

# The Hereford Brand



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## Combined edition planned

Readers of *The Hereford Brand* will receive a combined edition Wednesday because the newspaper office will be closed Thursday in observance of Christmas.

The newspaper office will close at noon Wednesday and will reopen at 8 a.m. Friday.

The deadline for classified advertising for the Friday edition will be 10 a.m. Wednesday. The display advertising deadline for the Friday edition will be 9 a.m. Wednesday.

In other holiday closings, Deaf Smith County and City of Hereford employees will enjoy a two-day holiday, Thursday and Friday. State offices will be closed Wednesday through Friday, while federal offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Financial institutions will close at noon Wednesday and will reopen for normal banking hours Friday, except for the drive-in facilities, which will have no late banking services.

The Hereford and Walcott school districts are closed until Jan. 5, 1998.

There will be no mail service on Christmas Day.

## POLL: Americans' belief in God, miracles rises

WASHINGTON (AP) - This Christmas season, the largest percentage of Americans in a decade profess a belief in God and the existence of miracles. A poll commissioned by the Pew Research Center reported 71 percent of respondents say that they never doubt the existence of God. In 1987, the figure was 60 percent.

The poll also found that 61 percent of Americans believe miracles come from the power of God - an increase of 14 percentage points from a decade ago.

And 53 percent said prayer is important to daily life. In 1987, it was 41 percent.

The poll results appear to dovetail with popular culture. "Touched by an Angel" ranks among TV's highest-rated shows. Books on angels, miracles and spirituality, in general, line bookstore shelves.

But at the same time, radio talk show host Laura Schlessinger asserted Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the United States is in the midst of a morality crisis: Americans lack "a moral framework," she said.

If there is a crisis, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said on the same program, the governing system is playing a role in it by backing away from what until recently were accepted obligations of the well-off to help

the helpless. "Our government philosophy is moving away from Judeo-Christian principles," Cuomo said. More and more the government says, "You're on your own," he said.

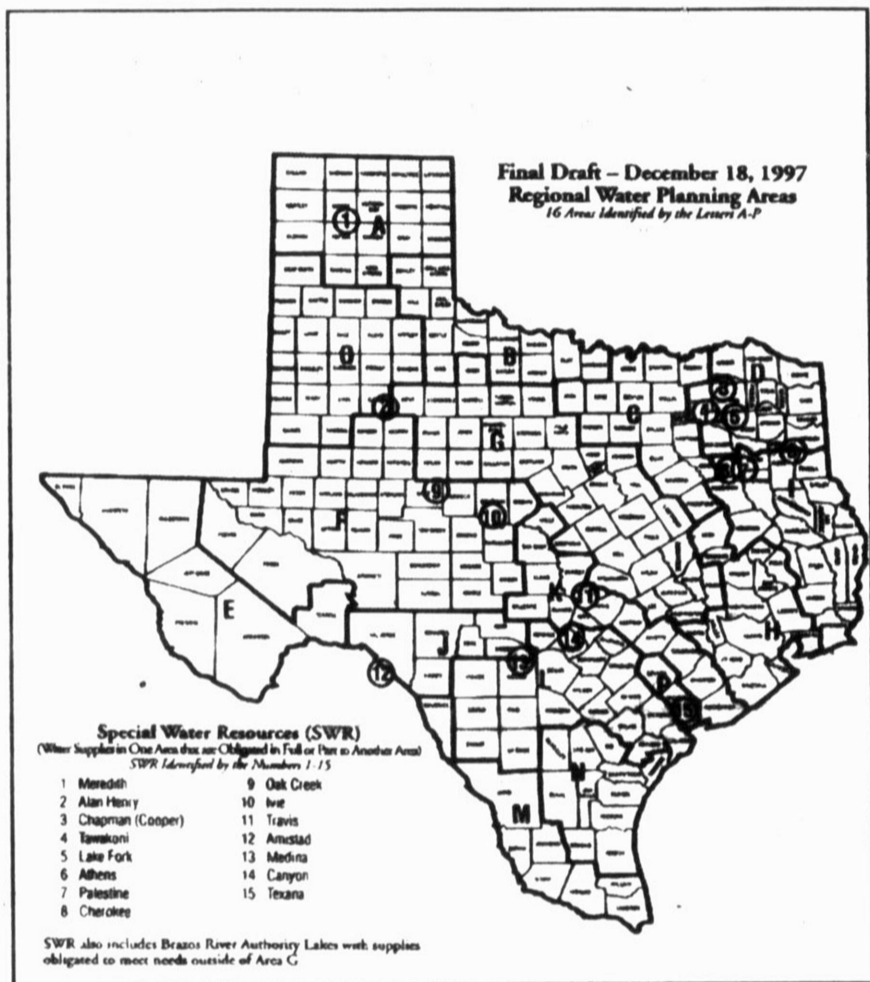
Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., agreed and said more government involvement is necessary to increase jobs and take other steps to help strengthen and stabilize the American family.

But Rev. Jerry Falwell, also appearing on the NBC discussion of morals, countered: "Money is not the cure. More taxes is not the cure. More welfare is not the answer. We've got to preach biblical morality."

Schlessinger said the clergy bears responsibility, too. "I yell at the clergy all the time," she said. "I think the clergy - with all due respect - have become more like camp counselors than leaders."

"What they're doing is saying, 'I want the people to come back next week. You can't challenge them too much, can't ask too much. Can't tell them that religion demands something of them. God demands something of you.'"

"Since they're not doing that, it's like the inmates are running the institution."



## Water board sets hearing on plan

PLAINVIEW - The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will conduct a public meeting at 9 a.m. Jan. 14, 1998, at the Plainview Country Club, 2902 W. 4th.

The hearing, which is one of nine public meetings between Jan. 6 and Jan. 14 and a public hearing on the final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed planning rules for state and regional water plans.

The public hearing will be 10 a.m. Jan. 21 in Room 118 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress in Austin.

At the public meetings and hearing, the TWDB will receive public comments on the third and final draft of the regional water planning areas and proposed rules for state and regional water planning required by Senate Bill 1, the comprehensive water bill passed during the legislative session ending in June. SB1 requires the TWDB to designate regional water planning areas and initial members to regional water planning groups (RPG), and to approve regional water plans prepared by the RPG. RPG are required to submit regional water plans to the TWDB for approval every five years beginning in September 2000. TWDB-approved regional plans will be incorporated into the next comprehensive state water plan, which is due Sept. 1, 2001. The TWDB will accept nominees for the RPG for each planning area through Jan. 16.

The deadline for public comments on the final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed rules for water supply planning is Jan. 26, 1998. Comments should include the provisions support or provisions that should be amended, including reasons for the revision, as well as suggested changes.

Comments may be submitted via e-mail to [SB1@twdb.state.tx.us](mailto:SB1@twdb.state.tx.us); mailed to Carolyn Brittin, c/o Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin 78711-3231; or by faxing to (512) 463-9893.

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Photo by Mauri Montgomery

## Frosty makeover

Bo Hamberger, 12, (right) and Adrian Hernandez, 13, put the finishing touches on a snowman they built Sunday adjacent to the First Presbyterian Church on Lee Street. Youngsters should have ample opportunity to build more snowmen because the National Weather Service is forecasting more snow.



## CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

Holiday charity will be able to meet needs

Hereford's Christmas Stocking Fund, the annual holiday charity for needy families in Hereford and Deaf Smith County, will have enough funds to assist with the most pressing needs, it was reported Monday.

A CSF spokesman, noting the anonymous committee had worried about the funding last week, said, "We should have known that the good people of the community would come through once again!"

The total topped the \$21,000 mark Monday, and with a couple of days left before Christmas, it appears a new contribution record could be set. The record is \$21,451 which was set in 1993.

Results of Friday's CSF deliveries of food baskets and vouchers are being tabulated, and a report of how many families were assisted should be ready Wednesday.

BALANCE FORWARD: \$19,942.00

Nolan & Vida Grady	50.00
In honor of Ed & Mary Dziuk, from Ann & Gary Stephens	50.00
Anonymous	25.00
Tammie Paine	150.00
T.L. Sparkman, in memory of our darling Vanessa Sparkman	100.00
L.J. & Wilma Clark	25.00
U.V. & Wilma Pierce	25.00
To honor the Lady Whiteface State Volleyball champs of '96 & '97, by Hap & Mary Kay Hagar	100.00
Officers & employees of Hereford State Bank on behalf of Craig Smith	145.00
XI Epsilon Alpha	50.00
Ronald & Linda Lott family	20.00
FirstBank Southwest Employee Charity Club	300.00
Tom & Joyce Blasingame, in memory of Bill Blasingame	25.00

TOTAL 12-22-97: \$21,007.00

## Water district director indicted

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has announced that Precinct 2 District Director Stanley Miller of Amherst has been indicted on charges of unlawful interception of communication.

According to a press release issued by the HPWD, a number of recording devices were found in the office of district manager Wayne Wyatt and throughout the office complex.

A special crimes unit of the Texas Department of Public Safety began the investigation of Miller after he reportedly threatened Wyatt's life.

"I have not done anything wrong while carrying out my duties as manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1," said Wyatt. He declined further comment, noting he is under a gag order following his Dec. 16 appearance before a Lubbock County grand jury.

Water District board president James P. Mitchell, board member since 1976 and president since 1979, said, "Stanley Miller's allegations of wrongdoing are just not true."

"Wayne Wyatt has served as Water District manager for the past 20 years and during that time, he has earned the respect of water leaders on the local, state, national and international level," Mitchell said.

"This action has significantly impacted both the High Plains Water District board ... and the staff," he continued. "The board members and staff have been unnerved for several weeks after learning of Mr. Miller's threats and his use of hidden recording devices."

"We have seen a drop in efficiency among our staff because of these circumstances. It is difficult to conduct daily activities knowing someone has tape recorded their private conversations," said Mitchell.

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## Auditor unsure program works

AUSTIN (AP) - Is a program designed to help at-risk students stay in school doing the job? The state auditor said problems with the way information is gathered and calculated concerning the Communities in School program makes it impossible to tell.

The Texas Workforce Commission, which oversees the program, requested the audit and has either corrected or is working on problems it identified, agency spokesman David Beshar said Monday.

The program got \$13.6 million in state and federal money in fiscal year 1997, which ended Aug. 31.

State Auditor Lawrence Alwin said in a letter to legislative leaders that his office wasn't able to assess the effectiveness of the program due to inadequacies in policies, procedures and systems.

"Specifically, we found that needed performance information is either not collected or not reliable," he said in the letter.

Because accuracy can't be ensured, Alwin added,

the commission "is not able to determine if the Communities in Schools program is effective in accomplishing its main goal of helping at-risk students stay in school."

Agency officials believe the program is working properly but agree that mechanisms are necessary to verify that, Beshar said.

"We've worked with the state auditor to come up with this corrective action plan that we think will address the problems," he said. "Yes, we have housekeeping to clean up. We are serving the kids. ... I think we're being very effective in helping kids stay in school."

Among the auditor's other concerns: There are not adequate procedures to ensure fixed assets valued at \$257,000 for fiscal year 1997 are properly accounted for and safeguarded. For example, three computers on the inventory list couldn't be located.

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## Local Roundup

### Red ribbon essay contest

The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Development has announced plans to participate in the Clinton Administration's Red Ribbon campaign again this year.

The object of the campaign is to stop the use of illegal drugs in public housing complexes by raising community awareness and involvement.

The campaign will include an essay and poster contest for children in grades 4-6 who live in housing complexes financed by Rural Development's Housing Services. RHS will provide three awards statewide for the top essays and posters on the "The Fight Against Crime and Drug Abuse in My Community - How I Can Make a Difference."

The essay must be a minimum of 100 words, hand written or typed. It will be judged according to neatness, punctuation, grammar, and content.

The poster must be at least 8"x10" and no larger than 18"x24". It will be judged according to originality, imagination, art work, and contents.

Entries must be received by Jan. 15, 1998. Mail entries to: Rural Development, USDA, 101 S. Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501, Attention Julie Hendricks, CF/MFH Red Ribbon Campaign Coordinator.

### Lights out!

Residents around the area may well have gotten up a bit late this morning due to a power outage that lasted from 3:47 until 5:18 a.m.

Wes Reeves, a spokesman with SPS, said ice on power lines combined with increasing winds, caused the lines to cross, basically shorting out a breaker station and three sub stations.

The power outage affected approximately 4,286 customers.

### Snow

Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow until midnight, then decreasing cloudiness after midnight and low 20 to 25.

Wednesday, partly cloudy with high 30 to 35. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with low near 20.

### 5-DAY FORECAST

Christmas Day, mostly cloudy with chance of freezing rain, sleet or snow and high 35 to 40.

Friday-Saturday, mostly cloudy with chance of freezing rain, sleet or snow, lows 20 to 25 and high 35 to 40.

### MONDAY'S RECAP

High, 34; low, 29; 4 inches new snow; 0.76 precipitation.

## Veteran publisher dies after surgery



JAMES ROBERTS

James Roberts, 74, Andrews newspaper publisher and chairman of the board of a dozen other Texas newspapers, died Saturday after developing complications from open heart surgery in a Houston hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled Tuesday in the James Roberts Civic Center in Andrews with the Rev. H.A. Hanks, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Walter Buckel, Lamesa newspaper publisher, officiating.

Burial will be in Andrews Old

Cemetery under direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Roberts is a former president of the Texas Press Association, West Texas Press Association, Andrews Industrial Foundation, Lions Club, Andrews Chamber of Commerce, and Permian Basin Railroad Co.

He also served as chairman of the Texas Board of Aging and chairman of the board of development for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He was named Andrews Citizen of the Year in 1963.

Additionally, Roberts was chairman of the board for newspapers in Snyder, Vernon, Hereford, Brownfield, Lamesa, Seminole, Azle, Springtown, Granbury, Gatesville and Copperas Cove.

Roberts graduated from Andrews High School and attended Texas Tech before graduating from Baylor University. He married Marie Holman on April 18, 1946. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a prisoner of war for a year.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Philip of Waco and Randall of Andrews; a brother, Wesley of Austin, and three grandchildren.

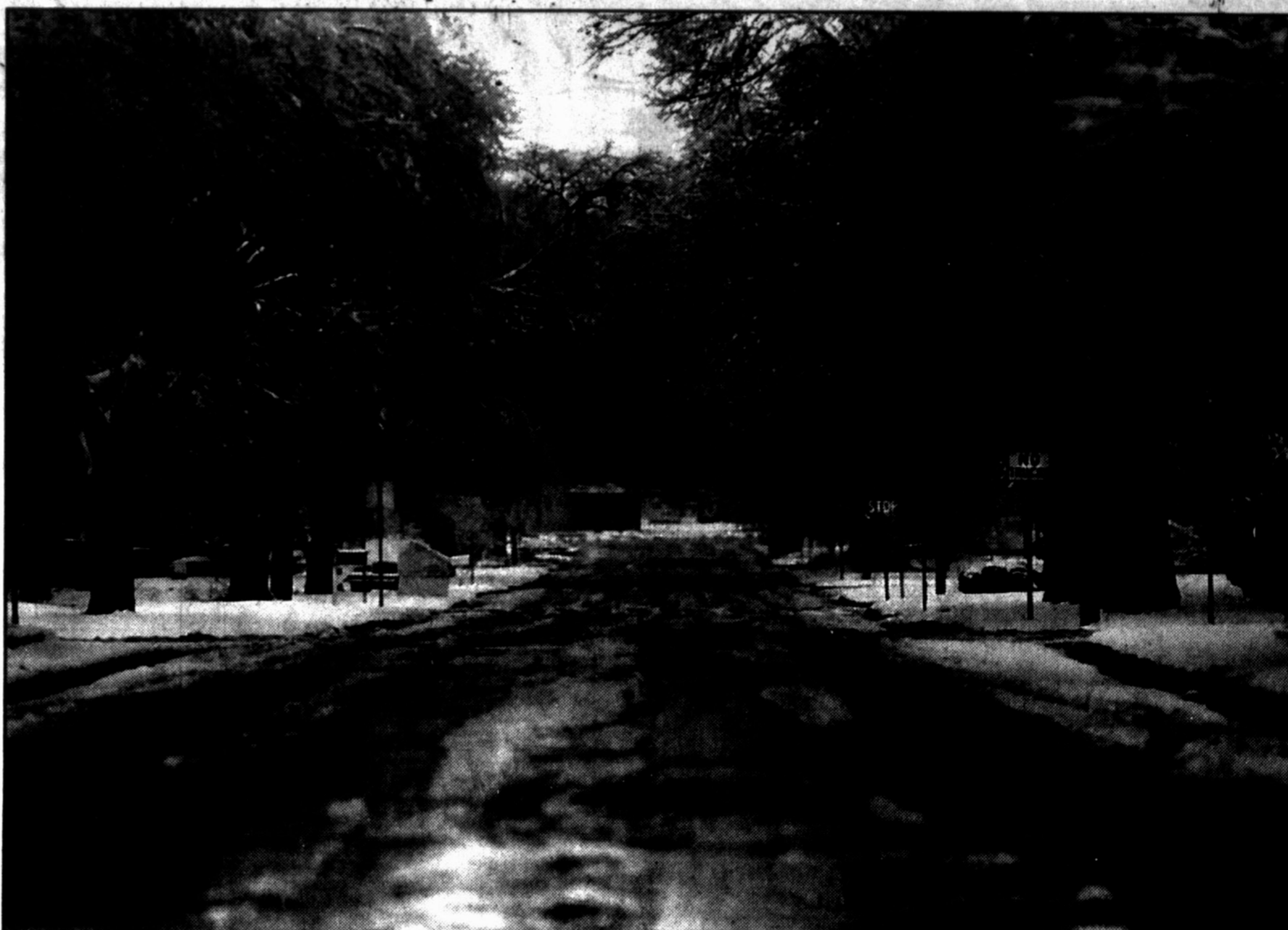


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### Winter Wonderland

The winter weather that found its way to the Texas Panhandle couldn't have had better timing. City streets all decked with

holiday decorations needed just the final touch of Nature's blanket to complete the beauty of Christmas decorations.

## Volunteers curb teen problems Airlines limit carry-on luggage

AUSTIN (AP) - Junior high school students are learning about armpit hair, reproductive organs and why a guy shouldn't pinch a girl's behind.

Young men meet regularly to talk about college and careers, and about how becoming a teen-age father could jeopardize those plans.

Adults are being trained on how to answer awkward questions from their children, ranging from a 4-year-old's "Why were you and mommy naked last night?" to a teen-ager's "How do I know if I'm homosexual?"

Many social service agencies in Austin and Travis County are using these and other approaches in an effort to address root causes of teen-age pregnancy. Their hope is to help push down teen pregnancy rates by touching all aspects of youngsters' lives, including job opportunities, family relations, academic achievement, recreation, abstinence and contraception.

Some researchers and advocates

say the work may be paying off.

The teen-age pregnancy rate in Travis County, although still one of the highest among Texas' biggest counties, dropped more than 8 percent between 1995 and 1996, according to the most recent numbers from the Texas Department of Health.

The 1996 rate, 46.1 pregnancies per 1,000 girls age 13-17, is the lowest since 1988, when the rate was 39.5, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday.

Statewide, the rate has dropped from 42.5 in 1992 to 40.3 in 1996. Nationwide, the number of live births to teens aged 15-19 dropped steadily from 60.7 in 1991 and to 56.8 in 1995. A national teen pregnancy number was not available.

"This is something that is exceptional. It doesn't happen very often, anywhere," said Ellen Sanchez, education manager for Planned Parenthood, which sends its Teen Life company to schools to perform skits about sexuality and

relationships. "(It's) a culmination of a communitywide effort that's been going on."

Added Kathy Pendleton of Austin Crisis Pregnancy Center, "I'd like to think we had a lot to do with it."

While people are optimistic that prevention programs are working, state Health Department statisticians have no way of quantifying the effect.

Janet Lawson, director of the TDH Women's Health Division, says, "Of course I'm happy the rates are falling, but many of the problems that initiate the rates are still there. So this problem is not going to go away. I don't want people to be reassured prematurely."

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer cautions against assuming any one particular approach is working, and says the problem must be fought from a multitude of directions. The state just distributed \$4.9 million in federal money for abstinence-only programs throughout Texas.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Aviation Administration should set guidelines on the number of bags passengers may carry into airline cabins, a group representing the luggage industry said Monday.

The government also should establish a way to enforce such rules, the Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America said.

The group said airlines are inconsistent about the size and number of carry-on bags they allow on board. They also should make their baggage-handling systems more convenient so that passengers will be more inclined to check in their luggage, it said.

A recent American Airlines change requires attendants for the Fort Worth-based airline to determine the number of acceptable carry-ons for all flights by gauging the passenger load.

## Quail make popular border dish

MIGUEL ALEMAN, Mexico - The Casillas' turkey was smiling this holiday season for the first time.

But for the more than 800 quails at this border city's small farm, the future isn't so promising.

That's because quails in this small town of 35,000 people have become a popular dish for both natives and tourists from across the border. The holidays are no exception.

"Many of my customers come from across the border in the U.S., some even from Houston," said farm owner Placido Eduardo Ramirez Casillas.

Casillas loves to spend time at his farm a few blocks from the international bridge that connects his city to Roma. He feeds the quails and cares for the small farm, and admits it takes dedication and love for the profession to get his job done.

"I am always checking on the birds, sometimes really early in the morning, in the afternoons and before I go to bed late at night. They take

more time than caring for a child," he joked.

Casillas earned a degree in veterinary medicine 1993 at Centro Estudios Universitario in Monterrey. He first raised quails while at the university in 1990. A few years later he returned to his hometown and decided to continue growing the birds.

"At first people were not used to eating quail," he said. "At one time I had to freeze up to 5,000 birds because people would not buy them."

Things changed when he placed an ad on a local TV station, he said. A week later he had sold all 5,000 frozen quail as well as his live brood.

"I do this because I love what I do," he said. "I always work with animals."

Although Casillas complained some about government regulation of his operation, he has taken his success one step further, and sells quail at a local store he owns. Supermercado

La Plaza on Third Street offers quail meat and pickled eggs. Customers frequently inquire about his quail business.

"We recently started exporting quail meat to area restaurants and other cities including Monterrey," said the farmer who also runs his Los Cascabeles Ranch outside of the city.

Adan Elizondo, 57, who has been a waiter in Miguel Aleman for more than 20 years, said he had never seen such local appetite for quail before Casillas began selling the meat.

"Natives from here have actually asked for quail meat more lately," Elizondo said as he waited tables at Don Mario restaurant in downtown Miguel Aleman. "That's because they taste so good."

Quail is cooked in different ways. But most area residents prefer it "a la plancha" (grilled). Especially if you ask 17-year old Diana Rocio Hernandez.

"It tastes a lot like chicken, but is a little bit sweeter," she said. "Ever

since the first time I tasted it, I could not stop eating quail."

Others see the small farm as a tradition in this small town rather than just a good source for tasty dishes. Carlos Rugerio, an architect with Caminos del Rio, an organization that promotes historical and environmental tourism from Laredo to Brownsville, likes to think of the farm as a cultural symbol.

"There aren't many of those farms here in Mexico," he said. "Just to think that this small city is one of the only producers of quail in the region makes people here proud."

Stuffed turkey undoubtedly will be served in most homes north of the border on Thursday. But those looking for a little change, might make the trip to this city almost 40 miles from McAllen for a taste of something different.

"We'll have a quail farm here for more years to come," Casillas said.

## Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency service personnel for Dec. 20-22 include the following.

### Police Department Arrests

- A 17-year-old man and a 41-year-old man were arrested in the 100 block of Northwest Dr and charged with domestic assault.
- A 26-year-old man was arrested at West Park Avenue and Greenwood on a warrant.
- A 26-year-old woman was arrested at West Park Avenue and Greenwood on a warrant.
- A 26-year-old woman was arrested in the 600 block of Irving on a domestic assault.
- A 24-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving for domestic assault.
- A child custody matter was reported in the 100 block of Fifth.
- A loud party was reported in the 100 block of Ranger.

- A theft was reported in the 500 block of 25 Mile Avenue.
- A prowler was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- A fight was reported in the 300 block of Adelito Calle.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 600 block of Avenue H.
- A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Main.
- A false report to a police officer was reported in the 200 block of north Lee.
- A wallet was found in the 400 block of Miles.
- A missing person was reported in the 900 block of south Main.
- A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Avenue F.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Whiteface Drive.
- Parking violations were reported

- at Moovies 6.
- A theft was reported in the 300 block of 25 Mile Avenue.
- An assault was reported in the 400 block of Knight.
- An assault was reported in the 400 block of Barrett.
- A theft was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- A false report to a police officer was reported in the 100 block of Veterans Drive.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.
- Theft was reported in the 500 block of south 25 Mile Avenue.
- Theft was reported in the 300 block of north 25 Mile Avenue.
- A minor accident was reported in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue.
- A minor accident was reported in the 100 block of Veterans Drive.
- A minor accident was reported

- in the 1100 block of West Park Avenue.
- A minor accident was reported in the 400 block of Ranger.
- A minor accident was reported at the intersection of Kingwood and Park Avenue.
- Sheriff's Department Arrests**
- 34-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation, assault.
- 17-year-old man was arrested for noncompliance of compulsory school attendance.
- 23-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance.
- 22-year-old man began serving time on a sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- 23-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.
- 23-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.
- 31-year-old woman was arrested

- for violation of probation, assault.
- 45-year-old woman was arrested for non-compliance of compulsory school attendance.
- 21-year-old man was arrested for theft of services.
- 26-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation, criminal trespass.
- A 13-year-old runaway was reported.
- Fire Department**
- Dec. 20, 1997
- 7:13 a.m. - Fire fighters responded to a feed fire 21 miles north on Highway 385.
- 3:45 p.m. - Fire fighters responded to a wreck rescue one mile west on Holly Sugar Road.
- 6:12 p.m. - Fire fighters responded to a grassfire one mile north on road KK and 10.
- 7:45 p.m. - Fire fighters responded to a grassfire 12 miles east on Highway 60.

- Dec. 21, 1997
- 8:45 a.m. - Fire fighters responded to Austin Road for a wreck rescue.
- 9:46 p.m. - Fire fighters responded to a wreck rescue three miles north on Highway 385.
- 9:48 p.m. - Fire fighters responded to 400 Ranger on a fire alarm.
- Sex Offender Registration**
- The following information is being released to the public by the Hereford Police Department on a newly registered sex offender.
- The offender is a 60-year-old male living on Barrett Street. His offense is indecency with a child.
- State law requires that offenders convicted of sex offenses against children register with local law enforcement.
- For more information on this or any other sex offender contact Cpl. Terry Brown of the Hereford Police department in writing.

# Lifestyles



## Big yawn

Chelsey Foy, 4-year-old daughter of Troy and Melissa Foy, and Daymin Garcia, 4-year-old son of Gomer and Brenda Garcia sang Christmas carols recently at Hereford State Bank. The entertainers were part of the First Baptist Church K-4 choir.

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I could not let a letter from a particular reader pass without comment. She mentioned the jobs that her disabled mother-in-law did, which kept her mentally active and gave her social contact in the family.

I am the coordinator of a hospital-based volunteer program. We have an in-home division of our program especially created to provide social content and a productive outlet to such people in our community.

In-home volunteers can work on telephone committees, stuff envelopes, sort, label and do other such duties, all in the privacy of their homes. Even more important, they often knit or crochet and provide priceless beautiful homemade blankets to lucky newborns.

If your readers have disabled or frail relatives who would like to be productive and feel appreciated for their talents, I would urge them to contact their local health-care facility.

We are always looking for committed volunteers and I can almost guarantee that the program director will create a way for the stay-at-home to be a part of helping others in the community. — Leslie Hanks, Volunteer Coordinator, Conway, Ark.

You are kind to write and share with others the wonderful program your hospital offers. Volunteers of all kinds help make this country what it is. — Heloise

### LOST-PET POSTER

Dear Heloise: It's so sad, another poster for another lost pet and no name for the lost darling.

Please tell your readers that we're on the lookout for your pet, but if we knew its name, we could call to it and calm it. — Kay Stephenson-Wrack, New Jersey

### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Heloise: When you subscribe to a magazine, look inside for either the address or an 800 number for customer service. Be sure to write it down so if you ever have subscrip-

tion questions, you have the information handy. — Wendy Silvas, San Antonio

### POSTAGE-STAMP ROLLS

Dear Heloise: I very much like the coil of one hundred 32-cent stamps the Postal Service sells, but they seem to be made for left-handed people.

After I take the roll of self-adhesive stamps out of the plastic box, I leave the tape on the outside and reach inside the coil and pull out the last stamp. I then use the stamps

from the inside of the coil. When finished I tear off the excess paper and tuck the end back inside the coil for the next time. With the tape still on, the stamps stay together when stored. — Sandy Driskell, Indianapolis

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.



## Decorations donated

The Christmas tree on display at the Carousel Beauty Salon is fully decorated, thanks to their customers who contributed all the decorations.

## Houle receives college degree

Gary Houle graduated from Texas Tech University in ceremonies Dec. 20. He earned a degree in entomology.

Houle studied in the rain forest in Mexico each summer.

The 1993 graduate of Dalhart High School is the son of Donnie and Mary Ann Houle and the grandson of Tony and Marcella Hoffman.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Dec. 22:  
Admitted: Matthew Zamora, Elmer Carlson, Jessie Sumner.  
Dismissed: Jeane Dowell, Ken Connelly, Arnauo Prieto, Ana Patricia Lopez, Juan Guzman, Ruby Brannon, Jose Flores, Alfred Ball, Stanford Knox.

## Ann Landers

# Inherent stress actually shortens doctors' lives, recent study shows

Dear Ann Landers: You are doing a great service by airing the concerns of "Anonymous Resident" and the response from an equally anonymous New York physician concerning sleep deprivation and the medical profession. It is bad for patients, and it is bad for doctors.

However, I totally disagreed with the New York doctor when he said, "Unquestionably, brutal hours and sleep deprivation teach self-reliance and build self-confidence (for the physician)."

Who said so? What good is a doctor who has done less than his or her best because of exhaustion? Wrong medication or dosages have been prescribed, and wrong limbs have been amputated. How does this build self-confidence?

My husband was a doctor, and my son is one now. I saw them both struggle to keep the self-confidence they originally had as they went through the system. This practice may be good for the hospital's bottom line because then fewer doctors have to be hired, but please do not believe this benefits the doctors because it does not. Such exploitation takes its toll. Recent studies show that the inherent stress actually shortens doctors' lives.

Please join in an all-out campaign to stop handing down the curse of too much work and too little sleep from one generation of doctors to the next. This is a profession in crisis. — A Witness in N.J.

Dear Witness: You have made a very strong case. And now, I would like to hear from the doctors out there. Does this woman's letter make sense to you?

Dear Ann Landers: A year ago, my language arts classes began writing to Any Service Person, Operation Joint Endeavor, at the address I found in your column. One of the men who responded was Bill Reines, a civilian working with the military in Bosnia. Bill sent letters, postcards, maps and colorful travel guides. The most fantastic thing about this whole experience is that when Bill's deployment was up in April, he came to meet my classes before returning home to California.

Bill has now begun writing to my classes for the 1997-98 school year while he is deployed in Egypt. I want to thank Bill Reines and you, Ann Landers, for giving my students such a great learning experience. — Lounsberry Hollow Middle School, Vernon, N.J.

Dear Teacher: The praise should go to Bill Reines. He deserves all of

it. He must be quite a guy to have gone out of his way to meet with your students. Here's an extra thanks to you, Bill, from Ann Landers. And now for one more letter on the same subject:

Dear Ann: I am a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. While stationed in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, the mail meant everything to me.

When you printed the "Any Service Member" address in your column, the wonderful people who wrote saved many servicemen the despair that only a G.I. knows. Getting mail became a ray of sunshine. You and your readers lifted our spirits and helped unite us all around mail call. I'm sure you never realized the impact of your actions.

I am now in Tuzla, Bosnia, and am seeing the lack of mail close in like a morning fog. Ann, would you once again muster your troops? — USAF in Bosnia

Dear Soldier: Thank you for

giving me the opportunity to print the addresses for our service people in Bosnia. Please, dear readers, don't forget the thousands of U.S. servicemen and women serving in our armed forces:

For Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps land forces, write to: Any Service Member, Operation Joint Guard, APO AE 09307-0001.

For Navy and Marine Corps personnel aboard ships, write to: Any Service Member, Operation Joint Guard, FPO AA 09398-0001.

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.

## Our Heartfelt Thanks...

to the people of Hereford and the surrounding area in our time of dealing with Gene's cancer. For your support, love, prayers, compassion, care for a fellow neighbor, relative or friends; and to the churches that have kept us in their prayers.

Special thanks from our hearts to family members and close friends—your support has made us realize how important God, family and friends are in our time of need.

May the Lord bless each and everyone of you, for God does answer our prayers.

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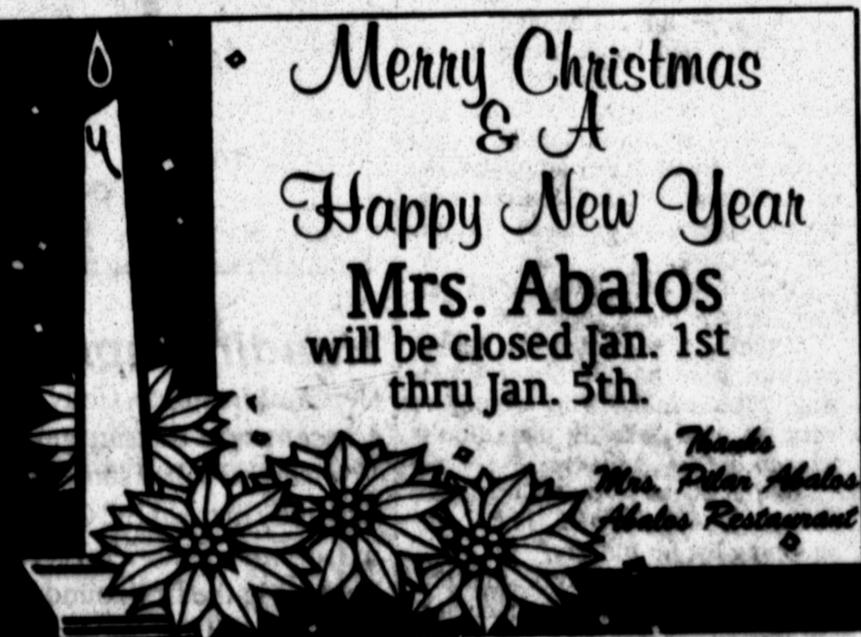
# Christmas Blessings

Let the message of that Holy Night light the way for us today, to the blessings of lasting peace and goodwill to all men.

## Thank You Hereford

With your support we met our 1997 Goal For United Way! We could not have done it without you.

Merry Christmas from The Board of Directors & Staff at United Way.



# Sports

## On the Sidelines

### NBA

**Monday's Games**  
 New York 79, Dallas 67  
 Detroit 96, Philadelphia 92  
 New Jersey 99, Orlando 88  
 Charlotte 51, Toronto 79  
 Utah 101, Atlanta 88  
 Washington 110, Milwaukee 79  
 L.A. Lakers 94, Houston 83  
 Phoenix 91, Golden State 76  
 Sacramento 89, Minnesota 79

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Dallas at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.  
 Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

### NHL

**Monday's Games**  
 Detroit 4, Boston 2  
 Edmonton 3, Montreal 3, tie  
 Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 St. Louis 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie  
 Los Angeles 1, Chicago 0

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 Montreal at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.  
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
 Calgary at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

### NCAA Basketball

**EAST**  
 Boston U. 60, Manhattan 59  
 Creighton 78, Towson 70  
 Fairleigh Dickinson 91, Wis.-Milwaukee 77

**WEST**  
 Navy 80, Harvard 65  
 Pittsburgh 67, Lafayette 66  
 Rhode Island 85, Ohio U. 72  
 Rutgers 90, Wagner 61  
 Siena 105, Holy Cross 88  
 Villanova 103, Fla. International 73

**SOUTH**  
 Alabama 85, Alabama St. 61  
 Clemson 65, Charleston Southern 42  
 Florida 95, Middle Tennessee 53  
 Indiana St. 78, E. Kentucky 61  
 Maryland 118, N.C. Asheville 52  
 Miami 85, Memphis 57  
 Middle Tenn. 74, Erskine 40  
 Mississippi 74, Louisville 70  
 N. Carolina St. 86, Hampton U. 61  
 N.C. Wilmington 68, Coastal Carolina 45

**NE**  
 Louisiana 102, Ball St. 83, OT  
 New Orleans 66, Tulane 61  
 SW Louisiana 66, Miss. Valley St. 60  
 South Alabama 69, Washington 52  
 South Florida 91, Nicholls St. 78  
 Southern U. 88, Ark.-Pine Bluff 85  
 Valparaiso 78, Belmont 62  
 Vanderbilt 66, Oregon 58  
 Virginia 92, Vill 55  
 Wake Forest 85, Radford 53  
 West Virginia 55, Virginia Tech 52

**INDIVIDUAL**  
 Bowling Green 59, Green Bay 51  
 Cleveland St. 59, Tulsa 55  
 E. Illinois 79, Evansville 75, OT  
 Minnesota 100, Sacramento St. 56  
 Notre Dame 75, Dartmouth 50  
 Ohio St. 83, Chattanooga 54  
 Purdue 116, Florida A&M 67  
 W. Michigan 88, Wright St. 74  
 Wichita St. 80, Drake 55  
 Youngstown St. 75, St. Francis, Pa. 69

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Oklahoma 95, North Texas 72  
 SW Texas St. 62, Samford 64  
 Texas-Arlington 73, Air Force 66

**Arizona St. 88, Weber St. 79**  
 Colorado 72, Denver 54  
 Colorado St. 58, San Jose St. 41  
 Indiana 65, San Francisco 52  
 San Diego 86, St. Francis, NY 78  
 UCLA 81, Boise St. 75

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Christmas Eve  
 Iowa 82, Southern Miss. 56  
 St. Bonaventure 70, Oral Roberts 67  
 Conestoga State  
 Loyola, Ill. 76, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 55  
 Tennessee Tech 62, Furman 58

**Coors Light Classic**  
 First Round  
 Long Island U. 102, CS Northridge 86  
 Meadowdale Tournament  
 First Round  
 Fordham 78, St. Mary's, Cal. 66  
 Seton Hall 69, Colgate 64

## IT'S UNANIMOUS Sanders headlines All-Pro squad

NEW YORK (AP) -- Barry Sanders, the third NFL player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, and center Dermontti Dawson and defensive end Dana Stubblefield, were unanimous selections for The Associated Press All-Pro Team released Monday.

Sanders, the Detroit Lions' star running back, made the squad for the sixth time, earning votes from all 48 members of a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Pittsburgh's Dawson, the leading vote-getter last season, was the only center named on any ballot.

San Francisco tackle Stubblefield was the leader among defensive players and the only member of the team with one of the league's best records -- along with Green Bay and Kansas City -- to make All-Pro.

"A lot of nice things have happened this year," said Sanders, whose 2,053 yards were the second most in NFL history.

"It's a huge honor," Dawson said. "Unanimous means special, means everybody. It doesn't get any better than that."

Dawson was one of three Steelers on the team, joined by safety Carnell

Lake and inside linebacker Levon Kirkland. Denver and Dallas also had three each.

Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith was chosen for the eighth time and, like Dawson and defensive tackle John Handle of Minnesota, made it for the fifth consecutive season. The other defensive lineman was Michael Strahan of the New York Giants.

Two players who drew attention for not making the Pro Bowl in voting conducted by fans, players and coaches were chosen for the All-Pro

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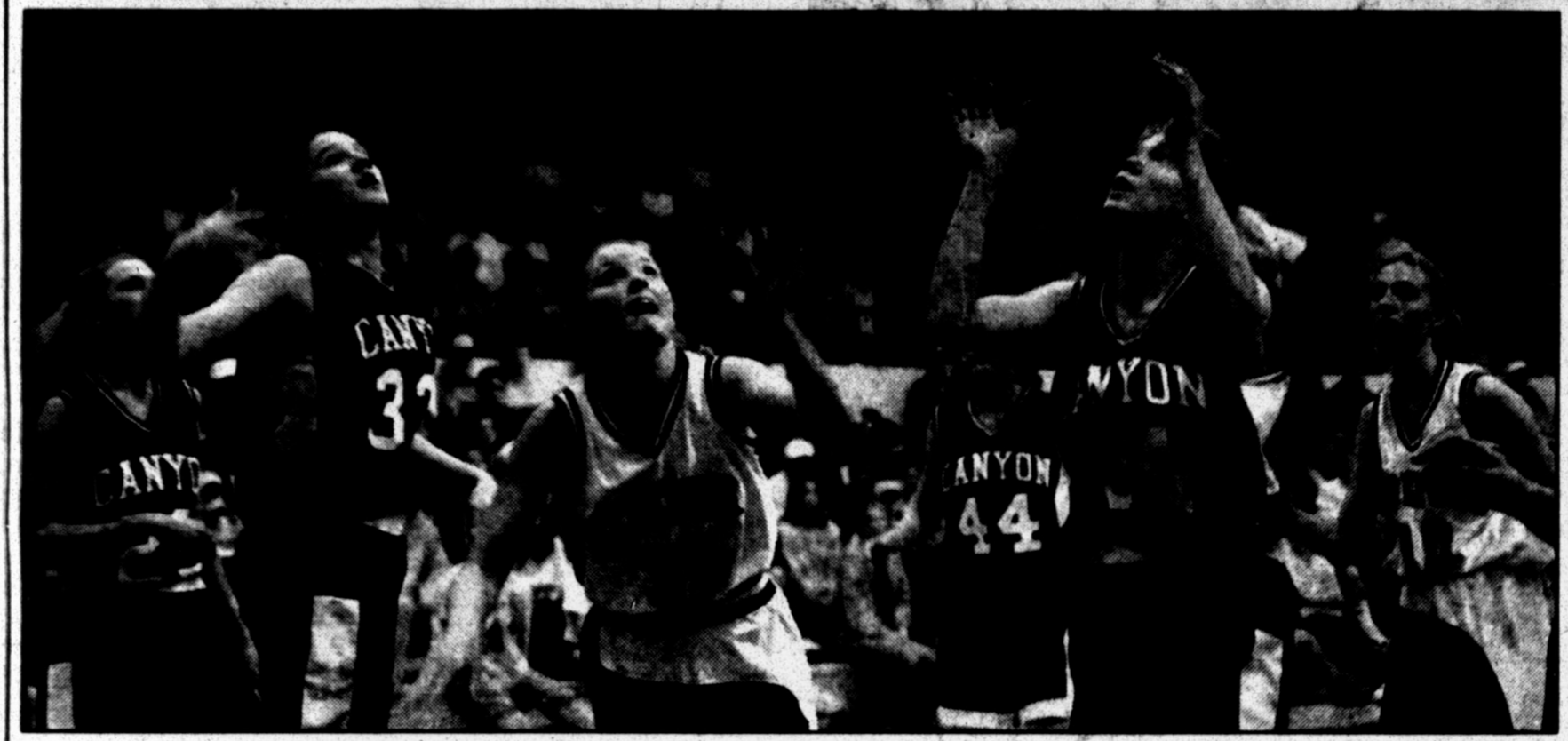


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### Waiting for a ball to fall

Hereford's Julie Rampley (30) and Canyon's Lindy Sherrod (23), Jolene Ayers (33) and T'nae Thiel gather around the basket for a rebound during their District 1-4A game Dec. 9 at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Eagles' Brooke Moore (44) and the Lady Whitefaces' Briar Baker (10) watch the action. Hereford

will resume play after the Christmas holiday when they play in the ABC Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 29-31. The Lady Whitefaces will play El Paso Jefferson 6 p.m. Dec. 29 in the first round.

## Third quarter powers Lakers past Houston, 94-83

HOUSTON (AP) -- It took awhile, but the young run-and-gun Los Angeles Lakers finally caught and past the Houston Rockets.

Kobe Bryant scored 19 points and Eddie Jones had nine of his 17 points in an early third-quarter charge that helped the Lakers beat the Rockets 94-83 Monday night.

"We were terrible in the first half," said Lakers center Elden Campbell, whose team trailed by nine points at halftime. "We made a lot of dumb mistakes but we stayed in the

game. We had some experienced guys who put us in position to win."

All of Los Angeles' starters scored in double figures along with sixth-man Bryant, the NBA's top non-starting scorer.

The Lakers beat the Rockets for the third straight time this season. The Lakers won in double overtime 126-115 on Nov. 12 and snapped Houston's nine-game winning streak with a 119-102 victory on Dec. 12.

The Rockets built a 31-20 lead early in the second quarter on three

consecutive 3-point baskets, two by Brent Price and one by Matt Bullard.

Houston was still ahead by nine in the third quarter before Jones sparked a 14-3 run that gave the Lakers a 58-56 lead on a 3-pointer by former Rockets forward Robert Horry.

"We had a lot of mental errors in the first half," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "I think it was due to road fatigue. We totally missed two plays because we forgot them and one time we had six men on the court."

"But our guys kept working hard.

They were never lazy and I told them at halftime that if they kept up the effort we would win the game."

After the Lakers took the lead, Houston tied it at 58 and 60 before the Lakers pulled ahead to stay.

Bryant hit 3-pointers to end the third quarter and start the fourth, and Campbell scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half for the Lakers. Campbell also had 14 rebounds.

As usual, Bryant led the charge off

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**DALLAS (87):** Finley 5-21-3-13, Scott 6-12-5-5 18, Green 5-5 0-0 10, Pack 2-0 7-8 11, Reeves 2-5 0-0 5, Davis 4-8 0-0 10, Walker 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 24-82 15-16 87.

**NEW YORK (78):** Mills 2-15 0-0 4, Johnson 8-15 1-2 16, Oakley 1-6 0-0 2, Houston 8-20 2-19, Ward 3-7 0-0 7, Starks 6-11 0-0 13, B. Williams 5-6 2-3 12, Childs 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 36-86 5-7 79.

**Dallas:** 12 13 22 28-67  
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**New York:** 12 13 22 28-67  
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3-Point goals--Dallas 4-15 (Davis 2-4, Reeves 1-2, Scott 1-4, Pack 0-1, Finley 0-4), New York 4-9 (Johnson 1-1, Ward 1-1, Houston 1-3, Starks 1-3, Mills 0-1). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--Dallas 41 (Green 9), New York 51 (Mills 10). Assists--Dallas 13 (Pack 5), New York 17 (Ward 5). Total fouls--Dallas 10, New York 12. Technicals--Finley, A--19, 763 (19,763).

**Dallas Mavericks 79-67 Monday night.**

"I really was encouraged. I didn't know how we'd react offensively without Pat in the lineup, but we really moved the ball well instead of dumping it into the low post," Buck Williams said.

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## New England edges Dolphins, 14-12

MIAMI (AP) -- A holding penalty on a two-point conversion cost Jimmy Johnson a chance to beat the New England Patriots at home.

He won't get another one.

New England overcame a slow start and a late Miami comeback Monday night to beat the Dolphins 14-12. The game gave the Patriots the AFC East championship and home-field advantage when the teams meet again in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

Miami closed within two points on Dan Marino's 8-yard touchdown pass

to Lamar Thomas with 3:46 left. But Karim Abdul-Jabbar's two-point conversion run was negated by a holding penalty on seven-time Pro Bowl tackle Richmond Webb, and on the second conversion attempt, Marino's pass fell incomplete.

The defending AFC champion Patriots (10-6) must now try to beat Miami (9-7) twice in one week, but the Dolphins face an even stiffer challenge. They've lost seven consecutive postseason road games since winning the Super Bowl in January 1974.

The Dolphins were beaten at New England 27-24 on Nov. 23.

On Monday, the Patriots managed just two first downs in the first half and fell behind 6-0 on two Olindo Mare field goals. But in the second half, they mounted touchdown drives of 70 and 55 yards and forced the Dolphins into repeated negative-yardage plays with frequent blitzing.

A harried Marino was sacked four times. He connected on four third-down passes in a 76-yard drive

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## Barry's days appear short, but only Jerry knows when

IRVING (AP) -- Barry Switzer's days at Valley Ranch appear numbered, with owner Jerry Jones the only one who can say when that number is up.

While the end of the four-year Switzer era appears near, other changes will sweep through the Dallas Cowboys after their most disappointing season since 1989, when Jimmy Johnson was a rookie NFL coach in a 1-15 campaign.

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese expects to be fired and several veteran players probably have played their final game as Cowboys.

Dallas dozed through a 20-7 loss to the NFC East champion New York Giants on Sunday to end the season at 6-10. Dallas will have the No. 8 spot in the draft, highest since 1991.

Switzer is 45-26 with the Cowboys, but his teams have been 17-17, including playoff games, since they beat Pittsburgh in the 1996 Super

**Colts fire Infante/See page 5**

**Bowl.**  
 The Cowboys' vast complex was shut down Monday for the holidays. Owner Jerry Jones has said nothing would be done regarding coaching or personnel changes until late January or February.

It is the first time the Cowboys haven't been in the playoffs since 1990.

Jones knows changes have to be made, even though it may include the painful dismissal or reassignment of his close friend Switzer.

"I'm not looking at this thing through rose-colored glasses," Jones said. "We have a lot of work to be done."

Switzer himself said his days as coach are probably over.

"I'm not sure I want to come

back," Switzer said. "I'll sit down with Jerry and talk about it and then we'll let you know what we decide. There will be a lot of changes."

Switzer said he and Jones have talked about a possible consultant role, but Jones corrected his coach by saying they have never talked. Jones considers Switzer a good evaluator of talent and, besides, Switzer has several years to go on his \$1 million per year contract.

Jones is already talking like he and Switzer have had a good run.

"I feel very rewarded that Barry and our team have a Super Bowl ring," Jones said. "This would be very hard to take if that didn't happen."

While Switzer went Christmas shopping, Jones had his own shopping list for players.

Dallas' dynamic trio of quarterback Troy Aikman, wide receiver

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### IN BRIEF

**Tar Heels No. 1**  
 The Associated Press North Carolina remained the No. 1 team in The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday, and the Tar Heels were a unanimous choice for the first time since 1986.

The top five spots in the Top 25 remained the same from last week as Kansas, Duke, Kentucky and Arizona held their places in the voting.

**ETBU joins ASC**  
 RICHARDSON (AP) -- East Texas Baptist University is joining the American Southwest Conference's East Division this fall, officials announced Monday.

The school currently is a member of the NCAA Division II Heart of Texas Conference.

### NFL Playoffs Glance

**First round**  
**Saturday**  
 Minnesota (9-7) at N.Y. Giants (10-6-1), 11:30 a.m. (ABC)  
 Jacksonville (11-5) and Denver (12-4), 3 p.m. (ABC)

**Sunday**  
 Miami (9-7) at New England (10-6), 11:30 p.m. (NBC)  
 Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6), (FOX)

**First round bye:** Kansas City, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Green Bay

**Divisional round**  
 Jan. 3, 4  
 At San Francisco  
 At Green Bay  
 At Kansas City  
 At Pittsburgh

**Conference championships**  
 Jan. 11  
 Super Bowl  
 Jan. 25  
 At AFC Champion vs. NFC champion, at San Diego.

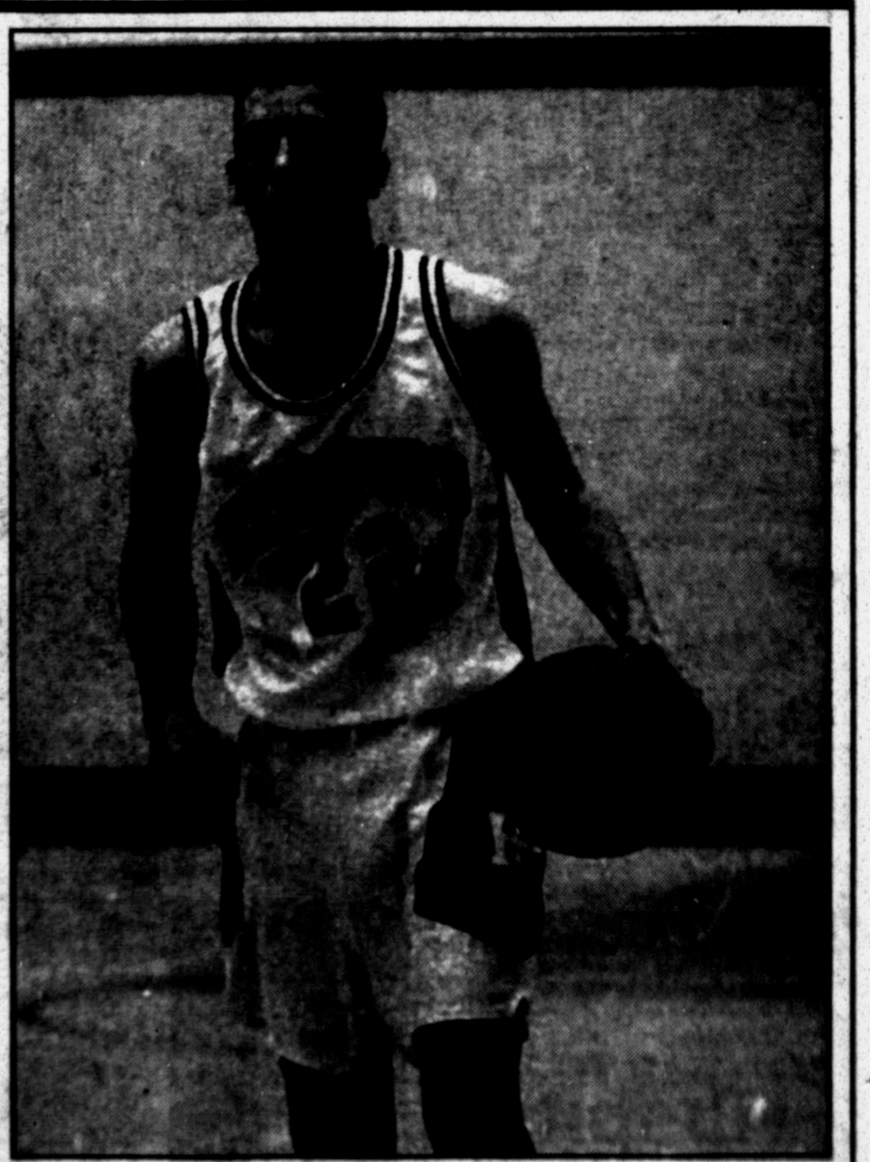


Photo by Julius Bodner

### Heading upcourt

Hereford freshman Cody Hodges walks the ball upcourt during a recent non-district game at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Whitefaces will resume play after the Christmas holiday when they play in the ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 29-31. Hereford will play Class 4A No. 10 Lamasa in the first round 9 a.m. Dec. 29 at Lubbock Monterey High School.



# Television

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| 3 Local Weather        | 10 KFDA (CBS), Amarillo | 17 The Family Channel  | 24 Nashville Network     | 31 Nickelodeon     | 38 Odyssey         |
| 4 KAMR (NBC), Amarillo | 11 C-SPAN               | 18 Showtime            | 25 The Discovery Channel | 32 USA Network     | 39 QVC             |
| 5 KACV (PBS), Amarillo | 12 C-SPAN II            | 19 Local Access        | 26 Arts & Entertainment  | 33 Univision       | 40 ESPN2           |
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## TUESDAY DECEMBER 23

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## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

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Tale Spin	Donald	Frosty's	Movie: Mr. Magoo	Santa Claus	Geoff Troop	Oscar's	Grow Pains	Brotherly	News	NBC News
Days-Live	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	On a Clear Day You Can See Forever
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Today	Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Storytime	Mr. Rogers	Arthur	Barney	In the Prime
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### Marvin By Tom Armstrong



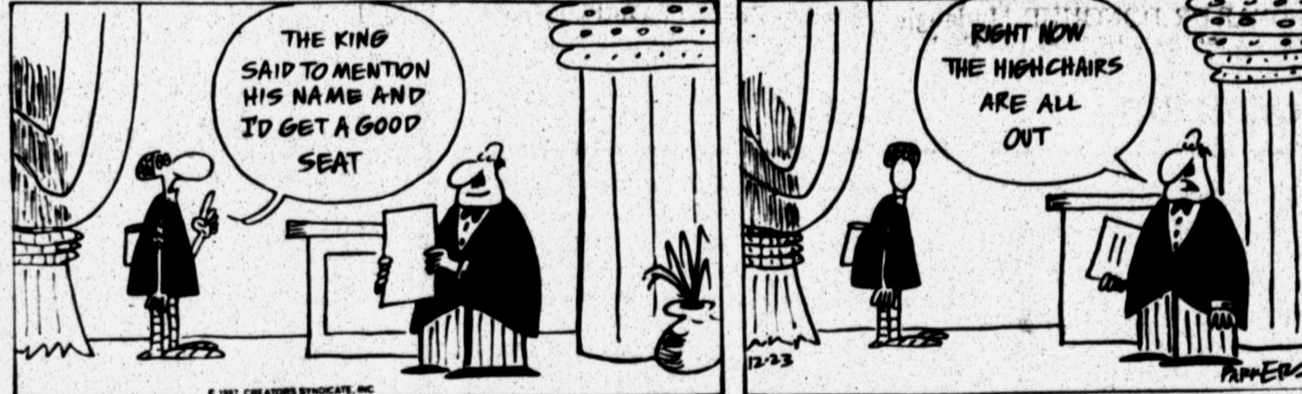
### Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake



### Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



### Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Loeswell



# Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1997. There are eight days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Dec. 23, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore ("'Twas the night before Christmas...") was published in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel.

**On this date:**  
In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months

after they had been captured.  
In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight without refueling as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1995, a fire in Dabwali, India, killed 540 people, including 170 children, during a year-end party being held near the children's school.

Ten years ago: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, serving a life sentence for the attempted assassination of President Ford in 1975, escaped from the Alderson Federal Prison for Women in West Virginia. (She was recaptured two days later.)

Five years ago: An American mission to save lives in Somalia lost the first of its own when a U.S. vehicle hit a land mine near Bardera, killing civilian Army employee

Lawrence N. Freedman of Fayetteville, N.C.

One year ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin returned to his office at the Kremlin after a six-month bout with a heart ailment. President Clinton expressed gratitude to the nation's armed forces as he visited Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Today's Birthdays:** Photographer Yousuf Karsh is 89. Actor James Gregory is 86. Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 76. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 64. Actor Frederic Forrest is 61. Actor James Stacy is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eugene Record (The Chi-Lites) is 57. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 54. Actress Susan Lucci is 48. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 39. Actor Corey Haim is 26. Rock musician Jamie Murphy (Space) is 22.

Thought for Today: "You can always spot a well-informed man - his views are the same as yours." - Ilka Chase, author, actress and humorist (1905-1978).



LISA CHAVEZ

## Chavez earns 4.0 GPA

Lisa Chavez, daughter of Lupe and Janie Chavez of Hereford, has earned a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester at McMurry University in Abilene.

Chavez, a communication major, graduated from Hereford High School in 1997.

## Colonial foods

Lark Duncan, Deaf Smith County 4-H'er, presented a demonstration on Colonial foods, kitchens and customs to third and fourth grade students. She prepared Sally Lund Bread, a slightly sweet-tasting bread served in Colonial times with fruit compotes and hearty stews.

### Sally Lund Bread

- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 3/4 cup milk
- 6-8 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt

Measure warm water into a small bowl. Add the yeast and stir. Warm the milk in the microwave. Then stir the warm milk into the yeast and water.

Cream the butter and sugar together in a separate bowl. Add the eggs one at a time to the butter mixture. Stir the flour and salt together in a medium bowl. Add the yeast and water and the flour mixture alternately to the butter and sugar, beating until the mixture is smooth.

Cover batter with a clean towel and let it rise in a warm place for one hour. When the batter has doubled in size, stir quickly to take out the air. Grease a tube pan with shortening or butter, then pour the batter into the tube pan. Cover and let rise for about 30 minutes or until it has doubled again in size.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and bake on center oven rack for 40-45 minutes.

## For New Year's, for life

### Commit to quit smoking

(NAPS)—You've been doing it all year, making excuses for NOT quitting smoking. Why not join the millions of Americans who will quit smoking for New Year's 1998?

To help you be successful, in your quit attempt, healthcare experts say a stop smoking plan should have three phases:

1. Decide to quit. Give yourself reasons for quitting—your family, your children, your health and appearance.

2. Prepare to quit. Look into the methods available for stopping smoking, perhaps discussing them with a pharmacist or other health care professional.

You could stop "cold turkey," in one fell swoop; decrease the number of cigarettes you smoke over time; or use an over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy available at your local pharmacist.

3. Follow through. Get involved in a support program to change your smoking behavior. To cope with cravings, take deep breaths, drink lots of water throughout the day, do something to get your mind off the craving, and delay reaching for a cigarette—that urge will pass.

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## To Your Good Health

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My daughter, age 52, was told she has Crohn's disease. What is it? Who gets it? What's the life span? Do any foods cause it? My daughter is a smoker. — A.B.

**ANSWER:** Crohn's disease is one of two inflammatory bowel diseases. The other is ulcerative colitis. Both share some common features, but they are dissimilar in many other respects.

Crohn's disease can inflame the entire digestive tract, from mouth to rectum. Usually it is confined to the small intestine or colon. As a matter of fact, many times it is found only in the last portion of the small intestine, the ileum. Hence its other name: "regional ileitis."

The inflamed tract produces diarrhea and fever. Abdominal pain can be crampy and constant. Weight loss is common, as food rushes through the digestive tract before it can be absorbed.

Anyone at any age can come down with Crohn's disease, but ages 15 through 35 are the peak years.

In a city of 100,000, 40 Crohn's patients can be found. Blacks are less afflicted than are whites. The Jewish population bears the greatest number of patients.

Foods do not cause Crohn's disease. Cigarette smoking, however, is associated with it.

Actually, the disease's cause is unknown. An inherited tendency to develop it has been proposed. So has a variety of germs, but none has been uncovered as the Crohn's rogue. It is not a contagious illness.

An immune system run amok appears the most likely cause.

Armed with many effective medicines, doctors can keep most Crohn's patients pursuing a normal life and living to a ripe old age.

For a wealth of information on the disease, call the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, toll-free, at (800) 932-2423.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am told I have pulmonary fibrosis. Can you enlighten me on this? I am taking cortisone. I have osteoporosis and I know cortisone can make it worse. Is there anything else I could take? — C.K.

**ANSWER:** Pulmonary fibrosis fills the lungs with thick strands of scar tissue. Usually a cause cannot be found for the scar-tissue formation, so the illness is called "primary pulmonary fibrosis."

Its two salient symptoms are struggling to get a full breath and a dry, hacking cough.

Cortisone drugs often are employed to stop scar-tissue formation. They can, indeed, worsen osteoporosis.

Pull out all stops to counter the osteoporosis effects of cortisone. Make certain you are getting enough calcium (1,500 milligrams daily) and vitamin D (400 international units a day). Exercise as much as you can. There are other remedies for pul-

monary fibrosis. Azathioprine and cyclophosphamide retard scar-tissue formation, but they can have undesirable side effects.

Colchicine, a gout medicine, can slow down the lung scarring. I can't explain why.

You might come to the point where home oxygen will be needed. But

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## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Ancient space travelers visit Texas

Meteorites are pieces of other bodies from our solar system that flash through our atmosphere at 32,000 to 150,000 miles per hour. The oldest bodies in our solar system, meteorites date back 4.6 billion years. More have landed in Texas than in any other state, and 14 meteorites have hailed on Hale County.



## Echándole el ojo a Texas

### Viajeros viejos visitan a Texas

Aerolitos son pedazos de masa petrea o metálica del sistema solar que caen por nuestro atmosfera a velocidades entre 32,000 y 150,000 millas por hora. Los mas viejos tienen una edad de 4.6 billones de años. Texas ha hospedado a mas aerolitos que cualquier otro estado, y 14 han caido en el Condado de Hale.



### 10 INDICTED IN ALIEN SMUGGLING RING

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - The president of a T-shirt company and nine others were charged Monday with smuggling Mexican workers into the United States to work at the company's plant in Georgia. Fred Parrish, president of Atlantic Finishing Inc., with factories in Trenton, Ga., and Henagar, Ala., hired the immigrants under false names and concealed their immigration status with bogus documents, the indictment said. "This case illustrates how demand created by a U.S. company has the effect of luring and recruiting Mexican nationals and others from Latin America to cross the international border," U.S. Attorney John Kelly said at a news conference.

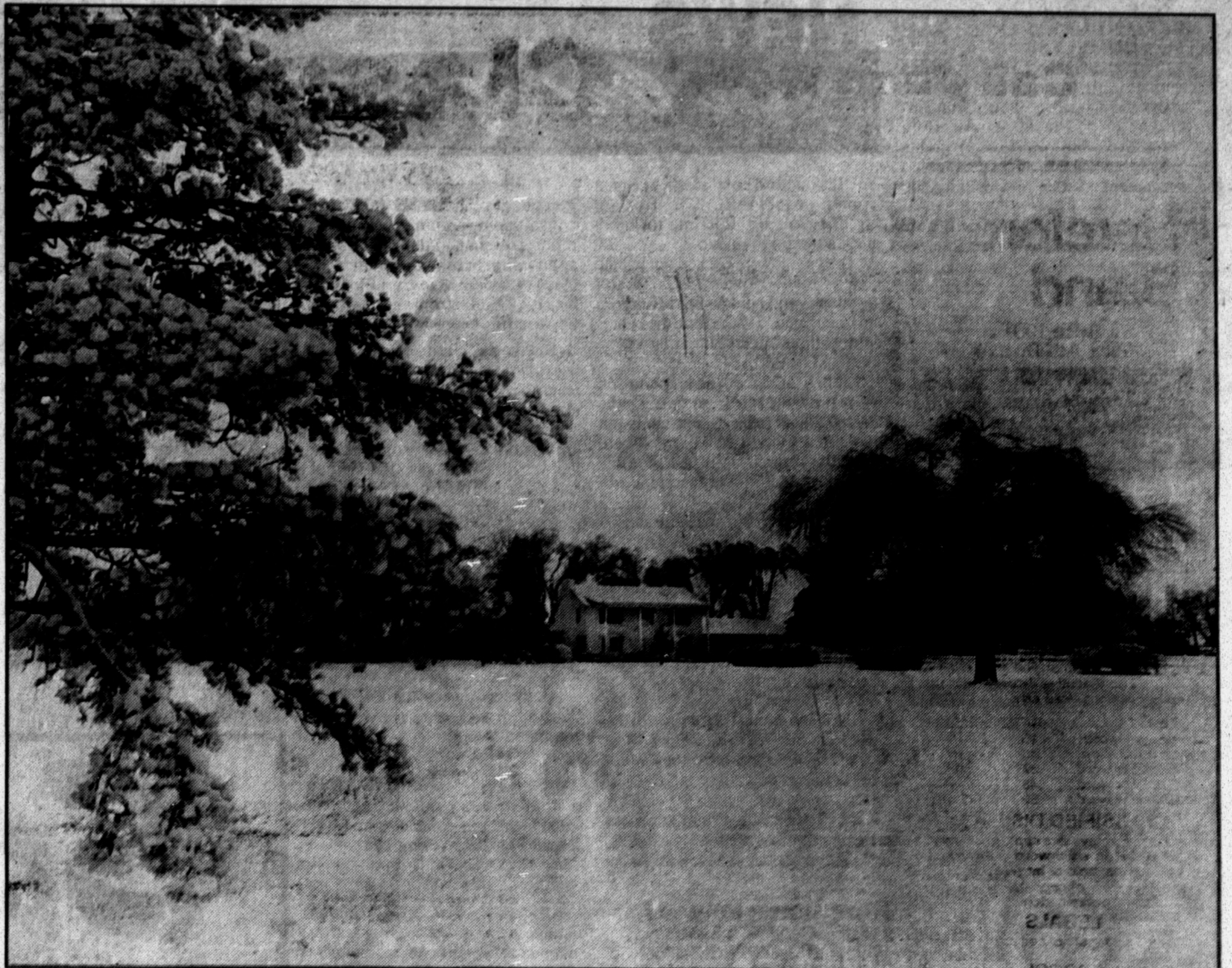


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### Holiday postcard

The snow that covered the yard in front of this house looks like a holiday greeting card from the Old South, but it's not. This

house sits on the west side of Hereford, about as far from the Old South as can be.

## DOE releases films of nuclear tests

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government set off more than two dozen atomic blasts from 1961 to 1973 to study whether nuclear explosives could be used to build harbors, tunnels and canals, newly declassified documents show.

The most destructive, at the Nevada Test Site July 6, 1962, was six times the size of the bomb dropped in August 1945 on Hiroshima, Japan. It displaced 12 million tons of earth and released the seismic energy equivalent of an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.75 on the Richter scale, Energy Department officials said Monday.

Newly released film of that "Project Sedan" shows the spectacular explosion and 320-foot-deep, 1,280-foot-diameter crater left behind by the 104 kiloton blast. The bomb at Hiroshima was 16 kilotons.

Energy Secretary Federico Pena previewed the films with reporters, including new footage he described as "disturbing" of radiation tests on pigs and other animals at nuclear test sites during the Cold War.

Other footage included then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy donning eye shades to view a blast at the Nevada Test Site in 1962.

The release of the previously secret material was part of the Clinton administration's evolving policy of openness at DOE. It was accompanied by new rule changes intended to protect whistleblowers who work for DOE contractors and to reverse the burden of proof when determining whether nuclear-related documents should be classified.

"In the past, documents have been assumed to be born classified," Pena said. "Starting today, that assumption is eliminated. Only materials with a compelling national security interest will be classified."

The DOE for the first time released specific yields for 11 of the 27 test blasts for peaceful purposes, the "Plowshare Project." All but four were conducted at the Nevada Test Site north of Las Vegas.

Most of the tests were totally contained under ground, ranging from less than 1 kiloton to slightly more than 11 kilotons.

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

### Capital Highlights

AUSTIN - The Texas Lottery has proposed "Texas Million," a new instant-ticket electronic game lottery commissioners believe will remedy slow sales. The game could debut next spring.

Players would choose four numbers from 0 to 99. A correct guess would win the \$1 million top prize. Odds of winning would be 1 in 3.9 million. Lottery ticket sales in November and December remained lower than expected. The lottery is running \$60 million short of what is supposed to take in during the current biennium, which ends Aug. 31, 1999.

"It's not going to make up for what we've lost. It's going to help," said Linda Cloud, who was named executive director of the lottery last week.

Cloud, who has been on the Texas Lottery staff since 1992, is the third executive director of the agency. She follows Nora Linares and Lawrence Littwin, who was fired in October. Cloud will be paid a salary of \$100,000.

#### FAULKNER NEW UT CHIEF

Larry Faulkner, the No. 2 official at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, last week was named president of the University of Texas, Faulkner, 53, succeeds Robert Berdahl, who served as president for five years before accepting the top post at the University of California at Berkeley.

Faulkner earned a Ph.D. in 1969 from UT. He has conducted award-winning research in electrochemistry and electroanalytical chemistry. He taught chemistry at UT in 1983-84.

"This is a real jewel of a university, and my priority as president will be to keep that way and help the people of Texas understand what they have in this marvelous place," Faulkner was quoted in the Austin American-Statesman.

#### LITERACY PLACE UNVEILED

State Rep. Helen Giddings and Texas first lady Laura Bush unveiled the "Read to Succeed" license plate last week at the Texas Capitol.

Giddings, a Dallas Democrat, authored the law that allows the plate. Proceeds from sales of the plate go to a statewide reading initiative targeting children in grades kindergarten through three who are not reading at grade level.

Honored at the unveiling was Melody Mass, 14, of Terrell, an eighth-grade student whose winning design was chosen from nearly 12,000 entries submitted in September by Texas students, kindergarten through grade 12, from 238 cities.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In a year-end analysis of Texas' welfare reform efforts, State Comptroller John Sharp said 770,000 people have left the food stamp rolls over the past three years - with 13 percent of the decline due to the state's new Lone Star card. Sharp said the electronic benefits delivery system is saving taxpayers an average of \$85.5 million per year.

Texas upland cotton production for 1997 is expected to total 5.3 million bales, according to figures released by Texas Agriculture Statistics Service. This estimate is 2 percent less than the Nov. 1 forecast. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.3 million acres, 29 percent more than last year.

The University Staff Association at the University of Texas is organizing a campaign for better staff pay after a consultant's study earlier found that 94 percent of the 6,281 employees surveyed were paid below the Austin market average. Association President Peg Kramer said she thinks "existing money can be used to bring people up to the minimum."

The Texas grapefruit production forecast is 5 million boxes for the 1997-98 season, 6 percent below last year. Texas Agriculture Statistics Service expects early and midseason oranges to account for 1.4 million boxes. The production of all oranges was 1.42 million boxes last year.

To accommodate holiday travelers from Mexico, the El Paso office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will not process or issue border crossing cards until Jan. 5 at all eight of its ports of entry in Texas and New Mexico.

Capital Highlights is compiled by Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling of the Texas Press Association.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Names in the News

#### SPICE GIRLS

LONDON (AP) - Despite some recent turmoil, the Spice Girls are "Too Much" for the competition.

The British pop group has the No. 1 single on the United Kingdom's charts for the second Christmas in a row.

That feat has been bettered only by the Beatles, who first grabbed the Christmas No. 1 slot in 1963 with "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and held on for two more years with "I Feel Fine" and "Day Tripper." "We Can Work It Out."

For Ginger, Posh, Sporty, Scary and Baby Spice, "Too Much" is their sixth consecutive British No. 1. Last Christmas they were tops with "2 Become 1."

"It's been an incredibly difficult period for us, but we are back stronger than ever," Geri Halliwell, a.k.a. Ginger Spice, was quoted as saying in the tabloid Sun on Monday.

The Spice Girls fired their manager, Simon Fuller, last month and got booed in Spain for refusing to let photographers take pictures of them.

#### JUNE ALLYSON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - June Allyson reminds many people of incontinence. She doesn't mind.

"Kids on the street say, 'Hey, Mom, there goes the Depends lady.' At first it embarrassed me, but I'm so proud to be part of something that helps so many people," Miss Allyson said in a recent interview.

Miss Allyson, 80, the 1940s and '50s movie star, has appeared in television ads for the Depends adult diaper for years.

"It's not an attractive subject, but do you think AIDS is an attractive subject?" she said.

Miss Allyson says her mother, Clara, who suffered in silence with incontinence prior to her death in 1985, urged her to take the job promoting Depends for Kimberly-Clark Corp.

"She said, 'The world and people have been wonderful to you, and I think it's time that you gave back a little something,'" Miss Allyson said.

An estimated 15 million to 19 million Americans suffer loss of bladder control.

Miss Allyson also raises money for education and research through the June Allyson Foundation, which is funded by the American Urogynecological Society and Kimberly-Clark.

#### MARY HART

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mary Hart, who is hosting next week's broadcast of "Ladies' Home Journal's Most Fascinating Women," has her own list of favorites.

"Secretary of State Madeleine Albright," Miss Hart, the "Entertainment Tonight" anchor, said Monday by telephone from her Montana retreat. "If it were up to me picking them, she would be right at the top."

The magazine's list of this year's unforgettable women includes Albright, Camille Cosby, Celine Dion, Linda McCartney, Della Reese, Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, Julia Roberts, Roseanne and plus-size model Ennace.

The women profiled also include the not-so-famous, such as Pat Owens, the mayor of flood-ravaged Grand Forks, N.D.

The one-hour CBS show is scheduled to air Dec. 29.

#### JERRY SEINFELD

NEW YORK (AP) - Jerry Seinfeld passed on some good laughs 20 years ago.

According to comedian-writer Carol Leifer of the WB show "Albino Aloud," Seinfeld passed over her and Paul Reiser of "Mad About You" as stand-up comedians when the two were trying out for a comedy club.

"We went to the Comic Strip together in 1977, and Jerry was the master of ceremonies, and he passed us both on the audition," Leifer said in the Dec. 27 issue of TV Guide.

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**GORE ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Promising a new effort to brighten "the dark doorways and alleys of our communities," Vice President Al Gore announced \$865 million in grants Monday to help homeless people find permanent shelter and responsible lives.

"These new resources will go a long way towards helping homeless citizens move off the sidewalks and into jobs - to find homes and hope," Gore said.

"No child should have a life where there's no address for Santa Claus to come to on Christmas morning."

Gore and Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo also announced that 200,000 books have been donated by U.S. publishers for homeless children, a down payment on a goal of 500,000 books.

Standing before a brightly lit Christmas tree and a wall of children's books in a HUD conference room, Gore opened the announcement ceremony by reading "Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer" to a cluster of homeless children.

The vice president said \$700 million in the new grants will go to state and local governments and non-profit groups to help provide long-term solutions to homelessness beyond the stopgap of emergency shelter.

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY OFFERS SEXTUPLETS PAID EDUCATION**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Add a paid college education to the list of gifts for the five surviving sextuplets in Washington.

Howard University offered four-year scholarships Monday to each of the seven-month-old Thompson babies: Emily Elizabeth, Richard Linden, Octavia Daniela, Stella Kimberly and AnnMarie Amanda.

**NEWS**

*in brief*

"It's our turn now," father Linden Thompson told WRC-TV. "Howard has done the job. It's time for mom and dad to do their job."

The babies were decked out in blue and white Howard University sweatsuits and bonnets for Monday's announcement. By the time the babies enter college the scholarships will be worth \$314,000.

Linden and Jacqueline Thompson were the first black parents in the United States to have sextuplets but they and their newborns were virtually ignored until last month's birth of the McCaughey septuplets in Iowa.

The Iowa births sparked stories about the lack of attention given to the Thompson family.

Since then, the baby shower for the infants has been ongoing. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, making her annual visit to Children's Hospital, recently posed for photos with the Thompson family.

The National Political Congress of Black Women, based in nearby Silver Spring, Md., announced last week it was "adopting" the family and helping make some of their wishes come true.

The Freddie Mac Foundation has already promised the family a house, and Chevrolet has donated an Astro minivan.

**SOME HIGH SCHOOLERS TO BEGIN NEW YEAR WITH COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE**

WASHINGTON (AP) - A growing number of high-school seniors will start the new year with a college acceptance in hand instead of waiting until spring for word.

There's no official count, but guidance counselors, educational consultants and admissions officials report higher numbers of fall applications from the high school class of 1998. Many seniors began hearing back from colleges and universities last week.

But the popularity of early options has also caused worry that many teen-agers, desiring certainty, may not make the best choice of college. The yearlong focus on college admission distracts students from their classwork and extracurricular activities, and also interferes with the other work of teachers who must write countless recommendations.

**AVIS TO PAY \$3.3 MILLION TO END DISCRIMINATION SUIT**

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) - Avis Inc. will pay nearly \$3.3 million to settle a discrimination lawsuit filed by black customers against a North Carolina franchise of the rental car company.

Three black motorists sued Avis and New Hanover Rent-A-Car last year after they said the company failed to discipline dealer John Dalton despite dozens of complaints about him to Avis customer-service operators.

Affidavits by former New Hanover managers claim Dalton's rental car outlets placed additional requirements on blacks in order to justify denying them rentals. Such requirements included higher credit-card maximums and proof of employment, the affidavits said.

**"Titanic" sails past competition**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Titanic" made \$28.6 million in its opening weekend and is on course to meet its \$200 million-plus price tag, an industry analyst said Monday.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, "Titanic" is director James Cameron's much-anticipated vision of the luxury ocean liner's disastrous maiden voyage in 1912. Originally scheduled for the lucrative Fourth of July weekend, its debut was delayed because Cameron needed more time to finish it.

The wait may have proved advantageous for the most expensive film ever made.

"It's interesting when a film opens prior to a holiday," said David Davis, vice president at Los Angeles investment bank Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin.

"A summer-type holiday could provide a week or two of good attendance, but it's almost wall-to-wall weekends once Dec. 25th rolls around, with kids out of school and adults on vacation. Films tend to get much better second weeks.

"Even with additional competition, second weeks could eclipse the first. I think 'Titanic' is still on line to gross \$150 million to \$200 million in the U.S.," Davis said.

The latest James Bond installment, "Tomorrow Never Dies," starring Pierce Brosnan, was the second most attended film, with a \$25.1 million weekend take. "Scream 2" fell from No. 1 to third place with \$13.9 million.

"MouseHunt" debuted in disappointing fourth

with \$6 million.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data.

1. "Titanic," Paramount, \$28.6 million, 2,674 locations, \$10,710 average, \$28.6 million, first week.
2. "Tomorrow Never Dies," MGM/UA, \$25.1 million, 2,807 locations, \$8,957 average, \$25.1 million, first week.
3. "Scream 2," Miramax, \$13.9 million, 2,638 locations, \$5,277 average, \$55 million, second week.
4. "MouseHunt," DreamWorks, \$6 million, 2,152 locations, \$2,817 average, \$6 million, first week.
5. "Flubber," Buena Vista, \$4.3 million, 2,612 locations, \$1,638 average, \$64.3 million, fourth week.
6. "Home Alone 3," Fox, \$3.5 million, 2,061 locations, \$1,684 average, \$9.4 million, second week.
7. "For Richer or Poorer," Universal, \$3.4 million, 1,926 locations, \$1,745 average, \$10.9 million, second week.
8. "Amistad," DreamWorks, \$3.3 million, 480 locations, \$6,834 average, \$9.7 million, second week.
9. "Anastasia," Fox, \$1.7 million, 1,873 locations, \$889 average, \$44.4 million, sixth week.
10. "John Grisham's The Rainmaker," Paramount, \$1.4 million, 1,492 locations, \$949 average, \$41.5 million, five weeks.

**WATER**

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The water planning areas and rules will be considered for adoption at the TWDB board meeting at 9 a.m. Feb. 19, 1998, in Room 118 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress, Austin.

Also, the TWDB has identified Special Water Resources (RWR) for the regional water planning. SWR are water supplies in one area that are obligated to meet water demands in another area. As a RWR develops its regional water plan, it must protect water rights,

contracts and option agreements related to a SWR in its area so that water supplies obligated to meet demands outside the regional planning area aren't affected.

For copies of the final regional water planning area designations and rules, contact Diane Burr at (512) 475-2057; e-mail: [dburr@twdb.state.tx.us](mailto:dburr@twdb.state.tx.us); mail, TWDB, P.O. Box 13231, Austin 78711-3231; or through the TWDB Web site at <http://www/twdb.state.tx.us/www/twdb/sbl-hp.html>.

**BOARD**

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Equipment and tapes believed to have been used to bug the Water District office were seized at Miller's home. Also, seized during the search was a store of methamphetamines.

Miller, one of five elected members of the Water District board of directors, was charged Dec. 17 with unlawful interception of communication. He also is facing additional charges.

According to Lamb County District Attorney Mark Yarbrough, the Lamb County grand jury will hear evidence on a possession of a controlled substance

next month.

Miller represents Cochran County and portions of Lamb and Hockley counties within the service area. Miller has been affiliated with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 since 1986, when he was elected to serve as a member of the District's Lamb County committee.

In 1992, Miller was appointed Precinct 2 District Director to complete the unexpired term of Mack Hicks of Levelland who died in office.

Miller was elected to a four-year term in 1994. He has chosen not to run for re-election in 1998.

**STUDENTS**

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the auditor said, inventory list couldn't be located, the auditor said. Beshear said two of the computers were found being used in other departments and he expects the other to be located as well.

Controls aren't in place to ensure proper accounting of the program's operating expenditures. For example, the commission couldn't locate supporting documentation for a number of fiscal year 1996 program expenditures.

The agency requested the review after a 1996 internal audit found problems and management was changed, Beshear said. The Workforce Commission, responsible

for distributing the funds to local Communities in Schools boards and monitoring the local program, took over the program in 1996, he said.

The program is designed to help at-risk students stay in school by connecting the youngsters and their families with community resources such as counseling, court advocacy, drug abuse programs, tutoring and job assistance.

In fiscal year 1997, there were about 31,000 students in the program being overseen by a case manager and more than 190,000 who participated in some aspect of the program, Beshear said.

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