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Today's weather

### OUTLOOK

• Mostly clear skies •

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows in the mid-20s.

Thursday: Partly sunny, highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with lows around 30.

• Extended forecast •

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain, highs near 45.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow early, otherwise partly cloudy, lows near 25, highs 45 to 50.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, lows in the lower 20s, highs 35 to 40.

Monday: Cloudy with a chance of snow, lows 15 to 20, highs in the mid-20s.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, lows around 15, highs 25 to 30.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 52; low, 27; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

### ECONOMY

#### U.S. productivity rises, but labor costs also show increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' productivity, the main ingredient for rising living standards, rose at a healthy 3.3 percent clip in the summer but labor costs accelerated at the fastest pace in more than a year, the government reported Wednesday.

The Labor Department said the increase in productivity was slightly lower than an estimate a month ago that productivity was rising at an annual rate of 3.8 percent.

In a potentially worrisome development, the department said unit labor costs, a key measure of wage pressures, rose at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the fastest pace since a 4.3 percent jump in the April-June quarter of 1999. The new third-quarter figure represented an upward revision from an original estimate of a 2.5 percent increase in labor costs.

Worker productivity, measured by the amount of output per hour of work, is the key to improvements in the standard of living. As long as workers are becoming more efficient, their employers can afford to pay them more without having to boost the cost of their products.

Productivity rose for all of 1999 by 2.9 percent following a 2.6 percent gain in 1998. Both increases were more than double the average annual gains for the two decades following 1973, when anemic productivity gains were considered one of the biggest problems facing the U.S. economy.

Because of the upturn in productivity in recent years, the Federal Reserve was able to let the economy grow at much stronger rates without worrying about inflation being

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#### Want to know about Germany? Ask a German

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Intercontinental information has come a long way in the past 20 years with the advancements in technology and communication, but nothing can replace the personal experience of meeting and talking with a person from another country.

Sixth-grade social studies students in Jo Ochs class were treated to a special visitor Tuesday and for a brief time they discussed language, culture, and events with Simon Campbell, a 20-year-old German citizen. Campbell, who was born in Boston, Mass., and who also holds U.S. citizenship, moved to Germany with his family when he was four and is visiting his father, Ron Campbell. He calls Bavaria, in the southern part of Germany home.

Campbell brought the German language to the students, teaching them to say simple words such as "please," "thank you," "mother" and "father." He also taught the words for colors and numbers.

They didn't have long to talk, but Campbell gave the students the opportunity to ask questions about the culture of his country.

Like most children, the students were curious about schools in Germany, wanting to know how the schools differ and if the schools are harder than the American schools.

Campbell said students in Germany are required to go through the ninth grade, but they must decide if they want to go to a university by the end of fourth grade.

Students whose grades don't meet required levels aren't to pursue a university degree and workers with only the basic education of nine



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German visitor Simon Campbell watches as sixth-grade students find Germany on maps

years can only find jobs doing such menial labor as cleaning toilets.

"These people have no piece of paper and have a very hard time finding work," Campbell told the students.

Students choosing to get a higher education, but not choosing the university studies can still get various

types of degrees, much like U.S. vocational certificates, but they are not like the bachelor's or master's degrees that most U.S. students recognize.

Campbell told the students that because he had not chosen to make better grades as an elementary student, he had to give oral and writ-

ten presentations for three days to be able to further his education.

Local sixth-grade students already have their eye on obtaining that all important driver's license and were aghast at having to wait until they turn 18 to have that privilege.

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### Water meeting canceled

LUBBOCK — A meeting involving Panhandle and South Plains mayors, city managers and public utility managers to discuss a proposed regional water supply distribution pipeline project during a meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Planning Group.

The meeting, which was to be Thursday, was canceled following the death Tuesday of board chairman A. Wayne Wyatt, 65, of Lubbock. Services for Wyatt will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Church of Christ in Spur.

It is not known when the planning group will meet. The water management plan must be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) by Jan. 5, 2001.

Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland is a member of the planning group.

Under the proposed pipeline project, ground water rights would be purchased in either Hartley or Roberts County. A pipeline would be built to transport the ground water to Vega and then south to Hereford, Friona and Muleshoe. The pipeline would turn east and run parallel to the existing City of Lubbock pipeline from the Bailey County well fields. This pipeline is at capacity during peak periods.

Water transported in the new pipeline could be used to meet Lubbock's future water needs, as well as supply water to the towns and cities along the route. In addition, lateral lines could be extended from the main feeder line to serve other towns and cities in the region. Water from the new distribution line also could be

made available to feedlots, dairies and other industries along the route.

Since the proposal was first included in the draft plan, the City of Amarillo offered its 113,900 acres of water rights for sale in Dallam and Hartley counties, and Roberts County landowners have also offered to sell water rights in their county.

The planning group has reviewed public comments received after the water plan was unveiled Sept. 26 at a public hearing in Lubbock.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan must be submitted to the TWDB by Jan. 5, 2001. After the TWDB signs on to the plan, the 16 regional water plans will be incorporated into a comprehensive state plan by January 2002.

The planning group also is developing its agenda for the next planning cycle, which begins in 2001. The agenda also will be submitted to the TWDB.

Among the other items that are being considered are:

- Revision/Updating of the region's basic water data base;
- Water demand projections;
- Population totals based upon the 2000 Census;
- Improving data collection to determine irrigation pumpage estimates to reflect historic and future water demands; and
- More accurate determination of the yields of area surface water reservoirs.

### Elderly woman needs help

Many of Hereford's senior citizens who live on a fixed pension income face tough daily decisions that aren't in keeping with a cheerful holiday.

Many seniors have such a limited income that there's simply not enough money to stretch around all of the expenses they face in a month.

Many are confronted with difficult choices, such as whether to spend the little they have on prescriptions, utilities or food. Inevitably, they end up doing without something when they choose to pay for another need.

An example is a 75-year-old woman who receives a limited pension from Social Security. Last June, she had surgery for thyroid cancer. She needs a hearing aid that she



simply can't afford on her present income. She spends very little on food — there's not enough money.

She is asking the Christmas Stocking Fund for assistance with clothing and utilities.

The anonymous committee of volunteers administering CSF give the needs of the young and the elderly a high priority in their decisions on assistance. With the caring and sharing help of the local community, CSF will address as many needs as possible during the 2000 campaign.

You can help CSF to extend maximum help to as many of the less fortunate members of the community as possible this holiday through your generous gift.

CSF extends assistance in numerous forms including help with food, utilities, medical and pharmacy bills, and clothing. All assistance, with the exception of food, is via vouchers payable to the merchants, utilities or medical facilities cooperating with CSF. Food assistance is boxed and delivered.

This year's primary assistance delivery date is Dec. 22.

Donations to CSF may be made in-person at the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of the Brand at P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate their gifts.

The Brand, official collection point for CSF, periodically publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum collected by CSF.



### What's happening

The Associated Press

The latest developments in the Florida presidential election recount:

#### COURTS

• In Tallahassee, Florida's highest court kept the presidential race on the legal fast track, agreeing to a speedy hearing of Al Gore's appeal of a ruling that in effect awarded George W. Bush the state's 25 electoral votes.

The arguments, scheduled for Thursday morning, were the latest legal twist among many in the month since the presidential election left Bush leading by a slim margin among 6 million votes cast in the pivotal state.

• In Pensacola, Republican lawyers urged a federal judge to rule that hundreds of rejected overseas ballots, mostly from military personnel, should be counted in the state's contested presidential election.

The attorneys asked U.S. District Judge Lacey Collier to declare the ballots valid even if they are undated, lacked postmarks, were postmarked in the United States and were not requested on time or at all.

• In Atlanta, lawyers for George W. Bush asked a federal appeals court Tuesday to throw out manual recounts of ballots in three Florida counties because they were "utterly standardless."

• The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard related appeals in separate cases — one initiated by the Bush campaign and another from three pro-Bush voters in Brevard County.

• In Tallahassee, a pretrial hearing was held in a lawsuit challenging Seminole County absentee ballots. Democrats accuse Republicans of tampering with absentee ballot application forms by adding voter-ID numbers and want 15,000 ballots thrown out. The case goes to trial Wednesday, along with a separate but similar case challenging almost 10,000 Martin County absentee ballots.

#### ELSEWHERE

• In Washington, lawmakers outlined several plans to overhaul the nation's antiquated voting system and prevent a recurrence of the voting count mayhem in Florida that has thrown the presidential election into dispute.

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# Local roundup

• **Post Office holiday hours** •

The Hereford Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 to accommodate holiday mailers.

• **Code red Christmas** •

The youth choir of the First Baptist Church will present "An E.R. Christmas" at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 17. Both concerts will be at 500 N. Main. No admission and a nursery will be provided.

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# School news

• **Jr. High Christmas dance** •

Hereford Jr. High will host a holiday dance from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$5 or the contribution of a new toy which will go to help charity. Student ID's are required.

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# News digest

• **Executions set two records** •

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors use words like "scary" and "evil" to describe condemned murderer Daniel Joe Hittle.

"Obviously a very violent vicious human being," says Dallas Assistant District Attorney Toby Shook, who helped send Hittle to death row for killing a Garland police officer, one of seven murders tied to Hittle.

"A poster boy for the death penalty," adds Andy Beach, who also prosecuted Hittle. "He is the classic sociopath."

Hittle, 50, was set to die Wednesday night for the shotgun slaying of Gerald Walker, gunned down after he pulled Hittle over for speeding the night of Nov. 15, 1989.

Hittle would be the second of three condemned murderers set to die in Texas on consecutive nights and extend the state's record-setting execution total to 39 for the year.

On Tuesday night, Garry Dean Miller, 33, received lethal injection for raping and murdering a 7-year-old West Texas girl a dozen years ago. On Thursday, convicted killer Claude Jones was set to die for fatally shooting a San Jacinto County liquor store owner during a robbery.

According to Michael Radelet, chairman of sociology at the University of Florida and the keeper of a database on U.S. executions, the Texas total this year is the highest number of executions carried out by a state in American history.

And the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center said the Texas total is the highest since 1862 when 39 Native Americans were hanged on a single day in Minnesota.

• **Authorities testify about task force** •

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven Houston-area authorities have been subpoenaed by a congressional committee that's investigating whether a drug task force was shut down because of political pressure, officials said.

Three police officers and four federal agents were set to testify Wednesday before the House Government Reform Committee in Washington, D.C., about the task force that netted 20 convictions.

The task force was formed in 1998 to investigate alleged drug activity involving Houston-based Rap-A-Lot Records and its founder, James A. Prince. Drug Enforcement Agency agents and narcotics officers from the Houston Police Department composed the task force.

Prince complained to U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., after task force members arrested several of his associates. Waters alleged that he was a victim of DEA harassment in a letter sent to Attorney General Janet Reno.

The task force was disbanded within weeks.

Committee members are also questioning the timing of a March 12, 2000, Houston visit by Vice President Al Gore, said committee spokesman Sean Spicer. Gore made a campaign stop at a church where Prince is a contributing member.

The case's lead investigator, DEA agent Jack Schumacher, was transferred to a desk job within three days of the visit. Special Agent-in-charge Ernest Howard in Houston sent several e-mails to Washington complaining that the agency was "bowing down" to political pressure.

• **NASA finalizing repair plan** •

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts on space shuttle Endeavour enjoyed some time off Wednesday after a 6 1/2-hour spacewalk that completed power connections for the international space station's electricity-producing solar wings.

Meanwhile, NASA officials were refining their plan to fix a tension problem on one of the space station's wings.

Two cables came off their reels and pulleys when the right wing was extended Sunday night, leaving the blanket of solar cells slack. The problem could cause the fabric to tear or the wing to bend or break during shuttle dockings.

NASA's plan tentatively calls for astronauts Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega to try to fix the problem at the start of their third spacewalk Thursday.

The astronauts will climb to the top of the truss that holds the solar wings' batteries and electronics and use tools to put back into place the two loose cables.

"We think we have a really good plan in place and it's a fairly simple task we believe," said Glenda Laws, lead spacewalk officer.

The mission management team was set to review and formally approve the plan Wednesday.

The second wing was released Monday during a nearly two-hour start-and-stop unfurling procedure to prevent what happened to the first wing.



**Special gifts for special people** — Gifts for ladies in two Texas Department of Human Services programs, Community Based Alternative and Community Care for Aged and Disabled, were collected by Deaf Smith County members of the Texas Extension Education Association. Mariellen Hornfeld (right), chairman of the Extension Education Council, presents the gifts to Judy Baker with Deaf Smith County Social Services. Gifts will be presented to recipients during the lunch/party Saturday at the Bull Barn.

# End of course algebra test equals big problems

Test scores indicate students may face problems on revised TAAS exit exam

HOUSTON (AP) — A state algebra test is adding up to trouble for students, with most failing it and then facing an even tougher exam to graduate from high school, officials say.

Current scores on students' end-of-course algebra tests could predict how students will do on the revised Texas Assessment of Academic Skills that's required for graduation, state officials are telling school districts.

"Does it have us worried? You bet," Rockwell Kirk, Spring's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

at the end of their Algebra I course last year. And just 37 percent of students in the Houston Independent School District passed the exam, usually taken in the eighth, ninth or 10th grade.

Officials say a big focus at HISD in helping students is providing training not only to algebra teachers but to math teachers in lower grades.

"As you look at this issue, you know that what students are able to do in high school is a function of what they learned in elementary and middle school," Susan Sclafani, HISD's chief of staff for educational programs, said.

Most students fail the algebra exam because they don't have a good math foundation, say researchers with an Austin-based group that studies state educational trends.

"You have to prepare the kids," said Chrys Dougherty, director of research for Just for the Kids. "You can't take a totally unprepared kid and throw algebra at them and expect them to get it."

Only 11.6 percent of students in the North Forest Independent School District passed the state algebra test

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# Obituaries

**BETTY NEWBERRY**  
Dec. 5, 2000

Services for Betty Newberry, 52, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Newberry died Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born Jan. 24, 1948, in Jonesville, Va., to Grover Moore and Ruby Snodgrass. She married Dean Newberry on June 19, 1971, in Jonesville, Va. She moved to Texas in 1990 and Deaf Smith County in 1997. She was a teacher, with a masters in education. Mrs. Newberry had taught in Clovis, N.M., Seminole and at West Central Elementary School in Hereford and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Justin Newberry of Hereford; two daughters, Deana Newberry of Amarillo and Kristen Dunning of Dumas; one brother, Gary Moore of Jonesville, Va.; two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Betty Newberry West Central Memorial Fund at the Hereford State Bank.

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**MARIE JENKINS**  
Dec. 5, 2000

Services for Marie Jenkins, 90, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jenkins died Tuesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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# Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 5, 2000, include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**

— A 16-year-old boy was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue F and charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces, in a drug free zone.

**Incidents**

— A vehicle was damaged in the 100 block of West Park Avenue. Someone scratched the paint on a suburban with a sharp object.

— A vehicle was damaged in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— A 14-year-old girl was reported missing in the 600 block of North Avenue K. She later returned home.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**

— A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

**Incidents**

— An abandoned vehicle was reported.

— Two juvenile boys were fighting.

— A juvenile female reported being harassed over the phone.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

— 3:07 a.m. Firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at 400 Ranger.

# Minnow fight reaches Colorado, Texas, New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico water users should not shoulder all of the burden of saving the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Eluid Martinez said Colorado — and perhaps Texas — should bear some responsibility in keeping the river flowing for the fish.

"It will not be fair for one state or one region of the state to meet the needs of endangered species," he said. "It should come properly from all users of the river."

He added that if the decision is made to keep the river wet, it would have "immense ramifications for upstream water users."

The Rio Grande flows from southern Colorado through New Mexico and Texas into the Gulf of Mexico. The silvery minnow is found only in the middle Rio Grande, from Cochiti to Elephant Butte.

Extreme measures, including water releases from upstream reservoirs and pumping of ground water into the river, were used this summer to keep some stretches of the river flowing for the minnows.

Environmental groups have sued the Bureau of Reclamation to protect the minnows' habit. The parties in the lawsuit are in secret, court-ordered mediation to try to find a solution to the problem.

# Weather damages sunflower crops

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Tom and Sandra Sjule know the winter landscape on their farm will include plenty of white, but they hope they can avoid too much brown — from acres of unharvested sunflowers.

About 2,500 of the couple's 3,000 acres of sunflowers still stand amid snow drifts atop the saturated soil. Like many farmers, the Sjules have been unable to harvest the oilseeds because of poor early winter weather conditions.

"Every time we started (combining), it would rain," Sandra Sjule said Tuesday. "Then it snowed. It's been a while since we had an early snow."

About 7 percent of the state's sunflower crop, or about 80,000 acres, remained unharvested as of Tuesday, said Larry Kleingartner, executive director of the Bismarck-based National Sunflower Association.

That was an improvement over Friday, when about 12 percent of the crop remained. More favorable weather conditions are allowing producers to get into the fields, but the work is not easy on farmers or equipment, Sjule said.

Farmers who do not get all their crops combined can harvest them in the spring. But the seed-carrying heads tend to dry in the warmer weather of early spring, and a field also can be crushed by heavy winter snows, causing the heads to shatter.

Kathy Gilbertson of the Risk Management Agency in Billings, Mont., said farmers might be eligible for crop insurance payments.

However, the crop is adjusted at the end of the insurance period, which was Nov. 30, she said. If a farmer loses part of a harvestable crop over winter, that portion would not be covered.

"That's a risk they have to take over the winter," Gilbertson said.

Ken Swenson, a Flaxton farmer and chairman of the sunflower association, said most farmers are doing everything they can to harvest their crops now.

"When the crop is out there in the field over winter, you're going to have heads that are going to break off, you're going to have more wildlife damage," he said.

North Dakota leads the nation in sunflower production, but the late harvest is not likely to significantly change October sunflower production estimates or boost low prices, said John Sandbakken, the international marketing director for the National Sunflower Association.

Forecasts typically factor in a 3 percent harvest loss, he said. Nationwide, about 5 percent of this year's crop remains to be harvested, he said. The next sunflower production report is due Jan. 11.

A glut of corn oil on the market and other factors are keeping prices near record-low levels, he said. With a government subsidy triggered by the low prices, farmers are getting about \$9.30 per hundredweight, similar to last year at this time.

However, production in Argentina, a major sunflower producer, is expected to be down significantly because wet weather has delayed planting.

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**Texas lottery**

**Cash Five**

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

10-22-31-33-36

**Pick 3**

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-4-4

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# LIFESTYLES

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**HRMC Auxiliary** members and hospital staff display a blood warmer which the Auxiliary recently purchased. Auxiliary members in the group on the left are (front from left) Irene Reinart, Bonnie Sublett, (back from left) Leona Schilling, Mary Schlabs, and Margaret Daniels. Hospital staff in the group on the right are (front from left) Nadine Berend, Lauren Lytal, Lacy Mueggenborg, (back from left) Bobbi Wooten, Linda Poarch and Beverly Martin.

## Auxiliary makes presentations



**Volunteer of the Year** - Billie Kelley (left) - accepts the Volunteer of the Year plaque from Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary president Leona Schilling.

Billie Kelley was presented the plaque as Volunteer of the Year for the Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary during the meeting Monday in the HRMC Dining Room.

President Leona Schilling made the presentation at the close of the meeting.

During the business session, members reported a total of 264 volunteer hours for last month and Mary Schlabs was presented with her 250 hour bar. Also volunteer Irene Reinart was recognized for having more than 14,000 lifetime hours of volunteer service at the hospital.

Fifteen baby books were presented in November and 14 newborns were enrolled in the childhood immunization program.

It was reported that a blood warmer and a blood lab projector which had been purchased by the Auxiliary for HRMC had been received. A food cart has been ordered, but not received by the meeting date.

Attending the meeting were 15 members and two visitors.

## Welch Home Place announces addition of geriatric psychiatrist

By Becky Thorn

Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Most of us aren't concerned with geriatric psychiatric care because it's one of those things that doesn't affect us.

Like hospice care, we may be aware that it exists, but it's not something we bother to learn about until we feel the need for it personally.

Getting older is not a golden time for all seniors. Life's problems and adversities can be overwhelming and sometimes trigger emotional difficulties or a psychological crisis that requires professional help.

Family members and other concerned individuals frequently do not know where to seek help for such problems.

Welch Home Place, in Plains Memorial Hospital, a service of the Castro County Hospital District, provides a range of services to meet the mental health needs of people 55 and older, including short term



**Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt**

psychiatric hospitalization for patients who require inpatient treatment.

They have just added an in-house geriatric psychiatrist, Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt, to their team of mental health professionals.

Dr. Diaz, who is originally from Panama, Latin America, came to El Paso on a special visa to specialize in geriatric psychiatry. "She will be doing assessments

in 17 facilities in the area (including the two in Hereford), working with Adult Protective Services and actually meeting with the judges to find out what's going on," Roy Puentes, LSW with Welch Home Place, said.

Dr. Diaz speaks both Spanish and English fluently.

"This is often an asset for those patients with Alzheimer's and various dementias who often regress back to their innate or natural language," she said.

Her practice is not limited to patients in Welch Home Place or other facilities. She will also be treating outpatients.

Welch Home Place is operated in cooperation with Horizon Mental Health Management in Lewisville.

"We strive to make people aware of geriatric mental health issues so that it is easier for someone to pick up the phone and say, 'Mom is acting a little different. I need to talk to somebody about it,'" Puentes said.

AT THE CENTER

## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

**THURSDAY**-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple.

**FRIDAY**-Fish scribbles with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, green beans and carrots, coleslaw, fruit pie.

**MONDAY**-Chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, pineapple chunks, ranger cookies.

**TUESDAY**-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetable, pickled beets

with onions, fruit cobbler.

**WEDNESDAY**-Pork ribs, hashed brown potatoes, baked beans, sliced onions, cherry peppers, pickles and tomato wedges, fruited cherry Jello.

### ACTIVITIES

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

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

**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., NARFE 1 p.m.

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

## Women's Division holds Christmas lights contest

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division will sponsor the annual Christmas Lighting Contest for homes and businesses.

Nominations will be accepted for any home or business in Hereford.

Entry forms are available at the chamber office, 701 N. Main, and completed forms must be returned to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Categories are: residential, total home or residential windows and doors; and total business, or business windows and doors.

Previous winners are eligible to enter again, but must compete in a category different from the one entered the past year.

Judging will be Dec. 16-17 and 2000 contest winners will be announced in the Sunday, Dec. 19 edition of the *Hereford Brand*.

Hereford Bucks will be awarded to contest winners.

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DEC. 1 & 2 MATINEES 1:30 & 4:00  
EVENINGS 7:10

**LITTLE NICKY**  
DEC. 1 & 2 MATINEES 1:30 & 4:00  
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**Depositing an envelope** - Sylvia Khuri places an envelope in the Project Christmas Card canister at Hereford Regional Medical Center. Project Christmas Card is an annual fund-raiser of L'Allegra Study Club with proceeds benefitting HRMC. The deadline for making contributions is Dec. 19. Individuals are invited to contribute the amount they would spend on Christmas cards and names of all contributors will be printed in a full page Christmas greeting to the entire community in the Dec. 23 edition of the *Hereford Brand*.

## Townsend is speaker at vision symposium

William D. Townsend, OD, who practices optometry in Hereford and Canyon at Advanced Eye Care, spoke at the 17th Annual Cornea, Contact Lens and Contemporary Vision Care Symposium in Houston on Dec. 1-3.

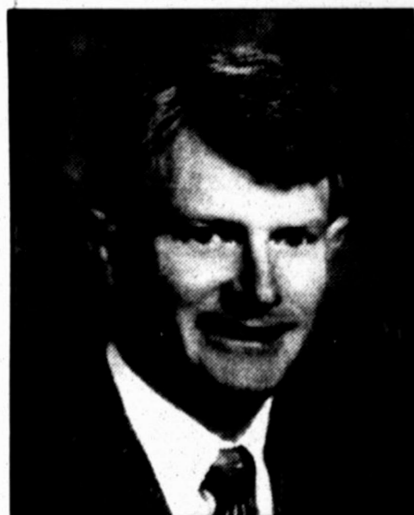
Doctors from all over the United States as well as foreign countries attend this yearly conference. The conference is

internationally respected for including the latest in diagnosis and treatment of eye disease with emphasis on the cornea and new types of contact lenses.

In addition to lecturers from this country, doctors from Canada and Australia spoke to the attendees. Dr. Townsend's topics included, "New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Modalities for Glaucoma," and "New Advances in Visual Field Technology for Glaucoma."

Dr. Townsend trained at the University of Houston College of Optometry where he graduated in 1979. In addition to practicing in Canyon and Hereford with Dr. Janet Townsend and Dr. Kevin Appel, he is also a consultant at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

Dr. Townsend has been a contributing editor to *Contact Lens Spectrum* since 1993 and has also authored numerous articles in other journals. He is currently completing a chapter to be included in a new textbook on eye disease.



W. Townsend, OD

## Cantu is seeking help with unique jail ministry

Hereford resident Raymond Cantu is, for the fourth consecutive year, seeking assistance for "God's Prison and Jail Ministry," a special ministry directed toward children of inmates in prison in Juarez, Mexico.

According to Cantu, conditions are very different in the Mexican prison from those in the United States.

"If a father is put in jail and there is no one to care for the children, then they stay in with their father," Cantu said.

According to Cantu, this means that the children get only one meal a day, have to sleep on the floor, get a bath once a week and usually do not have shoes.

Cantu's prison ministry is in need of toys, Bibles or monetary contributions for these children.

He also needs a 16 foot trailer (any kind) that can be used to haul items to the prison.

"The deadline for collecting these things is Dec. 12 because we (a group of concerned Panhandle individuals) plan to be in Juarez on Dec. 16-17," Cantu said.

Cantu has already completed paperwork to allow him to cross the border for the explicit purpose of visiting the prison.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with this ministry or who would like more information can contact Cantu by writing 306 Knight St., Hereford, or calling 364-2089 or 364-1497.

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I divorced my husband two years ago, after 10 years of marriage. "Jerome" has always had a warm relationship with my

family, and during the long custody battle, my own relationship with my parents deteriorated.

Last weekend, our 6-year-old son came home from his visitation with Jerome and told me he had had dinner at Grandma's house and that "Daddy brought a nice lady." I am so angry with my parents I could spit nails. How could they put my son in such a position and be friendly to this woman behind my back? Please help me handle this before it destroys what's left of our relationship. — Black Sheep in Atlanta

**Dear Atlanta:** Apparently, your parents are very fond of Jerome and have decided that they will continue to see him regularly. They have every right to do this. Now that Jerome is no longer married, he is free to see another woman and include her whenever he chooses. While it is somewhat insensitive for your parents to invite this woman to their home, it is their choice, not yours.

I understand your anger, but your attitude makes you appear mean-spirited and vindictive. The bitterness you are harboring is going to destroy you unless you give it up and learn to be more accepting of the situation. I recommend counseling. You need help. NOW.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am planning a small wedding, which will take place in six weeks. My fiancé and I are in our late 30s.

Here's the problem: Some invited guests cannot attend and have passed their invitations along to their grown children and grandchildren. I can live with that, but now my niece wants to bring her four sons, all under the age of 9. A woman I work with has informed me that she is bringing her two grown children. Another co-worker, who was not invited, cornered my fiancé and had the nerve to ask

him for an invitation. He said, "Fine. Please come."

It isn't that we don't like these people, Ann, it's just that we wanted our wedding to be small and intimate. People keep inviting themselves, and the guest list is getting totally out of hand. How can we tell these people "no" without alienating family members and losing friends? — Pre-Maritally Stressed

**Dear Stressed:** Since you have already told these people it is OK if they come, you cannot tell them they are no longer welcome. There is no acceptable way to "uninvite" friends and family members.

And now for the lesson: Unless you replace that macaroni where your spine should be, you are destined to have this sort of trouble all your life. When someone informs you they are bringing extra guests, the response should be, "So sorry. We simply do not have the space." You must learn how to say NO, and refuse to let others impose their wishes on you. This will take a lot of gumption, but the rewards will be worth it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Your columns helped me quit smoking after 15 years of being a tobacco addict. I haven't had a cigarette in six months, and have made up my mind that I will never have a cigarette again.

The column that did it for me was the one about treating yourself to something with the money you would have spent on cigarettes. Tonight I will wear my new diamond earrings. Every time I was tempted to smoke, I visualized a trip to the jewelry store and would instead put the money into a special jar.

Thanks, Ann. Please keep plugging away. — Christie in Maryland

**Dear Christie:** What a great victory! Enjoy your new earrings. You earned them.



St. Anthony's Church music ministry will benefit from the proceeds of a drawing for this Christmas yard sign displayed by Bo and Lauren Baker. The drawing will be Dec. 10. Tickets are available at Kid's Alley, The Secret Garden and St. Anthony's Church office.

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## Flame party is Thursday

Hereford Flame Fellowship will hold its annual Christmas Party at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

There will be special music, testimonies and snacks.

All men, women and children are welcome to attend all meetings of Flame Fellowship.

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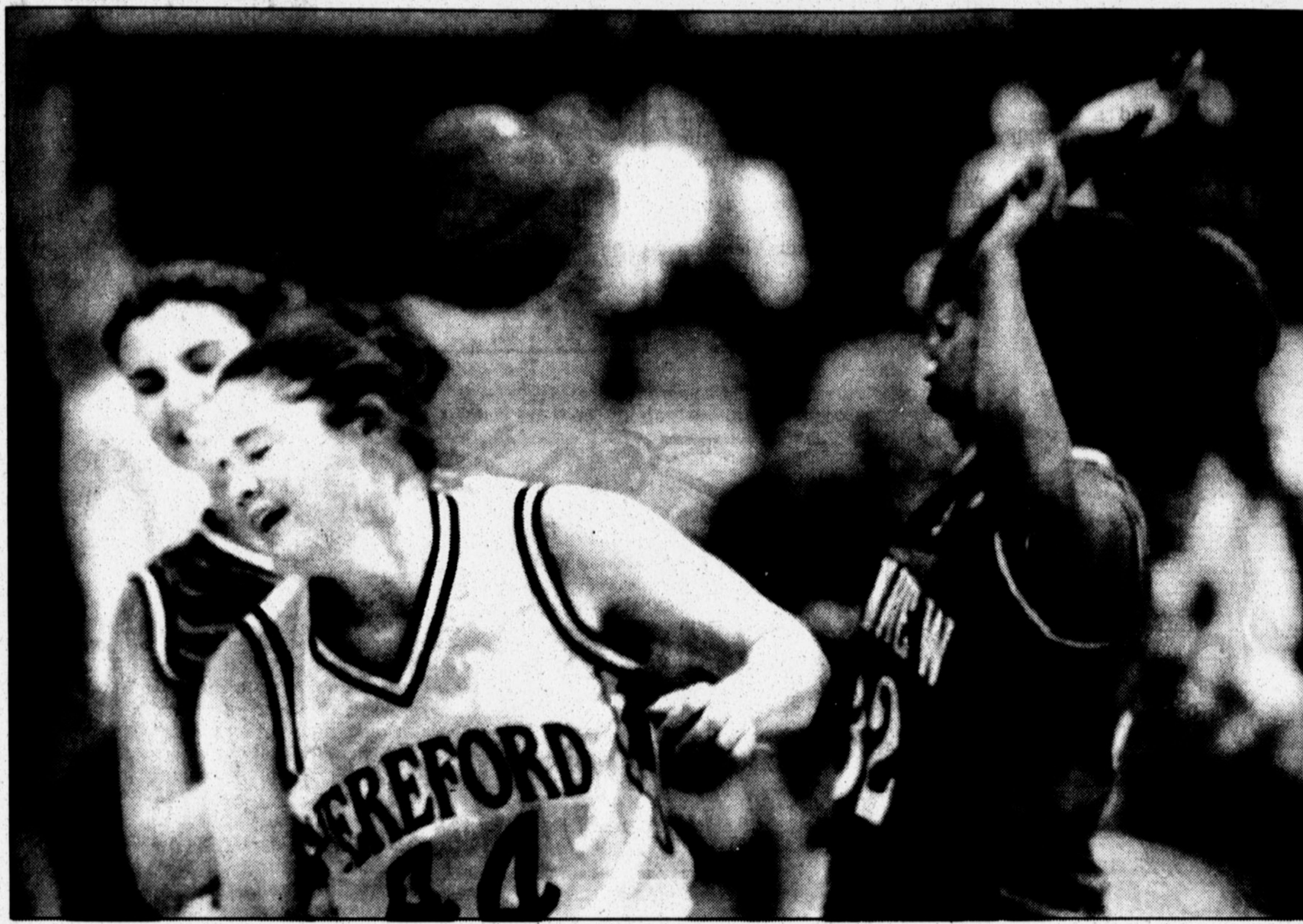
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# SPORTS

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## Herd splits with Clovis



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**Look out!**—Hereford sophomore post Becky Bailey flinches as a pass comes her way during the Lady Whitefaes loss against Plainview on Dec. 1. The girls team's next challenge is El Paso Hanks in Amarillo tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Palo Duro High School. The game is part of the Cal Farley Tip-Off Classic.

### Hereford High varsity boys narrowly defeat Wildcats while Lady Herd drops third straight

The Hereford Whitefaces made it five in a row Tuesday night traveling to Clovis and knocking off the Wildcats on their home turf 57-51.

Senior guard Cody Hodges remained on fire scoring 26 points against Clovis to lead all scorers and help the Herd edge out the Wildcats. Hodges has scored 89 points in the last four games for the 15<sup>th</sup> ranked Hereford Whitefaces (5-2).

Junior post Cody Marsh helped balance the Herd's attack Tuesday night scoring 16 points inside for the Whitefaces.

Senior guard Slade Hodges was the third leading scorer for the Whitefaces scoring eight points in the win for Hereford High.

Senior post Chayse Rives and junior guard Geoffrey Marquez each added two points in the win while senior James Stow added three points.

The Whitefaces led by three at halftime, 27-24, but lost the lead to a Clovis run. At the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats led 41-40.

The Whitefaces would go on to outscore Clovis 17-10 in the final period though to seal the victory for Hereford.

The Whitefaces play in a Canyon tournament starting Thursday and lasting through Saturday.

The Lady Whitefaces (3-6) fell on Tuesday night to Clovis High 52-32 losing their third straight game.



Hereford sophomore guard Sarah Griffin scored 15 points in the losing cause. Carlie Henson tossed in four points for Hereford High while Tiffany Mercer added three points of her own.

The Lady Whitefaces were down 11-10 at the end of the first quarter, but the team scored only four points in the next two quarters combined giving the Lady 'Cats a chance to make a run and take the lead for good. Clovis outscored the Lady Herd 21-4 in those two quarters.

The ladies next stop is the Cal Farley Tip-Off Classic in Amarillo beginning Thursday.

See CLOVIS, Page A6

## JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

### Junior High team takes two out of four against Valleyview and Westover

The Hereford Junior High boys split four games in a match up last week with Valleyview and Westover.

The eighth grade boys' B team escaped in their game against Valleyview's B team winning 44-40. Kurt Metcalf led Herd scorers with 11 points while Brant Newton added 10 points in the win.

Derek Vela and George

Palacios each had eight points in the win. The Herd's Jeffrey Smith had two points, and A.J. Perez and Cody Earle each had two points in the victory.

The eighth grade A team did not fair as well against Valleyview's A team losing 51-19.

In the loss, Jonathan Scott led the Herd in scoring with five points while John Griffin, Ryan Bullard and Eufemio Garcia each had three points.

Dieter Brannon and Beau Harmon also had two points a piece while Viviano Alejandro added one point.

In seventh grade action, the seventh grade A team lost to Westover 58-24.

Josh Lucio had 12 points for the A team and Trent Huffaker had four points. Travis Churchill also had three points while Chris Koenig and Jacob Miller had two points. Blake Carter also tossed in one point for the Herd.

The seventh grade B team took care of their game against Westover winning 32-24.

Cody Matsler scored 12 points to lead his team and Jesus Salazar added six points. Russell Eicke tossed in five points for Hereford, and Evan Isaacson added three points.

Roger Rocha, Josh Padilla and Russell Artho each had two points in the win.

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# Nelson diagnosed with cancer

## Mavs coach Don Nelson tells team he has prostate cancer after they lose to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson told his players after they lost to Houston that he has prostate cancer. He was more interested in lecturing Rockets star Steve Francis.

Nelson said after the 109-102 loss Tuesday night that he was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the day.

He will know more about his condition after talking with his doctors Wednesday. But he smiled broadly when the subject of Francis came up.

Francis punctuated a foul called on Michael Finley with a dead-ball dunk in front of several Mavericks in the final seconds of the game, then stared at the Dallas players as he strutted to the foul line.

That prompted Nelson to say some brief words to him.

"He's still young and he needs to grow up," Nelson said with a smile. "I just told him he didn't need to stare at our bench."

"The reason I said it is I'm his biggest fan. I love Steve, and you just don't need that kind of stuff on the court. He is such a great player, and I

took advantage of those opportunities and got to the line a lot.

"He shot a tremendous percentage (11-of-16 from the field and 11-of-14 on free throws) and his rebounding was outstanding. I don't know another guy who can rebound like that at his size."

Several Mavs said they were more concerned about their coach than the game. "He told us (about the cancer) after the game," said Dirk Nowitzki, who had a career-high 35 points. "It's a tough thing. It's very sad, but hopefully everything will work out for him."

Finley, who scored 22 points, echoed that thought. "That really puts the game in perspective," Finley said. "His life is a lot more impor-

tant than any basketball game. But he's a fighter and I have confidence he'll get through this. We'll all be praying for him."

Tomjanovich gave Nelson his best wishes. "That's just sad," Tomjanovich said. "It's bad news, but he told me there are ways to treat it. My prayers are with him."

But Nelson said he isn't shaken by the diagnosis. "If it has to be a malignancy, it's good to have some sort of prostate cancer," he said. "It's something all men will have to deal with at some point, probably. Early detection is the key."

With the Rockets leading 92-88, Matt Bullard hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Houston a 10-point lead with

3:53 to play. But the Mavs closed it to 102-99 on Hubert Davis' free throw with 1:04 to play. Mobley hit four free throws the final 22 seconds, and Francis added one with seconds to play to wrap up the win. The Mavs scored nine straight points early in the second quarter to take a 34-33 lead.

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## RODEO FINALS

### Purcella places sixth in team roping

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Results and standings Tuesday after the fifth round of the \$4.5 million National Finals Rodeo:

**Bareback**  
Fifth round—1. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, 89 points, \$13,133. 2. (tie), Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, Davey Shields Jr., Canada, and Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 84, \$7,908 each. 5. (tie), Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho; Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D.; and Chad Klein, Klein, Okla., 82, \$1,836.

**Average leaders**—1. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., 416 points on five head. 2. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 408. 3. Davey Shields, Canada. 405. 4. Chad Klein, Jackson, La. 404. 5. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, 400.

**World standings**—1. Jeff Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$109,594. 2. James Boudraux, Cuero, Texas, \$90,508. 3. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$86,288. 4. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$85,689. 5. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, \$82,206.

**Steer Wrestling**  
Fifth round—1. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 37 seconds, \$13,133. 2. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., 39, \$10,380. 3. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., 41, \$7,838. 4. (tie), Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo.; and Trav Cadwell, Oakdale, Calif., 42, \$3,672.

**Average leaders**—1. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., 22.1 on five head. 2. Sean Mulligan, Laramie, Wyo., 22.3. 3. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., 22.9. 4. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 24.1. 5. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., 24.2.

**World standings**—1. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$100,403. 2. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$95,685. 3. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$94,162. 4. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$92,112. 5. Sid Steiner, Austin, Texas, \$77,855.

**Team Roping**  
Fifth round—1. (tie), Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas; and Lance Brooks, Shandon, Calif., and Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., 4.9 seconds, \$11,757 each. 3. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, and Bret Gould, Polick, Texas, 5.0, \$7,838. 4. Tee Woodman, Llano, Texas, and Mike Beers, Powell, Ore., 5.1, \$5,508. 5. David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, and John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, 5.2, \$3,389. 6. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 5.4, \$2,118.

**Average leaders**—1. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 31.7 seconds on five head. 2. David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, and John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, 37.2. 3. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., and Allen Bach, Millsap, Texas, 40.9. 4. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., and Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 44.9. 5. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, 48.3.

**World standings (hesters)**—1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$127,891. 2. Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$84,644. 3. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$75,713. 4. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$74,675. 5. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$73,825.

**World standings (hesters)**—1. Rich Skelton,

Llano, Texas, \$127,891. 2. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$86,545. 3. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$76,561. 4. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$72,090. 5. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$71,036.

**Saddle Bronc**  
Fifth round—1. Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 86, \$13,133. 2. (tie), Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., and T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., 85, \$9,109. 4. (tie), Rod Hay, Canada; Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D.; and Rod Warren, Canada, 84, \$3,672 each.

**Average leaders**—1. (tie), Ryan Mapston, Geysler, Mont., and Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 396 points on five head each. 3. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., 395. 4. T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., 393. 5. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., 387.

**World standings**—1. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$152,575. 2. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$151,992. 3. Rod Hay, Canada, \$106,443. 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$102,860. 5. Glen O'Neill, Canada, \$95,771.

**Calf Roping**  
Fifth round—1. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 8.0, \$13,133. 2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 9.0, \$10,380. 3. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 9.1, \$7,838. 4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 9.6, \$5,508. 5. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, 9.9, \$3,389. 6. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., 10.1, \$2,118.

**Average leaders**—1. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 41.75 seconds on five head. 2. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, 45.2. 3. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., 45.6. 4. Doug Pharr, Resaca, Ga., 49.3. 5. (tie), Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, and Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 53.7.

**World standings**—1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$142,720. 2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$136,838. 3. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$124,669. 4. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$101,784. 5. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$96,468.

**Bull Riding**  
Fifth round—1. Robey Condra, Dayton, Texas, 88 points, \$13,133. 2. (tie), Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., and Philip Elkins, Keller, Texas, 85, \$9,109 each. 4. (tie), Rob Bell, Canada, and Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., 84, \$4,448 each. 6. (tie), Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., and Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 82, \$1,059.

**Average leaders**—1. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 340 points on four head. 2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., 323. 3. Robey Condra, Dayton, Texas, 255 on three. 4. Philip Elkins, Keller, Texas, 253. 5. Rob Bell, Canada, 252.

**World standings**: 1. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$89,061. 2. Rob Bell, Canada, \$88,287. 3. Robey Condra, Dayton, Texas, \$87,215. 4. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$85,846. 5. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$83,497.

**Herd**  
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The Lady Herd will take on El Paso Hicks at 3 p.m. at Palo Duro High School.

Also on Tuesday, the Herd JV team beat the Clovis JV in a tight game 54-51, and the sophomore boys team lost to Clovis 57-32.

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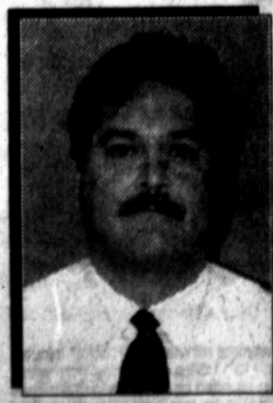
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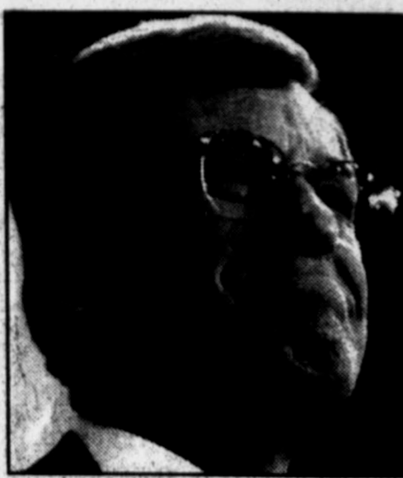
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# Old leaders picked in new Senate



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Old leaders emerged with a new message of bipartisanship as Senate Republicans and Democrats chose the lawmakers who will guide them through their now evenly divided chamber.

"Gridlock is unacceptable in the future," said re-elected Republican Policy Committee Chairman Larry Craig of Idaho, echoing a theme heard from both sides.

But cracks were already appearing in the promised policy of cooperation, with Democrats

saying they want to be full partners in setting the legislative agenda and in running committees, and Republicans saying that won't happen.

Senators from both parties, in closed-door elections Tuesday, voted to keep their top leadership. For the Republicans, Trent Lott of Mississippi stays on as majority leader and Don Nickles of Oklahoma remains as majority whip, both running unopposed.

Craig, like Lott and Nickles from the conservative wing of

the party, edged Pete Domenici of New Mexico 26-24 to retain his office.

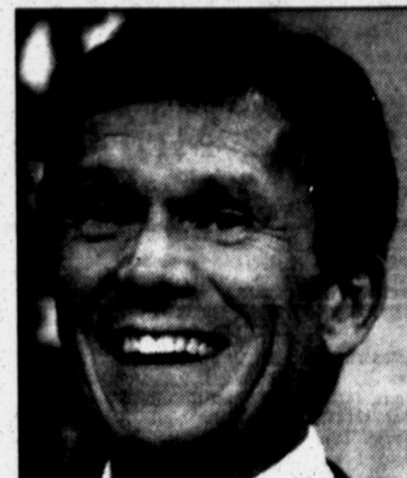
All Democratic officers ran unopposed, led by minority leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, minority whip Harry Reid of Nevada and Democratic Policy Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan of North Dakota.

The Senate will be evenly divided at 50-50 if George W. Bush becomes president and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., Al Gore's running mate, re-

publicans would retain a nominal majority because new Vice President Dick Cheney, as president of the Senate, would have a tie-breaking vote.

But Democrats, buoyed by their four-seat pickup in the Nov. 7 election, are demanding full equality, including possible sharing of committee chairmanships.

"Clearly, if the Senate is 50-50, then all of past precedent would dictate that the committees be 50-50," Daschle said.



**TOM DASCHLE**  
Montana senator re-elected as Democratic leader.

## Study links smoking, colon cancer

WASHINGTON — Smoking cigarettes for 20 years or more can increase by more than 40 percent the risk of dying of colorectal cancer, according to a study that blames tobacco use for nearly one in eight such deaths in the United States. A team of American Cancer Society researchers reported Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that a study of 781,351 people over 14 years showed a strong statistical linkage between cigarettes and death from colon or rectal cancer. "It is clear that cigarette smoking is associated with colorectal cancer mortality for both men and women," Ann Chao, a researcher with the American Cancer Society and first author of the study, said Tuesday.

## News digest

Clinton made the short trip Tuesday from the White House to Capitol Hill for "Senate School" and promised to be a consensus builder in a chamber where she once was derided. The first lady joined 10 other freshman senators for a whirlwind day of seminars, tours and class photos, capped off with a formal dinner at the Supreme Court building. The Senate's most famous new face kept a decidedly low profile most of the day, seemingly intent on ensuring she wouldn't overshadow other freshmen. Capitol Police kept reporters away as she moved between meetings.

### BLM ban could include bikes

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management has unveiled a plan for off-road vehicles in the West that could subject mountain bikes and in-line skates to the same restrictions as motorized all-terrain vehicles.

Although the plan does not itself limit vehicle use on the 264 million acres of BLM land in the West, it lays the groundwork for managers to do so if they believe it is necessary to protect wildlife and the environment.

The popularity of all-terrain vehicles such as motorbikes and dune buggies has increased dramatically in recent years, leading to concerns about their impact on the environment.

### Israeli troops drawing criticism

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops have used excessive force in dispersing Palestinian demonstrators, an Israeli human rights group said in a new report Wednesday, calling for a commission of inquiry into the violence. Israel's tentatively scheduled spring elections, meanwhile, were called into question as the government and religious parties wrangled over the mandatory drafting of Jewish seminary students. Late Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met with opposition leader Ariel Sharon. Both sides said the two talked about Israeli-Palestinian fighting, not about politics.

### 11 freshman attend 'Senate School'

WASHINGTON — Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham

## Comics

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IT SAYS THAT CRIME IS DOWN IN THE CITY. THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR!

DO THEY GIVE A REASON? YES...

THERE AREN'T THAT MANY VICTIMS LEFT!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

YOUR WORK HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING LATELY, MISS BUXLEY. THANK YOU, SIR.

YOUR TYPING IS BEAUTIFUL, I LOVE THE WAY YOU FILLED OUT THOSE FORMS, AND YOUR PHONE MESSAGES ARE JUST LOVELY!

EVEN HIS COMPLIMENTS SOUND SEXIST.

**Marvin** By Tom Armstrong

WOW... TOMORROW I'M GOING TO HAVE MY FIRST PLAY DATE WITH CHLOE.

I WONDER HOW MANY PLAY DATES YOU HAFTA HAVE...

BEFORE YOU CAN SAY YOU'RE GOING STEADY?

**Barney Google & Snuffy Smith** By Fred Lasswell

LUKEY, YOU LOOK WORE OUT !! I BEEN WORKIN' MY HEAD OFF !!

I BEEN FETCHIN' WATER, CHOPPIN' WOOD, COOKIN' AN' CLEANIN' ALL WEEK LONG !!

WHAR'S YORE WIFE ?

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

DO YOU BELIEVE ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL? CERTAINLY.

BUT AFTER THAT, THEY ARE ON THEIR OWN.

## Television

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Charlotte Church	Three Tenors Christmas	Como's C'mas	Savage						
3 Life of Santa Claus	Jack Frost	Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Early Edition	700 Club	Boss?					
4 News	Ent. Tonight	Ed	West Wing	Law & Order	News	(3:55) Tonight Show				
5 Learning	Movie: The Marva Collins Story	Cicely Tyson. ***	Learning	Famous	Smart Guy	Holidays in Concert	Zorro			
6 Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW Thunder	News	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW			
7 News	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	Draw Carey	Spin City	Gideon's Crossing	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
8 News	Home Imp.	Martha Stewart's Christmas	Movie: One Special Night	(1999) Julie Andrews.	News	(3:55) Late Show				
9 Spin City	Real TV	Simpsons	Normal	Street	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Voyager	
10 College Basketball	Florida at Michigan State	College Basketball	DePaul at Missouri	Sportscenter	Hoops					
11 Movie: Who's Harry	Movie: Risky Business	Tom Cruise. *** R	Soul Food	Resurrect	Extras	Women				
12 Half Past Autumn: Life of Gordon Parks	Movie: Universal Soldier: The Return	R	Oz	Robert Klein: Child in His	Proof of Life					
13 Movie: Braveheart	(1995) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. *** 1/2 R	Movie: The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc	Milla Jovovich. R	Movie: To Have and Have Not	(1944) *** 1/2	Movie: Big				
14 Movie: Shall We Dance	Country Holiday	Kenny Loggins December	18 Wheels of Justice	Marital Law	Fishing					
15 Beyond Darwin	First Contact	Oldest Mummies	Who Was Moses?	Justice Files	Contact					
16 Law & Order	Biography	Behind Closed Doors	Investigative Reports	Law & Order	Biography					
17 Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Holiday Affair	(1996) Cynthia Gibb. *	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
18 Football	Last Word	SW Sports	Poker Million	NBA	National Sports Report	Sports				
19 Pretender	NBA Basketball	Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls	NBA	Movie: Where Eagles Dare	(1969) ***					
20 Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Ginger	Sponge	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family
21 JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: An Unfinished Affair	(1996) Jennie Garth.	Movie: The Untouchables	Strip Poker					
22 Lucera de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos de Pasion	Aguil y Ahora	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
23 History	History IQ	Human Bondage	Wrath of God	Gold Mines	Big House	Human				
24 Babylon 5	Space: Above and Beyond	Movie: Interceptor Force	(1999) Olivier Gruner. *	Crossing	Twilight Z.	Fri. the 13th				
25 Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Movie: 10 to Midnight	(1983) Charles Bronson. **	News	Suddenly	In the Heat of the Night				

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2 Sesame Street	Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Arthur	Caillou	Clifford-Red	Mr Rogers	Teletubbies	Body Elec.	
3 Angela	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Cable in the Classroom	Bad Dog		
4 Today					Housecalls	Judge Lane	Tell Truth	Change	Days-Lives	
5 Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline
6 DiffWorld	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie			Cosby	Matlock		Hunter	
7 Good Morning America				Live With Regis			Rosie O'Donnell		News	
8 Early Show				Dr. Laura		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless		News	
9 Magic Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Family	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Life Today	Divorce		
10 Sportscenter	Sportscenter			Sportscenter					Golf	
11 Movie: The Shrunken City	(15) Movie: Moonrunners	James Michum. ** PG	Movie: Turtle Diary	Ben Kingsley. PG	Movie: Bring on the Night					
12 Movie: McKinsey's Island	Hulk Hogan.	Movie: Baby Geniuses	Kathleen Turner.	(15) Movie: I Spy Returns	Bill Cosby. ** 1/2				Vertical	
13 Movie: One Hell of a Guy	Movie: Erik the Viking	Tim Robbins. ** 1/2	(15) Movie: Renaissance Man	(1994) Danny DeVito, Gregory Hines.	Movie: The Untouchables					
14 (6:30) Movie: Red Dust	Movie: Gaby	(1956) Leslie Caron, John Kerr. ***	Movie: Fanny	(1961) Maurice Chevalier, Leslie Caron. *** 1/2						
15 Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's
16 Paid Prog. Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home					
17 Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order				
18 Designing	Designing	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live	Movie:		
19 Sports	National Sports Report	Sports	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Musclesport		
20 Lois & Clark-Superman	ER	ER	ER	Movie: Damnation Alley	(1977) Jan-Michael Vincent. ***					
21 Thornberrys	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Franklin	Dora	Maisy	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper
22 Burnett	Burnett	Something	Hearts Afire	Jesse	Ned-Stacey	Wings	Wings	Veronicas	Working	L.A. Rockette
23 (6:00) Despierta America				Marta Susana		Pobre Diable				Siempre
24 Civil War Journal	Weapons at War	Sacrifice at Pearl Harbor	Great	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep				
25 Sightings	Sentinel	DarkShad	Crossing	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest
26 Clueless	Charles	Parent	Wayans	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest	Sequest

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2 Sewing	Painting	Fine Art	Adventure Divas - Cuba	Wishbone	Reading	Clifford-Red	Dragon	Arthur	Lions	
3 Mega Bab.	Candy	Kids	Angela	Addams	Goosebump	Big Wolf	S Club 7	Two-Kind	Bear	Noel
4 Days-Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Men Are From Mars	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
5 Rupert	GrowPains	GrowPains	Flash	Brotherly	GrowPains	BoyWorld	So Weird	Smart Guy	Famous	BoyWorld
6 Hunter	Movie: The Hard Way	(1991) Michael J. Fox. *** 1/2	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne		
7 Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Maury	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
8 Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Family Feud	News	CBS News			
9 Attorney	Roseanne	Mad	Grace Under Nanny	Dinozours	Rangers	X-Men	Digimon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	
10 (12:00) Golf Senior Match Play Challenge	Best of Skatepark Tour	Winter X-Games Classic	NFL Great	Up Close	Sportscenter					
11 Movie: Bring on the Night	Movie: Rebel Without a Cause	James Dean. ***	Movie: Aldrich Ames: Traitor Within	PG	Movie: Devil's Arith.					
12 Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie	PG-13	Movie: Who Am I?	(1998) Jackie Chan, Michelle Ferra.	Movie: The Tuskegee Almon	Laurence Fishburne. ***					
13 Movie: Never Been Kissed	(145) Movie: A Fish in the Bath	Jerry Stiller. PG-13	Movie: In Dreams	Annette Bening. ** R	(15) Movie: Entrapment					
14 Movie: The Adventures of Robin Hood	(1938) ***	Movie: They Died With Their Boots On	(1941) Errol Flynn. ***	Movie: Story-Castle						
15 Waltons	Bloopers-Jokes	McCoy's	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard	Waltons	Starky and Hutch				
16 Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Your New House	Wild Discovery				
17 Law & Order	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio				
18 (12:00) Movie: When Innocence is Lost	Movie: She Fought Alone	(1995) Brian Austin Green	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
19 Musclesport	Rugby England vs. South Africa	Fame	Extreme	Bluetorch TV	Geniuses	Football				
20 Movie: Metalstorm: Des. of Jared Syn	Due South	Pal Factor: Chronicles	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	ER						
21 Franklin	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	U Pick	Pinky	Thornberrys		
22 Doctor	Martin	Martin	PGA Golf World Golf Championship/World Cup - First Day				Walker, Texas Ranger			
23 Siempre	La Casa en la Playa	El Gordo y la Flaca	Cristina	Primer Impacto	El Biablaizo	Noticiero				
24 Black Sheep	History	History IQ	Sacrifice at Pearl Harbor	Great	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron			
25 Sequest	Sequest 2032	Sequest 2032	Quantum Leap	Xena: Warrior Princess	Sliders					
26 News	Caroline	Bzzz!	Change	Street	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven	Full House	Clueless	

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2 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Alexander the Great	Mystery!	Mystery!	Mystery!				Savage Planet	Savage	
3 Annabelle's Wish	Santa is Coming to Town	Christmas Miracles	Early Edition	700 Club	Boss?					
4 News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Cursed	Will & Grace	Just Shoot	ER		News	(3:55) Tonight Show	
5 Movie: Life Size	Tyra Banks. **	(40) Movie: A Mom for Christmas	Olivia Newton-John.	Emperors	Jersey	(2:20) Jersey	Zorro			
6 Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(09) Movie: Any Which Way You Can	(1980) Clint Eastwood. ** 1/2	(45) Movie: Planet of the Apes	(1968) ****					
7 News	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	Shooting War	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
8 News	Home Imp.	48 Hours	City of Angels	Diagnosis Murder	News	(3:55) Late Show				
9 Spin City	Real TV	Ultimate Auction		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Voyager		
10 College Basketball	Kansas at Wake Forest	College Football Awards		Sportscenter	Hoops					
11 Movie: Devil's Arith.	Movie: Molly Elisabeth Shue. ** 1/2 PG-13	Extras-What	RudeAwk	Movie: Meeting Daddy	Lloyd Bridges. R	Movie: Twin				
12 Real Sports	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Suburbans	Craig Tinker. R	Vertical	Sex Bytes	Inside the NFL				
13 (5:15) Movie: Entrapment	(15) Movie: Deep Blue Sea	Thomas Jane. ** 1/2 R	Movie: Traces of Red	James Belushi. ** 1/2 R	Movie:					
14 Movie: Story-Castle	Movie: Gunfighters of Casa Grande	(1965) **	Movie: The Outriders	(1950) Joel McCrea. ***	Movie:					
15 Martial Law	SheVerry Merry Christmas	Movie: Secret of Giving	(1999) Reba McEntire.	Martial Law	Shooter					
16 Wild Discovery	Real L.A.P.D.	Great Siberian Explosion	How Old Dinosaurs Fly?	Justice Files	LAPD					
17 Law & Order	Biography	Murder One	Murder One	Law & Order	Biography					
18 Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: A Christmas Romance	(1994) **	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing				
19 Football	Last Word	SW Sports	Football	SW Sports	NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings				
20 Pretender	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at San Antonio Spurs	NBA	Movie: One Night Stand	(1997) ** 1/2					

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**300 TONS Of Peanut Hay.** Call 915-758-6285.

**TABLES, COFFEE Table & end table, glass tops with wrought iron legs.** 364-8422.

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**WIN. MODEL 120 20 GA,** like new, \$250. Browning 12 GA 3" mag, NIB, \$500. Russian Siaga AK 47 with/scope, \$450. After 5:00 call 364-0419.

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**WE BUY OLD MOVIE POSTERS!**  
We pay thousands of dollars for accumulated movie posters and lobby cards dating from 1900 to the 1970s. These posters were usually just thrown away. If your family ran a theater and happened to save them, call us to discuss what you have. We travel all over the country to buy posters. If a friend or relative ever ran a theater or drive-in or now owns an old theater building, be sure to tell them about this ad. If they have posters we buy, we'll pay you a generous finder's fee. One of our buyers will be in this area soon. Call today to arrange for a free expert evaluation. We pay cash on the spot. Don't miss out! We will only be here once.  
**CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-888-696-7089 SPECIALTY ANTIQUES**

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Clean Used Cars & Trucks  
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**FOR SALE:** 1993 Ford F250, White, 7.3 turbo diesel. \$7,500. Day-364-7190, Night-346-4542.

**1989 MUSTANG GT,** 5.0, blue, 30K on rebuilt motor, performance intake and exhaust, and other modifications. \$5,000 OBO, 364-3444.

**FOR SALE:** 1987 Chevy Suburban. Runs good, clean, good tires. Call 364-5927 after 5:00.

**FOR SALE:** 1979 Chev all original 350 engine. 350 turbo trans. \$12,500. Call 276-5578 ask for Pedro.

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**HOME BUYERS!** 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7,500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9444 to apply.

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**THE ROADS** Of Texas and The Roads of New Mexico are on sale at The Hereford Brand in book form. Both maps are \$14.95 each plus tax. Discover roads you never knew were there. Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

**1 YEAR Old Hot Spring spa.** Call 364-4775.

**FOR SALE:** Hot Springs spa hot tub, \$1,200. 1927 Player Piano with/scrolls, \$1,200. Call 289-5275.

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER,** Video case, console record player & radio. Call 363-6456.

**Farm Fresh Pecans**  
5 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145  
**806-938-2206**

**FOR SALE:** DragonBall Z, 6-inch Japanese Action figures. Call 578-4370.

**SPAS FOR Winter!** As low as \$89/month W.A.C. with/warranty & free delivery (up to 100 miles from Amarillo). Call 358-9597 to find out more.

**GRAND OPENING Sale!** All spas-redwood accessories up to 30% off! No payments for 90 days. Includes Everything-Curious-Call 806-467-0321.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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14 Revolt at sea  
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22 Building wing  
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26 Mediterranean fruits  
27 Beige  
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30 Map features  
31 Agent, for short  
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8 Inventor  
9 Whitney  
9 Author  
10 Deighton  
10 Pig's place  
16 Groom's garb  
18 Lair  
19 Improving, as business  
20 Lot unit  
21 Hera's spouse  
22 Distantly  
23 Pleasant  
25 Book part  
29 Chaper-one  
30 Illuminated  
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37 Yesterday  
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39 Building wing  
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41 Stomach muscles, briefly

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**FOR SALE** By owner! Financing Available! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, workshop, large yard with/sprinkler system, fireplace. 510 McKinley. 655-6692.

**NICE STARTER Home!** For sale by owner. 3bedroom, 1-1/2 bath Home. New roof, paint, tile. 520 Avenue G. \$30,000 negotiable! 364-2077.

**241 HICKORY,** New Listing, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, central heat and air, isolated master bedroom, Price \$60,500, Approx. \$47,500 non qualifying loan. Shown by appointment, Equal Housing Opportunity. Gerald Hamby, Broker 364-3566.

**VEGA! NEAR School,** 4 bedroom, 2 bath, game-room, double garage, large front & back yard with (2) dog runs and storage shed, landscaping. Call 267-2865.

**5. RENTAL PROPERTY**

**DIAMOND VALLEY ENT, INC.**  
MOBILE HOME PARKS  
Hereford-Amarillo Commercial Buildings  
Doug Bartlett - 415 N. Main  
364-1483 (Office-Hereford)  
383-2183 (Office-Amarillo)  
364-3937 (Home)

**BEST DEAL** In Town! 1 bedroom efficiency apartments. Bills paid, red brick apartments. 300 block West 2nd. 364-3566.

**FOR RENT:** New Central Heating! 200 Bennett. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, W/D Hookup. \$400/month, \$100 deposit, \$100 deposit. Call 364-4908.

**FOR RENT:** 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. New carpet, fenced yard, WD Hookups, A/C. \$380/month, \$150 deposit. **FOR SALE:** Washer/Dryer, couch, six swivel rocking dining chairs, dining table & chairs. All good quality. Call 364-4113.

**APARTMENTS:**  
Blue Water Gardens  
HEAT, A/C  
LIGHTS } INCLUDED  
Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1,2,3,4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information & directions. 1-5pm (806)364-6661.  
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**Guardian Self Storage**  
1409 E. Park Avenue  
**364-5778**

**APARTMENT FOR Rent!** 2 bedroom. Newly remodeled, bills paid, free cable. Free move-in! 363-2209, 346-5602.

**HOUSE FOR Rent!** 2 bedroom, W/D hookups. Call 364-0056 ask for Robert. \$300/month, \$50 deposit.

**FOR RENT:** 907 E. Park. Fully equipped for restaurant. Call Alex Barber Shop for more information. 364-8014, 364-6083 or 364-5172.

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Unfurnished—2 Br—1 1/2 Bath  
Spacious—Comfortable and Newly remodeled

- Refrigerated Air • Bills Paid (Except Elec.)
- Cable TV furnished • Newly Redecorated
- 2 Areas -1 Non Smoking • HUD Assistance welcome and -1 Smoking

Call 364-8421 for details  
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**CNA OPENINGS** 2-10 and 10-6. Earn "Paid Time Off" from your first day and health insurance after 90 days; shift/weekend differentials and sign-on bonuses. Apply in person at King's Manor Methodist Home, 400 Ranger, Hereford.

**BRADFORD TRUCKING**  
An E.S.O.P. Company  
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Pentagon study appears to link illness, nerve gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon-sponsored study raises the possibility that some of the undiagnosed illnesses reported by Gulf War veterans could be explained by their exposure to low levels of Iraqi nerve gas. The report released Tuesday found no evidence in available scientific literature, however, to support the idea that symptoms linked to nerve gas would appear two or more years after exposure. About half of Gulf War veterans reporting health problems did so a year or more after returning to the United States. The report, by the Rand Corp.'s federally funded National Defense Research Institute, does not provide a final answer to the question that has lingered since the end of the Gulf War: Was exposure to chemical warfare agents respon-

sible for some of the neurological and other health problems reported by veterans? 'It is not possible to eliminate nerve agents categorically from playing a role in some cases of illnesses of Gulf War veterans,' the report said. But, it added, it is 'difficult to accept' that exposures affecting large numbers of troops would have escaped notice. The report called for more research into the long-term health effects of exposure to levels of nerve gas such as those experienced by approximately 100,000 American soldiers at Khamisiyah, an Iraqi ammunition depot that U.S. soldiers blew up several days after the Gulf War ended. It was discovered later that the depot contained hundreds of weapons filled with lethal sarin gas. The Pentagon on Tuesday

said it has determined that one of the nerve agents present at Khamisiyah — cyclosarin — is two to three times more toxic than sarin, the predominant nerve agent used in 122mm rockets destroyed at the depot. Cyclosarin also is less volatile than sarin, meaning it evaporates more slowly. Thus, even though the Pentagon now believes the total amount of nerve agent released by the Khamisiyah demolition on March 10, 1991, was less than originally calculated, the toxic effect from the resulting plume is about the same because of the newly included information about the toxicity and volatility of cyclosarin. Three years ago, the Pentagon notified about 99,000 troops that they were exposed to a plume of sarin gas from Khamisiyah.

Economy

From Page A1 generated from tight labor markets. The economy roared ahead and the unemployment rate fell to the lowest levels in three decades.

However, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has warned that rising productivity could not always keep inflation pressures at bay and in June 1999 the central bank adopted the first of six interest rate increases to slow economic growth and achieve a 'soft landing' for the economy.

Greenspan sent Wall Street soaring Tuesday. He signaled that the Fed may be ready to switch from raising rates to lowering them in an effort to make sure that the slowdown doesn't deepen into something worse and jeopardize the record-long economic expansion, now in its 10th year of uninterrupted growth.

The stock rally had trouble sustaining itself Wednesday in the face of some unfavorable corporate earnings reports. At late morning the Dow Jones industrial average was down 92 points and the Nasdaq index was off 15 points.

Greenspan specifically noted in his speech that new claims for unemployment benefits have been rising in recent weeks, indicating that tight labor markets may be easing.

The 2.9 percent jump in unit labor costs followed a 0.2 percent decline in the second quarter of this year. While the 2.9 percent increase would be cause for concern if it continued, analysts noted that over the past year labor costs are up a barely discernible 0.2 percent.

For productivity, the 3.3 percent rate of increase in the third quarter followed a 6.1 percent surge in the second quarter. Over the past year, productivity for nonfarm businesses rose by a solid 4.8 percent.

The boom in productivity has prompted many economists to proclaim a new era for the economy in which significant investments in high-technology industries such as computers and telecommunications are leading to big payoffs in terms of prosperity. However, skeptics contend that the productivity increases of recent years are a result of the strong economic growth and will fade away once growth returns to lower levels.

Greenspan has been a major proponent of the 'new economy' theory. In his speech Tuesday, he said the recent shakeout in dot.com companies did not necessarily mean that high-tech investments won't continue 'to serve as an engine of strong productivity growth in the years ahead.'

Pandas heading for U.S.

BELJING (AP) — Two giant pandas, bound for their new home at the National Zoo in Washington D.C., left China on Wednesday aboard a specially modified Federal Express jet, a company official said.

The pandas took off from the southwestern city of Chengdu on Wednesday morning for the 17-hour flight to Washington Dulles International Airport, said Eddy Chan, Federal Express' vice president for China and the mid-Pacific.

The animals were accompanied by five U.S. and Chinese keepers. They are scheduled to arrive in Washington at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Federal Express flew the pandas on an MD-11 plane dubbed PandaOne. The plane was modified for the flight with two custom-built cages, Chan said.

The pandas — Mei Xiang, a 2½-year-old female, and Tian Tian, a 3½-year-old male — hail from the Wolong Nature Reserve in China's southwestern province of Sichuan.

In exchange, the zoo will pay \$10 million to Chinese conservation projects. It has also prepared for the arrival by renovating its panda house at a cost of \$2 million.

The two pandas will replace the zoo's first pair, which China sent 28 years ago as a goodwill gesture on the opening of diplomatic ties with the U.S.

German

From Page A1 'The cost to get a driver's license is \$2,000. That is how they teach us responsibility,' Campbell said. 'And if you get what you call a DWI, you lose your license and will never get to see yourself driving a car again. You lose your license permanently.'

Campbell's home town is only about 20 miles from where the Brothers Grimm wrote their famed political stories which have become famous children's fairy tales. The idea that favorite fairy tales such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' really had a political message was a hard concept for the students to understand.

After showing the students German money and books, Campbell had to say 'auf wiedersehen,' and let the students get back to their scheduled lessons.

He'll be back, though. He plans to enroll in Amarillo Col-



lege in the spring and major in social work. He hopes to get back to the students and talk with them later about his experiences as college freshman in an American college.

Would-be EU members' expectations remain low

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — Thirteen countries are knocking on the European Union's door, pushing to get into the club they associate with Western-style prosperity. But failure at this week's EU summit won't cause crisis among the applicants: After years of being told to wait, most are braced for further delay.

The summit, which begins Thursday at the French Riviera resort of Nice, is loaded with potential conflict.

Leaders seek a radical overhaul of the EU's decision-making machinery in preparation for expansion into eastern Europe. All 15 EU nations agree their institutions must be streamlined so they don't get clogged when EU membership is swelled by up to a dozen new members.

Every member is battling to ensure its influence is not eroded by the revised balance of power. Particularly volatile are proposals to redistribute the number of votes each member

has in EU decisions. 'I will tell my colleagues in Nice: Let's be brave,' German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Wednesday. 'We should carry out our historic duty, the idea of constructing one Europe.'

The applicants — a line of nations stretching from Mediterranean Cyprus through Eastern Europe to the Baltic Republics — have been keeping their public comments positive despite the infighting that could derail the summit. In Ljubljana, Slovenian Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel said he was 'nearly certain' that the summit would be successful.

Such comments are primarily tailored to both summit participants and domestic consumption. Actually, East Europe's leaders have turned somewhat 'Euroskeptical.'

Two years after the start of accession talks, they complain that despite major reforms on their part, the EU remains unappreciative of their efforts

and has refused to even discuss a possible firm date of entry.

'There is life outside the EU,' Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban snapped earlier this year, a comment reflecting irritation at the lack of response to his feelers on Hungarian membership by 2002.

Ahead of the summit, France, which currently holds the six-month rotating EU presidency, sought to ease concerns over possible failure.

'It looks very difficult, but we will reach an agreement, because every country wants to get that agreement,' Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said.

Such comments seem primarily directed at those countries that have been seeking EU entry longest — the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus, which started formal talks on joining in 1998. Slovakia, which started early this year, has accelerated reforms and hopes to catch up with the six front-runners.

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# (IN)DECISION 2000

## Bush says he won't press for concession

**The Associated Press**

George W. Bush says he can feel Al Gore's pain, and won't press him to concede defeat in their overtime struggle for the White House. The vice president suggested he might fight on even if he loses a high-stakes appeal at the Florida Supreme Court.

"I can understand his anguish," Bush, the almost-president-elect, said Tuesday of his rival for the White House. "I can understand the emotions involved."

For his part, Gore told reporters, "I don't feel anything other than optimistic" while awaiting a state high court decision on his appeal of a devastating trial court ruling earlier in the week in Florida's Leon County Circuit Court. He stopped well short of saying he would quit if he

lost, a position that risked eroding support among members of his own party.

Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway stepped up the level of Democratic determination a notch today, saying the Gore team remains "very optimistic" it can get more votes counted in the extremely close race. He blamed the monthlong delay in getting an election result on Bush.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., on CBS's "The Early Show," said he regretted that Gore has not been doing well in the courts, adding, "I am not optimistic that he is going to prevail."

Two other election-related lawsuits "will end up in the Florida Supreme Court," Gore said Tuesday. Trial in one, involving Democratic accusations of Republican tampering with absentee ballot applica-

tions in Martin County, opened Wednesday morning in Tallahassee. A trial on similar accusations for Seminole County was about to begin in the same courthouse, with some of the same lawyers handling both.

Even so, 29 days after Election Day, the nation's unprecedented campaign drama seemed to be coming to an end.

And the public, judging from the latest polls, wanted it that way. An NBC survey found 59 percent of Americans think Gore should concede while a Gallup poll found 58 percent saying he should concede.

Neither Bush nor Gore can command an Electoral College majority without Florida's 25 electoral votes, but the man who wins them will ascend to the presidency on Jan. 20.



**When President Clinton leaves office, some analysts think he'll be taking the economic expansion with him.**

## Analysts expecting economy to slow

**By Martin Crutsinger**

*AP Economics Writer*

President Clinton may be taking more with him than his suitcase when he leaves the White House on Jan. 20. His amazing run of luck with the economy seems to be disappearing as well, right on cue with the end of his second term.

That means that his successor, either George W. Bush or Al Gore, will have to navigate stormier seas. Some forecasters are even worried about a recession next year — a problem Clinton never had to confront as he presided over a record stretch, now in its 10th year, of uninterrupted economic growth.

"How ever one looks at it, the economic data recently have been quite negative and the possibility of a serious hard landing is rising," says Allen Sinai, chief economist at Decision Economics in New York.

While Sinai said he believed the chances of an outright recession — where economic growth actually contracts — are still small, he was concerned about a pro-

longed period of weak growth that would translate into a rising unemployment rate.

David Levy, an economist at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., was even more pessimistic, putting the odds of a full-fledged recession next year at 70 percent.

"When you put all the problems facing the economy together, it is not a pretty picture," Levy said.

Things were not supposed to turn out this way. The overwhelming view among economists had been that the United States was headed for a soft landing in which a series of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve would slow economic growth enough to keep inflation in check without tipping the country into a recession.

But since the Nov. 7 election, while the country has been transfixed by the ballot battle in Florida, the economic ship of state has been springing leaks.

A series of government reports has shown unexpected weakness in areas ranging from consumer spending to U.S. factory orders.

## Bush meets with a pick

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush, anxious to assemble a White House staff even as he awaits a final court decree on the election, is conferring with his choice for national security adviser: Stanford University scholar Condoleezza Rice.

Rice was meeting with Bush today at the governor's mansion, the latest in a series of high-profile sessions the Texas governor has held with members of a prospective Bush administration.

Bush said he won't announce any Cabinet appointments until legal challenges are resolved.

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