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Almost back to Square 1

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low in the lower 30s.
Thursday: Partly sunny with a high in the mid-50s.



Extended forecast
Friday: Mostly clear, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-50s.

New Year's Day: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high in the mid-50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s to around 30, high in the mid-to upper 50s.

Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 66; low, 30; no precipitation, year-to-date rainfall, 29.12 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

Holiday closings are set

The *Hereford Brand* office will be closed Monday, Jan. 3, for the New Year's Day holiday. It will reopen for normal business hours at 8 a.m. Jan. 4.

New Year's is one of four holidays, including Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas, observed by the newspaper, and Publisher Mauri Montgomery said the office will be closed on Monday to allow *Brand* employees to enjoy the holiday.

The *Brand* will publish a weekend edition on Friday. The deadline for display and classified advertising in the Friday paper will be 1 p.m. Thursday; the deadline for church news will be 5 p.m. today.

The deadline for display and classified advertising in the Tuesday, Jan. 4, edition will be 1 p.m. Friday.

Also, subscribers who do not receive their Friday newspaper must call the circulation department by 6 p.m.

Hereford City Hall will be closed Friday so city employees can enjoy the holiday. Deaf Smith County employees will be off Friday; the public library will be closed Friday and Saturday. First Bank Southwest will observe regular hours Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., inside, and 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., window. First National Bank also will maintain its regular business hours Friday from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., as will Hereford State Bank, which will have regular business hours, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., window, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., inside. Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will close at noon Friday and First American Bank will remain open Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., inside, and 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., window.

The U.S. Post Office will close at 2 p.m. Friday for the holiday. The post office is normally closed on Saturday.

Students in Hereford will enjoy just a few more days off before resuming the daily grind of classes.

Classes will resume Jan. 4 for students at Community Christian School. For students in Hereford Independent School District, Nazarene Christian Academy and St. Anthony's School, classes will not resume until Jan. 5.

HRMC doctors miffed, contend board jumped gun on signing accord

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

For a while Tuesday night, it looked as if the Deaf Smith County Hospital District would be back to Square 1: no management service contract, no chief executive officer, no idea of what to do next.

However, after lengthy discussion, the management agreement between the hospital district and TMSI remained in place.

Before the board meeting Tuesday night, physicians at Hereford Regional Medical Center met with Larry D. Krupala, president/chief executive officer of TMSI, to discuss the details of the contract between his company and the hospital district. Under the terms of the two-year agreement, the hospital district will turn the day-to-day management of the hospital over to TMSI, a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH).

At the board meeting, which began 15 minutes late because the physicians and Krupala were meeting in the board room, the doctors complained they had not been adequately consulted by the board when it voted 5-1 to enter into the management agreement with TMSI. The dissenting vote was cast by Director Steve Lawlis, a physician and member of the hospital medical staff.

In reporting to the board on the medical staff's session



Jesse Rincones (left), a member of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors, reviews provisions of a contract between the hospital district and TMSI that will turn day-to-day operations of Hereford Regional Medical Center over to the Austin

management firm. Listening intently are Drs. Duffy McBrayer (right) and Gerald Payne, members of the hospital medical staff. Larry D. Krupala, TMSI president/chief executive officer, is seated behind Rincones.

with Krupala, Lawlis said the physicians didn't want to enter into the agreement with TMSI and they were upset that the board's decision. The physicians contended they had an agreement with the board that no contract would be signed with TMSI until the medical staff had an opportunity to review the details.

The medical staff also indicated they would have preferred a lease agreement with Community Hospital Corp. (CHC), a Dallas-based not-for-profit corporation. After several weeks of review, CHC opted not to pursue a lease agreement, contending the

company was not able to obtain enough financial information to make an informed decision.

The hospital district, which had abandoned its search for a permanent hospital CEO when CHC entered the picture, then considered and accepted the management proposal by TMSI.

Director Jesse Rincones said it was the board's understanding that CHC would need 9-10 months to move into place, and the consensus of the directors that TMSI offered a good alternative.

Dr. Nadir T. Khuri complained that the board had

agreed the contract would not be signed until after the medical staff had met; however, the agreement was signed by board president Dean Crofford and secretary Karen Solomon before the physicians had met. Krupala said he believes there is "little opportunity for us to be successful unless there is support of the board and medical staff. There is a great opportunity for the hospital, but it needs stability. ... If we can't agree, then we're out of here."

Dr. Duffy McBrayer said he doesn't know "that it's totally impossible to work with TORCH (the TMSI parent

company). It may be possible. We had very much less information from TORCH than we had from CHC. ... I think we were very uncomfortable (with TMSI), but I would not like to see any doors close."

Lawlis said he has confidence in Krupala's ability.

"I don't think CHC is going to be able to step in right away; we need something in the interim," Lawlis said.

"How come the medical staff doesn't have any confidence in this board to do what we need to do for the hospital?"

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ELECTION 2000

Candidates lining up for spots on March 14 ballot

From Staff Reports

Less than one week remains for candidates to find spots on the March 14 primary ballots.

The deadline for filing in the Democratic and Republican primaries is Jan. 3, 2000. 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.

Deaf Smith county offices on the ballot are commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, sheriff, tax assessor-collector and constable.

Filings through Wednesday include:

DEMOCRATIC
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Armando Gonzalez;
Joe Henry.

Sheriff
(i) Joe Brown.
Tax Assessor/Collector
Theresa G. Garth.

REPUBLICAN
Commissioner, Precinct 1
(i) Wayne Betzen;
Alfred Ortiz.

Commissioner, Precinct 3
Mike Brumley;
(i) Troy Don Moore.

Sheriff
Fidel Reyna.
Tax Assessor/Collector
Jeannine Zimmerman.

The major statewide race on the ballot will be for U.S. Senate, where incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, 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 Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican, is expected to win re-election handily.

Incumbent John Smithee, an Amarillo Republican, is seeking another term as the Texas House District 86 representative. Smithee, who was unopposed in the 1998 general election, is not expected to have an opponent in either the GOP primary or the November general election.

The primary ballots also will include the presidential primaries. Candidates who have filed for spots on the Texas ballot are:

DEMOCRATIC
Bill Bradley;
Al Gore;
Lyndon LaRouche.
REPUBLICAN
Gary Bauer;
George W. Bush;
Steve Forbes;
John McCain.

Prayer will be mixed with politics on the Texas GOP primary ballot.

State party officials have voted to place a non-binding referendum on the GOP ballot that asks voters: "Shall



LARRY COMBEST

Lubbock Republican has drawn no opposition in 19th Congressional District contest.



JOHN SMITHEE
Amarillo Republican to make bid for re-election in Texas House District No. 86.

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Ken Goldstein, economist

U.S. economy's growth to go on

NEW YORK (AP) — A key measure of the economy's future performance rose 0.3 percent in November, signaling the economic expansion will continue well into 2000 as the longest in U.S. history, the Conference Board said today.

The business-sponsored study group said the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose to 108.3 from a revised 108.0 in October. November's reading was the highest in the 40 years the index has been calculated.

Six of the 10 indicators that make up the index advanced in November. It was the second consecutive increase for the index after a flat reading in August and a slight dip in September, which the Conference Board attributed to the impact on the economy of the hurricane season.

The index is a barometer for economic activity in the next three to six months.

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The longest economic expansion in U.S. history lasted for 106 months, from February 1961 until December 1969. The current expansion began in March 1991, so the record will be tied if the expansion continues through January and broken if it lasts until February.

The most significant increases in the index in November came from rising stock prices, manufacturer's new orders for consumer goods and materials, and an increased money supply.

The Conference Board also reported that the coincident indicators, which measure current economic performance, rose 0.2 percent in November and point to an increase in the gross domestic product in the current quarter. The index increased 0.6 percent in October.

The lagging index, which tracks past performance, rose 0.3 percent in November, reversing an October decline.

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Local roundup

Herosim award entries accepted

Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1999 Rural Heroism Award are now being accepted.

To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1999. The heroic deed should be farm or ranch related. The 1999 recipient will be announced April 3, 2000, at the Texas Safety Association's 61st annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition, to be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2000. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco, Texas, 76708.

The letter of nomination should include a written account of the incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the involved parties. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

HPD adds holiday officers

Hereford Police Department will have a full shift of officers plus extras patrolling the streets of Hereford on Friday night.

Cpt. Pat Michael says residents should not be able to drive from one end of town to the other without seeing a number of officers on patrol. Officers will be working lots of traffic, watching for intoxicated drivers, trouble makers and loud parties that may get out of hand or lead to fights.

Extra officers will start patrolling from 7 p.m. until they are no longer needed.

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News digest

Dallas plans full police contingent

DALLAS (AP) — More than 1,400 Dallas police officers will be on duty when one century curtsies out for the next in the state's second-largest city.

"When the clock strikes 12, approximately 50 percent of all personnel will be at work," Assistant Chief Randy Hampton told The Dallas Morning News. "We just want the community to know that they can have a safe and enjoyable New Year's Eve."

About 45,000 people are expected to be in a six-block area of Main Street downtown for the Dallas 2000 celebration. That's where Dallas is focusing much of its resources.

About 100 on-duty officers will base their command perch at the top of the renovated Kirby Building; they'll be reimbursed by event organizers, city officials said. More than 300 other officers will be stationed in the greater downtown area, including the West End and Deep Ellum, officials said.

A typical 24 hours in Dallas brings about 4,250 calls, but more than 2,000 calls were received in the first half-hour of Jan. 1, 1999, said Assistant Chief Roland Gamez of the Dallas Fire Department.

That call load so overwhelmed dispatchers that many residents hung up without finishing their reports.

In light of that workload, Gamez and other officials are urging residents to use telephones only for emergency purposes as the clock strikes midnight.

Newspapers ask court to open probe

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two newspapers are asking a court to open records regarding the investigation of the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch was set to file documents today in a Waco court to join in a previous motion by The Dallas Morning News. That motion contends the government's wholesale designation of the Waco records as confidential amounts to an attempt to persuade the judge to enter a "blanket ruling" that would shroud an indeterminate amount of government documents in secrecy.

The Morning News said that approach runs counter to the concept of open courts, public trials and "unnecessarily impedes the public's ability to gain a greater understanding about the Branch Davidian raid."

In addition, the Post-Dispatch argues safety of government agents can be maintained by blacking out personal information from some documents and interviews.

About 80 people were killed on April 19, 1993, at the end of the FBI's tank and tear-gas assault on the complex. Most people died during a fire that engulfed the complex, but some died of bullet wounds.

The attack ended a 51-day siege that began when agents raided the complex to arrest the sect's leader, David Koresh, and to search for illegal weapons. Four agents and six Branch Davidians were killed in a gunfight that erupted during the raid.

The Branch Davidians have filed a wrongful death suit against the government in a case set to go to trial May 15.

Elsewhere:

SAFE MILLENNIUM: The most dangerous Year 2000 threat may not be a rash of computer glitches, but people who ring in the new century a little too merrily, officials say. Law enforcement, anti-drunk driving groups and others are urging Texans to tone down their celebrations and use common sense in order to stay safe on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. ...

EXPLOSIVES ARREST: An American Airlines mechanic was jailed after a search turned up bomb-making materials and assault rifles in his one-bedroom apartment. Investigators said Jere Wayne Haney also had white supremacist and anti-government literature in his home. ...

BUS WARNING: A survivor in a bus crash that killed three church group members says other passengers warned the driver to slow down just before the vehicle rolled down a Colorado mountainside. ...

BORDER Y2K: Among best prepared entities in Matamoros, Mexico, on Jan. 1 will be the city and state governments. The Brownsville Herald reported Tuesday. That's because in places like the Matamoros district attorney's office, secretaries use manual typewriters, tied bundles of papers adorn top shelves and cardboard boxes are bursting at the seams with type and handwritten records.

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Traffic stopper — Rescue workers responded to a two-vehicle accident Tuesday at the intersection of Highways 385 and 60. Police reports indicate Jose Fuentes, 31, driving a 1994 Taurus was southbound in the intersection when Emma Noland, 83, in a 1989 Buick Le Sabre failed to stop at the red light, striking Fuentes in the rear passenger side of the car

with enough force to spin him around into the northbound lane. Noland was cited for disregarding a red light. Fuentes was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released. The accident slowed or blocked traffic for only a short time, as officers directed drivers to detour around the accident.

Plants expect few Y2K problems

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Petrochemical manufacturers in Southeast Texas say the Y2K rollover should pass smoothly at their plants, but if there are problems, they are ready to handle them.

Industry of the Golden Triangle, a chemical industry trade group in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area, says most of the plants will be operating in "hurricane mode" — if a problem arises, the plants will either shut down temporarily or work with extra staff in place.

A Houston trade group, the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, said 84 percent of its member companies will operate with extra staff.

Work to combat problems from the so-called Y2K or Millennium Bug — in which computers might malfunction by interpreting the year 2000 as 1900 — has been fairly standard.

Aside from voluntary efforts, government regulations require chemical companies to develop and file contingency plans to prepare for conceivable problems that factories could face come midnight Friday.

"When you're looking at any sort of prospect for disruption, whether it's Y2K-induced or other, you're essentially preparing for what happens after the disruption," said Tony Garza, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, which governs the industry in Texas.

"I think, by and large, they have been preparing for this for a long time. And ... I don't have any qualms."

Still, government experts and some Y2K watchers predict havoc in the oil and gas industry, despite the years of preparation.

"While the domestic oil and gas industries have reported

Western states could gain Congressional seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — If new congressional seats were assigned today, South and Western states would reap the benefits of growing populations — just as they did in 1990, according to a private analysis of the latest Census Bureau data.

Texas and Arizona would each gain two seats, while New York and Pennsylvania would each lose two, said Kim Brace, who performed the calculations for the Election Data Service.

that they have made substantial progress ... risks remain," according to a report earlier this year from the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The industry is especially vulnerable to such problems because they can occur "at many links in the chain of oil and gas operations," the report says.

Oil refining, for example, involves highly automated operations that rely on computer monitoring and control systems, not just to ensure the quality of the product and delivery, but to track chemical releases.

Just assessing the equipment was a monstrous task for companies, even those which began nearly 10 years ago, when "Y2K" was a term few laypeople knew.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 28, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Third.

— Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— A two-vehicle accident was reported at the Highway 60 and 385 intersection. One possible injury was reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 39-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 3:05 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Highway 385 and 60.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

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

1-14-15-24-36

Pick 3

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

6-7-0

Steve Pierce, chairman of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, said companies in his group spent an average of \$1.7 million to repair the problem.

Karen Carnahan, a spokesperson for the Huntsman Corp.

told the Beaumont Enterprise her company is confident it has fixed any possible problems, but said Huntsman's Port Arthur plant "will be fully staffed to deal with any unexpected outside occurrences."

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Obituaries



JOSEFINA VARGAS CLAUDIO
Dec. 27, 1999

Services for Josefina Vargas Claudio, 47, of Hereford, will be 10 a.m. Thursday at La Iglesia de San Jose with Msgr. Joe Bixenman, Vicar General of Amarillo Diocese and Deacon Jesse Guerrero officiating. Rosary will be recited at 7 o'clock tonight at Rix Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Mrs. Claudio died Monday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Claudio was born Sept. 5, 1952, in Coened, Michuacan, Mexico to Manuel and Carmen Vargas. She moved to Hereford in 1968. She married Lorenzo Claudio on Sept. 11, 1969, in Hereford. She was a member of La Iglesia de San Jose.

Survivors include her husband, Lorenzo Claudio of Hereford; four daughters, Paula Claudio, Laura Claudio, Martha Claudio and Nora Claudio, all of Hereford; six sons, Lorenzo Claudio, Jr., Andy Claudio, Jose Manuel Claudio, all of Hereford, Manuel Claudio Roberto Claudio and Jose Claudio, all of Chicago, Ill.; parents Manuel Vargas of Chicago, Ill., and Carmen Vargas of Mexico; four brothers, Mario Vargas, Servando Vargas, Gerardo Vargas and Miguel Vargas all of Chicago; seven sisters, Ida, Bertha, Maricella, Socorra, Antonia, Alma and Marsela Vargas, all

of Chicago; three grandchildren. Mrs. Claudio was preceded in death by one daughter.

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CHARLES NEWELL
Dec. 28, 1999

Graveside services for Charles Newell, 89, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Thursday at West Park Cemetery with Doris Huckert, Chaplain of Hereford Care Center officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Newell died Tuesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born, April 8, 1910, in Hereford to James and Merlin Newell. He married Marguerite Raysor on March 30, 1930, in Clovis, N.M.

Mr. Newell graduated from Hereford High in 1928. He worked in the grocery business, then worked for the ASCS office for more than 20 years, until his retirement in 1969. He worked for Rix Funeral Directors from 1976 until 1990. He also worked as a school crossing guard at West Central from 1973 until 1985. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Jacqueline Riggs of Camarillo, Calif.; one son, Pat Newell, of Clovis, N.M.; two sisters, Virginia Winget of Hereford, Elaine Willoughby, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Gaylord Newell of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

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LIFESTYLES

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Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Pork sausage patties, cream gravy, hash brown potatoes, buttered carrots, green pea salad, pineapple upside-down cake; or meat loaf, pineapple.

FRIDAY-Fried fish scribbles, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, coleslaw-fruit cabbage, lemon cake; or ranch style chicken, lemon pudding.

MONDAY-Beef stew with potatoes, onions, celery, carrots and tomatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, 5-cup fruit salad, oatmeal cookies; or pasola, vanilla wafers.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, Normandy vegetables, lime gelatin with pears, Boston cream cake; or sliced ham, plain cake, D'zerta salad.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, sweet potato patties, buttered peas, peach with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding; or beef brisket, D'zerta 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Big smile



Contribution — Deanna Edwards, left, executive director of the American Red Cross, expresses appreciation to Pat Michael, president of the American Business Club of Hereford, for the contribution to the local chapter. Edwards presented the program for the AMBUCS noon meeting Tuesday at the Ranch House Restaurant, explaining the programs of the Red Cross and the assistance it provides for residents in Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties when there are disasters.

Creators Syndicate

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am the mother of a very confused 5-year-old boy. His father and I are divorced, and we both have remarried. My new husband loves "Timmy" and is a wonderful father to him. Thanks to his encouragement and generosity, he has helped me be more supportive of Timmy's relationship with his father. I have tried to be kind to Timmy's father and stepmother, and have gone out of my way to accommodate their schedules. We have even loaned them money to help pay some bills. I do this because I love my son.

Ann, my son's stepmother has lied to him and to us repeatedly, and I do not know what to do anymore. She signed Timmy up for soccer, but neglected to tell us, and we missed his first practice. She then told the other parents that we obviously didn't care about Timmy, or we would have shown up. She has also lied about how Timmy is doing in school. She says he has reading problems and is in remedial classes, which is absolutely untrue. Timmy is a bright little boy, and is doing very well. She encourages him to keep secrets from us, and tells him we are not nice people and that he doesn't have to do what we tell him.

Ann, Timmy loves his father, and is trying to develop a good relationship with his stepmother. We do not want to make him unhappy, but I think all this deception is taking its toll. I don't want to prevent Timmy from seeing his father, but my ex-husband refuses to do anything to help. He lets his wife handle everything concerning Timmy, and as you can see, she does not have his best interests at heart.

I don't want to see my son hurt, but I don't know what to do to make things better. I am angry and upset and worried. Please advise. — A Mom in Ohio

Dear Ohio Mom: You must meet with your former husband and an experienced counselor, who will spell out for him exactly what is happening.

The child is the victim here, and your ex-husband can and should save him. Unfortunately, your ex-husband's new wife appears to be vindictive and destructive.

If there is a chance that you can change the visitation and custody arrangements without going through messy court proceedings, you should consider it. If your former husband is willing to do this for the boy's sake, it might be an excellent solution to the problem.

Good luck, dear. I hope you succeed. If you do, everybody wins.

Dear Ann Landers: Having read your column for the past 40 years, I feel as if I know you as a friend. I am sending an item that appeared in the California Retired Teachers Association newsletter. The author is unknown. I hope you will think it's funny enough to share. — David H., La Crescenta, Calif.

Dear David: I do, and I shall. Thank you. Here it is:

Why Worry?
There are only two things to worry about —

Either you are well, or you are sick.

If you are well, then there is nothing to worry about.

But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about —

Either you will get well, or you will die.

If you get well, then there is nothing to worry about.

But if you die, there are only two things to worry about.

Either you go to heaven or to hell.

If you go to heaven, there is nothing to worry about.

If you go to hell, you'll be so darn busy shaking hands with old friends,

You won't have time to worry.

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Home bar key to party-throwers decor

EL PASO, Texas — From Bill Hilton's back yard, one can partake of a spectacular view of El Paso and Juarez. The vista is accentuated by the proximity of the Franklin Mountains as they loom large over the city.

But as an avid party-thrower, Hilton found his northeast El Paso home was missing one crucial thing: a bar.

Undaunted, Hilton decided to create his own.

"I love to entertain, so I knew I definitely needed a bar," Hilton said. "But I also knew I wanted something different."

He took a glass-top table, a mini refrigerator, lots of glasses and beverages and — voila! — instant bar. It was especially handy at a recent party attended by 250 guests.

"Try to make your bar inviting," Hilton said, who owns Hilton Interiors, an interior design business. "You want everybody to feel comfortable, especially because a lot of people will gather around the bar throughout the night."

Home bars can take a variety of shapes and sizes, said Hilton, and whether it's a wet bar (complete with a sink) or a just a place to store and serve beverages, it's a good idea to make it comfortable.

During this holiday season, many people may be getting good use out of their bar for holiday get-togethers. But most important, Hilton said, keep your bar well-stocked with a variety of beverages.

Most bars contain the stan-

dard items such as beer and wine. They should also include standard liquor varieties such as vodka, rum, brandy and whiskey. And for the non-alcoholic drinkers, soda pop or juices will suffice.

"You should have ample storage areas for your liquor," Hilton said.

Hilton purchased a mini-refrigerator that he keeps stocked with beer and has several shelves for bottles.

Interestingly, many homes built during the 1970s came complete with a bar. That's when the feature became most popular, Hilton said. For modern homes, however, many people decide to add their own or buy a ready-made bar counter with stools.

That's what Las Cruces, N.M., resident Travis Leyva did with a spare room at his parents' house. Leyva considers the \$250 expense the best investment he ever made.

"It was definitely worth it," Leyva said. "My friends and I came up with this when we were freshmen in college and didn't have a place to hang out."

Leyva, 22, and his family, have converted their patio area into a game room, but the central point of the room is definitely the bar.

"That's where everybody

hangs out," he said.

He's even named his bar Low Places, taking a nod from the Garth Brooks song "Friends in Low Places."

In a way, the at-home bar is a tribute to his group of high-school friends who have remained close through the years. And like Hilton, Leyva loves entertaining.

Every day, he spends time with one friend or another at Low Places.

"This is a place we all like to hang out and relax at," he said.

But not everyone is convinced that at-home bars are vital to home decor.

"I think they're a waste of

space," El Paso interior designer Rita Silbert Davis said. "I have one in my home, and I just end up putting plants in the sink."

When entertaining guests, Ms. Davis said she makes full use of her kitchen, which has ample counter space for drinks.

"I prefer to serve drinks on cocktail trays instead of at a bar," she said.

Ms. Davis, however, said she'd never encourage any of her clients to get rid of their bar if they enjoy it. But one thing she will do is encourage them to keep it classy.

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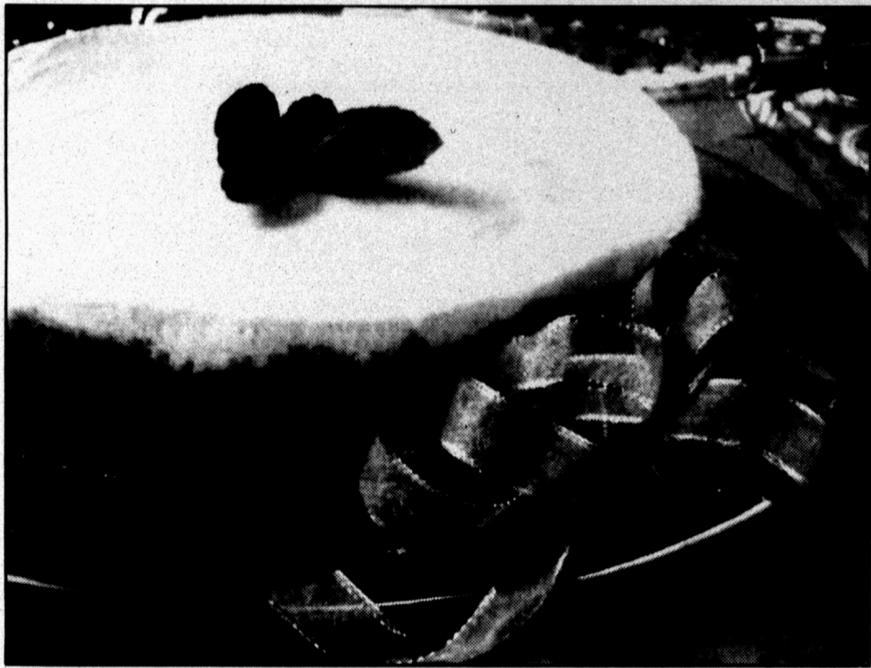
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- 5 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons buttermilk biscuit and baking mix
- 2 tablespoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Topping:

- 1 carton (16 oz.) sour cream, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar

Crust: In microwave-safe bowl, heat butter on High for 60 seconds or until melted. Using a whisk, stir in biscuit and baking mix and 1/2 cup sugar. Microwave

on High for 5 to 6 minutes or until golden yellow, *stirring every minute*. When cool enough to touch, press in bottom and up the side of a 10-or 10 1/2-inch spring form pan that has been coated with cooking spray. Set aside to cool completely.

Filling: In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese and 3/4 cup sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth and creamy. Add biscuit and baking mix, vanilla and salt; beat on low speed until smooth. Pour into prepared crust. Bake on middle rack of oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. (During baking, place a pan of water on the bottom oven rack to prevent the cheesecake from cracking. Cover cheesecake loosely with aluminum foil to keep from browning.) Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees and continue baking for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until cheesecake is almost set in center.

Topping: Stir together sour cream and 3 tablespoons sugar; carefully spoon over top of cheesecake. To prevent cracking, run a knife around the rim of the pan to separate the cheesecake from the pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn oven off; let cheesecake stand in oven for 1 hour. Remove from oven and let stand at room temperature for 1 hour. Refrigerate (uncovered) at least 3 hours or overnight. Garnish with fresh fruit. Makes 16 servings.

Special Storage Information: Place chilled cheesecake in large resealable plastic bag to store in the refrigerator for up to one week or in the freezer for up to 3 months.

Looking Back

Today In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1999. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight In History:

On Dec. 29, 1851, the first YMCA in America was organized, in Boston.

On this date:

In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England.

In 1808, Andrew Johnson, the 17th U.S. president, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, some 300 Sioux Indians in South Dakota were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them in what was known as the Wounded Knee massacre.

In 1934, Japan renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the London Naval Treaty of 1930.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London.

In 1975, a bomb exploded, killing 11 people in the main

terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport.

In 1996, guerrilla and government leaders in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict.

Ten years ago: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected president of Czechoslovakia, the country's first non-Communist leader in more than four decades.

Five years ago: U.S. officials confirmed the release in North Korea of Army helicopter pilot Bobby Hall, 12 days after he was captured in a shootdown in which co-pilot David Hilemon was killed.

One year ago: Two top Khmer Rouge leaders apologized for the deaths of as many as 2 million people during their regime in the 1970s, and asked Cambodians to forget the past.

Today's Birthdays: ABC

newscaster Tom Jarriel is 65. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 62. Actor Jon Voight is 61. Country singer Ed Bruce is 59. Rock musician Ray Thomas (The Moody Blues) is 58. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 53. Jockey Laffit Pincay is 53. Actor Ted Danson is 52. Actor Jon Polito is 49. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 48. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 40. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 38. "Soul Train" host Mystro Clark is 33. Actor Jason Gould is 33. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips (Toad The Wet Sprocket) is 29. Actor Jude Law is 27. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 24. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 16.

Thought for Today: "Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven." — Igor Stravinsky, Russian-born composer (1882-1971).

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Holiday Feast and Famine

■ Lady Whitefaces blow out River Road Lady Wildcats, 71-40

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Lady Whitefaces continued to dominate opponents.

This time, the Amarillo

Hereford 71, River Road 40

R — 6 13 6 15-40
H — 19 12 21 18-71

River Road (??): Craves 1 0-0 2; Lyons 1 0-0 3; Kile 2 0-0 5; Escoto 1 0-2 2; Dugman 3 0-0 8; Adams 1 0-0 2; Swaim 4 10-14 18. Totals: 13 10-16 40.

Hereford: 12-4; Sarah Griffin 5 1-1 14; Brionne Yosten 10-12; Valerie Guzman 2 0-0 4; Toni Eicke 6 0-0 13; Amanda Hill 2 0-0 4; Shyla Martin 5 0-0 10; Janae Schlabs 2 0-0 4; Ashley Fangman 1 2-3 4; Tori Walker 6 3-6 16. Totals: 30 6-11 71.

Halftime — Hereford 31, River Road 19. Three-Pointers — River Road 4 (Dugman 2, Kile 1, Lyons 1); Hereford 5 (Griffin 3, Eicke 1, Walker 1). Fouls — River Road 11; Hereford 14.

River Road Wildcats were the victims.

Thanks to a combined 30 points from Tori Walker and Sarah Griffin, the Lady Whitefaces blew out the Lady Wildcats 71-40 on Tuesday at Monterey High School.

The blowout started early when Hereford took a 19-6 lead after one period, propelling to a 31-19 lead at the half.

River Road was able to pour in 21 points, but not without the Lady Whitefaces having scored 40 points to run away with the game.

The Lady Whitefaces faced Lubbock High in the second round of the playoffs at 9 a.m. at Frenship High School. Game results were not available at press time.

■ Whitefaces lose close game to El Paso Montwood Rams, 52-50

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Whitefaces went into the Caprock Holiday Tournament as one of the favorites to take the tournament.

But they were dealt a big blow on Tuesday as they were beaten by the Rams of El Paso Montwood, 52-50 in the first round at Lubbock Estacado.

The loss propels the Whitefaces to the consolation bracket of the tournament. They will face El Paso Jefferson this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at Monterey High

School.

The Rams used a 27-point first-half splurge on Hereford to take a seemingly comfortable 27-17 half-time lead.

Behind Cody Hodges and Cody Marsh, the Whitefaces roared back with 33 second-half points, but the Rams scored 25 of their own to win the close game.

El Paso Montwood 52, Hereford 50

M — 15 12 11 14-52
H — 8 9 10 25-50

Montwood (??): Sotelo 0 1-3 1; DeAnda 3 4-5 10; Helton 3 0-2 6; Farmer 2 1-2 5; Flores 3 6-6 12; Escobar 6 1-2 15; Harper 1 1-2 3. Totals: 18 14-22 52.

Hereford: 3-12; Slade Hodges 2 3-4 7; Tim Diddle 0 2-2 2; Eric McNutt 1 0-0 2; J.F. Holman 1 0-0 2; Cody Hodges 3 10-15 16; Mike Bedolla 1 0-0 2; Cody Marsh 5 2-3 12; Chayse Rives 1 1-2 3; Steven Northern 1 0-0 2. Totals: 15 18-26 50.

Halftime — Montwood 27, Hereford 17. Three-Pointers — Montwood 2; Escobar 2; Hereford 0. Fouls — Montwood 19; Hereford 18.

Hodges led the Whitefaces with 15 points. Marsh added 12 in the losing cause.



Tori Walker, shown in action against Odessa High, scored 16 points to lead the Lady Whitefaces to a 71-40 victory against the River Road Lady Wildcats on Tuesday at the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, which continues through Thursday.

Tucker coming on his own with 'Boys

IRVING (AP) — Throughout his ill-fated training camp in Cincinnati, his six weeks on the Green Bay practice squad and his spring in Europe, Jason Tucker said he always believed he could make it in the NFL.

Now he has proof. Tucker, the last player to make the Dallas Cowboys roster coming out of training camp last summer, caught seven passes for 128 yards and a touchdown and returned six kickoffs for 203 yards Friday in a 31-24 loss to New Orleans.

The lanky receiver set club records for total yards (331) and kickoff yards while upping his season average to 26 yards per kickoff return, third-best in the NFL.

He would've had even more against the Saints, but a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was chopped to 32 yards because of a holding penalty.

"I thought it was going to be my first touchdown," Tucker said, his ever-present smile still gleaming as he shakes his head. "Then I saw the flag and said, 'Oh, no. Not after that long run.'"

Two quarters later, Tucker finally got his souvenir.

On a drive that began with him returning a kickoff 34 yards and on the play after he made a stretching 15-yard grab, Tucker caught a pass over the middle and dragged two defenders just enough to fall into the end zone. The 21-yard play gave Dallas a 14-10 lead.

The most impressive part of Tucker's big game was that all his catches came in key situations.

An 18-yard slant set up the Cowboys' first touchdown. Consecutive catches for 22 and 11 yards enabled Dallas to escape its own end zone in the second quarter. And in the final minutes, his 31-yard grab on third-and-10 put the Cowboys on the Saints' 6.

"You hope it's the beginning of something big for Jason," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "The thing that gives you a

bit of an idea that it might be is that he had been somewhat building up to that.

"To say that we can sustain that type of performance over a long time might be stretching it. But something similar to that, you'd hope we could get."

Quarterback Troy Aikman thinks it's possible.

"He's really made the most of his opportunities," Aikman said. "He's probably been one of the most consistent guys we've had."

Tucker's career has blossomed quickly after a slow, bumpy start.

The Waco native had a nice junior season at Texas Christian in 1996 and then was suspended from his senior season for unspecified off-field violations. Still, the Bengals took him in the sixth round of last summer's draft.

A hamstring problem limited him in camp, and Cincinnati released him. The Packers later signed Tucker and then waived him without ever putting him on the active roster.

He joined the Cowboys soon after, but instead of working out with the team, he was sent to NFL Europe, where he caught 26 passes for 454 yards and three touchdowns for the Rhein Fire. A month later, he was in Wichita Falls for Cowboys training camp.

Gailey first saw the 6-foot-1, 182-pound Tucker as "a pretty skinny guy who can run fast." The more Gailey saw, the more he liked. He was so impressed that he kept Tucker as a sixth receiver, one more than usual.

His first catch, a 6-yarder, came in the fourth game, against Philadelphia, after Michael Irvin was injured. More injuries and his own performance, even while battling turf toe, helped Tucker reach No. 3 on the depth chart in November.

Then Ernie Mills pulled a muscle warming up for a Dec. 5 game. Tucker became a starter.

Mills was supposed to return against New Orleans. In-

stead, Tucker got his fourth start and had his best game.

"There was nothing that said I was going to have a big game; you just go out and expect to have one," he said. "All great players do that. Maybe I can get to that status of being a great player one day."

Tucker went back to Waco for Christmas and celebrated his performance and the holiday with family and friends. It

also gave him a chance to reflect on his whirlwind year.

"It's been a long haul, knowing where I came from in training camp, being the last man to make the roster, not expecting to play much this season and now I'm here in the starting role," Tucker said.

"There's no pressure on me. I don't have the label of being a big playmaker, so I can just go out there, enjoy myself and make the big plays when they come my way."

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Penn State pounds Texas A&M, 24-0

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Penn State shook off that losing feeling.

Rashard Casey passed for a touchdown and ran for one as No. 13 Penn State, ending a three-game losing streak that cost it a possible shot at the national title shot, defeated No. 18 Texas A&M 24-0 Tuesday night in the Alamo Bowl.

Penn State (10-3) sent longtime defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky into retirement with a strong performance, shutting down Texas A&M's rushing and passing offense.

Penn State avoided what could have been the first four-game losing streak in Joe Paterno's 34-year career as coach. The Lions started the season 9-0 and then saw their national championship hopes dashed with three straight losses to end the season.

It had been 85 years since a Penn State team lost its last three games.

Penn State jumped to a 14-0 lead by halftime and then added another touchdown early in the fourth period when Casey ran in for the score on the first play of the fourth quarter.

A field goal later by Travis Forney pushed the Lions' lead to 24-0.

Casey had his first start of the season and played the whole game for Penn State, which had used Casey and Kevin Thompson at quarterback this year. Paterno said Monday that Thompson's arm was slightly sore.

The Aggies had only one promising drive in the first half, and it failed when

Shane Lechler — also the team's punter — saw his 44-yard field-goal attempt fall short.

Texas A&M looked as though it might get its running game together to start the second half, as Ja'Mar Toombs and D'Andre Hardeman combined for an impressive drive to begin the third.

But when the Aggies got near the end zone, Ron Graham of Penn State intercepted Randy McCown's pass at the 7. McCown threw four interceptions in the game.

Other Aggies mistakes followed, including Bethel Johnson's fumble of a kickoff return in the fourth quarter.

An ocean of Aggies fans packed the 65,000-seat Alamodome, but the loud maroon-clad crowd couldn't keep the Aggies afloat. Some fans started to head for the exits with 10 minutes left in the game.

The defeat ended a season of tragedy for Texas A&M (8-4), whose players wore a helmet decal honoring the students killed in the Nov. 18 bonfire log collapse on campus.

The bonfire stack, traditionally built for burning before the season finale against archrival Texas, fell and killed 12 people and injured 27. A&M responded to beat Texas the next week.

Penn State is 5-0 under Paterno in games after a three-game losing streak.

The Lions got on the scoreboard early when Derek Fox ran 34 yards for

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Utah Jazz President Layden to retire

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As coach and executive for 20 years, wisecracking Frank Layden has been synonymous with the Utah Jazz, which he transformed into an NBA powerhouse.

Now, the team president is retiring to the golf links, marking the third front-office loss for the Jazz this year.

Layton, 67, said he wants to spend more time with his wife, Barbara, and plans to write a book. He plans to remain in Salt Lake City.

"I look at the newspaper every day and see people my age who are dying," Layden said. "Barbara and I have a lot we want to accomplish and the timing seems to be good for us to step out of the public eye and start to work on these things now."

Layden is among a number of sports figures to retire or make a career move recently so they could spend more time with their families. The others include Danny Ainge in basketball, John Olerud in baseball, Dominik Hasek in hockey and U.S. women's soccer coach Tony DiCiccio.

Layden will be remembered as a guy who "came to work with a smile on his face and a song in his heart," said Dennis Haslam, the team's interim general manager.

"He has a darn good sense of humor, and he's fun to be with. We'll miss him."

For the Jazz, Layden's retirement comes after two other front-office losses this year. General manager Tim Howells resigned last week to run a restaurant chain. And Layden's son, Scott Layden, left Aug. 10 after 18 years with the Jazz to become general manager of the New York Knicks.

During Howells' final press conference, Frank Layden noted the team was taking another hit.

"I often say to Larry that players are temporary," Layden said. "The people that work in our front office are the heart and soul of our organization."

Now it's the elder Layden who's leaving. But Haslam says the Jazz have six longtime vice presidents with a combined 103 years of experience, and he's not feeling alone.

It was just last week that Layden told Jazz owner Larry Miller he would be leaving. Layden confided that it was time for him to retire to a life of writing, traveling, spending time with his family and golfing at his winter condominium in St. George, Utah.

"He'll be 68 next week," Haslam said. "So when should a fellow retire?"

Now the Jazz have two executive positions to fill, president and general manager.

"I don't know exactly how we will reorganize," said Haslam, who heads Miller's sports, entertainment and real

estate divisions.

Frank Layden joined the Jazz as general manager in 1979 with a promise to lead the move to Utah from New Orleans. Two years later, he took on the additional role of coach and had a 277-294 record during more than six seasons, including the Jazz's first winning season in 1983-84.

"In the early years, Frank was the glue that held the Jazz together," Miller said. "He had a lot to do with molding the franchise into what it has become today."

Layden's teams made it to the playoffs during the next five seasons. He retired as coach in 1988, but was pulled back onto the court a decade later when he became coach of the WNBA's Utah Starzz. He left coaching for good in June.

The Brooklyn native became athletic director and basketball coach at Dowling College in 1966 and two years later took the same positions at Niagara. He joined the Atlanta Hawks as an assistant in 1976 and three years later moved to the Jazz.

Arkansas works for two hours

DALLAS (AP) — The hooting and hollering started early at Arkansas' practice on Tuesday at Texas Stadium.

After a brief period of calisthenics, the players gathered in a circle at midfield where an offensive lineman was matched against a defensive lineman. Quickly, the hitting attracted media and some curious fans.

The offensive players hooted loudest when one of their own — freshman guard Jim Peters — planted a defensive lineman.

Two hours later, when the walkons and some freshmen squared off for a brief scrimmage, there was more. Wide receiver coach Fitz Hill went wild with a water bottle when one of his players caught a tipped pass in the end zone. A couple of plays earlier, defensive coach Clifton Ealy laughed and celebrated when some of his guys wrecked a play.

In between the fun, the Razorbacks (7-4) worked to get ready for Saturday's Cotton Bowl matchup with Texas (9-4).

The Longhorns worked out Tuesday morning at the prac-

tice field of its former Southwest Conference rival, SMU.

"I felt like practice was good again today," coach Mack Brown said. "I think we're starting to get out of the flu bug that has bothered us this week."

Arkansas coach Houston Nutt called his team's practice good, as well.

"It was the second straight day that they came out with a lot of energy, a lot of enthusiasm, good intensity and that's what you want," he said. "Especially when they're having such a great time."

"The Cotton Bowl people, you can't say enough great things about this bowl, how well organized it is, how much fun they try to give to the players and they're the reason we're here," he said.

Defensive end Carlos Hall did not practice because of a slight groin pull suffered Monday when the artificial turf was a little wet. The pull is not serious, but trainer Dean Weber thought it best that Hall be held out of practice, Nutt said.

"It's still very tight," he said.

Wide receiver Anthony

Lucas, who suffered a knee injury in the LSU game Nov. 26 and underwent minor surgery two weeks later, is close to full speed, Nutt said.

"It's unbelievable how quick he is right now, how he's coming out of his breaks," Nutt said. "We're just real excited that he's going to be able to play."

Nutt said the defense had an exceptionally good practice. "We've been really trying to work hard on their passing game which is very good and really been trying to give them all the different looks that coach Greg Davis does," Nutt said. "We're just trying to mix up some third-and-long situations and some of their screens mixed in with that."

There were hoots from the defense when Clint Stoerner rolled right and then looked back left for a screen. Defensive players were in the middle of the screen and Stoerner had to take a loss, even though there was no tackling when the No. 1 offense went against the No. 1 defense.

A Jim Ed Reed deflection brought excited defensive line

coach Bill Keopple running onto the field. Moments later, Boo Williams ran the stop and go for an easy touch-down and rejoiced by conversing with imaginary fans in the empty stands.

Prior to that, Stoerner and the receivers worked on pass routes and timing without any defenders. At one point, the offense backed up from the 30 to the 20 so it could run a flea flicker that ended with Stoerner throwing deep to Lucas.

Texas' workout in pads gave the team another chance to get physical.

"We want the guys to understand how important this game is, and they have responded," Brown said. "We've probably been as physical these three days as we have all year."

The Longhorns are coming off back-to-back losses to Texas A&M and Nebraska.

"When you're at the University of Texas, you want to win," Brown said. "The program's not over if you lose, but you have a lot more momentum going into spring practice if you win."

Former 'Horn Cicero signs with Baylor

WACO (AP) — Quarterback Greg Cicero, who began his college career at Texas then starred at a junior college, will enroll at Baylor next month and join the football team for spring drills.

Cicero, who has two years of eligibility remaining, threw for 2,800 yards and 33 touchdowns while leading Palomar (Calif.) Junior College to an 8-3 record.

Cicero, a California native, was redshirted by Texas in 1997 and was injured for most of 1998. He then transferred

to Palomar.

Baylor is coming off the first winless conference season by any Big 12 team in the league's four years. The Bears have lost 13 straight Big 12 games and 18 of 19. They ended 1999 with a six-

game losing streak.

"His exposure to the Big 12 and his success in junior college will enable him to compete for the job this spring and in August," Bears coach Kevin Steele said Tuesday after Cicero signed a

letter of intent to play with Baylor.

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Alamo

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a touchdown in the first quarter after intercepting a pass by McCown.

Earlier in the first quarter, the Lions took points off the board when they opted to take a first down on a roughing-the-kicker call after Forney made a 38-yard field goal. Four plays later, Forney was wide right on a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Penn State drove 73 yards and scored on a 45-yard pass from Casey to Eddie Drummond and moved ahead 14-0 with 8:54 left before half-time.

The Aggies had only 77 net yards in passing and rushing combined in the first half, compared with 158 for Penn State.

This was Paterno's 30th bowl appearance, breaking the record of 29 he shared with Bear Bryant of Alabama. Paterno has won more bowl games than any other coach and now has a bowl record of 20-9-1.

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STARTING DATE:	Sunday, January 9, 2000
GAME DAY:	Sundays, starting at 1:00 pm
SIGN-UP DEADLINE:	Tuesday, January 4th, 2000 - 3:00 pm
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 5 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.

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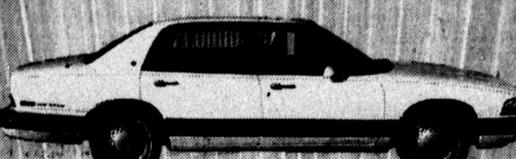
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Metropolitan Opera Presents								Crown	NewsHour
Boos?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club		Boos?
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	West Wing	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show				
Movie: Flash Lucas Black ***	(40) Movie: Hocus Pocus Bette Midler. ** PG	(20) Movie: The Witches Anjelica Huston. Zorro								
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Orlando Magic	Inside NBA	Movie: Born in East L.A. (1987) **						
News	Fortune	Two Guys Its Like	Draw Carey Norm	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
News	Home Imp.	Cooby	King	Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of Arts	News	(35) Late Show				
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Nine Months (1995) Hugh Grant. **	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
Football	Bowl	College Football Holiday Bowl - Kansas State vs. Washington								
Movie: Catch Me If	Movie: Urban Legend Jared Leto. ** R	(45) Movie: Ronin (1998) Robert De Niro, Jean Reno. R								
(3-45) Movie: Titanic	Movie: The Peacemaker George Clooney. ** R	Sopranos	Sopranos							
Movie: The Golden Child	Movie: The White Raven Ron Silver. ** R	Movie: Copcat (1995) Sigourney Weaver, Holly Hunter. Emmanuelle								
Movie: That Midnight Kiss	Movie: The Kentuckian (1955) Burt Lancaster. ** 1/2	Movie: The Hallelujah Trail (1965) Burt Lancaster, Lee Remick. ** 1/2								
Waltons	Merle Haggard: For the Record									
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Indianapolis	Discovery News	On the Inside	Indianapolis					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: All the Winters That Have Been (1997)	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing					
Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Dallas Stars	Sports	Basketball					
ER	Best of WCW Millennium									
Movie: Red Dawn (1984) ** 1/2										
Hay Arnold! Rugrats	Thornberry	Rockat	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: A Face to Kill For (1999) Doug Savant.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Stalkings						
Sonadoras	Nunca Te Olvidare	Tres Mujeres	7A Que No Te Atrevas?	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	Prophesias	Great Wall of China	Atlantic Wall	Great Ships	Prophesias					
Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Tales-Crypt	Crypt Tales	Polttergeist: The Legacy	Fri. the 13th	
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Blame It on the Bellboy (1992) ** 1/2	MacGyver	MacGyver						

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
Angela	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Bringing Up	Itsy Bitsy	Storytime	Movie:		
Today	Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Mermaid	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear
Fam. Mat.	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	News	Brown	News					
Early Show	Dr. Joy Browne	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News						
Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis		
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Ski World				
Movie: Elvira Medigan Pia Degemark	Movie: Frog and Wombat Katie Stuart.	(05) Movie: Sticky Fingers Helen Slater	Movie: The Destroyers							
Movie: Little Ghost Jameson Bates. G	Goodnight	Movie: Spacelander: Adventures	Movie: Can't Hardly Wait ** PG-13	Movie:						
Movie:	(45) Movie: Las Miserables (1998) Liam Neeson, Geoffrey Rush. **	Movie: The X-Files David Duchovny. ** 1/2 PG-13	Movie: Man-							
Movie: The Tenderfoot	Movie: A Child is Born (1940) ** 1/2	Movie: Life Begins (1932) ** 1/2	Movie: Take Me Out to the Ball Game							
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazzard	Alice	McCoy's	Dallas	Aleane's Creative Living	Waltons			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home				
Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon	Law & Order					
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Signature	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source		
CHiPs	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Mr. Nanny (1993) Terry 'Hulk' Hogan. **	Movie:						
Hay Arnold! Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin	
Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Fired Up	Wings	Movie: Fakin' Da Funk (1997) ** 1/2				
(6:00) Despierta America	Maite	Circoles Para Lucia	Enamorada	Hay Pasion						
Year by Year	Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Look-70s			
Monster	Beakman's	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek			
Wayans	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Knight Rider	Matlock	Dream Maker	News			

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Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



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12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Alexander	Jenkins	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
(12:00) Movie: Casper Meets Wendy	Angela	Alien	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	Partridge	Boos?			
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	(35) Tonight Show				
Katie-Orle	Amazing	Ducktales	Timon	Aladdin	Brotherly	Ready-Not	Home	GrowPains	GrowPains	Smart Guy
Hunter	Movie: Perry Mason Returns (1985) Barbara Hale ** 1/2	Cosby Show	Cosby Show							
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Monster	Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under	
Golf	Peach Bowl	HB TV	X 2Day	NHL-Shots	Up Close	Sportscenter				
Movie:	(15) Movie: Pink Cadillac (1989) Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters	Movie: Fatal Affair C. Thomas Howell	Movie: Quicksilver (1986)							
Movie: Seven Minutes	(45) Movie: Wyatt Earp (1994) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid. ** 1/2 PG-13									
(12:00) Movie: The Man Without a Face	Movie: Blow Out John Travolta. ** 1/2 R	(45) Movie: A Cool, Dry Place Vince Vaughn. PG-13	Movie:							
Movie: Take	Movie: They Learned About Women (1930) **	Movie: Smilin' Through (1941) Brian Aherne ** 1/2	Movie: Smilin' Through							
Waltons	Dallas	Crook & Chase	McCoy's	McCoy's	Dukes of Hazzard	Alice	Alice			
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon					
(12:00) Movie: Daddy (1991)	Party of Five	Ellen	Ellen	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
Source	Women's College Basketball Connecticut at Oklahoma	Goin' Deep	Slide	High Octane	Football	NBA Action				
(12:00) Movie: The Secret Agent Club	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog			
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hay Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Pacific Blue	Baywatch		
Movie:	Movie: Phat Beach (1996) Brian Hooks **	Baywatch								
Hay Pasion	Cosas del Amor	Gordo	El Blablazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
Look-70s	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Look at the 70s			
Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek	Star Trek			
News	MacGyver	Caroline	Bzz!	Cosby Show	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

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NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Y2K-Winter	Road Predators	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	NewsHour					
Boos?	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	Boos?	
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
Movie: P.U.N.K.S. Randy Quaid PG	Fantasia	Movie: And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird **	B Witched-Five	Zorro						
College Football	Micron PC Bowl - Illinois vs. Virginia	Chimp	Movie: Men at Work (1990) **							
News	Fortune	Whose? Whose?	More Bloopers	20/20	Downtown	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
News	Home Imp.	Greatest Sports Moments	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show					
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Wolf (1994) Jack Nicholson. ** 1/2	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
Bowl	College Football	Peach Bowl - Clemson vs. Mississippi State	Sportscenter							
Movie: The Lost World R	Movie: Four Weddings and a Funeral Hugh Grant. R	Movie: Scream 2 (1997) David Arquette, Neve Campbell	Linc's							
(5:00) Movie: Quicksilver	Inside the NFL	Dennis Miller	Sopranos	Sopranos						
Movie: In the Line of Duty	Movie: Kickboxer 2: The Road Back R	Movie: U.S. Marshals Tommy Lee Jones. ** PG-13	(45) Movie: The Getaway							
Movie: Smilin' Through	Movie: Lady for a Day (1933) Warren William. ** 1/2	Movie: Pocketful of Miracles (1961) Glenn Ford, Bette Davis. **								
Waltons	Movie: Dead Man's Island (1996) Barbara Eden	Country Music	Dallas							
Wild Discovery	Erecting a Giant	Science Mysteries	Into the Unknown	Erecting a Giant	Science					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: She Said No (1990) Veronica Hamel. **	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing					
Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Clippers at Houston Rockets	College Basketball: LSU vs. Okla. St.					
ER	Movie: Dirty Dancing (1987) Jennifer Grey. **	(05) Movie: Dirty Dancing (1987) Jennifer Grey. **	Movie: Birds							
Hay Arnold! Rugrats	Thornberry's Skeeter	Wonder Yrs. Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Carillo's Way (1993) Al Pacino, Sean Penn. **	Walker, Texas Ranger							
Sonadoras	Nunca Te Olvidare	Tres Mujeres	Lente Loco 2000	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	New Year 2000: Centuries	Transcont-RR's	Jet Engines	Secrets of World War II	New Year					
Movie: Tremors (1990) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward. ** 1/2	Movie: Tremors II: Afterlocks (1996) Fred Ward. ** 1/2	Movie: Tremors (1990) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward. ** 1/2	Movie: Tremors (1990) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward. ** 1/2							
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Can You Feel Me Dancing? (1986) ** 1/2	News	MacGyver	Heat					



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Crofford asked. "What does the medical staff want us to do. Do you want us to flounder around for another six months? We have always consulted with you. What do you want us to do? Tell us."
Crofford noted the medical staff is unhappy and the hospital employees, who have voiced complaints about interim administrator J.O. Lewis, whose three-month tenure stretched for more than six months, are unhappy.

agement fee is. We guaranteed TORCH \$60,000 (annually). What do we get for that? I think we need to know the details (of the contract)," McBrayer said.
Rincoens opened a copy of the contract and began to go through the revisions that had been made to the original proposal and outlined the major provisions.
Krupala acknowledged TMSI had not provided as much information as had CHC; however, he said his company was a "late-comer" in the situation, making its proposal after CHC had pulled out.

it's time for the board to make a decision."
Director Mark Collier, noting there has been a breakdown of communication among the board, medical staff and hospital employees, asked Krupala to explain what the hospital district would receive for the \$5,000 monthly management service fee.
Krupala said the fee would cover various administrative costs associated with taking over the management of hospital, helps with the payment for consultants who are on retainer with the company, a variety of business activities related to managing the hospital, and the conducting of the search for a new CEO and CFO. Also, TMSI would monitor the performance of the CEO, provide expertise that the hospital doesn't now have available to it.

ervations about the management contract with TMSI, Dr. Jesse Perales said the medical staff will do what "the governing body decides. ... We don't want to fight with the board, but we want to have some respect from the board, to have some input."
Hospital employees complained that rumors of layoffs had damaged morale and led to the resignations of some good workers. They also said Lewis had not been accessible to employees, leaving many wondering who was in charge.
Crofford said Krupala has said TMSI will find a "working CEO" with a background in small hospitals, one who will sit down with employees and who will be accessible.
Dr. Gerald Payne, while noting the disagreement with the board and the medical staff's preference for CHC, said all of that is "water under the bridge. I'm ready to move on."
Within minutes, the meeting was adjourned, with the contract still in place. Krupala said he will meet today with the medical staff to provide more details about the contract.

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Debate over foreign policy subdued

Battles over national security policy may be more muted in 2000 than they were this year, even though it's a presidential election year. The pending hot issues just don't readily lend themselves to partisan wrangling.
And some favored perennials — repaying United Nations dues, increasing defense spending — were resolved in 1999.
That doesn't mean there won't be divisions and clashes. It is campaign season, after all. And Democrats are striving mightily to retain the White House and recapture at least the House of Representatives.
But Americans may find more agreement than disagreement on most issues.
Any act of terror against Americans in the coming days or weeks is likely to touch off a wave of bipartisan outrage. If the incident were traced to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden or other foreign mischief-maker, Congress probably would support any retaliatory strike that the Clinton administration might consider.
Another top issue, efforts by Clinton to broker peace in the Middle East, already has drawn wide support in Congress. A second round of talks between Syria and Israel begins next week in West Vir-

litical arena into the courts. Lee has said he is innocent.
Congress votes next spring on whether to give China the same permanent preferential trade treatment the United States now gives all significant trading partners.
Until now, it has had to be renewed annually for China.
This has the support of free-trade advocates of both parties. The strongest opposition springs from Democratic ranks — organized labor, a crucial Democratic constituency, which claims more trade with China will harm American workers.
Voting against the China trade bill is a double-edged sword, supporters contend. It won't stop China's entry into the World Trade Organization, but it will deny U.S. businesses the trade concessions China made to win that entry.
Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a leading Senate advocate of improved trade ties with China, suggests that the unproductive WTO meeting last month in Seattle had a "slightly chilling" effect on momentum for the trade bill.
But he predicts it will eventually prevail, particularly if China tones down some of its anti-U.S. rhetoric.
Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush and John McCain have suggested



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that Clinton has not been firm enough in his dealings with China, Russia or Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.
But such claims don't necessarily translate into congressional battles.
Furthermore, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution Dec. 17 that would return weapons inspectors to Iraq after a one-year absence and agreed to consider easing sanctions. Any attempt by Saddam to provoke another confrontation over inspections would be likely to generate bipartisan support for a firm U.N. response.
Neither is there much difference between the two parties in their wholehearted condemnations of the Russian offensive in the Chechnya area of Russia. It might lead to debates in Congress on withholding financial support for Russia, but few advocate stronger options.
"I don't think anyone is suggesting that we send a force in to help the Chechens," said Keith Bush, director of the Russia program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. In any event, the Russian offensive has appeared to falter in recent days in the face of strong resistance.
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Stones rolled to top the list

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rolling Stones keep chugging along as the most efficient money-makers in the concert business, topping a list of the biggest earners on tour in 1999.
Although musical acts took in a record \$1.5 billion in ticket revenue this year, that was more because of rapidly escalating ticket prices than a strong demand to see concerts, the industry trade magazine Pollstar said.
The Rolling Stones earned \$64.7 million this year, edging Bruce Springsteen and his E Street Band on their reunion tour, which pulled in \$61.4 million.
Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and their wealthy band mates also led Pollstar's list in 1998, 1994 and 1997. It's a good bet the Stones were also on top for several more years, but Pollstar has only been compiling concert receipts since 1988.
Thirteen acts actually sold more concert tickets this year, but the Stones made the most money because they charged an average of \$109.62 per ticket, Pollstar said.
The average ticket price for one of the top 50 tours this year was \$43.63, a staggering 30 percent increase over the \$33.59 average a year earlier, Pollstar said. And that doesn't include service charges routinely levied by ticketing agencies.
The top money-earners on the popular music concert circuit during 1999, according to Pollstar magazine:
The Rolling Stones — \$64.7 million.
Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band — \$61.4 million.
N Sync — \$51.5 million.
Dave Matthews Band — \$48.5 million.
Shania Twain — \$48.5 million.
Cher — \$37.7 million.
Backstreet Boys — \$37.1 million.
Blondie — \$32.5 million.
George Strait's Country Music Festival — \$32.4 million.
Bette Midler — \$31.7 million.

Gale force winds hammer Europe; 120 reported dead

PARIS (AP) — Thousands of people in France faced the prospect of New Year's Eve without electricity after a second killer storm in three days brought fierce winds, torrential downpours and violent waves along the coast.
Across Western Europe, the death toll from the storms reached 120 on Tuesday.
The brunt of the regional storm hit France's southwestern corner, leaving a trail of destruction similar to the one that struck the north on Sunday: fallen power lines, uprooted trees, collapsed roofs and streets strewn with debris.
By dawn Tuesday, the storm that had rolled in from the Atlantic that morning had rolled out, leaving weather conditions calm across most of France. No new storms were forecast, but much chaos remained.
In the Vendee region, on France's western coast, more than 2,000 people were evacuated from their homes because of floods and spent the night in town halls. And Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gaysot announced that extensive damage to the country's public transport network, caused mostly by fallen trees or flooding, would not be totally fixed before the end of the year.
"The damage is considerable," he said. "Road, rail and air routes are affected. We are really in great difficulty."
The death toll, which reached 68 in France alone since Sunday, rose across Europe after snowstorms brought on by the same weather front caused avalanches Tuesday in western and central Austria, killing 12 people. Heavy snowfall in the French Alps also led to maximum avalanche alerts. A helicopter crashed in snow and fog in central Hungary, killing all four people aboard.
At least 3.4 million homes were without electricity, officials at state electricity company EDF said, adding that many people probably won't have power restored before the New Year. Power companies from Belgium, Germany, Italy and Spain pledged to help EDF overcome what it said was its worst crisis in 50 years.
No trains were running Tuesday from Paris to Bordeaux, and only one in three was servicing the east.

Clinton proposes more housing help

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WASHINGTON—A Clinton administration proposal for \$690 million in new federal housing money would help the working poor take better advantage of the booming economy, Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said.

The proposal, to be announced by the White House today, would give vouchers to 120,000 poor households to help meet the rent. The program is aimed at families earning more money than those who traditionally qualify for

federal housing grants, as well as the very poor.

The White House says that some poor families sometimes must move to find work — since about two-thirds of new jobs are in the generally more affluent suburbs. The vouchers — which can be used wherever a landlord will accept them — are meant to help them find housing in their new neighborhoods.

"The need for affordable housing is higher than ever — 5.3 million American families need affordable housing" but cannot find it, Cuomo said. "It's actually a cruel irony of the strong economy," which often drives the price of formerly affordable housing beyond the reach of the working poor, Cuomo said in an interview Tuesday.

Cuomo said the proposal will be part of Clinton's budget

proposal for fiscal 2001. That budget plan is due on Capitol Hill early next year.

Cult leader's release, blasts have Japan jittery

TOKYO — A charismatic leader of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult was freed from prison today and vowed to resume his place in the doomsday-preaching group that five years ago attempted to hasten Armageddon with a nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subways.

The release comes amid jitters in Japan over a year-end wave of attacks involving other fringe religious groups and a series of fires and explosions linked to ultraleftist radicals.

Fumihiko Joyu is one of the highest-ranking members of Aum and one of its only leaders not charged with a role in the 1995 subway gassing.

With virtually all of the

cult's former leaders, including guru Shoko Asahara, still either on trial or in prison, Joyu was expected to fill a leadership vacuum within what remains a shadowy — and potentially powerful — group.

"It's extremely frightening," said Kanako Kumamoto, a 24-year-old shop clerk in Tokyo. "I'm very worried the group will return to its previous terrorist activities."

Attending to the heightened concern, more than 100 police were deployed around Hiroshima.

Officials take final steps days away from rollover

WASHINGTON — While confident that the rollover will cause no severe problems, federal officials are taking final precautions nonetheless and offering last-minute advice to help Americans sail smoothly into 2000.

Hoping to ease the transition, officials are mailing out benefit checks to veterans and Social Security beneficiaries early. They're advising citizens to keep emergency numbers and battery-operated radios handy. And they are shutting down some public Internet sites to safeguard against hackers.

The Department of Veterans Affairs said Tuesday it has decided to mail January benefit checks to more than 2.5 million veterans on Dec. 30, a day early, to avoid potential delays related to the Y2K computer bug.

The early mailings "will mitigate unexpected year 2000 interruptions of benefit payments arising from anything outside our control," VA spokesman Terry Jemison said. Social Security's 44 million beneficiaries learned last week

of the Social Security Administration's plans to do the same, for both the majority who receive electronic payments and those who still take mailed checks.

While generally optimistic about communications, including 911 calls going through and emergency broadcast alerts reaching people, federal officials urged people not to forget the basics.

"There was a way to call the police, to call ambulance services, long before 911," said Federal Communications Commissioner Michael Powell. He advised people to keep on hand direct numbers for emergency services, like the police.

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America's role in the world

Future historians will have a hard time describing America's role in the world today. That is because no single country has ever exercised as much economic, cultural and military power as America does.

Our nation is often called upon to help settle conflicts, assist in natural disasters and make financial contributions.

Deciding how to best use our global power is one of the most important issues we face. We must prioritize our military missions. If we do not, our troops' combat edge may be dulled and military funds needed to maintain our armed forces' technological edge will be diverted.



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senate

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military and foreign policy issues. Your answers will help me better understand the kind of role you believe America should shoulder in the world.

1. This year Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. More than two dozen countries have ballistic missile technology and nations like Iran and North Korea are building missiles with longer and longer ranges. Some may soon be able to strike the United States with missiles that can carry nuclear, chemical and biological warheads.

The U.S. has been prohibited from building a shield against such threats because of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty signed with the Soviet Union which intentionally left both nations vulnerable to each other's nuclear arsenal. But the Cold War is over and new threats are growing.

On a scale of 1-10, with "1" being the most important and "10" being the least, how important is it for the United States to go ahead and build a missile defense system to protect the nation?

Would you feel differently if building this system forced us to withdraw from the ABM treaty? YES NO

If the United States does build this missile defense system, should we share it with our overseas allies such as Taiwan, Europe and Japan? YES NO

2. The U.S. is the world's last remaining superpower. We are capable of deploying troops to almost every crisis in the world. But if we are not careful, we could overextend our troops and weaken our ability to respond to the big crises that demand a superpower's attention.

Please rank the importance of the following regions, with "10" being the most important and "1" being the least important region:

EUROPE — Our 50-year involvement the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our historic ties to Western Europe.

ASIA — Our long-standing treaties with allies Japan and South Korea, our special commitment to Taiwan and the rise of a more powerful China.

RUSSIA — Helping Russia's transition from communism to democracy and a free market and trying to contain the proliferation of its nuclear arsenal.

LATIN AMERICA — Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Columbia and ensuring the security of the Panama Canal.

MIDDLE EAST — Our long-time commitment to Arab-Israeli peace and our protection of the Persian Gulf oil supplies.

3. The U.S. has deployed troops to humanitarian crises in countries like Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo and Bosnia which do not directly threaten our national security interests. Our leadership on these missions is expected by other nations and has temporarily stopped civil wars. But it has come at a cost, diminishing our military readiness. Recently, for example, two Army divisions were declared unfit for combat, partly because of their peacekeeping duties.

Which is most important (you may choose more than one):
PARTICIPATE IN MORE PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS
GUARD OUR TROOPS' COMBAT EDGE
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4. In your opinion, what is the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States?

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