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## SIGN OF THE SEASON

## COTTON

Today's weather

### OUTLOOK

• **Mostly cloudy skies** •

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, lows in the lower 30s.

• **Extended forecast** •

Friday: Cloudy and cooler, highs in the upper 40s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, lows near 20, highs in the mid-50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows around 25, highs near 60.

Monday and Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, lows in the mid-30s, highs in the mid-60s.

• **Hereford weather** •

Wednesday's high, 52; low, 32; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



• **Rain back in forecast** •

Rain returned to the Texas forecast today in the wake of a cold front that dropped temperatures and produced fog in parts of the Hill Country along with southern regions of the state.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s to 60s. Extremes were 29 degrees at Lubbock and 67 at both Harlingen and Port Isabel.

Other readings include 30 degrees at Marfa, 42 degrees at Junction and Huntsville, 43 at San Angelo and Killeen and 33 at Denton.

Surface winds were mostly light and variable, with northeasterly breezes at 5 to 15 mph in the south.

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms was forecast for deep South Texas, northern sections of the state and the Coastal Bend.

Daytime highs should range from the 60s to 70s. By Saturday, most areas should turn cooler with increasing cloudiness and highs from the 40s in the Panhandle and mountains to 60s elsewhere.

Lows overnight were expected from the upper 20s in the north and west to 60s in the far south.



**John Scalise** (kneeling) and **Ocy Scalise** of Amarillo paint Christmas decorations on windows and doors of a Hereford business. John Scalise said Wednesday several merchants in Hereford had contacted them about the decorations. Another sign that Christmas is just around the corner was the City Commission's decision to cancel its Monday meeting so the commissioners could attend the annual Christmas lighting ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in Mothers Park.

## Cumpton is still waiting on word from dairy prospects

By **Donald Cooper**

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Don Cumpton would like to give a Christmas present to Deaf Smith County, but he doesn't know if it will be delivered.

Cumpton, the executive of the Hereford Economic Development Corp., has been working for several months to bring new dairy operations to Deaf Smith County. His efforts included working out financial incentive packages for two dairy operations and negotiations with a third.

However, he still has not received a commitment from either of the two dairies that have received the HEDC's financial commitment.

Cumpton sent faxes to the dairies Wednesday and said this morning he will give them some time to review the material before following up with a telephone call.

Last month, the Hereford City Commission signed on to a HEDC financial incentive package to a dairy considering opening an operation in Deaf Smith County.

The financial package extended to Scouten Dairies includes construction funds up to 10 percent of total construction costs.

The dairy would be completed in four phases

and would handle 25,000 cows. The facility would be constructed on three sections of land subject to successful permitting from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Construction would be completed by 2009 and would employ 250 people. The commitment from HEDC is contingent on the placement of permanent financing and commencement of operations.

Schouten Dairies, which is owned by Mike and Zeba Schouten, operates three facilities in the Stephenville area, with a capacity of 4,800 cows.

Cumpton said the Schoutens also are visiting other areas, which are considering the offer of financial incentives.

The financial package offered to Schouten Dairies is the second in recent weeks involving a dairy operation.

The commissioners earlier had ratified an HEDC decision to provide financial assistance to Van Der Weg Dairies. The agreement also would commit the agency to provide 10 percent — not to exceed \$190,000 — to Van Der Weg Dairies.

Cumpton said Jacob Van Der Weg is arranging

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## Harvest showing signs of being better than anyone thought

By **Dianna F. Dandridge**

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Cotton harvest in Deaf Smith County is more than halfway complete and the ginning is nearly 40 percent finished.

For a year with as many problems as 2000 presented to area cotton farmers, David Varner, manager of Hereford Farmers Gin, said the year may turn out to be better than earlier expected.

"I estimate this year's crop, through this gin, will be worth about \$12 million. Last year's crop was valued at nine to \$10 million," Varner said.

That \$12 million translates to approximately 40,000 bales of cotton. But as good as this sounds, some of that gain may come from added acreage rather than higher yields.

Cotton is selling for 49-52 cents per pound and most of what is grown locally — about 75 percent — will be export cotton, due mainly to the shorter staple length of 31/32 of an inch. Most domestic mills prefer a staple length slightly more than an inch.

"With the cost of water and fuel and the low prices being paid for corn, we may see as much as a 25-percent increase of planted acres next year," Varner said.

"Inputs this year were much higher than they were last year," Varner said. "Everything about putting in a crop was higher. If the disaster programs turn out the way they are supposed to, it will be a big break for some growers. It may also be the only profit some guys see."

The harvest, though coming in rapidly now, suffered some quality loss during the snow in early November.

"The lint was slightly discolored from having to stay in the wet bolls and some bolls lost lint causing a loss in yield," Varner said. "But that was only in parts of the county."

Besides the discolored lint, Varner saw quite a bit of excess leaf and bark in the cotton, but he says that is starting to lessen.

Varner expects most of the harvest to be complete within the next two weeks, with the producers who are harvesting their own crops being a little later.

Deaf Smith County cotton crop means more than just the cash crop for farmers and income for the gin. The seed sells for about \$1.6 million and the burrs for an additional \$80,000, which Varner says is nearly an insignificant amount.

Varner said each year custom harvesters come to the community, stay in the hotels, eat at the local restaurants and spend money locally.

The Hereford Farmers Gin has employed four full-time module drivers and numerous extra gin help for the harvest season. "The gin will pay out about \$25,000 just during the harvest," Varner said.

At one time Varner had considered luring a cotton seed mill to the area, but he says that idea has been put on the back burner for now.

"There are other opportunities out there for the gin and the farmers to make a bigger profit, but we're not going to tip our hand just yet as what else we may be considering," Varner said.

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— **DAVID VARNER**,  
manager, Hereford Farmers Gin

## Osprey's assembly relocates

DALLAS (AP) — The final phase of V-22 Osprey aircraft assembly has moved from North Texas to a Bell Helicopter Textron plant in the Panhandle, where company officials are taking advantage of incentives to expand operations.

Most parts for the twin-engine V-22, an airplane-helicopter hybrid that is a joint product of Fort Worth-based Bell Helicopter Textron and Boeing Co., will continue to be made at Bell plants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and a Boeing factory in Ridley Park, Pa.

But final manufacture of the tilt-rotor aircraft, such as building engine housings and wings, will now be completed at the Amarillo plant. Unlike the Dallas-Fort Worth plants, the Panhandle facility is not unionized.

"On Nov. 20, there was a V-22 at the Arlington plant, and that is the last one that will be hanging around the Dallas-Fort Worth area for a

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### Band Boosters to meet

The Mighty Maroon Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hereford High School Band Hall.

The members will discuss the spring band trip and other planned band activities.

## Parallel transitions under way

The Associated Press

The contested ballots are moving, the legal wheels in motion, too, in a presidential election so unimaginable that George W. Bush and Al Gore give every appearance of conducting parallel transitions to power.

"It's an amazing story, isn't it," the vice president marveled Wednesday, 22 days after the votes were cast so inconclusively. And one that Gore, struggling in the courts to overturn Bush's certified victory in Florida, suggested could remain unfinished until the Electoral College meets on Dec. 18.



Republicans hoped not. "The fact is that the election in Florida's been

counted, it's been recounted, it's been certified," said Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney. "And we've got to get on with the business of putting together a government."

While Gore conducted a one-man media blitz Wednesday, going from interview to interview to buy time with the public for his court challenge, Cheney announced that he and retired Gen. Colin Powell would visit

Bush at his ranch in Texas today. That immediately stoked speculation that Powell would become secretary of state in a Bush administration. Powell has told associates that if offered the post he would accept, although Cheney said no announcement was imminent.

Still, the election was in the courts, with unforeseen consequences.

A convoy left West Palm Beach Thursday morning bound for Tallahassee with about 462,000 ballots that a Florida judge ordered made

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# Local roundup

• Homes for annual tour announced •

La Madre Mia Study Club will host its annual Holiday Tour of Homes from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The tour will include the homes of Bill and Kerry Glidewell, 126 Pecan; Jeff and Kim Shelton, 520 Westhaven; Stan and Jan Metcalf, 125 Nueces; and Joe and Annie Brown, 149 Liveoak. Tickets are \$5 and are available from any member of La Madre Mia Study Club or at any of the homes on the day of the tour.

• Museum Christmas open house •

Deaf Smith County Historical Society and the staff of the Deaf Smith County Museum will be hosting their annual open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the museum.

Demonstrations on holiday arrangements, Christmas wreaths, candles and other items will be presented.

Refreshments will be served and musical entertainment will be provided.

• Toys for kids collection •

The Deaf Smith County Toys for Kids committee will be collecting toys for more than 620 children who may not have a Christmas. Board members are asking contributors to begin filling decorated boxes which will be at numerous banks and other buildings between now and Dec. 14.

Toys will be distributed as per prior agreement.

Board members are asking donors to contribute larger toys that could be considered "the" Christmas gift and suitable gift items for older children.

For more information, please contact Judy Baker at 363-7075.

• AC posts testing schedules •

Persons interested in taking the MAPS test for enrollment in Amarillo College can do so in Hereford at 6 p.m. Dec. 6, at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

AC's Off-Campus Programs Department will administer the test to individuals who have not yet taken any other college required tests such as TASP, ACT, or the SAT.

Participants will need to bring photo identification, a #2 pencil and \$20 test fee.

Spring enrollment is already underway at AC, but students must take this test to complete the application process.

Classes begin Jan. 16.

• CRP grazing extended •

The local FSA Office has been notified that due to native pasture conditions caused by the 2000 drought, CRP grazing has been extended through Dec. 31. No additional payment reduction will be charged to individuals who previously grazed, unless additional acreage is grazed. Participants who have been grazing need to be sure and not violate their grazing plan, as overgrazing could jeopardize the contract. All paperwork must be signed and in the FSA office before grazing will be allowed. Participants with questions should contact the FSA office at 364-0530.

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## News digest

• Armed border patrols planned •

HOUSTON (AP) — Armed patrols near the Mexican border are planned next year by a group of North Texas volunteers in the wake of an immigrant's shooting death.

Members of the group, Ranch Rescue, say they will help protect private property in Kinney County from what South Texas ranchers are calling immigrant trespassers.

However, Ranch Rescue leader Jack Foote denied that his property-rights group chose the sparsely populated county for patrols next spring because a Mexican immigrant was shot there last May after asking a landowner for water.

"We go where we are invited," Foote, a former U.S. Army captain, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

Foote said he has no sympathy for trespassers. His Arlington-based group produced a flier urging "volunteers from all over the USA" to meet in the area around Brackettville and Eagle Pass, Texas. Ranch Rescue volunteers last month ran patrols in Arizona with ranchers along the border.

"I think they ought to stay in Arlington," said Tom Lee, the district attorney in Del Rio, whose office covers Kinney County. "They don't know a damn thing about our situation down here."

Area residents say immigrants have damaged fences and burglarized unattended hunting camps. But they agree that outsiders aren't needed to fix the problem.

• Associates of former AG testify •

HOUSTON (AP) — Colleagues of a Beaumont attorney on Wednesday completed three days of testimony before a federal grand jury investigating financial ties between former Attorney General Dan Morales and lawyers who represented Texas in its \$17 billion tobacco lawsuit.

Lawyers, office personnel and former employees of Wayne Reaud — one of the five attorneys hired by Morales — were among what appeared to be the first round of witnesses in a lengthy investigation.

Witnesses were asked about Morales, Reaud and procedures the firm used when signing up clients, a person involved with the probe told the Houston Chronicle for Thursday's editions.

The investigation centers on the financial relationship between Morales and the attorneys he ultimately hired — Reaud, Walter Umphrey of Beaumont, John O'Quinn and John Eddie Williams of Houston and Harold Nix of Daingerfield.

The investigation began after prominent Houston attorney Joe Jamail said in an affidavit that Morales solicited money from private lawyers he considered hiring for the tobacco suit. Jamail interviewed to work on the litigation but was not selected.

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# DNA test absolves refugee

AUSTIN (AP) — A Cuban refugee has been exonerated by an appeals court, which threw out his sexual assault conviction based on a review of DNA evidence.

But freedom for Carlos Lavernia will not be immediate despite Wednesday's decision by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Lavernia, 50, now enters a complicated fight to avoid detention by immigration officials.

After Lavernia's release from state prison within 25 days, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will take him into custody for deportation based on a 1982 conviction for indecency with a child, defense lawyer Bill Allison said.

But the INS cannot deport him because the United States has no extradition treaty with Cuba. So Lavernia faces an indefinite period of custody.

"If the INS whisks him off, God only knows where he'll be transferred," lawyer Chip Waldron told the Austin American-Statesman in Thursday's editions.

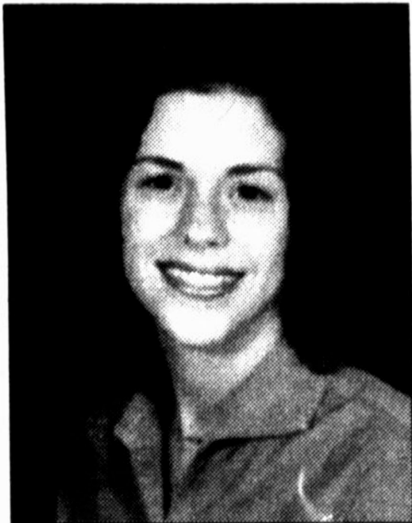
Prosecutors and defense lawyers used DNA evidence to team up in an unusual cooperative effort to prove that Lavernia, 50, did not rape a woman in 1983. Lavernia has served 16 years of his 99-year prison term for the 1985 conviction.

The recommendation by Travis County Judge Mike Lynch then went to the Court of Criminal Appeals for a final decision.

Lavernia, once known as the Barton Creek rapist, was convicted after a victim positively identified his picture as the only one that "anywhere near resembles" the description she gave police.

This summer, the case was revisited when a prosecutor and a detective located the victim's clothing and hospital swabs that yielded DNA test results absolving Lavernia.

## Wilks sings into a \$2,000 scholarship



Abigail Wilks

Abigail Wilks, an 18-year-old senior at Community Christian School, has earned a \$2,000 scholarship from the Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find competition.

Wilks performed "Lord, I Believe in You," at the 67th annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau in Arlington.

Judges chose Wilks from a field of 13 talented youths who qualified for the state competition by winning district competitions earlier this year.

Wilks is president of the symphony band and plays varsity volleyball and basketball. She is also president of her local 4-H Club. She plans on majoring in communications and minoring in music, but is unsure of which school she will attend.

Wilks is the daughter of Andrew and Janice Wilks.

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Save the turkeys — The kindergarten class at St. Anthony's School participated in a Thanksgiving project to "save their turkey" from being lunch. Each student was given a turkey cutout and had to create a disguise so that their turkey would not be recognized. Students used their imaginations to create the perfect disguise and save their special turkeys from becoming the main course of the day. The winners were decided by K4 through third graders with a resulting three-way tie. Winners are (from left) Morgan Hicks with her movie star, Dillon Yosten with Dallas Cowboy #8 and Bailee Zepeda with the Herd mascot Scat.

# Brilliant fall colors due to timely Texas weather

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — A limited offer: Fall foliage, with a variety of colors, but only while it lasts.

Well-timed rains and cold, but not too cold, weather have sprinkled trees across East Texas with the colors of autumn, ranging from deep browns to bright oranges.

Some say it's unusual in a state not known for extended displays of such seasonal changes.

This year, trees bursting with fall colors are interspersed between evergreens and leafless, stark gray trees.

The autumn colors in East Texas begin where pastureland meets the Piney Woods in towns like Palestine, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas. The city-owned 794-acre Palestine Community Forest, northwest of the city, is alive with fall colors.

"It is as pretty as its ever been in this city," said Jim Grumbles, 72, who moved to Palestine 12 years ago after retiring from Dow Chemical Co.

Trees bearing fall-colored

leaves can also be seen along Interstate 20, which runs through Tyler and Longview, along Texas 49 running from Nacogdoches through Lufkin to Houston and along U.S. 287 between Corsicana and Palestine.

Patches of trees with yellow, red and brown leaves have also been spotted north of Dallas, near College Station, and northwest of San Antonio, but East Texas has the lion's share.

The region is sprinkled with black gums, which change color to reds and purples; Sweetgums, which turn orange; and maples which change to yellows and oranges. The region also has Chinese tallow, sassafras and red and black oaks.

"It is out of this world over here," said Terry Nied, district forester for the Texas Forest Service in Palestine. "I have a deer stand up the road in Montalba. It's great... I almost forgot to hunt."

The leaves on trees change color when sap, carrying chlorophyll, which gives leaves its

green color, is sucked back into the trees trunk. The colors come from nutrients left behind, Nied said.

Nied credits timely October rains which brought the area close to its normal annual rainfall total of 42 inches and mild freezes that dipped into the high 20s with the explosion of color in Palestine and elsewhere.

But time is running out before the region has what Nied calls "a good killing freeze," when overnight lows will dip to leaf-dropping temperatures in the lower 20s.

"Probably for the next two weeks we are going to have some really good color, then we will have some freezes and they'll all turn brown and fall off," Nied said.

Fall colors are within day-trip distance from Texas' five major cities, but Nied said more ambitious people should try flying.

"If you can fly over this in an airplane, it is just gorgeous," Nied said. "You can see the whole forest rather than the trees."

## Cranberry growers look to Japan for new markets

BOSTON (AP) — Cranberry growers are looking to squeeze profits out of a 2 million barrel glut in the United States by juicing up marketing efforts in Japan for the tiny red fruit.

Pushing cranberries as both healthy and hip, a group of

Massachusetts growers this week is visiting Japan, a nation largely unfamiliar with cranberries but whose appetite appears to be growing.

"People there don't know what a cranberry is, much less whether they like it or not," said Christopher Phillips, a spokesman for Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc. "There's a lot of educating to do."

Lakeville, Mass.-based Ocean Spray, the world's largest cranberry producer, will spend about \$1 million to promote its cranberries in Japan

this year, up from \$250,000 last year, Phillips said.

Some of the money will pay for Japanese versions of studies done elsewhere that showed cranberries to be effective in fighting heart disease, gum disease, urinary tract infections and other ailments.

Other funds will be spent touting the berry's bright red color — a quality the industry believes could be worth a lot of green. In Japan, a country of 125 million, red and white are traditionally viewed as festive colors.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 29, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Arrests**  
- A juvenile was taken into custody in the 700 block of La Plata and charged with assault.  
- A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Northwest Drive and charged with possession of marijuana and resisting a search.

Incidents

- Dogs at large were reported in the 800 block of Knight Street.  
- The rear window of a pickup parked in the 400 block of Avenue H was broken.  
- A runaway was reported in the 100 block of Ranger. The juvenile did not return home after school.

- The windshield of a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Greenwood sustained \$200 damage.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**Arrests**  
- A 30-year-old woman was

arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 25-year-old man was arrested and charged with surrender of surety on a felony driving while intoxicated.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 30-year-old man began serving time on a theft by check conviction.

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## Texas lottery

Lotto

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

4-9-26-35-45-46

Pick 3

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

8-5-2



# LIFESTYLES

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**Christmas arrangement** — The arrangement, shown above with Xi Epsilon Alpha president Shelley Lewis, was made by Terry Sparks and will be awarded in a drawing to be held Sunday during the Deaf Smith County Museum Christmas Open House. Tickets are \$1 each and are available from any Xi Epsilon member or at the museum Sunday. In addition to the drawing, attractions during the Christmas Open House from 2-4 p.m. will include demonstrations on making holiday arrangements, Christmas wreaths, candles and other items. Refreshments will be served and local talent will provide musical entertainment. The open house is hosted by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society and staff of the museum.

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## Ann Landers



**Dear Ann Landers:** Forty-five years ago tomorrow, our world changed because one woman stood up for what she believed in by taking her seat at the front of the bus. Rosa Parks challenged America to honor its belief that all people are created equal, and she proved that individuals can change history. My father believed every person could follow Rosa Parks' example by taking action to create a better world.

Next month, young people across the country will have the opportunity to stand up for what they believe in by participating in the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge. Through the Challenge, students in grades K-12 perform acts of kindness (helping others) and justice (standing up for what's right) for two weeks in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday, between Jan. 15-26, 2001.

Each day during the Challenge, students learn the values taught by Rosa Parks and my father — responsibility, compassion, nonviolence and moral courage — and put these lessons into practice by performing positive acts in their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Students record the acts of kindness and justice they perform and post them on the Internet. Schools that perform 1,000 acts or more will receive special recognition. Students will also have the opportunity to receive grants for community service projects.

Every school in America is invited to participate. Teachers can register and obtain materials for the 2001 Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge by writing to: Do Something, 423 W. 55th St., 8th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10019 (Attn: Kindness & Justice Challenge) or through the Internet at: <http://coach.dosomething.org>. Educators will receive a free guide with grade-appropriate curriculum that includes engaging daily activities, instructions for posting Acts of Kindness & Justice on the Internet, and incentives to encourage participation.

This past year, your column helped inspire more than three million students and 11,000 schools to participate in the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge, honoring my father's life and legacy by taking action to improve their communities. This coming year, I hope every student in America will participate.

Rosa Parks is one person whose courage challenged our entire nation to stand up for its beliefs and made our communities better places. Thank you for inspiring America's next generation to follow her example and help keep my father's dream alive. Sincerely, — Martin Luther King III

Dear Martin Luther King III: I have been promoting the Kindness & Justice Challenge since 1998, and appreciate the opportunity to tell my readers once again about this outstanding and worthwhile program.

The Kindness & Justice

Challenge encourages students of all ages to write down acts of kindness and justice and post them on the Internet. Students don't need to have their own computers. They can access the Internet through their schools. The acts of kindness can include simple things such as helping someone with the groceries, spending time with a senior citizen or picking up a piece of trash. Acts of justice can involve standing up for a classmate, refusing to help someone cheat on a test or telling someone not to litter.

Tomorrow is the 45th anniversary of the day Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus — and launched a civil rights movement that changed our country. Teachers, I hope you will use my column as a basis for discussing this historic event with your students. And make sure to register today for the Kindness & Justice Challenge so your students can participate in this lasting tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

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## MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHTER Set realistic holiday expectations

### Special to the Brand

While the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays fill most of us with hopes of joyous reunions and celebrations, millions of people await the coming holiday season with a mixture of anticipation and dread.

For, in addition to happy anticipation, holidays bring back memories of loved ones who are no longer here, lost friendships, and earlier celebrations when we were younger and less encumbered with modern day worries.

Everyone is susceptible to the holiday blues to some degree. But for some folks, the anxiety and sadness during December can be a very real problem.

The holiday season carries with it additional stresses, such as increased financial pressure, long hours preparing for the holidays, and potential family or relative confrontations.

Single and/or divorced parents can be fraught with concerns about whose traditions to observe and which relatives to visit, and the accompanying stresses this places on children.

Then there's the loneliness factor. Many people live too far away to go home for the holidays. Others, who are not part of any family group, find their "aloneness" accentuated during this most social of all seasons. Elderly parents and older folks who are less mobile and/or confined to nursing homes are especially vulnerable to holiday depression.

For those with a history of depression, these added stresses can be extremely debilitating to the point of dysfunction, isolation and at worst, suicidal thoughts.

Often people indulge in "magical thinking" at Christmas time. The memories we hold from childhood have a strong influence on our outlook. We have this deep-down hope that Christmas will make all our problems disappear.

## Holiday loss addressed in seminar

Hospice Cares, a division of Castro County Hospital District, will present a seminar on dealing with holiday losses. "Surviving the Holidays after the Loss of a Loved One" will be offered from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church Fellowship Room, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt.

Featured speaker will be Roy Puente, Licensed Social Worker and hospice volunteer. The seminar is offered as a gift to hospice families, caregivers and the community from Hospice Cares. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested. Call Jan Wishard at 806-647-3785 or 647-2848.

When this doesn't happen, we are very disappointed.

We often see clients over the holidays that think family members' drinking problems will go away; children's acting out behavior will stop.

When these things aren't resolved and are actually exacerbated during the holidays, sometimes the whole family goes into a crisis state.

Often it is our failure to live up to our own expectations of ourselves that brings on the blues. Men who measure their worth by how much they spend on gifts may come up short and experience feelings of loss of self-esteem. Women who feel they fall short of what their mothers or grandmothers did to prepare for the holiday may become tense or anxious with accompanying feelings of failure.

If you or someone in your family is feeling especially sad or unduly stressed out at this time of year, the Welch Home Place of Dimmitt's Castro County Hospital District suggests the following:

- Acknowledge your feelings, concerns and fears, and discuss them with a friend or family member.
- Sit down with your family

and try to set realistic expectations for family holiday activities and gift-giving. This takes the pressure off you and helps avoid the feeling that you are responsible for others' happiness.

If you know you're going to be alone, make plans to spend the holidays visiting with friends or volunteering at a soup kitchen or local hospital.

De-emphasize material gifts with family and friends. Think up creative gifts you can easily make, such as a memory book of vacations together, a picture collage of family members or an album. Another idea is to offer gifts of service, such as baby-sitting, meal preparation, cleaning out an attic, etc.

We all deserve to share in the blessings of this special time of year. Being conscious of the pitfalls of trying to create the perfect celebration, and anchoring our expectations in reality are the means to achieving this. But, in spite of all your good intentions and plans, if things get out of hand over the holidays, there is help available. Please contact the Welch Home Place at 806-647-3321 for more information.

## WARNING SIGNS That holiday 'blues' are turning into 'blacks'

- Lots of unrealistic expectations. The person talks frequently about fantasy trips they will be taking, distant or no-longer-living family members who will be visiting (but won't be), unrealistic gifts or activities they plan to do.
  - Body language indicative of depression—little or sad affect, staring into space for hours at a time.
  - Frequent weeping for no apparent reason.
  - No interest in eating despite encouragement.
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# Area Events

**CANYON**

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will host its 24<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Open House on Dec. 1-3. Generations of visitors have found this the perfect way to welcome the holiday season.

Children's eyes will light up at the sight of Santa, waiting to hear their Christmas wishes. Parents are invited to bring their camera to capture this special moment of their child with Santa in an antique sleigh in the midst of a winter wonderland.

Costumed interpreters in Pioneer Town tell stories of life in a small Panhandle Town in the late 1800s. The rancher's home, shops and school house are filled with authentic domestic and commercial articles.

A candlelight tour of the T-Anchor Ranch House will be a special feature of this year's open house. The ranch house was built in the late 1870s and has been reconstructed outside the museum, complete with outbuildings and windmill. Furniture from the era and role players will provide visitors a glimpse into the past and the life of a pioneer family.

Sounds of Christmas will echo throughout the museum as a variety of choral groups ring in the holiday season with musical entertainment. Girls dressed in white ruffled pinafores and carrying baskets of cookies evoke a special feeling of nostalgia.

Visitors will be reminded of a bygone era and the joy of friends and family as they stroll through the museum and celebrate another Christmas season.

There is no charge for this special event, which will be from 7-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.



**Role players** Sidney and Elloese Burgess prepare for Christmas Open House at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on Dec. 1-3. Hours will be 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Board Room, 415 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Amarillo.

Presenter will be R.D. Brown, manager of certification and audit board of the Business Opportunity Programs Section, TxDOT in Austin. He will present information on TxDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Pre-Qualification, Technical Assistance, and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) programs.

To reserve a space, contact Edmond Esparza, CPC coordinator at 806-372-2281.

On Dec. 9-10 in Amarillo, the Texas Gun and Knife Association will present its pre-Christmas Gun and Knife Show in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Show hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made.

The public is invited to come in to buy, sell, trade or just browse and people are welcome to bring their own guns for sale or trade. Children under 12 are admitted free.

The Annual Christmas Pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church will be performed Friday, Dec. 15 through Monday, Dec. 18 at the Civic Center Auditorium. Presentations will be nightly at 7:30 with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m.

This year the pageant is entitled "Freedom" and is told from the viewpoint of Barrabas and a couple of modern day convicts. But, as always, the pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama.

Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office located at the east entrance of the church, 4000 Mays Ave. For more information, call 806-353-6615.

**AMARILLO**

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Contract Procurement Center is sponsoring a free half-day training session by the Texas Department of Transportation on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

## Wilde died 100 years ago today

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Thursday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2000. There are 31 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Nov. 30, 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

**On this date:**  
In 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. (He was acquitted by the Senate.)

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, was born in Florida, Mo.

In 1874, British statesman Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1936, London's Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Russo-Finnish

War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland.

In 1949, Chinese Communists captured Chungking.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjold.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Brady gun control bill.

**Ten years ago:** President Bush announced that Secretary of State James Baker III would go to Iraq in a last-ditch diplomatic peace effort. President Bush named outgoing Florida Gov. Bob Martinez to head the nation's war on drugs. Author Norman Cousins died in Los Angeles at age 75.

**Five years ago:** President Clinton became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Northern Ireland, where he implored Roman Catholics and Protestants alike not to surrender to the impulses of "old habits and hard grudges."

**One year ago:** The opening of a 135-nation trade gathering in Seattle was disrupted by at least 40,000 demonstrators, some of whom clashed with police.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Gordon Parks is 88. Actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. is 82. Actress Virginia Mayo is 80. Former New York Rep. Shirley Chisholm is 76. Actor Richard Crenna is 73. Actor Robert Guillaume is 73. TV personality Dick Clark is 71. Radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy is 70. Country singer Teddy Wilburn is 69. Country singer-recording executive Jimmy Bowen is 63. Singer Luther Ingram is 56. Singer Rob Grill (The Grassroots) is 56. Rock musician Roger Glover (Deep Purple) is 55. Playwright David Mamet is 53. Actress Margaret Whitton is 50. Actor Mandy Patinkin is 48. Musician Shuggie Otis is 47.



**Hereford AMBUCS** president Jeff Williams (right) presents a check to Cynthia Welty, executive director of the Tri County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Welty gave a history of the Red Cross and detailed the services provided by the Tri County Chapter in a program during the AMBUCS regular noon meeting Tuesday at the Ranch House Restaurant.

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## College Report

West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 105 students, including three from Hereford, during a ceremony recently.

Hereford students were Kristal R. Green, junior social work major; Jessica P. Robbins, senior general business major; and Hermeleigh Emily L. Bavousett, junior management major.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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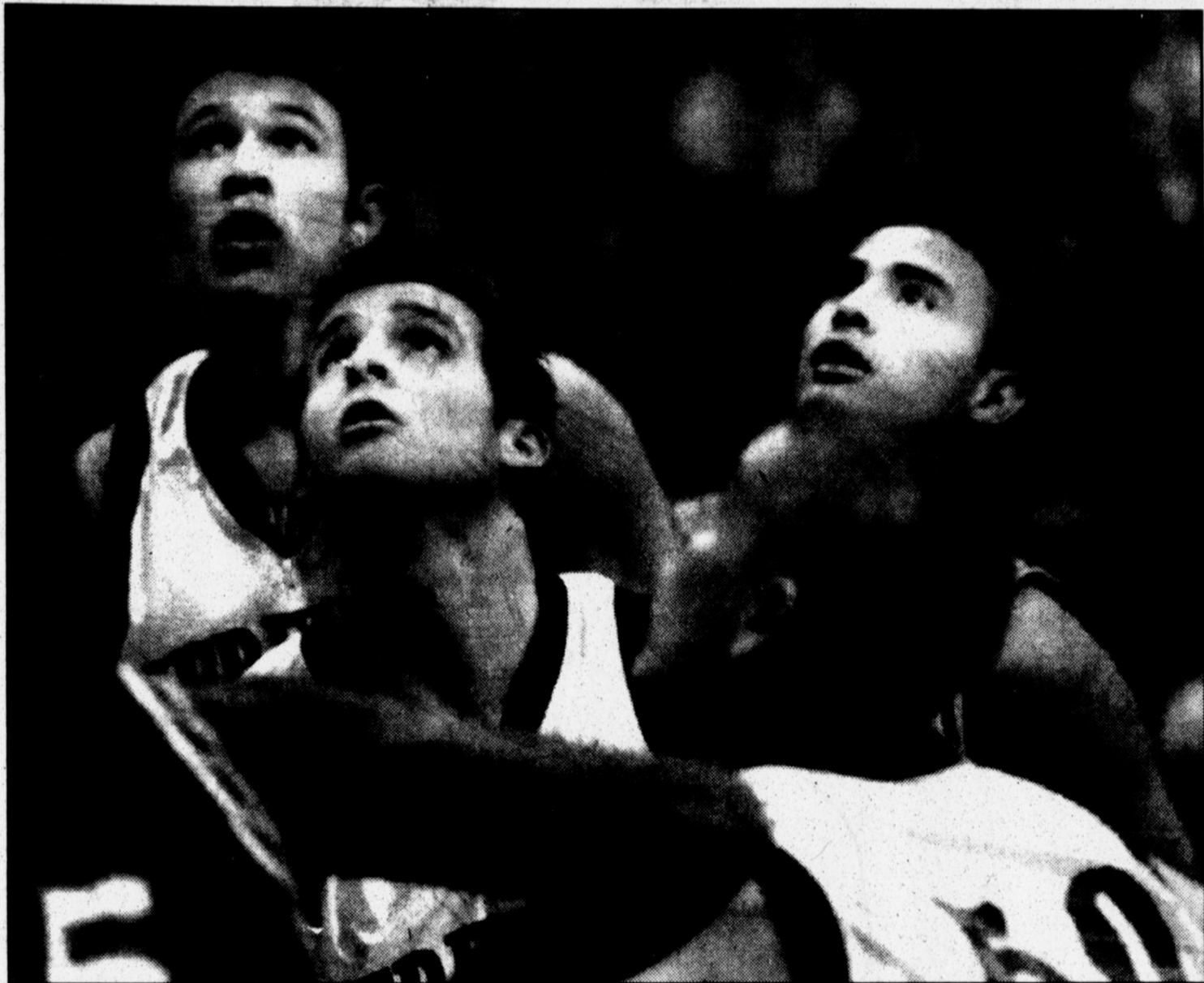
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## Is it going in?



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**Rebounders**—After senior guard Cody Hodges (center, 22) takes a shot, junior post Cody Marsh (back, 40) and senior post Chayse Rives (front, 50) wait to see if the ball goes in while setting up for the rebound Tuesday night against Dimmitt High. The boys begin play in a Plainview tournament starting tonight.

## Yankees get ace Mussina

■ Former Oriole near deal with New York worth \$87 million

NEW YORK (AP) — It looks like Mike Mussina will be putting on the pinstripes next season.

Mussina, the top pitcher in the free-agent market, and the New York Yankees all but completed a six-year contract Wednesday that will be worth about \$87 million.

Mussina's agent, Arn Tellem, traveled from Los Angeles and arrived in New York early Thursday, intending to complete the deal.

"Things look promising," Tellem said, without commenting on the substance of the talks.

Mussina will wind up getting between \$86.5 million and \$87.5 million, according to a high-ranking baseball official with knowledge of the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The sides had not agreed on the breakdown of the annual salaries, which will determine the contract's total.

The sides also had not put

the deal in writing yet and had not agreed exactly on the language of a no-trade clause.

## EAGLE UPDATE

The Nazarene Christian Academy Junior High boys basketball team kept their unbeaten season intact Tuesday defeating New Mexico Christian Academy 61-17.

NCA student Keeton Walden led all scorers with 24 points, and Roger Gonzales added 16 points and Nathan Cole had 11 points.

NCA also won the Adrian Tournament with wins against Trinity Christian School of Amarillo, Bushland and Adrian. The team also took down San Jacinto Academy in their district opener.

The next opponent for the Eagles is Trinity Christian School in Hereford today. Girls start at 5 p.m. and the boys start at 6:15 p.m.

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# COLLEGE Hoops

**NORTH CAROLINA (AP)**— On the way to the national championship last season, a victory by Michigan State usually meant the offense came from Morris Peterson and Mateen Cleaves.

With those two now in the NBA, the Spartans have a lot of different ways to score. And they were all on view Wednesday night.

Jason Richardson had 16 points, Charlie Bell added 15 and Andre Hutson had 14 as the third-ranked Spartans (4-0) beat No. 6 North Carolina 77-64.

"Last year, if you stopped Pete, we could be in trouble," said Bell, referring to Peterson, who is playing for the Toronto Raptors. "Now, we just have so many weapons. If you try to stop one guy or one part of our game, you're going to be out of luck because so many guys can score."

Michigan State showed that early as five players scored the first five baskets.

"We got a lot of play out of a lot of people," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We had moments where we looked real good and moments when we looked kind of sloppy."

Four other Spartans scored six or more points and a fifth player, Mike Chappell, made a key 3-pointer midway through the second half.

### ■ Jason Richardson and Michigan State upend the Tar Heels, 77-64

"It's tough to really focus in and say what you are going to take away," North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said. "They run so many sets. Against a zone, most teams don't have as many zone offenses as they do man offenses. Coach Izzo must have about 50 set plays."

Kris Lang had a career-high 22 points on 11-of-16 shooting for North Carolina (3-1).

"He really showed a lot, he was a man down there," Doherty said. "I expect that. Kris Lang is a good player who can put up 20 points and 10 rebounds every night."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 4 Stanford 84, UC Riverside 41; No. 5 Arizona 101, Gonzaga 87; No. 23 Wisconsin 78, No. 13 Maryland 75, OT; No. 21 Virginia 98, Purdue 79; and No. 22 Cincinnati 82, No. 24 Dayton 75.

Michigan State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games and won its 32nd

straight home game, second only to Utah's 54 in a row at home.

The Spartans went on the 14-2 run late in the first half and led by 13 at halftime. The Tar Heels never got closer than seven points in the second half.

Michigan State outrebounded North Carolina 43-29.

"We knew that would be a big key because of their size, athleticism and quickness," Hutson said. "I don't think we did as good as we could, but we got some easy baskets."

**No. 4 Stanford 84, UC Riverside 41**

Jason Collins had 19 points and 11 rebounds and his twin brother Jarron added 12 points and 12 rebounds as the Cardinal (5-0) cruised at home. It was the second time the brothers had double-doubles in the same game.

Stanford took a 14-3 lead in the first five minutes, led by 20 points a few minutes later and didn't let the lead drop below 28 points in the second half.

Jason Labagh and Aaron

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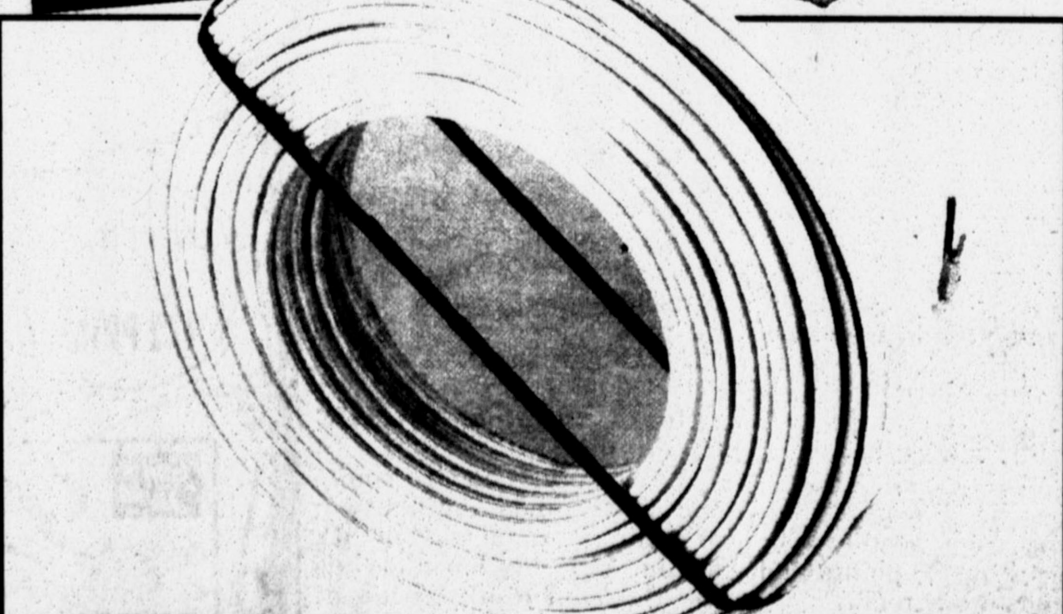
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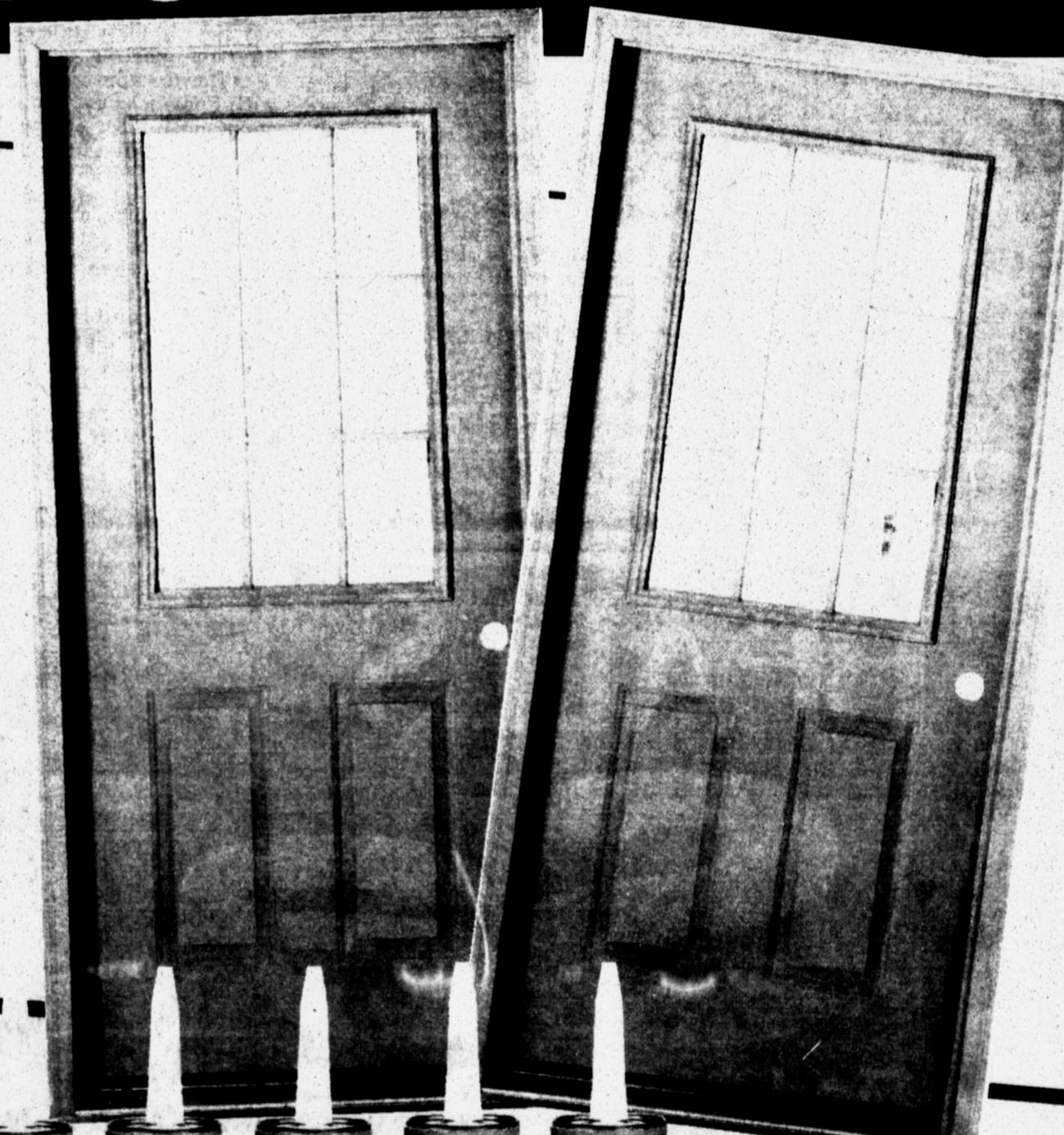
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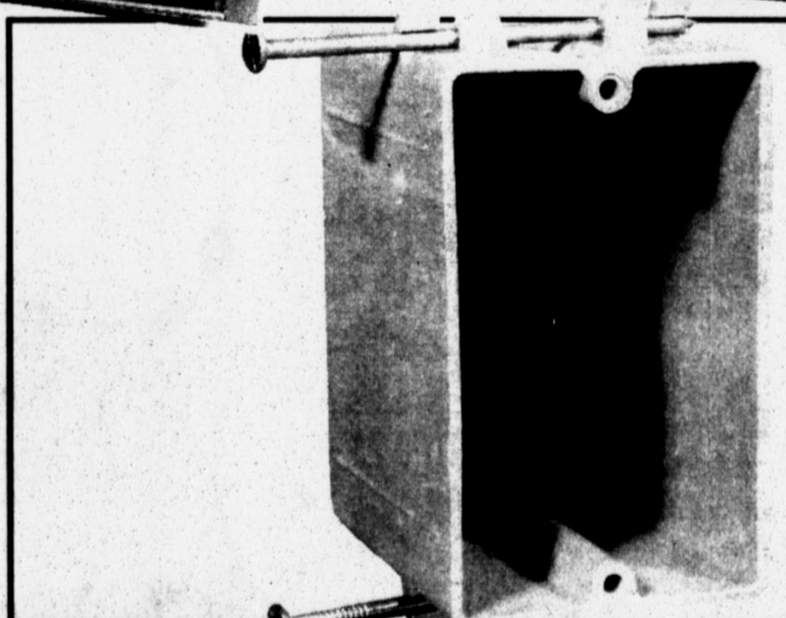


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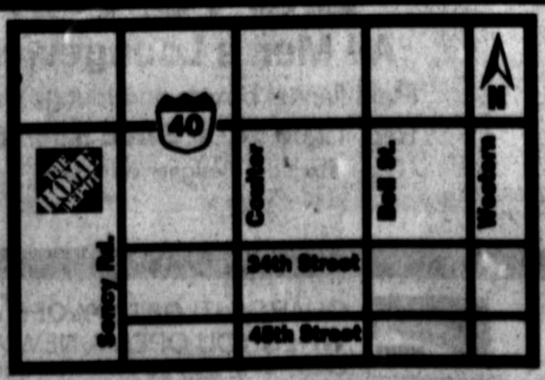
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## A-Rod courted by Colorado's O'Dowd

### Rodriguez meets with Rockies' execs

DENVER (AP) — With altitude on their side, the Colorado Rockies courted free agent Alex Rodriguez on Wednesday in hopes of luring the All-Star shortstop to baseball's most hitter-friendly park.

General manager Dan O'Dowd and Colorado's ownership team met with Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras for several hours at Coors Field, which has been home to an NL batting champion or home run leader in each of its six seasons. He did not meet with any players.

The Rockies would like to add Rodriguez to the list, but his minimum asking price of \$20 million annually for 10 years could be too steep. Colorado is seeking a salary in the range of \$15 million per year. Boras remained confident that the market would bear Rodriguez's request.

"It's a funny thing. Every city says it's not going to happen. It's going to happen to one city," Boras said. "I don't know which one."

Rodriguez, 25, arrived at Coors Field before noon but did not speak with reporters after the meeting.

O'Dowd, who had dinner with Rodriguez at a downtown steakhouse after the meeting, said he did not discuss contract terms.

"We just had an opportunity to talk about the state of Colorado and the city of Denver and what we're all about," O'Dowd said.

The courtship began in earnest Tuesday night when the Rockies treated Rodriguez to an upscale dinner with John Elway and Colorado State football coach Sonny Lubick, who knew Rodriguez when the two lived in Miami.

Rockies owners Jerry McMorris, Dick Monfort and

Charlie Monfort also joined the group.

The visit was the third stop for Rodriguez, a three-time All-Star, as he tries to decide whether to re-sign with the Seattle Mariners or leave the Pacific Northwest. He also met with the Atlanta Braves and Texas Rangers, who are believed to be on a short list of about seven teams.

## Texas Tech slates date for camps

Texas Tech has set a date for its 2000 Red Raider Holiday Baseball Camps.

Players ages six to 13 can sign up on Dec. 16, for the session offered on the same day. The session is from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registration is held at the Athletic Training Center (ATC) located at the south end of the football stadium.

Players ranging from age 14 to high school can attend exclusive sessions on Dec. 29-30. Participants can register at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the session they are attending. Campers may attend both sessions at a reduced price. A pitchers and catchers camp will be offered on Dec. 29, and a camp for hitters will be held on Dec. 30.

Only a limited number of spots are available for the camp.

For more information contact Greg Evans at 742-3355, extension 261.

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## College

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lead Riverside (1-4).  
**No. 5 Arizona 101, Gonzaga 87**

Gilbert Arenas scored 12 of his 21 points in a late 20-6 run and the Wildcats made 34 of 39 free throws in their home opener.

Arizona (4-1), coming off a 72-69 loss to Purdue in Indianapolis on Saturday, was down 76-71 with 7:42 left. But Casey Calvary, the only starter back from the Gonzaga team that made it to the NCAA tournament's regional semifinals last season, fouled out with 5:31 remaining and the 'Zags (3-1) ran out of steam.

Michael Wright scored 25

points for the Wildcats and Richard Jefferson added 20.

Freshman Blake Stepp was 6-for-10 from 3-point range and scored 21 points for Gonzaga.

**No. 23 Wisconsin 78, No. 13 Maryland 75, OT**

Kirk Penney scored five of his 18 points in overtime as the Badgers (2-1) handed the Terrapins (1-3) their third straight loss.

Penney, a sophomore who was 0-for-13 from the field in the Badgers' opener, hit a 3-pointer on the first possession of overtime and Wisconsin never trailed again at the Bradley Center.

Byron Mouton led the Ter-

rapins with 14 points.

**No. 21 Virginia 98, Purdue 79**

Chris Williams and Donald Hand each scored 24 points as the Cavaliers (4-0) continued their best start since opening the 1992-93 season 11-0.

Joe Marshall had 19 points for the visiting Boilermakers (1-2), who were coming off a 72-69 victory over then-No. 1 Arizona.

**No. 22 Cincinnati 82, No. 24 Dayton 75**

Steve Logan scored 21 points and backcourtmate Kenny Satterfield had 20 as the visiting Bearcats (3-1) beat the Flyers for the 10th straight time.

Dayton (2-2), playing as a ranked team for the first time since 1974, was 5-of-9 from 3-point range in the first half, but went only 2-of-9 in the second. Tony Stanley scored 21 points, and Brooks Hall added 17 for Dayton, which committed 19 turnovers.

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Plaid flannel boxers and lounge pants. Reg. 12.00-24.00, **SALE 9.00-18.00.** Excludes designer collections.



INSIDE

# Grandfathered plants do not cut back emissions

HOUSTON (AP) — A law backed by Texas Gov. George W. Bush asking older industrial plants to voluntarily reduce pollution levels has no takers, more than a year after the program's creation, a state agency says.

A draft report by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission shows no major industrial facilities have obtained voluntary permits or reduced emissions.

"This is exactly what environmentalists and the public health community predicted would be the outcome of reliance on a voluntary approach," Ken Kramer, the Sierra Club's state director, told

the *Houston Chronicle* in today's editions.

Bush, the Republican presidential nominee who has established a transition team even as Vice President Al Gore has challenged the election count, frequently cited the program of grandfathered polluters during his campaign as one method he's used to cut Texas emissions.

The TNRCC draft report issued Wednesday shows 37 companies have applied for the voluntary permits, while 125 others have promised in writing to apply by the program's expiration on Sept. 1, 2001.

"What this report shows is that there has been a substan-

tial level of activity dealing with these grandfathered facilities, though not so much yet in the pure (voluntary permit) arena," said TNRCC Chairman Robert Huston.

He said the voluntary program has helped "raise the attention level" of industry officials about grandfathered emissions — a carrot that complements the stick in other programs.

In October, representatives of the Texas Air Crisis Campaign said the 1999 voluntary law resulted in a barely-measurable reduction in pollution and proposed repealing or toughening the law next legislative session.

## HEDC

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ing local financing for the dairy operation, which could begin operations in 8-10 months and would start up initially with 1,200 cows. He said Van Der Weg plans to expand the herd in phases to about 3,000 cows.

An earlier proposal to help the owners of Swiss Girl Dairies, which is owned by Canyon resident John Haflinger, is still on the table, although there has been no movement on the proposal since the summer.

Haflinger, a former Hereford resident has been involved in the dairy industry for several years, operating dairies in Artesia, N.M., and a small one near Canyon. He also owns a small facility in the

area that is leased to an operator.

Initial proposals called for the HEDC to guarantee a possible \$3 million loan for a 2,500-head dairy cow facility, but none of the details have been worked out, according to Cumpton. Nor has the proposal been presented to the city for the commissioners' OK.

Cumpton said the dairy would add about \$3 million to the county's tax base, bring in 18-25 jobs and possibly open the door for more dairies and support industries to move to the Hereford area.

It was hoped the funding for the venture would be provided by local banks and would not necessarily be capped at

\$3 million. Money would be used to purchase up to 640 acres for the dairy, construction of the complex to handle a herd of approximately 2,500 head of cattle, and to cover costs of applying for, processing and acquiring all the necessary state and federal permits, which would allow the dairy to begin operations.

The cost of the dairy herd, feed or any moveable inventory or equipment would not be covered.

Haflinger will be responsible for submitting plans and specifications to the HEDC and all governing authorities. The agreement calls for all contract, vendors and materials to come from Deaf Smith County businesses.

# Osprey

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very long time," Bell spokesman Bob Leder said in today's editions of *The Dallas Morning News*.

The Amarillo plant was built in the last two years, after the Panhandle city won a nationwide bidding competition.

To get the plant, Amarillo offered Bell an economic-incentive package that included millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded bonds and the chance

to own the facility outright in 20 years.

The Amarillo site also had the backing of the powerful Texas delegation in Congress.

"The V-22 stayed in Texas because it needed congressional support. We had support from politicians. We had it from the people. We had it from the unions," said Dwight Byars, vice president of tiltrotor operations in Amarillo.

The final move last week

to the \$40 million plant occurred just a few weeks before the Defense Department is scheduled to decide whether to fund full production for the V-22, which can hover like a helicopter and fly like an airplane.

The Pentagon's announcement is expected next week.

If the V-22 wins approval as expected, Bell and Boeing will start building 360 of the aircraft for the Marine Corps.

## Television

### THURSDAY

### NOVEMBER 30

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	TBA	Life of Birds	Life of Birds	TBA	Charlie Rose	NewsHour				
Early Edition	Movie: Air Bud (1997) Michael Jeter, Kevin Zegers. ★★½	Early Edition	700 Club	Boss?						
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Cursed	Will & Grace	Just Shoot ER	News	(3:35) Tonight Show			
Movie: The Parent Trap (1998) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ★★½ PG	(20) Movie: A Simple Wish Martin Short.	Holidays in Concert	Zorro							
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: Striptease (1996) Demi Moore, Armand Assante. ★★	(35) Movie: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) ★★							
News	Fortune	Who? Who? Be a Millionaire	PrimeTime Thursday	News	Sainfield	Nightline				
News	Home Imp.	48 Hours	City of Angels	Diagnosis Murder	News	(3:35) Late Show				
Spin City	Real TV	Britney Spears-Home	NSYNC 'Nimate Holiday	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Fraser	Cops	Voyager		
Drill	NFL 2Night	NFL Football	Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings							
Movie: The Rugrats Movie	Movie: The Story of Us Bruce Willis, R. Queer	RudeAwak	Movie: Naked City: Justice With a Bullet Robin Tunney.	(5:30) Movie: Antz (1998) Inside the NFL	Half Past Autumn: Life of Gordon Parks	Chris Rock	GSTing	Inside the NFL		
(5:20) Movie: Oscar (1991)	(15) Movie: Beautiful Joe Billy Connolly 'NR'	Movie: Return of the Living Dead III 'R'	(35) Movie: Fight Club 'R'	Movie: Parade	Movie: The Dark at the Top of the Stairs (1960) Robert Preston. ★★★	Movie: Separate Tables (1958) Deborah Kerr. ★★½				
Movie: Law	18 Wheels of Justice	Movie: Zandy's Bride (1974) Gene Hackman. ★★	Martial Law	Wild Discovery	On the Inside	UFOS Over Illinois	Justice Files	Inside		
Law & Order	Biography	Murder One	Law & Order	Biography						
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: In the Company of Darkness (1993) ★★½	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing					
Football	Last Word	See This	Rockets	NBA Basketball	Houston Rockets at Denver Nuggets		Sports	Sports		
Pretender	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) ★★½	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) ★★½	Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) ★★½							
Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Pelvicvic	Brady	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	
JAG	Movie: Sinbad: Beyond the Veil of Mists (2000)	Naah Bridges	Martin	Martin	Strip Poker					
Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laborintos de Pasion	El Gran Hablaizo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
History	History IQ	First Americans	Founding Fathers	US Mint:Money	Suicide Missions	First Amer				
Babylon 5	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Movie: Mimic (1997) Mira Sorvino, Jeremy Northam. ★★	Crossing	Twilight Z.	Fri. the 13th				
Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Movie: Cyborg (1989) Jean-Claude Van Damme. ★½	News	Suddenly	In the Heat of the Night					

### FRIDAY

### DECEMBER 1

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Sesame Street	Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Arthur	Calliou	Clifford-Red	Mr Rogers	Teletubbies	Body Elec.	
Angela	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Social	700 Club	Itsy Bitsy	Rotten	Bobby	Donkey		
Today					Housecalls	Judge Lane	Tell Truth	Change	Days-Lives	
Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline
DiffWorld	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Cosby	Matlock				
Good Morning America			Live With Regis	The View	Rosie O'Donnell					
Early Show	Dr. Laura		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless						
Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Real Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C.	Life Today	Divorce	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter				Sportscenter	Sportscenter				NFL Great
(6:30) Movie: Red Sun Charles Bronson.	Movie: Queen of Hearts Vittorio Duse. ★★½ PG	Movie: Excalibur Kid Jason McSkimming.	Movie: Family	Movie: Lean on Me Morgan Freeman. ★★½ PG-13	Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie PG-13	Reflections on Ice: A Diary	Movie: Love	Movie: Fish	(35) Movie: Gloria Sharon Stone. ★½ 'R'	Movie: Midnight Express Brad Davis. ★★ 'R'
Movie: The Great Ziegfeld	Movie: Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942) James Cagney. ★★	Movie: Shine On, Harvest Moon (1944) ★★½	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Waltons		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home					
Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order				
Designing	Designing	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Lifetime Live	Law & Order				
Sports	National Sports Report	Sports	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				Okla. St.
Lois & Clark-Superman	ER	ER	Movie: Coogan's Bluff (1968) Clint Eastwood. ★★★	Movie: Thorberrys	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Franklin	Dora
Burnett	Burnett	Something	Hearts Afire	Jesse	Ned-Stagey	Wings	Wings	Veronica	Working	Kipper
(6:00) Desperate America	El Gran Final de DKDA	Pobre Diabla								Laarquette
Civil War Journal	Weapons at War	Save Our History	True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	In Search Of			Invisible
Sightings	Sentinel	DarkShad	Crossing	Invisible Man	Invisible Man	Invisible Man				News
Clueless	Charles	Parent	Wayans	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	MacGyver				

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Sewing	Painting	Fine Art	Life of Birds	Wishbone	Reading	Clifford-Red	Dragon	Arthur	Lions	
Mega Bab.	Candy	Kids	Jingle Bells	Movie: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish (1998)	Movie: Christmas-Day	Movie: Days-Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Oprah Winfrey	News
Rupert	GrowPains	GrowPains	Totally	Famous	Smart Guy	BoyWorld	Jersey	Even	Famous	BoyWorld
Hunter	Movie: Matlock: The Suspect (1991) Andy Griffith. ★★½	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne			
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Mauzy	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Family Feud	News	CBS News			
Attorney	Roseanne	Mad	Grace Under	Nanny	Dinosaurs	Rangers	X-Men	Digimon	Simpsons	3rd Rock
Football	ASA World	In-Line Skating	ATP Tennis	Tennis Masters Cup - Early Rounds	Up Close	Sportscenter				
(12:00) Movie: Spiltville (45) Movie: Turtle Diary Ben Kingsley. ★★★ PG	Movie: Gregory's Girl ★★½ PG	(15) Movie: High Spirits	Movie: The Love Letter	Family Video Diaries	Movie: Rock the Boat (1998) ★★★ 'NR'	Movie: Lean on Me Morgan Freeman. ★★½ PG-13	Movie: Im	(15) Movie: Bye Bye, Love Matthew Modine. PG-13	Movie: Bad Company Ellen Barkin. ★½ 'R'	Movie: Renaissance Man
Movie: Rhoady in Blue (1945) Robert Alda, Joan Leslie. ★★½	Movie: Words and Music (1948) Mickey Rooney. ★★★	Movie: I'll See You	Waltons	Bloopers-Jokes	McCoy's Alice	Dukes of Hazzard	Waltons	Starky and Hutch		
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Epicurious	Epicurious	Your New House	Supernature				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio				
(12:00) Movie: ★★ Our Sons (1991)	Movie: Something to Live For: The Allison Gertz Story	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	NBA Action
Cowboys	Golf Nedbank Challenge - Second Round	Big 12 Show	OK. Sooners	Bluetorch TV	Geniuses	NBA Action				
(12:00) Movie: ★★ Kelly's Heroes (1970) Clint Eastwood.	Golf Williams World Challenge - Second Round	Franklin	Doug	Doug	Catdog	Catdog	Catdog	U Pick	Pinky	Thorberrys
Doctor	Movie: Cat People (1982) Nastassja Kinski. ★★★	Baywatch	Martin	Martin	Walker, Texas Ranger					
Stempe	La Casa en la Playa	El Gordo y la Fiebra	Cristina	Primer Impacto	El Blabazo	Noticiero				
In Search Of	History	History IQ	Save Our History	True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	In Search Of		
Invisible	Invisible Man	Invisible Man	Quantum Leap	Xena: Warrior Princess	Sliders					
News	Caroline	Bzz!	Change	Street	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven	Full House	Clueless	

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Served	Wait for God	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	NewsHour		
Movie: Christmas-Day	Movie: The Christmas List (1997) Mimi Rogers.	Christmas Miracles	700 Club	Fearing						
News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(3:35) Tonight Show				
Movie: The Ultimate Christmas Present	(35) Movie: The Color of Friendship	AIDS	Heartbeat	So Weird	(1:10) Zorro					
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Movie: Last Action Hero (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Austin O'Brien. ★★	(05) Movie: Jury Duty (1995) ★½							
News	Fortune	Americas Funniest	Norm	Medigan	20/20	News	Sainfield	Nightline		
News	Home Imp.	Fugitive	CSI: Crime Scn	Elton John-Greatest Hits	News	(3:35) Late Show				
Spin City	Real TV	Movie: Anastasia (1997) Voices of Meg Ryan. ★★½	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Fraser	Cops	Voyager			
Billiards	NHL Hockey	Detroit Red Wings at Florida Panthers								
(5:15) Movie: High Spirits	Movie: Sweet Jane Samantha Mathis.	Queer	Stargate	(45) Outer Limits	Beggars and Choosers					
Inside the NFL	Movie: Drop Zone (1994) Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey. 'R'	Boxing	Boxing After Dark	Chris Rock						
Movie: Renaissance Man	Movie: Wounded Madchen Amick. ★★ 'R'	Wife	Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance Bruce Willis. 'R'	Bedtime						
Movie: I'll See You	Movie: Love and Death (1975) ★★½	Movie: Sleeper (1973) ★★½	Movie: Bananas (1971) ★★½							
Martial Law	Championship Rodeo	Rollerjam	Motor Madness	Martial Law	Rodeo					
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Law & Order	Biography	Competition	Investigative Reports	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Figure Skating	Nations' Cup	Once and Again	Golden Girls					
Football	Last Word	SW Sports	Cowboys	Big 12 Champ. Showcase	Goin' Deep	National Sports Report				
Pretender	Movie: The Wedding Singer (1998) Adam Sandler. ★★★	Movie: The Wedding Singer (1998) Adam Sandler. ★★★	Movie: Top							
Hey Arnold! Rugrats	U Pick	U Pick	U Pick	U Pick	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	
JAG	Movie: The Little Rascals (1994) Travis Tedford. ★★½	Movie: Problem Child 2 (1991) John Ritter. ★★	Farmclub							
Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laborintos de Pasion	Estamos	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	QueNosPa			
History	History IQ	Most	This Week in History	Haunted History	Riddle of the Zodiac	Most				
Babylon 5	Invisible Man	Movie: Babylon 5: Thirdspace (1998) Bruce Boxleitner.	Invisible Man	Movie: Babylon 5: Thirdspace (1998) Bruce Boxleitner.	Invisible Man	Movie: Babylon 5: Thirdspace (1998) Bruce Boxleitner.				
Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls	News	In the Heat of the Night				

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# 'Mad cow' stampeding EU

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — With cases of mad cow disease cropping up across Europe, the European Union proposed a slate of new measures Wednesday to try to eradicate the lethal brain-wasting disease and stem a public health scare over beef.

The union's executive commission proposed an EU-wide ban on animal products in fodder for cows, pigs and poultry for six months starting Jan. 1 and the testing of hundreds of thousands of older cattle.

The steps are part of an attempt to launch a Europe-wide strategy to stop mad cow disease from spreading to humans. Two people in France and 80 in Britain have died from the human form of the disease; 89 people across the EU have been infected.

Mad cow disease "is now moving from one member state to another," EU Health Commissioner, David Byrne, said. "We should adopt an overall approach to address the risks so consumers can see what is done to protect their health."

The latest scare over mad cow disease was sparked by the discovery of infected cows in France, along with a

recorded case of its human form. Since then, scientists have found the first cattle with the disease in Germany and Spain.

That triggered bans of French beef imports in several EU countries, as well as in East European nations, which have banned imports from EU members with reported cases of mad cow disease.

Agriculture ministers from the 15-nation bloc were expected to approve the temporary fodder ban on Monday along with other recommendations. Last week, they agreed in principle to more testing of cattle of 30 months and older.

Some half a million cattle could be tested in the first six months of 2001 under the proposal, officials said. After that, the EU would review whether to continue the testing.

Mad cow disease — known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE — is thought to be transmitted when cattle eat fodder with ground parts of infected animals. It is thought to cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans if meat from infected animals is eaten.

# 'Iceman' survives stay in block of ice

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
**People**

NEW YORK — After spending 62 hours encased in a 6-ton block of ice, David Blaine has escaped his Arctic confines.

The illusionist emerged wobbly and incoherent Wednesday night after the ice was chipped away. He was quickly wrapped in blankets, placed on a stretcher, and whisked to a waiting ambulance. His condition was not immediately known.

The stunt was the first for Blaine since he was buried alive in a plexiglass sarcophagus in New York for seven days last year.

Blaine, 26, entered the icy tomb Monday wearing only pants, a wool hat, and boots. He later donned a shirt that he had wrapped around his waist. A medical team monitored him for any signs of hypothermia, frostbite or blood clots.

Kevin Bacon and Meryl Streep

SHARON, Conn. — Kevin Bacon and Meryl Streep are backing a plan to sell a non-profit hospital in their neighborhood to a for-profit company.

The celebrities were among those at a news conference Wednesday held by those who say selling the debt-ridden Sharon Hospital is the only way to ensure it remains a full-service facility.

Streep said her four children have gone to the hospital numerous times for a variety of injuries and ailments.

"I should endow a bed there because we're there so often," the actress said. "Happily, everything has always turned out well."

Bacon and his wife, actress Kyra Sedgwick, said the hospital provides them with a sense of safety.

The hospital is \$16 million in debt. Its proposed sale to Essent Healthcare of Nashville, Tenn., requires approval from the state Office of Health Care Access and Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Chad Everett

LOS ANGELES — Chad Everett, who once played a doctor on television, praised real-life surgeons for performing lifesaving heart procedures on two Kosovo children for free.

"These are the real heroes," said Everett, national spokesman for Gift of Life, which helped arrange the surgeries at the University of California at Los Angeles' Mattel Children's Hospital.

The children were flown to Los Angeles along with their mothers and an interpreter by Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization.

Gift of Life donated \$5,000 per child for various tests. The surgeries were funded by a UCLA hospital grant.

The services would have cost up to \$250,000 per patient.

"You do this on a 2-year-old and you give them a prognosis that they will live to 70," Everett said Wednesday after visiting 2-year-old Endrit Shala and 6-year-old Azize Elshani.

Endrit had heart valves repaired Tuesday; Azize underwent a procedure Wednesday to clear a blocked artery.

Everett played Dr. Joe Gannon on the CBS' "Medical Center," which aired from 1969 to 1976.

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# U.S. personal income falls by 0.2%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal income, buffeted by a big swing in federal farm payments, fell by 0.2 percent in October, the first decline in nearly two years. Consumer spending rose by the smallest amount in six months.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that consumer spending was up just 0.2 percent last month, the weakest performance since a 0.2 percent rise in April. Spending had shot up a strong 0.9 percent in September.

The 0.2 percent drop in incomes, the first decline since December 1998, resulted from a big swing in federal subsidy payments to farmers, which had soared in September only to return to more normal levels in October. Personal incomes had been up a sizable 1.1 percent in September.

Without the big changes in farm payments, however, personal incomes would have risen just 0.4 percent in September and instead of declining in October would have posted a

0.5 percent increase.

Disposable personal income, the amount left after paying taxes, fell by 0.4 percent in October, the biggest decline in four years. The combination of falling incomes and a slight growth in spending pushed the personal savings rate down to a record low of negative 0.8 percent in October.

Given the special factors, analysts were not alarmed by the income decline and the weak growth in consumer spending. Income growth is expected to remain strong in coming months given that the nation's unemployment rate is currently at a 30-year low of 3.9 percent. Most economists are forecasting a good Christmas sales season.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported today that



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has been trying to slow growth to control inflation.

the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose last week to 358,000, the highest level in more than two years.

The increase in new claims from the previous week was an unexpectedly large 19,000. But Labor Department analysts cautioned that the Thanksgiving holiday may have played a role in the big swing in claims. Jobless filings are particularly volatile during holiday weeks.

The government reported Wednesday that the economy slowed even more than previously believed in the July-September quarter, with the gross domestic product rising at an annual rate of just 2.4 percent, less than half the torrid 5.6 percent growth rate during the April-June quarter.

While the economy is slowing under the impact of a

string of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve, economists believe there is little threat that the current record-long expansion will dip into a recession.

Rather, most economists believe the Fed will achieve its hoped-for "soft landing," in which economic growth slows enough to keep inflation under control but does not stall out. Many believe this year's predicted growth of more than 5 percent will be followed by more moderate growth of around 3 percent next year.

For October, farm income edged up \$3.1 billion at an annual rate after a huge September jump of \$50.1 billion. Private wages and salaries, the more closely watched figure, increased by \$30.6 billion at an annual rate in October compared to a September gain of \$26.1 billion.

On the spending side, personal consumption spending rose at an annual rate of \$13.1 billion in October following a September increase of \$61.7 billion.

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