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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD, HOME OF Brenda Thomas

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

• Mostly clear •

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows in the mid-20s, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to north.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs around 50, north winds around 10 mph, becoming light and variable.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the lower 20s.

• Extended forecast •

Sunday: Increasing clouds, highs in the lower 40s.

Christmas Day: Cloudy with a chance of sleet or snow, lows in the upper 20s, highs in the mid-30s.

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

Wednesday and Thursday: Mostly cloudy, lows around 10, highs in the lower 20s.

• Hereford weather •

Thursday's high, 46; low, 24; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

• Slight warming trend • before winter blast

Light rainfall was expected today for far South Texas with passage of the latest cold front that will be followed by a slight warming trend before an icy blast across the state early next week.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s to 50s as a high-pressure system settled into the state. Extremes ranged from 21 degrees at Paris to 51 degrees at Brownsville and McAllen.

Other temperatures were 24 degrees at Austin's Bergstrom Airport and Junction, 22 degrees at Childress and 31 in Lufkin, with 30s in the middle Rio Grande Valley.

Winds were northerly across South Texas at 5 to 10 mph, increasing to 10 to 17 mph in the winter garden, with southerly conditions in the Rio Grande Valley and Panhandle.

Increasing cloudiness was expected through Saturday, with daytime highs from the low 40s to the 50s and mid-60s in the deep south.

Lows overnight should fall into the 20s to 40s.

ALL-STATE



Trey Bezner was selected as a second-team offensive lineman by Texas sportswriters. Several other Hereford players received honorable mention. **Page A5**

Man sought in a robbery

Hereford Police investigators are continuing to check into a reported aggravated robbery which occurred between midnight and 1 a.m. Dec. 16 in the parking lot of B&R Thriftway store, 1105 W. Park Ave.

Reports indicate the manager left the store about 12:30 a.m. and was accosted by an armed man. The manager and the suspect reportedly scuffled before the suspect overpowered the manager and escaped with more than \$20,000 in cash and checks.

Police Chief David Wagner said further information on the suspect or the ongoing investigation are not available at this time, but he will release information when the investigation is complete.

The needs are many, the resources limited as the 2000 edition of the Christmas Stocking Fund attempts to brighten the holiday for some of the community's less fortunate.

Requests for assistance run a broad and heart-wrenching gamut: A widow, living alone on a meager pension, who asks nothing for herself, but requests help with some food to provide a holiday dinner for a sister diagnosed with terminal cancer.

A single mother who works hard at part-time jobs and is trying to improve her life by attending college classes as she can. She doesn't have the means to buy the clothing she's hopeful CSF can help her to provide for her children.

Senior citizens whose income is so limited that they must often choose between buying basic food—or the prescription medicines they need. Among them is a widow who is a cancer patient. She worked hard



MUFFLING THE OLD GRINCH:



for many years cleaning homes throughout Hereford to help support her family. Now, with only a small Social Security check coming in, her days are filled with constant medical bills and the crushing cost they bring.

With nearly 400 applications for assistance from CSF this year, there are many compelling stories of need—and just as many reasons to give to make the Yule season a bit brighter for those who among us who live with want.

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 donation.

The anonymous committee of volunteers administering CSF give

Stories of need are numerous, compelling this holiday season

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.

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 in the form of staple goods that are boxed and delivered.

Earlier today, volunteers began making the primary assistance deliv-

eries. 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, publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum collected by CSF.

Christmas Stocking Fund 2000 CURRENT BALANCE

(Correction) In memory of Stella Gatewood Jones Wester and Robert E. Wagoner by Elene & Lynn Jones and Martha Wagoner	100.00
BALANCE FORWARD 12/21/00	17,172.50
Roy & Leta Campbell In memory of Speedy Nieman and Jim and Elizabeth Witherspoon from Jerry & Lillie Shipman	100.00
Anonymous	100.00
Aileen Montgomery	25.00
Dennis & Jessica Datten	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Datten	100.00
Men's Bridge Club	100.00
David & Renee Zinser In memory of Betty Newberry from Alkman Primary School	100.00
Brooke, Brack Brynne, Beverly and John David Bryant	100.00
In loving memory of our grandfather, and uncle, Nolan LaGale and Tom LaGale by Kendra & Kevin King	100.00
Anonymous	25.00
Anonymous	25.00
TOTAL	18,232.50



Santa's elves — United Parcel Service driver Danny Lucero (foreground) capped his holiday spirit with a Santa hat and a smile while he and Clint Whatley (left background) and Deannette Betzen (right background) and other UPS employees loaded up their day's deliveries at the UPS delivery barn located on North Avenue K. By today, the nationwide delivery company was expecting to deliver a record total of holiday packages in time for Christmas.

BUSH'S LAWMAN

■ U.S. senator who lost to a dead man is selection to be next attorney general

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush nominated defeated Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft to be attorney general on Friday, choosing a conservative Republican who lost his reelection bid to a dead man.

"An effective attorney general must be a person of prudent character and executive ability," Bush said. He also said there must be a commitment to "fair and firm and impartial administration of justice."

"I'm confident I found the correct person in John Ashcroft," he said.

Ashcroft, 58, was a two-term governor of Missouri before he went to the Senate in 1994. Gov. Mel Carnahan challenged him for reelection in one of the feature Senate contests of 2000, but was killed in an airplane crash in October. His name remained on the ballot, and he won. His widow, Jean, was appointed to the Senate seat.

Ashcroft said political defeat "brings more than emotion and pain, it brings perspective." With the appoint-

ment, he said, it also brought a call to renewed and noble service.

The senator, a favorite of Republican conservatives who had maneuvered against more moderate choices for the Justice Department, said he would "strive to be a guardian of liberty and equal justice." Ashcroft, an ardent foe of abortion, said the rule of law "knows no class, sees no color and bows to no creed," and that will be his guideline.

"You have my word that I will administer the Department of Justice with integrity, I will advise your administration with integrity and I will enforce the laws ... with integrity," he promised Bush.

At a news conference after the announcement, Bush said of Ashcroft, "This is a person who believes in civil rights for all citizens."

Dealing with White House criticism of his suggestions that there are warning signs of an economic slowdown, Bush said it is foolish for



President-elect Bush (left) is nominating outgoing Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft to serve as attorney general.

anyone to suggest that he is trying to talk down economic prospects.

Bush said one way to encourage consumption and enhance consumer confidence "would be to let the people have some of their own money back."

"There are clear warning signs, warning signs which will require action in the halls of Congress," Bush said in a push for his \$1.3 trillion, 10-year tax cut proposal.

He was asked about his apparent difficulty in finding a secretary of defense. "I would characterize my search as deliberate," he said.

Former Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., long considered a sure-bet to become the Pentagon chief, remains a leading candidate, but Bush has told advisers he needs more time to consider his options. Other candidates include Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Armitage, who both served under Vice President-elect Dick Cheney when he was defense secretary.

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HRMC seeks grants

■ If funds approved, EMS, crisis center, imaging to benefit

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Money is available and the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board would like to see if it can get some.

The directors have approved filing three grant applications to benefit the Women & Children's Crisis Center, the Hereford Emergency Medical Services and for the Hereford Regional Medical Center's Diagnostic Imaging Department.

According to HRMC administrator James Taylor, the grant applications are to:

- Governor's Criminal Justice Division for \$73,012. The money, which would go to the HRMC Women & Children's Crisis Center, would cover the cost of personnel, supplies, equipment and training for the purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;

- Center for Rural Health Initiatives for \$88,367.50. The funds would be go toward the purchase of an ambulance for the EMS. If approved, the hospital will be required to provide a match of \$9,591.88; and

- Center for Rural Health Initiatives for \$50,000. The funds would be used to purchase image transfer equipment for the HRMC Diagnostic Imaging Department. The hospital would have to provide a \$5,400 match.

If all applications are approved, the hospital would receive significant funding while sharing only a fraction of the cost of the projects, Taylor said.

In another development at the hospital, one of Taylor's first items of business in 2001 will be to find a new chief financial officer.

Taylor said Janie Arnold, who took over as HRMC chief financial officer on May 1, has accepted a position with an Amarillo firm. Her last day at HRMC will be Dec. 31, he said.

Arnold was working as controller for Marsh Media Inc., owner of KVII-TV in Amarillo, when she was contacted by Taylor to be the hospital finance director.



Janie Arnold resigns as HRMC financial officer.

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Grand jury returns 11 December indictments

Deaf Smith County Grand Jury returned the following indictments:

- Michael Richardson, 40, 511 Schley, charged with credit card abuse; released on 2500 bond.
- Ray Dean Andrews, 37, 208 Higgins, charged with felony driving while intoxicated; released on \$5,000 bond. Andrews was also indicted on a separate charge of injury to a child; released on \$5,000 bond.
- Matthew Lucero, 17, 705 Thunderbird; charged with possession of a controlled substance; released on \$5,000 bond.
- Alma Christina Martinez, 17, 612 Irving, #85; charged with assault on a public servant; released on \$2,500 bond.
- Rosendo Alvarez, Jr., 25, 210 Norton; charged with felony driving while intoxicated; released on \$5,000 bond.
- Joel Benavidez, 24, 409 Ave. J; charged with possession of a controlled substance; remains in custody.
- Andrew Sandoval, 25, New Mexico; charged with burglary of a habitation; released on \$7,500 bond.
- Sherri Lynn Tucker, 36, 330 Fir, theft over \$20,000, under \$100,000; released on \$7,500 bond.

Two indictments remain at large.

HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

• Housing grant available •

The Panhandle Community Services has been selected by the USDA Rural Development to administer a housing preservation grant in the amount of \$83,432 to renovate existing housing within the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Recipients must come from communities of less than 10,000 population and whose incomes are considered low to very low in relation to the incomes within the county.

This money must be used in conjunction with the home weatherization program of Panhandle Community Services. Persons who feel they qualify and would like to inquire about the assistance should contact the local PCS office to apply.

For more information contact Margaret Wolf at 1-806-372-2531, ext. 220.

• Special train days •

The Nolon Henson train display at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center will be open 2-5 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. every Saturday in January. The special hours are to allow as many visitors as possible to view the display in its final year.

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News digest

• Officials offer reward for Draden •

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Customs Service officers have relied upon a black Labrador retriever to help locate millions of dollars in illegal drugs.

Now, the federal agency's help is necessary to locate Draden after someone took him from his Gulf coast area kennel.

Customs officers say they've lost one of their best assets and they're requesting residents' aid in finding him.

The agency is offering a reward up to \$5,000 for information leading to the recovery of the 7-year-old neutered male dog, alive.

Draden, a member of the agency's canine enforcement program, has been missing from the agency's kennel in the Spring Cypress and Kuykendahl area since Dec. 9.

Draden is described as a 61-pound lean, muscular dog that is active and playful. He also has a tattoo "2C-33" on the inside of his left ear.

Custom canines do not wear collars when they are in the kennel because of safety reasons, but it is possible that someone may have put a collar on Draden, officials said.

Customs spokeswoman Judy Turner said Draden and his human partners have seized more than \$13 million in illegal drugs in Houston.

"He is one of our heroes and best assets," Turner said.

Information about Draden may be reported by calling (832) 444-0054 or (281) 233-3611. Callers are encouraged to call with specific information on Draden's location.

• Ship slams into bridge •

HOUSTON (AP) — A crane atop an oceangoing freighter slammed into a bridge over the Houston Ship Channel, injuring at least three motorists who were driving across the waterway on the loop around the city.

The Ship Channel and northbound lanes of the Loop 610 bridge remained closed Friday morning.

The crane boom's impact with the underside of the bridge left a hole at its highest point, about 135 feet above the water, police said.

A compact pickup and a sport utility vehicle apparently smashed into debris, including concrete, that was thrust up from the northbound lanes, said Houston police Officer T.L. Burnett.

"The ship caused a huge hole, enough to swallow a vehicle," Burnett said.

One man and one woman were transported to Ben Taub Hospital but were later released.

Another woman was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where she was being evaluated, according to the Houston Chronicle's Friday editions.

No injuries were reported aboard the ship. But the vessel, the Rickmers Tianjin, was damaged by falling debris.

Investigators were inspecting the boat and interviewing the crew to help determine the cause of the accident.

The northbound lanes of the bridge were closed shortly after the accident. Burnett said it was uncertain when the lanes would reopen.

Putting Old Glory to rest



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

With honors — Boy Scout Aaron Milam added a stripe cut from the American flag to the fire Thursday afternoon while fellow members of Troop 52 and the entire student body of West Central Intermediate School stood with rapt attention during a special ceremony to formally retire the school's tattered United States and Texas flags. The other members of the troop who participated in the retirement ceremony were; (from left) troop leader Jeff Milam, Kanen Montgomery, Mitchell and Lane Cates. The school recently dedicated and placed two new flags into service at the campus, both having flown over the state Capitol in Austin.

Recovery focuses on tributaries

■ Rebuilding habitats necessary for species survival

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A final federal plan to save endangered and threatened salmon species in the Columbia Basin will focus on restoring habitat in tributaries and estuaries but does not rule out breaching Snake River dams.

The final plan, which was released Thursday, calls for federally owned hydroelectric dams to be operated to minimize harm to salmon during migrations to the ocean and spawning beds, as well as habitat improvements, hatchery operations and fishing policy changes.

Removing four hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake River in eastern Washington has been a lightning-rod is-

sue in Pacific Northwest and national politics.

President-elect Bush said during his campaign that the dams should not be breached. Vice President Al Gore had said the issue needed more scientific study.

Removing the dams, which were built in the 1970s, would cut federal hydroelectric production in the Northwest by 4 percent and wipe out barge service between the Columbia and Lewiston, Idaho. It also would lower reservoirs used for irrigation.

American Indian tribes and environmentalists want to remove the dams to return the river to a more natural condition. The federal plan calls for studies to evaluate the species' recovery before removal is reconsidered.

"Breaching those dams remains an option if the recovery efforts don't meet strict performance standards included in the strategy,"

Donna Darm, acting Northwest regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, said from Portland. "We believe this plan has the best chance of recovering the fish."

A dozen different runs of salmon in the Columbia Basin are listed as threatened or endangered species. Numbers of steelhead and upper Columbia spring chinook have dramatically diminished in recent years.

Brig. Gen. Carl Strock, division engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, warned that if Congress fails to fully fund the plan, breaching the four lower Snake River dams in eastern Washington "may turn out to be the only thing we can do." The earliest a move could be made to breach dams would be five to seven years.

The plans are estimated to cost up to \$190 million a year on top of the \$252 mil-

lion a year the Bonneville Power Administration already uses on salmon recovery. It was unclear how much of the increase would come from Congress and how much from BPA.

Four Indian tribes that have treaty rights to fish for salmon may sue the federal government to force more definitive action to save the salmon, said Charles Hudson, spokesman for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Experts advise: holidays good time to complete financial forms

Experts from American College Testing said the most important college financial aid form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines student eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms.

The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much family contributions.

Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting their FAFSA. It will summarize the data reported on the application.

Families can find information on more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 billion at www.collegenet.com. For additional opportunities,

ACT experts encourage students to

- Apply early for admission and financial aid.
- Check for other necessary forms.
- Apply for scholarships, grants and work study.
- Use the Internet to find other financial aid.

Crazy, 'Twas that night before Christmas



Two performances

— Bluebonnet Intermediate students performed their holiday comedy/musical *'Twas a Crazy Night before Christmas* twice on Thursday to make sure all the parents had the opportunity to see and hear the young stars and get a few holiday laughs as well.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 21, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 40-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue F and charged with a city warrant.

Incidents

— Two young men were issued citations for fighting in the 300 block of Avenue F.

— Charges were filed on a

juvenile for assaulting an adult in the 200 block of East Fifth. The incident occurred on Dec. 14.

— Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Roosevelt.

— Charges were filed on two juveniles for fighting in the 700 block of La Plata.

— Interference with child custody was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— Injury to a child was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.

— A minor accident was reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a second driving while intoxicated conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 4:14 p.m. Firefighters responded to a fence fire at 237 Elm.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

2-4-8-29-32

Pick 3

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

3-2-4

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The Reason for the Season

Special services are set at area churches

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - The candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 24.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Christmas Liturgies are Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9 a.m. (the only morning liturgy), 6 and 8 p.m. Christmas Day Liturgy is at 10 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - The Christmas Eve service will begin at 6 p.m. There will be singing of traditional Christmas carols, scripture reading, candle lighting and Holy Communion.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - The regular Sunday morning service with Holy Communion will be at 10:30 a.m. There will also be Holy Communion at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH - At 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the choir from St. Peters Episcopal Church in

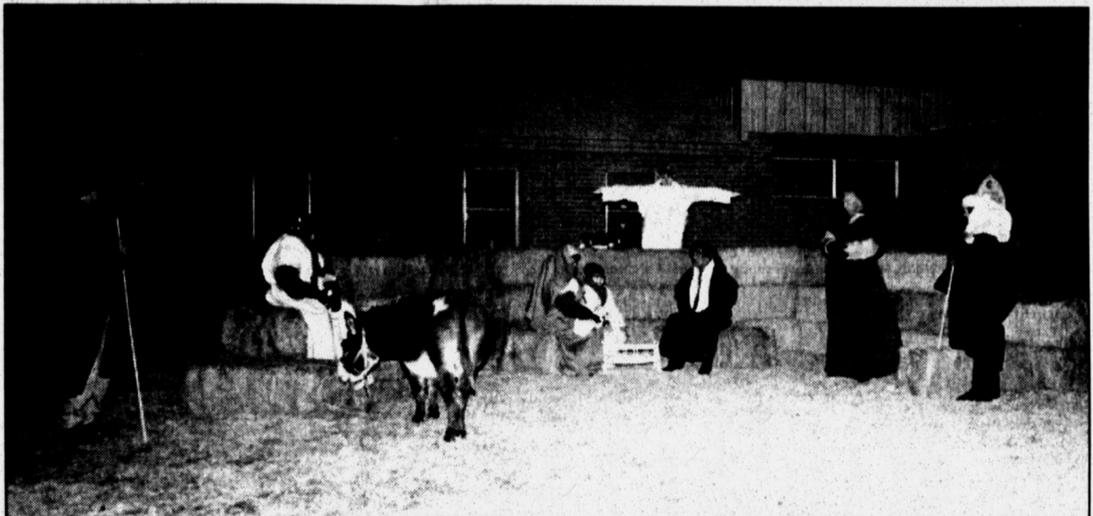
Amarillo will put on a spectacular show of Christmas music. At 6:30 p.m., there will be a special Christmas Festival of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a reception with refreshments.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Immanuel will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candlelight service at 7 p.m. Sunday. There will be a Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH - Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. will be in Spanish. Misa de Gallo at 9 p.m. will be a bilingual service. Christmas Mass will be at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - The Lord's Supper will be observed in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday. There will be no evening service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - The worship service this Sunday,



The birth of Jesus gives all mankind a reason to celebrate. Members of Wesley United Methodist Church portrayed this event in a live Nativity on Wednesday evening.

Dec. 24 will begin at 10 a.m. with only one service. We will all worship during this time in the worship center. Bible Study classes will not be held.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS - There will be no "Forum" or

Sunday School on Dec. 24. FOB will convene as one group at 10 a.m. for a service of Christmas music highlighting the musical talents of several members, scripture reading and Christmas stories.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a cashier at a large retail establishment. Now that the holiday shopping season is here, the lines are getting long and the tempers are getting short. Please print my suggestions, which will help the lines flow more smoothly and cut down the wait:

1. If the store has a conveyer belt, put your merchandise on it. It is neither easier nor faster to bypass the belt unless the item doesn't fit. I am not allowed to scan items that are still in the cart. If I am caught doing that, I could be fired.
2. Don't complain to me about store policy. I have no control over store policy and no authority to override it. Your complaints only hold up the line. See the store manager if you have a problem.
3. Don't let your child handle the transaction. You may think this is educational, but it slows everything up. Also, don't let your child turn the conveyer belt on or off, grab the laser scanner, roll the carts around, or make a mess with your purchases. You may think your child is adorable, but the tired, frustrated shoppers behind you see it differently.

4. Give me the large, heavy items first. That way, we won't be stacking cases of oil on top of your dishes, or crushing your new bracelet with a computer monitor.
5. If the store has a check printer, use it. It shaves 30 seconds off the checkout time.
6. Have your money, checkbook, ID, coupons, membership or discount cards in your hand and ready when I ask for them. Never lay these on the conveyer belt.
7. Don't yell out the price of an item while I'm trying to scan it. It is distracting and might cause me to make an error.
8. Please don't ask questions while I'm waiting on the customer ahead of you. It is rude, and the person I am helping resents the intrusion.
9. Don't play games or try to be a comedian. Yesterday, a grown man kept snatching his money away every time I reached for it. He thought it was hilarious. Everyone else thought he was an idiot.

People do not realize the impact their behavior has on the amount of time they spend standing in line. I hope my suggestions will make their holiday shopping less stress-

ful. — Anonymous Cashier, Any Town, USA

Dear Anonymous Cashier: Your suggestions will help not only the cashiers, but also the buying public. Thanks for sending them on.

Dear Ann Landers: I am the father of two young children, and I do not spank my kids. I understand why some parents feel they must, but there are better ways — denying privileges, time-outs, even bribery. Sometimes they don't work, but when that happens, we do not resort to spanking. Often, the child just needs to talk. There may be something else bothering him. Sometimes it's just the "terrible twos" and will run its course.

Discipline without spanking is hard work. Spanking is the easy way out of a stressful situation. It is lazy parenting. If a child is so wild that he does not respond to any other form of discipline, perhaps there is an underlying medical problem that needs attention.

Children who are not spanked will learn the art of reasoning sooner. Patience pays off. — Rochester Dad

Dear Rochester Dad: Right on! Your wife is lucky to have such a wise parenting

partner. And your children are lucky, too.

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WEDNESDAY 1:15 & 4:00
THURSDAY 1:15 & 4:00

LUDDWIG WILHELM'S MY CAR
WEDNESDAY 7:00 & 9:00
THURSDAY 7:00 & 9:00

HOW GRUNCH STOLE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 4:10
THURSDAY 4:10

EMPIREOR NEW GROOVE
WEDNESDAY 1:15
THURSDAY 1:15

WHAT WOMEN WANT
WEDNESDAY 7:00 & 9:00
THURSDAY 7:00 & 9:00

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CHURCH NEWS

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PALO DURO BAPTIST CHURCH

Palo Duro Baptist Church, six miles south of Wildorado on FM809, welcomes you to worship with us. Dr. Ron Muller is our pastor.

The regular schedule of worship includes Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 6. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

Plan now to bring in the New Year with a get together at the church. We will meet at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31 and eat in (I mean, bring in) the New Year. At 12:01, all us old folks will go home and try to catch up on the sleep we have been missing during the holidays.

For more information, call Pastor Ron Muller at 426-3470.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 13th and Avenue H

The members of New Hope Church of the Nazarene and their pastor Joe Martinez invite you to worship with them.

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

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor and members of Bible Baptist Church would like to extend a special invitation to you to be in our church services each Sunday at 12:04 Moreman.

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. and the worship service is at 11. We also have Sunday night services at 6 and a Wednesday night service at 7.

If you enjoy the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word, you'll enjoy our church. For more information call 364-3102 or 364-5157.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

You are cordially invited by the church family at Westway to come join us as we praise and worship.

This is a very special time of year when we all should be rejoicing as we prepare to celebrate the most important birthday known to mankind. Westway will help to make this season glad as we share at Amarillo Care Center Saturday.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11. Remember this month is a "blessed time" as we rejoice and be glad. Come and be inspired.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor Don Fowler and the church family of Hereford First Assembly of God would like to invite you to our services this weekend at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday mornings will find coffee and doughnuts at 9:20 and Sunday School at 9:45.

Tuesdays have the ladies' Burning Bush Bible study at 10 a.m. That night at 7 is our Royal Rangers and Missionettes time, a church-based scouting program for boys and girls.

Wednesdays are Family Nights with children's activities, B.A.S.I.C.S. services to powerfully challenge our teens, and our Mid-week Intercession time, a prayer meeting that can change your life.

If you need a ride, a prayer, a friend, or want to know more about us, please call 364-0305. We hope to see you soon.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the congregation of Community Church, 15th and Whittier, invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

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

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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

The following is the regular schedule of services.

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

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

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

A nursery is provided during all services.

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

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation of Frio Baptist Church welcomes all to worship with them. The church is located 5 miles south of Hereford on Hwy. 1055.

On Sunday mornings, prayer time is at 9:30 and Sunday school classes for everyone begin at 9:45.

Sunday morning service is at 10:45.

Sunday evening begins with Discipleship training at 6 (children and

youth ministries). Evening worship is at 7.

Wednesday Bible study is at 6 p.m. Also on Wednesday at 7 p.m. there is Pastors, Ministries, Baptist Men and Women, Youth, GAs, RAs and Mission Friends.

A nursery is provided during all services.

We hope you will join us for any one or all of our services and activities at Frio Baptist Church. For more information call 276-5380 or 276-5616.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christian Assembly, pastored by Milford and Avis Grisham, is a non-denominational Full Gospel Church located at 1139 S. Main St. Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer services are at 7. A women's prayer group meets at 2 p.m. each Thursday.

We invite you to join us in worship and seeking the Lord. For further information or to be placed on the "prayer chain" for personal or spiritual needs, you may call 364-2284 or 364-5582.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come worship with us. Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday we meet to study again at 7 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Rev. Armando Pinales invite you to come and experience an awesome touch from the Holy Spirit.

Praise and worship starts at 10 on Sunday morning and at 6 on Sunday evening.

Prayer services are at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Wednesday we have Bible study for everyone in the family starting at 7 p.m.

We have powerful messages at 7 p.m. Thursday for the youth. Children's Church is available on Sunday and Wednesday service. We have organizations for boys age 5-18 called Royal Rangers and for girls age 4-18 called Missionettes.

Our office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call. Our number is 364-0104. We are located at the corner of 13th and Avenue K.

Come and experience the love of Jesus Christ with us.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dawn Baptist extends an invitation to worship with them.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning service at 11, evening worship at 6.

Sunday night services at 6 with singing of favorite hymns is followed by evening service.

Wednesday night Bible Study will not be held next week in observance of Christmas.

Continue to pray for our church and the search committee as they are lead to find a new pastor for Dawn Baptist. The doors are always open for all services and you are always welcome. For further information about our services, call at 258-7521.

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

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

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

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Tammy Passmore and the members of Wesley invite you to visit our services each Sunday.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship service begins at 6.

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor Danny Garza would like to invite you to worship with us this Sunday.

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 10:45 a.m. Our Sunday afternoon service is at 5.

Wednesday family night service starts at 7. All services are bilingual and nursery care is provided.

Also, we have a youth service every Monday at 7 p.m. and a prayer service every Friday at 7.

There are children's services during our Sunday morning and afternoon services and Wednesday night service.

If you need a ride, more information, or prayer, please call our offices at 364-5686. We are located at 137 Ave. G, across from Hereford High School.

Come join us this Sunday and allow Jesus to overwhelm you with His love.

Usted esta invitado este domingo por la manana y tarde para gozarse juntamente con nosotros en la presencia del Senor. Oramos por los enfermos y siempre esperamos cosas grandes de El. Todos los cultos son bilingues y tenemos guarderia para los ninos.

Templo El Calvario esta colocado por la avenida G, del orto lado de la escuela secundaria.

Para mas informacion, llamemos a 364-5686.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Brother Ellis Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to come and worship with us. We are located 8 miles west of Hereford on Hwy. 60.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday evening worship service is at 6. The Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m.

We have a nursery, and transportation is only a phone call away.

For more information, call 357-2535

or 364-5657.

BARN CHURCH

Pastor Randy Bird invites everyone to attend the Barn Church services every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and come for fellowship and a wonderful time of celebrating the abundant blessings God has given us.

Barn Church is located 6 miles west on Harrison Hwy. And then 2 1/2 miles north on Hwy. 1087.

Check the schedule of events in this month's newsletter to find out about January activities at Barn Church.

GENESIS CHURCH

Pastor Jesse Rincones and the congregation of Genesis Church invite you and your family to join in worship and praise this Sunday. Our Spanish speaking service begins at 9 a.m. followed by Bible study classes for all ages at 10 a.m. Our English speaking service begins at 11 a.m. You are invited to make plans and bring the entire family to worship together with us.

Come and discover God's love and purpose for you. You will be comforted and challenged by the word of God, spoken through Pastor Jesse.

The church is located just outside the city limits on N. Hwy. 385. Please accept this as a personal invitation for you and your family from Pastor Rincones. For more information call 364-2034 or 364-5765.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH Sugarland Mall

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

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a Spanish service at 2 p.m. Weeknight services are at 7 p.m.

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

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Jim Bulin and the congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invite you to worship with them.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 will be a special Christmas celebration.

Sunday evening services have been canceled.

Avenue Baptist Church is emphasizing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions during the month of December. There are many needs of missionaries around the world as they take the Gospel to unreached people. Pray about what God would have you give to this offering.

Regular weekday activities of Avenue Baptist Church, including Ladies Prayer Group, choir practice, Bible study at Hereford Care Center, Women on Mission, Children in Action and Youth ABC time, have been canceled for this final week of December.

Prayer Meeting is Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. If you have a prayer request, call the church office at 364-1564.

The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25

Avenue Baptist Church has Bible teaching and Bible preaching. If you are looking for a church and a place to serve God, we invite you to join us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The friendly folks of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our fellowship and service of worship. At our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday when Dr. Wayne Kniffen will preach a sermon titled "I'm Dreaming of a Right Christmas" based on Luke 2:41-52.

We have a variety of Sunday morning classes for all ages and for people with special challenges. Come and take part in the opportunity to grow in faith and increase in love.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our time of Sunday morning fellowship and a cup of coffee in the Large Fellowship Hall off the back parking lot. We start at 10:10 a.m. and wrap up before worship.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be led by Rev. Mary Rogers-Ellsworth at 6 p.m. Please note that there will be no nursery for the evening service.

The Sanctuary Choir will practice at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday and the Worship Team will practice at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Check out our playgroup for moms and their young children. They meet upstairs from 10:11-30 a.m. Wednesday. Call Amy at 363-6967 for more information.

Youth and children's Wednesday night program, LOGOS will not meet this week.

All men are welcome to join Mike Schueler for a light breakfast and book study Friday at 6:45 a.m.

Come see what's happening at First Presbyterian Church. We'd love to welcome you as one of the family. Contact us at frstpres@net.net or 364-2471. We're located at 610 N. Lee St.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Come celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Readings are Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80:2-4, 15-18, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10 and Luke 1:39-45.

The Lord comes to us in unexpected time, in unexpected places and in unexpected ways.

Liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) and 9 a.m. Sunday (Spanish) and at 11:30 a.m. Sunday (Bilingual). On Dec. 24, the 6 p.m. service will be in Spanish and Misa de Gallo at 9 p.m. will be bilingual.

Christmas Mass will be at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every day by appointment or Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Weekly Liturgies are at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

San Jose Preschool is open Monday through Friday. Lunch program included.

The Franciscan Friars, Deacon Jessie and the San Jose Staff wish you

and your family a most joyful and peaceful Christmas.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, FOB will observe Christmas with a special service. There will be no "Forum" or children's Sunday School.

FOB will convene as one group at 10 a.m. for a service of Christmas music highlighting the musical talents of several members, scripture reading and Christmas stories.

FOB, the building, is located at 245 N. Kingwood (at Moreman). FOB, the people, are everywhere.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

It is the vision of First Baptist Church of Hereford to be a community of worshippers who will proclaim the gospel by demonstrating the transforming value of Christ for individuals, families, our culture and our world. With this as our vision, Pastor Terry Cosby and the family at First Baptist Church welcome you to take part in the many opportunities to worship this week.

The worship service this Sunday, Dec. 24 will begin at 10 a.m. with only one service. We will all worship during this time in the worship center. Bible Study classes will not be held. Extended Session is available for preschool children through age three during the worship time. There will be no evening services for Dec. 24 or 31.

Wednesday evening activities will not be held during the last week of December.

The church staff and members of First Baptist Church, Hereford extend best wishes for the Christmas season to all readers of the *Hereford Brand*. May you find the true joy of Christmas, the joy of Christ Jesus-He was born of a virgin. He died on the cross that we might all be forgiven of our sins and He promises everlasting life in Heaven with Him. All that He asks of us is that we accept Him as our Savior and that we develop a relationship with Him through prayer and the study of His Holy Word, the Bible.

First Baptist Church Prayer Ministry is available to members of the community. If you need to place a prayer request in our Prayer Room, contact 363-ABBA (2222). If you need to place a prayer request on the Prayer Chain, call 364-0696. We will pray for your request.

There is a place of worship and service awaiting you at First Baptist Church.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome and invitation to attend Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Dr. Tom Fuller's yuletide message will be "What Children Have Taught Me about Christmas" with Scriptural references from Matthew 2:1-12. Special handbell music will be performed before the service by the Jubilate Ringers.

Sunday school classes for all ages will start at 9:30 a.m. Bible lessons, music and skits will be offered during Children's Church for kindergarten-sixth grade youngsters in Fellowship Hall.

All families and individuals in the community are welcome to join us in celebrating Christ's birth at a candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service Sunday evening at 6. This open Communion service is a beautiful and meaningful way of honoring Christmas. A mini-concert featuring handbells will begin at 5:45 p.m.

The Children's Council is collecting mittens and gloves, to be donated to local youngsters. Gloves contributed for this ministry can be left under any of the four Christmas trees in the main building.

The music ministry has new worship opportunities to serve the church. New music and worship teams will be discussed during a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. You do not need to be a choir member to participate - just have a heart to serve the Lord through music. There will be quarterly rehearsals to select new music and

arrange schedules for leading worship. For more information, contact Alice Langenhennig.

High school seniors who are interested in studying under the McMurry University Honors Program next fall are invited to apply for full-tuition scholarships. The application deadline is Feb. 1, 2001. For further details, contact the church office. 364-0770.

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of Christmas.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel and Pastor Erik Stadler invite you to come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study are at 9:15 a.m. We are located at the corner of Avenue B and Park.

Immanuel will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Sunday. We will celebrate Christmas Day with a Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

We hope to have you join us at any one of our services or activities at Immanuel. If you have questions or if you would like to have a sermon or calendar of events e-mailed to you, contact Immanuel Lutheran Church at 364-1668.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Join us for our Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service at 10:30. Pastor Ted's message will be the "Songs of Christmas". No Sunday School classes this week, but they will resume next week. Then join us Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M. for praise and worship service with Pastor Carol and Kevin Ross. Have a Blessed Christmas!

No Wednesday night services this week, Dec. 27 or next week, Jan. 3.

No "Small Cell Groups", but there will be an evening service at 6 p.m. Make plans to attend a great weekend, "Disciple Now" Jan. 12-14.

Pastor Carol encourages all to come to KID's Church at 10:30 a.m. as she teaches on "Shepherds and the Angels". Mr. Mike will be there and great praise, video and puppets. No Wednesday night JOY or Heavenbound Choir until Jan. 10.

Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care is open to the public Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Mother's Day Out Program offers lots of fun activities for the kids. We will be closing at noon on Dec. 22 and will open again on Wednesday, Jan. 10. For more information, call Monica Holcombe at 364-8161.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We welcome you to St. Thomas to hear the Rev. Dr. Lamuel Salik as he brings a lesson from the Bible on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Holy Eucharist will be at 11 a.m. and our worship service will include Holy Communion. If you have been baptized, you are invited to receive Communion with us at the Lord's Table.

Join us after the service for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

It does not matter which church you belong to, we want you to come join us Sunday evening for a very special Christmas Eve service. At 6 p.m., the choir from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo will put on a spectacular show of Christmas music. Don't miss it!

At 6:30 p.m., there will be a special Christmas Festival of the Holy Eucharist. A reception will follow the service.

St. Thomas' church family wishes everyone in Hereford a Merry Christmas.

Each Wednesday evening at 7 we have Healing Service and Holy Communion followed by a fellowship supper and Bible Study.

In case of emergency or for a ride to church, call Jerre Clark at 364-0943.

Anyone in need of pastoral service including counseling or visiting or any questions, please call Father Salik at St. Thomas 364-0146, home 364-5708 or cellular 346-3485.

If you wish to know more about the Episcopal Church, call Earl Brookhart

at 364-0249 (days) or 364-0215 (evenings).

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Trinity Fellowship believes in a genuine worship that glorifies God, a commitment to prayer and service and a devotion to developing a lifelong intimacy with Christ. We want to know Christ and then make him known to others. Sunday worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. at 401 W. Park Ave. and professional childcare is available.

Roger Hodges will be at Trinity Fellowship Church of Hereford on Sunday, Jan. 21 for a Night of Praise at 6 p.m.

JC Generation youth for grades 7-12 meet each Wednesday night at 7 for worship and teaching from Larry Perkins.

On Sunday mornings, the Lord's Army Children's Church meets at 10:30 for worship, teaching and fun. On Wednesdays, Trinity Fellowship has Bible Battalions for children 4 years through 6th grade at 7 p.m.

Trinity Fellowship Church has Life Groups on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for men, women and couples. The purpose of these groups is discipleship, relationships, and equipping believers for ministry. Life Groups will meet in homes around the city. Study and discussion will be centered on the Sunday message from Pastor Brady.

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. each week. The adult class is studying the book, "Becoming a Contagious Christian" by Bill Hybels.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Advent, only hours before we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. The readings remind us The Lord comes to us at unexpected ways. Micah 5:1-4 names the place as Bethlehem. Others are Hebrews 10:5-10 and Luke 1:39-45 (a town of Judah).

Masses for the weekend are Saturday evening at 6 and Sunday morning at 9. Christmas Liturgies are Sunday at 6 and 8 p.m. Christmas Day Liturgy (the only morning liturgy) is at 10 a.m.

Come celebrate this Joyful-Hopeful Season with us at St. Anthony's as we worship our King, who lives and rules with love and mercy.

"Raising the Roof" Dance New Year's Eve, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$15 each or \$25 per couple. Proceeds go to the Roof Fund for St. Anthony's School.

Donations for a new sound system in church, please bring by the office or mark and place in collection basket.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation and pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, invite everyone to join us for worship Sunday, Dec. 24.

SPORTS

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Front runner—Hereford senior lineman Trey Bezner (61) clears the path during the 2000 season for fullback Kyle Artho.



Valentin Sustaita



Gilbert Hernandez



Michael Barba



Trey Bezner



Geoffrey Marquez



Hagen Henderson



Slade Hodges



Cody Hodges

Top blocker

■ Herd lineman Trey Bezner makes second team AP All-State while seven others make honorable mention

When it comes to surprises, Thursday evening probably is near the top of the list for Hereford High senior Trey Bezner.

"It really excites me," the offensive lineman said after being told he made the AP All-State second team. "It makes me feel like six years of hard work paid off."

Bezner, a Texas Tech or Oklahoma State University hopeful, was the only member of District 3-4A football champion Hereford High to make the Associated Press' All-State list on the first or second team. Bezner said while playing offensive line one usually does not receive much recognition, but this award makes it all worth while.

"You don't get much credit, but I feel like this award erases that," Bezner said. Bezner made the second team for Hereford High while seven others made the list for honorable mention.

Those are: senior offensive lineman Hagen Henderson, senior receiver Slade Hodges, junior receiver Geoffrey Marquez, senior quarterback Cody Hodges, senior defensive ends Michael Barba and Gilbert Hernandez and senior linebacker Valentin Sustaita.

Craig Yenser, head football coach, said he was pleased with the results of the AP All-State list, and he believes that with all of the players named that Texas football fans should begin to take Hereford football a little more seriously.

"There are a lot of good football players in Texas," Yenser said. "I think having eight named makes everyone else take a step back and show respect to our program."

Yenser said that he is especially happy for

Bezner, and he said he deserved to get some credit.

"Trey did a real good job for us the two years he was on varsity," Yenser said. "He is a big part of the reason our offense has been so good the last two years."

DALLAS (AP) — The Class 4A All-State high school football team, released Thursday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position:

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE LINE:

— MICHAEL BAILEY, Wichita Falls High, Sr., 6-5, 270, 26 knock-down blocks, key blocker for offense that averaged 360 yards rushing.

— SEBRON BURLISON, San Marcos, Sr., 6-4, 300, Team rushed for 3,498 yards, 80 percent on his side.

— JOHN CARROLL, Wichita Falls High, Sr., 6-2, 265, 23 knock-down blocks for team that averaged 360 yards rushing a game.

— JOHN ROBERSON, Bay City, Sr., 5-9, 170, 65 catches for 1,090 yards and 17 touchdowns in nine games. Also had 4 rushing touchdowns.

— E.J. WHITLEY, Texas City, Sr., 6-6, 295.

ENDS/RECEIVERS:

— KYLE BROWN, Southlake Carroll, Sr., 5-11, 165, 61 catches for 1,031 yards and 12 touchdowns receiving, 1,572 all-purpose yards.

— JOHN ROBERSON, Bay City, Sr., 5-9, 170, 65 catches for 1,090 yards and 17 touchdowns in nine games. Also had 4 rushing touchdowns.

QUARTERBACK:

— KENDAL BRILES, Frenship, Sr., 6-0, 180, 93-of-161 passing (58 percent) for 2,054 yards with 21 touchdowns and just three interceptions. Also had 91 rushing attempts for 765 yards and 11 touchdowns.

RUNNING BACKS:

— ALBERT HARDY, Galena Park, Sr., 5-10, 210, 285 carries for 1,855 yards (6.5 yards per carry) and 18 touchdowns. Also had 10 catches for 103 yards.

— DOUGLAS SHERMAN, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, Sr., 5-7, 175, 202 carries for 2,001 yards (9.9 yards per carry). Also had 9 catches for 164 yards and one touchdown.

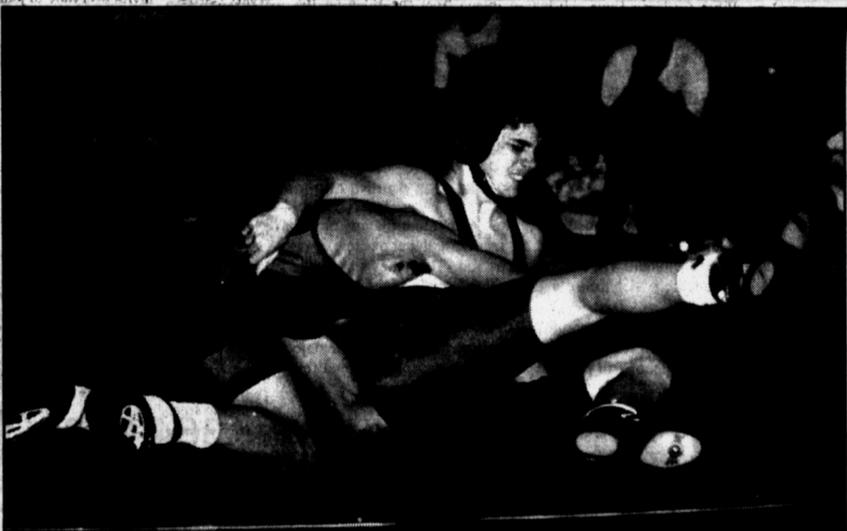
— RICKY TUDA, EP Bowie, Sr., 5-8, 165, 247 carries for 2,748 yards (11.1 yards per carry) and 19 touchdowns.

KICKER:

— BRIAN MORGAN, Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson, Sr., 6-0, 200, 26-of-28 extra points. Made eight field goals, with long of 52 yards. His kicks were the difference in three of Thomas Jefferson's seven wins.

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Herd upends Tascosa



BRAND/Jeff Blackmon

Rolling out—Hereford JV wrestler Joe Russell attempts to roll out of a hold Thursday evening against a Rebel grappler. The JV team won their dual 46-36.

Varsity, JV and girls teams defeat Tascosa

The Hereford High varsity wrestling team defended their home turf Thursday night at Whiteface Gymnasium gutting out a 41-39 for a dual win against the Tascosa Rebels.

Matt Espinosa (forfeit), Luis Perez (pin), Charlie Stubbs (decision), Gus Higareda (decision), Javier Alonzo (pin), James Witkowski (pin) and

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Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467 342 299
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YMCA Elementary Basketball
ENTRY DEADLINE: December 31, 2000
The YMCA Basketball League is designed for elementary boys and girls grades K-5 thru 6th. All girls and boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game. We will have three divisions: K-5 - 2nd, 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grades. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. **PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS!!!**
RESTRICTION: Grades K-5 to 6th only
DATES: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of January 8th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, January 13th.
COACHES MEETING: Scheduled for January 6th at the YMCA.
LEAGUE FEE AND ELIGIBILITY: League fee will be \$23.00. Additional children in same family \$18.00 each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA memberships for youth are \$7.25 for three months.
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Williams hits jackpot

Tennis star reportedly signs \$40 million deal

NEW YORK (AP) — After she won the U.S. Open, Venus Williams took a congratulatory phone call from Bill Clinton and told the president, "Lower my taxes."

Now, armed with what is reported to be the richest endorsement deal for a female athlete, Williams might need a word with President-elect Bush.

"My people will have lunch with his people," Williams said Thursday after signing a multi-year contract extension with Reebok.

Terms were not announced but the deal was reported to be worth \$40 million over five years.

"I won't deny the reports that have been put out there," said Angel Martinez, chief marketing officer for Reebok. "If the reports were far off base, I'd be jumping up and down and would let you know that."

Martinez said the international sportswear giant considered the 20-year-old its biggest star, and a leader of the women's sports movement called the package "an important precedent" for female athletes.

Huge endorsement deals are rare in women's sports. Monica Seles signed a five-year, \$25 million deal with Nike after returning to the women's tennis tour in 1996. Martina Hingis has a six-year Nike contract that pays close to \$30 million.

Nike also has endorsement agreements with Mia Hamm, Lindsay Davenport, Lisa Leslie and Marion Jones.

Anna Kournikova may have the richest deal of all, a six-year contract with Adidas worth \$50 million. But that agreement includes many incentives, including Grand Slam victories and high rankings for a player who has yet to win her first tournament. Its guarantee is about \$3 million.

By contrast, Nike has a reported \$100 million deal with Tiger Woods, and Michael Jordan generates \$40 million a year in endorsement income two years after his retirement.

The Reebok deal thrusts Williams into the higher echelon of endorsement income for female athletes. And like Woods, she has succeeded as a minority athlete in a sport historically dominated by whites.

The impact is expected to be widespread.

"There is no doubt that this endorsement agreement represents the largest such commitment to any female ath-

lete," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation. "This is an important precedent for women's sports that announces a new era in the corporate valuing of the female athlete."

David Bober, who represents Hamm, was impressed with the Reebok-Williams contract.

"That's a pretty significant contract for a female athlete," he said. "It can only help shorten the gap between male and female athletes on endorsements. It's another signal that we are moving toward parity, a clear message that women's sports are here to stay."

"The terms are confidential," said Williams, who won Wimbledon and the Olympic gold medals as well as the Open this year and is ranked third in the world. "I'll wear Reebok wherever I go. It's a company I believe in. We don't jump on bandwagons."

Neither does Reebok. The company has been affiliated with Williams since she was 11 years old. Their previous agreement, a five-year, \$12 million deal signed in 1995, expired in April, just before Williams began a 35-match winning streak that included Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the gold medal at the Olympics.

Her younger sister, Serena, has an endorsement deal with Puma.

Martinez said Venus Williams remained the company's priority.

"We made a decision there is no better athlete to represent our brand," he said. "When she won tournament after tournament, it added to our excitement."

The 20-year-old Williams recognized the significance of the contract.

"I have to be the best in everything I do," she said.

NFL

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	300	221
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	8	0	.467	261	266
Dallas	5	10	0	.333	294	330
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	207	423
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	387	340
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	374	252
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	287	284
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	336	309
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	193	335
West						
y-New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	333	279
St. Louis	9	6	0	.600	514	450
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	301	258
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	379	384
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	223	400

x-clinched playoff spot
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Herd

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Paul Estrada (pin) each came away victorious in their matches against their Rebel opponents.

The dual win is the second this year for the varsity boys.

The Hereford girls wrestling team also pulled out a 15-12 win against the Lady Rebels with Amariah Rodriguez (decision) and Rachel Rodriguez (pin) winning for the Lady Herd.

The Hereford JV won their

dual 46-36 over the Tascosa JV team.

The team will have practice over the Christmas break on Dec. 29 (3-5 p.m.), Dec. 30 (10-12 a.m.), Jan. 1 (3-5 p.m.) and Jan. 3 (10-12 a.m.).

Junior varsity wrestlers travel to River Road on Jan. 2 for a tournament while varsity wrestlers travel to the Grapevine Duals outside Dallas Jan. 4-6.

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kendal Briles, Freriship

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN: — ROB DANIEL, Wichita Falls High, Sr. 6-4, 225 lbs. 11 for loss, 5 sacks, 2 caused fumbles, 1 pass breakup, 4 quarterback pressures.

JAYME JACKSON, Andrews, Sr. 6-3, 230 lbs. 82 tackles, 35 solo, 6 for loss, 9 sacks, 3 pass breakups, 1 caused fumble.

PAUL THOMAS, West Orange-Stark, Sr. 5-11, 220 lbs. 54 tackles, 6 for loss, 6 caused fumbles, 13 quarterback pressures, 91/2 sacks, 1 interception.

JEREMY WEEKS, Wichita Falls, Jr. 6-2, 255 lbs. 85 tackles, 20 for loss, 4 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries, 2 pass breakups, 13 quarterback pressures.

LINEBACKERS: — BOWE BUTLER, Big Spring, Sr. 6-1, 210 lbs. 171 tackles, 84 solo, 3 caused fumbles, 1 interception, 2 sacks, 6 quarterback pressures, 4 pass breakups, 2 blocked punts.

DAVID KRAWCZYNSKI, Smithson Valley, Sr. 6-0, 200 lbs. 123 tackles, 21 for loss, 8 sacks, 1 interception returned for touchdown.

ARCHIE McDANIEL, Bay City, Jr. 6-3, 225 lbs. 166 tackles, 4 sacks, 3 caused fumbles.

BACKS: — JERMAINE HOPE, West Orange-Stark, Sr. 5-11, 165 lbs. 31 tackles, 12 pass deflections, 5 interceptions, 11 punt returns for 114 yards. Blocked 1 punt, blocked an extra point.

TONY JONES, Wichita Falls High, Sr. 6-0, 170 lbs. 51 tackles, 7 interceptions (3 returned for touchdowns), 3 caused fumbles, 4 recovered fumbles, 6 pass breakups.

CHRIS WILLIAMS, Henderson, Sr. 6-1, 175 lbs. 81 tackles, 7 interceptions, 1 caused fumble, 2 fumble recoveries.

TIM WILLIAMS, FW Poly, Sr. 6-0, 180 lbs. 63 tackles, 10 interceptions (2 returned for touchdowns), 1 safety, 3 blocked kicks, 5 pass breakups, 2 forced fumbles, 1 sack.

PUNTER: — ROY GARZA, Mercedes, Sr. 6-0, 165 lbs., 30 punts for a 45.2 average, and a long of 72 yards, 5 punts inside 5.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Bowe Butler, Big Spring

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

LINEMEN (7 because of three-way tie for 5th spot): — NICK BENTON, Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson, Sr. 6-3, 270.

TREY BEZNER, Hereford, Sr. 6-2, 230.

JOHN FLOYD, Pharr-San Juan Alamo Memorial, Sr. 6-3, 240.

JUAN GUERRERO, Wylie, Sr. 6-2, 270.

BRYAN KEGANS, Stephenville, Sr. 6-6, 305.

CHRIS MCGEE, Beaumont Ozen, Sr. 6-3, 260.

GAINUM ROGERS, Borger, Sr. 5-11, 230.

ENDS/RECEIVERS: — BRODERIC JONES, Ennis.

CHAD ROBERTS, Lumberton, Sr. 6-1, 174.

QUARTERBACK (2 due to tie): — RYAN GILBERT, Hillcrest, Sr. 6-0, 188.

TATE WALLIS, Ennis, Sr. 6-1, 210.

RUNNING BACKS: — JAMIE BUENO, Andrews, Sr. 5-10, 175.

VICENTA MACIAS, Fabens, Jr. 5-9, 185.

NICK SESSIONS, Killeen Harker Heights, Sr. 5-10, 195.

KICKER: — DAVID PINO, Wichita Falls Rider, Sr. 5-8, 163.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN: — KEVIN EVERETT, Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson, Sr. 6-5, 230.

CLAYTON HARMON, Stephenville, Sr. 6-6, 265.

JAMI HIGHTOWER, Jacksonville, Sr. 6-4, 285.

ISRAEL JOUBERT, Port Arthur Lincoln, Sr. 5-10, 210.

LINEBACKERS (4 due to tie for 3rd spot): — JASON BURKLOW, Pampa, Sr. 6-1, 205.

CHRIS COPELAND, Brownwood, Sr. 6-2, 215.

TURQUOY RIGGS, West Orange-Stark, Jr. 6-1, 195.

John Saldi, Southlake Carroll, Sr. 6-3, 190.

BACKS: — JARED CRUDDAS, Killeen Harker Heights, Sr. 5-10, 185.

DAMIEN JONES, Houston Sterling, Sr. 5-11, 180.

MICHAEL LEDET, West Orange-Stark, Sr. 6-2, 180.

DANIEL MANNING, Corsicana, Sr. 6-0, 200.

PUNTER: — DAVID PINO, Wichita Falls Rider, Sr. 5-8, 163.

Denison: Aldo De La Garza, New Braunfels; Juan Dorssett, Lopez; Sterling Doty, Stephenville; Cody Douglas, La Marque; Jason Ervin, Azle; Clayton Farrell, Hallsville; John Floyd, Pharr-San Juan Alamo; Raymond Gilmore, Dunbar; Wes Havens, Freriship; Higgen Henderson, Hereford; Jeff Leiby, Andrews; Isaac Morales, Canyon; Donald Paul, West Orange-Stark; Mike Perry, Corsicana; David Quarles, Huntsville; Dustin Ratliff, Rankin; Luke Rouquette, Smithson Valley; Chuck Taylor, Mesquite Poteet; Brett Valdez, Brownwood; Jeff Warren, Pampa; Blake Williams, Brownwood.

ENDS/RECEIVERS: David Ariaza, Los Fresnos; Jordan Brinkley, Cleburne; Chris Bush, Channelview; Caleb Ceaser, Beaumont Ozen; Matt Cobb, Lumberton; Kevin Everett, Port Arthur; Thomas Jefferson; Rene Garza, Pharr-San Juan Alamo; J. Fields, Amarillo; Caprock, Cody Fuller, Smithson Valley; Slade Hodges, Hereford; Gary Johnson, Greenville; Tyrone Lee, La Marque; Jeremy Madkins, Stephenville; Geoffrey Marquez, Hereford; Jeremy Perry, Kilgore; B.J. Szymanski, Wichita Falls Rider; David Thomas, Freriship; Harry Waddy, Angleton; Lionel Williams, San Antonio Fox Tech; Sean Yoder, Nederland.

QUARTERBACKS: Richard Bartel, Grapevine; Deacon Burns, Brownwood; Laron Bybee, Smithson Valley; Drew Coleman, Henderson; Greg Henderson, Wichita Falls; Cody Hodges, Hereford; Terrance Matthews, Beaumont Ozen; Cullen Mills, Killeen Harker Heights; Andrew Smith, Bay City; Elnen Vargas, Pharr-San Juan Alamo.

RUNNING BACKS: Joseph Aboussie, Wichita Falls; Clete Andrews, Canyon; Jaxon Appel, Friendswood; Juan Batiste, San Marcos; Detrick Cade, Wichita Falls; Spencer Chaisson, Beeville; Shandrick Charles, Port Arthur Lincoln; Justin Findley, Alice; Ronnie Ford, Denison; Edgar Gonzalez, Sharyland; Eron Haynes, Borger; Brian Henderickson, Dripping Springs; J.T. Holson, Wylie; Howard Jackson, Brazosport; Mark Jackson, San Antonio; Marty Jefferson, Kerrville; Troy Jonathan Marchbanks, Lampasas; Paul Mosley, Anderson; Blake Smith, Huntsville; Carl Stewart, Corsicana; Charles Stewart, Dallas Smith; Daniel Terrazas, Pecos; Jason Woodruff, Big Spring.

KICKERS: Eric Deagan, Conroe; Caney Creek; Tim Hutton, Borger; David Mireles,

Mercedes; Eben Nelson, Stephenville; Sterling Storey, Hillcrest; Jason Woodruff, Big Spring.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE: — LINEMEN: Eddie Abrego, Los Fresnos; Earl Anderson, San Marcos; Jaxson Appel, Friendswood; Michael Barba, Hereford; E.J. Clark, Smithson Valley; Gilbert Hernandez, Hereford; Clayton Irby, Lampasas; Ed Jackson, La Marque; Tremaine Jackson, Houston; Waltrip; Simeon Jones, Houston; Robert Lopez, Brownwood; Christian MacNamara, Highland Park; Randy Peschel, Anderson; Jake Pool, Henderson; Wendell Rutledge, Lampasas; Matt Sanchez, Nederland; Brandon Scruggs, Denison; Damon Stanford, Killeen Harker Heights; Josh Stephens, Port Arthur; Thomas Jefferson; Chris Van Kleeff, Smithson Valley; John Vasiak, Lumberton; Adrian Zamilla, Corsicana.

LINEBACKERS: Tyler Ashley, Wichita Falls; Cody Clark, Port Neches-Groves; Shane Dickey, La Marque; Juan Galvez, Mercedes; Javad Golphin, San Antonio; Roosevelt; David Grace, Santa Fe; Justin Henry, Longview; Pine Tree; Tommy Johnstone, Borger; Chauncy Jones, Fort Worth; Dunbar; Ken Jones, Corsicana; Scott Lee, Stephenville; Joseph Lopez, San Marcos; Omar Luna, Pecos; Nurahad Manning, Bay City; Markus McGary, Huntsville; Jared Millsaps, Killeen Harker Heights; Justin Monk, Stephenville; Thomas Robertson, Wichita Falls; Valentin Sustaita, Hereford; Daniel Terrazas, Pecos; David Thomas, Freriship; Doug Thomas, Corpus Christi; Calalan; Nathan Uranga, Burleson; Chris Van Kleeff, Smithson Valley; Fred Vela, Gregory-Portland.

BACKS: Leonard Anderson, San Antonio; Roosevelt; Zach Bankhead, Stephenville; Ben Collins, Lampasas; Josh Davault, Burleson; Gene Espinoza, Mercedes; Daniel Francis, Port Arthur Lincoln; Reggie Hakes, Stephenville; Robert Herron, San Antonio; Roosevelt; Quinton Jones, Greenville; Ryar Luedecke, Bay City; Montrail Mitchell, West em Hill; John Roberson, Bay City; Chris Rodriguez, Lopez; Jacob Scott, Rockport; Fulton; Bob Tamplin, Henderson; Jeff Thibodeaux, West Orange-Stark; Larry Threadgill, San Marcos; Donald Wenslow, East em Hills; Ricky Wilson, Port Arthur Lincoln.

PUNTERS: Robert Gutierrez, Edcouch; Elsa; Ben McPherson, Nederland; Kenneth Quinn, Bay City; Sterling Storey, Hillcrest.

YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

The YMCA Men's Basketball league is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in basketball games and to try their hand in winning a trophy. (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place). Length of the league will be 6 weeks plus double elimination tournament. The team captain or manager will be responsible for the collection of the entry fee and to have all players listed on the roster in accordance with league guidelines by the start of the third game of the league. Out of town residents may participate in the league. Players must play at least 1/3 of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. Games will have 2 referees paid and scheduled by the YMCA.

STARTING DATE: Sunday, January 7, 2001
GAME DAY: Sundays, starting at 1:00 p.m.
SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Thursday, January 4th, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.
ENTRY FEE: \$320.00 per team
LENGTH OF LEAGUE: Six (6) weeks plus double elimination tournament

Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game they shall be deemed as starting the season. There will be no grace period. Team may start with 3 player, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit. Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

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INSIDE

ALL IN THE FAMILY

■ There are some striking parallels between Bush, Adams families and their rise to the White House



George W. Bush (left) and George H.W. Bush



John Adams (above) and John Quincy Adams

By John Hellprin

Associated Press Writer

Here's the story line: In a bizarre and hotly contested election, the son of a U.S. president is installed as chief executive, barely edging a Democratic former U.S. senator from Tennessee who won the nation's popular vote in the general election.

The election turmoil drags on week after week. Eventually the president's son, a Harvard University graduate whose family name helped smooth the path to the presidency, overcomes the Tennessee Democrat, who had campaigned on a platform that said the president must fight for the people and whose supporters are increasingly convinced the election was stolen.

Sound familiar? That was early in 1825, when the House finally decided the previous year's November election — and for the first time elevated a president's son to the White House.

History offers extraordinary parallels between the contest 175 years ago and the 2000 election.

"The election of 2000, pitting the son of a president against a candidate from Tennessee, is destined to join the election of 1824, when (there was) the same personal dynamic as one of the closest in our nation's history — John Quincy Adams against Andrew Jackson," former President Bush told a recent White House dinner.

The former president was clearly intrigued by what he called the "potential historical parallel between the Adams and the Bush families."

As he spoke, his son, Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, and Vice President Al Gore, a former Tennessee senator, were deadlocked in the excruciatingly long recount and legal contest to determine the winner of the 2000 presidential election. The nationwide popular vote tally gave Democrat Gore the relatively narrow margin over Bush of a little more than 500,000 votes among almost 105.4 million voters.

But after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against a hand recount sealed Bush's win in Florida, where he led by fewer

than 1,000 votes, Bush gained the Electoral College majority and was elected officially when the electors met Monday.

Not since John Quincy Adams had the son of a president won the office. Adams was a Harvard graduate, in 1787; George W. Bush received a masters in business administration from Harvard, in 1975.

Jackson was elected as Tennessee's first congressman in 1796 and became a senator from that state the next year. Gore was elected to Congress from Tennessee in 1977, then served in the Senate from 1985 to 1993. Jackson and Gore both campaigned for president as champions of common people.

In his election, Jackson won 41 percent of the popular vote to Adams' 31 percent. Most of the remaining votes went to House Speaker Henry Clay and Treasury Secretary William H. Crawford. The popular vote was cast by state legislators and not citizens in six of the 24 states.

"Gore should compare himself to Jackson. Gore has the moral legitimacy, he won more votes. He'd be smart to lay off ... come back in four years and win!"

■ ERWIN HARGROVE, Vanderbilt political scientist

No one captured a majority of Electoral College votes, so the election fell to the House, where Clay held sway. He threw his support to Adams, and using the constitutional formula of one vote for each state's delegation, Adams won 13 votes to seven. Crawford got three votes.

Adams became president at age 57 in 1825.

Unlike Adams the younger, 54-year-old George W. Bush lacks prior federal experience and does not advocate a strong role for the government. Where Adams was groomed for the presidency and famously enigmatic, Bush did not spend his life preparing for the job and has a more outgoing personality.

The parallels are stronger between the patriarchs of the

Bush and Adams families.

Bush, the 41st president, and John Adams, the second president, were born in Boston-area towns less than 10 miles apart, attended Ivy League schools, served as U.S. diplomats and had one-term presidencies dominated by foreign conflicts. Their political successes transformed patrician families into prominent household names continued by their sons.

The younger Bush still is different from his father, said Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah.

"I love his father, but his father is an uptight New England prep who is determined to render public service as a matter of public duty," said Bennett, who began his 1998 re-election campaign in Utah with former President Bush by his side. George W. Bush "is much more of his own man than a lot of people think. He's got more Barbara in him than George."

"W. is the frat boy who went to Yale and said all these guys are stuffed shirts. He's looking around thinking, 'I ain't ever going to president, and if I am someday, I ain't

ever taking any of these guys with me."

Bush graduated from Yale in 1968. Gore graduated from Harvard in 1969.

Jackson and Gore both were tall and commanding in demeanor, but "Old Hickory" Jackson was a rambunctious man, a hard drinker and gambler and a national war hero. Gore focuses on protocol and seems strait-laced and wonkish.

"Gore should compare himself to Jackson," said Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove. "Gore has the moral legitimacy, he won more votes. He'd be smart to lay off and wait, come back in four years and win."

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FLURRY OF RULES



Clinton unleashes avalanche of new regulations dealing with the environment, worker rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — New pollution controls on trucks and protection of coral reefs. Privacy safeguards for medical records and new rules to help victims of black lung disease.

They're all part an avalanche of regulations, rule proposals and executive orders streaming from the White House and government agencies in the final weeks of the Clinton administration.

Experts on government policy say it's not unusual for a flurry of activity in the final weeks before a president leaves office. But rarely have the last-ditch regulatory efforts involved as many issues with potentially far-reaching consequences.

Administration officials acknowledge that the 11th hour blizzard of rules reflects in part a determination by Clinton to fashion a legacy of major initiatives in areas of public health, the environment and worker rights.

But business groups already are preparing for a counterattack, hoping that the incoming Bush administration as well as Congress and the courts will soften some of the new regulations and roll back others.

"What Clinton is trying to do is put the next administration into a regulatory straight jacket," complained Bill Kovacs, vice president for environment and regulatory affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "Once these regulations are in effect, it's very difficult to change them."

Six years ago Congress enacted a law that allows Congress to overturn any rule by majority vote within 60 days of the rule being issued. But it has never been used on any of the thousands of regulations that have been issued.

The White House plays down the significance of the late regulations, saying every president wants to close out unfinished busi-

ness as his administration winds down. Many rules were in the works for months, even years in some cases, officials say.

"There's been ample time for the public to weigh in, for interest groups to weigh in," White House press secretary Jake Siewert said.

Many of the regulations involve the environment including the one issued Thursday that requires pollution from heavy-duty trucks to be cut by 90 percent over the next decade and refiners to take virtually all of the sulfur out of diesel fuel.

Among the areas affected by the recent regulations and executive orders:

- Privacy of health records.
- Labeling standards for organically grown foods.
- Coal miners' ability to get benefits for black lung disease.
- Pollution from cattle and pig feedlots.
- Mercury pollution from power plants.
- Protection of Hawaiian coral reefs.
- Protections for employees against repetitive-stress injuries.
- Tighter environmental rules for the hard-rock mining industry.

And the president by all accounts is not yet finished. Expected shortly after the new year is a requirement to ban road building on nearly 60 million acres of federal forests. Also, the EPA is close to issuing regulations tightening arsenic levels in water, lead levels in soil, and wetlands protection.

Like the diesel fuel requirements, the expected restrictions on large, pristine areas of federal forests is meeting sharp resistance in Congress.

With energy prices high, GOP lawmakers have characterized the diesel rule and forest road ban as a threat to future energy supplies.

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News	Home Imp.	Fugitive	CSI: Crime Scn	Nash Bridges	News	(35) Late Show				
Spln City	Real TV	Movie: Home Alone 3 (1997) Alex D. Linz. **1/2	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Voyager			
College Basketball Tennessee at Syracuse		College Basketball Indiana at Kentucky					Sportscenter	NFL		
(5:15) Movie: Yellowbeard	Movie: Superstar Molly Shannon. PG-13	Extras-What	Stargate	(45) Outer Limits	Beggars and Choosers					
Inside the NFL	Movie: Substitute 3: The Winner	Movie: Second Skin Natasha Henstridge	Shock Video 2001: A Sex	Movie:						
(5:00) Movie: True Crime	(15) Movie: Mercy (1999) Ellen Barkin, Peta Wilson. 'R'	Movie: Deep Blue Sea Thomas Jane. 'R'	Movie: The Quiet Man							
Movie: Strangers-Train	Movie: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) Topol, Norma Crane. ****									
Marital Law	Championship Rodeo	Rollerjam	Motor Madness	Marital Law	Rodeo					
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Hospital	Hospital	Justice Files	Inside					
Law & Order	Biography	Competition	Poirot	Law & Order	Biography					
American Teacher Awards		Figure Skating NHK Trophy								
Football	Last Word	Women's College Basketball Tennessee at Texas	Thunderbox	National Sports Report	Sports					
Pretender	Movie: Peggy Sue Got Married (1986) ***		Very Special Christmas-Washington	Movie: Peggy-Married						
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Cousin Skeeter	Skeeter	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family			
JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: Hush (1996) Jessica Lange. **1/2	Farmclub.com	Movie:						
Locura de Amor	Movie: Jesus, el Nino Dios	(1970) Guillermo Murray.	Estamos	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Familias			
History	History IQ	Most	This Week in History	Haunted History	Holy Grail	Most				
(5:00) Movie: Dark Planet	Movie: The Day After (1983) Jason Roberts, JoBeth Williams. ****1/2		Movie: The Amityville Horror (1979) **							
Fresh Pr.	Movie: Superman III (1983) Christopher Reeve, Richard Pryor. **1/2	News	In the Heat of the Night	Matlock						

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Arthur's-Cmas	Garden	Gardener	Many Quilts	Sewing	Quilt	Sew	New Tastes	Mexico	Julia	
Kids	Angela	S Club 7	Two-Kind	Pretenders	Frost Fest	S Club 7 Christmas	Weird Sci.	Two-Kind	Scary	
Paid Prog.	Critter	Paid Prog.	Hang Time	One World	City Guys	Just Deal	Inside Stuff	Paid Prog.	Horizons	
Rolie Polie	Out of Box	Bear in House	Rolie Polie	Totally	Jersey	Jersey	BoyWorld	Even	BoyWorld	
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Hunter		Movie: Dolores Claiborne (1995) **1/2			
Sabrina	Weekenders	Recess	Recess	Teachers	Buzz Light	Doug	Pepper Ann	Pooh	Mickey	Movie:
Saturday Early Show	News	Franklin	Blue's Clues	Dora	Little Bear	Little Bill	NFL Today	NFL Football		
Rangers	Action Man	Movie: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish (1998)	Spider-Man	NASCAR	NFL	To Be Announced				
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	NFL	Skating	USGA				
Movie: Excalibur Kid 'PG'	Movie: Mr. Music Mick Fleetwood. **	(45) Movie: High Spirits Peter O'Toole. **1/2	Movie: Quigley Down							
Goodnight	Royal	Movie: Home Alone (1990) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci.	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Tuskegee Airmen 'PG-13'						
Movie: Tootsie (1982) Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange.	Movie: My Gal Sal Rita Hayworth. ***	Movie: The Widows Angelica Huston. 'PG'								
(6:30) Movie: China Seas	Movie: The Wrong Box (1966) John Mills. ****1/2	Movie: The Big Sky (1952) Kirk Douglas, Dewey Martin. ***								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Motor Madness	WWF Live Wire	Outdoors	Basemasters	Outdoor	Secrets			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	SciSquad	Movie Magic	Hunter-Croc	Real Kids	Outward	Incredible	Hospital	Fleet	
Movie: Scott-Anarctic	Movie: America's Castles	House Beautiful	Travels	Travels	Night Court	Newsradio	Northern			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Weddings of a Lifetime	Murphy		
Sports	Sports	High School Extra	Big 12 Show	Football	Paid Prog.	Football	Paid Prog.	Slant	HS Football	
Movie:	Movie: Superman II (1980) Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder. ****1/2	(15) Movie: Super Mario Bros. (1993) Bob Hoskins. **								
Rocket	Rocket	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Spongeb	Catdog	Catdog	Beavers	Beavers	Ren Stimp
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Pacific Blue		Movie: Perfect Crime (1997) Mzi Kapture. **				
De Cabeza!										
Big Rigs of Combat				Line of Defense				Body Shop		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movie: Hold That Ghost (1941) Bud Abbott. **1/2	Movie: Frankenstein Created Woman (1967) **1/2	Movie:						
Farm Report	Business	Video Computer Store	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outdoor	Soul Train	Movie:		

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Sesame Street	Barney	Book of Virtues	Wishbone	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Rejoice and Sing-Holiday	Christmas			
Pinocchio's Christmas	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	C'mas Snow	Gold	Frosty's	Christmas	Santa Is Coming to Town	Santa			
Ch of God	In Search	Paid Prog.	Real Life	Meet the Press	Baptist Church	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Therese		
Rolie Polie	Out of Box	Bear in House	Rolie Polie	Baby-Sitters	BoyWorld	Brotherly	GrowPains	Jersey	Movie:	
Movie: All	Movie: My Girl (1991) Macaulay Culkin. **	(45) Movie: The Goonies (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. **1/2								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Animal	This Week	Paid Prog.	Reporter	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Kipper	Church	Church	First Baptist Church	Sunday Morning			NFL Today	Football		
Hour of Power	Fox News Sunday	Movie					Fox NFL Sunday	Football		
50 Greatest	NFL	Sportsctr.	Lines	Reporters	Sportsctr.	NFL Countdown				
Movie: A Man Called Gato Gary Kroeger.	Movie: Double-O-Kid Corey Haim. 'PG-13'	(15) Movie: Hall Caesar Anthony Michael Hall. ** 'PG'								
Wrestl With	Movie: The Mute Albert Brooks. 'PG-13'	(15) Movie: Defending Your Life Albert Brooks. 'PG'	Movie: Proof of Life	Playing the Field: Sports						
Movie: Wild Wild West Will Smith. 'PG-13'	(45) Movie: Big Trouble in Little China Kurt Russell. **	Movie: Lits With Miley Michael J. Fox.								
Movie: In the Good Old Summertime (1949) ***	Movie: Lady in the Lake (1946) Robert Montgomery. **	Movie: Three Godfathers (1936) ***								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Inside NASCAR	WWF Superstars	Raceway	NASCAR	Trucks	Car			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Zooventure	Bonheads	A.R.K.	Hunter-Croc	Ultimate Guide	Preemies: A Fight for Life	Face Makers		
Movie: 23 Three Amigos!	Breakfast With the Arts	House Beautiful	Top 10	Unsprung						
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: Range of Motion (2000) **1/2			
Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	H.S. Extra	Cowboys	NFL This Morning	Sportman	Hunters	Fishing	
(5:30) Movie: Rudy (1993)	Movie: Angus (1995) Charlie Talbert. ***	Movie: Scrooged (1988) Bill Murray, Karen Allen. ***								
Rocket	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Catdog	Catdog	Beavers	Beavers	Nicktoons		
Movie: The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) William Holden, Alec Guinness. ****	Movie: A Bronx Tale (1993) Robert De Niro. ***									
Plaza Beano	Eta Chiland	Ruganiana	Picardie	QueNosPa	Republica Deportiva					
History of Toys and Games	Shaka Zulu									
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica	Battlestar Galactica		
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Jan 08	81.50	81.50	81.50	Jan 08	1.35	1.35	1.35
Jan 15	81.50	81.50	81.50	Jan 15	1.35	1.35	1.35
Jan 22	81.50	81.50	81.50	Jan 22	1.35	1.35	1.35
Jan 29	81.50	81.50	81.50	Jan 29	1.35	1.35	1.35
Feb 05	81.50	81.50	81.50	Feb 05	1.35	1.35	1.35
Feb 12	81.50	81.50	81.50	Feb 12	1.35	1.35	1.35
Feb 19	81.50	81.50	81.50	Feb 19	1.35	1.35	1.35
Feb 26	81.50	81.50	81.50	Feb 26	1.35	1.35	1.35
Mar 05	81.50	81.50	81.50	Mar 05	1.35	1.35	1.35
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Apr 23	81.50	81.50	81.50	Apr 23	1.35	1.35	1.35
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May 07	81.50	81.50	81.50	May 07	1.35	1.35	1.35
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Bush

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Bush said he knows there is a lot of speculation but when he makes up his mind on Cabinet posts, he won't be acting on the basis of politics but on the basis of what is right for the country.

Asked about a moratorium on the federal death penalty, Bush said he supported capital punishment "when it is administered fairly."

Bush, who oversaw a record 40 executions in Texas last year as governor and 152 over the course of six years, said he sees no reason for a moratorium on the death penalty at the federal level.

"If there is compelling evidence that the system is not swift and sure and just, I will listen" on any death penalty case, Bush said.

"His views are the correct views," Ashcroft said.

The president-elect also has selected New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman to head the Environmental Protection Agency, according to several GOP officials. Bush was expected to make more announcements later Friday.

He also was meeting with state agriculture industry leaders.

Another GOP governor, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, hopes to follow Whitman into the Bush administration. Senior Republicans in Washington and Wisconsin said Thompson accepted Bush's offer in a Thursday morning telephone call to be Health and Human Services secretary. They said the announcement would be made next week.

However, two senior Bush advisers said the president-elect had not quite closed the deal with Thompson.

All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

In his presidential campaign, Bush faced criticism from Democrats and some conservationists for his stewardship of the environment in Texas, where he had been governor since 1995 until his resignation Thursday. Environmentalists argued he didn't fight pollution aggressively enough; During his second term, Houston became the nation's smoggiest city.

Indeed, the EPA itself intends to review clean-air plans the state was forced to submit earlier this month because of persistent smog.

Bush contended the state's air improved on his watch, and said he was behind major air-quality improvement initiatives.

Whitman, 54 and a Republican, championed open-space preservation in New Jersey and refused to abandon an unpopular auto emissions test designed to reduce air pollution.

FINAL TALLY

Gore wins, but loses

Vice President Gore won the nation's popular vote in the presidential election by more than 500,000 votes, according to official totals made available Thursday to The Associated Press.

An AP survey of all 50 states' final election numbers showed that Democrat Gore led President-elect Bush, the former GOP governor of Texas, by 539,947 votes.

Final numbers show Gore with 50,996,116 votes and Bush with 50,456,169. Bush won the White House by capturing 271 electoral votes, one more than the Constitution requires.

The popular vote total includes all absentee ballots that were counted in the weeks following the Nov. 7 election.



Vice President Al Gore won the presidential popular vote.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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A P T F K Q G U K F K Q P U Q
L X O G U D N E N X E V N M X T Y N Q
Q P N E U K Q J F Q P Q P N
E T N K N Z Q — B X Z G U T W O F K
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INSIDE

Turner to help U.S. pay off its U.N. debt

UNITED NATIONS — Three years after he stunned the United Nations with a \$1 billion gift, media mogul Ted Turner is offering \$34 million more to break a budget impasse between the United States and the 188 other U.N. countries, sources close to the deal say. If accepted by U.N. members, the offer could help resolve a dispute over U.S. payments to the organization that has had negotiators wrangling for months. Turner has approached the Clinton administration and offered to pay the \$34 million shortfall for 2001, sources said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Progress reported in Mideast talks

WASHINGTON — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are picking up the pace of their talks at a secluded U.S. air base, swapping proposals on Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees. The holy places of Jerusalem — in particular, the disputed hilltop that is the holiest site in Judaism known as the Temple Mount and revered by Muslims as the Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary — lie at the heart of the dispute between the Israelis and the Palestinians. A decision on a summit is expected by the weekend. Spurred on by President Clinton, the two sides appear to be making headway. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is due to join the talks at Bolling Air Force Base

News digest



Representatives of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (left) and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak are reporting progress in their talks.

Friday, and the two delegations may call on Clinton at the White House later in the day.

Armed children put into front lines

BUCARAMANGA, Colombia — It is a worldwide phenomenon. An estimated 300,000 children under the age of 18 are participating as guerrillas or government soldiers in armed conflicts in Africa, Asia and Latin America, according to the U.S.-based monitoring group Human Rights Watch. Children from poor villagers are impressionable and easy

to recruit, prized as efficient and remorseless killers. Before the latest fighting in Colombia, some 6,000 minors were believed to belong to guerrilla factions and rival right-wing paramilitary groups here. But after witnessing the fresh faces of dozens of boys and girls captured in the clashes, experts fear they may have underestimated the problem.

Agency sets guidelines for Web accessibility

WASHINGTON — Most federal agencies will have to redesign their Web sites within the next six months to comply with guidelines issued Thursday that will make the pages more accessible to people with disabilities. The rules are designed to make it easier for the blind, the deaf and those with other disabilities to use federal technology services such as Web sites and databases. "I think this is a truly significant step forward. It helps not only the disabled, but all federal workers," said Sally Katzen, deputy director for management at the White House's budget office and chairwoman of the federal council of information technology officers. "This is where the federal government should be." Many of the changes will be easy, officials said, and reflect good Web design practices. But others, especially involving devices that can't currently accept alternate methods of input, may be costly to change.

Ford to light Christmas trees

People

VAIL, Colo. — Former President Gerald Ford will light Christmas trees on Saturday at the annual President Ford Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

Ford has a home in Rancho Mirage, Calif., but lives part of the year in Beaver Creek near Vail since 1968.

"The tree-lighting ceremony has become a great tradition for President Ford and Vail," said Joel Heath, vice president of the Vail Valley Tourism and Convention Bureau.

Ford, 87, was in Vail in August to launch a renovation project on an amphitheater that bears his name. The visit came shortly after he suffered a small stroke during the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

Jerry Sheindlin

NEW YORK — "The People's Court" Judge Jerry Sheindlin is passing the gavel to a former Miami judge early next year.

Sheindlin, a 66-year-old retired New York State Supreme Court judge, chose to retire from the bench, the show's producers said Thursday.

"These past two seasons have been a wonderful fantasy and I truly enjoyed the adventure," Sheindlin said. "Part of the adventure was trying to nip at the heels of my wife. Unfortunately, I could never catch up with her."

Sheindlin is married to the presiding jurist of "Judge Judy," which leads reality courtroom shows in viewership by a wide margin. "The People's Court"

premiered in 1981 and aired through 1993 with Judge Joseph Wapner. It was revived in 1997 with former New York Mayor Ed Koch.

Sheindlin's successor is Marilyn Milian, who resigned from the Miami Circuit Court this week. Milian, 39, was appointed to the circuit court's criminal division in 1999 after spending five years in the Miami County Court.

Merv Griffin

LOS ANGELES — Fifty years after his hit "I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts," Merv Griffin is releasing a new album.

Griffin's "It's Like a Dream" will be released March 15 by Pat Boone's Gold Label, which is geared for the over-50 crowd.

After years of hosting his own Emmy Award-winning TV talk show, Griffin moved into hotel ownership. After acquiring the Beverly Hilton in 1987, he bought others, including one attached to the Givenchy Spa in Palm Springs.

"A hotel is a talk show with rooms," Griffin said.

He also created several television game shows, including "Wheel of Fortune."

Discovered by Doris Day, Griffin started his music career in his native San Francisco, becoming a boy singer with the Freddy Martin band, which toured the country and appeared in movies.

The new Griffin CD features 10 selections, including "My Funny Valentine," "The More I See You" and "You Stepped Out of a Dream."

Billy Graham

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The Rev. Billy Graham looks forward to being home for the holidays after being discharged

from the Mayo Clinic, the clinic said.

After two weeks of treatment to adjust a shunt that drains fluid from Graham's brain, his medical team was "very pleased with his progress," the clinic said in a statement Thursday.

"He is looking forward to being home for the holidays, and thanks his many well-wishers for their thoughts and prayers," the statement said.

The shunt relieves fluid pressure on his brain, a condition called normal pressure hydrocephalus.

Graham, 82, who lives in Montreat, N.C., spent three months at Mayo this summer being treated for Parkinson's disease and fluid on the brain.

Terry Branstad

DES MOINES, Iowa — Former Gov. Terry Branstad is recovering from a heart attack earlier this week and could go home from the hospital Friday, a family spokesman said.

Branstad's condition was upgraded to good Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. He underwent an angioplasty, a procedure that uses a balloon to open a blocked artery, after suffering a heart attack Monday.

"He was up again and walking. He said his appetite was coming back and he slept through the night," said family spokesman Eric Woolson, who served as Branstad's press secretary. "He feels better and he looks better."

Branstad, a 54-year-old Republican, was elected in 1982 and served 16 years as the state's chief executive until he decided not to seek re-election in 1998.

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Russia clears Wallenberg mystery

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia officially acknowledged Friday that Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who helped tens of thousands of Jews escape incarceration in Nazi camps, was wrongfully imprisoned by Soviet authorities for political reasons until he perished.

The Russian prosecutor-general declared Wallenberg a "victim of political repression" — the latest step in the painful process of uncovering the circumstances of Wallenberg's disappearance more than half a century ago.

Wallenberg was arrested soon after the Soviet army entered Budapest, Hungary, in January 1945 and was taken to the Soviet Union. The last confirmed sighting of Wallenberg was on Dec. 17, 1945 in Budapest.

In a two-page statement, the prosecutor said Wallenberg and his driver, Vilmos Langfelder, were held for more than 14½ years in Soviet prisons on espionage charges until their death.

However, the circumstances of their death remained unclear, with the statement saying only they had died in Soviet prisons and that it had not been possible to clear up exactly where and how they had died.

Sweden demands the move. "We welcome this. The decision to rehabilitate him is a result of an original Russian procedure, to admit the mistake that was made at that time," said a foreign ministry official Jan Lindqvist, a member of the Swedish-Russian Friendship Committee.