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Today's weather **OUTLOOK**

- **Partly cloudy skies** •
Partly cloudy, lows 25 to 30.
Friday and Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows around 30, highs mid-40s to low 50s.
- **Extended forecast** •
Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows, 22 to 28, highs 46 to 52.
Monday and Tuesday: Partly cloudy, lows 17 to 23, highs 38 to 44.
- **Hereford weather** •
Wednesday's high, 43; low, 29; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Ailing woman asks for food

Rich foods in abundance are synonymous with the holiday season for most of us. A Hereford woman with health problems is hoping that the 2000 Christmas Stocking Fund campaign will help to put some simple foods on her table this holiday.

This woman is unable to walk, and under a doctor's care. She has applied for a Social Security pension, but she has not yet received a reply.

Her daughter is providing the woman's sole means of support at this time.

With the help of generous donations from the community, 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.

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

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

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

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

Water meet to be Friday

A meeting involving Panhandle and South Plains mayors, city managers and public utility managers to discuss a proposed regional water supply distribution pipeline project will be held Friday at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office, 2930 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

The meeting of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Planning Group was to have been last week, but it was canceled following the death Tuesday of board chairman A. Wayne Wyatt, 65, of Lubbock.

Comments from the meeting will help the planning group determine how to proceed with the project.

"This will be very helpful in case any legislation needs to be written prior to the start of the 77th legislative session in January 2001," vice chairman Harold P. "Bo" Brown said.

The regional water management plan must be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) by Jan. 5, 2001.

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

Under the proposed pipeline project, ground water rights would be purchased in either Hartley or Roberts County. A pipeline would be built to transport the

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Visions of an Uncontested Pardon



CASTING A VOTE, CHECKING IT TWICE

Children from within the community are anxiously counting down the days until Christmas arrives, carrying hopes that minor infractions they may have committed during the past year will be overlooked as Ole St. Nick makes his rounds Christmas Eve. The *Hereford Brand* will publish its annual Christmas Greetings section this weekend. And beyond many glad tidings and best wishes extended by Deaf Smith County businesses to the community of friends and customers they serve, the special section will also feature letters to Santa—each a ballot favoring a brief pardon of oversights in good conduct. And, while the final results have not been tallied, it does appear amnesty will win by a landslide in Texas: no recount will likely be ordered.

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GEORGE W. BUSH

"Whether you voted for me or not, I will do my best to serve your interests, and I will work to earn your respect."

Bush's pledge being put to the ultimate test

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican George W. Bush campaigned for two years as "a uniter, not a divider." Now, as president-elect by the slimmest of Electoral College margins and without having won the popular vote, Bush's pledge is being put to the ultimate test.

"Whether you voted for me or not, I will do my best to serve your interests, and I will work to earn your respect," Bush said in a nationally televised address to the nation Wednesday night. "I will give it my all."

In England, President Clinton complimented Bush today for the "generosity" of his remarks and urged the nation to "follow Vice President Gore's lead" and unify behind Bush and his new administration.

Clinton, who was up past 3 a.m. watching the concession and acceptance speeches from British Prime Minister Tony Blair's country retreat, invited Bush to the White House during a four-minute phone call.

Clinton "will see him some time next week," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said. As well, Bush and Gore are to meet Tuesday in Washington.

"I pledged to President-elect Bush my efforts and the best efforts of every member of our administration for a smooth and successful transition," Clinton said. The president also spoke with Vice President Al Gore, for six minutes.

Bush emerged the victor after an epic postelection battle that held the nation in suspense for more than five weeks — and bitterly divided it along partisan lines.

The Texas governor on Thursday was attending a morning service of worship and music at an Austin church — his first act as president-elect after his muted victory speech. "The governor decided that he wants to start this on a message of prayer and healing," said Bush adviser Karen Hughes.

And a ceremony was scheduled for Thursday opening the doors of a government-run transition office to the Bush transition team headed by Vice President-elect Dick Cheney.

The president-elect received what he said was "a gracious call" from Gore shortly before

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STRESS: Pressures accompanying the holiday season often are aggravated by financial concerns

By **Dianna F. Dandridge**

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Bright Christmas lights twinkle along the roof tops and trees. Cheerful wrapping paper hides treasures. Noses twitch at the smell of fresh baked Christmas goodies. Excitement fills the air.

But before the holiday actually arrives, stress levels increase and suddenly the fun is ruined.

Stress is part of life, but the pressures of the holidays can increase stress-related problems if not handled appropriately, according to area counselors.

"Holidays should be fun for everyone," said Dr. Matilda Boozer of the Action Mental Wellness Center. "Parents and children can make sure the time is enjoyable, but it takes a little work from everyone."

Jeanie Birkenfeld, an elementary school counselor, said that children do not feel the stress as directly as their parents, but will often react to the parents reaction to stress.

"Sometimes the kids will act up as a means of trying to break the tension and in their efforts will only add to it," Birkenfeld said.

"The best way to prevent that is to keep stress levels down and by making sure children do not feel responsible for the tension."

Boozer offers one word to holiday revelers who are feeling stressed out: "HALT."

Boozer explained people overreact from stress when they are hungry, angry, lonely or tired and they need to take the time to care of these personal needs to help keep stress at a normal level.

"We lose control when we are feeling stressed out and need to take at least 15 minutes a day for ourselves. Throughout the day we need to realize feelings of hunger, anger, loneliness and tiredness only adds to those problems," Boozer said.

As school dismisses for the holidays, parents often face the additional stress of finding child care for two weeks, keeping stay-at-home kids occupied for two weeks, and maybe even splitting the holidays with an ex-spouse.

Counselors say adults need to prepare early for these situations and take steps to keep surprises from adding to the holiday burdens.

"Keep schedules as consistent as possible, even during holidays. Make sure everyone

gets the sleep they need and prepare them for changes that may happen during the holidays, such as all day at the babysitter's rather than just after school," said Boozer.

Birkenfeld emphasized separated parents should not put children in the middle of an adult disagreement and never tear down the other parent.

"If children are going to another parent's home, make sure they look forward to going. The parents have to reinforce both parents still love the kids, even if they live apart," Birkenfeld said. "Kids also need to be reminded that even though they are out of classes parents still have to go to work. They can help out at the house and give the folks a little more free time when they get home."

With so much of the holiday celebrations involving foods and decorations, counselors encourage parents to get the children involved, remembering they may not do things perfectly, but they need to be part of the festivities.

"Parents need to be forgiving and accept

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Taylor: Hospital vital to economy

By **Donald Cooper**

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

When economic development agencies try to recruit a new business or industry, their efforts can be helped if there is adequate access to health care.

That was part of the message that James Taylor, chief executive officer for Hereford Regional Medical Center, had Wednesday for the Hereford Economic Development Corp. directors.

Although both Taylor and HEDC executive director Don Cumpton said they have been discussing how the economic development agency and the hospital can work together for the community, Taylor said his presentation to the board was for informational purposes, not a proposal for financial cooperation.

He acknowledged the attorneys for the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board and the HEDC have reviewed ways the two taxing entities could work together, but there are several legal questions that would have to be resolved before any joint effort could be undertaken.

Taylor said there is a shortage of physicians in the community. For example, he said the active medical staff at the hospital has fallen to seven physicians, down from a peak of 14 just five years ago.

He said two new physicians will be joining the staff within a month, they are replacing two doctors who left the South Plains Health



James Taylor

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Local roundup

• CCH raffles wreaths •

Community Christian School high school bible class is selling raffle tickets for two handmade wreaths. Funds raised from the effort will go to support two young children in Lethoso, Africa. Tickets are \$1 each. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should contact CCS at 364-8867 or Christie Bustamante at 364-5440.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

• Seven inmates escape •

KENEDY, Texas (AP) — Seven heavily armed inmates who raided a guard tower at a South Texas prison before their escape were sought Thursday by search teams using tracking dogs to scour area fields.

Armed with a cache of weapons and ammunition stolen from the tower, the inmates took two guards hostage at the back gate of the Connally Unit and tied them up before escaping Wednesday.

The prison is about two miles south of Kenedy, about 50 miles southeast of San Antonio.

About 100 correctional officers — some with tracking dogs, some on horseback — searched nearby fields for the seven inmates, including two San Antonio-area convicted murderers believed to be armed with 14 .357 Magnum pistols with 238 rounds of ammunition.

Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the inmates took 11 employees and three other inmates at the prison hostage in the maintenance shop. Two employees were hospitalized in Beeville late Wednesday with head injuries that were not life-threatening.

The inmates, who had worked as trustees in the shop inside the prison, made their getaway in a stolen pickup about 2 p.m. Wednesday. The white pickup was found at a Wal-Mart near Kenedy later in the day.

"We think this is a well-planned and well-executed escape that may have been under consideration by some of the inmates for several weeks," Todd said.

• Residents consider consolidation •

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A proposed merger of Texas' largest and oldest ports is getting a closer look from Galveston Island residents who will be asked to vote on the consolidation.

A public meeting scheduled Thursday night will give residents the chance to ask questions about the planned deal, which was approved by the Galveston City Council in July.

Details of merging with the world's eighth largest port, which ranks first in the nation in foreign tonnage and second in total tonnage, must be ironed out before a February referendum. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at Moody Memorial Methodist Church in Galveston.

Benefits of such a deal for the crowded Port of Houston, which is 50 miles inland, would be land for growth and expansion, rail opportunities and a terminal closer to the Gulf of Mexico.

The aging Galveston port, where shipping has struggled since 1974 and wharves are decaying, would get \$30 million for allowing Houston's use and \$20 million in annual gross revenue as a business unit of the Houston operation.

But opponents of the plan say it would strip Galveston of the port which has been in the city's history since Mexico established it in 1825.

The Galveston Economic Development Partnership and its president, Jeffrey Sjostrom, has circulated a list of almost two dozen questions, including management details for the port.

But Kay O'Neal, Galveston's port director, told the Houston Chronicle that city's port is a success story and the intent "is to make the Port of Galveston successful as well."

• Fox finishes border tour •

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — President Vicente Fox wrapped up a visit to the Texas border by saying he hoped to meet soon with the new president of the United States to ensure good treatment for Mexican migrants.

Just weeks into his presidency, Fox finished his two-day visit to the northern border Wednesday with stops in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, adjacent to Laredo, Texas. He dedicated his visit to millions of "paisanos" — countrymen — who live in the United States but travel back to Mexico during the holiday season.

Families journeying south in December have long complained of delays, extortion and harassment at the hands of border guards. Such reports have continued in spite of a "paisano program" meant to smooth the trip for homecoming Mexicans.

"People want to be assured of their safety so they can take advantage of the opportunities they demand," Fox said at the Ciudad Juarez border crossing.

If the United States wants to solve its border woes, it ought to invest in the Mexican economy, Fox said. He said Mexico has an "urgent need" to create a development fund like the North American Development Bank.

• ELSEWHERE •

F-16 CRASH: An Air Force Reserve pilot who died when his jet slammed into the ground in August had deviated from his flight path and was showing off for his in-laws, investigators said Wednesday. ... **GAS TAX:** Questions about Texas' gasoline tax revenues have prompted State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander to put a halt to using some of those dollars on administrative costs and return them to the state's highway and public school funds. ... **TIGER SURGERY:** About 30 people shared tears and laughter Tuesday night during a memorial service at a Red Springs church for the five-month-old Bengal tiger cub. Karma died Saturday night after complications from open-heart surgery.

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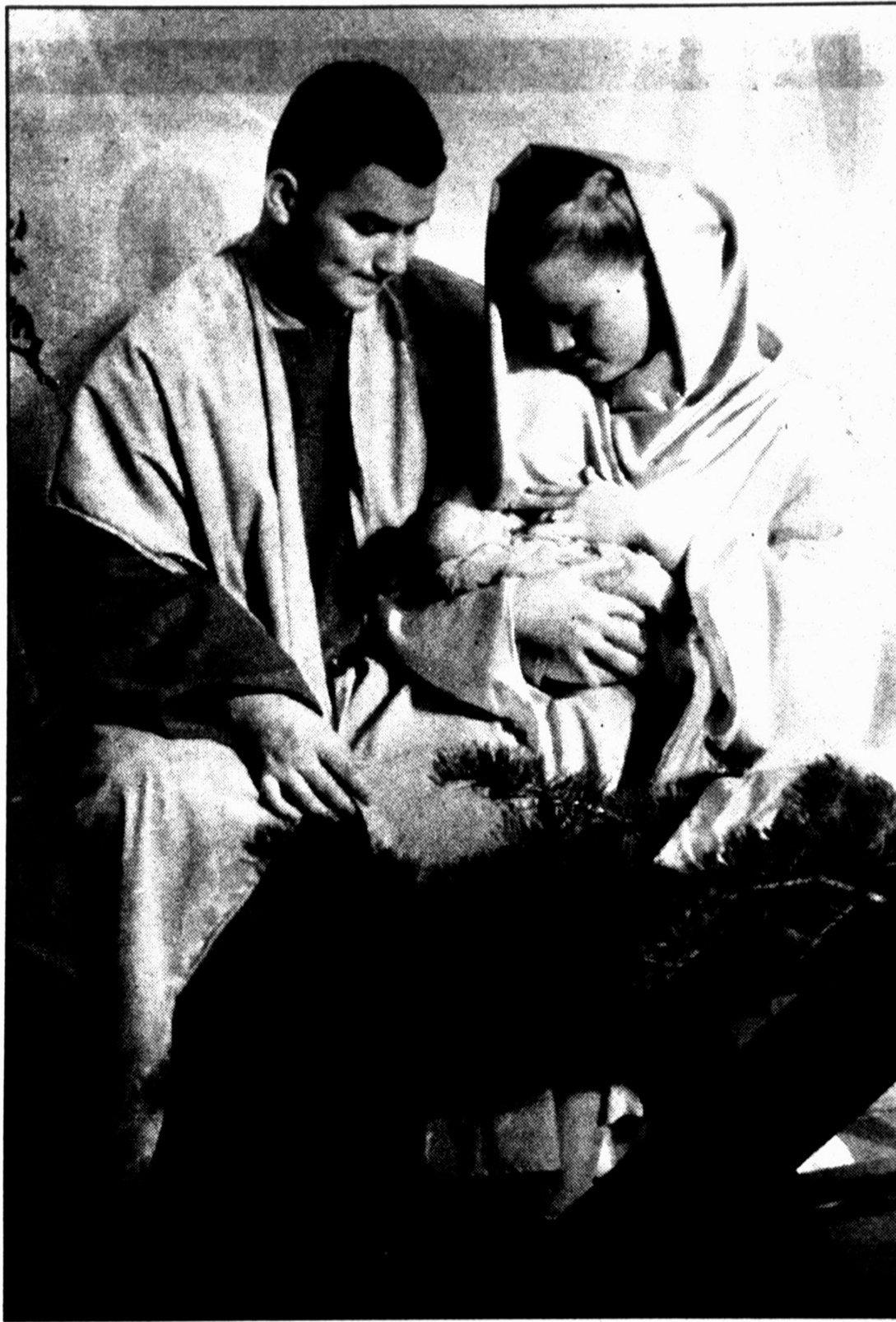
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The Father's Gift



Truly the reason — Christmas is more than just twinkling lights and brightly wrapped gifts. Trinity Power and Matthew DeLeon portray the roles of Mary and Joseph in the Church of the Nazarene's presentation of "The Father's Gift." Amy Dawn Ross takes the lead role as Baby Jesus. "The Father's Gift" will be presented Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the church. The presentation will be accompanied by the children's and adult choirs. The public is invited to these holiday specials.

Crews work to restore power

Winter storms leave 300,000 residents without electricity

DALLAS (AP) — Tens of thousands of East and Central Texas residents remained without electricity on Thursday morning as ice coated tree limbs knocked down power lines. A nursing home was forced to transport 32 residents to a nearby church for warmth.

Although about 300,000 residents were without power Wednesday night, that figure had been trimmed somewhat as power crews worked overnight, going from house to house.

As forecasters predicted below freezing temperatures for the third consecutive night, Red Cross volunteers scrambled to open up shelters while staff of the Camelot Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Tyler loaded up mattresses, blankets, food and medical supplies before moving about a third of its patients to the Friendly Baptist Church.

Other patients were picked up from the home by relatives when staff were told it could be as late as 3 p.m. Thursday before electricity was restored. Patients with Alzheimer's disease or dementia stayed in the home, using generators to stay warm.

Early Thursday, crews from TXU Electric & Gas were working to restore power to about 50,000 customers. More than 1,800 utility employees were working to reconnect electricity to another 50,000 or so residents in the company's system, according to a prepared statement.

Utility officials said most customers in hard-hit areas should be restored by late Thursday evening. But in Tyler, Temple and Jacksonville areas, officials said repairs could take longer because electrical equipment was

heavily damaged.

In Longview, city work crews hit the streets well before dawn clearing trees and the large number of broken limbs that fell.

"We'd get one tree limb cleared and before we could move on to the next one we'd get another call," Victoria LaFollett, Longview's community relations manager, told the Longview News-Journal.

In Central Texas, more than 8,000 residents went to bed Wednesday without power. But power was expected to be restored later Thursday in Austin as well as parts of Travis, Hays, Williamson, Bastrop, Caldwell, Guadalupe and Fayette counties.

A Manor man died in a house blaze that began when his wife tried to light a stove for warmth.

The outages are a reminder of an ice storm that moved through Texas on Tuesday. Much of the ice on roadways melted Wednesday but some refreezing occurred late Wednesday.

"It was real cold over there and it was real nice of them to take us in over here at the church," Mary Torbert told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "It was very nice of them."

"It was getting pretty cool," Andrew Holman said. "It was nice of the church to do this." Patients watched television and visited Wednesday afternoon.

"We just tried to keep them warm and keep food in them," said Erika Ross, a nurse assistant.

In the Tyler area, where 50,000 customers were without electricity Wednesday night, only one Red Cross shelter was being used. Spokeswoman Tammy Prater said temperatures were not as low as forecasters initially anticipated. However, volunteers were ready to reopen shelters if the need should arise.

The outages encompassed 50,000 customers in the Tyler area; 25,000 in Dallas; 25,000

in the Waco and Killeen area; 65,000 in Austin; and, 123,500 in Longview.

The American Red Cross initially opened about 10 shelters in Gregg, Wood and Smith counties.

In Marshall, volunteers were expecting about 25 people at the shelter.

"We can take care of them one way or another," said Christi Stennis-Ball, director of services for American Red Cross. "We can house maybe 25, then we'll start moving them to other buildings. We could house 600 if we need to, but we don't expect anywhere near that."

Volunteers prepared cots and blankets, as well as sandwich dinners for their guests.

The Marshall shelter also was without electricity and was operating only by candlelight and lanterns, but was able to keep residents warm with gas heaters.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 13, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 36-year-old woman was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue K and charged with three city warrants.

— A 20-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue D and charged with driving while license was suspended and for possession of or displaying a suspended license.

— A 17-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue A and charged with a county warrant.

Incidents

— A harassment report was filed in the 200 block of North Lee.

— A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of

North Lee.

— A phone harassment was reported in the 200 block of Beach. The suspect was identified.

— A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Star. The father did not want his daughter to leave.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check.

— A 21-year-old man began serving time on a possession of marijuana conviction.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving without insurance for the second time.

Incidents
— A theft was reported.

Planning group backs emissions testing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tougher clean air rules that include tailpipe testing for vehicles in parts of Central Texas, are backed by a regional planning group which has not yet decided on timing and other details of the proposed requirements.

Members of an Alamo Area Council of Governments committee voted unanimously Wednesday to try to reach an agreement with state and federal officials that would recognize that the area is seeking emissions tests before being forced to take action.

Mayor Howard Peak and others fear that, without such a deal, the San Antonio area would not receive credit under the Clean Air Act and would have to take even more sweeping measures to reduce smog-causing ozone.

The Environmental Protection Agency says pollution data shows that the San Antonio and Austin regions as well as Tyler-Longview should be redesignated as nonattainment areas — those which regularly violate federal ozone standards and are required to reduce air pollution.

But Texas Gov. and President-elect George W. Bush's appointees to the state's environmental agency have recommended that air quality over San Antonio, the Texas capital and the Tyler-Longview metropolitan area is legally "unclassifiable."

Dr. John Mangos, chief of pediatric pulmonary medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, has advised the Central Texas government group that it needed to take action because children are especially vulnerable to air pollution.

"We need in San Antonio and elsewhere ways to demonstrate how we can protect children from the effects of pollution in the air from ozone and other chemicals," Mangos told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions.

Mangos added that studies show that exposure to ozone damages living tissue.

Peak said he hopes that the group's actions would allow the region to clean its air as soon as possible without jeopardizing its options if the area's air is indeed designated next year as in "nonattainment." The government group has endorsed tailpipe testing of vehicles in Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and Wilson counties to reduce air pollution.

From 1997 to 1999, San Antonio violated federal ozone limits.

"I just think that we need to get the ball rolling," said Peak, adding that the group and local governments would have to vote to approve any agreement. "Without committing ourselves specifically to anything, we're beyond talking about it."

LIFESTYLES

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MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT



And lighting up the night — Houses and businesses throughout Hereford are decorated in the spirit of the season, like the home of Lori Page, 326 Centre, which was a winner in the residential division of the Christmas Lighting Contest last year. The deadline for entries in this year's contest is 5 p.m. Friday. Entry forms are available in the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main, where the completed forms must be returned. Categories are residential, total home or residential windows and doors; and total business, or business windows and doors. The contest is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and Hereford Bucks will be awarded to the winners.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My son is getting married soon. He and his fiancée, "Evelyn," lived with me for almost a year. I never asked them to contribute toward their living expenses. I wanted them to save their money so they could buy their own home. I treated Evelyn like a daughter, and thought she felt the same way.

Two months ago, they purchased their house, and Evelyn moved in immediately. She told my son I had thrown her out of the house. This is completely untrue. Now she is telling my son that I should not be part of their lives, and he has to choose between me and her.

Ann, I am a single parent and raised my children alone. I don't expect to be my son's first priority, but I do expect to be acknowledged. I have been excluded entirely from the wedding plans. I was not asked if there was anyone I would like to invite. Frankly, I consider myself lucky they spent 33 cents to send me an invitation. I don't know if I'm expected to attend the wedding rehearsal or anything else.

My son recognizes that his

wife has a problem with insecurity, and he is trying to get her to go for counseling. There is no possibility he will change his mind about marrying her. Meanwhile, his older brother refuses to attend the wedding, and I am tempted to do the same, but I don't want to make the situation worse. I suspect my son will be having a lot of problems in his marriage if his wife cannot loosen her iron grip, but I want him to know I will not abandon him, no matter what.

This is weighing heavily on my heart, and I want to do the right thing. Please, Ann, should I go or not? — Brokenhearted in Millville, N.J.

Dear Millville Mom: By all means, GO. Be friendly, supportive, make no reference to the problem, and light up the place with your smile. You will be glad you did. Evelyn sounds like a sick person. You have a real challenge ahead, but I'm sure you're equal to it. Your son is going to need a lot of emotional support. Be there for him, and supply it.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "San Francisco Commuter," the pregnant woman who complained that she was forced to stand on the train while others, mostly men, remained seated. I would like to present another side.

I am a middle-aged man, and have always considered myself about average when it

comes to manners. However, I have noticed a major change over the years. When I offer my seat to others, pull to the side of the road to let faster cars pass, or hold a door open for someone, these courtesies are not acknowledged. No friendly wave, no nodding of the head, no toot of the horn, no thank you in any form.

I agree that acts of courtesy by strangers are in decline, but there is a reason for this. Starting in the late '60s, the younger generation grew up believing they are somehow owed by society — a job, a home, a sports car, cradle-to-grave health insurance and guaranteed retirement. What many have forgotten is that in order to have those things, work is required, or at the very least, some reciprocal effort. This extends to manners as well. Please tell them, Ann, in a way they won't forget. — Ron in Boise, Idaho

Dear Ron: I can't believe that the people in Boise are that different from those in other parts of the United States and Canada. I often get letters reporting acts of kind-

ness and generosity from strangers, and I have printed several.

Are there any readers in Boise who would like to respond to Ron? I want to hear from you.

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The Center will be open especially for heroes from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1915 Coulter Drive. Regular hours will resume Dec. 18.

More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by children and adults in the Texas Panhandle and their only source for the gift of life is volunteer donors. Traditionally, the holiday season provides fewer donations as people enjoy the busy holiday season; unfortunately, the daily need for blood does not take a

holiday. By donating blood now, individuals can help the Blood Center ensure an adequate supply of blood for those who do need the gift of life during the holidays. Appointments are taken from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday; and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

CMBC serves 24 counties in the Texas Panhandle providing blood and blood products to hospitals, surgery centers and dialysis centers. The healthcare system depends on whole blood to function on a daily basis. Every day children and adults need blood to survive severe injuries and fight cancer, leukemia and other life-threatening illnesses.

For more information, call 358-4563.

Walls gives program for Veleda Study Club

Librarian Rebecca Walls gave a book review at the recent meeting of Veleda Study Club in the home of Margaret Zinser.

Walls reviewed "I'll Gather My Geese" by Hallie Crawford Stillwell. The book is based on Stillwell's life and gives lots of history of pioneer ranchers in Texas.

Stillwell and her husband lived on a ranch near Presidio where she learned about ranch life by working along side her husband

and the ranch hands.

They raised three children, survived two world wars, the depression and the drought. She has managed a restaurant, been a Justice of the Peace, been a rancher since 1918 and a news reporter since 1930.

Prior to the program, members answered roll call with "How do you use your library?"

For refreshments, each member brought "Christmas goodies" to share.

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LIFESTYLES



Three of five nominees for the Extension Education Woman of the Year were introduced at the recent Extension Education Council meeting held in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library. Pictured are (from left) Carolyn Evers of the Westway Extension Education Club; Mariellen Homfeld, Bippus Club; and Audrey Rusher, Wyche Club. Nominees not pictured are Virginia Sumner of the Cultural Club and Naomi Stokesberry of the Ford Club. The Woman of the Year will be selected by a vote of all club members and will be presented during the annual Appreciation Luncheon in February.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2000. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 67.

On this date:

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch

town of Beilen.

In 1980, fans around the world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Ten years ago: President Bush prodded Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to agree to talks on the Persian Gulf crisis by Jan. 3. President Bush said he would nominate Lynn Martin to succeed Elizabeth H. Dole as labor secretary.

Five years ago: Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris. AIDS patient Jeff Getty received the first-ever bone-marrow transplant from a baboon. The experimental procedure at a San Francisco hospital was criticized by animal rights activists.

One year ago: Ahmed Ressay, an Algerian national,

was arrested after authorities allegedly found nitroglycerin in the trunk of his car as he arrived from Canada by ferry at Port Angeles, Wash. U.S. and German negotiators agreed to establish a \$5.2 billion fund for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers. Charles M. Schulz announced he was retiring the "Peanuts" comic strip.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Clark Terry is 80. "60 Minutes" executive producer Don Hewitt is 78. Actor-playwright George Furth is 68. Actor Hal Williams is 62. Actress Patty Duke is 54. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 54. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 54. Actress Dee Wallace Stone is 52. Rock musician Cliff Williams (AC/DC) is 51. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 42. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 42. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Augus (Soul For Real) is 25. Model Bridget Hall is 23.

Thought for Today: "You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories." — Stanislaw J. Lec, Polish author (1909-1966).

"Meaning of Christmas" is topic of presentation to Toastmasters

Jigger Rowland was presiding officer at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters held in the Ranch House Restaurant.

Daniel Morrisett led the pledge and Sharon Cramer gave the invocation.

Toastmaster was Clark Andrews, timer was Rowland and

AH counter and grammarian was Kevin Knight.

"Aggregate" was the word introduced by wordmaster Wayne Winget.

As topicmaster, Margaret Del Toro read famous philosophical quotes and then asked for opinions. Participants were Rick Jackson, Tronica Owens, Cramer, Knight and Rowland.

Paula Edwards had the floor as speaker for the meeting. She spoke on "The True Meaning of Christmas." She said, "God's greatest gift to man was his Son who came to earth to die for man's sins."

Guests at the meeting were Adolfo Del Toro and Frank Mendoza.

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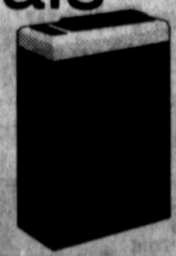
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Cowboys' Wright gets his shot

Second year quarterback gets starting job against Giants

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Anthony Wright is getting a quick, extreme lesson in what it's like to be an NFL quarterback.

The Dallas Cowboys' second-year pro got the first significant playing time of his NFL career in an emotional game against Washington. His first start comes Sunday night

on ESPN against the hard-charging New York Giants. His second start could be on Monday Night Football on Christmas in Tennessee, where the reigning AFC champs rarely lose.

Troy Aikman is used to three-game stretches like that. Not Wright, a recent fourth-stringer who until two weeks ago hadn't taken a snap in a game that counted since 1998, his senior year at South Carolina, when the Gamecocks went 1-10.

"I never saw myself at this point so quickly," said Wright, who is still amazed at having

a locker roughly halfway between Aikman and Emmitt Smith. "It is kind of overwhelming."

"But this is exciting for me. I've gotten a lot of calls from my family and friends. They're all excited for me. And getting the chance to start this week, especially with it being on ESPN, I know this is a great opportunity for me."

The Pittsburgh Steelers thought enough of Wright to keep him around all last season even though he never played a down. They used him this preseason, including against the Cowboys, then re-

leased him.

Dallas added him to the practice squad Aug. 30. When Aikman had a concussion in the opener, the Cowboys instead promoted Clint Stoerner, an undrafted rookie who'd been on the team all summer.

Stoerner later returned to the practice-squad. In October, another third-stringer was needed. Again, Stoerner was picked.

Then, in late November, Miami and Kansas City showed interest in Wright. Faced with the choice of using him or losing him, Dallas added Wright to the 53-man roster a

few days before Thanksgiving.

"I tried not to concern myself with what was going on around me," Wright said. "I knew they liked me or I wouldn't have been here. They told me to stay patient and that's what I did."

In a season where little has gone right for the Cowboys (5-9), that move may wind up being one of the best.

Wright, who made his NFL debut two weeks ago in a mop-up role against Tampa Bay, was forced into action Sunday when Aikman suffered another concussion and played three solid quarters as Dallas

beat Washington 32-13.

Wright will start Sunday as Aikman already has been ruled out. The veteran is unlikely to play the meaningless finale, a game that would have plenty of meaning for someone as inexperienced as Wright.

"I'm not going to jump out there and say we've got the next Joe Montana or anything," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "All I'm saying is that

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MAVS FALL

Nowitzki struggles in battle against Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki called it one of the toughest games of his life. If he hadn't made his final shot, it would've been even worse.

Nowitzki shot just 1-for-10 Wednesday night as the Dallas Mavericks lost their second game in as many nights, 97-92 to the Indiana Pacers.

"Unfortunately, you people didn't get to see Dirk Nowitzki at his best. One-for-10 is not typical for him," Dallas interim coach Del Harris told reporters.

What the fans in Indiana did get to see was the best game of Howard Eisley's NBA career.

Eisley scored 17 points in the third quarter and finished with a career-high 27, but he got little help from his teammates. No one on Dallas — including Eisley — could do anything right midway through the fourth quarter as the Pacers used a 10-0 run to take control of the game.

With the Pacers continually switching defensive assignments every time the Mavericks ran a pick-and-roll, Dallas kept trying to make the play work. But despite continually getting the ball to a tall player in the low post when matched against a smaller defender, the Mavericks couldn't make the play work.

By the time they tried something different, they were in a 10-point hole that was too much to overcome. Dallas got no closer than four points in the final 6 minutes.

"We were able to win the game defensively because of two guys (Jeff Foster and Keith Van Horn)."

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Easy shot—Hereford High senior varsity post Holly Schilling (above) attempts a shot earlier this season. The girls face their second district test of the year tomorrow night when they host Pampa at 7:30 at Whiteface Gymnasium.

Baseball signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 59 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHEIM (3) — Re-signed Gary Disarcina, ss, to a \$320,000, one-year contract; re-signed Tim Belcher, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Pat Rapp, rhp, Baltimore, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

BOSTON (4) — Signed Frank Castillo, rhp, Toronto, to a \$4.5 million, two-year

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Camp dates set

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.

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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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Suns take top spot

Phoenix has NBA's third best record after beating Spurs 103-93

PHOENIX (AP) — There are no Lakers or Trail Blazers to be seen atop the Pacific Division standings.

After 21 games, the Phoenix Suns are alone in first with the third-best record in the NBA — 15-6.

"I'll probably never be satisfied. I think it's my job not to be satisfied," coach Scott Skiles said, "but I'm very pleased with all the guys in there."

The Suns made it 10-0 against San Antonio with a 103-93 victory Wednesday night.

"We're good, man," Shawn Marion said. "Everybody keeps overlooking us. Some of us can play four positions. Everybody keeps overlooking us. 'Oh the Phoenix Suns, they're soft.' We win games. Everybody's seeing that. We're having fun, too."

Marion, emerging as a star in his second season, had 17 points and 16 rebounds. Jason Kidd had 17 points and nine assists, and Cliff Robinson added 15 points as the Suns won their third in a row and fifth in six games.

Rodney Rogers scored 12 of his 14 in the first half before fouling out with 3:46 to play.

Chris Dudley had a strong game against the Spurs' Twin Towers, making all four of his shots and grabbing six rebounds in 21 minutes.

It was a costly victory, though. Mario Elie, starting at guard for Phoenix while Penny Hardaway recovers from a knee injury, broke his left hand in a collision with Marion while going for a rebound with 54 seconds to play in the first half. He will be out 3-to-4 weeks.

"That's a huge loss for us, especially on the defensive end," Kidd said. "He's all out on the defensive end and he knocks down some big shots for us. He's one of our defensive specialists. This gives some guys a chance to step up."

Tim Duncan's participation was a game-time decision after he hyper-extended his left knee in San Antonio's 91-83 victory at Utah on Monday night. Duncan finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds in 34 minutes, but was just 4-for-12 from the field.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich thought Duncan looked tentative, and he didn't like his team's first-half effort, especially coming on the heels of the big victory at Utah.

"We didn't play until the third quarter, and you can't dig a hole that deep against a good team," Popovich said.

Derek Anderson scored 26 for the Spurs, including 14 of

16 free throws. David Robinson had 18 points. San Antonio made 18 of its first 19 free throws and wound up 33-for-43 at the line.

The Spurs were without Avery Johnson, who missed the game because of a bruised left thigh.

Phoenix led 60-44 at the half, but Anderson sank a 3-pointer and David Robinson had a rebound stuff to cap a 9-0 run that cut the lead to 85-80 with 9:22 to play.

But Cliff Robinson sank a pair of jumpers around a fast-break stuff by Marion to boost the lead back to 91-80 with 6:51 remaining. San Antonio never got closer than nine again.

The Suns give the Spurs trouble because forwards Cliff Robinson and Rogers, as well as Marion, can draw defenders to the perimeter because they can hit outside shots.

"They've got great versatility," Popovich said. "That's quite an advantage that they've got. They present some problems for us that not many people do."

The Suns have won five of six against San Antonio, counting last season's playoffs. The Spurs activated Samaki Walker (sprained left ankle) and placed Shawnelle Scott on the injured list (left knee tendinitis). Point guard Elliot Perry, who played with Phoenix from 1993 to 1996, was re-signed by the Suns last Friday.

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ter and Derrick McKey) moving their feet. They gave us a lift defensively," Pacers coach Isaiah Thomas said.

As for the offense, Jalen Rose, Reggie Miller and Travis Best all had big games while playing extended minutes for the second straight night.

Rose had 24 points and eight assists, Miller added 22 points and Best had 15 points and eight assists. All three played 45 minutes.

"It is and can be tiresome, but it works both ways. Sometimes you have your best games when you're tired," said Rose, who played 46 minutes the previous night. "I appreciate the opportunity, and it gives you confidence as a player knowing that your teammates need you to produce to win."

"Myself, Reggie and Travis are going to be called upon to play those type of minutes we're going to win."

The victory allowed the Pacers to even their record at 11-11. It's the sixth time this season, not including 0-0, that the Pacers have had a .500 record.

The Mavericks were forced to try to play catch-up the last few minutes after they let the Pacers take control of the game midway through the fourth.

Best broke a 79-all tie on a 3-pointer with 8:06 left, and the Mavericks wouldn't score again until 31/2 minutes remained.

At one point, Easley was practically keeping the Mavs in the game all by himself. Easley's third 3-pointer of the third quarter tied the game at 67 before Best hit a 3 to send Indiana into the fourth quarter with a three-point lead.

"It was unfortunate we didn't come out with a win,

because Howard had such a great game," Dallas' Steve Nash said.

Nash got off to a quick start for Dallas, accumulating five assists in the first 10 minutes and then sinking a jumper for a 29-22 lead. The Mavericks scored only six points in the first six minutes of the second quarter before Nash's 3-pointer gave them a 39-34 lead.

The Pacers pulled to 45-43

at halftime, then started playing from ahead early in the third as Rose shot 6-for-8 in the quarter and scored 14 points.

Notes: Miller, the NBA's leading free-throw shooter, missed a technical foul shot with 8.5 seconds left. It was just his ninth miss in 122 attempts. Rose, who entered the game shooting 91 percent, missed a pair with four seconds left.

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this kid has some talent and some of the physical tools.

"He's got the arm to go deep. He's got the legs to run. He's got pretty good touch and he's got a strong arm. Now how does he handle when the pressure is on? That's what we'll be looking for this week."

Against Washington, Wright

completed 3-of-5 passes for 73 yards. He did not throw any interceptions or have any fumbles, which is significant because he handed off a whopping 37 times, including twice to receivers.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound Wright describes himself as a younger Randall Cunningham.

The older Cunningham is another Dallas backup, but he's slowed by a groin injury.

"I feel like I can move, but I have confidence in my throwing abilities," Wright said. "I hope I can get the opportunity to do a little more of that this week."

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contract, re-signed Tim Wakefield, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Pete Schourek, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$1 million); signed Marney Ramirez, of, Cleveland, to a \$160 million, eight-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed Jose Valentin, ss, to a \$15.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Cal Eldred, rhp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

CLEVELAND (1) — Signed Ellis Burks, of, San Francisco, to a \$20 million, three-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (1) — Signed Doug Henry, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Paul O'Neill, of, to a \$6.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Oliver, c, Seattle, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Mussina, rhp, Baltimore, to an \$8.5 million, six-year contract; re-signed Luis Sojo, inf, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; re-signed Dwight Gooden, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

SEATTLE (2) — Signed Jeff Nelson, rhp, New York Yankees, to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jay Buhner, of, to a \$1.85 million, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (1) — Re-signed Ozzie Guillen, inf, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

TEXAS (6) — Signed Andres Galarraga, 1b, Atlanta, to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Petkovsek, rhp, Anaheim, to a \$4.9 million, two-year contract; signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, Houston, to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract; signed Alex Rodriguez, ss, Seattle, to a \$252 million, 10-year contract;

re-signed Ruben Sierra, of, to a minor league contract; re-signed Mike Munoz, lhp, to a minor league contract.

TORONTO (4) — Re-signed Mickey Morandini, inf, to a minor league contract; signed Dan Plesac, lhp, Arizona, to a \$2.4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, to a \$20 million, four-year contract; signed Jeff Frye, 2b, Colorado, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Re-signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; signed Mark Grace, 1b, Chicago Cubs, to a \$6 million, two-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Dave Martinez, of, Toronto, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Rico Brogna, 1b, Boston, to a one-year contract; signed Kurt Abbott, 2b, New York Mets, to a minor league contract.

CHICAGO (3) — Signed Julian Tavearez, rhp, Colorado, to a \$5 million, two-year contract; signed Jeff Fassero, lhp, Boston, to a \$5.1 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Hundley, c, Los Angeles, to a \$23.5 million, four-year contract.

COLORADO (4) — Re-signed Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Denny Neagle, lhp, New York Yankees, to a \$5.1 million, five-year contract; signed Mike Hampton, lhp, New York Mets, to a \$12.1 million, eight-year contract; signed Ron Gant, of, Anaheim, to a \$2.05 million, one-year contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Signed Jose Vizcaino,

inf, New York Yankees, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Signed Andy Ashby, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Darren Dreifort, rhp, to a \$55 million, five-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Re-signed James Mouton, of, to a minor league contract (\$300,000).

NEW YORK (6) — Re-signed John Franco, lhp, to a \$10.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Turk Wendell, rhp, to a \$9,399,999.99, three-year contract; re-signed Rick Reed, rhp, to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract; signed Kevin Appier, rhp, Oakland, to a \$42 million, four-year contract; signed Steve Trachsel, rhp, Toronto, to a \$7 million, two-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, Seattle, to a \$6.8 million, two-year contract; signed Rhee Cormier, rhp, Boston, to an \$8.75 million, three-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, Atlanta, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Derek Bell, of, New York Mets, to a \$9 million, two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (3) — Re-signed Tony Gwynn, of, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ed Sprague, 3b, to a minor league contract (\$575,000); signed Alex Arias, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$1.3 million, two-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Re-signed Mark Gardner, rhp, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Shawn Dunston, ss, St. Louis, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

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.

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INSIDE

It's time for Bush to prove he can heal

His fragile election margin confirmed by a fractured U.S. Supreme Court, George W. Bush now must prove that as president he can be a uniter, not a divider, as he pledged from countless platforms in his campaign against Al Gore.

ANALYSIS

Walter R. Mears
The Associated Press



the remaining contested votes and still keep to the electoral vote timetable set by a federal law the Florida Legislature followed in setting up its election code. Dissenters said there was time, and that the court left open what Jesse Jackson called "the sliver of an opening."

Bush's first step in trying was to avoid claiming victory — crowing — at the court decision that put him on the threshold of the White House. He was silent Tuesday night and his representative was conciliatory.

Gore was silent, his chairman, William Daley, saying it would take time to analyze the decision.

"This has been a long and arduous process for everyone involved on both sides," James A. Baker III, the former secretary of state, said in Tallahassee, Fla., where the final, overtime contests of the 2000 election were waged, to an apparent end five weeks after Election Day.

But other Democrats said it was time to yield.

He said Bush and running mate Dick Cheney were pleased and gratified at the Supreme Court's extraordinary late night ruling Tuesday.

Lawrence Tribe, the Harvard Law School professor who argued for Gore in an earlier Supreme Court round, said it would be up to Gore to press such a point, but "I can't believe that there will be an act three in the court."

Gore's response will be a factor in determining how difficult the unity quest may be. The final court blow was a devastating one for the vice president, who believes he, not Bush, won the hairbreadth Florida election that decided the White House.

Soon after the decision was announced, Ed Rendell, the blunt-spoken general chairman of the Democratic Party, said it was frustrating but the end for Gore. "He should act now and concede," Rendell, a former mayor of Philadelphia, said on NBC.

With the 25 Florida electoral votes apparently secure for Bush, now that the court has reversed the state Supreme Court order of the partial recount Gore said would prove him the winner, the Texas governor would have 271 electoral votes when those are cast by the electoral college next Monday. That is one more than a majority. Gore has 267.

But Joe Andrew, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, disputed him, saying that what Rendell said was unauthorized and outrageous.

The vice president, who won the nationwide popular vote by about three-tenths of one percent, lost Florida by 537 votes according to certified returns that included a partial recount that did not go as far as the Gore camp sought.

Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey had said the same thing. "Clearly, the race for the presidency has come to an end," Torricelli said. "George Bush is going to be the next president of the United States."

But it is the verdict, not the margin, that counts, and it went against Gore, the Supreme Court majority deciding that there could not be a constitutionally valid recount of

"I'm certain that Al Gore will be gracious about it," he said. "He cares deeply about the country. I'm sure he'll pay respects to the court."

Gore was said to be reviewing the court decision with nothing to say about it before Wednesday.

"It sounds like we lost," said W. Dexter Douglass, one of the lawyers who had argued Gore's challenges in Florida.

After the court decided 5-4 to halt the partial recounts the Florida court had ordered on Friday, there were Democratic complaints

that the justices had intruded on politics where they didn't belong, and that the decision was one colored by politics, not founded on law.

Torricelli earlier had said that when there was a winner, by court or by recount, be it Bush or Gore, he should fly to the home base of the loser and appear with him in a call for national unity.

While Republicans said the Supreme Court ruling was it for Gore, the Bush camp avoided instant victory claims. Baker, Bush's representative in the Florida contest, said the Texas governor was pleased, but went no further.

As John F. Kennedy flew from Paul Beach, Fla., to meet with Richard M. Nixon after Kennedy's 1960 victory, by two-tenths of a percentage point in the popular vote but with a solid electoral college margin. They conferred privately.

Bush made no statement himself. Aides had said before the ruling that if it went his way, he would not immediately start naming officials to a new Republican administration, but first would act to heal the divisions of the campaign and the disputed election five weeks ago.

They said Bush could be expected to deliver a unity speech and meet with congressional leaders, Democrats as well as Republicans.

Television

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Cursed	Will & Grace	Just Shoot ER	Emperors	(9:50) Holidays in Concert	Zorro		
3	Jack Frost	Movie: Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue (1996)					Early Edition	700 Club	Boss?		
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Cursed	Will & Grace	Just Shoot ER	Emperors	(9:50) Holidays in Concert	Zorro		
5	Movie: Phantom of the Megaplex	(40) Movie: Pee-wee's Big Adventure ** 1/2 PG					Emperors	(9:50) Holidays in Concert	Zorro		
6	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Movie: Die Hard 2 (1990) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. R	Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
7	News	Fortune	Whose? Whose?	Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
8	News	Home Imp.	Snowden's	Garfield	City of Angels	Sportsman of the Year	News	(35) Late Show			
9	Spin City	Real TV	Cinderella	Olive, the Other Reindeer	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Voyager		
10	Drill	Drill	Pro Bowl Select.	College Basketball	Xavier at Cincinnati		Sportscenter	NBA 2Night			
11	(5:05) Movie: *** Crusoe	Movie: Tombstone (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. R	RudeAwk	(35) Movie: The Minus Man Owen Wilson *** R							
12	Movie: The Karate Kid PG	Inside the NFL	Movie: Guilty as Charged Rod Steiger. R	Proof of Life	Sex Bytes	Inside the NFL					
13	Movie: Wild (45) Movie: Message in a Bottle Kevin Costner. ** PG-13		Movie: Mercy Ellen Barkin. * 1/2 R	(35) Movie: Private Lies							
14	Movie: The Unknown Man	Movie: These Wild Years (1956) James Cagney. ** 1/2	Movie: Stander (1957) Van Johnson. ** 1/2	Movie: Tenth Avenue							
15	Martial Law	Holiday Celebration on Ice	To Be Announced	Martial Law	Shooter						
16	Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Haunted Houses	Animal Telepathy	Justice Files	On Inside					
17	Law & Order	Biography	Live by Request	Starring k. lang	Law & Order	Biography					
18	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Range of Motion (2000) Henry Czerny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Murphy					
19	Football	Last Word	SW Sports	Challenge	Magic vs. Bird	Thunderbox	National Sports Report	Sports			
20	Pretender	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks	at Toronto Raptors	NBA	Movie: Car Wash (1976) ***					
21	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Pelwick	Pinky	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family
22	JAG	Nash Bridges	Movie: Firewalker (1986) Chuck Norris. **						Martin	Martin	Strip Poker
23	Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas			El Gran Blablazo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med			
24	History	History IQ	Best Kept Secret: D-Day	World War II in Color	War Planes	Suicide Missions	D-Day				
25	Babylon 5	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	The Stand		Crossing	Twilight Z.	Fri. the 13th			
26	Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Movie: Iron Will (1994) Mackenzie Astin. ***			News	In the Heat of the Night	Darkside			

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Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Sesame Street	Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Arthur	Callou	Clifford-Red	Mr Rogers	Teletubbies	Body Elec.	
3	Today	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Rotten	Bobby	Donkey	
4	Today	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Rotten	Bobby	Donkey	
5	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline
6	DiffWorld	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Cosby	Matlock			Hunter
7	Good Morning America				Live With Regis		The View	Rosie O'Donnell	News		
8	Early Show				Dr. Laura		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News		
9	Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Real Life		Dr. Laura		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News		
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter		Benny Hill	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Life Today	Divorce			Pro Bowl
11	Movie: The Whispers	(15) Movie: The Garden of Redemption * 1/2 PG-13	(15) Movie: Moonlighting Jeremy Irons. *** 1/2 PG								
12	Movie: Ghostbusters Bill Murray. PG	(45) Movie: Collision Course Jay Leno. ** PG	Movie: In the Line of Duty: Kidnapped								
13	Movie: Around-80 Day	Movie: One Good Cop Michael Keaton. (45) Movie: Kimberly Gabrielle Anwar. R	Breakdown								
14	(6:30) Movie: *** Undercurrent (1946)	Movie: The Body Disappears (1941) **	Movie: The Bride (1949) Ava Gardner. **								
15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Starky and Hutch	Waltons			
16	Paid Prog.	Renker	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
17	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio	Law & Order				
18	Designing	Designing	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries	Lifetime Live	Movie:		
19	Sports	National Sports Report	Sports	Geniuses	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Nutt		
20	Lois & Clark-Superman	ER			ER		Movie: The Four Seasons (1981) Alan Alda. ***	Movie:			
21	Thornberrys	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Franklin	Dora	Maggie	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper
22	Burnett	Burnett	Something	Hearts Affre	Jesse	Ned-Stagey	Wings	Veronica	Working	Larouquette	
23	(6:00) Despierta America				Cuento de Navidad	Pobre Diable					Siempre
24	Civil War Journal	Weapons at War	20th Century		True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep		
25	Sightings	Sentinel	DarkShad	Crossing	Dark Skies	Dark Skies	Dark Skies	Dark Skies	Dark Skies		
26	Clueless	Charles	Parent	Wayans	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	MacGyver	Matlock	Clueless		

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Sewing	Painting	Fine Art	Nature	Washbone	Reading	Clifford-Red	Dragon	Arthur	Lions	
3	Mega Bab.	Candy	Kids	Jack Frost	Movie: Like Father, Like Santa (1998) Gary Coleman.	Night Before Christmas					
4	Days-Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Men Are From Mars	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
5	Rupert	GrowPains	GrowPains	Totally Famous	Emperors	BoyWorld	Jersey	Even	Famous	BoyWorld	
6	Hunter	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne			
7	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Maury	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Family Feud	News	CBS News			
9	Attorney	Roseanne	Mad	Grace Under Nanny	Digimon	Rangers	X-Men	Digimon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	
10	Pro Bowl	Outside the Lines	Motorcycle Racing	Motorcycle Racing	NFL's Great	Up Close	Sportscenter				
11	(12:00) Movie: Malaika	(45) Movie: Double-O-Kid Corey Haim. ** PG-13	Movie: Time Chasers Matthew Bruch. * 1/2	Movie: Amos & Andrew							
12	(12:00) Movie: Another Stakeout PG-13	Movie: Practical Magic Sandra Bullock. ** PG-13	Movie: Ghostbusters (1984) Bill Murray. Dan Aykroyd.								
13	(12:00) Movie: Starman Jeff Bridges. PG	Movie: Searching for Bobby Fischer Joe Mantegna.	(3:50) Movie: Best Defense * 1/2 R								
14	Movie: Bribe	Movie: Cause for Alarm (1951) Loretta Young. ** 1/2	Movie: The Scapegoat (1959) Alec Guinness. ***	Movie: Postman Rings							
15	Waltons	Bloopers-Jokes	McCoy's	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard	Waltons	Starky and Hutch				
16	Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Epicurious	Your New House	Wild Discovery					
17	Law & Order	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Night Court	Newsradio				
18	(12:00) Movie: Criminal Justice (1990)	Movie: If You Believe (1999) Ally Walker. ** 1/2	Murphy	Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
19	Nutt	Cowboys	Okla. St.	Ok. Sooners	Stant	Big 12 Show	World Sport	Bluetorch TV	Geniuses	NBA Action	
20	(12:00) Movie: Dinner at Eight (1989)	Due South	Psi Factor: Chronicles	Pensacola: Wings of Gold	ER						
21	Franklin	Doug	Doug	Catdog	Catdog	Catdog	U Pick	Pinky	Thornberrys		
22	Doctor	Movie: Firewalker (1986) Chuck Norris. **	Baywatch								
23	Siempre	La Casa en la Playa	El Gordo y la Flaca	Cristina	Primer Impacto	El Blablazo	Noticiero				
24	Black Sheep	History	History IQ	20th Century	True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep	Squadron	
25	Dark Skies	Dark Skies	Dark Skies	Quantum Leap	Xena: Warrior Princess	Sliders					
26	News	Caroline	Caroline	Change	Street	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven	Full House	Clueless	

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2	News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show				
3	Heartbeat	Movie: The Paper Brigade ** 1/2 PG	Movie: Mom's Got a Date-Vampire	MusicVids	Heartbeat	So Weird	Zorro				
4	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(05) Movie: Splash (1984) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah. ***	(20) Movie: League of Their Own (1992) ***							
5	News	Fortune	Two Guys	Dot Comedy	Norm	Madigan	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
6	Spin City	Home Imp.	Figure Skating	CSI: Crime Scn	Nash Bridges	News	(35) Late Show				
7	Best of Up Close	NHL Hockey	Detroit Red Wings	at Colorado Avalanche							
8	Movie: Amos & Andrew	Movie: Double Jeopardy Tommy Lee Jones. *** R	Stargate	(45) Outer Limits	Beggars and Choosers						
9	Inside the NFL	Movie: Kickboxer (1989) Denis Alexio R	Movie: Universal Soldier: The Return R	(15) Real Sex 25	Movie:						
10	(5:30) Movie: Beautiful Joe	(15) Movie: Laws of Deception C. Thomas Howell. NR	Movie: Entrapment Sean Connery. ** PG-13	Bedtime							
11	Movie: Postman Rings	Movie: A Streetcar Named Desire (1951) ****	(15) Movie: The Wild One (1954) *** 1/2	Movie: Teahouse-Aug.							

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A montage of a selection of German newspaper front pages today are shown covering George W. Bush's election as 43rd president of the United States.

Bush

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the vice president delivered his own speech. Bush said the two "agreed to do our best to heal our country after this hard-fought contest."

The victory of Bush, 54, sends the second father-son combination to the White House in American history, following John and John Quincy Adams in the early 1800s.

Bush's father, former President George Bush, was defeated in his re-election bid in 1992 by Democrat Bill Clinton and running mate Gore.

Bush's victory over Gore was thus relished by Bush family loyalists. But the younger Bush, called "W" (for Walker) by friends and foes alike, has said that revenge was never a factor.

"Politics is full of slights all the time," Bush said in a recent interview. "If you're the kind of person who takes the slights personally and always seeks revenge, you're going to be the most unsuccessful person in the political arena."

But Bush's family was never far from view. Both his father and his popular mother, Barbara Bush, campaigned for him.

Jeb Bush, one of three younger brothers, is governor of Florida — the state whose 25 electoral votes finally provided Bush with the razor-edge margin of victory: 271 electoral votes, one more than he needed. Gore finished with 267.

Bush campaign strategists initially failed to recognize Florida, which has trended Republican in recent presidential elections, as a true battleground state. That early inattention may have contributed to the closeness of the contest there.

Bush's wife, Laura, a former public school teacher and librarian, campaigned extensively with him. The couple has twin 18-year-old daughters, Jenna and Barbara, both college freshmen.

In the closing days of the campaign, Bush was thrown off stride by revelations that he had been arrested for drunken

driving in 1974 while visiting his parents at their compound in Kennebunkport, Maine.

He said his failure to disclose the arrest was due to his desire to shield his long-ago behavior from his daughters.

Like his father, Bush is a graduate of Yale University (1968). He also holds a master's from Harvard University (1975).

After losing a congressional race in 1978, Bush seemed destined to spend the rest of his life in the private sector. He ran a string of unsuccessful companies in the oil industry, then became a managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team before successfully running for governor in 1994, unseating Democrat Ann Richards.

Bush disposed of the last of his financial interest in the ballclub in 1998, netting roughly a \$15 million profit. He put some of the proceeds into buying a 1,600-acre ranch in Crawford, about a two-hour drive north of Austin.

BUSH'S PROMISES

- ABORTION: -Sign ban on procedure called partial-birth abortion by opponents. -No move toward constitutional abortion ban. DEFENSE: -Bush: Build robust missile defense system, seeking Russia's agreement to amend Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which forbids such a system, but ending treaty if necessary. \$1 billion more a year for military pay raise, giving average soldier additional \$750 in first year. \$20 billion more for weapons research and development over five years. Favors cuts in nuclear arms, even if Russia doesn't do the same. EDUCATION: -Education reforms to be first legislation sent to Congress. -Stepped-up standardized testing of students, with states to be financially rewarded or penalized according to their education performance. When schools in poor areas fail standards for three years, parents could take their share of federal school aid, about \$1,500, and use it to transfer to another public school, pay for private school, or get tutoring. More charter schools. -\$5 billion more for literacy over five years. -\$8 billion more for college scholarships and grants over 10 years. -Let families save, tax-free, \$5,000 per year per student for education expenses at all ages. ENVIRONMENT-ENERGY: -Increase domestic oil and gas production and exploration, including in the protected Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. -Have capital gains taxes when landowner sells property for conservation. \$50 million in matching grants with states for landowners to restore habitat or protect rare species while farming or ranching. -Opposes ratification of Kyoto agreement on global warming. FARM AID: -Supports eventual "transition to a market economy." Sets aside extra \$7.6 billion for crop insurance over 10 years. GUN CONTROL: -Raise age for handgun possession to 21. Background checks at gun shows if they are instant. Would sign a bill requiring child-safety locks to be sold with guns. HEALTH CARE: -Tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance. Expand tax-free medical savings accounts that can be used to pay for health expenses. Add 1,300 rural health care centers. -Money to states to cover prescription drugs for the elderly poor while setting up program over four years to subsidize choice in drug plans for other Medicare beneficiaries. IMMIGRATION: -More visas for highly skilled workers and temporary farm laborers. Spend \$500 million over five years to speed processing of immigration applications. Split Immigration and Naturalization Service into two services devoted to welcoming legal immigrants and cracking down on illegal ones.

HRMC

From Page A1 Providers clinic. "Access to care is a major issue to the community. Dr. (Howard) Johnson is the only physician at (Hereford Health Clinic). There is a physician's assistant," but the patient load for Johnson is excessive, he said. "Coupled with the need of improving access to health care here is the economic status. We're taking steps to recruit new physicians," he said. Taylor said the primary effort is directed at a family practitioner who is also trained in obstetrics-gynecological (OB-GYN) and an internal medicine specialist. Almost 65 percent of the Deaf Smith County population is either seeking or being referred for hospitalization outside the county, which results in a negative economic impact on both the county and the city,

Taylor said. In 1995, Taylor noted, 51.6 percent of all county patients who needed to be admitted to a hospital were admitted to HRMC. By 1999, that figure had fallen to 34.7 percent, a decline of almost one-third. "Increasing the availability of physicians in the community will greatly improve access to health care services and bring health care dollars back into the community," Taylor stated. "When there is not access to health care services, people drive to Amarillo, buy gas on the way, eat at a restaurant there, go to the mall. Their dollars are going elsewhere," Taylor said. According to some studies, there is a potential \$72.6 million that could be generated by the health care industry in HRMC's primary market, he

said. If the hospital could reach half of that, it would generate about \$36 million in annual revenue — well above the \$10 million in net patient revenue it generated last year. "It is not unreasonable to expect that the hospital could accommodate two to three times the current volumes. Realizing this potential could theoretically bring in \$10 million to \$20 million health care dollars back into the community," he observed. Taylor described health care as "very big business and it should be significantly expanded. Doing so will greatly enhance health services to the community and the economic status of the community." "Recruitment of new physicians is the key factor in achieving these changes," he said.

Stress

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that children are just learning how to do some things. Packages don't have to be wrapped perfectly. The children will take pleasure in just knowing they wrapped the gift or helped make the meal," Boozer said.

Probably the biggest stress factor of the holiday season is the increased financial need. Not only are adults concerned with the costs of daily living, but also costs related with providing Christmas gifts to their families.

"It's important to teach children that the cost of a gift is not nearly as important as the thought behind it," Boozer said. "Encourage children to make gifts, such as gift card for a free chore with no grumbling, or let them decorate a special holiday treat for other family members."

Birkenfeld agreed gifts shouldn't be about cost.

"Don't let the children play into the old tale of Santa only comes to good boys and girls. Children who get little or nothing could take that to mean they are not good. Kids will buy into the gift of time, if the adults will offer it," she said.

"The big thing is don't expect too much from others. You don't have to meet everyone else's expectations and don't set personal expectations to high," Boozer said.

Boozer and Birkenfeld offered these tips for keeping stress down:

- Get enough rest; -Avoid overindulgence in sweets, alcohol, and holiday foods; -Stick to schedules; -Give adults and children private time to collect themselves; -Accept the fact that everyone makes mistakes; -Let the small stuff go, it won't matter anyway; -Enjoy friends and family, but remember to save time for yourself; and -Avoid loneliness and depression by giving of your time and effort to others.

Water

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ground water to Vega and then south to Hereford, Friona and Muleshoe. The pipeline would turn east and run parallel to the existing City of Lubbock pipeline from the Bailey County well fields. This pipeline is at capacity during peak periods.

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

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

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

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

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

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INSIDE

WINTER STORM: Residents across the Plains cope with power outages



The Associated Press
Residents across the Plains coped with widespread power outages and treacherous travel early Thursday as freezing rain, frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall pounded the area and pushed eastward. More than 200,000 homes and businesses in Arkansas and Texas alone were without electricity after Wednesday's ice storms caused power lines to fall. The slick roads and heavy snowfall caused at least 10 traffic deaths, including five in Indiana. "This is as much snow as we've seen in the last 15 years and we got it all in one whack," said Charles Ward, city superintendent in the small southeastern Kansas town of Colony. The area received about 14 inches of snow.

Springfield, Mo., also had received more than 14 inches of snow. The remnants of the storm that began Tuesday were expected to continue Thursday, with more chilly temperatures. Many residents were also faced with the daunting task of digging out from all the snow. "Now it's time for the sore backs to kick in," said Jim Wright of Springfield, Mo., who spent close to an hour moving snow from his driveway while his daughter made snow angels. "You've got to love winter." In Arkansas, where about 202,000 people were without electricity, a pileup of about 15 tractor-trailer trucks and cars shut down parts of Interstates 55 and 40. At one point, 80 semi-trucks were backed up

on another highway. No serious injuries were reported. Three family members were killed in Indiana on Wednesday when their car spun out of control and hit a garbage truck, and a 5-year-old girl was killed when her mother's van slid into the path of a train. Another man died when his Jeep Cherokee crossed the median on snow-covered Interstate 65 and slammed into a tractor-trailer. A Kansas man died when his carport collapsed under the weight of the snow, and a New York man died in raging wind Tuesday as he tried to saw off a tree branch and was struck by another part of the tree. One death was also reported in Texas, one in Missouri and two in Arkansas. AAA Michigan reported more than 8,200 calls from

stranded motorists after as much as 20 inches of snow accumulated in parts of the state. In east and central Texas, tens of thousands of customers still lacked electricity on Thursday, and a nursing home was forced to transport 32 residents to a nearby church for warmth. Thousands of workers were scrambling to restore power to the devastated power system in the two states. Entergy Arkansas said it could be Saturday before power was fully restored. "This very well could be the worse ice storm we've ever seen in terms of damage to the electrical system," Entergy spokesman David Lewis said. "The ice is it. Snow wouldn't have hurt nearly this bad."

Clintons visit queen — President Clinton and Britain's Queen Elizabeth II converse as they are followed by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (top, left) and the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, at Buckingham Palace in London. Clinton met with the queen today on the final day of his visit to Ireland, Northern Ireland and England. Clinton also will meet with President-elect Bush next week at the White House.

Wholesale prices up slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale inflation inched up a tiny 0.1 percent in November, the best performance in three months, as falling costs of heating oil and prescription drugs blunted rising prices for natural gas and fresh vegetables. The Producer Price Index was more subdued last month after rising a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent in October, the Labor Department reported today.

The report also showed that prices for goods other than food and energy were flat in November following a 0.1 percent decline, suggesting inflation is still in check. While economists believe energy prices will moderate in the coming months, that may be of little comfort to consumers likely to face astronomical heating bills this winter. The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 with the goal of slowing the

economy enough to keep inflation under control but not too much as to trigger a recession. Many economists expect the Fed will leave interest rates alone when it meets next week but will change its policy statement away from a tilt toward raising interest rates to a neutral stance. That position would assume the risks of inflation are no greater than the risks of the economy's stalling. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan signaled last week that the Fed stands ready to cut interest rates if the economy shows signs of slipping into a recession. President-elect Bush and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney expressed concerns re-

cently that the slowdown in economic growth may be threatening a full-blown recession and have said this is a major reason why Congress next year should pass the Republicans' \$1.3 trillion tax-cut proposal. New claims for state unemployment insurance fell sharply last week by a seasonally adjusted 32,000 to 320,000, but still hovered at a level suggesting that the nation's red-hot labor market is cooling. Business inventories rose by 0.6 percent in October as sales fell, another indication that the economy is slowing. The slim 0.1 percent rise in the PPI — the best showing since a 0.4 percent decline in August — and the flat core rate made for a better reading on inflation in November than many analysts were expecting. Wholesale prices this year have been rising at an annual rate of 3.9 percent, compared with a 2.9 percent gain for all of 1999. The pickup in this year's prices largely reflects surging energy costs.

Charges dropped against 33 protesters
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prosecutors dropped charges Wednesday against 33 more protesters arrested during last summer's Republican National Convention after police failed to identify the suspects from photographs or lineups. Police arrested 75 people Aug. 1 at a West Philadelphia warehouse where activists had been building papier mache puppets, signs and other props to be used during demonstrations.

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