN, Texas - In 1994, investigators searching for clues to the death of 2-year-old Katherine Renee Goode were aided when the girl "spoke" to them from the grave.

Next month, the girl's eerie voice will speak to the world, as a book chronicling the Alvin girl's tragic murder and the struggle to bring the killer to justice hits bookstands across the country.

"To the Last Breath: Three Women Fight For the Truth Behind a Child's Tragic Death," by award-winning national true-crime

author Carlton Stowers, is the story of a young girl full of life who was visiting her father one evening and died of mysterious circumstances.

The book, published by St. Martin's Press, will be released Feb. 1.

Officials at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office initially could not determine the cause of death and the young girl's death seemed destined to never be solved.

But three women, the girl's mother Annette, Alvin Police Detective Sue Dietrich and Jeri Yenne, the county prosecutor working the case, didn't give up.

"About six months later, I picked up the case and sent copies of the autopsies to experts around the country," said Dietrich. One of those people she sent the results to, a Florida doctor, agreed to do a second

autopsy.

The body was then exhumed, and the second autopsy revealed hemorrhaged tissue showing the child had in fact been squeezed to death.

"She virtually spoke to us from the grave," Dietrich said. "Had it not been for that second autopsy, (the father) would have gotten away with murder."

Armed with the new information, police began to zero in on 34-year-old Michael Shane Goode, who had been a suspect from the beginning. But whereas lack of evidence had ruled him out before, the new autopsy changed all the rules.

After two months of investigation, an indictment was handed up against Goode in early December 1994. What they had discovered was a crime almost incomprehensible in its premeditated brutality, Yenne said.

"This guy, to me, was colder than anybody else," Yenne said. She had seen many child murders before, but none like this. "This was different,

because it was a premeditated, planned killing."

During the investigation, it was learned that Michael Goode had at first asked his estranged wife to abort the baby. She refused. When Renee Goode was 13 months old, Michael, who complained that he couldn't afford the child support payments, nonetheless took out a \$50,000 life insurance policy on the girl, whom he had never seen and whose name he wasn't even sure of.

Yenne said Michael Goode then staged a number of visits with the child beginning in February, 1992, to create the illusion that he was fond of her. But it was all a planned effort to rid himself of child support and to cash in on the life insurance.

"How could you do this, all the while knowing that you are going to kill her?" Yenne asked.

Then, one day in January, 1994, Renee Goode paid her last visit to her father. Dietrich said he bear-hugged the girl so tightly that her lungs collapsed. It took seven to nine minutes for the girl to die. When it was over, Michael Goode left her lying on the floor of the house and went to bed.

Even as police were building a case against him, Yenne said, Michael Goode "thought he was in the clear." In one instance, when Dietrich interviewed him, he made a revealing remark about the insurance policy he had taken out.

"He asked her, 'When do you think I'll be hearing from State Farm,'" Yenne said. "She said, 'You'll be hearing from somebody shortly.'"

Yenne at first was uneasy about a book being written about the crime. She learned that the author was present during the trial, and was worried about it, because the case was a very hard one to win.

Now, however, Michael Shane Goode is behind bars - his conviction in Renee's murder means he will spend the next 40 of her birthdays thinking about what he has done. Last month, an appellate court upheld Goode's conviction.

For Dietrich, the book brings a bit of closure, and with it, the hope that the story will bring some awareness that child murders do happen. Maybe that can lead to something good.

THE HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 8, 1998, include the following:

Police Department Arrests

--A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of Witherspoon for driving with a suspended license.

--A 17-year-old man was arrested at Union and Avenue f for impeding traffic.

--A minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 100 block of Irving.

--An assault, class C, domestic violence was reported in the 200 block of Avenue E.

--Criminal mischief, class C, was reported in the 00 block of East Park Avenue.

--Criminal mischief, class C, was reported in the 500 block of Willow Lane.

--Theft, class B, was reported in the 400 block of West Park Avenue.

--Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of East Fifth.

--Domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Avenue I.

--A minor accident was reported at Witherspoon and East Fourth.

--A minor accident was reported at Sixth and McKinley.

THE BRAND Obituaries

LESLIE "LES" JARECKI Jan. 8, 1998

Private family services for Leslie "Les" Edmund Jarecki, 45, of Hereford will be under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Jarecki was born April 27, 1952, in Columbus, Neb., and died Jan. 8, 1997, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was a Navy veteran and had been employed for more than 25 years in the Energas in the corrosion protection division, for more than 25 years.

He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Survivors include his parents, Florian and Lorraine Jarecki of Friona; a daughter, Marsha Levario of Amarillo; a son, Thomas Jarecki of Hereford; two brothers, Tom Jarecki of Amarillo and John Jarecki of Friona; three sisters, Debbie Johnson of Las Cruces, N.M., Pam Steward of Lamesa, and Susie Burton of Evansville, Ind.; one grandson; several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Les Jarecki Memorial Fund, c/o Hereford State Bank, 212 E. Third, Hereford 79045.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-5

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 5-18-24-27-36

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Will you please quit printing those boring, repetitious "how I screwed up my life" letters that undoubtedly come from the under-50 baby boomers? They are causing your over-70 World War II vet readers to barf up their raisin bran.

This over-70 vet met his navy nurse wife 49 years ago in a hospital full of two Jima wounded, shipwrecked survivors from the North Atlantic, and buzz-bombed sailors of Antwerp. Of course, there's a lot more to my story, but this is all I am going to say.

Keep up the good work for your devoted readers of all ages, and best regards to your butt-kissing, drivet-saturated staff. -- J.G., Laguna Hills, Calif.

Dear Laguna Hills Lollipop: You sound like a real sweetheart and a war hero, as well. I love the way you write. Please let me hear from you again.

Dear Ann Landers: While sitting at the hospital bedside of my husband, who is slowly recovering from a triple bypass, I was thinking about our life together and recalled how various people have written to tell you how they met. I would like to tell you how WE met.

We were both in the Navy. He was a dentist, and I was a WAVE. We were stationed in New York. I was working in the Communications Office, and my co-worker and I checked coats and hats at the Officers Club.

One Saturday night, we were checking and complaining about the snobbish officers who would make dates with WAVES and then stand them up. This one dark, handsome officer standing in line said, "I would never do that." We laughed at him. He put a \$5 bill in front of me, asked me out for the next Saturday night and said if he did not show up, the money was mine.

I took the money, spent it and forgot the whole thing. The next Saturday morning, he called and told me he'd pick me up at 7:00. We could not date on the base because I was not an officer, so we went to the nearest little town of Geneva. A surprise snowstorm struck, and we spent the

entire night in the bus station, reading papers and drinking coffee. He suggested that we go to a hotel and get some sleep. I said, "No way."

We couldn't have been more different. He was from Rhode Island, and I was from Texas. He was French, and I was Southern, but somehow, we worked things out and have been married 51 terrific years. We have six children and 12 grandchildren. He likes to tell people that he married a WAVE and had six little "ripples."

Now I sit each day by his bed and hope that he will recover fully so we can celebrate our 52nd anniversary next Valentine's Day. -- Bettye in West Warwick, R.I.

Dear Bettye: I, too, hope he makes it. Please let me know. As I type this column, I am saying a little prayer for that great guy.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in reply to "A Florida Reader" who complained about the boring, repetitious WWII war stories. If it weren't for us over-70 vets, you might not be living such a carefree life in sunny Florida.

There were 16 million of us who made sure that you could. A well-known actress at that time, referring to the American GIs, made the comment, "They are all that are standing between us and the hordes of Hitler." Count your blessings. -- One of the 16 Million Vets (Fort Lauderdale)

Dear One of the 16 Million: Each and every person who served in World War II had a piece of the victory that saved the free world. We owe them all an enormous debt of gratitude.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Teacher of the year

Kristi Culpepper was named teacher of the year during the Koobraey '98 assembly Thursday night at Hereford High School auditorium. Numerous other awards were presented to students who will be recognized in the 1997-98 yearbook. Selections for many of the awards were by student vote.

Girl Scouts kick off annual cookie sale

Hereford Girl Scouts will kick off their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale at 4 p.m. today, Jan. 9.

The girls will take orders through January 25, with delivery in February. Local Girl Scouts will go door-to-door in an effort to reach the entire community.

This year's theme is "Just Imagine," which sends girls the message that anything is possible. The Girl Scout Cookie Sale embodies the resourcefulness and creativity Girl Scouting encourages in girls. Girls build self-confidence through the cookie sale as they develop skills in setting goals, meeting the public, handling money and following through on a commitment.

Cookie varieties available for \$2.50 per box include Thin Mints, Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties,

Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Five Worlds Cinnamons with Sugar, and reduced fat varieties Lemon Pastry Cremes and Iced Ginger Daisies.

All proceeds from the Girl Scout cookie sale stay in the Panhandle and are used to help fund troop activities, council programs, camps, volunteer training and materials. Individual girls also earn "Cookie Currency," which they may spend on troop activities, council programs, camp fees, uniforms, national registration fee, handbooks and other items from the council shop.

For more information call Maria or Albert Valdez at 364-9269 or contact Suzy Compton at 806-356-0096 or 1-800-687-4475.

Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast
MONDAY-French toast stix with syrup; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, rosemary applesauce, milk choice.

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

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs with sausage, flour tortilla; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, apple juice, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Mini corn dogs with syrup; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, diced peaches, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Cheese toast; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, banana, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, whole wheat rolls, hot cherry cobbler, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Rib a que on bun, tator tots with catsup, baked beans, orange frozen fruit cup, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Lasagna with cheese, garden salad with dressing, seasoned corn, garlic toast, strawberry apple dessert, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas with picante sauce, lettuce and tomato bits, Spanish rice, pinto beans, cowboy bread, peach delite, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, burger salad, steak fries with catsup, fresh fruit choice, gingerbread, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Frito pic, pinto beans, tossed salad, applesauce cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Canadian bacon pizza, corn, vegetarian beans, fruity Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, refried beans, tossed salad, apple cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Ham and cheese wraps, French fries, pork and beans, mixed fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, tator tots, lettuce/tomato, pickle slices, peach crisp, milk.

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To Michael:



Mom & Dad think you're KEEN ... a SUPER son is what we mean. So we'll sum it up this way ... **HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY!!**

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 1998. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1968, the Surveyor VII space probe made a soft landing on the moon, ending the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said Clifford Irving's purported biography of him was a fake.

In 1980, Saudi Arabia beheaded 63 people for their involvement in the November 1979 raid on the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Ten years ago: Vice President George Bush said he would be willing

to make public his notes and documents on the Iran-Contra affair, trying to dispel questions about his knowledge of the scandal. President Reagan, in his weekly radio address, called for swift confirmation of a free trade pact with Canada.

Five years ago: Two Red Cross officials visited a camp of Palestinians deported by Israel to a no-man's land in southern Lebanon. Seven people were found shot to death at a restaurant in Palatine, Ill.; the crime remains unsolved.

One year ago: A Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Herbert Lom is 81. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 64. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 63. Actor Bob Denver is 63. Country singer Big Al Downing is 58. Actor-singer Jimmy Boyd ("I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus") is 58. Folk singer Joan Baez is 57. Actress Susannah York is 57. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 54. Pop singer Bill Cowdill is 50. Singer David Johanson (aka Buster Poindexter) is 48. Singer Crystal Gayle is 47. Rock musician Eric Erlandson (Hole) is 35. Actress Joely Richardson is 33. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 31.

Thought for Today: "Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little. The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark." - Agnes de Mille, American dancer-choreographer (1905-1993).

Robinson gives club program

The Bud to Blossom Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for its January meeting with Patricia Robinson giving the program on conservation titled "Miracles from Trees".

Robinson emphasized that any day is Arbor Day if you plant a tree. Arbor Day observance is from Jan. 16 to April 24.

The club voted to set out a tree at a place to be determined later.

A donation of \$500 will be made to the Gladys Manjeot Scholarship Fund at the District I Spring Convention March 24.

Members attending the meeting were Phyllis Brown, Ursalee Jacobsen, Louise Hall and Robinson.



The earliest known wrist-watches were those of Jacquet-Droz and Leschet of Switzerland, dating from 1790.

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Tuesday - Saturday

Church News

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Still In Expectation?" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The sermon is based on Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22, the Gospel reading for the day. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, is celebrated at 11 a.m. There is a coffee hour after the service. Supervised nursery care is provided during the worship and education hours.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Children and youth meet in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," our curriculum based on the readings in the Sunday Eucharist. Adults meet in the Ruth Warner Room for a video and discussion on "Shatter the Silence: The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church."

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. and includes the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Anointing, and Holy Communion. The proper collect and readings are those from "Various Occasions" called "Of the Holy Angels."

St. Thomas' Vestry meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the parish hall.

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

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

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 100 Avenue B welcomes you to our Christian Education Sessions beginning at 9:15 a.m. with classes for all age levels. A new membership class begins this Sunday led by the Rev. Robert Kuhlmann, interim Pastor. The Adult Bible class topic at this time is based on "I AM" Bible passages related to the Old Testament and Jesus, God's Son, in the New Testament.

Worship celebration in this Epiphany season begins at 10:30 a.m. based on the Bible texts of the day, "The Baptism of Jesus." Applications will be made to our Christian baptisms today and the "Purpose of Baptism in our Lives."

A congregational voters' assembly will also be held along with the noon meal.

On Wednesday office appointments are made along with youth confirmation class and visitations. Bible study is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. 1998 church leaders will also be involved each Wednesday for sectional planning purposes.

For further information about Immanuel, please call the church office at 364-1668. Rev. Robert Kuhlmann of Amarillo serves as interim Pastor.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We invite each of you to join with us each Sunday for praise and worship. We are located seven miles west of Hereford on Hwy. 1058. Each family member will be ministered to in Sunday School with classes for each member.

The worship service immediately following those classes features old time singing full of joy and thanksgiving. Brother Leon preaches the old, old story of Jesus and His love. Currently he is speaking on the message a given in the book of Philippians.

The regular schedule includes Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

We will look forward to greeting you this Sunday.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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

The following is the regular schedule of services.

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

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

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

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

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

The members of Avenue Baptist Church voted unanimously to call Rev. Bill Austin of Amarillo as interim pastor. Rev. Austin accepted and is now serving in that capacity. You are cordially invited to come meet Rev. Austin and his wife Jo. You will receive a blessing from the preaching of God's word by Rev. Austin.

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

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

Wednesday night prayer service is at 6:30.

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

Avenue Baptist Church will continue the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions through the month of January. We invite you to help reach our goal of \$1,000.

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

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

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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

Ray Sanders is the pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Sunday in our 10:30 a.m. worship time, the Rev. Jeremy M. Grant will preach on 1 Corinthians 8: 1-5 and 9: 6-15. The title of his sermon is "Choose Your Model."

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

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

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

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

Session meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Adult Choir will practice on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

LOGOS meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Discussion on Amendment "A" will be held Jan. 11 at First Presbyterian Church, Tulia from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This weekend Catholics celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Scriptures to be heard are from Isaiah 42:1-7, Acts 10: 34-38, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. We welcome anyone to come worship with us.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) resumes.

Joy choir practice will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church.

C.Y.O. bowling at Hereford Recreation Center in the mall this Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a new adult study of Ephesians on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Msgr. facilitates this study of scripture, coffee is always available, discussion gets lively, fellowship is friendly and learning is fun.

St. Anthony's School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-30. A potluck noon meal will be held Jan. 25 following the 11 a.m. liturgy. Families are asked to bring a main dish and salad or dessert to share with 10 people.

Photos of parishioners with Saint Nick are available at the church entrance.

A lector worship will be held Jan. 22 and 29 at 7 p.m. in the church. This is mandated training for old and new proclaimers.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"The Terrible Secret about Methuselah" is the title of Pastor Gaston's sermon on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Join us for an exciting time of worship. Children's Church will be held concurrently in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., and classes are provided for all ages.

"Jesus First," a gospel singing group led by Philip Elsheimer of Pampa, will be the feature of Sunday evening's service at 6. You will be blessed by this group's great ministry. Come out and have a good time.

Burning Bush, a Bible study for women, will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, scouting-type programs for boys and girls, will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. Get your kids involved today in this exciting club.

The mid-week service and the youth service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

According to the Liturgical calendar, this Sunday is The First Sunday after Epiphany (The Baptism of the Lord). Epiphany is that brief season prior to Lent where the light of God's love shines increasingly brighter beyond that simple cluster around a manger.

For this occasion, Pastor Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., will preach a sermon entitled, "Dipping Into the Matter of Baptism" (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22). The people will be invited to entertain the analogy that baptism is to wedding as process is to marriage.

Sunday mornings at FOB begin at 9:16 a.m. with coffee, cold drinks and other goodies. Something called "Forum" begins at 9:35. "Forum" is an open-discussion style Sunday School for adults and young people. This Sunday the topic may be about the Hemlock Society or the proposed law in Oklahoma penalizing engaged couples for not receiving premarital counseling. Or, someone may introduce another topic. Either way, the group will seek to reflect on such matters in a theological/biblical way...seeking, above all else, to be honest and authentic.

As always, there will be informal singing around Cindy Cassel's piano playing and Betty Owen's directing from 10:20 until 10:30. Worship begins at 10:31 and concludes before 11:30...in time to watch Green Bay and Pittsburgh prepare for the Super Bowl on Jan. 25.

Since FOB is interdenominational and independent, her process for church government is guided by no denominational hierarchy or traditional pattern. Rather, the church makes decisions based on a process called consensus. January-February is the time when FOB selects her administrator: one person who will oversee and guide the church in matters of ministry and management. The identity of the new administrator will be reported here.

A supervised nursery is available for all services.

Fellowship of Believers is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman). For transportation to the church phone 364-0359.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Ellis Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church invite you to come and worship with them on Sunday and Wednesday.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. The evening worship is at 6. Wednesday night services begin at 7.

The pastor will begin the Winter Bible Study this Sunday evening and will continue on Wednesday and Sunday evenings until it is finished. For more information or to make arrangements for a ride, call 364-5657 or 357-2535.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come join with them in the New Year in studying the Bible.

Our Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. with classes for everyone. The morning worship hour is at 11 a.m. The pastor will bring the message. Our discipleship training hour begins at 5:45 p.m. John Curtis will bring an interesting and worthwhile study of the Bible. TeamKids will also resume at 5:45 p.m. Sunday with Beverly Curtis. The evening worship hour is at 7 with the pastor again bringing the message.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. the Women on Missions will meet in the parlor for their monthly Bible and Mission Study. All women are invited to this meeting.

Wednesday we will have our weekly prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Following the prayer meeting we will have our monthly business meeting.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

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

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.

For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

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

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.

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

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

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

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Travis Curry and the congregation of Bible Baptist Church would welcome you to worship with us around the Word of God each Sunday at 10 a.m. (for Sunday School) and 11 a.m. (for the preaching service). We also meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Prayer and Bible Study.

Come help us exalt Christ and His Holy Word. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at 1204 Moreman. For more information, please call 364-3729, 364-3102 or 364-5157.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday will have Dr. Tom Fuller preaching the morning sermon on "Learning or Gleaning?" based Proverbs 3: 1-6 and John 4: 35-36. Guest organist Patrick Hayes will present the pre-service music. Other musical selections will include "The Greatest Gift" sung by the Sanctuary and Carol Choirs and the offertory "Listen To the Stars" sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

The service will begin at 10:45 a.m. following Sunday School classes for all age groups which start each week at 9:30 a.m.

The evening vespers service is set for with Tommy Carnahan as the devotional leader.

Children of the church and their friends will gather in Fellowship Hall at noon on Sunday for an Epiphany party which will include lunch, craft time, a lesson about the meaning of Epiphany and dessert. The event should end at about 1:30.

The youth bell choir, the Celebration Ringers, will begin practices for the new year at 5 p.m. Sunday with Betty Wolfe as the director.

The Confirmation Class will start sessions during the Sunday school hour this week, beginning regularly at 9. The study modules follow a retreat which will open at 5:30 p.m. Friday and conclude on Saturday.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday for a snack supper followed by study sessions for both age groups. The youth group will leave after school on Friday to travel to Lubbock for the Hot Hearts Youth Concert and will return home on Saturday.

Jean Bleiker will hostess for the Nettie Slaton Circle of United Methodist Women at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, and the Carrie Black/Naomi Hare Circle will meet in the church library at 10 a.m., also on Wednesday.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church desiring to minister to individual needs.

Join us for praise, worship, open sharing and ministry.

We are located at 1100 S. Main. Call 364-0974 or 364-2284.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Terry Cosby and the congregation of First Baptist Church invite you to come worship with them each Sunday. Services are:

Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship -- 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship -- 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday activities include:

Fellowship dinner -- 5:30 p.m.
Children's choir -- 6-6:50 p.m.
Prayer meeting -- 6:15-7 p.m.
Hang Time for youth -- 7 p.m.
Choir practice -- 7:10 p.m.-8 p.m.

Some other activities include adult Disciples University. New classes will start soon; you may contact the church office, 364-0696 for further specific details.

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

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us. Our minister is Tom Bailey.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18-years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups.

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

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H

Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

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

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

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

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

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

BARN CHURCH

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

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

Regular meetings of Barn Church are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at a location announced prior to the meeting.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave.
Sugarland Mall

Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.

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

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

Puzzling proposal nets affirmative answer

NEW YORK (AP) - As marriage proposals go, this one was pretty puzzling.

With help from the puzzle editor of The New York Times, 27-year-old Bill Gottlieb encoded his intentions in a Times crossword, then watched as his beloved, 24-year-old Emily Mindel, solved 56 Across: Will You Marry Me?

Ms. Mindel, a third-year student at Brooklyn Law School and a crossword devotee, worked the puzzle over brunch Wednesday at a restaurant, while Gottlieb, a lawyer, sat across from her, pretending to read the paper.

As the puzzle took shape, she found her first name (18 Across: poet Dickinson), Gottlieb's first name (14 Across: Microsoft chief, to some) and the three long answers that provided the puzzle's theme: "Modest Proposal" (20 Across: 1729 Jonathan Swift pamphlet, with "A"); "This Diamond Ring" (38 Across: 1965 Gary Lewis and the Playboys hit); and "Will You Marry Me" (56 Across: 1992 Paula Abdul hit, with Stevie Wonder on harmonica).

A quarter of the way through the crossword, Ms. Mindel said, her heart began to race.

"In the back of my mind, I thought this has to be for me, but it can't be," she said. "It was just too coincidental."

Gottlieb affected a detached air. "Every time I said, 'Oh, my name is in the puzzle,' he said, 'Oh really?' and went back to reading the paper," she recalled.

Gottlieb picked up the story: "Four letters from being done, her voice is sort of quivering and she says, 'This puzzle ...'"

Sports

On the Sidelines

NBA

Thursday's Games
 New Jersey 89, Orlando 87
 Seattle 109, Cleveland 84
 Sacramento 103, Dallas 82
 Indiana 87, Houston 80
 Utah 116, Milwaukee 109

Friday's Games
 Seattle at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at New York, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Thursday's Games
 Boston 5, Phoenix 2
 Philadelphia 3, Carolina 3, tie
 Montreal 8, N.Y. Rangers 2
 Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Vancouver 4, Colorado 4, tie
 Buffalo 2, Los Angeles 2, tie

Friday's Games
 Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Florida at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
 Fairleigh Dickinson 110, Long Island U. 100, OT
 Iona 90, Rider 65
 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 79, St. Francis, NY 73
 New Hampshire 68, Delaware 62
 Northeastern 69, Hartford 67
 Robert Morris 66, Monmouth, N.J. 58
 Siena 103, Davidson 89
 St. Francis, Pa. 64, Wagner 61
 Towson at Maine, ppd., ice
 Vermont 59, Boston U. 55

SOUTH
 Alabama St. 76, Ark.-Pine Bluff 67
 Austin Peay 79, E. Kentucky 62
 Campbell 53, Jacksonville St. 82
 Coastal Carolina 96, Charleston Southern 86
 Coll. of Charleston 50, Samford 49
 Georgia St. 95, Fla. International 93
 Louisville 73, DePaul 57
 Morehead St. 83, Tennessee St. 72
 Murray St. 115, Indiana Southeast 63
 N. Illinois 89, Marshall 68
 N.C. Charlotte 74, South Florida 64
 N.C.-Asheville 53, Radford 60
 NW Louisiana 70, McNeese St. 60
 North Carolina 96, Georgia Tech 75
 South Alabama 68, Ark.-Little Rock 49
 Southern Miss. 83, Houston 43
 W. Kentucky 70, New Orleans 61
 Wake Forest 70, Clemson 66

MIDWEST
 Akron 76, Cent. Michigan 49
 Ball St. 75, Ohio U. 69
 Cincinnati 61, Memphis 54
 E. Illinois 85, Middle Tenn. 74
 Illinois 76, Iowa 64
 Kent 65, W. Michigan 63
 Miami, Ohio 72, E. Michigan 64
 Michigan St. 63, Wisconsin 40
 Mo.-Kansas City 86, NE Illinois 62
 SE Missouri 69, Tennessee Tech 51
 Toledo 68, Bowling Green 56
 W. Illinois 72, Chicago St. 57
 Wichita St. 61, N. Iowa 59

SOUTHWEST
 Lamar 90, SW Louisiana 87, 2OT
 North Texas 89, UC Irvine 78
 Oral Roberts 104, Youngstown St. 81
 SW Texas St. 70, Texas-Arlington 52
 Southern Miss. 81, San Jose St. 72
 Texas Christian 71, Fresno St. 76
 Texas-Pan American 101, Jacksonville 78
 Texas-San Antonio 99, Stephen F. Austin 65

FAR WEST
 Arizona 94, Washington St. 81
 Boise St. 90, Cal Poly-SLO 73
 E. Washington 77, Sacramento St. 71
 Idaho 97, UC Santa Barbara 70
 Montana St. 86, CS Northridge 77
 Nevada 85, Long Beach St. 73
 New Mexico St. 89, Cal St. Fullerton 87, 2OT
 Portland St. 70, Idaho St. 55
 San Francisco 64, San Diego 61, OT
 Santa Clara 67, St. Mary's, Cal. 63
 Southern Cal 63, Oregon 59
 UCLA 90, Oregon St. 72
 Utah St. 70, Pacific 82
 Valparaiso 79, S. Utah 70
 Washington 92, Arizona St. 70
 Wyoming 65, Texas-El Paso 46

IN BRIEF

Horned Frogs win
FORT WORTH (AP) -- Malcolm Johnson bombed away from outside, hitting eight 3-pointers en route to a career 38-point night that led Texas Christian to a 91-76 victory Thursday night over Fresno State. The 6-4, 190-pound small forward was 11-of-19 from the field, including 8-of-16 outside the 3-point arc. Mike Jones added 24 points for TCU (12-4, 1-0 Western Athletic Conference). Chris Herren had 20 points and 5 assists, and Daymond Forney 19 points and 10 rebounds for Fresno State (6-7, 0-1).

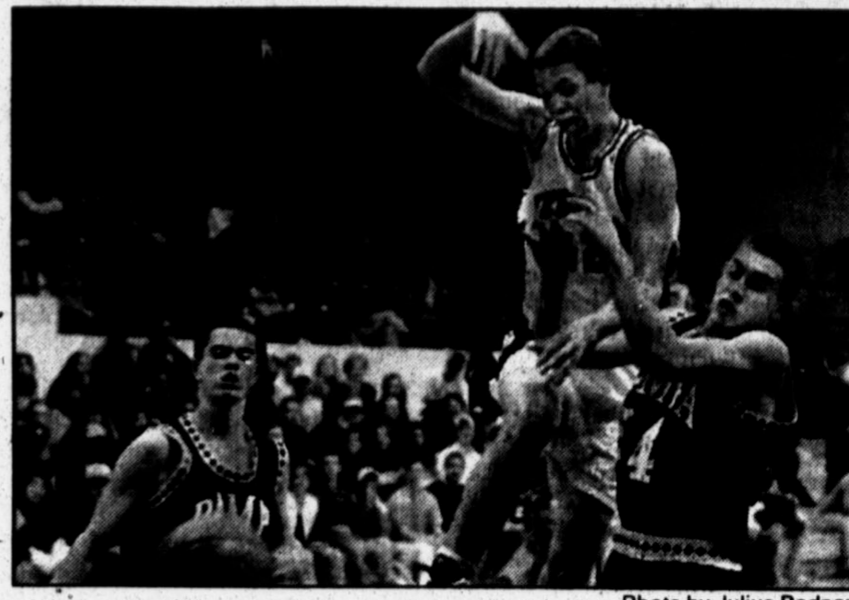
Cowboys bury UTEP
LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) -- Jeron Roberts scored 23 points and the Wyoming defense shut down Texas-El Paso's leading scorer as the Cowboys posted a 65-46 victory in the teams' Western Athletic Conference opener on Thursday. The Cowboys (11-2, 1-0 WAC) jumped to an 11-2 lead in the first seven minutes and never trailed, going into the locker room at the halftime intermission ahead 32-20. Sharif Fajardo, who leads Miners scoring with an 18.5-point-per-game average, was held to 4 points as UTEP (9-3, 0-1) shot only 32.7 percent from the field for the game.

Cowboys coaches
 The Associated Press
 The career records of the Dallas Cowboys' three head coaches:
 Coach Regular season Playoffs
 Tom Landry (1960-89) 270-178-6 51-18
 Jimmy Johnson (1989-93) 44-58 7-1
 Barry Switzer (1994-97) 40-24 5-2

Dean wants to stay sharp

By BOB VARMETTE Sports Writer
 Canyon Randall, 12-6 overall, sits atop the District 1-4A boys standings with a 3-0 district record, but the Hereford Whitefaces, despite an 8-10 season record, are only one game behind in district at 2-1. And that's just fine with Hereford head coach Randy Dean. "We're pleased to be there," Dean said. "Every win you get in this district is going to be huge and critical." The Whitefaces moved their district record to 2-1 with a 46-43 overtime win over the Pampa Harvesters Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. Hereford had previously beaten Amarillo Caprock at home and lost to Borger on the road before the holiday break.

Key stat: Hereford beat Lubbock Monterey 72-64 at Whiteface Gymnasium Dec. 9, 1997. The Whitefaces outscored the Plainsmen 29-14 in the fourth quarter. Hereford will travel out of district tonight when they will take on Lubbock Monterey on the Plainsmen's home court. Hereford and Monterey have already played once this season, at Whiteface Gymnasium on Dec. 9, 1997. Hereford won that go-round, rallying from a 50-43 deficit after three quarters to win 72-64. The Whitefaces placed four in double figures led by Cody Hodges' 17 points. Bryant McNutt added 14 points, and Greg Ewing and Mitch Wagner recorded 12 and 10 points, respectively. Vic Self's Plainsmen were led by 22 points from 6-4 junior Kyle Moeller. Monterey senior John McPhaul added 16 points. The Whitefaces will then return to district action Tuesday when they will play Canyon Randall on the Raiders' home court. The Raiders will travel to Pampa Friday night. While Canyon Randall currently leads the district, Dean said there's still a lot of basketball to be played, and that every game is important. "All the teams are so evenly matched," he said.



Pampa's Russell Robben strips the ball from Hereford's Bryant McNutt as the Harvesters' Jessie Francis looks on during a District 1-4A game Tuesday at Whiteface Gymnasium. Photo by Julius Bodner

Mavericks crowned by Kings

DALLAS (AP) -- The last time Sacramento played at Dallas, Olden Polynice was benched by Kings coach Eddie Jordan for missing a team meeting. Polynice felt the decision was unfair, and he wanted to show his coach what he could do Thursday night against the Mavericks. Polynice set season-highs with 26 points and 16 rebounds as the Kings extended their season-long winning streak to four games with a 103-92 victory over the Mavericks. "I didn't play the last time and I haven't forgotten it," Polynice said of his benching on Dec. 20. "I was determined to show him (Jordan) that he should have played me the last time I was here." Polynice scored eight points while the Kings were taking control, by outscoring the Mavs' 28-15 in the second quarter for a 53-42 halftime lead. Samaki Walker kept the Mavericks competitive with 18 first-half points, but he scored only two points in the second half. Dennis Scott scored 23 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavs, who were playing for the first time since snapping a 15-game losing streak Tuesday by beating Denver.



Concentration
 Hereford's Briar Baker gets ready to put up a shot as Pampa's La Vonne Evans defends during a District 1-4A game Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. Hereford routed the Lady Harvesters 77-27 to up their season record to 20-2 and 4-1 in District 1-4A. The Lady Whitefaces are idle until Tuesday when they travel to Canyon Randall. Photo by Julius Bodner

Niners hope scales will tip back their way

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- They're gone now: the players and coaches -- some famous, some obscure -- whose gaffes or heroics determined the outcome of the last three Green Bay-San Francisco games. And it was those games, three straight wins by the Packers, that changed the balance of power in the NFC. The 49ers now try to reverse the momentum when the teams meet Sunday for the NFC title. The names of the heroes or goats: Adam Walker, Steve Israel, Chris Jacke, Desmond Howard. And George Seifert. The shift began Jan. 6, 1996, when the Packers came to San Francisco and won 27-17.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP
 Green Bay lost the next week to Dallas in the conference title game, but defeated San Francisco again in the 1996 regular season and again in a second-round playoff game. Then the Packers won the Super Bowl. "Because it was the 49ers, who carry all those titles with them, that game was huge for our organization," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren says of the first victory. Adds quarterback Brett Favre: "We were an emerging team but we had to get by the big team in the NFL. We didn't realize we were a good million insurance policy to protect him against a career-ending injury, drew thunderous applause from 100 people who gathered at a campus news conference when he announced his decision to stay. "When I came here three years ago, I set a lot of personal and team goals -- to win a lot of games, maybe win the Heisman and get my degree -- and that's why I've decided to come back for another year." Williams said. Once the applause quieted, new coach Mack Brown exclaimed, "We have just had a successful recruiting year!" Williams' mother, Sandy, said her son changed his mind several times about his decision. "He signed his paperwork to enter the NFL draft and then told our attorney to hold off," she said. "Ultimately, I think Ricky didn't want to be in some unfamiliar city next year and be miserable while his friends were still having fun in Austin." Please see WILLIAMS, page 6

NFL Playoff Glance
Wild Cards
 Saturday, Dec. 27
 Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
 Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
 New England 17, Miami 3
 Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10
Divisional Playoffs
 Saturday, Jan. 3
 Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
 San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22
Sunday, Jan. 4
 Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
 Denver 14, Kansas City 10
Conference Championships
 Sunday, Jan. 11
 Denver at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
 Green Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl
 Sunday, Jan. 25
 At San Diego
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m.

Broncos, Pittsburgh look to start rivalry

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- For teams with rich playoff histories, the Denver Broncos and Pittsburgh Steelers surprisingly have little history together. The Broncos have played in five AFC championship games and the Steelers in nine, but they've never played each other with a Super Bowl berth on the line. It goes even deeper. The AFC championship game Sunday at Three Rivers Stadium will be only the second playoff game between the Broncos (14-4) and Steelers (12-5) since 1984. Somehow, the team that won four Super Bowls during the 1970s and the team that became synonymous with near-misses during the 1980s have kept missing each other in the playoffs. "It's odd," said Pittsburgh nose tackle Joel Steed, a Denver native who knows a lot of AFC championship history from following the Broncos. "As the years change and different teams come up and down, I guess it's the natural process of how it goes." That's the biggest reason these two prominent AFC teams don't have much of a rivalry not yet, anyway. "There's not a whole lot of history

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP
 Please see RIVALRY, page 6

Williams to return for senior year

AUSTIN (AP) -- Ricky Williams thought of the millions of dollars, of perhaps being the top running back taken in the NFL draft and then thought of all his friends having fun without him next year at the University of Texas. "Money can't buy friends, fun and loyalty," Williams said Thursday in declaring that he will return to Texas for his senior season. Williams, a 6-foot, 220-pound junior with 4.4 speed, earned All-America honors and the Donk Walker Award as the nation's top back after finishing the season as the leading rusher and scorer with 1,893 yards and 25 touchdowns. He was told he could go as high as the fourth pick in the NFL draft in April. But Williams, who has a \$2.8

"When I came here three years ago, I set a lot of personal and team goals -- to win a lot of games, maybe win the Heisman and get my degree -- and that's why I've decided to come back for another year."
 -- Ricky Williams

NCA drops pair
From staff reports
 Amarillo Catholic took a pair of games from Nazarene Christian Academy in boys and girls basketball action Thursday at NCA Gymnasium. In the boys game, Amarillo Catholic won 58-32. Josh Casey led the Eagles with 12 points. Edward Silva added nine points and Teel Merrick had eight points for NCA. With the loss, the Eagles fall to 2-8 on the season. In the girls contest, Amarillo Catholic decided the Lady Eagles 33-21. Loran Torbert led the Lady Eagles with six points. Whitnee Goforth and Alyssa Hill each added four points for NCA. The loss drops the Lady Eagles to 2-8 on the season. Both NCA teams will be in action Monday. The Lady Eagles will play Trinity Fellowship at 4 p.m. in NCA Gymnasium, followed by the boys game. Please see WILLIAMS, page 6

NBA ROUNDUP

Pacers 87, Rockets 80
HOUSTON (AP) -- Jalen Rose scored 18 points as the Indiana Pacers beat the injury-riddled Houston Rockets 87-80 Thursday night for their 11th win in 14 games.

The Pacers, off to their best ever in the NBA under rookie coach Larry Bird, pulled within a half-game of Central Division-leading Chicago.

Kevin Willis had 32 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who have lost seven of their last 10.

Houston played without injured stars Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Clyde Drexler. Reserve Eddie Johnson also wasn't available because of an injured right elbow, leaving the Rockets with only nine players.

Indiana never trailed, and led by as many as 17 points before the Rockets made it close in the second half.

The Pacers didn't make a field goal in the last 3 1/2 minutes, but went 8-of-12 from the free-throw line.

Jazz 116, Bucks 109
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- Karl Malone scored 39 points and the Utah Jazz shot 66 percent from the field to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 116-109 Thursday night.

Malone, who started his 500th consecutive game, was 13-for-16 from the field and 13-for-15 from the foul line. Malone's free throw 2:04 into the game gave him 26,396 career points, passing John Havlicek for eighth place on the NBA's career scoring list.

Jeff Hornacek added 20 points for the Jazz, including 15 in the second quarter, and John Stockton had 13 assists.

Terrell Brandon scored a season-high 29 points for Milwaukee. Ray Allen added 21 points, including 18 in the second quarter, and Glenn Robinson had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Bucks.

The Jazz led by only one point going into the final quarter, but they took control with a 24-11 run and held Milwaukee without a field goal for 6:38.

Nets 89, Magic 87
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -- Kerry Kittles had a season-high 27 points and a career-high 12 rebounds as the New Jersey Nets snapped a two-game losing streak with an 89-87 victory over the Orlando Magic on Thursday night.

Keith Van Horn snapped out of mini-slump by adding 19 points and Jayson Williams grabbed eight of his 15 rebounds in the fourth quarter when he held Rony Seikaly scoreless.

Seikaly finished with 25 points and 12 rebounds as the injury-riddled Magic lost for the 10th time in 12 games. Vernon Maxwell added 15 points off the bench.

SuperSonics 109, Cavaliers 84
CLEVELAND (AP) -- Vin Baker scored 25 points as the Seattle SuperSonics shut down Shawn Kemp and overwhelmed the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-84 Thursday night in the first matchup between Kemp and his former team.

A few moments after Kemp shook hands with his teammates of eight years, the Sonics proved why they might be an even better team without him. The Sonics improved their NBA-best record to 28-6 with their seventh straight and most lopsided win of the year.

They also held Kemp, their former superstar traded to Cleveland last summer, to 2-for-11 shooting and nine points.

Baker, a three-time All-Star who went from Milwaukee to Seattle in the three-team trade, dominated Kemp in the first quarter -- the only one in which their matchup mattered.

Rivalry

between us, but I'll tell you what, that regular-season game really set this one up." Pittsburgh linebacker Levon Kirkland said.

He was talking about Denver's only visit to Three Rivers Stadium this decade, a 35-24 Steelers victory Dec. 7 that helped decide home-field advantage for the playoffs.

Given the stakes, it became one of their more emotional games all season. There was trash-talking and finger-pointing, a pumped up crowd and wild second half.

In short, it was a good starting point for an overdue rivalry.

"There's a lot of talk, a lot of buzz going on this week because of what happened in the regular-season game," Kirkland said. "That's all fine and good. It's exciting. I hope everybody's enjoying it."

"There's been a couple of sparks flying," Steed said. "It only adds to a rivalry."

Much happened during that first game.

Broncos lineman Alfred Williams took umbrage at the way Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher ran onto the field to congratulate his offense after it converted a fourth down late in the

game. Afterward, the Steelers were miffed at the way the Broncos blamed themselves for the loss instead of giving Pittsburgh more credit.

The indignation provides a backdrop to the rematch. Several photocopied pages of quotes are tacked up on the Steelers' dressing room bulletin board, along with a picture of a Denver company making Super Bowl shirts.

While the Steelers did a slow burn, the Broncos went out of their way to be politically correct this time.

"Whatever they need for motivation," Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe said, shrugging off Pittsburgh's complaints. "We have to give those guys credit: They beat us for whatever the reasons. We lost the game, we accept that, we've moved on."

Not entirely. The Broncos remember how they dropped several passes and blew a two-touchdown lead in their worst defensive performance of the season.

"They just beat us," running back Terrell Davis said. "They put a whipping on us pretty bad. They had momentum going and they just never stopped."

Scales

team and that game made us realize it."

For that, they can credit Walker, an obscure special teams player and running back, who was filling in for the injured William Floyd at fullback for San Francisco.

On the 49ers' first play from scrimmage, Steve Young found Walker in the flat. Walker, playing with a cast on his hand, fumbled and Craig Newsome scooped up the ball and ran 31 yards for a touchdown. It was 7-0 Green Bay and the 49ers seemed in shock.

They remained in shock while Green Bay jumped to a 21-0 lead. At halftime, it was 21-3 and the Favre was 15 of 17 for 222 yards. It was over. Young threw an NFL-record 65 passes trying to bring the 49ers back.

The next game was close. It was Monday night, Oct. 14,

1996 at Lambeau Field, with Young out and Elvis Grbac at quarterback for San Francisco.

The Packers lost Robert Brooks, their best receiver, with a knee injury on their first offensive play and the 49ers jumped to 17-6 halftime lead. Green Bay came back to tie it at 17-17, then the 49ers' Marquez Pope intercepted and returned the ball to the Green Bay 12 with just more than two minutes left in regulation.

Seifert, then San Francisco's coach, played cautiously, settling for a field goal that gave the 49ers a 20-17 lead. But it left Favre with 1:50 left and he took advantage of it with help from Israel -- San Francisco's dime back, who got called for 20 yards in penalties on one play.

Jackie tied it with a 31-yard field goal, then won in overtime with a 53-yarder.

Williams

going to be better next year and will work a lot harder."

Williams, who spends his summers as a minor-league baseball player for the Philadelphia Phillies, said he wasn't concerned about risking injury.

"I'm not afraid of getting hurt," he said. "You can't live life like that."

Among Williams' top personal goals is the Division I career rushing record of 6,082 yards set by Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett from 1973-76. He needs 1,928 yards, 35 more than he ran for as a junior.

Williams also is 20 rushing touchdowns from the NCAA's career record of 64 set by Indiana's Anthony Thompson from 1986-89.

Williams' return gives him a chance to break 1977 Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell's all-time UT rushing mark of 4,443 yards. He has 4,155.

"No matter what I do I will always be 'Little Earl' and this will be Earl Campbell's school," the San Diego native said. "That's fine because I'm not even from Texas."

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Switzer, who replaced Jimmy Johnson four years ago, had said that he would not stand in the way if Jones was eager to make a change.

The fact that Switzer was not present for a major news conference earlier this week when Jones announced the signing of offensive lineman Larry Allen to a six-year contract was a signal that Jones' good friend was no longer a member of the inner circle.

Another indication that Switzer wasn't coming back was when quarterback Troy Aikman, who had complained openly about a lack of discipline on the team this year, announced before the regular season ended that he was coming back in 1998.

Critics of Switzer pointed out that Aikman wouldn't have made such a statement unless he knew that Switzer's fate was sealed.

Fullback Daryl Johnston was interviewed last week and said one of the reasons the team collapsed this year was because of lax discipline, such as Switzer allowing players to report late for practice.

Switzer himself even said after the Cowboys' final game, "I told Jerry he ought to fire the whole damn bunch of us."

Jones, however, didn't take Switzer's advice. Instead, he came to an agreement with Switzer much as he did with Johnson, who got a \$2 million goodbye package and thanks for winning two Super Bowl rings.

Switzer leaves with one Super bowl ring in his four-year stint with

the team and a record of 40-24. However, the Cowboys were 17-17 in Switzer's last two years at the helm.

Candidates to replace Switzer include George Seifert, who left the San Francisco 49ers under strained circumstances a year ago.

Seifert's contract with the 49ers expires in early February, and Jones said this week he wasn't going to do anything about the Cowboys' coaching situation until February.

Other possible hires include Terry Donohue, former UCLA coach; Jon Gruden, offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles; and perhaps even someone from Switzer's own staff such as defensive coordinator Dave Campo.

Jones has said he plans to do some coaching himself next year, and the new candidate would have to be ready to have Jones looking over his shoulder. In fact, Jones has already drawn up plans for a 3-4 defense next year and other items he thinks might help get the Cowboys back into playoff contention.

The Cowboys had been in the playoffs seven consecutive seasons before this season's power failure, when the team's offense came apart from failure to score inside the 20 and constant mental mistakes and penalties.

Campo's defense was the second-best in the NFL.

Also in danger is offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese, who was criticized for many of his calls and Dallas' failure to score from in close.

Dean

Tonight's game with the Plainsmen will be a chance for the Whitefaces to tune up and work on some adjustments for the upcoming showdown with Canyon Randall.

"Monterey plays a very similar game to Randall," Dean said, "especially on the defensive end of the floor. We'll have an opportunity to work and execute against that defense."

Monterey's defensive style of play may be similar to the Raiders, but there's one thing Canyon Randall has the Whitefaces won't see on their trip to Lubbock -- height.

"One thing we won't get a taste of is the size that Randall is going to have," Dean said. "But it gives us

a chance to get on the floor and play at game speed with game intensity. Hopefully, that'll keep us sharp as we go into next week."

And on the subject of being sharp, one area Hereford will undoubtedly be working on is free throws. The Whitefaces were 19-for-43 from the free throw line in their overtime win over Pampa.

"We had a huge free-throw advantage as far as the number of free throws shot," Dean said. "We could pound the ball inside, and we got a lot of good things out of that as far as mounting up the foul trouble and mounting up the trips to the free throw line. We just didn't get it capitalized on."

Bam may serve jail time

ROCKWALL (AP) -- Bam Morris is willing to spend time behind bars as part of the punishment for violating his probation, the running back's attorney said Thursday.

"Bam is prepared to do what he has to do to put this behind him," attorney Keith Wheeler said.

Wheeler said a plea bargain has been reached with prosecutors. The deal will be presented to state District Judge Sue Pirtle on Monday, when Morris' trial was to begin.

"She'll have absolute discretion whether to accept the agreement," said Wheeler, adding that he wouldn't

be surprised if the judge stiffened the punishment.

Assistant district attorney Rick Calvert confirmed that the state has offered a deal that would put Morris in the Rockwall County jail for four months.

Wheeler said there also would be "increased probation with intense supervision."

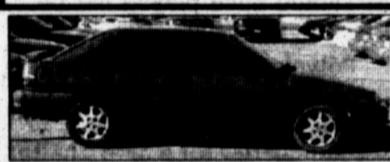
Morris, an unrestricted free agent who was the Baltimore Ravens' leading rusher last season, is scheduled to be tried on charges he violated the terms of his probation for a 1996 marijuana conviction.

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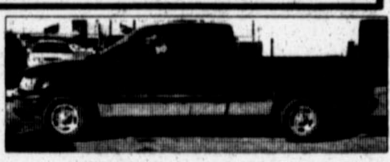
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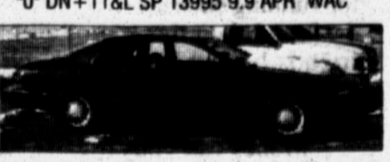
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Religion in brief

CHURCH LEADER AILING

CORWIN SPRINGS, Mont. (AP) - The spiritual leader and former president of the Church Universal and Triumphant is suffering from epilepsy and a neurological disorder.

Elizabeth Clare Prophet, 58, disclosed the ailments at a church conference in San Antonio, Texas. A statement also was released by church headquarters at Corwin Springs, south of Livingston.

Church spokesman Chris Kelley said in a telephone interview Prophet is confident in her ability to continue to lead the church.

"She's going to one of the top neurologists in the world," he said. Her physician, Dr. Ilo Leppik, a clinical professor of neurology and pharmacology at the University of Minnesota, said the neurological disorder was found during treatment for epilepsy.

He said the disorder "is characterized by memory loss that inhibits her ability to accurately recall past and recent events and which interferes with new learning."

The church, founded in 1958 by Prophet's late husband, Mark, claims 230 congregations in 30 countries. Its teachings are based on elements of Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. Members strive to live modest, self-sufficient lives free of secular distractions.

WRITER ON CATHOLICISM DIES

NEW YORK (AP) - The Rev. Albert Nevins, a past president of the Catholic Press Association and author of several religious books and documentaries for young people, has died at age 82.

Father Nevins of Tampa, Fla., was a priest at the Maryknoll Society near Ossining, N.Y., for 55 years. He died there Dec. 15, according to a spokeswoman for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, as the society is formally known.

For 16 years, Father Nevins wrote a weekly column known as Father Sheedy for *Our Sunday Visitor*, a national Catholic newspaper he edited. He also edited *The Pope Speaks*, a publication of papal documents and speeches; *Diaconate*, a magazine for permanent deacons in the United States; and *Nova*, a monthly homily service for parishes.

Father Nevins was editor for *Maryknoll - The Field Afar* magazine, and received the Maria Moors Cabot Gold Medal at Columbia University for his contributions to a better understanding of Latin America and the Caribbean. He also wrote children's books and produced several documentary films.

HAIRY TALE OF HOPE

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - The Rev. Doug Diehl is letting his hair grow for a cause.

Nearly a year ago he told his congregation at Zion United Methodist Church that he wouldn't get a haircut until ground was broken for a \$500,000 addition to the church.

Then spring floods inundated Grand Forks, and the church. And Diehl's hair grew. His lengthy locks became a symbol for the church's growth. Dale Taylor, chairman of Zion's administrative council, said, "a few ad hoc groups have shown up with shovels, ready to break ground."

But the ponytail remains, and what started as a half-serious fund-raising ploy became a bigger deal after the flood.

"So many thought I would cut it, and no one would notice, after the flood," Diehl said. "In some ways, it has become a positive symbol for people in the church - most people, anyway - and colleagues. It's become a sign of hope that we are still moving forward."

Church repairs are nearly complete, and two-thirds of the \$500,000 building fund has been pledged. Ground-breaking could come as early as summer, but Diehl may back out on his deal. He told the congregation he may keep his hair long, but trim.

WARMING: '97 hottest on record

WASHINGTON (AP) - Last year was the warmest on record for planet Earth, and for the first time federal climate researchers are willing to say people are at least partly to blame. "I wouldn't have been willing to say this two years ago. I believe we are seeing evidence of global warming at least some of which is attributable to human activities," said Elbert W. Friday, research chief of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Indeed, 1997 was the warmest year on record," added Tom Karl, a senior NOAA researcher. "The increasing trend of temperatures that we see, we believe, is at least partially attributed to human activities," such as pollution from cars and factories.

President Clinton, speaking at a political fund-raiser in New York, responded promptly to the report.

"We need a national consensus to do something on global warming," Clinton said. "It is significant and what we need is an understanding that we can grow the economy and still preserve the environment."

Karl said the Earth's average temperature last year was three-quarters of a degree Fahrenheit above normal. Normal is 61.7 degrees, the average for the years 1961-1990.

The 1997 reading tops the previous warmest year, 1990, by 0.15 of a degree.

Global warming has been a topic of sharp debate in recent years, culminating in the climate conference last month in Kyoto, Japan, where government officials from around the world sought ways to reduce the potential impact of climate change.

Many scientists believe that carbon dioxide and other gases released into the atmosphere by industrial activities are increasing the Earth's temperature by trapping heat from the sun, somewhat like a greenhouse.

Others disagree, and previously NOAA officials simply reported their findings without speculating on the cause of rising temperatures.

"We feel more comfortable now in saying there is a human effect because we have more data than before," said Friday, assistant NOAA administrator for oceanic and atmospheric research.

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Winfrey's deposition breaks silence on 'mad cow'

AMARILLO (AP) - Oprah Winfrey has virtually sworn off eating beef since hosting a "Dangerous Foods" edition of her talk show that spawned a federal defamation suit by Texas cattlemen, according to lengthy depositions.

In nearly 500 pages of court-ordered testimony she gave in two stints, Ms. Winfrey said she rarely ate beef before vegetarian activist Howard Lyman was a guest on her program that aired April 16, 1996, but she cut down even more afterward.

Ms. Winfrey told plaintiffs' attorney Joe Coyne she was especially scared off by the practice of cows eating processed livestock, a practice believed to have promoted "mad cow" disease in England in the 1980s. It was banned in the United States last June 3.

She was roundly criticized in cattle circles when she said on the air that Lyman's statements, "stopped (her) cold from eating another burger."

"I'm not against beef. I'm not against cattlemen," she said during the first deposition. "Why are we feeding cattle to cattle? And I'm going to rest a lot easier and will be able to enjoy a hamburger once the regulations have been put in place that say we are no longer feeding cattle to cattle. That was the issue for me."

Industry figures show that already slumping cattle prices sank to near 10-year lows after the broadcast. Defense attorneys for Lyman, Ms. Winfrey, Harpo Productions Inc. and King World Productions Inc. dispute the reasons for the market tumble.

Amarillo feedlot owner Paul Engler and others are claiming more than \$12 million in losses under a 1995 Texas law that holds people liable for falsely disparaging food products.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson has barred all parties in the case from discussing it with outsiders.

Ms. Winfrey, who wasn't talking about it even before the gag order, made sworn statements on June 14 and Dec. 19, 1997. The depositions were filed this week with the U.S. District Clerk in Amarillo in advance of a Jan. 20 trial. Ms. Winfrey will tape her show from Amarillo during

the trial.

In her testimony, Ms. Winfrey illustrated everything from how her show is edited to her strict diet, which she partially credits for losing 85 pounds. Winfrey attorney Chip Babcock objected to several questions by plaintiffs' attorneys, but she was forced to answer most of them anyway.

The questioning centered on the television show's discussion about whether an outbreak of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, could happen in the United States.

After Lyman said eating beef was a "risk (he is) unwilling to take," beef specialists Gary Weber of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and William Hueston of the U.S. Agriculture Department emphasized that there's no evidence of a mad cow threat in the United States.

The debate on that issue continues. The British government suspects the disease causes a form of a deadly human mental ailment, but there's no definitive proof.

However, when Ms. Winfrey asked Lyman - a former rancher who is not a scientist - if mad cow could lead to a human plague that "could make AIDS look like the common cold," the activist said, "Absolutely."

Ms. Winfrey told Lyman on the air that she thought that was an "extreme statement," but she told plaintiffs' lawyers she personally remains skeptical of beef safety.

"I'm sitting here today telling you that 12 years ago when I did my first show on AIDS and it was considered a homosexual disease and people (made) statements that 10 years from now this would be in the mass population ... I had reason to doubt then," Ms. Winfrey said. "But I just put the question forth to the American people, so that is what my job is to do."

Ms. Winfrey also said that even though Lyman's message has caused her to avoid beef, it was a minuscule part of her diet before the show. Her cook book, published prior to the show, had no beef recipes.

Tax cut isn't top choice

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - In the event of a federal budget surplus, more Americans would prefer increased spending on health, education and Social Security or even paying down the national debt rather than a tax cut, a new poll finds.

The *USA Today*-CNN-Gallup Poll shows that 43 percent of those surveyed favored using any extra money for Social Security, Medicare and education, followed by 30 percent who supported reducing the \$5.4 trillion federal debt.

The nationwide poll found only 22 percent of the people backed tax cuts.

The telephone poll of 1,015 Americans was conducted Tuesday and Wednesday. It has a margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

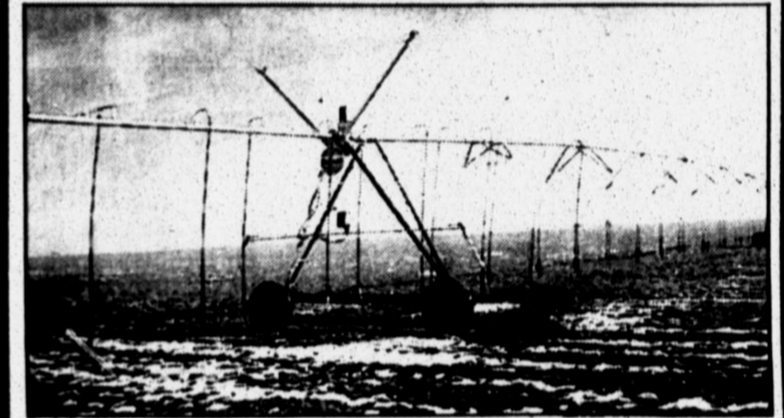
The Congressional Budget Office on Wednesday projected that if lawmakers do nothing, this year's federal deficit would shrink to \$5 billion and annual surpluses will take hold starting in 2001.

Republican lawmakers have talked of making broad tax cuts. Clinton and many Democrats want small tax reductions plus expansions of Medicare, child care and other programs.

The CBO said it envisions that the deficit for fiscal 1999 - which begins next Oct. 1 - would be just \$2 billion. That means that Clinton's promise Monday to propose a balanced 1999 budget next month should require very little heavy lifting.

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Most likely to succeed: Monica Caperton and Eddie Montoya.

Who's Who - girls: Catie Betzen, Tamara Diller, Julie Rampley, Meredith Tabor, Sarah Wright.
Who's Who - boys: Craig Ames, Justin Betzen, Andrew DelToro, Eddie Montoya, Zack Wall.

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Rodriguez, Sarah Chavez, Erin Whipple, Jessica Mondragon, Rosa Saenz.

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YMCA Elementary Basketball

The YMCA Basketball League is designed for elementary boys and girls ages 13 and under. All girls and boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game.

There will be three divisions: 8 & Under • 10 & Under • 13 & Under
 Teams will be drawn at the YMCA Office
 Division determined by age of participant on Sept. 1st, 1997.
PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED!
 *Parents may choose to have their child play up a division based on child's athletic ability. (Please do not request players to be on certain teams)

Restrictions: Elementary grades only. *Exception:* Kindergarten children who meet the age requirements for the 8 & Under division.

Dates: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of Jan. 12th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, Jan. 17th.
 *Coaches will be notified of game location and date of Coaches Meeting.

League Fee and Eligibility: League fee will be \$20.00. Additional children in same family \$15.00 each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA Memberships for youth are \$25.00 a year. (Partial memberships are available)
*****ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!**

Equipment needed: Girls and boys supply their own shoes. (Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice)
 All teams will wear pullovers provided by the YMCA.

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CBS tops Nielsen ratings

NEW YORK (AP) - Football, "60 Minutes" and angels helped lift CBS to first place in the ratings last week.

Along with the "FedEx Orange Bowl" (which ranked fifth for the week), CBS scored big with "Touched By an Angel" and "60 Minutes" (second and third), the 10th-ranked Sunday movie ("Scattering Dad") and the series premiere of "The Magnificent Seven" (14th). They all helped the network land a 9.3 household rating and 16 share, according to Nielsen Media Research figures released Thursday.

Not far behind was NBC, with an 8.6 rating and 15 share in prime time for the week of Dec. 29. Third-place ABC had a 7.8 rating and 13 share and Fox (programming 15 hours) had a 6.4 rating and 11 share.

Among the emerging networks, the WB had a 2.8 rating and 5 share, while UPN had a 2.3 rating and 4 share.

A rating point represents 980,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 98 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

So far in the 15-week-old 1997-98 season, NBC remains in first place with a 10.3 rating season-to-date. CBS is runnerup with a 9.4, while ABC is 8.8 and Fox 7.1.

In the heated evening news war, "NBC Nightly News" held the lead last week with a 9.0 rating and 17 share. But the "CBS Evening News" was close behind with an 8.6 rating and 17 share. ABC's "World News Tonight" finished third with an 8.4 rating and 16 share. (Because of the holiday, ABC's average included four newscasts; both NBC's and CBS' averages counted three newscasts.)

For the week of Dec. 29-Jan. 4, the top 10 prime-time shows, their networks and household ratings were: "Rose Bowl - Post-game," ABC, 16.8; "Touched By an Angel," CBS, 16.2; "60 Minutes," CBS, 15.6; "Seinfeld," NBC, 13.4; "FedEx Orange Bowl: Nebraska vs. Tennessee," CBS, 13.3; "X-Files," Fox, 11.6; "Sugar Bowl: Florida State vs. Ohio State," ABC, 11.2; tie: "ER," NBC, and "Just Shoot Me - Special," NBC, both 11.1; tie: "CBS Sunday Movie: Scattering Dad," CBS, and "Dateline NBC" (Sunday), NBC, both 11.0.

QUENTIN TARANTINO

NEW YORK (AP) - So what kind of kid was Quentin Tarantino?

"Every Mother's Day ... he used to write me a story where I would die, and then he would write about how badly he felt about my death," mom Connie Zastoupil told *Details* magazine in the February issue.

"The only way he could tell me how much he loved me was by killing me off."

Still, Ms. Zastoupil is her boy's biggest fan.

"I can get so aggravated when women say, 'Oh, I don't like Quentin's films, they're so violent!' I'll say, 'Well, if you had an attention span and saw one, you probably wouldn't believe it.'"

Tarantino's movies, chock full of gore and dead bodies, include "Pulp Fiction," "Reservoir Dogs" and the current "Jackie Brown."

JOHN SUNUNU

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - CNN's "Crossfire" is losing another combatant, this time conservative John Sununu.

Sununu will leave the show at the

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Names in the News

end of this month, network spokesman Howard Polskin said Thursday. He'll be replaced by Robert Novak.

Sununu took the job almost six years ago after stepping down as President Bush's chief of staff. He said told *The Union Leader* of Manchester in Thursday's edition that he wants to spend more time with his family and his New Hampshire consulting business.

"We were both drifting in this direction for a while," he said of the network.

The former New Hampshire governor is the second "Crossfire" co-host to leave in a week. Geraldine Ferraro, on the liberal side of the show's political fireworks, is leaving to run for the Senate.

The network has not named a replacement for Ferraro.

G. GORDON LIDDY
PHOENIX (AP) - G. Gordon Liddy has gone too far, at least in the eyes of an electronics store owner.

Jerry Kowitz is suing the Watergate figure-turned-radio host for claiming on the air that his company bungled the installation of a \$4,500 stereo system at Liddy's house.

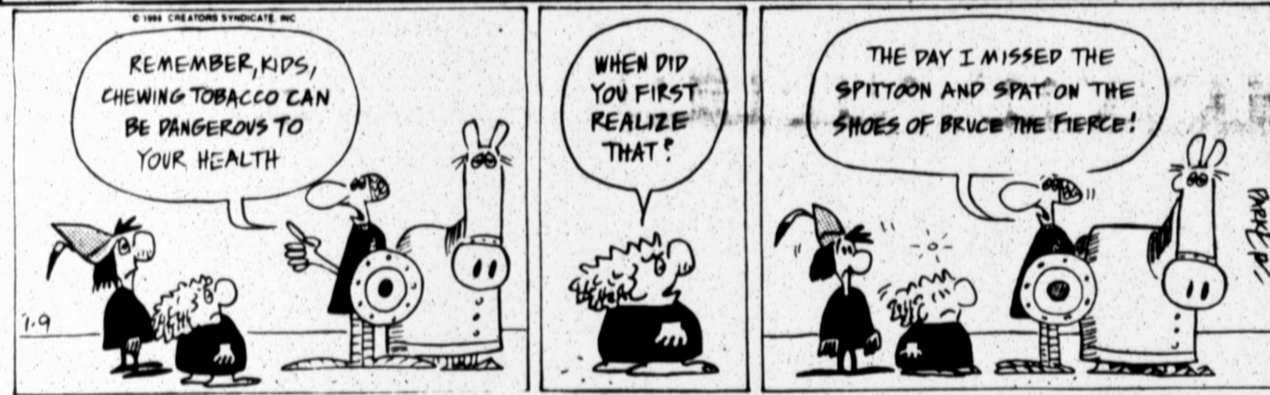
"Jerry does not know how to install anything. He couldn't install himself on a toilet," Liddy said Jan. 6, 1997, on his syndicated show, which is broadcast nationally.

Liddy said Jerry's Audio/Video had to send installers out four times to try to get the system running. But the Superior Court lawsuit filed last week said Liddy's son messed up the system when he insisted on doing some of the wiring himself.

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											
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	
Movie: How the West Was Fun **	Movie: Doubts, Double, Toil and Trouble	Growing	Growing	Scarecrow-Fun	Zorro						
News	Ent. Tonight	Players	Dateline	Homelife: Life	News	(-35) Tonight Show					
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Trailblaze	Travels	Red Green	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	NewsHour			
Griffith	Griffith	(-95) Movie: Only the Lonely (1991) John Candy. ***	(-15) Movie: Baby Boom (1987) Diane Keaton, Sam Shepard. ***								
News	Fortune	Sabrina	Boy-World	Teen Angel	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: Betty's Wedding (1990) Alan Alda. ***	Honeyman	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Hit					
News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Gregory	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Neah Bridges	News	(-35) Late Show			
Grace Under	Mad-You	Viahear	Millennium	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	Frasier	Roseanne	Real TV				
Sportsctr.	Outside the Lines	Sportlight	Figures Skating U.S. Championships	Sportscaster							
Waltons	Reclus 911	Diagnosis Murder	News! Five-0								
(5:20) Movie: Airplane!	Hard Rain	Movie: Joe's Apartment Jerry O'Connell	Stargate SG-1	Hunger	Movie: Corp. Ladder						
Inside the NFL	Movie: The Ghost and the Darkness Michael Douglas	Movie: TNT Olivier Gruner. 'N'	Dennis M.	Comedy							
Movie: The Phantom PG	Movie: Secrets & Lies (1996) Timothy Spall, Brenda Blethyn. *** R	Movie: The First Wives Club *** PG	Hot Line								
(5:00) Movie: Brass Target	Movie: Blossoms in the Dust (1941) Greer Garson. ***	Movie: Boys Town (1938) ***	Movie: The Miracle Worker								
Dukes of Hazzard	Auto Racing Arena Truck Challenge										
Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	News	Wonder	Search for Dracula	Justice Files	Wild Disc.					
Law & Order	Biography	20th Century	Law & Order	Biography							
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Cagney & Lacey: The Return (1994) ***	FOX Sports News	Golden Girls	Golden Girls						
Last Word	Sports	NHL Hockey Milwaukee Admirals at Houston Aeros	Alto	Sports							
Babylon 5	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns									
Doug	Rugrats	Kablam!	Happy Days	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart	Van Dyke	
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	La Femme Nikita	La Femme Nikita	Movie: Major League (1989) ***							
Emerald	Maris Isabel	Alguna Vez	Imagenes de Impacto	P. Impacto	Noticiero	AI Ritmo					
Forgotten Heroes	In Search of History	Movie: Triple Cross (1967) Christopher Plummer, Yul Brynner. ***									
NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals											

SATURDAY

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7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	
Chip 'n' Dale	Marmaduke	Amazing	Amazing	Movie: Land Before	(-15) Movie: Mr. Magoo, Man of Mystery (1967) ***	Baby-Sitters					
Imagine	Sing a Story	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	City Guys	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	Hang Time	Inside Stuff	B. Sultzer	NFL Films	
Personal Success	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Quitting	Sawing	Quilt	Sewing	Dessert	Garden	Pepin		
Flintstones	Scoby Doo	Video	Video	National Geographic Explorer							
10/Dalms	New Doug	New Doug	Recess	Pepper Ann	Bugs & T.	Bugs & T.	Jungle Cubs	Pooh	Science	Reporter	
Farm Report	Business	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fishing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Soul Train	Movie:			
Beakman	Storybreak	CBS News Saturday Morning	Ghostwriter	Fortune	College Basketball Kansas at Texas						
Bobby	Life-Louie	Turtles	Goosebump	Goosebump	SpaceGood	Life-Louie	X-Men	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Outdoors	Fishin' Hole	Sportsman	Fly Fishing	Walker-Coy	Sportscaster	Saturday	College Basketball: Md. at N.C. St.				
Rifleman	Rifleman	High Chaparral	Bonanza-Lost	Movie: The Mountain Men (1980) Charlton Heston. ***	Bonanza						
(-15) Movie: The Legend of Gator Face Johnny White	Movie: Jumanji Robin Williams. ***	PG	(-45) Movie: Moll Flanders Robin Wright. ***	PG-13							
Inventors' Specials	Movie: Mars Attacks! Jack Nicholson. ***	PG-13	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw	(-45) Movie: The Spell Vincent Van Patten. ***	PG-13					
Movie: Empire Records ***	PG-13	Movie: The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw	(-45) Movie: The Spell Vincent Van Patten. ***	PG-13							
Movie: Public Defender	Movie: Hell's Highway (1932) ***	Parade	Movie: Rosalie (1937) Nelson Eddy. ***	Movie:							
(Off Air)	Bass	Outdoors	Fishing	Flahin'	Saltwater	Bill Dance	In-Fish	Basemast.	Rodeo		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Interior Motives	HouseSmart!	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Bay, 2000				
(6:00) Movie: The Big Lift	Biography for Kids	Sea Tales	New Explorers	Home Again	Home Again	Home Again	Castles				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing Women	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Next Door				
FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	SEC TV Weekly	Countdown-Sign	Recruiting	Big 12 Show	Football				
Lonesome Dove: Series	Wild, Wild West	Adv. of Brisco County, Jr.	Twilight Z.	Rough Cut	Movie: McQ (1974) John Wayne. ***						
Doug	Muppets	Tiny Toon	Tiny Toon	Rugrats	Beavers	Hey Arnold!	Monsters	Rocko's-Life	RenStimpy	Looney	
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	World Wrestling Live Wire	Pacific Blue	Movie: Jaws III (1983) Dennis Quaid. ***					
Plaza Sesamo	La Pinata Loca	Giorgiomania	Complices	Cuchufleta	Super Sabado	Sensacion					
Traveler	Gadget Boy	GadgTrip	Trips USA	Year-Kids	History Makers	Air Combat	Masters				
ESPNNews	ESPNNews	NFL	Soccer	Winter X-Games Trials	Cycling	Winter X-Games Trials	Snowboard				

SATURDAY											
12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
Flash	Torkelsons	Torkelsons	(-10) Movie: Adventures in Babysitting Elisabeth Shue.	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Muppets				
Paid Prog.	Figure Skating Stars on Ice	PGA Year in Review	PGA Tour Qualifying School	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NBC News				
Old House	Workshop	Hometime	MotorWeek	Red Green	Computer	IntimConf	Rutysser's Money Guide	Tony Brown	This Week		
Movie:	(-95) Movie: Poltergeist II (1986) JoBeth Williams. **	(-95) Movie: Poltergeist III (1988) Tom Skerrit. **	(-95) WCV Saturday Night								
Paid Prog.	PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - Third Round	Figure Skating U.S. Championships	Paid Prog.	ABC News							
Movie: **	Hangin' With the Homeboys Xena: Warrior Princess	Hercules-Jynx.	Highlander: The Series	Earth: Final Conflict							
Basketball	College Basketball: Regional Coverage	College Basketball Louisville at Syracuse	Mer.Med.	CBS News							
College Basketball	Oklahoma at Texas A & M	College Football East-West Shrine Bowl									
Basketball	Survival	Yachting	Red-Indy	Timber	College Football East-West Shrine Bowl						
Bonanza	Big Valley	Movie: Halliday Brand (1957) ***	Parade	Movie: Father Takes a Wife (1941) ***	Movie: Jumanji Robin Williams. ***	PG					
Movie:	Movie: Alone Home Crym.	(-45) Movie: Magic in the Water Mark Harmon. PG	Movie: Jumanji Robin Williams. ***	PG							
Dead Blue: Surviving	Movie: The Forbidden Dance **	PG-13	(-15) Movie: Night of the Comet Catherine Mary Stewart.	Movie: Mars Attacks! ***							
Movie: Independence Day (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. ***	PG-13	Movie: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade PG-13	Movie: Truth Abt Cats								
(12:15) Movie: **	Four Jacks and a Jill	Movie: Holiday Grand (1957) ***	Parade	Movie: Father Takes a Wife (1941) ***							
Rodeo	Race of the Week	Truck Power	ClassicCar	Motor Trend	Hot Rod TV	Inside NASCAR	Mechanic	Mechanic			
Next Step	Movie Magic	Mysterious	Wings	Wonder	News	Discover Magazine	Murder in Mind				
Castles	Grand Tour	Investigative Reports	20th Century	American Justice	Foot Soldier						
Wire	One West Walkie	Movie: Shades of Gray (1992) Valerie Bertinelli. ***	Movie: With Murder								
Football	Women's College Basketball Nebraska at Kansas	Women's College Basketball Colorado at Baylor	College Basketball								
(11:00) Movie: McQ (1974)	Movie: Conagher (1991) Sam Elliott, Katharine Ross. ***	Movie: El Dorado (1967) John Wayne. ***									
Looney	You Do	Crazy Kids	Gadget	Hey Dude	Pete & Pete	Clarissa	Wonder Yrs.	Tiny Toon	Figure It Out	Monsters	
Movie:	Movie: Perfect Crime (1997) Miti Kapture, Jasmine Guy.	Movie: Weekend at Bernie's (1989) **	Movie: Major League ***								
SuperSab.	Onda Max	Caliente	Control	Movie: Un Sabado Mas (1986) Pedro Fernandez.	Mejor-Fuera	Noticiero					
Masters	Combat at Sea	Weapons at War	Last Days of World War II								
College Basketball	Virginia at North Carolina	ESPNNews	College Basketball	Wake Forest at Georgia Tech	Billiards						

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Movie: Pippi Longstock	(-15) Movie: Adventures in Babysitting Elisabeth Shue.	Jonny Lang in Concert	Scarecrow-Rm.	Zorro							
News	Criminals	Censored Bloopers	Pretender	Profiler	News	Entertainment Tonight					
Religion	McLaughlin	Take This Heart	Lawrence Walk Show	Ballykissangel	Time Goes	Sherlock	Nature				
WCW Saturday Night	(-95) Movie: Escape From Alcatraz (1979) Clint Eastwood. ***	(-35) Movie: The Searchers (1956) John Wayne. ****									
News	Fortune	Figure Skating U.S. Championships	News	Cheers	Outer Limits						
Fam. Mat.	Riches	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Chicago Bulls	News	Movie: Murphy's Law *							
News	Edition	West Texas Rehabilitation Telethon	News	Rehab. Tele.							
X-Files	Cops	Cops	America's Most	NYPD Blue</							

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in brief

BOMBING TRIAL JURY FOREMAN THREATENED

DENVER (AP) - The jury forewoman who denounced the Oklahoma City bombing investigation has plenty of critics - fellow jurors, the attorney general and relatives of the dead. Now someone has threatened to blow up her house.

Niki Deutchman, a 47-year-old obstetrics nurse, told police she received a series of bomb threats after telling reporters she believed the government botched the case by ignoring evidence and failing to follow up leads.

Mrs. Deutchman said she received three calls Wednesday evening from a man who "threatened to blow up the house." Federal authorities would only confirm her report; Mrs. Deutchman declined interviews Thursday.

Hours before the threats, the seven women and five men who convicted Terry Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter were dismissed after failing to decide on a sentence. The impasse spared Nichols a death sentence.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch can send Nichols, 42, to prison for life with no chance at parole. No sentencing date was set.

BALLOONISTS LIFT OFF FOR NONSTOP GLOBAL TRIP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A 170-foot silver balloon floated skyward this morning with a ball-shaped capsule that two men will call home during their bid to make aviation history by circling the globe without stopping.

Dick Rutan and Dave Melton launched the Global Hilton balloon into the clear pre-dawn sky, with the temperature about 25 degrees and wind roughly 5 mph out of the southeast. The liftoff came three days after weather conditions forced a delay.

The \$1 million assault on one of aviation's last frontiers is the third such attempt by a balloon team since Dec. 31. Two balloonists in Switzerland also plan to launch soon.

The Global Hilton is a combination hot-air balloon and helium balloon, with 18 propane tanks to fuel the flames that warm the gas. The plan is to rise immediately 32,000 feet into the jet stream and ride 200 mph air currents around the world in about 14 days.

HONG KONG OK'S COMPENSATION FOR POULTRY INDUSTRY

HONG KONG (AP) - Legislators approved a \$97-million compensation package today for Hong Kong's poultry industry, devastated by the outbreak of bird flu and by efforts to stop its spread to humans.

The government slaughtered all of Hong Kong's 1.3 million chickens last week to try to wipe out a bird flu virus that infected humans for the first time last year.

The A H5N1 virus has sickened at least 16 people, killing four. Authorities suspect the victims caught it by handling infected chickens or their waste. No human cases have been found since the slaughter.

Farmers, vendors and poultry truckers will receive \$13.3 million to cover direct losses, and \$83.3 million in low-interest loans to maintain or restart businesses.

OBSCURE PHONE FIRMS FOCUS OF MERGER FRENZY

NEW YORK (AP) - They're the most coveted merger prospects in the telecommunications business, and most people haven't even heard of them. But long-distance phone giants are hungrily eyeing these upstarts - including WinStar, Intermedia and other small sellers of local phone service - as a wedge into the lucrative markets of the regional Bell companies.

In the latest such marriage, AT&T Corp. on Thursday agreed to buy Teleport Communications Group Inc., which provides local telephone service to businesses in 66 major cities, in a stock swap valued at \$11.3 billion.

The acquisition comes after WorldCom Inc., the fourth-largest long-distance phone company, bought MFS Communications and Brooks Fiber Properties, two other non-Bell providers of local service. WorldCom last fall also agreed to buy MCI Communications Corp., the second-largest long-distance phone company, in a deal then valued at a staggering \$37 billion.

These scrappy sellers of local phone service, primarily to businesses, are also combining with other small telecommunications companies. Last month, Intermedia Communications of Tampa, Fla. said it would buy privately held long-distance firm LDS Communications Group of Monroe, La., for \$151 million in cash and stock. In another deal, New York-based WinStar Communications is buying Midcom Communications Inc., a long-distance firm in Southfield, Mich., for \$92 million.

26 JOURNALISTS KILLED IN 1997

NEW YORK (AP) - Twenty-six journalists were killed in 14 countries last year, either in reprisals for their work or in terrorist attacks, according to two press freedom groups.

Seven journalists were slain in India, four in Colombia, three in Mexico and two in Cambodia, the Committee to Protect Journalists of New York and Reporters Sans Frontieres of Paris reported on Thursday.

Assassination claimed the life of a journalist in each of 10 other countries last year - Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and the Ukraine.

"Tragically, homicide remains the leading cause of job-related death for journalists around the world and the motive is censorship," the organizations said in a joint statement. "If governments allow these crimes to go unpunished, constitutional guarantees of press freedom are meaningless."

"BUG" CREATING STIR BEFORE ITS ARRIVAL

DETROIT (AP) - Two decades after owning the last of his three Beetles, Bill Shoebottom is itching to get his hands on Volkswagen's sequel to the fabled, feel-good car of film and flower-power fame, the beloved Bug.

He has plunked down a \$2,500 deposit for one of the cars that won't show up in dealers' showrooms until March.

"Volkswagen had better tell their plants, 'Warp speed, Mr. Sulu,'" Shoebottom said Thursday, three days after the automaker unveiled the new Beetle. "Everyone's going to want this car."

Analysts also are optimistic amid Volkswagen AG's expectations of selling 50,000 of the new Beetle, which retain the same funky, endearing ladybug shape as before.

But that's where the similarities end. The old VW Bug was an easy-to-buy, noisy-to-drive rattletrap featuring a no-frills heater, a rear engine and a cramped front-end trunk. The new Beetle has air conditioning, remote-control electric locks, six-speaker stereo and a \$15,200 price tag.

U.S.: IRAN STILL SENDS MIXED SIGNALS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Iran still sends mixed signals on terrorism, a major reason for American skepticism over a U.S.-Iranian rapprochement, administration officials say.

In a groundbreaking interview with CNN, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami pleaded U.S. officials by rejecting and condemning all forms of terrorism directed at innocents.

Officials also welcomed Khatami's earlier condemnation of recent violence in Algeria and of a November attack by Muslim extremists in Egypt that killed 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians.

Administration officials, however, say the number of Iranian dissidents murdered abroad actually increased last year after Khatami took office in August. The killings are thought to have been authorized by authorities in Tehran.

Eight such murders occurred during the post-inaugural period, 11 for the whole of 1997, officials said. The total for the previous year was eight.

As the Americans see it, Iran also still finances and trains groups such as Hezbollah, Hamas and the Palestine Islamic Jihad, who oppose Middle East peacemaking with violence.

COHEN WANTS TO KEEP RALSTON IN POST

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's No. 2 military man has gotten the green light from Defense Secretary William Cohen to remain on the job for a second two-year term.

The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston, has agreed to stay in the job, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Thursday. Ralston still needs Senate confirmation.

The four-star general made headlines last summer when his candidacy for the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was derailed after he acknowledged having an adulterous affair years ago.

Ralston withdrew from contention for the top job after his admission touched off a furor on Capitol Hill. Some lawmakers contended a double standard was at work in light of the Air Force's action against B-52 pilot 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn, who was forced out of the Air Force on multiple charges that included adultery and disobeying an order.

"Secretary Cohen will recommend to the president that he continue in his job" as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Bacon told reporters at the Pentagon.

PAINKILLER LOWERS OVARIAN CANCER RISK

LONDON (AP) - A painkiller contained in Tylenol and some other over-the-counter brand medications might lower a woman's risk of developing ovarian cancer, according to a new study.

Researchers from Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital say the risk of ovarian cancer could be reduced by half for women using acetaminophen.

But the researchers, who published their findings this week in the British medical journal The Lancet, said more study was needed to determine whether there really is a protective effect and if so, how it works.

"This being the first report of this association, one would have to be very, very cautious," said Dr. Daniel Cramer, who conducted the research with colleagues.

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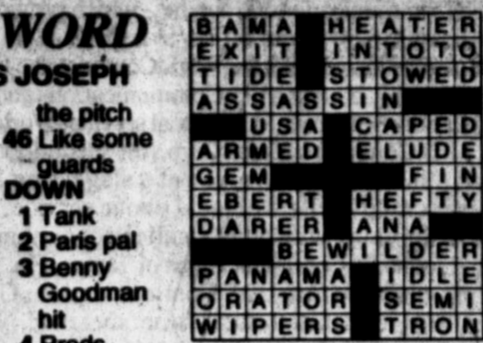
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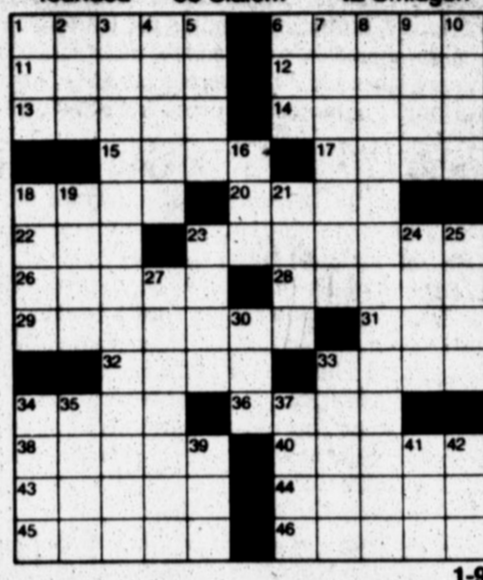
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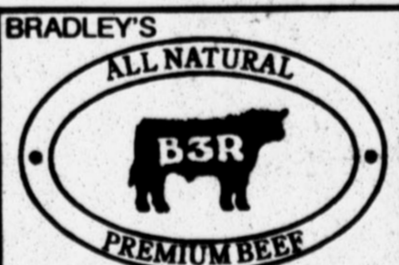
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Mankiller among 12 to be recognized

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Presidential Medal of Freedom is going this year to the first female Indian chief, a man who held four Cabinet posts, a disability rights activist and 12 other Americans.

President Clinton plans to present the medals, the nation's highest civilian honor, during a ceremony Jan. 15, the White House announced Thursday. Among the recipients is Wilma Mankiller, who was twice elected to head the Cherokee Nation. Mankiller worked to reduce infant mortality, improve health and education and promote business among Cherokees.

Another honoree is Elliot Richardson, who held four Cabinet positions - secretary of health, education and welfare, attorney general, secretary of defense and secretary of commerce - under Presidents Nixon and Ford. Clinton bestowed posthumous honors on Albert Shanker, who led the American Federation of Teachers for more than 20 years. Shanker died of cancer in February 1997 at age 68.

Other medal recipients are: - Justin Dart Jr., who has advocated the rights of the disabled for more than 40 years. His work resulted in the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires that public facilities be adapted to accommodate handicapped people.

- Adm. Elmo "Bud" Zumwalt Jr., former chief of naval operations, who issued directives to end discrimination in the Navy. Zumwalt is now an advocate for compensation for the health problems of Vietnam veterans.

- David Rockefeller, former chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank and philanthropist who has funded numerous projects in the arts, literacy, international family planning and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

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- Sol Linowitz, a Rockefeller partner in the service corps and a lawyer-businessman, is a former U.S. representative to the Organization of American States. He served as ambassador-at-large for Middle East negotiations under President Carter.

- James Farmer, civil rights activist who founded the Congress of Racial Equality, an organization that helped spur the civil rights movement.

- Arnold Aronson, founder of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, an umbrella lobbying organization for civil rights groups.

- Brooke Astor, a philanthropist who financed the revitalization of the New York Public Library.

- Frances Hesselbein, an expert on not-for-profit corporations who led a revitalization of the Girl Scouts of America from 1976 to 1990.

- Fred Korematsu, whose legal challenges to civilian exclusion orders during World War II helped spur the redress movement for Japanese-Americans.

- Robert Coles, an adviser to President Kennedy on racial issues and psychologist who has researched children's experiences with racism.

- Margaret Murie, an environmental activist whose work with The Wilderness Society led to passage of legislation protecting Alaskan lands.

- Mario Obledo, longtime Latino rights advocate and co-founder of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

ASTRONOMERS ARRIVE AT SAME CONCLUSION: "BIG BANG" WON'T BE FOLLOWED BY "BIG CRUNCH"

WASHINGTON (AP) - Five teams of astronomers using different research techniques have arrived at a common conclusion: The "big bang" will not be followed by the "big crunch."

Based on the research, said Ruth Daly, a Princeton University astronomer who headed one team: "It is quite clear now that the universe will expand forever."

The astronomers, in effect, were trying to determine if there was enough matter in the universe to force it to stop its current expansion one day and start collapsing inward. Their findings, presented Thursday at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, support the idea that there never will be a grand crunch.

Most astronomers now accept the idea that the universe began with a "big bang," a moment about 15 billion years ago when a superdense point exploded in the most gigantic bang imaginable. It is believed that since that moment, all matter in the universe has been expanding outward. The controversy among astronomers is whether the universe is "closed" or "open."

In a closed universe, the expansion would continue until gravity from the mass of matter canceled the outward force and the motion reversed directions. In effect, the idea went, the universe then would collapse inward and come back together until it was all crammed into a single point of unimaginable density. Hence, "the big crunch."

NEWS in brief

BRITISH OFFICIAL VISITS WITH PROTESTANT MILITANTS

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Britain's governor for Northern Ireland entered the top-security Maze prison today on a mission to persuade pro-British militants to support the Belfast peace talks.

Mo Mowlam smiled at reporters as she was driven into the prison compound to talk to men convicted of some of Northern Ireland's worst attacks on Catholics - among them Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, who once joked that the only Catholic he'd ever had in a car was a dead one. The prisoners are threatening an end to their side's October 1994 cease-fire.

During a visit expected to last several hours, it was thought that Mowlam might also meet leaders of the Irish Republican Army, although the Catholic-based movement is not threatening to end its own 6-month-old truce.

Mowlam's top priority is meeting prison leaders of the outlawed Ulster Defense Association, the largest pro-British paramilitary group. The group was considering withdrawing from talks when they resume Monday, then renewing a campaign of terror against the north's Catholic minority.

NETANYAHU PLANS ONLY ONE TROOP PULLBACK

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel will carry out only one, limited troop pullback in the West Bank instead of the three it promised the Palestinians in a U.S.-backed accord, Prime Minister Netanyahu said in an interview published today.

Netanyahu's government also revealed tentative plans to build 30,000 new homes in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by 2020 - enough to double the Jewish population in the areas claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Israeli security forces were on alert for attacks by Muslim or Jewish extremists. Hundreds of troops, some on horseback, patrolled the streets as tens of thousands of worshippers prayed at the Al Aqsa mosque to mark the second Friday of Islam's holy month of Ramadan.

President Clinton's Mideast envoy prepared today to wrap up a four-day shuttle mission that failed to produce a breakthrough.

The envoy, Dennis Ross, had been trying to prepare the ground for Clinton's meetings later this month with Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Netanyahu, who is under pressure from hard-liners in his ruling coalition, made no signs of budging.

MICROSOFT SEEKS TO TONE DOWN LEGAL BATTLE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Microsoft Corp. is moving to lower the temperature in its protracted legal battle with the Justice Department, expressing regret for its recent barbs against the government.

"We need to do a better job of toning down the rhetoric," Robert J. Herbold, Microsoft's chief operating officer and executive vice president, said in an interview.

Herbold's remarks reflect an effort by top Microsoft executives to rework the company's public image after a series of legal setbacks last month.

"Over the past two months, some people have perceived Microsoft as being disrespectful to the court and the Department of Justice, and we are very sorry to have created that impression," Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said.

In a court filing last month, for example, Microsoft described Justice Department attorneys as "poorly informed lawyers (who) have no vocation for software design."

A Justice Department spokesman had no immediate comment about the executives' remarks Thursday.

MIR CREW LOCATE FAULTY LOCK ON HATCH

MOSCOW (AP) - Two Russian cosmonauts ventured into open space for more than three hours today, locating a broken lock that was allowing air to escape from the Mir space station.

Pleased with the spacewalk, Russian ground controllers said the problem could be fixed soon and with relative ease from inside the space station.

Cosmonauts Anatoly Solovoyov and Pavel Vinogradov discovered that one of 10 main locks on the hatch door was broken, which prevented a tight seal, said Mission Control deputy chief Viktor Blagov.

The hatch on the Mir's Kvant-2 module had failed to close properly after a spacewalk last November, resulting in a partial loss of pressure in the module. However, the situation was not considered serious, affecting only Kvant's docking chamber, which is sealed from the rest of the station.

Still, it has been inconvenient, forcing the crew to don their bulky spacesuits in a smaller compartment nearby.

DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BOND DEALER CHARGED

MIAMI (AP) - A founder of what was once the nation's leading minority-owned municipal bond firm, a county commissioner and his aide are the latest charged in a widening probe of public corruption in Miami.

Calvin Grigsby is accused of arranging \$350,000 in kickbacks for Dade County Commissioner James Burke and Burke's former chief aide, Billy Hardemon.

Prosecutors said a system for rotating the county's bond business was modified at the insistence of Burke, who secretly steered business to Grigsby.

Grigsby, a flamboyant financier, major Democratic donor and co-founder of the defunct Grigsby Brandford & Co. of San Francisco, pleaded innocent to the 12-count indictment Thursday.

Burke and Hardemon delayed entering pleas until another hearing Feb. 10. Bail was set at \$1 million for Grigsby and \$500,000 each for Burke and Hardemon. Each could get up to 50 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Gov. Lawton Chiles suspended Burke shortly after he appeared in court. The men are charged with money laundering, fraud and bribery conspiracy.

EIGHT HURT WHEN BLEACHER RAILING COLLAPSES

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A bleacher railing gave way as audience members scrambled for compact disc prizes at a taping of "Vibe," sending a pregnant woman and six others tumbling onto the concrete floor.

An 80-year-old man also was injured during the evacuation of the television studio, said Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey.

The taping of the late-night TV show was suspended Thursday after the collapse and the host, comedian Sinbad, "personally expressed his heartfelt concern for those who were injured," the show said in a statement.

"Vibe Television's primary concern is for the welfare of those injured, all of whom received immediate medical attention," the show said.

The rail gave way during the warmup when audience members rushed the front of the bleachers to grab CDs that were being tossed into the stands by a stagehand known as an "applause leader."

"People were moving to catch stuff (and with the) press of the crowd, one group leaned against the left-hand rail of the bleachers and the railing gave way and folks went over," said Charles Cappelman, senior vice president of operations at the CBS Television City studio complex.

The show was between tapings of two episodes and the second taping was suspended.

PHOTOS BACK THEORY OF NEW PLANET

WASHINGTON (AP) - Photos of a star called Beta Pictoris show new evidence that a planet has formed in orbit of the bright young star just 63 light-years from the sun.

Sally Heap, a NASA astronomer, said Thursday that the photos show a wispy bulge that could be the gravitational wake of a large planet churning through the dusty disk that surrounds the star.

The pictures, taken by a new camera on the Hubble Space Telescope, focus on the protoplanetary disk, sort of a halo of dust and gas that rotates around the star. Instead of having a smooth flow, the disk has a dramatic warp in one quadrant.

Heap said the bulge could only be shaped by the orbital path of a large planet, perhaps one many times larger than Jupiter, the largest planet orbiting the sun.

"We can't see it (the planet), but we can see the effects of its gravitational pull," Heap said at a news conference by the American Astronomical Society.

Radio astronomy studies have suggested the presence of planets around more than a dozen other stars, but this is the strongest evidence yet in visible light of a possible planet. It adds to an earlier study that suggested planets were forming about Beta Pictoris.

SCHUMER MUST OVERCOME FERRARO STAR POWER

WASHINGTON (AP) - As a Senate hopeful, Rep. Charles Schumer has it all: driving ambition, a ton of money, legislative accomplishments. Unfortunately for the New York Democrat, he is running against a star.

Even though she has not held elective office in 14 years, Geraldine Ferraro - who this week entered the race to become the Democratic challenger against incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato - remains one of America's most recognized women.

"Ferraro. Everybody knows her," said pollster Maurice Carroll. "It's a dilemma for Schumer."

While he has not officially announced his candidacy, Schumer has been gearing up for the Senate race for nearly a year and has an \$8 million campaign treasury. That is more ready cash, he says, than any Democratic challenger has raised at this stage of an election in U.S. history.

Schumer sounds like a candidate in the race to stay. "I have fought and won tough fights my entire career," he said. "I'm running on my record full-speed ahead."

But New York's one-time powerhouse Democratic Party has fallen on hard times. The state's governor, George Pataki, and the high-profile mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, are both popular Republicans.

Texas farmers hope to build on '97

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - While early January rains have quenched a thirsty Texas to make for a prosperous 1997 crop year, Texas producers are looking forward to greater economic success in the 1998, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reported Wednesday.

Extension entomologist Carl Patrick of Amarillo said 1997 was an outstanding grain year for the Panhandle.

"Above average temperatures and precipitation and relatively mild temperatures were good for corn and sorghum production," Patrick said.

He said early cotton planters saw fairly good yields, but cotton planted later in the season suffered from a lack of moisture.

"Cotton was our only row crop with low yields," Patrick said. "The drought we experienced in August really hurt cotton."

Patrick said cattle prices are still low in the Panhandle and most grain prices are depressed at this time.

He said the recent rains, about 21/2 inches in the last 48 hours, may repress some wheat fields. However, he said farmers are very optimistic about the wheat crop.

"Some wheat has come in and it is in excellent condition," Patrick said. "Small grains look very good as well."

In East Texas, steady rainfall and unseasonably warm temperatures could mean less forage for livestock.

District director Tony Douglas of Overton said drier conditions are needed to produce supplemental feed.

"At this point, we need more sunshine for winter pastures," Douglas said. "We want to rely less on hay and more on forage."

Douglas said, overall, 1997 was a good year for East Texas. "Last year we witnessed a rebound for agriculture, pecans and especially horticulture," he said.

Douglas said beef cattle prices are still lower than expected. "In 1998, we are looking for improvements in both beef and dairy cattle," he said.

In Southwest Texas, extension economist Joe Pena of Uvalde said farmers

are optimistic about the new year.

"Farmers have a good attitude about early spring planting whereas before Christmas, the outlook was bleak because it was so dry," Pena said.

He said, recently, counties in the central part of the district have received up to seven inches of rain where counties west of San Antonio remain relatively dry.

Pena said this precipitation should contribute to higher than average yields for many crops.

"The slow misting rains and cool temperatures have allowed for excellent soil moisture in most counties," Pena said. "Because of these conditions, we will be able to plant spring gardens on time."

Pena also said livestock and winter vegetables are in good condition. "Our cattle market made a comeback from the crash of 1996 and we recently harvested a very good crop of cabbage, greens and carrots," he said.

Pena said farmers are looking forward to another prosperous year in Southwest Texas.

"We ended 1997 as one of the most economically successful years in our history," he said. "El Niño was truly kind to us by bringing such mild weather."

In West Central Texas, the weather was anything but mild on Tuesday. Mills County extension agent Danny Long reported that a tornado touched down five miles east of Goldthwaite in the eastern part of the county.

He said the tornado damaged some farm buildings and one family's home.

"Fortunately no one was hurt, though their home was completely destroyed by the tornado," Long said.

Long said there was no substantial agricultural damage from the tornado or the hail that followed.

"One good thing to come out of this is we got a much needed rain," he said.

ECONOMY

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half hour of trading after losing nearly 100 points Thursday.

Labor markets were so strong last year that for months economists were expecting growth-dampening interest-rate increases from the Federal Reserve, which feared low unemployment would push wages higher, encouraging consumer price inflation.

Except for a single quarter-point increase in March, the rate increases never came. Now, with Asia's problems likely to slash U.S. export sales, the Fed is likely to postpone any rate increase for some time and may need to cut rates later this year.

Economists aren't looking for much change this year in the health of labor markets. They believe the unemployment rate will drift toward 4.5 percent, or a shade lower, before rising late in the year toward 5 percent.

Despite tight labor markets, inflation actually improved in 1997, with a rate of about 1.8 percent compared with 3.3 percent in 1996. Workers reaped the benefits of that in their paychecks.

Average hourly earnings rose a penny in December, to \$12.48, bringing the increase for the year to 3.7 percent, compared with 3.9 percent in 1996.

But, with prices tamer, workers' inflation-adjusted raise of about 2 percent actually was the best since the mid-1970s.

In December, job gains were widespread. Construction companies added 50,000 jobs and manufacturers 39,000. Retailers added 52,000 and finance, real estate and insurance firms 23,000. Temporary help firms added 45,000.

Computer services, with a 17,000 gain in December, accounted for 5 percent of U.S. job growth last year even though it represents only about 1 percent of total payrolls.

Over the year, the federal payroll shrank by 39,000 jobs, but state and local governments added 302,000.

The average workweek declined from 34.8 hours to 34.6 hours in December. But in manufacturing alone the workweek increased from 42.1 hours to 42.3 hours, a post-World War II high.

Among demographic groups, the unemployment rate last month was 4.1 percent for men older than 19, 4 percent for women, 14.3 percent for teenagers, 3.9 percent for whites, 9 percent for blacks and 7.5 percent for Hispanics.

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