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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

■ New Year's means day off for most workers

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Jan. 1 to allow their employees to observe the New Year's Day holiday.

All financial institutions will be closed on New Year's Day, as will all post offices. There will be no residential or business mail delivery, although special delivery mail will be delivered. Financial institutions and the U.S. Postal Service will resume normal operations Jan. 2.

The *Hereford Brand*, which closed at 2 p.m. today, will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 2.

Classes in the Hereford Independent School District will be closed this week. Students will return to classes Jan. 8, 2001.



Family displaced — Hereford firefighter Bill Watts sprays water into the attic of a house at 213 Harrah. An overturned candle are being blamed for the Thursday evening house fire. The fire, which was contained in one room, displaced a family of six. The family has been referred to the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance. Deaf Smith County Fire Marshal Dean Turney estimates damage to the dwelling is \$10,000. Red Cross spokeswoman Cindy Welty said the family will be in need of everything because the entire contents of the house were severely smoke damaged.

County receives fed funds

■ A local board made up of representatives from the business community, city, county, school district, churches, United Way and individuals will determine how the funds awarded to Deaf Smith County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs operated by local service organizations.

Deaf Smith County will receive \$11,736 in federal funds to supplement the emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The funds are being provided under the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and the United Way of America. The agencies provide the administrative staff. The board was mandated to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the nation.

A local board made up of representatives from the business community, city, county, school district, churches, United Way and individuals will determine how the funds awarded to Deaf Smith County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs operated by local service organizations. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive the funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must:

- Be private, voluntary nonprofit organizations or units of government;
- Have an accounting system;
- Practice nondiscrimination;
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and
- Have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Qualifying organizations or urged to apply. Deaf Smith County has distributed the funds assisting a total of 89,944 meals and 148 utility bills through agencies in the community.

For more information, contact Judy Baker, Deaf Smith County Social Services, by Jan. 5, 2001.

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

• Partly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Partly cloudy with lows around 18, light and variable winds.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with highs around 38, southwest to south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday night: Cloudy with lows around 20.

• Extended forecast •

Sunday and New Year's Day: Cloudy with a chance of snow, lows 10 to 16, highs 24 to 30.

Tuesday: Cloudy, lows 6 to 12, highs 30 to 36.

Wednesday and Thursday: Mostly cloudy, lows 16 to 22, highs 34 to 40.

• Hereford weather •

Thursday's high, 38; low, 12; no precipitation; year-to-date precipitation, 16.91 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



• Wintry blast eases •

Patchy, early-morning fog hovered in parts of North Texas and along the coast today as skies continued to clear behind a winter storm that wreaked havoc on Texas roadways.

Warmer temperatures are on tap for much of Texas in the wake of the storm that brought snow and ice to much of the state.

Skies were mostly cloudy over the Panhandle, while much of the remainder of the state was clear and cold.

Early morning temperatures were in the 20s and 30s across the state and in the low 40s over the coastal plains.

North Texas was mostly sunny on Thursday, with temperatures mostly in the 40s and lower 50s. Another cold front is expected to move through the region today, but no precipitation is expected. Highs should be in the 40s, and winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

WE'RE NO. 2!

■ Census finds Texas bumps New York from second spot in U.S. population; state to pick up 2 seats in House of Representatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas officially became the second most populous state in the country Thursday, stripping New York of the title and gaining two more seats in Congress.

Texas' state resident population grew to 20,851,820 over the past decade, according to census figures released Thursday. The amount was a 22.8 percent increase since 1990.

People living overseas, but claiming Texas residency are added to the population to determine congressional seats. Those number raise Texas' totals to 20,903,994.

The higher population gives Texas 32 seats in the House, displacing New York with the second largest congressional delegation. New York loses two seats, leaving it with 29. California remained the largest with a population of 33.8 million, up 13.8 percent from a decade ago, and one more seat for a total of 53.

The new seats would be filled in the 2002 elections. Texas now has 30

representatives in the U.S. House with 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans.

"That's a credit for Texas," said state Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Houston, who co-chairs the Texas Senate Redistricting Committee. "I think people are seeing Texas as a good place to live and work and bring up their kids."

Population estimates in the early 1990s had shown Texas overtaking New York, but the new census makes it official and sets in motion the redistribution of the 435 House seats.

"It certainly means we have had a very extensive period of population growth and change," said Steve Murdoch, director of the Texas State Data Center. "These are numbers that are higher than expected for the country and higher than we expected for Texas."

Texas' resident population made a 27 percent leap in the decade from 1970 to 1980, but numerically the

1990-2000 increase was larger.

The numbers released Thursday are intended for use in reapportionment and will be used by state legislatures to redraw congressional districts to accommodate the population changes. In March, the Census Bureau is scheduled to release more data detailing county and local-level populations.

The news officially begins a process that will mean months of politicians huddling over maps, closed door talk about trading a few constituents here for a few constituents there and lots of jockeying and political wrangling to redraw political district boundaries.

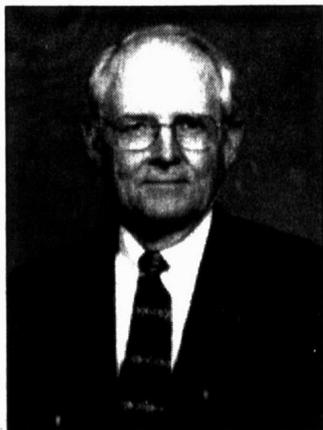
"Officially, when you get the numbers the wheels start turning" in the redistricting process said Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant. "How fast those wheels turn remains to be seen."

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PROFILE

Senators pick Ratliff

■ Veteran Mt. Pleasant lawmaker is narrow choice in secret balloting to be new lieutenant governor



Bill Ratliff

HOMETOWN — Mount Pleasant
PARTY — Republican
LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE: Senate, 1989-present

AGE — 64
EDUCATION — University of Texas/Austin, B.S. Graduate of Sonora High School.

OCCUPATION — Consulting engineer. Former city manager of Coppell Cove.

FAMILY — Married to wife, Sally, with three adult children, Bess, Bennett and Thomas. He has three grandchildren.

Source: The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Even though he has been chosen by his colleagues to take over the post of lieutenant governor, state Sen. Bill Ratliff says his agenda is no more important than those of the 30 other lawmakers in the state senate.

"This role is considerably different than a lieutenant governor's job which is elected by 20 million people," Ratliff said.

"I've been elected by my peers to preside over this session over the next two years and that is a different situation. I am still the senator from the First District and because of that, it is my philosophy that my agenda is no more important than 30 other agendas," he said.

That's the kind of attitude that has guided Ratliff, chosen Thursday by his colleagues in a secret vote to take over the post of lieutenant governor, through his 11 years as a state senator, lawmakers said.

Ratliff, a Republican from Mount Pleasant, replaces Rick Perry, who was sworn in as governor last week when President Elect Bush resigned. He will take on the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor until the 2002 election. Ratliff said he was unsure if he would run then.

"I may not even like the job," said Ratliff, who spoke to Perry by telephone after the election. The governor offered congratulations and help with the transition, Ratliff said.

As the state's second-highest ranking officer, Ratliff will keep his vote as a lawmaker as well as control the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate.

Ratliff, 64, was chosen over Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, in a 16-15 vote.

The vote came after the Texas Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Senate could choose an interim lieutenant governor by secret ballot, overturning a lower court decision.

The justices decided that the courts had no jurisdiction in the matter. Some of the largest newspapers in the state had sued the senators to get them to hold the vote in public.

Now the senate president, Ratliff said he will give up his chairmanship of the senate's powerful finance committee, which helps guide the allocation of state dollars. He says his new role will be one of an "implementer and an expeditor."

"I think my role is to maintain order, maintain efficiency and provide leadership," said Ratliff, a civil engineer who has served in the senate since 1989.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Jerry Boatner said Ratliff's engineering background makes him a methodical and careful leader.

"He just brings a lot of mental capacity to the job and to the problem, no matter what it is, in a bipartisan way," said Boatner, a friend of Ratliff's for 25 years.

Ratliff represented his district well by keeping his office open to constituents and city and county officials, said Tony Proffitt, former press secretary for the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Ratliff "is a strong person," Proffitt said. "He had a talent for understanding the complex financial dealings that the state is in. He's levelheaded and he's pretty

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News digest

• Stuck drain gator may yet die •

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Neighbors of a 10-foot alligator stuck for weeks in an underground pipe haven't done it any favors with their frequent teasing and snacks.

Wildlife officials, who learned of the trapped animal on Tuesday, warn that "Drano" will be killed, most likely, if he is freed.

"He has been harassed and fed and may have lost his fear of people," said Lt. Hampton Yates of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "Plus, he is over 4 feet long, and alligators that big we do not relocate."

Neighbors called a wildlife trapper when they first discovered the animal a month ago. But six attempts later the gator is still stuck.

Yates said wildlife officials would try to free the beast again on Friday, using a high-powered hose to flush it out.

Otherwise, they probably will drag it out with a hook, Yates said.

Many neighbors had hoped its life would be spared.

But Yates said saving Drano, whose growing white pigment could indicate illness, might hurt others.

"We don't know if it's healthy," he said. "If we take it to the Everglades, we could introduce a germ or disease into that population of gators."

• Typo causes securities screw-up •

MANALAPAN, N.J. (AP) — A typo at TD Waterhouse almost cost a 6-month-old her college fund when the top securities firm accidentally charged more than a dozen trades to her name.

Trading on margin — paying a small percentage of transaction costs and borrowing the remainder from a brokerage firm — is not permitted for custodial accounts like Shayna Glanzer's. But that's exactly what happened to her account, charged for 15 margin trades in three days.

The baby's father, Jeff McKay, said a Waterhouse executive on Thursday blamed the mix-up on a lost wallet. Its owner, another customer, was issued a new account number almost identical to Shayna's.

The information, however, was entered manually — and erroneously. Transaction costs for the other customer's trades were billed to Shayna.

McKay discovered the keystroke slip on Tuesday, when his daughter received a letter telling her to pay \$2,500 or forfeit her assets.

• Weather keeps fountain frozen •

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. (AP) — Unseasonably chilly weather has turned an airport fountain here into a giant snow cone.

Managers at the Allegheny County Airport, near Pittsburgh, have left the fountain running since Dec. 7 to keep its pipes from freezing.

The plan was to let the ice melt, drain the fountain and add antifreeze to prepare it for winter, said Joanne Jenny, an airport spokeswoman.

But freezing or near-freezing temperatures every night as the water continued to spray have made the ice mountain grow.

The weather trend will continue for more than a week, said meteorologist Robert Stonefield, of the National Weather Service.

• Thief steals Grinch •

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — A foul one has been afoot in central Louisiana this holiday season.

Two days after Christmas, someone stole the Grinch mannequin set up by Eva and Julian Long under the carport of their Alexandria home.

The couple chose the Grinch for their Christmas display because of the popularity of the movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," starring Jim Carrey. The Longs even sent out Christmas cards featuring the furry, green holiday-hater.

Mrs. Long said the mannequin's disappearance won't dampen her Christmas cheer.

"I don't want to become a bah-humbag and stop decorating my home because of this," she said. "I love doing this every year."

• Religious fences ordered down •

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — A judge has ordered the owner of a fence near Interstate 70 to remove a religious message — not because of its credo but because of its enormity.

Washington County Judge David Gilmore on Wednesday ruled in favor of South Strabane Township's zoning board when he agreed that signs outside the home of William Spriggs exceed the legal limit of 24 square feet.

Spriggs said the law blocks his freedom of religion. But Gilmore said several cases have established that religious organizations must follow zoning and safety laws.

The first message Spriggs posted was: "The Anointing Shall Break Every Yoke." The most recent message is: "Celebrate the Lord's Birthday." Some quotes have filled the 64-foot fence.

• Cat cadavers to be sold •

LAPEER, Mich. (AP) — They might have gone unclaimed in life, but not in death.

Lapeer County commissioners have authorized the county Animal Control Department to sell the corpses of cats euthanized at its animal control shelter.

Each corpse will be sold for \$1.50 to a private company that will prepare the remains and resell them to veterinary schools, said Sue Ellen Lee, the county's interim health director.

Only the bodies of unwanted cats will be sold. Waiting periods for putting animals to sleep will not change, nor will other euthanasia policies at the shelter.

Animal cadavers are an important training device, veterinarian Kurt Dunckel told The Flint Journal.

"At least they are not being euthanized for naught," Dunckel said.



Jurassic front yard—This week's snow storm helped kids at John David and Carol Castaneda's house at 136 Ranger use their imagination and create a snow dinosaur. Matthew Pena (left), Desiree Castaneda (second from left), Brandi Castaneda (right), Brandon Castaneda (little boy in back) and Raul Vasquez (teen holding B. Castaneda) spent more than four hours creating the beast seen below them.

Number of slain officers increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 150 police officers died in the line of duty in 2000, an increase of 11 percent from the year before, police organizations said Thursday.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the Concerns of Police Survivors said 151 police officers have been killed so far in 2000, up from 134 in 1999, the lowest level since 1965.

The annual average in the 1990s was 153, compared to 187 during the 1980s and 222 during the 1970s.

The most recent officer killed was Aubry Hawkins, 29, of Irving, Texas, shot while investigating a Christmas Eve holdup at a sporting goods store. Seven convicts who escaped a Texas prison are wanted in the shooting.

Texas had the most police officers killed in 2000 with 14 dead, followed by California with 11 and Georgia and Tennessee with 10 each.

The number of officers shot to death rose from 45 last year to 51 so far this year.

Except for 1999, when there were more deaths from

automobile accidents than shootings, firearms have been the leading cause of death for law enforcement officers every year since 1792, Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the memorial fund, said in an interview.

However, the widespread use of bulletproof vests has greatly reduced the number of shooting deaths during the last 25 years, he said.

This year 47 officers died in automobile accidents, a number that has remained relatively stable over the last four years.

"Officers are finding themselves in dangerous situations driving at high rates of speed and maybe don't have the level of training to navigate the roadway safely under those circumstances," Floyd said. "They're paying the price with their lives."

Noting that 20 officers died after being struck by cars while outside their cruisers, Floyd said drivers need to be

more cautious when they see police stopped by the side of a road.

Accidental deaths have been on the rise, Floyd said. "When you're a law enforcement officer any situation can be potentially life threatening," he said.

Lt. James R. Haddock, of Kissimmee, Fla., died after the horse he was riding fell and crushed him as he acted as an escort for a trail ride. Lt. John Galvin, of Wichita, Kan., died of burns after 1,500 pounds of old fireworks he was helping to dispose of exploded.

Also in 2000, eight officers died in motorcycle accidents, seven were killed in aircraft accidents, six died from job-related illness, three drowned, three died in falls, two were stabbed, one was beaten to death and one died after falling from a bicycle during a training exercise.

Quick shift helps Houston avoid bouncing payroll

HOUSTON (AP) — The most populous city in Texas almost had a colossal payroll problem on its hands were it not for a last-minute \$9 million loan designed to keep the paychecks of its police officers and firefighters from bouncing Friday.

The city controller's office late Thursday shifted \$8 million from the city's health benefits fund and \$1 million from workers' compensation so the city could pay the almost 9,000 employees.

The loans are expected to be paid back in a week with incoming tax revenues.

The police and firefighters' biweekly payroll totals about \$24 million. Other city workers are paid on alternate weeks.

While city officials said there is nothing unusual about borrowing money from one city fund for another, critics said the 11th-hour push to

make payroll, a regular expense, indicates poor planning.

"It's beyond me how something like that could happen," Councilwoman Annise Parker said. "It's not like making payroll is a surprise."

City finances require a complex juggling of loans and shifting between funds as the city balances year-round costs against tax revenues that come in at certain times.

There are also strict rules on how much cash the city can have on hand without facing a penalty from the Internal Revenue Service, said Al Haines, the city's chief administrative officer.

Haines said the city has plenty of money and responded correctly to comply with IRS rules, given the uncertainty of incoming property tax revenue.

The city has borrowed money in the past to make the deadline.

Judge rules with DISD

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Independent School District acted in accordance with former Superintendent Bill Rojas' contract when trustees fired him for failing to maintain good rapport with the board, a state district judge ruled this week.

The ruling comes less than a week before former state Education Commissioner Mike Moses takes over the district's top post.

Rojas' attorney, Jeff Tillotson, said he plans to ask the court to reconsider the ruling. An appeal will follow if the case is not reconsidered, he said.

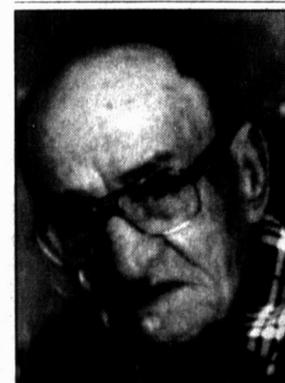
State District Judge John Marshall also found that Rojas knowingly waived his right to appeal his termination and that his efforts to seek an appeal were a breach of his contract.

After Rojas was fired in July, he sought a hearing before the Texas Education Agency, but a court injunction blocked his appeal.

His 11-month tenure as Dallas superintendent was tumultuous, marked by public clashes with trustees. School board members invoked a clause in Rojas' contract requiring that he maintain good rapport with the board.

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Obituaries



GEORGE POPE
Dec. 28, 2000

Services for George Pope, 81, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Central Church of Christ with Tom Bailey officiating. Burial will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton. Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside

Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Pope died Thursday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 3, 1919, in Carlsbad, N.M., to Thomas and Callie Pope. He married Nell McLaugh on Sept. 23, 1977, in Carlsbad. He owned and operated a gas station in Carlsbad and worked in the construction industry. He had lived in Hereford for more than 24 years. He served in the Marines during World War II. Mr. Pope was a manager of a hog farm in Hereford and was a retired equipment operator. He was a member of the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, one son, Billy Ray White of Fredricksburg; three daughters, Judy Kay Embry of Cash, Okla., Susan Fay Worley of Greenville, W. Va., Rosa May Collier of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; one brother, Jack Pope of Carlsbad, N.M.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 28, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— A theft of a dog was reported in the 400 block of Long.

— Possession of marijuana was reported in the 200 block of Lee.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

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

— A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an assault with a deadly weapon conviction.

— A 33-year-old man began serving time on an unspecified charge.

Incidents

— Two thefts were reported.
— A runaway was reported.
— A burglary was reported.
— A domestic violence was

reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 10:45 p.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire at 213 Harrah. Officials have determined a candle was accidentally overturned, catching one room on fire and causing considerable smoke damage throughout the home. Fire department officials estimate damage at \$10,000.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

1-3-22-24-38

Pick 3

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

2-7-9

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LIFESTYLES

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Classic Southern Cornbread is traditionally baked in an iron skillet for an extra crisp crust.

CORNBREAD

South's first food is still favorite

The traditional food for New Year's Day is black-eyed peas. What better accompaniment than cornbread?

Cornbread was probably the South's first food and is still one of its symbolic favorites.

"Nothing will ever take the place of a black iron skillet of southern cornbread," Linda Carman, editor of *Southern Traditions, 100 Years of Recipes from the Martha White Kitchens*, said. "But, what's in the skillet and the many ways folks prepare the cornbread have certainly evolved over the past 100 years."

The Martha White Test Kitchen staff researched the company's cornbread recipe files and archives and found them to reflect three significant eras during the 20th century that have had a lasting effect on the Southern table.

First, cornbread at the turn of the 20th century meant daily sustenance. Life in the mostly rural South was hard, with many of the food traditions born of deprivation. Inexpensive and readily available, corn meal was simply a dietary mainstay.

Folks brought their home-grown corn to the local grist mill or purchased meal from the mill. The family cornbread recipe, lacking standardized measurements and oven temperatures, was passed down from generation

to generation. Typically, the cornbread was made by blending whole ground white meal with lard, a pinch of the newly available commercial leavening, maybe an egg, and some fresh buttermilk.

This crispy on the outside, moist on the inside, unsweetened cornbread remains the benchmark today.

The mid-20th century was marked by great technological innovation - even for cornbread. Considered the South's first convenience product, self-rising corn meal mix, corn meal blended with just the right amount of leavening, salt and a little flour, was developed to help ease the burden of the Southern home cook.

Soon after, cornbread mix in a pre-measured pouch came to the rescue as more women began to spend less time in the kitchen and more time in the workplace. Grocery store shelves bulged with new time-saving convenience foods of all kinds.

The third milestone occurred late in the century when a regional food renaissance swept the country, generating great interest in traditional Southern foodways. The revival was led by a handful of up-and-coming chefs in the South boldly showcasing homegrown ingredients on their menus.

Cornbread was elevated to star status in contemporary recipes infused with a bit of tradition.

How will the 21st century taste? Carman predicts the great appreciation for the traditional Southern fair, the exploding availability of worldly food products and our ever-present need for convenience will continue to co-exist for quite some time. And cornbread fits right in.

"Whatever the year, we Southerners will always crave a good hot skillet of cornbread," Carman said.

SOUTHERN CORNBREAD

1 egg
1-1/3 cups milk or 1-3/4 cups buttermilk
1/4 cup oil or melted shortening
2 cups self-rising corn meal mix

Heat oven to 450 degrees F. Grease 9-inch cast iron skillet or 9-inch square pan; place in oven to heat. Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well. (Batter should be creamy and pourable. If batter is too thick, add more liquid.) Pour batter into hot greased skillet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 8 servings.

Tip: Recipe can be baked in muffin cups or cornbread stick pans. Grease 12 muffin cups or 16 cornbread stick pans. Bake at 450 degrees F. for 15 to 20 minutes.

Mother's ring could become treasured heirloom jewelry

Dear Ann Landers: I am one of 13 children and the oldest girl. My parents are in their late 70s and in fair health. My mother recently informed me that when she dies, she wants me to have her mother's ring, which Mom has worn for years. She put the bequest in writing so there would be no dispute.

I appreciate her offer, Ann, but frankly, I don't think I should have that ring. Mom obviously thought it would become an heirloom for me to pass along to my own daughter, but I believe this ring should be buried with my mother. Just the thought of removing it from her finger makes me sad.

I don't want to hurt Mom's feelings. Tell me what to do. — Ohio Daughter

Dear Ohio Daughter: It makes no sense whatsoever to bury jewelry. That ring should be an heirloom, and it is up to you to see that it is. The next person who owns that piece of jewelry will treasure it. Please reconsider your mother's offer. Someday that ring will be your most cherished possession. Trust me.

Dear Ann Landers: Thank you for printing that letter from John Chestara complaining that submariners have never received the recognition they deserved. My fellow servicemen and I also have been overlooked. We are Seabees. I served with the 47th USNCB for 30 months in the South Pacific.

Seabees were strictly a volunteer force of experienced construction men, including electricians, carpenters, heavy equipment handlers and survey crews, along with doctors and dentists. Each battalion had a roster of about 100 men. We helped shorten the war by building hospitals and living quarters where there were none. We also built landing strips for fighter planes and bombers.

Thank you for acknowledging the efforts of those of us who served, and those who never made it back home. — Bert in Pennsylvania

Dear Bert in Pa.: We could not have won World War II without the noble efforts of all the services, and the

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DUDE WHERE'S MY CAR EVERYDAY MAT. 2:05 & 4:15 WEEKENDS 7:15 & 9:05	HOW CRUNCHY STOLE CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY MAT. 4:10 WEEKENDS 9:00
EMPEROR NEW GROOVE EVERYDAY MAT. 1:20 & 4:05 WEEKENDS 7:05 & 9:30	WHAT WOMEN WANT EVERYDAY MAT. 1:25 & 3:50 WEEKENDS 7:00 & 9:15

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Special events at HSC

Some special activities will be happening at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center this weekend and during January.

The New Year's Eve Dance will actually be on the eve of New Year's Eve. A party and dance will be held Saturday from 8 p.m.-midnight.

The regular monthly dance and games will be on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 7:30-11 p.m.

Every Saturday in January, the Nolon Henson family Lionel train display will be available for viewing from 2-5 p.m.

Seniors and non-seniors are welcome to join in the fun.

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CHURCH NEWS

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AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Bro. David Driskill of Amarillo will be the guest speaker. There will be no evening services.

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

Choir practice and Ladies Prayer Group are canceled for this Monday, Jan. 1.

Avenue Baptist is bringing a Bible study to the residents of Hereford Care Center at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Feel free to join us as we study and sing in ministry to these good people.

Women on Mission meet each Wednesday at noon in the Choir Room. All women are invited to come and bring a sack lunch.

Children in Action will continue to meet each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Children in K-6th grade are invited to come as they study about God and missions, do crafts and have fun.

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

Youth ABC time is at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. All young people are invited to participate in the youth group.

The church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The friendly folks of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our fellowship and service of worship at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join us this Sunday for the Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Readings are 1-Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52.

The final day of the year 2000 brings with it a focus on the family on two levels. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus was part of a family.

Liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) and 9 a.m. Sunday (Spanish) and at 11:30 a.m. Sunday (Bilingual).

Liturgies Sunday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve are at 6 p.m. (Spanish) and 9 p.m. (Bilingual). A Holy Hour (Prayer Service) with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church at 11 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Jan. 1, 2001, Day of Obligation Liturgy Celebrations: 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

Weekly Liturgies are at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. San Jose Preschool is open Monday through Friday. Lunch program included.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

On the First Sunday after Christmas Day, at 9:15 refreshments and neighborly conversation will be the focus of activity in the foyer. "Forum," a group discussion for adults and older youth, will be led by Johnny and Martha Rickman, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

A unique Sunday school for all ages also meets at 9:30 a.m.

The morning service begins at 10:30 with Carmen Flood as guest speaker. Her topic will be "The Holy Family."

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. with classes for children from birth through 12th grade and adult classes from young adults through senior adults. The adult classes are determined by topic of study and you are invited to join any class.

The Sunday morning worship will be at 10:50. Extended session is available for pre-school children through age 3 during the worship time. There will be evening service for Dec. 31.

Wednesday evening activities will not be held during the first week of January.

Beginning in January, Pastor Cosby will begin a series of sermons on the book of Revelation.

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome and invitation to attend Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Dr. Tom Fuller's message will be "Just Trust Me" with Scriptural references from Proverbs 3:5-6 and John 14:1-3. The anthem, "Rose Tree Carol" from *The Winter Rose* will be sung by the Sanctuary Choir. Lesley Woodard will present a solo, "Til the Season Comes 'Round Again" as the offertory.

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

The next church directory photographs will be taken today and Saturday.

The United Methodist Women's Pledge Service and Installation of Officers will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The Caring Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the church library. The Future Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, also in the library.

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

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of New Year's Day.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

We would love to have you join us for our morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. This Family Service includes all children as Pastor Carol will bring the message "Measuring the Glory of God" using Mark 4:24-25 as a reference.

Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:30 a.m. We are sure you will find one that will be perfect for you.

Sunday evening services are at 6 with fellowship afterwards in the Ruth McBride Room. Happy New Year!

There will be no Wednesday night services again this week.

Teens will have Small Cell Groups and Sunday Night Live this Sunday. Make plans to attend a great weekend, "Disciple Now" Jan. 12-14.

Children will not have Wednesday night JOY or Heavenbound Choir until Jan. 10.

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

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Note the special time!! We welcome you to St. Thomas at 9 a.m. since this is the last Sunday of the month, to hear the Rev. Dr. Lamuel Salik as he brings a lesson from the Bible on the First Sunday after Christmas Day.

Our worship service will include Holy Communion. If you have been baptized, you are invited to receive Communion with us at the Lord's Table.

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

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

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

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

If you wish to know more about the Episcopal Church, call Earl Brookhart at 364-0249 (days) or 364-0215 (evenings).

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

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

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

On Sunday mornings, the Lord's Army Children's Church meets at 10:30 for worship, teaching and fun. On Wednesdays, Trinity Fellowship has

Bible Battalions for children 4 years through 6th grade at 7 p.m.

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

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

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This weekend in Catholic churches across the world, we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Come hear the Gospel, Luke 2:41-52 and other scripture readings, Samuel 1:20-28 and 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24.

Join us Saturday evening at 6 and Sunday morning at 9 and 11. Then, for New Year's Eve, we'll have a Liturgy at 6 p.m. and on New Year's Day at 10 a.m.

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

C.F. classes resume at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10.

The Wednesday morning study group will reconvene at 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 10 with their study of "101 Responses to Question on the Bible." There will be an "Epiphany Bruncheon" at 11:30 in the Antonian Room. Bring a dish to share.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Our Morning Worship service begins at 11 a.m. John Curtis is in charge of the music and the pastor will be preaching. There will be no Fifth Sunday Dinner. We will have no evening service.

TeamKIDS Club will not meet again until Jan. 7, 2001.

The church office is closed through Jan. 1. If you need someone during this time call Brother Bartlett at 364-4182 or Jane at 364-4947. There will be no Fifth Sunday Dinner.

PALO DURO BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

This is a very special time of year as we continue to celebrate the most important birthday known to mankind.

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

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive

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

The following is the regular schedule of services.

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

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

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

A nursery is provided during all services.

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

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Sunday morning service is at 10:45.

Sunday evening begins with Discipleship training at 6 (children and youth ministries). Evening worship is at 7.

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

A nursery is provided during all services.

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

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

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

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

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

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

Praise and worship starts at 10 on

Sunday morning and at 6 on Sunday evening.

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

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

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

Come and experience the love of Jesus Christ with us.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dawn Baptist extends an invitation to worship with them.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the morning worship service at 11.

Sunday night activities begin at 6 with singing of favorite hymns, followed by evening service.

The Wednesday night Bible Study begins at 7.

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

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

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

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

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

NEW WINE ASSEMBLY

Pastors Danny and Debbie Garza and the congregation of Templo El Calvario Church are officially announcing the name of their church will change to New Wine Assembly (Vino Nuevo) on Jan. 1.

Matthew 9:17 teaches that "new wine" must be poured into new (renewed) wineskins. "We are very grateful to the Lord for what He has done with and through our church in the past," Pastor Garza said. "But we want more and something new from Him for the future. When there is vision for the future, there is power for the present. Our goal and motto as a congregation are to be a 'first century church in the 21st century'."

New Wine Assembly is located at 137 Avenue G (corner of Avenue G and Union St.) across from Hereford High School.

Everyone is welcome to attend the New Year's Eve Celebration this Sunday at 10 p.m.

For more information, call the office at 364-5686.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 357-2535 or 364-5657.

BARN CHURCH

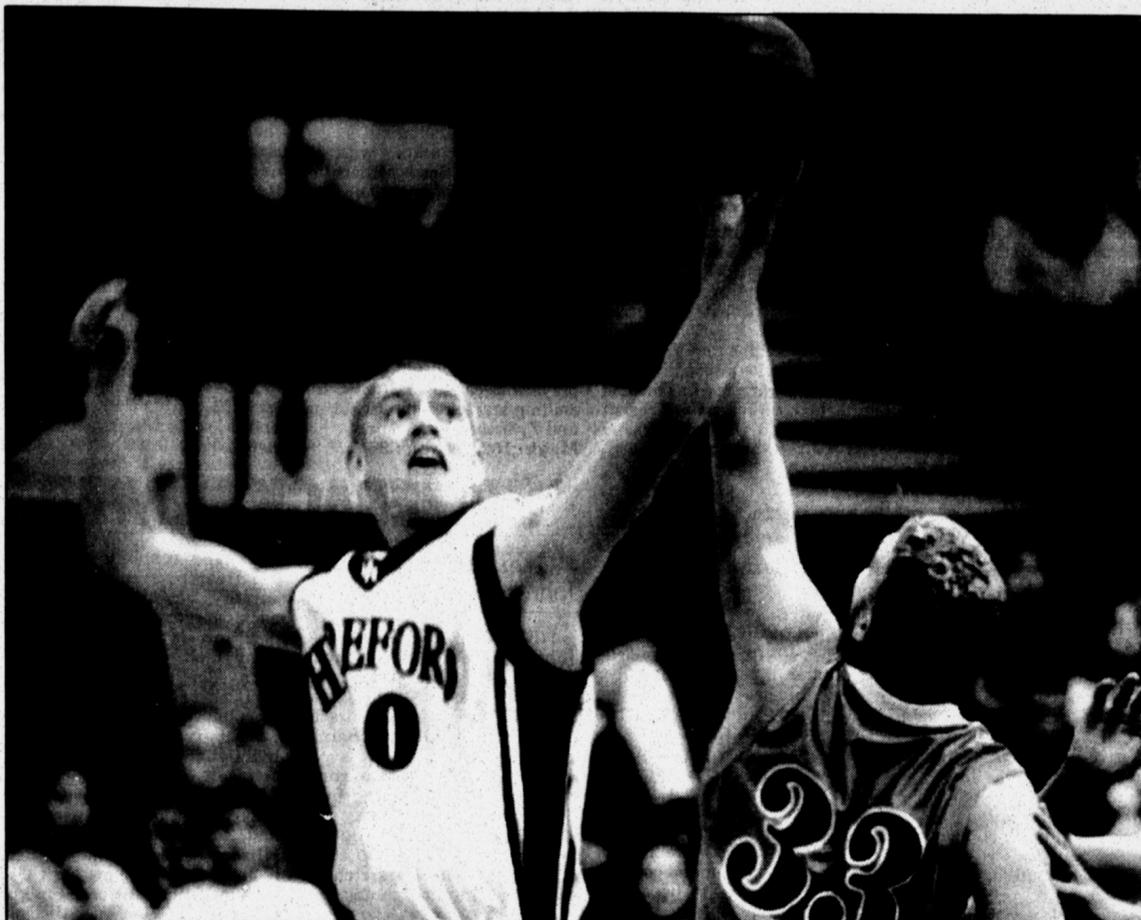
Pastor Randy Bird invites everyone to attend the Barn Church services every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and come for fellowship and a wonderful time of celebrating the abundant blessings God has given us.

Barn Church is located 6 miles west on Harrison Hwy. And then 2 1/2 miles north on Hwy. 1057.

SPORTS

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Teams play in Caprock tourney



Up and over—Senior post Chayse Rives goes around Caprock's Michael Collins during the Herd's 65-39 win against district rival Caprock.

Boys beat St. Michaels and Arlington while girls fall to Stephenville

Hereford High's girls and boys teams braved the snow covered roads to go to Lubbock and compete in the ABC Caprock Holiday Tournament Thursday.

On the girls side, the Lady Whitefaces fell in the first round of play to Stephenville 42-33.

The Lady Yellow Jackets kept Hereford scorers at bay allowing only 33 points and keeping all Hereford players in single digit scoring figures. Freshman Carlie Henson led Hereford scorers with eight points, and sophomore Sarah Griffin added seven for the Lady Herd.

The team was in action today in consolation play against Lubbock Christian High School at 10:30 a.m.

On the boys side, Hereford High dominated both of their games on Thursday beating Austin St. Michaels 64-41 and Arlington 58-46.

Senior Cody Hodges and junior Andrew Carnahan led all scorers with 16 points each against St. Michaels. Hereford senior guard Slade Hodges had 12 points for the Whitefaces while junior Cody Marsh tossed in eight. Sophomore Nathan Abarnethy added six points and Jacob Power had three.

Thursday evening, the team played Arlington beating them 58-46. C. Hodges led the Whitefaces with 25 points. S.

Hodges scored 14 points for the Herd also. Marsh again added eight points in the paint for the Whitefaces while junior Geoffrey Marquez tossed in four. Senior Nathan Horrell also tossed in three points for Hereford High.

The boys are in action at 3 p.m. against Tyler John Tyler.

Three players named to Super Team

■ Cody Hodges named Player of the Year

The Amarillo Globe News named three Hereford High football players to their Class 4A/5A Globe-News Golden Spread Super Team.

Senior quarterback Cody Hodges took top honors being named Player of the Year. Hodges is the area's all time leading passer. Hodges completed 158 passes this year for 2,205 yards.

Senior receiver Slade Hodges made the offensive team grabbing 63 passes for 866 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Senior defensive end Michael Barba also received honors for HHS.

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Boise State takes Humanitarian Bowl

Hendricks proves worth in 34-31 win against Louisville

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Bart Hendricks spent the regular season ranked statistically alongside Oklahoma's Josh Heupel, Purdue's Drew Brees and Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke of Florida State.

At Boise State, he never had the chance to match himself against the nation's more glamorous quarterbacks. But Hendricks proved Thursday he's just as effective as the best of them.

Hendricks ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and caught a late scoring pass as Boise State beat Texas-El Paso 38-23 in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Asked about his place in college football's statistical hierarchy, Hendricks credited his teammates and said he never thinks of where he ranks against the likes of Heupel, Brees or Weinke.

"That would be nice to be compared to those guys," he said. "But it's all the other players who make it happen."

Hendricks was 17-of-29 for 247 yards and ran for another 57 yards. The two-time player of the year in the Big West was selected the game's most valuable player for the Broncos (10-2).

It was a rousing send-off for Boise State coach Dirk Koetter, working in his last game before taking over at Arizona State. His voice broke when he was asked if he realized he had coached his last game in Boise.

"It's hit me right between the eyes," Koetter said.

It also extended the Bron-

cos' homefield winning streak to 14 games and marked the second straight year they won their hometown bowl game. Last year, Boise State beat Louisville 34-31.

Hendricks gave the Broncos a 24-10 lead with a 77-yard TD run on Boise State's first play from scrimmage in the second half. It started as a keeper to the left, but Hendricks cut into open field and outraced two defenders.

"It's called running scared," Hendricks said. "You just keep running until you don't have to run anymore."

He also worked the clock in the closing minute of the first half before scoring on a 12-yard run with 18 seconds left, giving the Broncos a 17-10 lead.

UTEP (8-4) was making its first bowl trip since 1988 and only the second since 1967. After winning a share of the

Western Athletic Conference title, the Miners looked out of place on the frosty blue turf in Idaho.

A few times, they ran into each other in the backfield. Their offense, which averaged 32 points a game to rank 22nd nationally, didn't get moving until late in the third quarter.

"A lot of our miscommunication was a direct correlation of the crowd noise," said UTEP coach Gary Nord. "It's a great atmosphere here."

Hendricks capped Boise State's first possession with a 28-yard TD strike to Jay Swillie. And he capped his career by grabbing an 11-yard pass from receiver Andre Banks with 3:35 on the clock.

"It hung up there in the air for about half an hour," Nord said.

Coming out of high school in Reno, Nev., Hendricks had only two Division I scholar-

ship offers: Boise State and Nevada.

But he ended his senior season by leading the nation with 35 touchdowns and a 170.6 efficiency rating, better than Heupel, Brees of Purdue or Weinke. And he was tough against the Miners, who pounded him relentlessly all day.

"Bart wasn't as sharp today as I've seen him but he had a gutsy performance, especially with that long run," Koetter said.

Boise State broke it open with a daring fake punt on the first play of the fourth quarter. On fourth-and-4, punter Jeff Edwards stepped into a channel on the right side of the line and ran 22 yards for a first down.

On the next play, Brock Forsey went for a 42-yard TD run and a 31-13 lead.

YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

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

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

Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game they shall be deemed as starting the season. There will be no grace period. Team may start with 3 player, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit.

Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

If you have questions please call the YMCA at 364-6990

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Lakers, Blazers get wins against foes

■ Bryant scores 38 to further establish himself as league scoring leader

The Lakers, Suns, Trail Blazers and Jazz got together for rematches of last season's Western Conference semifinals. While one game had an intensity and tight finish worthy of the playoffs, the other most decidedly did not.

Kobe Bryant had 38 points in 33 minutes, bolstering his hold on the league scoring lead, as the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers beat Phoenix 115-78 Thursday night to match the Suns' worst home defeat ever.

Portland, meanwhile, got by Utah 103-102 in overtime despite having Scottie Pippen, Rasheed Wallace and Arvydas Sabonis foul out. Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his season-high 32 points in the extra period, including the winning jumper.

The Blazers have won four straight against Utah, and eliminated the Jazz from the

playoffs the past two seasons.

Los Angeles beat Phoenix in last season's playoffs, before knocking out Portland in the conference finals.

In Thursday's other NBA games, Boston edged New Jersey 112-111 on a little-used player's steal and miracle 3-pointer at the buzzer; Sacramento beat Charlotte 91-87 for its 13th victory in 14 outings; Chicago stunned San Antonio 105-104; Milwaukee beat Cleveland 107-89; Orlando defeated Detroit 102-96; Minnesota rallied past Atlanta 88-81; Dallas beat the Los Angeles Clippers 105-96; and Toronto got by Denver 94-93.

"I felt like I could go to any spot on the floor and capitalize on what the defense was doing," Bryant said after surpassing the 35-point mark for the 11th time this season. "I was in the flow and felt like anything they would do, they couldn't stop me."

He was 12-of-19 from the floor and 11-of-11 from the line.

Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which won for the sixth time in seven games despite playing without starting forward Horace Grant, who had back spasms.

Jason Kidd scored 15 points for the Suns, who shot a season-low 30.5 percent from the floor in their fourth loss in six games.

"We didn't make any shots and we definitely didn't stop them," Kidd said. "That's why we got our hat handed to us tonight."

Los Angeles outscored Phoenix 64-37 over the second and third quarters.

The Suns lost 144-107 at home against the Lakers on Oct. 31, 1985. Thursday's 37-point margin was Phoenix's worst anywhere since a 151-107 defeat at Seattle on April 2, 1988.

Blazers 103, Jazz 102, OT
Stoudamire recovered a loose ball and hit the deciding basket with 4 seconds left. That allowed Stoudamire to

redeem himself after fouling Utah's John Stockton on a driving basket with 4.8 seconds left in overtime. Stockton made the free throw to complete the three-point play and put Utah ahead 102-101.

Pippen had 22 points and Wallace 21 as the Blazers won for the seventh time in nine games.

Utah has lost four in a row at home for the first time since the 1992-93 season.

Celtics 112, Nets 111

Milt Palacio's only shot of the game, a 30-footer as he fell down, came after the Nets botched an inbounds pass at halfcourt with 1.8 seconds left. New Jersey's Lucious Harris had trouble finding an open teammate and he threw the ball toward Aaron Williams near the midcourt jump ball area.

The ball tipped off Williams' hands, Palacio grabbed it while heading toward the basket and launched an off-balance shot that swished through to send the Celtics into a champion-

ship-style celebration.

Stephon Marbury scored 27 points for host New Jersey.

Kings 91, Hornets 87

Chris Webber had 24 points and 10 rebounds as Sacramento, at home, ended Charlotte's seven-game winning streak. The Kings have the NBA's best record at 20-7 and lead the Lakers by a game in the Pacific Division.

Bulls 105, Spurs 104

Chicago's Ron Mercer scored 24 of his 33 points in the second half, including a go-ahead 17-foot jumper with 52 seconds left. Brad Miller hit two free throws with four seconds to go to seal the Bulls' second home victory.

Bucks 107, Cavaliers 89

Sam Cassell and Ray Allen each scored 23 points to lead Milwaukee to its fourth victory in a row. Visiting Cleveland, which has lost five straight, was without five key players because of injury, including starters Matt Harpring and Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

Magic 102, Pistons 96

Darrell Armstrong's 22 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds led Orlando to its 14th win in 15 home games against Detroit.

Timberwolves 88, Hawks 81

Reserve Anthony Peeler scored 22 points as host Minnesota rallied to end Atlanta's season-high four-game winning streak.

Mavericks 105, Clippers 96

Michael Finley scored 25 points and Steve Nash 20 at Dallas as the Mavericks beat the Clippers for the ninth straight time. Lamar Odom had 21 points for Los Angeles.

Raptors 94, Nuggets 93

Vince Carter scored 25 points, including a 3-pointer with 4.9 seconds left, to lead Toronto at Denver. Former Nuggets player Mark Jackson had 11 points and a season-high 17 assists as the Raptors snapped a two-game losing streak.

Denver's Antonio McDyess had 22 points, 12 rebounds and a season-high seven assists.

Melee in New Orleans

■ Florida and Miami players duke it out before Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Florida and Miami couldn't wait to resume hostilities in a rivalry that has been on hold for 13 seasons.

A handful of Gators and Hurricanes were involved in a scuffle on Bourbon Street on Wednesday, the first night both teams were in town to prepare for the Sugar Bowl.

"I guess by last night's events, the rivalry is back, sort of to where it used to be," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said Thursday.

Two Gators were handcuffed, taken to the police station and questioned for about 30 minutes, but no arrests were made and police didn't file a report.

How the fight started and the number of people involved varied depending on whose version was told. An eyewitness account by Orlando Sentinel reporter Joe Schad said as many as 40 players were involved. A statement from police said it was between 10 and 15.

Coaches, players and police

all seemed to agree the fight was minor. No disciplinary action was taken and, other than a scrape under the left eye of Florida defensive end Alex Brown, no visible injuries were noted.

"It was a bunch of trash talking, we just didn't have the pads on," Florida offensive lineman Kenyatta Walker said.

The fight may have rekindled a flame that seemed to go out when Florida took Miami off its schedule after the 1987 season. Few of the current players viewed this rivalry as a blood feud. Suddenly, they may have new reason to get fired up.

"It's a bitter rivalry now," Florida linebacker Travis Carroll said. "This just heats it up a bit."

Brown, Reche Caldwell, Gerard Warren, Jabar Gaffney and Andra Davis were among the Florida players involved, according to the Sentinel.

Reporter Brian London from WQAM radio in Miami, the flagship station for the Hurricanes, witnessed the verbal confrontation that led to the fight a few minutes later. London said Miami players involved in the shouting included Al Blades, James Lewis, Troy Prasek, Jarvis Gray and Jim

Wilson.

"I heard it was a verbal altercation and they did what police asked them to do, which was to walk away from it," Miami coach Butch Davis said.

"Our players were very, very proactive in getting out of there, getting to the team hotel. I'm proud of our team."

Warren and another Gators player, not identified by New Orleans police, were taken to the police station for questioning. Warren declined comment. Spurrier said he wouldn't be so quick to condemn his star defensive lineman.

"You could say it's troubling, or you could say he jumped in there while one guy was getting clobbered by six or seven of them," Spurrier said. "That's the story we got. You've got to get a guy who wasn't a Gator or a Hurricane to tell you what happened. All we can do is say what we know. I'm sure they have their side of the story."

Davis said there was no reason to discipline his players.

Spurrier doesn't plan on punishing his players unless he gets solid information that shows one of them did wrong.

New Orleans police confirmed a fight broke out on

Bourbon Street around 11:15 p.m. and involved several individuals. When police responded, a number of people fled.

No injuries were reported and nobody filed a complaint, so police say there was no reason to file any paperwork.

"We don't document every fight that occurs on Bourbon Street," police spokesman Sgt. Paul Accardo said. "Particularly when there were no injuries and no one's coming forward claiming to be a victim of anything."

The Sentinel reported the confrontation began when a Miami player poured a drink over Caldwell's head, then escalated when several Hurricanes started yelling at Gaffney. Gators linebacker Andra Davis accused Blades of starting the fight.

"We tried to avoid them the whole time," Davis said. "You can only take it so far. They pushed us in a corner and we had to get out of there."

Butch Davis tried to keep Miami players off limits after practice Thursday, although Blades did field a question about his role in the fight.

"I have no comment," Blades said. "They can say whatever they want to say."

COMEBACK PLAYER

■ NFL cornerback Joe Johnson wins award

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Joe Johnson remembers those dreary late winter days after the 1999 season — the work, the pain, the sweaty hours in the quiet New Orleans Saints practice facility.

His teammates were gone, resting and recuperating from a tough 3-13 season. His coaches were strangers, brought in to right the franchise mired in a stretch of eight straight non-winning seasons.

His only companion was a trainer who watched over him in the weight room as he fought his way back from injuries and surgery.

"The only motivation I had was to get back on the field," Johnson said. "But that was the only motivation I needed."

Johnson's months of hard

work and rehabilitation paid off. He recovered from major surgery on his right knee, back surgery for a bulging disc and an arthroscopic procedure on his left knee to earn The Associated Press NFL Comeback Player of the Year on Thursday.

"This is probably one of the highlights of my life," said Johnson, a seven-year veteran. "To see my work pay off, to have the kind of season we had, to be in the playoffs, it all seems OK now."

Johnson beat New York Giants quarterback Kerry Collins by one vote, 9-8, in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

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Mavs on a roll, win 105-96

■ Finley scores 25 points

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Finley scored 25 points and Steve Nash 20 as the Dallas Mavericks continued their dominance of the Los Angeles Clippers with a 105-96 victory Thursday night.

Dirk Nowitzki added 17 points and 15 rebounds for Dallas, which has won its last nine games against the Clippers and 10 of 11.

Lamar Odom had 21 points, Darius Miles added 18 and Corey Maggette 17 for the Clippers.

Shawn Bradley contributed 14 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots for the Mavericks, who have won six of seven overall.

The Clippers trailed by 22 points at the start of the fourth quarter, but Miles' free throw closed a 10-0 run that reduced Dallas' lead to 98-92 with 4:25 left.

A three-point play by Christian Laettner and consecutive baskets by Finley pushed Dallas' lead to 105-92 with 2:30 to play.

Dallas carried an 86-64 lead into the final quarter despite Odom's 13-point third quarter.

The Mavericks got off to a 28-15 first-quarter lead and built a 58-43 halftime advan-

tage behind Nash's 17 points.

The Clippers got as close as 64-51 early in the third quarter, but Dallas answered with

an 11-4 run that included two 3-pointers from Finley. Mavericks coach Don Nelson posted his 946th career victory.

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CONFIDENCE GAP

Public support there, but it's very conditional

By Will Lester
Associated Press Writer

Americans tend to rally behind a new president once the race is decided, and national surveys indicate that has happened with President-elect Bush, accepted as the legitimate winner by just over two-thirds of Americans.

Findings in recent weeks suggest, however, another basic obstacle for incoming presidents: Public support doesn't necessarily translate into public confidence.

"He's obviously established himself on a personal level, more than on a professional level," said Peter Hart, who polls for NBC and the Wall Street Journal. "They like him personally, and he has the good will of the nation, wanting things to move forward. I think the question goes right back to where it was during the campaign, and that is competence."

Surveys taken by Hart and others suggest plenty of people have not yet developed confidence in Bush's abilities on matters ranging from the economy to international affairs. Not surprisingly, the public is about evenly divided on these as on so many questions in this very unusual political year. Bush and Vice President Al Gore ended the election in a virtual tie that took more than a month to unravel.

"I didn't like what they did down in Florida and don't think it was fair, but I support Bush now," said Myrtice Crook, a Gore voter and 64-year-old

rural mail carrier from Reynolds, Ga., in the south-central part of the state.

Public doubt about incoming presidents, especially on matters such as international affairs, aren't unusual on Washington newcomers such as Ronald Reagan or Bill Clinton.

Public support for Bush is clearly bipartisan, but public confidence takes on a more partisan edge. Michigan pollster Ed Sarpolus, found that distinction when he tracked differences between support and confidence among various groups in a survey in his state taken right after the race was finally settled.

In a post-decision poll in Michigan, a battleground state narrowly claimed by Gore, Bush was:

- Supported by four of five whites, but fewer than two-thirds had confidence in him. About two-thirds of blacks supported him, but a third had confidence in him.

- Supported by six of 10 Democrats, while only three in 10 said they had confidence in him.

- Supported by four of five independents, while just over half had confidence in him.

National polls have reflected some doubts about Bush's performance, but haven't examined the gulf between support and confidence so specifically.

Robert Teeter, a Republican pollster who teams with Democrat Hart to produce their media poll, said he thinks bitterness left by the monthlong election stalemate will fade steadily.



President-elect Bush introduces Donald Rumsfeld, his choice for defense secretary.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush is looking to welfare-reform pioneer Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin to head the Department of Health and Human Services, the huge federal agency that delivers welfare and other social programs.

Thompson, who is the nation's longest-serving Republican governor, flew to Washington on Thursday night for an announcement Friday, GOP sources said. Bush, meanwhile, was taking a long look at Houston schools chief Rod Paige for education secretary.

Earlier Thursday, Bush nominated Donald Rumsfeld,

68, to be his defense secretary, picking a man who held the post a generation ago. Rumsfeld was the youngest defense secretary when President Ford named him to the job at 43, late in 1975.

Thompson, 59, would head one of the government's largest departments, one that comprises the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among other agencies.

HHS also oversees the Medicare and Medicaid health insurance programs for elderly, disabled and poor people, and

the Head Start program for children. And it provides financial assistance to low-income families.

Since 1986, when Thompson first was elected governor, the number of welfare families in Wisconsin has fallen from more than 98,000 to just over 16,000.

Some credit the economic boom for the decline in the welfare case load, but Thompson took a series of bold, early steps, cutting the public assistance checks of parents whose kids skipped school, requiring fathers to participate in work programs if they failed to pay child support and paying teen-

age parents more if they got married.

Thompson, who is serving his fourth term, was Wisconsin chairman of the Bush campaign.

Republican sources in Texas, meanwhile, said Paige, the Houston Independent School District superintendent, had emerged as a finalist for education secretary and could be in Washington for a news conference as early as Friday. The sources spoke on condition they not be named.

Paige is widely credited with making the Houston district, the largest in Texas and seventh largest in the nation,

RE-TREAD

Bush seeks to return former defense chief to head Pentagon, eyes Wisconsin reform-minded governor for HHS

Oil, other energy problems are awaiting Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days before George W. Bush is inaugurated president, OPEC oil ministers will meet in Vienna and in all likelihood slash oil production, raising crude prices worldwide.

It's not what the new president will want to see.

A former oilman himself, Bush faces a multitude of energy problems beyond resurging oil prices that could present his administration with its first crisis as much of the country copes with a sweep of arctic-driven cold.

Among them: Fear of heating oil shortages in the Northeast, record high natural gas prices across the country, and soaring electric bills and threat of blackouts in California.

Bush has tapped energy industry board rooms for some of his top advisers, including his vice president and his secretary of commerce. For all of them, the answer to the country's energy problems is production.

"When we're undersupplied (in the energy field) as a nation and demand increases,

prices will go up," Bush told reporters recently, vowing to find ways to boost supplies of natural gas, oil and coal for energy-hungry America.

But those are long-term solutions.

"There is not much the president can do in the near term to take care of these prices, except put measures in place that have a psychological effect, that calm the market," says Jay Saunders, an energy analyst for Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown.

Nevertheless, Bush's first

few months in the White House may severely test his campaign pledge to reshape the nation's energy policy. The immediate issues include finding better ways to cajole OPEC oil producers to hold prices down, boosting domestic energy supplies and grappling with a rapidly changing electricity supply system.

"There's no magic wand that he can wave. It's just not in the cards," says Robert Ebel, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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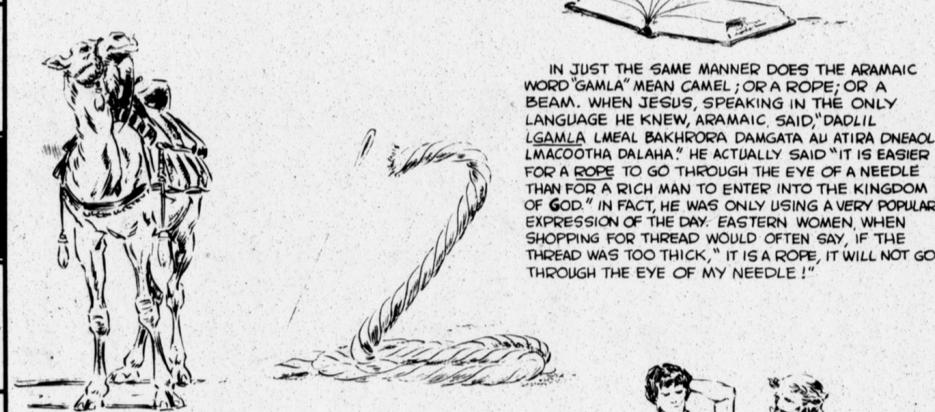
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Pastor Tammy Passmore</p> <p>NAZARENE
Church of the Nazarene
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- HUD Assistance welcome and -1 Smoking

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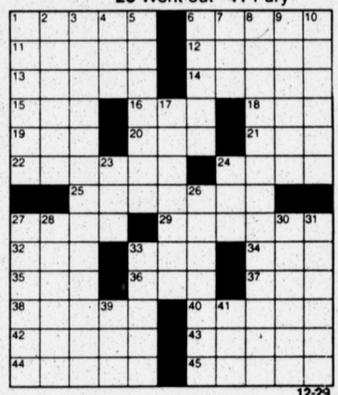
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE MOST EFFECTIVE OF ALL HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS IS ON THE CAR MARKED POLICE. — AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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Writing Want Ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.

For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs."

Then remember these hints:

- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an add with no price.
- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition. Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
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1. ARTICLES FOR SALE

REBUILT KIRBYS And G3 & G4 ½ price with warranty. Repossessed Upright Electrolux and Ti-Star Compact and other name brands. \$39 & up. Sales and repairs in your home, on all makes and models. Call 364-4288.

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

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

MALDONADO'S USED Furniture year end clearance. 50% Off all knick-knacks in store. Starts Monday, December 18th through Saturday, December 30th. 208 N. Main, 364-4418.

Farm Fresh Pecans
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2. FARM & RANCH

BUTCHER HOGS For sale. Maranos para venta. Listos para los chicharones. Call 258-7210.

3. AUTOMOBILES

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8. EMPLOYMENT

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CNA's
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CATTLE TOWN Feedyard is taking applications for the Doctoring process crew. See Gary at the Feedyard.

KINGS MANOR Methodist Home needs weekend RN Supervisor. Supervision only! 8 hour shifts, pay scale negotiable, share weekend responsibility with a friend. For information and application, call Jacque Carter at 364-0661.

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p.m. Friday

CLASSIFIEDS

HOLIDAY STORM

Clinton declares federal disaster areas in Oklahoma, parts of Arkansas; thousands are still without power

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — The view from an Arkansas highway was stunning — hundreds of ice-laden pine trees glimmering in the afternoon sun.

The view from Wayne and Norma Murray's Texarkana home was less picturesque — an oak tree wedged against the roof above their bedroom, its root ball, the size of a Volkswagen beetle, pulled from the ground.

"We always thought that if that tree ever did fall, it would fall right on our room," Mrs. Murray said. "I guess we won't have to worry about that tree anymore."

Thursday marked the fourth day the Murrys and thousands of others across the south-central United States spent without electricity, learning to make

the best of a miserable situation. Since Christmas Eve, icy storms have snapped tree limbs and knocked out power to more than 600,000 homes and businesses in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

President Clinton declared federal disaster areas Thursday in Oklahoma and parts of his home state of Arkansas. About 210,000 electric customers in Arkansas and 166,000 in Oklahoma were without power Thursday night.

Clinton made the Arkansas declaration after speaking with Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt, who was himself without water and electricity as he spent the holidays at his western Arkansas farm.

Witt said he was drinking bottled water, using runoff wa-

ter to flush a commode, and showering at nearby truck stops.

"I tried to get Washington to send me a generator, but apparently I don't have enough pull," he joked.

Arkansas electricity customers have been told that it could be Jan. 6 before all power is back on, while in Oklahoma some estimates reach as long as two weeks.

"It's realistic," Scott McCloud, a spokesman for AEP-Southwestern Electric Power, said of the estimates. "This is a devastating storm."

James Thompson, a spokesman for Arkansas electrical company Entergy, said the damage was similar to that caused by a large tornado, "only it was a much slower process." He said that trees around the state

"bent and bent and bent, then they finally broke."

But tornadoes don't do damage on this scale.

"I've never seen anything like this. I'd take a tornado any day," said Mayor Dennis Ramsey of Hope, Ark., Clinton's hometown.

Authorities blame at least 41 deaths on the bad weather in the nation's midsection: 22 in Texas, 11 in Oklahoma, four in New Mexico, two in Arkansas and one each in Missouri and Minnesota. A Greyhound bus rolled over on an icy stretch of Interstate 80 in Nebraska, injuring 33 people.

In Texas, National Guardsmen helped move trapped vehicles and rescued some of the 1,000 drivers stranded along Interstate 20 on an icy incline about 80 miles from Fort Worth.

Passenger breaks into airline cockpit

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A passenger broke into the cockpit of a British Airways jumbo jet carrying 398 people early Friday and grabbed the controls, sending the plane into two violent nosedives before the crew regained control, witnesses and the airline said.

Passengers screamed and prayed as the man, described by witnesses as hysterical, broke into the cockpit of the Boeing 747-400 during a flight from London to Nairobi. He eventually was wrestled down,

and the jet landed safely in Nairobi.

Once in the cockpit, the man disengaged the autopilot, sending the plane into a dive, the airline said. The plane plunged into a second dive as the crew struggled with him before regaining control, passengers said.

Four passengers and a female member of the cabin crew were taken to a Nairobi hospital, the airline said. British Airways Capt. William Hagan, 53, sustained bite wounds.

"In the struggle the intruder

bit my ear and finger but my first officer, Richard Webb, and I managed to get him out of the cockpit while my other first officer, Phil Watson, flew the aircraft. With the help of some passengers we managed to restrain the intruder," Hagan said.

Police arrested the man in Nairobi, and identified him only as a 27-year-old Kenyan.

British Airways officials said the cockpit door is normally locked during take off and landing but was kept open during the flight.

Paul Parry, a spokesman for British Airways in London, said as part of the investigation the airline will be looking at "whether our current procedures are adequate."

An airline spokesman said some on the plane, which was carrying a 379 passengers and a crew of 19, were "in shock," and airline staff was available to counsel them. Passengers making connections at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport said they thought the plane was going to crash.

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Israelis close off West Bank

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JERUSALEM — Israel has closed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to bomb attacks that killed two Israeli soldiers, wounded 16 other people and further hampered efforts to forge a peace agreement with the Palestinians. Prime Minister Ehud Barak closed the Palestinian territories as of Friday, banning Palestinians from entering Israel. Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza will not be permitted to attend Friday services at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israel's strict new measures were sparked by Thursday's deadly attacks in Tel Aviv, where two small bombs exploded in the back of a city bus on a main street, injuring 14 people, two seriously. Hours later, two Israeli soldiers died and two others were hurt in a bomb blast in the Gaza Strip.

Judge OKs McVeigh's plea to end appeals

DENVER — Timothy McVeigh could be put to death as early as May now that a federal judge has granted the convicted Oklahoma City bomber's request to drop all appeals and get a prompt execution date. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, however, gave McVeigh time to

change his mind. After Jan. 11, the judge said he would let the U.S. Bureau of Prisons set a date for McVeigh to die by lethal injection.

Montgomery Ward to file for bankruptcy

CHICAGO — Besieged by competition from specialty retailers, Montgomery Ward, a progenitor of mail-order shopping that operated general merchandise stores in 30 states, is closing down after 128 years. Montgomery Ward had been shooting for sales growth this year of about 9 percent. Instead, it hovered at a sluggish 2 percent. Heavy competition — from chains ranging from Home Depot to Best Buy, Target and the Gap — proved to be too much for the department store chain that helped pioneer American retailing.

High-level Korean economic talks stall

SEOUL, South Korea — Economic talks between North and South Korea stalled Friday, the latest setback in this year's unprecedented efforts to improve relations after half a century of enmity. Negotiators in Pyongyang for the first high-level talks dealing exclusively with economic cooperation were at an impasse over the energy-starved North's request for South Korean electricity, reports said. But the discussions stalemated when communist North Korea insisted that its request for electricity be handled as the single most important topic, according to South Korean reports from the North.

BATTLING BLAZE



Venting attic — As fellow firefighters hold it steady, Bill Watts climbs a ladder to vent the attic of a residence at 213 Harrah. The Thursday evening fire was contained to one room, but the family was displaced because of smoke damage. The six-member family was referred to the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance. Fire Marshal Dean Turney said damage to the residence is about \$10,000.

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But because population estimates showed Texas was likely to get two more seats, maneuvering began long ago.

It played a role in November's elections. Republicans had hoped to control the redistricting process by winning a majority in the state House during the November elections, but Democrats held the majority.

The redistricting process even looms over the Texas Senate's election of an interim lieutenant governor, said state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and a contender for the interim spot. He said some members are weighting how candidates might run the redistricting process.

Miller said he expects one seat to be drawn in Dallas and the other for Houston to accommodate growth of its Hispanic population.

"Democrats will try to hang onto the seat and make it a Hispanic seat," said Miller, who has represented Republicans and Democratic clients. "Democrats don't want to give both seats to Republicans."

Many expect the plan to end up before a three-judge panel, which can redraw districts if it believes they don't comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

The last time Texas lawmakers drew their congressional map, a Republican judicial panel deemed three districts racially gerrymandered, drawn unlawfully to favor minority votes. In 1996, the panel redrew the state's map, affecting 13 districts, threw out results from primary elections and forced congressional candidates in the 13 districts into special elections.

'Obi-Wan Kenobi': ■ New Texas lieutenant governor receives high marks for intelligence

AUSTIN (AP) — Known for his intelligence and ability to cut through complicated issues as a veteran lawmaker, Bill Ratliff was dubbed the "Obi-Wan Kenobi" of the Texas Senate.

The wise teacher in the famous "Star Wars" movies, Obi-Wan Kenobi was considered an impressive, resourceful master.

Colleagues and political observers say they expect that type of wisdom to follow Ratliff, 64, as he assumes the duties of lieutenant governor.

The Mount Pleasant Republican was chosen Thursday by state senators to replace Rick Perry, who last week became governor when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

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title for Bill Ratliff, especially since as chair of finance he was all-knowing, all-seeing," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "He certainly has the big picture of Texas in focus. He understands the history of the Texas Senate and understands how important this institution is to this process."

Ratliff "has always represented his district well in the sense that his office has always been open to constituents and city and county officials," said Tony Proffitt, former press secretary for the late Democratic Lt. Gov Bob Bullock. "I suspect that's a trait you'll see in the lieutenant governor's office."

Ratliff will take on the duties but not the title of lieutenant governor. As the state's

second-highest ranking officer, the lieutenant governor keeps his vote as a lawmaker as well as controls the flow of legislation while presiding over the Senate.

A civil engineer who has served in the Senate since 1989, Ratliff seemed overwhelmed by his selection but said he was ready for the job.

"I see my role as one of an implementer and an expeditor," Ratliff said. "I think my role is to maintain order, maintain efficiency and provide leadership."

Ratliff "is a strong person," said Proffitt. "He had a talent for understanding the complex financial dealings that the state is in. He's levelheaded and he's pretty fair."

But Ratliff has had his share of controversy. In August 1994,

he was criticized for opposing then-Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, for appointing gays to state posts.

"I simply don't agree to appointing avowed homosexual activists ... to positions of leadership," Ratliff said then.

The incident seemed long forgotten Thursday, however.

"He ran on the platform that he would be a senator his constituents could be proud of, and he has done that consistently," said Kerry Cammack, an Austin lawyer and Ratliff friend.

As leader of the chamber's powerful finance committee, which helps guide the allocation of state dollars, Ratliff has certainly had an opportunity to practice leadership skills.

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Assailants kill seven in house

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Six men and a woman were shot to death by four mask-wearing assailants who opened fire in a dilapidated row house known for drug activity, police said.

Three others were wounded during the shooting Thursday night in the ramshackle home, which one nearby resident described as a "drug house."



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