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## HEDC report has 'positive' elements

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Hereford's economic indicators were mixed at the end of 1999, according to figures compiled by the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

HEDC Executive Director Don Cumpton said the report had several positive elements, citing gains in sales tax payments, utility connections and cattle prices.

"If the commodity prices had been higher, it'd be a good report," Cumpton said. "But with prices like they are, it

makes it tough on our farmers and that just relates to everything else here.

"The good news is the cattle prices, which makes it a big plus," he said.

At the end of the year, the HEDC reported the sales tax payments to Hereford, Deaf Smith County and the HEDC were up for the previous year.

The county reported its sales tax payments, distributed through the Texas Comptroller's Office, were \$368,038, up from \$364,181 for 1998. The city reported pay-

ments of \$719,442, up from \$716,683 the previous year, while the HEDC received \$359,721, up slightly from the \$358,342 for 1998.

Utility connections showed an increase over the year. The electric connections were 6,539 at the end of December, up from 6,516 the previous year; gas connections were 9,692, up from 9,661; and water connections were 5,289, up from 5,252.

The employment figures, however, were a mixed bag. Although the unemployment

rate at the end of 1999 was 6 percent, down from 6.7 percent at the end of 1998, the labor force showed a decline, falling to 7,914 from 8,090 for the previous year.

Total employment in the county for 1999, down from 7,547 for the previous year. The number of workers seeking jobs at the end of 1999 was 475, down from 543 the previous year.

In 1999, the city issued 74 building permits for a total of \$11,977,131. Those figures compare with 121 permits, to-

taling \$6,474,165, for 1998.

Agriculture was where the economic picture turned bad, with crop prices showing sharp declines from 1998.

The Dec. 31 price for wheat was \$2.09 per bushel, down from \$2.66 for the previous year; corn per hundredweight (Cwt.) 50, down from \$3.82; grain sorghum was \$2.84 per Cwt.

There was some good news for the cattle industry, however, which reported a price of \$68.88 per Cwt., up from \$58.13 for the previous year.

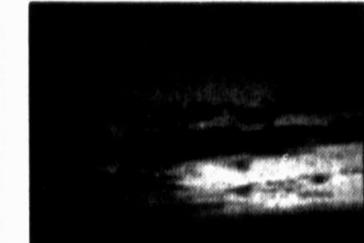
### Today's weather

### OUTLOOK

#### Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the upper 20s, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and warm with a high in the lower 60s, west wind 5 to 10 mph, becoming northeast late in the afternoon.



#### Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy, low 30 to 35, high in the mid-50s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, low around 30, high in the mid-50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high in the upper 50s.

#### Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 47; low, 23; no precipitation.

## Inside Today

### SPORTS

"It brings a rival back in district. Our kids have played against their kids in many competitions and I think it's going to be a neat deal."

■ HISD athletic director Craig Yener, referring to UH, realignment of District 3-4A, which brings Canyon and Randall into the league.



■ HISD athletic directors see both good, bad in realignment of District 3-4A. — Page A5

### Wal-Mart, cereal to promote new Sacagawea dollar

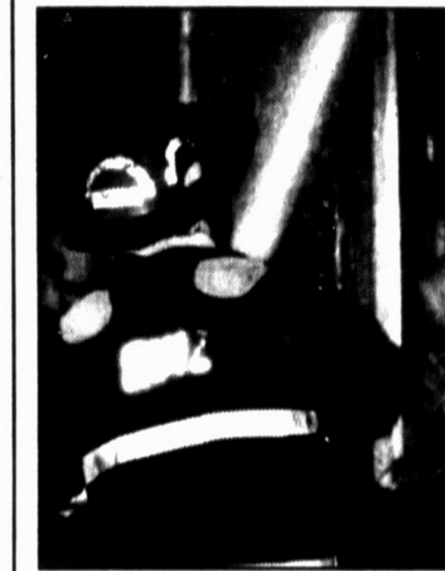
WASHINGTON (AP) — It is easier to find at Wal-Mart or even in a box of Cheerios than at your local bank.

At least, that is the initial plan for the new Sacagawea dollar coin, which is being aggressively marketed by U.S. Mint officials mindful of the debacle with the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

Since last Thursday, cashiers at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club store checkouts have been making change with the coin instead of dollar bills. And thousands of Cheerios boxes will include coins or certificates for coins.

"Through the end of February, we will be the exclusive holder," said Laura Pope of Wal-Mart Stores.

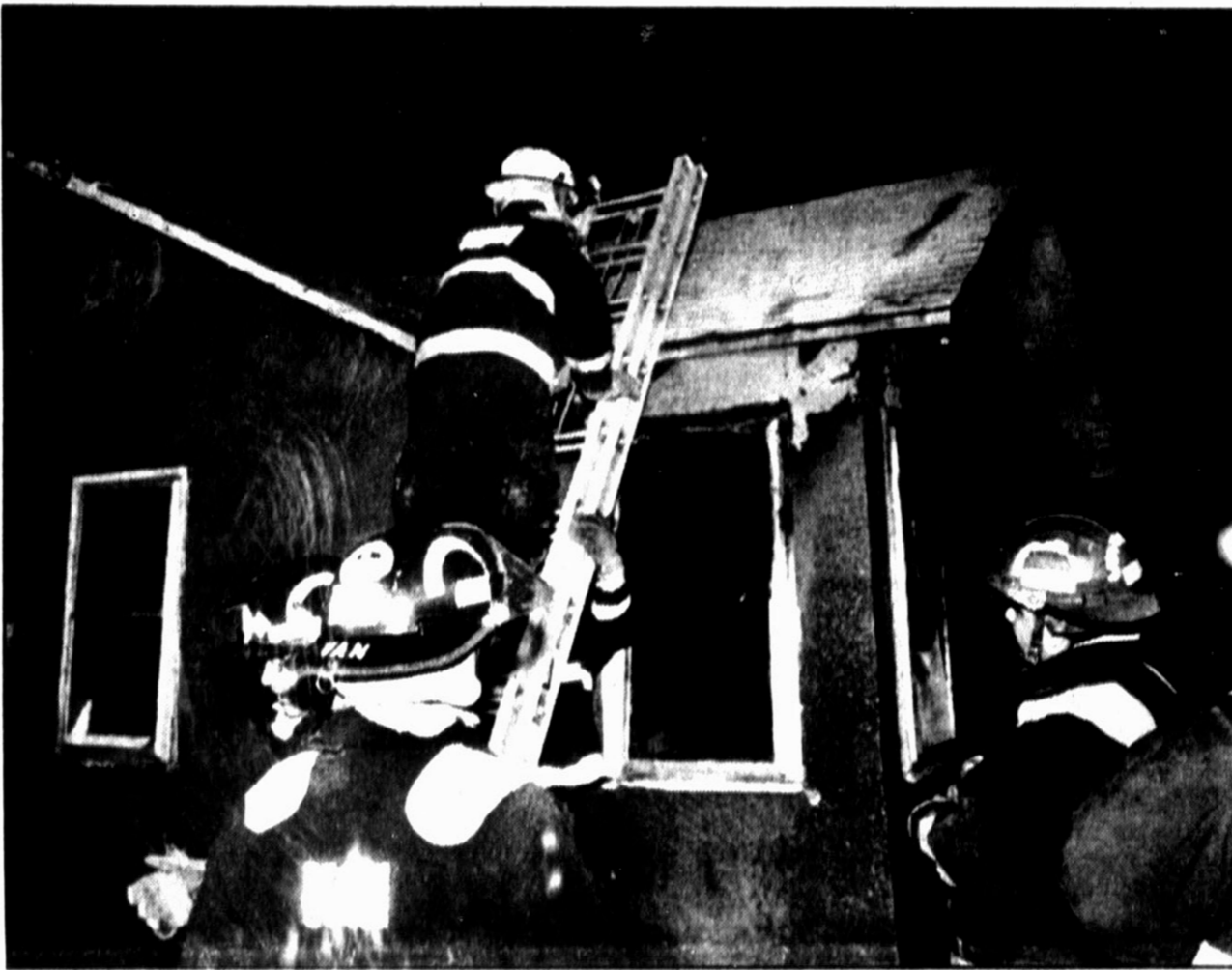
The Anthony coin was a flop, and the government was stuck with nearly two-thirds of the 857 million coins produced.



### Putting out house fire

Hereford volunteer firefighters responded shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday to a house fire at 321 Avenue B. There were no injuries reported in the blaze, but the house did sustain smoke damage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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## Inflation fears seen as reason for rate boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is ready to bump up interest rates for a fourth time since June in an effort to rein in the nation's economy, which has been growing at a breakneck pace, private economists believe.

Ever since the Fed took a pass on raising rates in December to avoid stress during the Y2K computer date change, most economists — citing continuing strong economic growth — have been predicting that the central bank would boost rates to help keep inflation under control.

Most expect a quarter of a percentage point.

When Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan raised new worries about inflation in a speech last month, economists took that as yet another signal that a rate increase is coming.

The Federal Open Market Committee, comprising members of the Fed board in Washington and the presidents of the Fed's 12 regional banks, began a two-day meeting Tuesday to review interest rate policy. A midafternoon announcement of their decision was expected today.

Stocks rose Tuesday amid a growing sense that despite rising interest rates, which can cut into corporate profits, most U.S. companies will post strong earnings growth throughout the year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 100.52 points at 11,041.05.

"The story that the Fed has been telling over the last month is that we think growth is too strong and could produce inflation. We don't see a likelihood that it will slow on its own, so we need to raise rates," said Tim O'Neill of the Bank of Montreal.



ALAN GREENSPAN

Economists saw signal in speech that rate hike on the way.

## AmBUSHed! McCain romps in primary

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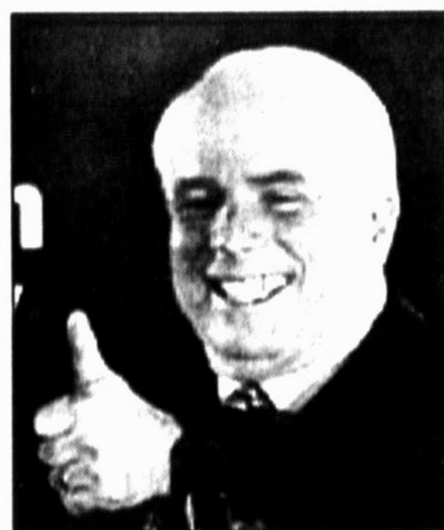
■ Sen. John McCain, interviewed on NBC's "Today" after his startling landslide over Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

By Walter R. Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

Sen. John McCain opened the Southern front in his battle for the Republican presidential nomination today, boosted by the momentum of a startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire.

"I know it's going to get more intense now," McCain said on NBC's "Today." "We've interfered with the coronation."

Vice President Al Gore edged Bill Bradley to win the Democratic primary, and claimed to have dealt "a devastating blow" to his challenger. But Bradley today called the close finish "a real victory for a new kind of politics" and declared himself



JOHN MCCAIN

Arizona senator scores stunning landslide victory in New Hampshire's Republican presidential primary.

primed for the national battle. "I don't have any fear. I'm looking forward to it," Bradley told CBS' "Early show."

The rough-and-umble style that marked the Democrats' final days in New Hampshire continued today. Gore again

accused Bradley of stooping to "personal vilification." Bradley said Gore is weakened because the 1996 campaign finance scandals "hang over his head." Both spoke on NBC.

The struggle for the next round of delegates began Tuesday night even before all of New Hampshire's votes had been counted, as candidates deployed south and west for the primaries ahead.

"On to South Carolina," said McCain. "I like my chances in Delaware," Bush said. "And South Carolina is Bush country."

Democrats get a five-week pause in primary voting, but not in campaigning. Gore heads for crucial California later today; Bradley is due Thursday. California is the biggest of the 14 state prizes at stake in the Super Bowl of

the primary campaign March 7. Both also were campaigning in New York, which votes the same day, on their way west.

On the Republican side, Delaware is next on Feb. 8. Bush is campaigning there, although briefly. McCain is not; his strategy hinges on South Carolina, which he has said he must win. Steve Forbes, a fading third in New Hampshire, is competing in Delaware, too.

Conservative Alan Keyes ran fourth in New Hampshire; Gary Bauer, who finished last, went home to consider his next step, which may be withdrawal.

With 98 percent of precincts reporting, McCain got 114,047 votes or 49 percent; Bush had 71,492 votes or 31 percent; Forbes, 29,945 votes or 13 percent; Keyes, 15,078 votes or 6 percent; and Bauer, 1,653 votes or 1 percent.

An AP analysis showed McCain was winning 10 out of the total 17 delegates at stake Tuesday. Bush was winning five and Forbes two.

On the Democratic side, Gore had 75,449 votes or 53 percent, and Bradley had 68,800 votes or 47 percent. Gore was winning 13 of the 22 delegates at stake Tuesday and Bradley was winning nine, the AP analysis showed.

"We have made a remarkable turnaround but there is still a tough fight ahead," Bradley told supporters in Manchester, N.H. "We're smarter and better prepared and we're ready to continue the fight."

At his Manchester victory rally, Gore said, "This Tennessee is in the end zone and it feels great, and let me tell you, we have just begun to fight." He promised to "criss-cross this continent again and again" for the nomination and as the nominee.

Upon his before-dawn arrival at New York's LaGuardia

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FEBRUARY 2000



HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

PLN plans evening with local author

An evening with Gerald McCathern will be presented Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth. McCathern is a local author, historian farmer and rural activist. The event will begin with a potluck meal. Those attending are asked to bring covered dish. The public is invited to come hear McCathern speak of Indian artifacts and local history.

TCPB announces elections

The Texas Corn Producers Board has announced that elections will be held in five of its eight voting regions to elect five board members. Elections will be conducted from April 3 until April 26. One seat is open in voting region II, which consists of Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer counties. For more information or to receive nomination forms contact the local county agent or mail a request to TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt. If requesting information by mail please include your county of residence.

Cotton conference scheduled

The Southwestern Panhandle Cotton Conference is scheduled for Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn. The conference will feature presentations on cotton management, weed control, insect control, genetically manipulated cottons, selection of seed treatments, cotton marketing opportunities, cotton fertilization, cotton physiology, controlling herbicide drift, safe handling of pesticides and risk management. In addition, there will be trade shows, displays and poster presentations from agricultural support industries, universities and other organizations. Five continuing education units will be available for both private and commercial pesticide applicators. Application has also been made for CEUs for certified crop advisors. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Those planning to attend should contact the Deaf Smith County Extension office at 364-3573.

Junior High Valentine Dance

The Hereford Junior High Dance will be Feb. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$3 per person or \$5 a couple. Please dress nicely. Refreshments will be available and Blunk's studio will be taking pictures. All pictures must be purchased at the dance.

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American Airlines responds to ruling

DALLAS (AP) — Less than two hours after a federal court cleared the way for a competitor to begin long-haul service from Dallas Love Field, American Airlines said it plans to expand its flights from the airport. The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday upheld a 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation ruling that permits wide-ranging nonstop flights out of Love Field. Writing on behalf of the court, Judge Emilio M. Garza stated that decades-old flight restrictions that the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth agreed to cannot override federal law. The decision gives the go-ahead for Legend Airlines to begin service at Love this month. American Airlines' response was to immediately announce that the company will expand its flights at Love starting May 1, offering service to Chicago and Los Angeles. "Now that the rules are clear, we will be competitive," spokesman John Hotard said.

Prisoner admits to 30-year-old killing

DALLAS (AP) — A prison inmate said his religious conversion led him to write letters to authorities and a newspaper in which he admitted gunning down the owner of a gas station 30 years earlier. Robert Jimmy Young, 59, wrote to Dallas police and The Dallas Morning News, confessing that he shot 67-year-old Roosevelt Boston to death on Sept. 6, 1969. A detective said he has since prepared an arrest warrant on a murder charge for Young, who is being held in a state prison unit in Amarillo for another Dallas slaying. The new charge had not been filed by late Tuesday, according to The News. "We never would have solved this if he hadn't come forward," said homicide Detective Dan Trippel. In his letter to The News, dated Jan. 13, Young said he was writing "in the Name of Jesus to testify against myself to the glory of God."

Human error caused misfiring

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A soldier entering the wrong data into a howitzer's computer caused the early morning shelling of ranch land and homes in King, about seven miles north of the Fort Hood Army base. In a prepared statement, Fort Hood officials said an improper compass reading was entered into a computer of a Paladin 155-millimeter self-propelled howitzer the night of Jan. 26. The incorrect compass reading changed the howitzer's firing direction 180 degrees from southeasterly to northwesterly. A howitzer is a short cannon, usually on a carriage, that shoots shells at a high angle. The barrage of one illumination round and 11 explosive rounds pucker the ranch land with craters six feet across and shook people out of bed. Artillery training remains postponed until the pending investigation is completed.

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Where there's smoke...



Flames under the eaves -- Firefighters were kept busy Tuesday and into Wednesday responding to four different fire alarms. One ended as an alarm malfunction. Shortly before 9 a.m. Wednesday firefighters responded to a structure fire at 308 Raymond. The owner of the house said she had scheduled some electrical work on the house's wiring, but apparently bare wires sparked before workers could arrive and started this early morning blaze. Firefighters worked for nearly an hour putting out the blaze. The house suffered moderate damage. The heat of the fire melted off the siding.

Legislators hear effects of drought

AUSTIN (AP) — The potential statewide cost of the drought is in the billions and could crush farmers and ranchers still reeling from droughts in 1996 and 1998, Texas legislators heard Tuesday. "We are in a ditch," Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, said during a joint meeting of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees. Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs, who toured the dry country near Abilene and San Angelo on Monday, said ranchers could be the hardest hit. "Livestock account for 62 percent of the total agricultural economy in the Lone Star state, which means this drought, if it continues at its current pace, could be devastating to the agriculture industry in Texas," she said. The drought in West Texas has dried up rivers and stock tanks are dangerously low, she said. Plants normally used for grazing are dead or withered. "Despite recent rain, some 73 percent of Texas ranges and pastures are in poor to very poor condition," she said. Many ranchers are selling off their breeding stock because they can't afford to feed and water their animals, but that only presents a new set of problems, lawmakers were told. In the long term, ranchers will need to replace that stock, often at a higher price, she said. More immediately, they are facing unexpected capital gains taxes.

All this when most ranchers and farmers have not financially recovered from the losses they suffered in the past two droughts, she said. "During the 1996 and 1998 droughts, Texas agriculture lost \$4 billion in direct income with the total impact to the state's economy close to \$11 billion," Combs said. Combs said she has alerted the agriculture commissioners in surrounding states about the dire straits of Texas ranchers and farmers because emergency hay hauling might be necessary. She also asked the federal government to make 3.9 million acres in the Conservation Reserve Program available to ranchers. She said she has received no response. Patty Leo of the state comptroller's office said financial losses from the 1996 and 1998 droughts were equal to an oil crisis. "That direct hit on the agriculture industry is bigger than the drop in the annual value of the state's crude oil production from the 1998 oil price plunge," she said. Farming and related industry accounts for about 3.5 percent, or \$21 billion, of the state's economy, she said. Another hit to the agricultural economy will have a ripple effect on the entire state's economy, from Main Street retailers whose customers won't have any money to bankers trying to collect loans. "Drought also effect land values, which in turn affect property taxes, the main source of income for many school districts," she said. Leo said strong spring rains could bring Texas out of the drought before losses mount.

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

VICTOR MARTINEZ Jan. 31, 2000

Funeral services for Victor Martinez, 35, formerly of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday at San Jose Catholic Church with the deacon Jesse Guerrero officiating. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today and Thursday at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home. Mr. Martinez died Monday at the Hendrix Hospital in Abilene. Mr. Martinez was born Aug. 19, 1964, to Ernesto and Theresa Martinez. He had worked on several farms in Hereford and was a member of the San Jose Catholic Church. Survivors include his mother, Theresa Almaraz of Casa Grande, Ariz.; one brother, Ernesto Martinez of Hereford; four sisters, Gracie Gutierrez, Ernestina Ortiz, both of Hereford, Sylvia Ramirez of Amarillo and Diana Mejia of Casa Grande, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews. Hereford Brand, Feb. 2, 2000

MARVIN W. SANDERS Feb. 1, 2000

EARTH — Services for Marvin W. Sanders, 84, of Earth will be 2 p.m. Thursday, at the First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Bobby Broyles, pastor, and Rev. Bill Anderson of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be in Earth Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mr. Sanders died Tuesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center. He was born May 5, 1915, in Sweetwater, Okla. He married Oletha Strickland in Earth in 1941. He moved to Earth in 1934 where he was a member of First Baptist Church and served as a deacon and choir

director. He was a member of the Earth Senior Citizens. He was a farmer and veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Signal Corp. Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Pruda Fufts of Hereford; two sisters, Clota Belle Kelley of Earth and Ima Faye Weems of Westminster, Calif.; one brother, Jim Sanders of Spring; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son. The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity. Hereford Brand, Feb. 2, 2000

YSABEL LONGORIA Jan. 30, 2000

LITTLEFIELD -- Services for Ysabel Longoria, 74, of Littlefield today at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Littlefield with Rev. Patrick Maher officiating. Rosary was recited Tuesday at Hammons Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home. Mr. Longoria died Sunday at Covenant Hospital in Levelland. He was born Nov. 19, 1925, in Charlotte. He married Juanita Lazano on June 1, 1944, in Charlotte. He moved to Lubbock in 1944 and lived there until 1954. He was a farm laborer and also worked at American Cotton Growers in Littlefield for nine years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Ysabel Longoria, Jr., Pete Longoria both of Littlefield, Lionel Longoria of Seguin; eight daughters; Mary Lou Rodriguez of Littlefield, Margaret Rosas and Esther Longoria, both of Lubbock, Rachei Martinez of Tahoka, Esparanza Constantino of Hillsboro, Emelia Guana of San Antonio, Juanita Cantu, and Irene L. Twa, both of Here-

ford; two brothers, Julian Longoria, Sr. of Jauranton and Ines Longoria of Pueblo, Colo.; 41 grandchildren; 87 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son and one daughter. Hereford Brand, Feb. 2, 2000

JOE EASELEY Feb. 1, 2000

Services for Joe Easley, 62, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home. Mr. Easley died Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Hereford Brand, Feb. 2, 2000

CATHERINE MAURINE HICKS Jan. 31, 2000

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Services for Catherine Maurine Hicks, 93, of Little Rock, Ark., will be at noon Thursday at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Hyde officiating. Burial will be at Pinecrest Cemetery under the direction of Ruebel Funeral Home. Mrs. Hicks died Monday. She was born on Dec. 19, 1906, in Harper, Kan., and grew up in Hereford. She attended Mary Harden Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and Columbia University in New York where she studied music, violin, piano and voice. She taught music in Hereford and directed many choirs at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church. She was an accomplished painter specializing in china paintings. She married Dr. William Harold Hicks, a Baptist Minister, on Aug. 29, 1928, in Hereford. They pastored Pulaski Baptist Heights Church for 30 years. Survivors include three sons, Joe Harold Hicks of Boston, Mass., William Douglas Hicks and John David Hicks, both of Amarillo; one daughter, Catherine Ione Hicks Lee of Baton Rouge, La.; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Hereford Brand, Feb. 2, 2000

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 1, 2000 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 36-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of West Ninth and charged with domestic violence. - Two juveniles were taken into custody for public affray in the 700 block of La Plata.

Incidents

- A runaway was reported in the 100 block of Avenue K and later located. - Disorderly conduct by vulgar language was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Feb. 1

- 7:54 p.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 321 Avenue B. - 8 p.m. Firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at 215 S. 25 Mile Avenue. Feb. 2 - 1:55 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire one mile west on Highway 60. - 8:45 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 308 Raymond. Bare wires sparked and started the fire. No one was injured in the fire.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 14-22-28-32-38

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-1



# LIFESTYLES

HEREFORD BRAND • Wednesday, February 2, 2000 • A3

At the Center

## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

**THURSDAY**-Stuffed bell peppers, macaroni and cheese, buttered broccoli, tossed green salad, peach cobbler; or fried fish, cauliflower, peaches.

**FRIDAY**-Salmon patties with dill sauce, hashed brown potatoes, buttered squash, coleslaw, lemon cheese cake; or cook's choice, D'zerta gelatin, D'zerta cheese cake.

**MONDAY**-Chicken breast, sweet/sour sauce, rice pilaf, Capri vegetables, pound cake with pineapple topping; or Polish sausage.

**TUESDAY**-Baked ham with raisin sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, buttered green beans, raspberry gelatin with applesauce, meringue pie; or hamburger steak with gravy, D'zerta salad.

**WEDNESDAY**-Swiss steak, corn O'Brien, fried okra, garden salad, mixed fruit cobbler; or

chicken and noodles, fruit cup.

### ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**-Dance 7:30-11 p.m., games 7:30-11 p.m.

**MONDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Nutrition Council meeting 1 p.m.

**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Belton 10 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis noon, NARFE 1 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Triple-Chocolate Cheesecake with Sweet Cherry Sauce

## Pamper someone on Valentine's Day

So what if there's only one guest? Tuck a formal invitation inside a Valentine's card or love letter and invite your Valentine to come for dinner or dessert. What better occasion and what better company could there be?

Set the table with your best dishes and cloth napkins. Candlelight is a must, but choose votives or small heart-shaped candles rather than long tapers so you can see over the flames, into each other's eyes. Likewise, float a few delicate flowers in a bowl of water for a centerpiece. Play soft background music to set the mood.

You'll want to serve something decadent and romantic for dessert — and what's better than chocolate? Make Triple-Chocolate Cheesecake with Sweet Cherry Sauce for the ultimate dessert. This sinfully rich cheesecake uses cocoa in the crust, then semisweet chocolate and white chocolate in the filling.

"Cheesecakes are easier to make than most people think," Nina Swan-Kohler, culinary professional for Pioneer Flour Mills, said. "Cheesecakes take about 20 minutes to stir together, and while the cheesecake is baking, you can make a special Valentine's Day card for your sweetheart."

To make the pretty circle of decorative hearts on top, simply place spoonfuls of white batter on top of the chocolate cheesecake batter. Use a wooden pick to drag through each spoonful to the next. You'll be amazed at how easy it is, and your sweetheart will appreciate your extra effort.

Cheesecakes keep well, refrigerated or frozen. Since Valentine's Day falls on a Tuesday this year, make this luscious dessert the weekend or the night before.

This cheesecake is perfect with or without the sauce; however, the Sweet Cherry Sauce is a nice accompaniment to the rich chocolate, and it's very easy to stir together. Serve it on the side with a pretty dollop of whipped cream for an irresistible dessert.

**Triple-Chocolate Cheesecake with Sweet Cherry Sauce**  
Shortbread Cookie Crumb Crust:  
½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine  
1-3/4 cups buttermilk biscuit and baking mix

¼ cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup baking cocoa  
**Filling:**  
4 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese (room temperature)  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
5 large eggs (room temperature)

2 tablespoons buttermilk biscuit and baking mix  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips, melted and cooled slightly  
1 cup (6 oz.) "white chocolate" or vanilla milk chips, melted and cooled slightly  
Sweet Cherry Sauce (recipe follows)

Whipped cream (optional)

**Crust:** In microwave-safe bowl, heat butter on High for 60 seconds or until melted. Using a whisk, stir in biscuit and baking mix, sugar and cocoa until well combined. Microwave on High for 4 to 5 minutes or until mixture resembles cookie crumbs, stirring every minute. When cool

See **RECIPE**, Page A4

## Flame meets on Thursday

Nancy James of Bastrop will be guest speaker at Hereford Flame Fellowship's monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Hereford Community Center.

James is a graduate from RHEMA Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Okla., and also Victory Bible Institute in Tulsa, Okla.

Her ministerial experiences are numerous and include church secretary, home cell group leader, part-time itinerant ministry and evangelistic crusades.

She is currently in full-time traveling ministry, presenting revivals, believer's meetings, evangelist crusades, seminars, ladies' meetings and advances, youth rallies and church growth and leadership conferences.

Meetings of Hereford Flame Fellowship are open to the public. Men, women and children are welcome.



## New Arrivals

George Castillo Jr. and Raylene Villegas are the parents of a daughter, Abrie Ray Castillo, born Jan. 30 in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The infant weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Grandparents are George and Emma Castillo and Victor and Eva Villegas.

**CASKETS AND MONUMENTS**

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have an ongoing problem with my younger sister. She is 54 years of age and a successful accountant. When we go out to eat together, she miscalculates her share of the bill — always to her advantage. Whenever I offer to treat her for dinner and she is responsible for the tip, she leaves 10 percent to the penny. I have to add more for the waitress because I don't think 10 percent is enough these days.

My sister rarely offers to treat me. Or if we split the bill, she calculates her meal without tax or tip, and many times, forgets to add the drinks she has ordered. If I try to figure out the bill first, or if I point out that she has made a mistake, she gets huffy and acts like I'm the one who is cheap. So, I just let it slide to avoid conflict.

I love my sister and really enjoy her company, but since we are both single and make about the same amount of money, I resent her trying to take advantage of me this way. How should I handle this? I need your advice. — Generous but Resentful in California

**Dear G and R in Calif.:** First, accept the fact that your sister is cheap. Second, don't hesitate to let her know when it is her turn to treat. And don't be shy about it. Make sure you are the one who gets the check when you dine out, so you can calculate the 50-50 split on the spot, including the tip. Tell her exactly what she owes, and show her the arithmetic.

Letting it slide "to avoid conflict" is not the way to go. After a while, when you have had it up to here, you will explode and say things you may later regret. Please pay attention to this advice. It will serve you well and make for a harmonious relationship once your sister understands she

can no longer take advantage of you. I guarantee it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have been a member of a widow/widowers online chat room for almost six years. The people in the chat room are from 25 to 70-plus years of age. One of the most disturbing things I've heard from both the men and the women is, "My husband (or wife) handled everything. I'm so lost, and don't know what to do."

One of the realities that we must accept is that life is uncertain. We never know when we are going to lose a spouse. I feel it's important for both husband and wife to sit down together, and eventually, with an attorney, talk about what would happen if one of them should die suddenly.

Women who are accustomed to having the husband handle the finances are lost when widowed. They don't know what to do when things need to be repaired around the house. They are at a loss when something goes wrong with their cars. Some men don't know how to cook or shop for groceries or do the laundry.

I realize that death is a hard subject to discuss, but unfortunately, we all need to be prepared at ANY age in case this should happen. Keeping good records is a must. The Social Security office will ask you for all personal records in the event your spouse dies. They will want to see his or her birth certificate, military discharge papers, Social Security card, the marriage license and the death certificate. Having your affairs in order makes it so much easier during that time of stress. — J.R. in Sarasota, Fla.

**Dear Sarasota:** Thank you for a letter that could be one of the most valuable my readers have ever seen in this space. I hope every husband and wife who reads this will make a checklist and start NOW to look for the documents you have listed. The time will come when they will be thankful they did.

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## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, February 2, the 33rd day of 2000. There are 333 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On February 2, 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

**On this date:**  
In 1945, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill left for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

In 1971, Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda, following a coup that ousted President Milton Obote.

In 1980, reports surfaced that the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1996, dancer, actor and

choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif. home; he was 83.

**Ten years ago:** In a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

**Five years ago:** President Clinton nominated Henry Foster Jr. to succeed fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders; however, Foster's nomination was later defeated in the Senate. The leaders of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians held an unprecedented summit in Cairo to try to revive the Mideast peace process.

**One year ago:** A federal jury in Portland, Oregon, ordered abortion foes who had created "wanted" posters and a Web site listing the names and addresses of "baby butchers" to pay \$107 million in damages.

## Recipe

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enough to touch, press in bottom and up the side of a 10- or 10½-inch springform pan that has been coated with cooking spray. Refrigerate until cool.

**Filling:** In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating until smooth after each addition. Add biscuit and baking mix, vanilla and salt; beat on low speed until smooth.

Remove 3 cups of the filling to medium bowl; stir in melted semisweet chocolate and set aside. Add the melted white chocolate to the remaining filling and mix thoroughly. Pour all but 1/3 cup of the white filling into the chilled crust. Carefully pour the dark chocolate mixture over the white chocolate filling. Spoon the reserved 1/3 cup white chocolate filling (in 6 to 8 spoonfuls) in a circle over the dark chocolate filling. Drag a wooden pick through each spoonful to the next, forming heart shapes.

Bake cheesecake on middle rack of oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. (Place a pan of water on the bottom oven rack to prevent

the cheesecake from cracking. Cover cheesecake loosely with foil to keep it from browning.)

Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees and continue baking for 1-3/4 to 2 hours, until cheesecake is almost set in center. Run a knife around the rim of the pan to separate the cheesecake from the pan. Turn oven off; let cheesecake stand in oven for 1 hour. Remove from oven, and let stand at room temperature for 1 hour. Refrigerate (uncovered) at least 3 hours or overnight. Serve with Sweet Cherry Sauce and a dollop of whipped cream. Makes 16 servings.

### Sweet Cherry Sauce

1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling  
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Follow these guidelines to ensure optimum freshness and flavor:

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• Leave cheesecake in the pan to avoid crushing.

• Wrap the cheesecake tightly with plastic wrap or heavy-duty foil; place in resealable plastic bag.

• Freeze up to 3 months at 0 degrees or less.

• To thaw, place wrapped cheesecake in the refrigerator for 4 to 6 hours.

• Garnish cheesecake after it is thawed.

**Helpful Tip:** When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cups. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

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After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with

the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon deposits and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise gasoline octane."

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## Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

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4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
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# SPORTS

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## Sweep of the Harvesters



Slade Hodges, shown above against Clovis, scored 17 points Tuesday in a 65-39 win at Pampa, to improve to 6-0 in district.

### Whitefaces blow out Pampa Harvesters for second time, 65-39

#### From Staff Reports

PAMPA — Hereford coach Randy Dean didn't feel his Whitefaces would go into Pampa and blow out the Harvesters in their own gym.

Well, Dean was wrong. His Whitefaces blew out Pampa again, 65-39 on Tuesday night.

The win gives Hereford a 15-10 record overall, 6-0 in District 3-4A.

The Whitefaces attacked Pampa early on as they outscored the Harvesters 12-4 in the first period.

Most responsible for the early jump was Cody Hodges, who scored seven points in the quarter, including a three-pointer. Slade Hodges also had a three-pointer.

Hereford continued to outscore the Harvesters in each period. Cody Marsh and Eric McNutt drained three-point shots in the period, helping the Whitefaces take a 26-11 lead at halftime.

Slade Hodges scored nine of Hereford's 17 points in the third period, holding Pampa to 12. Hodges added two three-pointers in that quarter.

Chayse Rives helped the Whitefaces finish Pampa with six points, as the Whitefaces outscored the Harvesters 22-16 in the last period.

The Whitefaces shot 62.5 percent in the game, their highest percentage this season.

Hereford hosts Borger on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

### Lady Whitefaces survive, prevail against Lady Harvesters, 58-54

#### From Staff Reports

PAMPA — The Hereford Lady Whitefaces have recovered from a disappointing loss on Friday night to Amarillo Palo Duro with a close 58-54 victory against the Lady Harvesters of Pampa.

The Lady Whitefaces now improve to 20-7, 6-2 in District 3-4A play.

Pampa led most of the game until the fourth period.

Hereford was outscored by Pampa 15-13 in the first period, but evened the point count at 17 points a piece in the second period. Pampa led 32-30 at halftime.

The Lady Harvesters continued to lead after three periods when they outscored Hereford 15-14.

But Pampa broke down in the fourth period, only scoring seven points compared to Hereford's 14. The Lady Harvesters could not recover.

Sarah Griffin, who was held scoreless Friday night against Palo Duro, led the Lady Whitefaces with 19 points on the night. Tori Walker poured in 14.

The Lady Whitefaces host Borger on Friday, beginning at 6 p.m. at Whiteface Gym.

## Canyon additions in District 3-4A brings mixed reviews

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The University Interscholastic League is at it again.

However, this time it brought Canyon and Canyon Randall back to District 3-4A — which can mean only one thing.

The rivalry between Hereford and the two Canyon schools will intensify the rivalries and will affect the district race.

"It brings a rival back in district," Hereford athletic director Craig Yenzer said. "Our kids have played against their kids in many competitions and I think it's going to be a neat deal."

The addition of Canyon and Canyon Randall to District 3-4A is just one of many bold moves the University Interscholastic League made Tuesday as it unveiled its changes throughout the state of Texas.

In West Texas, Class 4A teams were deeply affected when Fort Stockton and Sweetwater dropped from 4A to 3A.

The move on Fort Stockton created two extremely large districts in West Texas.

District 3-4A remains the same, except for the addition of Canyon High and Canyon

Randall.

District 4-4A was thrown into a loop when teams from District 5-4A were added.

The new 4-4A includes Andrews, Plainview, Wolfforth Frenship, San Angelo Lake View, Levelland, Big Spring, Lubbock Estacado and Snyder.

Despite the additions of the Canyon schools, girls' athletic director Brenda Kitten believes the district will still be one of the toughest.

"We know that the district is still very strong with the addition of those two," Kitten.

Kitten also said that there might be some bad effects on some teams in the effect of the realignment, especially when it comes to post-season play.

"There are some teams in this district that are very good that won't make the playoffs and that's very disappointing," Kitten said.

Yenzer also saw something negative in the realignment, especially involving basketball.

"I am disappointed because how it affects in our other programs, like basketball, who may have to start district before the Christmas break," he said. "I am little surprised about it but not totally surprised."

Despite those complaints from both athletic directors, Yenzer and Kitten believe the competition in the district will benefit all teams involved, especially those who have good playoff chances.

"Probably what we need to point out is that an eight-team district puts a lot of credibility in the third-place team," Yenzer said. "It's going to be very competitive and I am glad that in an eight team district will have good teams going to the playoffs."

Kitten agreed. "When you get new teams into the district, I believe that all teams will raise their level of play and I expect that to happen," she said.

One of the affected by the realignment is Randall coach Alan Cornelius, who was flabbergasted at the fact of facing a state finalist as a district opponent.

"It's going to be tough to play against Hereford," Cornelius said. "In order to get to the state championship, you have to play teams of that caliber."

However, Cornelius, a Hereford native believes the district will be very tough.

"We were going to play

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# Spurs slam dunk Lakers, 105-81

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Anybody seen the team that won 16 consecutive games this season? They were known as the Los Angeles Lakers, and they sure were good back then.

The 12 players in purple uniforms looked more like Lakers impostors Tuesday night, giving an uninspired performance in their most lopsided loss of the season, 105-81 to the San Antonio Spurs.

"We're not feeling good about the way we're playing basketball," Derek Fisher said. "When we step out on the floor, we're not believing in ourselves."

Said coach Phil Jackson: "We played especially poorly. Did they ever."

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 18 rebounds, Avery Johnson tied his season-high with 22 points, Terry Porter scored 15 and David Robinson had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who sent the Lakers to their fourth loss in five games.

San Antonio led by five after one quarter, by 10 at halftime, by 17 after three quarters and by as many as 28 in the fourth. Previously, the Lakers' worst loss was by 16 points against Houston in the seventh game of the season.

"We're just in a rut right now," O'Neal said. "We have to get back to the basics to get back on track. We will."

"Whenever we don't play smart, this is the outcome."

This loss had to be particularly disturbing for the Lakers, who showed little discipline or cohesion as they frequently abandoned the triangle offense for ill-advised shots and matched their lowest point total of the season.

Combined with Portland's victory over Chicago, then loss knocked the Lakers out of sole possession of first place in the Pacific Division for the first time since Dec. 14. The Trail Blazers also took over as the team with the NBA's best record.

For San Antonio, the victory reversed a loss to the Lakers on Christmas Day. The Spurs shot 52 percent to improve to 11-0 when making at least half their shots and 14-1 when scoring at least 100 points.

"Everybody's saying it's the difference in the Lakers, but we played a lot better than we usually do," Duncan said. "We shot the ball well, we defended solid, make fewer mistakes than we did on Christmas Day and didn't give up as many layups as we did."

"It's the NBA, on any given night anything can happen, and this was a great night for us."

O'Neal, in foul trouble much of the night, scored 31 to lead

the Lakers. Los Angeles allowed an opponent to shoot 50 percent for only the second time this season.

Duncan had 18 points and 10 rebounds in the first half, which ended with the Spurs ahead 55-45 after they closed the half with a 14-7 run.

Mario Elie hit a 3-pointer and Robinson followed with a jumper early in the third quarter to put San Antonio ahead 62-48.

O'Neal picked up his fourth foul with 4:18 left in the third quarter, prompting Jackson to turn away from the ensuing play so he could berate the officials, and Duncan followed with a bank shot to up the lead to 71-56.

A 3-pointer by Jaren Jackson, a jump hook by Duncan, a wide-open jumper by Johnson and two foul shots by Elie put the Spurs up 80-58 late in the third.

An 11-2 run got the Lakers within 13, but Duncan had a tip-in and another bank shot and Elie hit a 3-pointer to make it 88-71 with 7:44 left, and the run reached 19-4 on a foul shot by Jackson that made it 103-75 with 3:36 left.

"The reality is we just have to play ball together," Jackson said. "Part of the demise of the winning streak going down the tubes is that we're not playing well together."

# Vermeil retires as head coach of St. Louis Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Vermeil's retirement plans don't center around sitting in a rocking chair all day surrounded by his grandkids.

"I'd like to try to get a job in television again and finish out a couple years in broadcasting," Vermeil said Tuesday after announcing he is leaving the St. Louis Rams. "Carol's not real excited about that."

Vermeil and his wife celebrated their 44th anniversary two days before the Rams beat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 in the Super Bowl, and during the buildup, much was made of Carol Vermeil's statement that her husband has nothing to prove. But Vermeil said he and his wife only had a couple of 20-minute conversations on retirement — one Monday and the other Tuesday morning.

Vermeil got out because he realized it's impossible to top a Super Bowl victory as an exit.

"I think the time is right," Vermeil said in an emotional farewell. "Very few people in this profession get this opportunity."

Carol Vermeil, who attended the news conference, did not contradict her husband.

"It was his decision," she

said. "There's a time for everything. But the worst thing is overstaying your time, isn't it?"

The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to coach. The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's top-rated offense (33 points a game), to a two-year contract in January that assured he would inherit Vermeil's job.

Martz, scheduled to undergo surgery today for a neck problem, didn't attend the news conference. A Rams spokesman said Martz would postpone surgery and hold a news conference.

Vermeil's voice broke often and tears flowed freely at Tuesday's news conference, attended by several players, assistant coaches and personnel director Charley Arney. Team president John Shaw introduced Vermeil, referring to him as "Champ."

"I don't have the ability to verbalize how I feel," he said. "I'm so appreciative of what my coaching staff has done. And these players, these guys are unbelievable."

Vermeil's quick decision had a lot to do with emotion. He didn't want to be involved with the free agency period that starts Feb. 11, so he

leaves with two years to go on a five-year, \$9 million contract.

"I don't want to participate in that," Vermeil said. "I don't want to cut the squad. These are my guys."

Owner Georgia Frontiere tried to talk Vermeil out of it, Shaw said he should at least wait to make sure and special teams coach Frank Ganz made an impassioned plea.

Rams players just wanted the best for the coach who made it a point to get to know all of them.

Linebacker Mike Jones,

who made the game-saving tackle in the Super Bowl, recalled his first meeting with Vermeil, when the coach came around his desk and locked him in a bear hug.

"He told me I'm his guy and I'm like, 'What are you doing?' Everything he did was genuine, and we're going to be Vermeil guys for the rest of our lives."

Offensive guard Adam Timmerman found out about the retirement when he got off a plane in Honolulu, where he and seven teammates will play in the Pro Bowl on Sunday.

"I guess I thought he would finish it out," Timmerman said. "I'm happy he could leave this way. There's probably no better ending to a coach's career."

Linebacker London Fletcher said he expected an announcement on the flight back from Atlanta. He said he's never been around a

more emotional coach, recalling several private conversations with Vermeil.

"Coach Vermeil will always be special in my heart," Fletcher said. "I love him, and I'm going to miss the little guy."

Vermeil coached two Super Bowl teams 19 years apart.

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## JPGCA to host annual Ice Breakers Open

The Ice Breaker Golf Open will be coming back to Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb. 27.

The tournament will have a two-person scramble and will shotgun start both days, limited to the first 40 paid teams.

The entry fee is \$120 per team, and it includes green fees, prizes and a beef dinner following Saturday's round at the KC Hall.

Prizes for flight are based on

full field. First place will get \$300, second place will get \$180 and third place will receive \$120.

Members of the John Pitman Golf Course Association wishing to continue to be in the GHIN handicap system must pay a \$25 fee by March 1. If only interested in verifiable handicap, the fee is \$10.

For more information, call 363-7139.

## Align

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Hereford even if it wasn't for district," Cornelius said. "They will win district, but teams like Canyon, Borger, Caprock and Pampa will be very competitive. We are going to have our hands full in district."

"Travel will be a lot shorter for us now that we don't have to go to Frenship and Levelland," Cornelius added.

In other area realignments, Friona, a powerhouse in Class 3A, has moved down to Class 2A.

The Chieftains will compete against Abernathy, Floydada, Hale Center, Lockney Morton, New Deal

and Olton.

Dimmitt changed from District 1 to District 2 in Class 3A. Its new rivals include Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Roosevelt, Muleshoe and Shallowater.

Vega was affected by the realignments, too.

The Longhorns remain in District 2-1A in football, with Springlake-Earth moving to District 3.

But in basketball, Vega joins White Deer, Wheeler, Claude and Shamrock. Vega was previously in the same district with Sudan and Nazareth, all three powerhouses in Class 1A girls' basketball.

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INSIDE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

TV will celebrate, examine the black experience

By Lynn Elber

LOS ANGELES—Clip after clip in "It's Black Entertainment" reminds us of the joyful depth of black contributions to movies, music and dance, but the celebration is bit-tersweet.



Billie Holiday

Whether the focus is on Billie Holiday or Bessie Smith or Nat King Cole or many other of the artists featured in the Showtime documentary, the pernicious effect of racism on lives and careers looms unmistakably.

Lena Horne was boxed into stand-alone movie musical numbers that could be cut for Southern screenings, and Dorothy Dandridge found an Academy Award nomination meaning nothing to a black actress' career and died young from a drug overdose.

Even the buoyant Little Richard can't resist railing against the white musicians he says soared higher than he was allowed on the same melodies.

The film is one of a clutch

of television movies and documentaries marking Black History Month and reflecting a broad commitment to the theme — even if it's a hyperbolic one limited to one month.



Thurgood Marshall

The same mixed feelings evoked by "It's Black Entertainment" accrue to this February bounty; so much to honor and enjoy, such scant serious attention otherwise paid to blacks and, even more so, other minorities.

(Besides Ricky Martin and Elian Gonzalez, good luck finding Hispanics on TV outside of Spanish-language statiksns.)

Here are some of the notable Black History Month shows (all times listed EST), most of them on cable channels and with Showtime a leader. The broadcast networks, meanwhile, are focused on the giddy February sweeps.

Just another history lesson. The remarkable Harriet Tubman is profiled in Lifetime's "Intimate Portrait" series, 7 p.m. today. Cicely Tyson narrates this account of Tubman's life as a slave, her escape on the Underground Railroad formed by safe houses and sympathizers and her own subsequent rescue of some 300 slaves. Tubman went on to spy for the Union Army dur-

ing the Civil War and joined with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to fight for women's equality.

The story of the influential black community that once flourished in Washington and is being revived is told in "Duke Ellington's Washington," airing 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, on PBS. The documentary from journalist Hedrick Smith and director Stanley Nelson tells how the community nurtured Ellington and other such leading black figures as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, poets Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes and pioneering surgeon Charles Drew.

"Civil Rights Martyrs: Free at Last," a two-hour special at 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, on The Learning Channel, salutes both famous and "unsung heroes of the American civil rights movement. Among them: Viola Liuzzo, a Detroit homemaker who traveled to Alabama for a freedom march and was never seen again, and Vernon Dahmer, who used his store as a voter registration point and died after his house was firebombed. The program combines film footage, re-created scenes and interviews with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, civil rights attorney

Morris Dees, Myrlie Evers-Williams and others.

"Sally Hemings: An American Scandal" is a CBS miniseries based on the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and his slave, Hemings. The four-hour

drama, starring Sam Neill and Carmen Ejogo, airs Sunday, Feb. 13, and Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 9 p.m.

"The Johnson Tapes: Uncivil Liberties," showing 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, on The Learning Channel, draws

on 600 hours of Oval Office phone recordings in an examination of the political relationship among President Lyndon B. Johnson, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and Martin Luther King Jr. Hoover.

Television

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 2

Table of TV programming for Wednesday, February 2, 2000. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as Newshour, Boss?, News, Movie: Lady and the Tramp, etc.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 3

Table of TV programming for Thursday, February 3, 2000. Columns include time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as Barney, Teletubbies, Sesame Street, Arthur, Dragon, etc.

Table of TV programming for Thursday, February 3, 2000 (continued). Columns include time slots (12:30 to 5:30) and program titles such as Body Elec., Alexander, Jenkins, Noddy, etc.

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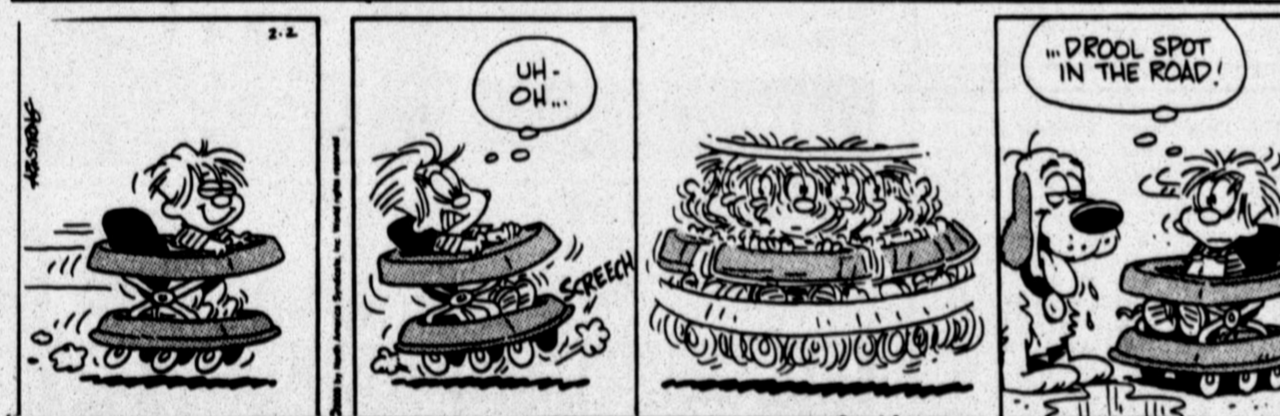
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Road ahead remains tough for challengers

The New Hampshire primary gave a big boost to the presidential campaign of Republican Sen. John McCain and helped keep alive the Democratic hopes of Bill Bradley. In both cases, the outcome suggested that the front-runners, George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, will no longer appear invincible.

But for fellow insurgents McCain and Bradley, the road ahead through the contests of the next five weeks will be a mad and uphill scramble for votes. McCain's commanding 49 percent to 31 percent win over Bush in the first-in-the-nation primary gave him the make-or-break victory he had gambled for in campaigning nearly non-stop in New Hampshire since last spring.

His strategy now is to try to channel that momentum into essential victories in GOP primaries in South Carolina on Feb. 19 and in his home state of Arizona on Feb. 22.

While McCain hoped his record as a war hero would

help him in military-minded South Carolina, recent polls have shown Bush ahead. Furthermore, McCain has generated considerable opposition in his own state and polls showed a tight race there.

And McCain has ignored Delaware's GOP primary on Feb. 8, leaving it primarily to Bush and publisher Steve Forbes, who won there in 1996 but finished a distant third in New Hampshire, with 13 percent of the vote.

As for Forbes' future, "We don't know what's ahead," said spokesman Greg Mueller.

Gore was able to claim his second victory in a row in New Hampshire, after last week's 2-to-1 win in the Iowa caucuses.

But his relatively narrow margin — 52 percent to Bradley's 47 percent — gave Bradley justification to stay in the race, at least through the March 7 primaries involving some of the biggest states, including California and New York.

"We're eager to continue the fight," the former New Jersey senator and former New York Knicks basketball star declared.

California and New York may be Bradley's best shots,



Bill Bradley (left) will continue his quest for the Democratic nomination, despite his loss Tuesday to Al Gore (right).



Although John McCain (right) stunned Republican front-runner George W. Bush (left) in the New Hampshire primary, he still faces an uphill struggle in his fight for the presidential nomination. Standing between McCain and Bush during a recent GOP debate is Gary Bauer, whose campaign suffered a major blow in Tuesday's vote.



Tom Raum The Associated Press

but he now trails Gore in California and the New York race appears to be a dead heat, based on voter surveys.

For Bush, there will be a succession of primaries in states with supportive Republican governors where he appears comfortably ahead, including Michigan on Feb. 22.

He conceded defeat Tuesday night but suggested that New Hampshire had often, notoriously, been "a bump in the road for front-runners."

Well, yes and no.

Iowa Democratic caucus winner Walter Mondale lost to Gary Hart in 1984, but went on to claim the nomination. And Republican Bob Dole lost in 1996 to Pat Buchanan but won the nomination. However, both Mondale and Dole lost the general election.

President Bush, father of George W., survived a stron-

ger than expected challenge in New Hampshire in 1992 from Pat Buchanan — but George Bush's relatively weak showing in New Hampshire rattled his re-election campaign.

He lost the general election to Bill Clinton, the self-styled "comeback kid" after his own second-place finish in New Hampshire.

McCain's camp was jubilant after his strong finish and hoped for a boost that would close the gaps in some of the polls in the upcoming contests.

"This propels the McCain candidacy forward," said former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., a McCain adviser. "We'll never raise enough money to equal Bush. But we have enough to be competitive. And now, a lot more people are going to be contributing to the campaign."

That remains to be seen, of course. Exit polls conducted in New Hampshire showed voters were

roughly divided as to whether issues or personal qualities were most important. McCain was No. 1 and Bush was No. 2 among both groups.

These polls also showed that independents, permitted to cast ballots in either primary, accounted for nearly one-third of the vote in each race. The surveys indicated they overwhelmingly favored anti-establishment candidates McCain and Bradley.

Fred Greenstein, a political science professor at Princeton, said McCain's victory should give him a national boost "and it should help with fund raising."

Still, he said, "It's hard for me to believe that either McCain or Bradley can pull it off."

James Thurber, an American University political scientist, suggested New Hampshire may have been Bradley's high-water mark, and that if he couldn't win there he probably can't win anywhere.

Tom Raum has covered presidential elections for The Associated Press since 1976.

Military outlines training

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military services for the first time have spelled out for field commanders a policy of ensuring that troops who complain of anti-gay threats or harassment are not themselves investigated.

The intent is to allow such complaints to be aired without fear of being kicked out of the service for being homosexual, and to reinforce the idea that those who make anti-gay threats will not be tolerated.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday the new guidelines on how to investigate anti-gay threats are incorporated in updated training programs designed to ensure that the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is enforced fairly and uniformly throughout the services.

As a matter of policy, commanders are not to use complaints of anti-gay harassment or threats as a reason to investigate the complaining person. Instead the commanders are supposed to investigate the source of the threat or harassment.

"These plans make it very clear ... that there is no room for harassment or threats in the military," Cohen said in a written statement.

"Service members need to understand that harassment for any reason will not be tolerated, and commanders will take prompt, appropriate actions against individuals involved in such behavior," Cohen added.

The Pentagon also announced Tuesday the number of discharges from the military for being homosexual fell to 1,034 in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 from 1,145 in the year-earlier period.

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Signs

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After a little questioning and several responses similar to: "If you can catch them, then that's when the action will be taken — good luck on someone catching them!"

According to Deaf Smith hbnews@wtrt.net

County Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul, the vandal would be charged with criminal mischief, which is a misdemeanor, and the punishment will be based upon the value of the property.

If the property value is less than \$50, a fine of \$500 will

be assessed; if the value is more than \$50, a fine and up to six months of jail time will be awarded to the destructor.

Just like a home or a car, the signs become valuable to the candidates and are one of the best public relations strategies a candidate depends on.

Vote

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Airport, approximately 200 cheering fans — including actor Billy Baldwin — braved cold winds to greet Gore, who hopped up and down, looking like a boxer in the ring, as he shook hands along a ropeline.

"We've just begun to fight!" he shouted into a bullhorn before a limousine whisked him to a Manhattan hotel for an abbreviated night's sleep.

Bush called the outcome a bump in the road in a state known for placing them in the path of front-runners. It was a jolting one for a campaign that had expected no worse than a narrow defeat. McCain's wipeout struck at Bush's greatest advantage, the image of inevitability, given his towering lead from the beginning in national polls.

"I think electability is a big factor," said Gov. Paul Cellucci of neighboring Massachusetts, campaigning for Bush, the governor of Texas. "Republicans think Bush can win in the fall." But to keep them thinking so, he's got to win in the primaries.

McCain was greeted at a 3 a.m. rally in Greenville, S.C., with techno music, swirling lights and hundreds of cheering college students.

"I am humbled by this victory tonight," he said. While Bush suffered in New Hampshire, he still has advantages over McCain.

Money is one, with more than \$31 million in Bush's campaign treasury to begin the election year, four times the amount that McCain, the Arizona senator, had.

Bush also leads in polls for South Carolina's primary, but New Hampshire will have an impact there. "The comparison shopping has just begun," said Rep. Lindsay Graham, a McCain ally in South Carolina who came north to shiver with his candidate on election eve.

Bush's endorsements didn't help in New Hampshire, but could prove a bigger boost in later states. All but four Republican governors favor his nomination, and their organizations will be at his service.

Arizona and Michigan hold GOP primaries Feb. 22, followed by Virginia on Feb. 29, and Bush should have the advantage in the latter two contests.

The March 7 primaries are pivotal to Republicans, too. McCain spokesman Dan Schnur said California will be "the single most important decision-maker in the primary campaign."

That goes for the Democrats, too. Gore swamped Bradley nearly 2-to-1 in the Iowa caucuses, but beat him only narrowly in New Hampshire. Bradley climbed to the lead in the New Hampshire opinion polls, then slumped, then edged back up.

Clinton opposes GOP proposal to end marriage tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is expressing strong opposition to a House Republican bill cutting taxes by \$182 billion over 10 years for millions of married couples, saying it is too much, too soon.

Although he did not use the word "veto," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said he would not recommend that President Clinton sign the bill being considered today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

That bill would ease the extra tax — the "marriage penalty" — paid by 25 million couples compared with what they would pay if single and would go much further than a \$45 billion measure proposed by Clinton.

Using part of the projected budget surplus, the GOP bill would gradually enlarge the bottom 15 percent tax bracket to apply to more income for married couples, increase the standard deduction beginning in 2001.

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Home sales jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — New-home sales rose 4.5 percent in December, helping to push the total number of homes sold for the year to an all-time high.

Americans purchased new single-family homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 900,000 in December, aided by better-than-normal weather, the Commerce Department reported today.

December's 4.5 percent increase, bigger than the 4 percent rise many analysts were forecasting, followed a 6.3 percent decline posted in November.

For all of 1999, new-home sales rose 2 percent to a record 904,000. That surpassed the previous record of 886,000 set in 1998.

Existing-home sales tracked by the National Association of Realtors also set a record in 1999 of 5.2 million despite the upswing in mortgage rates.

Economists expect home sales to slow this year but still remain at healthy levels.

Americans have been feeling wealthy and in the buying mood because of plentiful jobs — last year's unemployment rate of 4.2 percent was the lowest since 1969 — tame inflation, rising incomes and stock market gains.

Demand remained brisk for homes last year even as interest rates were on an upswing.



# HEREFORD BRAND Court records

**Marriages**

--Pedro G. Ortiz, Jr. and Guadalupe Angela Juarez;  
--Alvino Salomon, Jr. and Sara Beth Cabrera;  
--Salomon Morales and Mary Lou Soto;  
--Christopher Paul Torres and Leslie Elaine Tatarevich;  
--Martin Andrew Urbanczyk and Morene Bilgri Kotara; and  
--Hugo Humberto Grajeda and Lucia Mari Guajardo.

**Divorces**

--Jackie Lynn Reynolds and James Douglas Reynolds, Jan. 20; and  
--Erlinda Cabanas and Antonio Cabanas, Jan. 31.

**Criminal Cases**

Orders appointing attorney were issued to:  
--Felix Salas Rodriguez, Jan. 20;  
--Anita Sanchez, Jan. 20;  
--Jose Monico Torres, Jr., Jan. 20;  
--Nick Garcia, Jan. 27; and  
--Bobby Suarez, Jan. 28.

Orders for judgment on plea of guilty before court waiver of jury trial, state jail felony were issued to:  
--Leo Brown, Jr., Jan. 18;  
--Norma Ramirez, aka Norma Salazar, Jan. 18;  
--Michelle Thomas, Jan. 20;  
--Thomas Leeolyn Walker, Jan. 20;

--Nick Garcia, Jan. 27;  
--Ruben Campos, Jan. 27; and  
--Donald Gene Ewing, Jan. 27.

Orders placing defendant on community supervision were issued to:  
--Steven Scott Skarke, Dec. 27;  
--Leo Brown, Jr., Jan. 18;  
--Norma Ramirez, aka Norma Salazar, Jan. 18;  
--Michelle Thomas, Jan. 20;  
--Nicholas Garcia, Jan. 27;  
--Ruben Campos, Jan. 27; and  
--Donald Gene Ewing, Jan. 27.

Orders agreeing modifying deferred adjudication probation were issued to:  
--Norma Ramirez, Jan. 18; and  
--Shannon Marie Pinkerton, Jan. 20.

Order deferring judgment and granting community supervision was issued to:  
--Juan Alberto Rodriguez, Jan. 18.

Orders agreeing modifying probation were issued to:  
--Michael Huerta, Jan. 18;  
--Jose Guadalupe Rios, Jan. 18; and  
--Billy Joe Farris, Jan. 18.

Orders revoking probation and sentence were issued to:  
--Geronimo Mireles, aka Jerry Mireles, Jan. 18; and  
--Scott Alan Fein, Jan. 20.

Order revoking community supervision, imposition of sentence state jail felony was issued to:  
--Kirk Ward, Jan. 20.

Order on motion to dismiss to revoke probation was issued to:  
--Jose Luis Vargas Martinez, aka Jesus Torres Carbajal, Jan. 20.

Orders for arrest in response to the state's motion to revoke probation were issued to:  
--Donald Dean Betts, Jan. 27;  
--Guadalupe Gil, Jan. 27; and  
--Noemi Garcia, Jan. 27.

**Civil Cases**

Order in suit affecting the parent-child relationship was issued to:  
--Esperanza Herrera and Juan Manuel Gonzalez and in the interest of Isabella Victoria Gonzalez and Katerina Elizabeth Gonzalez, minor children, Jan. 20.

Order of termination was issued to:  
--Linda Duran and in the interest of Quincy McAllen Duran, a child, Jan. 20.

Orders for arrest in response to the state's motion to revoke probation were issued to:  
--Donald Dean Betts, Jan. 27;  
--Guadalupe Gil, Jan. 27; and  
--Noemi Garcia, Jan. 27.

Order of default judgment was issued in the cases of:  
--Alan Moore vs. George Warner Seed Co., Inc., a Texas corporation, Jan. 28.

Order of pretrial dismissing suit to establish the parent-child relationship was issued to:  
--Michael Jones and Linda Cates Jackson and in the interest of Jeanette Dann Cates, a child, Jan. 27.

**Lisa Marie Presley to wed rock singer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Marie Presley, whose marriage to pop superstar Michael Jackson ended in divorce, will give married life another try.

The daughter of Elvis Presley is engaged to rock singer John Oszajea, her spokesman, Paul Bloch, said Tuesday. The couple met last May and became engaged just before Christmas.

A wedding date has not been set.

# Search continues at crash site

PORT HUENEME, Calif. — Search boats bobbed across the choppy and chilly Pacific early today as friends and relatives of those aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 261 waited in an anguished vigil.

Coast Guard and Navy ships combed a debris field 10 miles offshore overnight, looking for survivors and clues to why the plane nose-dived into the ocean on Monday afternoon. Eighty-eight people were aboard; no survivors have been found in the 59-degree water.

Coast Guard officials have not declared the search hopeless, but conceded they were racing the clock.

"The challenge is time, as time ticks off, risks go up," Coast Guard Vice Adm. Tom Collins said Tuesday.

Searchers have found the bodies of a man, two women and an infant among the human remains, pieces of wreckage and personal items scattered across the fuel-soaked water. Relatives of the missing, from Washington to California, shared their grief Tuesday; some have come here, to be near the crash site, and another 50 have gathered at a hotel near Los Angeles International Airport.

"We want to make sure

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everyone knows that it would

make my dad happy to see how many people saw him as a father, a brother and a friend," said Fred Thompson, 24, the son of Capt. Ted Thompson. "And our hearts and thoughts are with the families of the Alaska employees and passengers."

The MD-83 jetliner was headed from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and Seattle. It plunged into the sea after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

### Nation's fire departments need some volunteers

MOUNT PLEASANT, Pa. — Walter "Frosty" Forsy may not be able to hoist a 100-pound ladder anymore, but he can still throw on a fireman's hat and hook a hose to a hydrant.

At 88, the retired coal miner is the oldest volunteer firefighter in Mount Pleasant, a community that still needs his more than 50 years of experience battling blazes.

Mount Pleasant isn't alone. The state has lost about half of its volunteer firefighters in the past five years, part of a nationwide decline.

"It used to be we always had plenty of firefighters in the hopper," Forsy said. "But now there are a lot of volunteer companies thinking of folding up."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, the nation's volunteer force dropped 13 percent from 1983 to 1991, to 771,800 firefighters.

Smaller communities have been hard hit, forced to depend on a grayer population for jobs that increasingly entail more fund raising than firefighting. As of 1998, about 13 percent of firefighters in cities of 10,000 or more were 50 or older; the association said the figure in towns with fewer than 2,500 people was even greater, at 18 percent.

### Silicon Valley shaking its stingy reputation

SAN JOSE, Calif. — High tech entrepreneurs are finally

shaking their stingy reputation, giving away their Silicon Valley millions at an unprecedented rate.

Recent high profile donations — including billions for education and health care from Microsoft Corp.'s Bill and Melinda Gates, \$150 million to Stanford University from Netscape founder Jim Clark and another \$100 million to the University of Mississippi from former Netscape CEO Jim Barksdale — are setting examples for young high tech entrepreneurs.

"Many of these young people are very idealistic, but until recently they've had few examples of how to give," said Peter Hero, who heads the nonprofit Community Foundation Silicon Valley. "Now we're seeing them applying the same

creativity they used to build their businesses to charitable giving."

The foundation received more than \$75 million in cash and stock gifts between July 1 and Dec. 31 last year, an all-time high in the organization's 45-year history. It expects donations to double this year.

Other Silicon Valley nonprofits are enjoying new waves of generosity.

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