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Today's weather
OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies
Tonight: Mostly clear, low in the mid-20s, west wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high in the upper 50s, west wind 10 to 20 mph.
Extended forecast
Friday: Morning low clouds, otherwise partly cloudy, low around 30, high 50 to 55.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the lower 20s, high around 50.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, low around 20, high in the upper 30s.
Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 40; low, 15; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Winds continue in front's advance

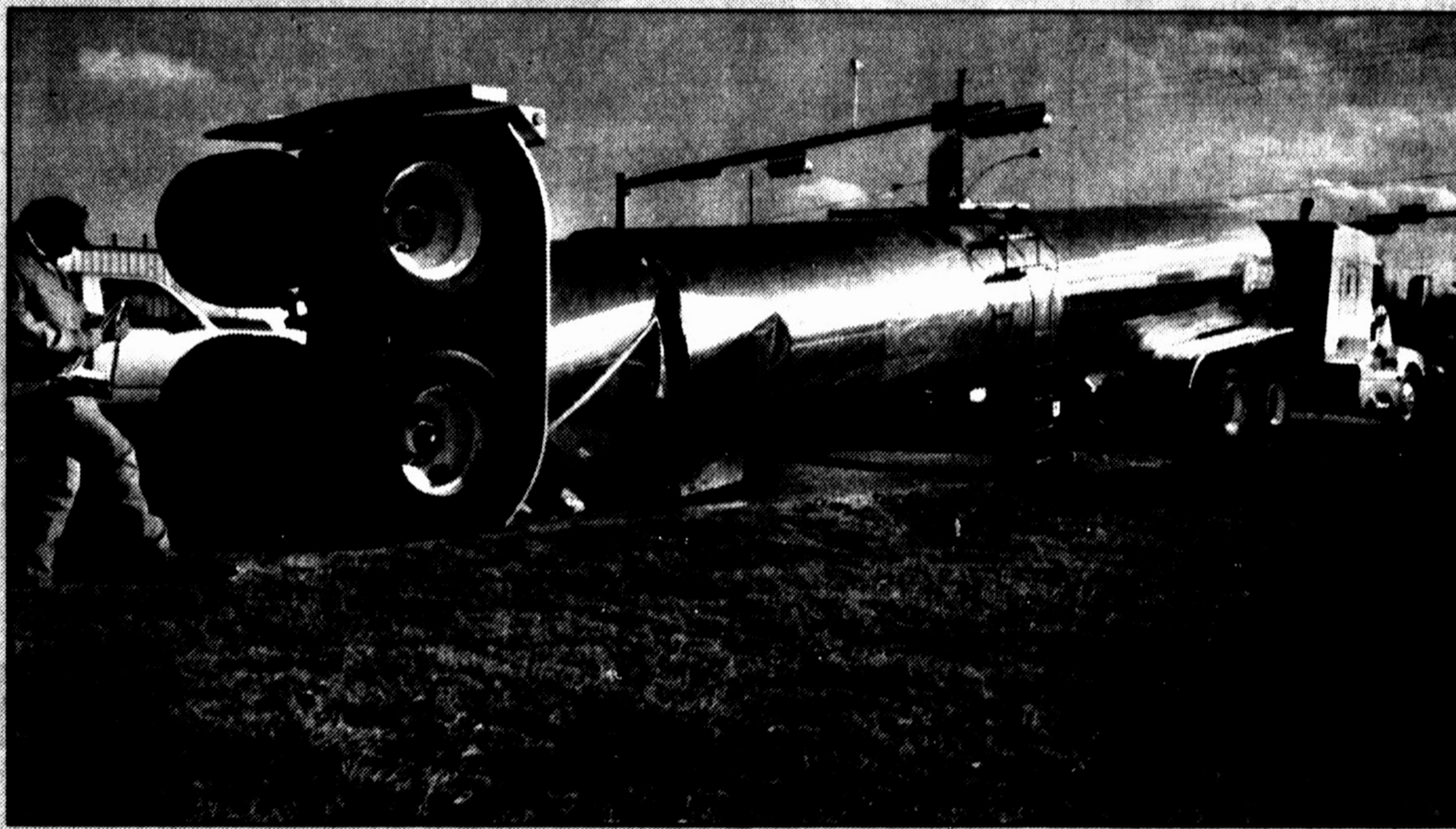
Gusty winds continued today as the latest cold front settled in across Texas, but no rain was expected, according to The Associated Press.
A high-pressure system kept temperatures statewide from the upper teens and 20s in the west to 30s and 40s elsewhere, except for 60s in the deep south. It was 61 degrees at Brownsville, 16 at Dalhart, 33 at El Paso and 26 at Junction.
The front stretched from Tennessee through Louisiana to near Brownsville.
Winds gusted as high as 33 mph at Port Isabel and 30 mph at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi and 31 mph at Galveston.
Elsewhere, winds were generally from northerly and northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph.
Gusts over 40 mph accompanied this front as it pushed into South Texas late Tuesday afternoon and evening. Dry soil conditions caused large amounts of dust across western parts of South Texas, with visibilities dropping to around 1 mile across the Hill Country from the dirt.

Report details drug war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement agents fought a surge in methamphetamine trafficking and use across the Midwest in 1999 by seizing hundreds of secret drug labs, deflating the image of drugs as only an urban problem.
In the first half of this year, local and federal law enforcement seized 238 meth or "speed" labs in Kansas, 242 in Iowa and 223 in Missouri, according to a report released today detailing the government's anti-drug efforts across the nation.
"We do not just have a national drug problem. What we really have is a series of local drug epidemics," said Barry McCaffrey, the administration's drug policy chief.
McCaffrey planned to dis-

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GOT MILK?



Not exactly. An empty Milk Service International milk trailer was being hauled away to salvage Tuesday when the axles came out from underneath it near the intersection of 15th Street and

U.S. Highway 385. No one was injured in the accident, and the trailer later was hauled off — successfully — to the salvage yard.

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U.S. industrial production up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Industrial production at the nation's factories, utilities and mines rose by 0.3 percent in November, the 11th consecutive month of increased output.
The Federal Reserve reported today that the increase followed a 0.8 percent gain in October, stronger than the Fed previously thought.
November's advance was in line with the 0.3 percent range of increase many analysts were expecting. Gains in output were fairly broad-based except for utilities where, as many analysts anticipated, output fell. Unusually warm weather last month depressed demand.
Operating capacity held

steady at 81 percent, the same as in October. Generally, an operating capacity of 84 percent would alarm economists, indicating that factories just can't produce fast enough — which could lead to price increases.
In a separate report, the Commerce Department reported today that stockpiles of goods on shelves and backlots rose by 0.2 percent in October, the smallest gain in six months.
That pushed total business inventories to \$1.26 trillion. October's performance was weaker than the 0.4 percent increase many analysts were expecting.
While it marked the slowest growth in business inven-

tories since April, when they rose by 0.2 percent, October's gain also marked the ninth straight monthly increase this year.
In September, total business inventories rose by 0.4 percent, the fastest pace in six months.
Meanwhile, sales increased by a solid 0.5 percent in October, the largest gain since August. Sales fell by 0.2 percent in September, the first decline since the beginning of the year.
The increase in October's sales brought the inventory-to-sales ratio to 1.33, meaning it would take 1.33 months to exhaust inventories at the October sales pace.
Federal Reserve Chairman

Alan Greenspan and his colleagues meet next week to decide whether to boost interest rates. Many economists believe the central bank will leave rates unchanged, citing concerns about problems that may arise from the Y2K computer changeover.
However, the Fed is likely to bump up rates again in February or March because the economy is still growing at a rapid pace that could spark inflation down the road, economists said.
The Fed has raised interest rates three times this year to cool the economy and keep inflation at bay.
Inventories rose by 0.3 per-

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Filing for primaries to end Jan. 3

Candidates who want a spot on the March 14 primary election ballot have until Jan. 3 to file. Filing began Dec. 3.
The last day to register to vote in the primary is Feb. 14, 2000.
Early voting in the primary elections will be Feb. 28-March 10.

Texas Democrats and Republicans will be selecting their parties' nominees for the November general election. The major race on the ballot will be for U.S. Senate, where incumbent Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison is the overwhelming favorite to earn another term. Other statewide

races on the ballot include spots on the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals and other judicial positions.
All of the congressional seats will be up for grabs. In the 19th Congressional District, which includes Deaf Smith County, incumbent Republican Larry Combest of Lubbock is

expected to win re-election handily. He has drawn no opposition in either the Republican or Democratic primary.
In Deaf Smith County, voters will be choosing nominees for county commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, county sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, and constable.

Domestic abuse victim needs aid

A woman who was forced from her home by domestic violence is hoping that Hereford's holiday charity, the Christmas Stocking Fund, can help to make the Yule season a bit brighter for her children.
The woman is the mother of seven children. When life with her abusive husband became so violent she couldn't stay, she took only the children and fled—with no possessions.
Now she and her children are staying with a relative and financial times are tight. She feels that clothing is an important gift for her youngsters this holiday.
You can help CSF to aid this family and many other less-fortunate residents of Hereford and Deaf Smith County this holiday season.

CSF extends assistance in numerous forms including help with food, utilities, medical and pharmacy bills, and clothing. All assistance, with the exception of food, is via vouchers payable to the merchants, utilities, or medical facilities cooperating with CSF. Food assistance is in the form of staple goods that are boxed and delivered.
This year's primary assistance delivery date is Dec. 22.
Donations to CSF may be made in person at the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of The Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate their gifts.
The Brand, official collection point for CSF, periodically publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum collected by CSF.



1999 Christmas Stocking Fund

TOTAL 12/14/99	6,530.45
Jean Hill	50.00
J.T. & Anamae Gilbreath Jr.	100.00
Anonymous	200.00
Jerry, Sue & Amanda Smith	100.00
J.C. & Nadine Caster	20.00
Susan Sublett	250.00
Anonymous	500.00
Lois Matchett	25.00
FirstBank Southwest Employees Charity Club	300.00
In memory of Speedy Nieman (Mark Andrews Agency)	50.00
Ed & Evelyn Wilson	25.00
L.J. & Wilma Clark	100.00
Carroll & Ruth Newsom	100.00
Anonymous	25.00
Raymond & Avis White	100.00
Ray & Virginia Karschen	25.00
Mike & Amy Schueler	250.00
Anonymous	35.00
Kwanis Club of Hereford	150.00
Bill & Barbara Townsend	200.00
Carmen Jorde	250.00
Lola Faye Veszey	25.00
TOTAL 12/15/99	9,710.45



Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach (right) tells Crime Stoppers board members about the new tipster reward policy. The organization no longer has to wait for an indictment to pay tipsters, it will now pay when there is an arrest.

Crime Stoppers makes changes

Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers won't have to wait for a criminal indictment before paying a reward to a tipster, Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach said.
"We do not any longer have to wait for an indictment to

Y2K

Airlines reduce schedules Dec. 31 — but don't worry

BOSTON (AP) — Bridget Bomberger doesn't buy the predictions of a Y2K global computer meltdown or chaos at the stroke of midnight. Still, she isn't so sure she'd put her confidence to the test by stepping onto an airliner.
"If I had to fly because of a family emergency, I would," the 26-year-old human resources worker said as she ate lunch in downtown Boston. "But I wouldn't just jump on a plane and, say, go to Paris."
A variety of factors — including the reluctance of people like Bomberger to fly on New Year's Eve — has prompted some airlines to reduce their holiday schedules.
But the airlines stress they're not scaling back out of fear that computer systems will fail. They say planes still will be in the air as 1999 gives way to 2000.

"There are people who have decided they're not going to travel," said Northwest Airlines spokesman Jack Austin. "Some people are taking the 'I think everything is going to be all right, but I'll stay home' approach."

Other forms of transit are adjusting their schedules for Y2K. Amtrak trains are planning to pull into stations shortly before midnight — and get moving again just after the new year begins.

"We believe we are Y2K compliant: this is just a precaution," said Amtrak spokesman John Wolf.

Fifty trains will be affected, with delays up to an hour expected. At least there will be onboard celebrations and riders will be given a commemorative train whistle inscribed, "I rode Amtrak into the new millennium."

At sea, the Carnival cruise lines ship Sensation will skip its regular trip to New Orleans and put in at Gulfport, Miss., instead. Carnival spokeswoman Jennifer de la Cruz said the schedule adjustment will allow the ship to ring in the new year on the high seas instead of the crowded Mississippi River.

"There is a lot of marine traffic on the Mississippi and we've decided to err on the side of caution and not put our ship in that position," de la Cruz said.

Understandably, more concern has been expressed about air safety.

In fact, the Mormon church has told its missionaries and employees not to fly over New Year's Eve.

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Local roundup

Christmas for children toy drive

Deaf Smith County Social services is taking donations of new toys or money to purchase new toys for the Christmas for Children Toy Drive.

Toys or donations can be dropped off at First National Bank, FirstBank Southwest, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, or Stevens Chevrolet. Donations can be dropped off any time before the close of business Friday.

Deaf Smith County Social Services staff will distribute the toys between Dec. 20-22.

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of Alzheimer's patients will meet 10 a.m. Thursday at Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 Kingwood.

The group will reflect on three reports available at the Alzheimer's Association Web site.

West Central open house

Students, staff and faculty of West Central Intermediate School invites the public to a Christmas Open House 7 p.m. Thursday.

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News digest

Texas plans 35th execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Lorene Autry says it's been so long since her paralyzed brother was robbed and killed in Houston she's stopped thinking about his murderer living for more than two decades on Texas' death row.

"I decided that's the way it was going to be and there was really nothing I myself could do about it," Mrs. Autry, from Birmingham, Ala., said Tuesday. "But it's about time."

This evening, almost 25 years after her quadriplegic brother, James Hanks, was fatally stabbed with a pair of scissors, Sammie Felder Jr., the man convicted of the murder, was set to die.

Felder's punishment would come 23 1/2 years after he arrived on death row and after three capital murder trials.

He would be the second inmate in as many days to receive lethal injection in Texas and the 35th and last to be put to death in the state this year. The 1999 total is second only to the record 37 executions in Texas two years ago.

Felder also would be the 199th Texas death row prisoner to be executed since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982.

On Tuesday night, Robert Atworth, 30, dropped all his appeals and voluntarily went to his death for fatally shooting and stabbing a Plano man, Thomas Carlson, 56, during a 1995 robbery in Dallas.

Photos suggest bonfire leaned

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas A&M student who pored over photos of the school's bonfire stack says he detected problems in the 40-foot log pile that later collapsed, killing 12 people.

Doug Keegan, a senior applied mathematics major, said Tuesday that he performed a computer analysis on photos of the stack taken 36 and 60 hours before the Nov. 18 accident.

He said he noticed slack in the cables connecting the center pole to supporting poles.

"The main thing I noticed was slack in the perimeter lines," Keegan said. "They are secondary signs that indicate a lean to me. I may or may not be right."

Poor lighting in the images made it difficult to say conclusively whether the center pole was leaning, he said.

Keegan's work has not yet been examined by a committee looking into the accident, said John Weese, an A&M professor of mechanical engineering who is serving as liaison between faculty experts and a five-member team of investigators.

Dell invests in tech support company

AUSTIN (AP) — Dell Computer Corp. today joined with an Austin communications firm to launch all.com, a Web-based technical support company that links technicians with troubled computer users.

Beginning in January 2000, all.com will offer automated solutions and technical support to home and small business customers over the Internet.

Also starting next year, Dell will offer the "e-support" feature, which allows customers to connect online with Dell technicians by pressing a button, on its entire line of personal computers.

"We think that support on the Internet, its time has come, and we want to make sure that it's first-class service right from the start," said Carl Everett, senior vice president of Dell's personal systems group.

For the system to work, customers will have to visit the all.com Web site and download its software to their Internet browser. Then customers can try to resolve technical troubles for free by using an automated diagnostic program, or they can connect with a certified technician who, for a fee, will analyze the system's information, diagnose and try to fix the problem online, said Scott Abel, president of all.com.

Kris Kringle delivers pizza

DALLAS (AP) — For this Kris Kringle, the only thing missing is the sleigh and eight reindeer.

During the Christmas season, this Kris Kringle (that's his real name) dons a red-and-white outfit as he travels around North Pole, Alaska, making deliveries — from his Ford Tempo.

But residents of the small town of about 1,500 know this jolly fellow as more than a pizza delivery man. He also ladles out smiles and candy canes on the doorsteps of an average of 20 households a night as a driver for the Dallas-based Pizza Hut chain.

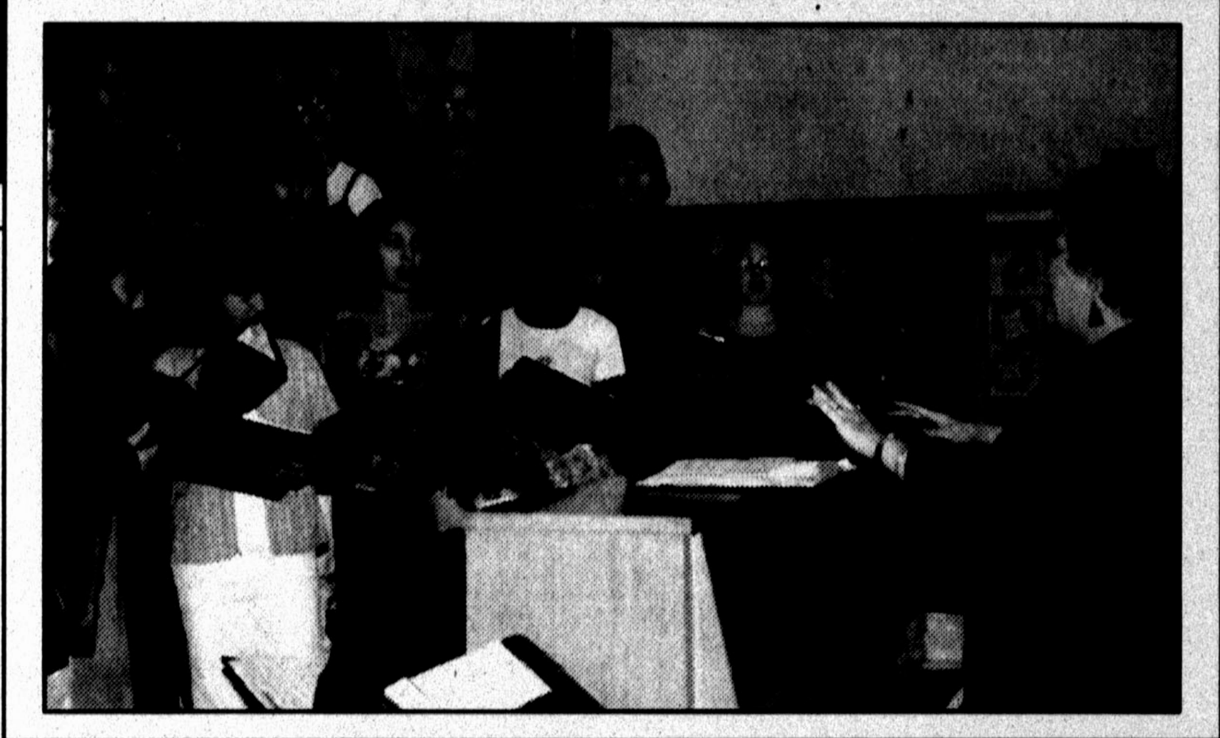
"I pass out love and happiness and the hopes for a better tomorrow," said Kringle, 46, in a telephone interview from the North Pole franchise where he works.

Sounds of the season



Carols and traditions — Students at various Hereford schools have been kept busy preparing for the the big Christmas open houses. At the left, students at Bluebonnet Intermediate School perform dances to the sounds of the traditional Mexican-American music. Students were also visited by the jolly old elf himself.

While the younger students participated in a play featuring Hispanic traditions, the various Junior High choirs sang carols for the visitors during the open house, officially opening the new wing at the Junior High campus.



Evidence shows biased denials

Auditors report includes evidence Medicaid being unfairly denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Advocates for the poor have long complained that states, in their zeal to move people off welfare, are improperly keeping people off Medicaid. Now federal auditors have found evidence that their concerns go beyond anecdote.

Medicaid's top administrator said Tuesday that auditors have examined 40 states and found that many of them were keeping people from the government health care program who qualify for benefits.

"I can't say whether these are significant willful failures or mistakes," said Nancy-Ann DeParle, head of the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicaid.

DeParle expects a full report within a few months and said she would work with

states to make sure they fix the problems with Medicaid, which is funded with a combination of state and federal dollars.

Federal officials have been warning states for months not to keep people off Medicaid, but the audits provide the first hard evidence of widespread problems.

"I was very disappointed when I saw this," DeParle said.

Medicaid and cash welfare went hand in hand until 1996, when the federal welfare overhaul set strict new rules for welfare but did not change the Medicaid program, which is still open to anyone poor enough to qualify.

Now, cash welfare is being actively discouraged, as states push people to find jobs and get off the rolls. Governors and President Clinton regularly trumpet falling welfare caseloads as evidence that the 1996 overhaul is helping families become self-sufficient.

But Medicaid, while also government aid for the poor, is viewed by proponents as positive support for families, particularly for people who

leave welfare for low-wage jobs that do not provide health insurance benefits. There is also growing concern about the number of Americans who don't have health insurance — some 44 million at last count.

There's a similar dynamic with food stamps, which are also seen as an important support for working poor families.

The problem is cultural and hard to fix, said Ron Pollack, president of Families USA, a liberal consumer group.

"The measure of one's success has been determined by how many people were dropped from the welfare rolls," he said. "How do you distinguish and say, 'Well, the reverse is true with respect to Medicaid and food stamps?'"

Pollack and other advocates long have complained about this. Families USA issued a study early this year estimating that 675,000 people lost Medicaid coverage and had no other health coverage in 1997 due to strict new welfare rules and improper implementation of them.

But that research was dismissed by many in the Clinton administration, Pollack said.

"A good number of people wanted to tout the success of welfare reform, and this might have been viewed as a blemish on that," he said.

DeParle promised to investigate and force states to fix the problems once the audit is complete. Auditors thus far

have investigated 40 states and found widespread problems, she said, declining to say exactly how many states had problems.

She did not name any of the states with problems, saying they will be made public when audits are completed next year.

The problems include:

—States not telling people they are eligible for Medicaid when they are discouraged from applying for welfare.

—State computers that automatically wipe people off Medicaid when they leave welfare.

—Caseworkers improperly hassling families who apply for Medicaid.

"It's surprising to us that states would think that's OK," DeParle said. "Some of them have not been complying with the law, so we're going to be working with the states on some corrective action plans."

States realize they are not signing up everyone who is eligible for Medicaid, though they are not acting deliberately to keep people from the program, said Bill Waldman, executive director of the American Public Human Services Association, which represents state welfare and Medicaid agencies.

Still, he said, the states must work harder to correct it.

"I think that there's a real problem here," Waldman said. "There's no question about it."

USDA approves meat irradiation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meatpackers have received long-awaited approval to start irradiating beef, pork and lamb to kill deadly bacteria and other organisms. Whether shoppers will go for ground beef or pork chops that have been zapped remains to be seen.

Irradiation "is not the most attractive term. It would have been nicer if it had been called cold pasteurization," said Tim Willard, a spokesman for the National Food Processors Association.

It is the only known method to eliminate deadly E. coli O157:H7 bacteria in raw meat. The technique also can significantly reduce levels of other pathogens, including listeria, salmonella and campylobacter, according to the Agriculture Department.

Initially, irradiated meat is likely to be most popular with hospitals and nursing homes, because of the danger E. coli poses to patients with weakened immune systems, said Carol Tucker Foreman, a distinguished fellow with the Consumer Federation of America.

"I don't expect you're going to get it for sale at McDonald's any time soon. It takes a while to build the facilities," she said. Irradiation has been ap-

proved for poultry since 1992 and is under consideration for hot dogs, lunch meats and other ready-to-eat products.

"While there is no single silver bullet to cure all food safety problems, irradiation has been shown to be both safe and effective," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Tuesday in giving the final OK to the program.

Labels on irradiated products will have to carry the international symbol of irradiation, known as a "radura," and a statement that they were treated. The symbol, colored green on a white background, depicts two leaves resting in a semicircle, with a green dot above it beneath a broken-lined semicircle. Sausage that contains irradiated meat would also have to be labeled.

Several companies, including ConAgra Inc., one of the nation's biggest meatpackers, have said they plan to use irradiation. But processors say the government needs to undertake a public education campaign to convince consumers that irradiation is safe.

"Ultimately, consumers' purchase behavior will drive the availability of this product," said J. Patrick Boyle, president of the American Meat Institute.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 14, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 43-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of Whittier and charged with a number of traffic violations.

— Two juvenile females were arrested in the 200 block of Avenue F and charged with disorderly conduct.

— A 24-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of West First and charged with numerous city warrants.

Incidents

— A complaint of allowing a dog to run loose was reported in the 800 block of Union.

— Theft was reported in the 300 block of Elm.

— A woman was taken into custody in the 100 block of North Ranger for attempting to commit suicide.

— An two-vehicle accident was reported in the 800 block of Union.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with a violation of parole.

— A 39-year-old man was arrested for surrender of surety on a possession of marijuana charge, over four ounces, under five pounds.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants.

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Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 19-23-25-31-33

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-9

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LIFESTYLES

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Bringing Christmas home

Christmas Chorale
Country-western singer Tammy Hymith entertained the crowd with her wide repertoire, including her take on Patsy Kline hits "Crazy" and "I Fall to Pieces".



■ Hereford Board of Realtors pass the gavel of leadership and observe the holiday at annual Christmas party



Changing the gavel — Juston McBride, newly elected president of the Hereford Board of Realtors, presents immediate past president Mam Tyler with a plaque in recognition of her service to the organization this past year.



NEW BOARD LEADERS

The Hereford Board of Realtors installed new officers and directors for the coming year at the association's annual Christmas party Tuesday night at the Hereford Country Club. They include, from above left: Glenda Keenan, vice president; Juston McBride, president; Mam Tyler, out-going president and new first-year director; Don Tardy, third-year director and Mark Andrews, secretary-treasurer. Not pictured was; Israel Martinez, second-year director.

Xi Epsilon Alpha hears program on massage

"Massage Holiday Stress Away" was the theme of the recent meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The group met in the parlor of First Baptist Church for the evening meeting. Liz Rodriguez, Registered Massage Therapist, presented the program.

Rodriguez spoke on the health benefits of massage, noting it is popular especially during stressful times such as holidays. She also noted that 85 percent of job-related illness is due to stress. Volunteers allowed her to demonstrate various massage techniques.

The business meeting was led by president Shelley Lewis. Roll call was answered by members giving Christmas wish list ideas for Secret Sisters. Thank-yous were expressed by several members for recent gifts or cards.

In the service committee report, Melinda Henson conducted the final quiz benefitting the Christmas Stocking Fund as she asked Christmas-themed trivia. Wrong answers netted money for the fund. Henson mentioned that volunteers are needed to help with the community toy drive. She said the chapter will buy a gift for a foster child who is listed on the tree at Hereford State Bank.

Program and yearbook chairman Peggy Hyer announced that the next meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Dec. 21 at her home. Social committee co-chairmen Sharon Bodner and Kami Eades reported that this meeting will feature the chapter's Christmas party, where gifts are given to Secret Sisters and favorite Christmas recipes are brought.

Rosebud chairman Linda Arellano mentioned members' health and family concerns.

Upon adjournment, Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated. Hostesses Eades and Gaye Reilly served hot apple cider, coffee, cheese blintzes and pralines to other members present: Holly Bixler, Kay Williams, Susan Shaw, Jana Morgan, Kim Hollingsworth, Connie Matthews, Diane Kreig, Pattie Urbanczyk, Tamara Mimms, Debbie Holmes, Lewis, Henson, Hyer, Bodner and Arellano.

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THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixing, tostados, pineapple; or sliced ham.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, peas-carrots, cranberry crunch cookies; or roast chicken.

MONDAY-Italian spaghetti with meat, herbed green beans, tossed garden salad, sherbet; or chicken and noodles.

TUESDAY-Beef brisket, hash brown potatoes, pinto beans, onion slices-pickles, coleslaw,

apricot cobbler; or sliced ham, apricots.

WEDNESDAY-Polish sausage, cheese grits, stewed tomatoes, carrot and raisin salad, banana pudding; or chicken breast, Dzerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5

p.m. **SATURDAY**-Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise

class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis noon, Miracle Ear 9 a.m.-noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

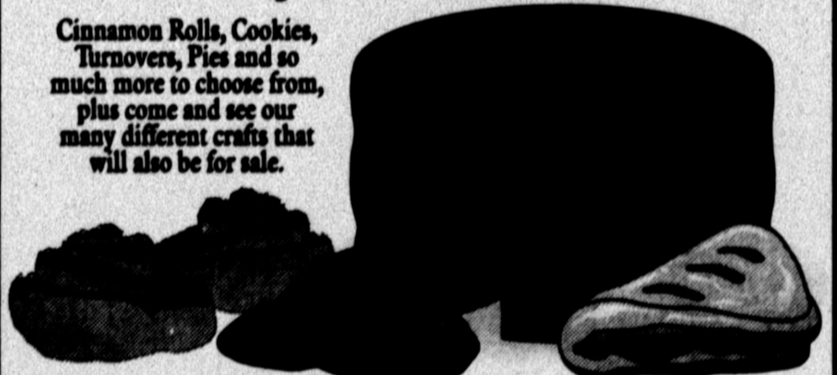
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Holiday Open House



at FirstBank Southwest would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and join us on Friday, December 17th for our Christmas Open House beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting throughout the day.

There will be hot cider, cookies, and Christmas carols from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We would really like for you to stop in for some refreshments and enjoy the entertainment provided by caroling children from our local schools.

CAROLING SCHEDULE for Friday, December 17th, 1999

First Baptist Kindergarten
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Tierra Blanca Intermediate School - 3rd Grade
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tierra Blanca Intermediate School - 3rd Grade
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tierra Blanca Intermediate School - 3rd Grade
2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This is our way of saying THANK YOU to all of those who helped make this a wonderful year at FirstBank Southwest!

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Dear Ann Landers: I am the grandmother of a child who was put up for adoption. It was an open adoption, which means the adoptive

parents send my son photographs and letters so he knows how his child is doing. The adoptive parents are lovely people, and my grandson is doing wonderfully. Not a day goes by that I don't thank God for them.

Every Christmas and birthday, I send gifts to my grandson, because I want him to know I care about him. The adoptive parents have a second child, and I make sure to send gifts to that child, too. The rest of my family disagrees with this. They say I should distance myself from the boy and stop keeping in touch with the adoptive parents. Tell me, Ann, are they right? Is it a mistake for me to maintain a relationship with this child? The adoptive parents have never asked me to back off, nor has my son objected to my presence in the boy's life. Christmas will be here soon, and I would appreciate your opinion. — Torn in Texas

Dear Texas: Who, exactly, is "the rest of the family," and what business is it of theirs? These people who are giving you this bum advice should be told you are dealing with the matter in your own way and that all parties involved are satisfied with how things are being handled. (That is shorthand for MYOB, and if they

don't get it, spell it out for them.) Keep reading for a different kind of Grandma story:

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell the grandparents in your reading audience to cultivate a warm and loving relationship with their grandchildren before it is too late.

I have a 9-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter. We visit my mother every week, but I'm about ready to call it quits. Every time we get together, Grandma picks on my daughter and totally ignores my son. She feels it is her place to correct and discipline them. My children's behavior is fine, Ann. They are good kids, and well-behaved. My mother freaks out over issues that make very little sense and bother no one but her.

Mom doesn't seem to realize that she is going to leave my children no happy memories of their grandmother. The way things stand now, they don't want to be around her, because she is always "bossing them around." I love Mom dearly, but frankly, my children do not LIKE her. I wish my children could enjoy having a grandmother, but this doesn't seem possible. Please, Ann, I know she reads you every day. Maybe if she sees this in the newspaper, it will help. — J.W. in Southern Calif.

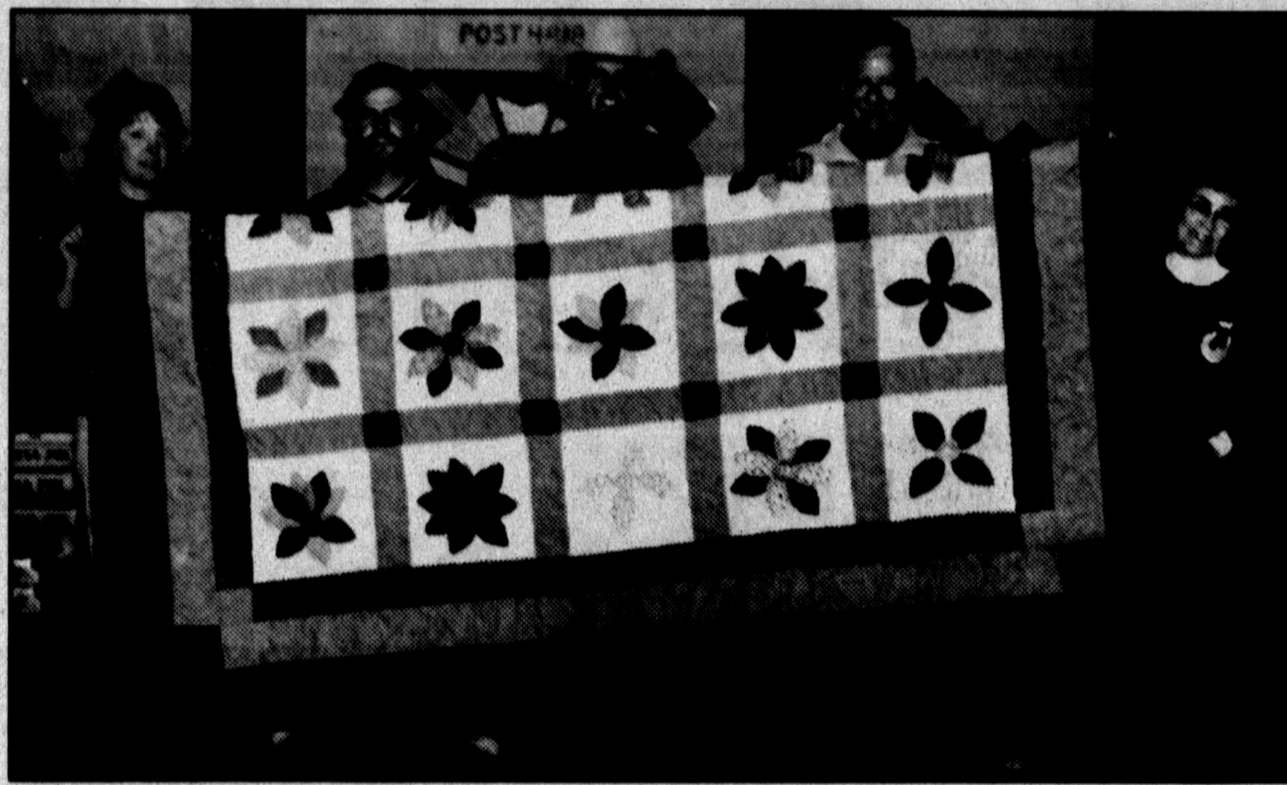
Dear Southern Cal.: I doubt that reading your letter in the paper will change Grandma's behavior. She sounds pretty set in her ways, but it's worth a shot. For her sake, I hope she can stand back and view her situation with a bit more objectivity. The message, Grandma, is, "Don't try to train them. Just love them."

Dear Ann Landers: You have printed a few letters about outrageous medical bills, and I thought you might enjoy mine.

When my father broke his hip, he received a statement from Medicare saying they could not pay his hospital bills because his employer would provide coverage. Ann, my father was 93 years old and in a nursing home. Exactly who was his employer supposed to be? A month after Dad passed away, he received a notice of cancellation of his benefits, saying the reason for termination was "death," and that if he had any questions, he was to appear IN PERSON to discuss the problem. What do you think of that? — J.E. on the Web

Dear J.E.: I'm not thinking. I'm plotting!

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Quilt winner Robert Kubacak, second from right, is shown as he accepts the handmade quilt he won in a drawing sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4818. The auxiliary held its annual auction and quilt giveaway Friday night at the VFW Post Home. Also pictured are, from left, auxiliary president Laura Smith; George McCoy, who drew the winning ticket; auctioneer Larry Noland; and auction chairman Betty Boggs. Proceeds from the auction and quilt giveaway help sponsor projects for veterans and their families.

HRMC Auxiliary has joint meeting, party

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary held a joint December meeting and Christmas party in the home of Gene McDaniel with Billie Kelley as co-hostess.

President Leona Schilling presided over the business meeting and Mary Schlabs read the Auxiliary Prayer.

A total of 142 volunteer hours were reported for the previous month and 16 baby books were distributed. It was also reported that all new mothers were enrolled in the Childhood Immunization program.

After the meeting, members

exchanged "white elephant" gifts. Refreshments were finger sandwiches, cocktail wieners, rolled ham, beef and turkey, cheese balls, cookies, punch and coffee.

Special guest was JoAnn Hegarty of Princeton, N.J., daughter of Anna Stindt. Members attending were Janis Bell, Lupe Cerda, Grace Covington, Margaret Daniels, Bettie Dickson, Patsy Giles, Irene Reinart, Quintna Waits, Marian Yosten, Kelley, McDaniel, Schilling, Schlabs and Stindt.



Everyone can contribute to Project Christmas Card as demonstrated by Mackenzie and Zack Clarke. Canisters have been placed at numerous locations in Hereford by L'Allegra Study Club, who sponsors the project each year. Residents are asked to contribute the amount they would normally spend sending individual Christmas cards and their greeting to the entire community will be published in the Christmas Eve edition of the *Hereford Brand*. Proceeds from the project will purchase a recovery room bed for Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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SPORTS

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Herd grapplers struggle

Whitefaces lose dual match to experienced Ama. River Road

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

For several of the Hereford wrestlers, it was their first match.

For several, it may have been their second, third, or tenth match.

But Hereford wrestling coach Mike Dominguez was surely proud with the progress they made.

"Most of these guys who were wrestling tonight were freshmen and/or first-year wrestlers," Dominguez said. "We are going to make good progress as we go."

Despite losing the dual match 69-21 to Amarillo River Road, some of the Whitefaces got a shot at varsity, coupled with experience at that level.

"The guys we are bringing back have just passed the year or two in wrestling," Dominguez said. "These guys were eighth-graders last year, wrestling one year in junior high and had minimal mat experience."

"We are going to get better and our level in a lower level wrestling-wise, but we'll continue to get better and when we make that climb, we'll be peaking like River Road," he added.

The climb to the peak started with Luis Lopez in the 123-pound weight division. Perez overcame a 12-6 deficit in the match and won against Matt Hensley, 13-12.



Grapple Him — Luis Perez of Hereford tries to control his hold on River Road's Matt Hensley on Tuesday night at the Whiteface Gym. Perez won his match 13-12, but the Whitefaces lost the dual match to the established and more experienced River Road team, 69-21.

"I just had to win it for the team because I was the first one," Perez said. "I knew I had to set the tempo for my team and do my job."

At that point, River Road had a 12-9 team lead, thanks to three forfeits by the White-

faces due to lack of wrestlers.

After Perez's victory, it was a constant struggle to win matches.

River Road's Shane Rankin pinned Hereford's Paco Castillo in 1:46 time to take the 130-pound division.

Nathan Ornelas dominated Joaquin Rodriguez 15-1 in the 140-pound class to keep River Road on top in the team standings.

"It's been quite a while that a lot of those guys at River Road have been wrestling,"

Dominguez said of River Road's wrestling experience. "They've wrestled and wrestled and continued to get better over time."

Cody Weidon got another victory for River Road in the 145-pound class, pinning Preston Sapp in 1:36.

Eric Flanners recorded the second fastest victory of the night, pinning Trevor Baird in 32 seconds in the 152-pound division.

Tyler Yenzler stretched Trent Kincannon to the limit

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Be proud of what you did, Herd

IRVING — Cody Hodges is not a player who likes to make excuses.

Well, neither are the rest of his teammates after their 27-14 loss to the Texas City Stingarees in the Class 4A Division I state championship game at Texas Stadium.

The tears were falling down the Whitefaces' eyes.

Many people can say it was heart-breaking.

Yes, it was an emotional loss, but the Herd should be proud of what they accomplished this year.

"I'll still have my head up high from now on because I know we went to state," senior nose guard Daniel Fangman said. "We are the first team in Hereford to do it and next year they will be the first ones to win it."

But that's not a guarantee in Fangman's part.

He is one of 31 lettermen that will be lost, and missed, because of graduation.

As tears kept going down and hugs were exchanged among players and coaches, the sense of pride in Hereford football was felt more than any other time when the Whitefaces walked into a lockerroom with a victory.

When they won, they showed compassion to their opponents and excitement and pride with each victory that piled on them.

When they lost, they showed pride and composure and it proved that it was just a game.

That attitude the Whitefaces put in every week is accredited to not just the coaching staff, but to the leadership of the seniors.

"The players made the difference and decided they wanted to play in this type of game and I am proud that they got the opportunity," Hereford coach Craig Yenzler said.

As a writer, in my opinion

I believe the heart and soul of the team was running back L.J. Vallejo, who, in many quotations throughout the season, credited the underrated Hereford offensive line.

Vallejo is such a class act that when he went down with the torn ACL against Amarillo Caprock, tears fell down the eyes of many Whiteface fans, bringing the fact that life itself is sometimes not fair.

But a bit of Vallejo's spunk and determination rubbed off on Ramiro Zambrano.

Zambrano stepped up big in Vallejo's place and helped the Whitefaces get to the state championship game. Zambrano is a symbol of the many unsung heroes the Whitefaces had in their football team.

And there's Seth Pietsek, the leader of the defense. Nobody played with such toughness and provided more leadership than he did.

He was one of the most emotionally affected players after Saturday's game. But showed grace in defeat.

"This are the most out-

standing people you can ever find and the most amazing football players I have ever seen," Pietsek said. "It's been great playing with them, we love them. We'll watch the juniors do it all over again next year."

As for the juniors, it's obvious what the Whitefaces have coming back next season.

Whether they come back and make another state run will be up to them and how much they want it.

"We stayed together and stepped up every week," Cody Hodges said. "This is a team full of heroes. Nobody let anybody else down or quit."

Next year's seniors sure have learned a bit from next year's college freshmen. Like Andrew Ramirez said after the game, they have the biggest heart out on the field.

As for next year, take things as they come, guys. You got nothing to lose.

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Herd football honored

Vallejo named 3-4A Player of the Year, Hodges All-South Plains Offensive MVP

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, this report did not run on Tuesday's issue of the Hereford Brand. From Staff Reports

A few days after their state championship game, the Hereford Whitefaces were rained on with numerous post-season awards.

L.J. Vallejo was named Player of the Year in District 3-4A and Cody Hodges was named the All-South Plains Class 5A-4A Player of the Year by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

Head coach Craig Yenzler was named Coach of the Year in 3-4A and was also named All-South Plains Coach of the Year.

The First Team All-District selections include Cody Hodges at quarterback and punter, L.J. Vallejo at running back,

Joseph Gonzales at center, Kurtis Flood at guard, James Miller at tight end, Michael Barba at defensive end, Daniel Fangman at defensive lineman, Seth Pietsek at linebacker, Andrew Ramirez at defensive back and Chayse Rives at defensive back.

The Second team All-District selections include Hagen Henderson at guard, Johnny Zammaripa at defensive lineman, Valentin Sustaita at linebacker, Vernon Adams at linebacker and Richard Salinas

at defensive back. The First Team All-South Plains selections include Slade Hodges at wide receiver, Kurtis Flood at guard, and L.J. Vallejo at return specialist.

Others receiving All-South Plains honorable mentions are James Miller, Tony Lopez at wide receiver, Joseph Gonzales, L.J. Vallejo at tailback, Michael Barba, Daniel Fangman, Johnny Zammaripa, Seth Pietsek, Andrew Ramirez and Chayse Rives and Rafael Campos at kicker.

The Whitefaces finished 13-2 this past season.

YURI SOTO

Cody Hodges

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SPORTS

Purcella finishes 5th in team roping at NFR in Vegas

The Associated Press

A Hereford cowboy came away from the prestigious National Finals Rodeo with the No. 5 spot in the team roping (heading) competition.

Steve Purcella finished the rodeo season with \$96,232 in earnings. During the competition over the weekend, Purcella and his partner, Wayne Folmer of Lubbock, were the No. 7 finishers in average for the event.

Mickey Gomez, formerly of Hereford and now of Mustang, Okla., teamed with Joe Verastuge of Tilden, Texas, to take fifth-place in the team roping (heading) competition.

Results Sunday of the \$4.4 million National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas:

Barrel Race

10th round—1. Mark Garrett, Nialand, S.D., 85 points on Powder River Rodeos Khady Skoal, \$12,909. 2. (tie), Chad Klein, Jackson, La., and Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 84, \$8,953 each. 4. Rocky Steagall, Clovis, Calif., 82, \$5,413. 5. (tie), Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., and Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 81, \$2,707 each.

Average—1. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, 813 points on 10 head, \$33,105. 2. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 782, \$26,858. 3. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 787, \$21,237. 4. (tie), Mark Garrett, Nialand, S.D., and Rocky Steagall, Clovis, Calif., 788, \$15,459 each. 6. Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, 758, \$8,120. 7. Jason Wylie, Rosebud, Ark., 720, \$5,622. 8. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 713 points on nine head, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Lan LaJeunesse, \$151,340. 2. Pete Hawkins, \$150,518. 3. Clint Corey, \$130,473. 4. Deb Greenough, \$108,519. 5. Jeffrey Collins, \$108,271. 6. Jason Wylie, \$100,237. 7. Mark Garrett, \$99,878. 8. Mark Gomez, \$87,523. 9. Rocky Steagall, \$86,510. 10. Chad Klein, \$78,493.

Steer Wrestling

10th round—1. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, 3.6 seconds, \$12,909. 2. Tommy Cook, Heber City, Utah, 3.8, \$10,202. 3. Todd Boggust, Canada, 4.00, \$7,704. 4. Todd Suhn, North Platte, Neb., and Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., 4.1, \$4,372 each. 6. Birch Negard, Buffalo, S.D., 4.2, \$2,082.

Average—1. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, 42.00 seconds on 10 head, \$33,105. 2. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., 44.8, \$26,858. 3. Todd Suhn, North Platte, Neb., 45.2, \$21,237. 4. Ricky Huddleston, McAlester, Okla., 50.3, \$15,615. 5. Randy Suhn, North Platte, Neb., 52.7, \$11,243. 6. Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., 53.5, \$8,120. 7. Jason Lehr, Emporia, Kan., 50.7, \$5,622. 8. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 58.4, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Mickey Gee, \$133,527. 2. Todd Suhn, \$118,824. 3. Brad Gleason, \$118,401. 4. Mike Smith, \$113,089. 5. Chad Hagan, \$113,073. 6. Ricky Huddleston, \$103,171. 7. Randy Suhn, \$94,539. 8. Tommy Cook, \$94,236. 9. Todd Boggust, \$89,085. 10. Jason Lehr, \$85,488.

Team Roping

10th round—1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.0 seconds, \$12,909 each. 2. (tie), Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, and Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., and Brent Lookett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 4.5, \$8,953 each. 4. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., and Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., 5.2, \$5,413. 5. Joe Verastuge, Tilden, Texas, and Mickey Gomez, Mustang, Okla., 5.7, \$3,331. 6. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga., and Brad Culppeper, Poulton, Ga., 5.8, \$2,082.

Average—1. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga., and Brad Culppeper, Poulton, Ga., 63.9 seconds on 10 head, \$33,105. 2. Charlie Fogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bookius, Claremore, Okla., 64.3, \$26,858. 3. Bobby Hurley, Carls, Calif., and Monty Joe Petaka, Turlock, Calif., 123.0, \$21,237. 4. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., and Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., 134.7, \$15,615. 5. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 66.5 seconds on nine head, \$11,243. 6. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., and Brent Lookett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 72.4, \$8,120. 7. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Wayne Folmer, Lubbock, Texas, 74.5, \$5,622. 8. David Morse, Fresno, Calif., and Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., 86.7, \$3,123.

World standings (heading)—1. Speed Williams, \$172,355. 2. Daniel Green, \$128,287. 3. Charlie Fogue, \$117,178. 4. Jimmy Tanner, \$107,588. 5. Steve Purcella, \$98,268. 6. Bobby Hurley, \$90,608. 7. Richard Elgren, \$74,190. 8. Chance Kelton, \$73,265. 9. Tee Woolman, \$73,046. 10. Matt Tyler, \$72,963.

World standings (healing)—1. Rich Skelton, \$172,385. 2. Allen Bach, \$128,287. 3. Britt Bookius, \$117,176. 4. Brad Culppeper, \$107,565. 5. Wayne Folmer, \$100,754. 6. Monty Joe Petaka, \$90,608. 7. Buckley Campbell, \$74,190. 8. Brent Lookett, \$73,584. 9. Tyler Magnus, \$73,046. 10. Martin Lucero, \$71,236.

Saddle Brons

10th round—1. Billy Etbauer, Res Heights, S.D., 87 points on Sankey Rodeo Company Surprise Package, \$12,909. 2. Rod Hay, Canada, 88, \$10,202. 3 and 4. (tie), Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., and Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, 85, \$6,556 each. 5. Steve Dollaridge, Wolskup, Ariz., 84, \$3,331. 6. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Texas, 82, \$2,082.

Average—1. Charley Gardner, Wikeup, Ariz., 787 points on 10 head, \$33,105. 2. Rod Warren, Canada, 754, \$26,858. 3. Billy Etbauer, Res Heights, S.D., 742 points on nine head, \$21,237. 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Texas, 732, \$15,615. 5. Steve Dollaridge, Wolskup, Ariz., 726, \$11,243. 6. (tie), Rod Hay, Canada, and Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., 722, \$8,120. 8. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, 712, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Billy Etbauer, \$194,840. 2. Dan Mortensen, \$179,178. 3. Rod Hay, \$162,201. 4. Ryan Mapston, \$130,694. 5. Scott Johnson, \$109,723. 6. Steve Dollaridge, \$102,450. 7. Rod Warren, \$93,185. 8. Glen O'Neil, \$91,771. 9. Charley Gardner, \$91,743. 10. Robert Etbauer, \$90,894.

Calf Roping

10th round—1. (tie), Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., and Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., 7.2 seconds, \$11,555 each. 3. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., 7.5, \$7,704. 4. Brian Smith, Tall, Texas, 8.0, \$5,413. 5. (tie), Clay Carry, Eagle Lake, Texas, and Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, 8.4, \$2,707 each.

Bull Riding

Average—1. Fred Whitfield, Hookley, Texas, 67.0 seconds on 10 head, \$33,105. 2. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, 67.1, \$26,858. 3. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, 68.4, \$21,237. 4. Brian Smith, Tall, Texas, 68.7, \$15,615. 5. Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., 101.9, \$11,243. 6. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, 105.8, \$8,120. 7. Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., 109.3, \$5,622. 8. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 86.6 seconds on nine head, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Fred Whitfield, \$191,727. 2. Cody Ohl, \$181,136. 3. Blair Burk, \$171,656. 4. Brian Smith, \$118,126. 5. Jerome Schneberger, \$110,978. 6. Jeff Chapman, \$110,648. 7. Ricky Hyde, \$108,028. 8. Herbert Theriot, \$104,818. 9. Brent Lewis, \$102,284. 10. Trevor Brazile, \$97,108.

Bull Riding

10th round—1. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., 80 points on Growney Brothers Rodeo Copenhagen Cash, \$12,909. 2. Robert Bowers, Canada, 88, \$10,202. 3. Justin Daugherty, Mineral Wells, Texas, 87, \$7,704. (No other qualified rides).

Average—1. Mike White, Lake Charles, La., 518 points on six head, \$33,105. 2. Jason McClain, Kiowa, Colo., 413 points on five head, \$26,858. 3. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, 345 points on four head, \$21,237. 4. Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla., 344, \$15,615. 5. Robert Bowers, Canada, 338, \$11,243. 6. Cody Custer, Wickenburg, Ariz., 337, \$8,120. 7. Gregory Potter, White, Texas, 332, \$5,622. 8. Justin Daugherty, Mineral Wells, Texas, 327, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Mike White, \$151,371. 2. Vince Stanton, \$135,374. 3. Gregory Potter, \$117,789. 4. Corey Navarre, \$115,517. 5. Jason McClain, \$112,460. 6. Robert Bowers, \$108,920. 7. Cody Custer, \$97,795. 8. Justin Daugherty, \$83,525. 9. Mike Moore, \$83,505. 10. Josh O'Byrne, \$79,538.

Barrel Racing

10th round—1. Janet Stover, Jacksonville, Texas, 14.0 seconds, \$12,909. 2. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, 14.12, \$10,202. 3. (tie), Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M.; Charmayne James, Guadalupe, Texas; and Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, 14.16, \$8,463 each. 6. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.28, \$2,082.

Average—1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, 141.58 seconds on 10 runs, \$33,105. 2. Debbie Renger, Canada, 143.38, \$26,858. 3. Charmayne James, Guadalupe, Texas, 143.44, \$21,237. 4. Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas, 143.56, \$15,615. 5. Melissa Hubler, Cleveland, Texas, 144.48, \$11,243. 6. Kaitie McClain, Condon, Ore., 144.82, \$8,120. 7. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 146.99, \$5,622. 8. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, 148.09, \$3,123.

World standings—1. Sherry Cervi, \$345,589. 2. Kristie Peterson, \$148,063. 3. Janet Stover, \$102,300. 4. Debbie Renger, \$101,937. 5. Kay Blandford, \$91,649. 6. Charmayne James, \$88,920. 7. Rachel Myllymarki, \$87,015. 8. Ruth Halsip, \$85,287. 9. Kappy Allen, \$84,377. 10. Gail Hillman, \$74,001.

All-Around

World standings—1. Fred Whitfield, Hookley, Texas, \$217,819. 2. Cody Ohl, \$211,658. 3. Blair Burk, \$175,775. 4. Trevor Brazile, \$156,501. 5. Herbert Theriot, \$109,967. 6. Ty Murray, \$158,963. 7. Daniel Green, \$137,031. 8. Chad Hogan, \$135,207.

The Associated Press' College Football All-American Team

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech, 5-10, 189, senior, Alvin, S.C.

Running backs — Ron Dayne, Wisconsin, 5-10, 254, senior, Berlin, N.J.; Thomas Jones, Virginia, 5-10, 205, senior, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Wide receivers — Troy Walters, Stanford, 5-8, 170, senior, College Station, Texas; Peter Warrick, Florida State, 6-0, 190, senior, Bradenton, Fla.

Tight end — James Whalen, Kentucky, 6-4, 231, senior, Portland, Ore.

Center — Ben Hamilton, Minnesota, 6-5, 271, junior, Plymouth, Minn.

Guards-Tackles — Coasey Coleman, Tennessee, 6-5, 315, junior, Clarkston, Ga.; Chris McIntosh, Wisconsin, 6-7, 307, senior, Pewaukee, Wis.; Chris Samuels, Alabama, 6-8, 291, senior, Mobile, Ala.; Jason Whitaker, Florida State, 6-5, 300, senior, Panama City, Fla.

Placekicker — Sebastian Janikowski, Florida State, 6-2, 255, junior, Daytona Beach, Fla.

All-Purpose — Deon Grant, Tennessee, 5-11, 172, senior, Los Angeles.

Linemen — Alex Brown, Florida; John Engelberger, Virginia Tech; Chris Hovan, Boston College; Adaluis Thomas, Southern Mississippi.

Linebackers — Keith Adams, Clemson; Rob Morris, BYU; Jameil Smith, Virginia Tech; Nate Webster, Miami.

Backs — Rodregis Brooks, Alabama-Birmingham; Ralph Brown, Nebraska; Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin; Deon Grant, Tennessee.

Punter — Shane Lechler, Texas A&M, 6-2, 220, senior, East Bernard, Texas.

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Michael Vick, Virginia Tech.

Running backs — Shaun Alexander, Alabama; LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU.

Wide receivers — Kwame Cavil, Texas; Trevor Insley, Nevada.

Tight end — Daniel Franks, Miami.

Center — Mike Malano, San Diego State.

Guards-Tackles — Brad Bedell, Colorado; Steve Hutchinson, Michigan; Richard Mercier, Miami; Marvel Smith, Arizona State.

Place-kicker — Jeff Chandler, Florida.

All-purpose — David Allen, Kansas State.

Defense

Linemen — Alex Brown, Florida; John Engelberger, Virginia Tech; Chris Hovan, Boston College; Adaluis Thomas, Southern Mississippi.

Linebackers — Keith Adams, Clemson; Rob Morris, BYU; Jameil Smith, Virginia Tech; Nate Webster, Miami.

Backs — Rodregis Brooks, Alabama-Birmingham; Ralph Brown, Nebraska; Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin; Deon Grant, Tennessee.

Punter — Andrew Bayes, East Carolina.

Wrestle

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in two rounds until finally being pinned at the 3:51 mark.

Toby Torres stopped the River Road winning streak with a pin of his own. He defeated Eric Braly within 1:53 into the match in the 171-pound class.

"When I first went out there, Coach told me that this guy wasn't that hard of a wrestler and just that I needed to get aggressive," Torres said. "I just got pumped up before the match and I wasn't doing that in the last matches I wrestled. I just went out there and beat him."

But that's all the White-faces could do on the night. Marc Sursa pinned Alfonso Abeyta in a quick 24 seconds in the 190-pound division.

Randall Burrows also lost to River Road's Donald Twatley, 16-5 in two rounds as Burrows struggled to break free of Twatley's head locks.

Roy Pena lost his match to Jake Jones in the heavy-

weight class by pin in 1:33 time.

Despite the losses, Dominguez feels the experience will help down the line.

"It was definitely a different experience because they were wrestling seniors or experienced sophomores or juniors," he said, "but that experience will pay off in the long run because those guys will still be vying for varsity positions."

Dominguez and the Hereford Whitefaces will participate in the Canyon Randall Tournament this weekend, just another chance for them to work on more skills on the mat.

"In the situation we are in, they do get some mat exposure," he said. "You got to crawl before you can walk before you can run and definitely some of these guys are very inexperienced but they will get better because they will continue to work and that's the exciting part."



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HUD may sue U.S. gun manufacturers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo says a possible lawsuit against gun makers is a step to make communities safer.

A top lobbyist for the National Rifle Association calls the threatened suit an act of desperation by the Clinton administration.

It's under the haze of those divergent views that leaders of the nation's gun industry and a group of federal and local leaders will search for mutually acceptable ways to making guns safer.

"This is a problem that can no longer be ignored," Cuomo said Tuesday after a meeting with representatives of 19 local jurisdictions and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The White House and the Department of Housing and Urban Development want gun makers to agree to a code of conduct that includes cracking down on disreputable dealers and making safer guns. The administration also wants gun makers to agree to end practices such as marketing fire-

arms that are impervious to fingerprints.

Last week, the administration threatened a new, national class-action lawsuit, to be filed through HUD's public housing projects, that would accuse gun makers of negligently allowing guns to fall into the hands of criminals.

The administration hopes the threat of a suit will force manufacturers to respond meaningfully to 28 states and cities already seeking to recover the public costs of gun violence.

A National Rifle Association official said the threatened lawsuit smacks of desperation after the administration failed to persuade the Republican-led Congress to pass additional gun-control laws this year.

"I think it's a show of desperation on their side that they would still be talking about heavy-handed legal tactics that have been thrown out in courtrooms in Florida, Connecticut and Cincinnati," said James J. Baker, director of the NRA's Institute for Leg-

islative Action.

Whether cities and counties can sue gun makers depends on where the suit is filed. Thus far, a hodgepodge of state court decisions have muddled the question.

In Ohio, a state judge threw out the city of Cincinnati's case against gun makers in October. But that same month, in a Georgia decision, a judge allowed Atlanta's suit to proceed and ordered the industry to open its files. A Chicago judge did likewise.

Crime

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turned in by Jan. 1, 2000, such as proof of non-profit status, tax-exempt status, an annual financial statement for 1997 and 1998, probation fee financial report and a roster of board members and coordinators.

Crime Stoppers treasurer Cara Dearing reported Crime Stoppers has \$16,700 in its reward account to be given to tipsters.

Also discussed was a dispute between publishing "Fugitive of the Week" pictures, along with the description, in the Hereford Brand or just the description of the "Fugitive of the Week." The matter was tabled and will be discussed further at February's monthly meeting.

In other business, the board approved board member Nolan Grady's resignation and announced the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers bylaws will be voted on at the Jan. 11 meeting.

After the business meeting, board members and their families had a pot-luck Christmas party.

McCain fires salvo at both parties

LEXINGTON, S.C. (AP) —

In a prelude to his cross-party summit with Democrat Bill Bradley, Sen. John McCain today accused big business and big labor contributors of defending "the mushy middle of big government" and urged fellow Republicans to embrace campaign finance reform.

Smaller government, vouchers for private schools, tax reform and effective military spending are possible only if unregulated "soft money" donations are banned from American politics, the Arizona senator said.

"In the Washington soft money game, big business and big labor are accomplices working together to protect the mushy middle of big government, with plenty of special interest plums: Big unions get big spending and big business gets corporate welfare and special tax breaks — all at the expense of the average American," McCain said in a draft of an address he planned to give at Converse College.

McCain and Bradley are to meet Thursday in Claremont, N.H., for a joint appearance devoted to campaign finance. They are expected to recreate the 1995 handshake in which President Clinton and Repub-

lican House Speaker Newt Gingrich promised a commission to study campaign finance changes. The commission never materialized.

Campaign finance reform is the centerpiece of McCain's campaign, with the theme woven through nearly every issue he discusses on the campaign trail.

GOP front-runner George W. Bush, free of money-raising limits because he is bypassing federal matching funds, has brought in a campaign record \$63 million this year. He says McCain's proposals would hurt GOP political operations while allowing big unions to keep channeling money to Democrats.

Bradley is wielding the issue as a weapon against his rival, Vice President Al Gore,



JOHN MCCAIN

"It's time to stand for a conservative policy agenda, to join this fight to change the status quo in Washington instead of continuing to defend it."

who has been questioned closely about allegations of improper fund raising in the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

McCain's cause has earned him enemies among Republican leaders and interest groups allied with the GOP, who fear the changes he proposes would eliminate the fund-raising edge Republicans enjoy.

McCain is appealing to independent voters while trying not to alienate rank-and-file Republicans.

He made his argument today on both moral and political grounds, saying re-

forming the system is the right thing to do and can be done without harming GOP candidates.

"Our ideas are better. Given fair elections based on contributions from regular voters, instead of \$100,000 checks from business-as-usual special interests, we will prevail," McCain said.

In a special appeal to GOP voters, he reiterated his support of legislation that would require unions to get the permission of workers to use their money for political donations.

"It's time to stand for a conservative policy agenda, to join this fight to change the status quo in Washington instead of continuing to defend it," he said.

McCain advisers view campaign finance reform as his best defense against rivals who are increasingly raising questions about his tax-cutting credentials. As a sign of their concern, the campaign's Internet site was updated this week to clarify that a middle-of-the-road tax cut proposed earlier in the year was simply a down payment on a broader package promised for January.

Both McCain and Bradley are campaigning as outsiders, scornful of the Washington establishment. They both are trying to overtake their parties' national front-runners — Gore for the Democrats and Texas Gov. George W. Bush for the GOP — and claim victory in New Hampshire's primary on Feb. 1.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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Clinton renewing push for peace

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, launching a renewed drive for peace between Israel and Syria, is "ready to help in any way we can," his spokesman says.



PRESIDENT CLINTON

Making renewed push for Mideast peace

The mood was expectant and sober before today's White House opening of direct top-level talks.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharara said upon his arrival here that Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's remarks this week to the Israeli parliament "made us optimistic about the results" that might be achieved.

Preparing Israel for a "painful" outcome, Barak had suggested that some if not all of the 17,000 Jews who live on the strategic Golan Heights, farming and operating wineries, would be uprooted.

Freeh pleads against hearings in spy case

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Louis Freeh is pleading with Congress not to hold hearings that could divulge government dissension and doubts in the China espionage investigation, fearing they might help the defense of former nuclear weapons lab scientist Wen Ho Lee, documents show.

Evidence gathered by Congress includes internal FBI memos showing agents doubted more than a year ago that Lee had leaked nuclear secrets to China and a recent letter from Energy Secretary Bill Richardson suggesting the FBI was engaging in finger-pointing at his department, government officials told The Associated Press.

Freeh wrote senators on Friday asking them not to proceed with planned hearings on the espionage case, and followed up with a personal appeal in a closed-door meeting Tuesday.

"In my view, the potential that your hearings could inadvertently interfere with the prosecution is substantial," Freeh wrote. "Subcommittee hearings at this time risk impacting upon the government's ability to successfully prosecute Mr. Lee by creating issues that may not presently exist."

USDA approves irradiation of raw beef, pork

WASHINGTON— Meatpackers have received long-awaited approval to start irradiating beef, pork and lamb to kill deadly bacteria and other organisms. Whether shoppers will go for ground beef or pork chops that have been zapped remains to be seen.

Irradiation "is not the most attractive term. It would have been nicer if it had been called cold pasteurization," said Tim Willard, a spokesman for the National Food Processors Association.

It is the only known method to eliminate deadly E. coli O157:H7 bacteria in raw meat. The technique also can significantly reduce levels of other pathogens, including listeria, salmonella and campylobacter, according to the Agriculture Department.

U.S. to be Y2K-compliant

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says nearly all the government's most important computer systems are ready for the New Year's date change, an important milestone for the world's most technology-dependent nation.

In its final readiness report before the rollover, the government said only eight of the government's 6,167 most important systems are not yet prepared. They will be ready later this month, the report said.

The government said it will have spent \$8.38 billion on the massive project, a \$37 million increase from September's estimate that it attributed to higher last-minute testing costs.

"We have done our job," Clinton said. "We have met the deadline, and we have done

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The president cautioned that "no amount of preparation can prevent us from glitches," but he assured Americans that backup plans are ready in case of failures.

"We have met the challenge of making sure that the federal government can continue to serve the American people as we enter the next century," he said.

Clinton's top Y2K adviser, John Koskinen, called the Y2K problem "the greatest management challenge the world has faced in the last 50 years."

Although some international failures are expected, Koskinen joked in a speech Tuesday about how far the world has come

preparing its computers for the date rollover.

Koskinen said that two years ago, "We learned from the State Department that some countries reported they were ready to spray for the Y2K bug if we would just give them directions about the proper chemicals to use."

But Koskinen also cautioned that some glitches were inevitable, even in the United States.

"Not every system will be fixed, and even some of those that have been fixed and tested may experience glitches," he

said. The remarks from the president and his top expert came as the Office of Management and Budget released its final report on the government's efforts, saying six of the eight systems to be repaired were in the Defense Department and two were in the Justice Department.

The eight included a minor software problem with the Army's M1A2 tank and an office automation program for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

With 2,106 of the government's most important computer systems, the Defense Department clearly had the biggest job getting ready for New Year's Day, when it is feared that some computers won't be able to recognize the 2000 date.

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