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Time running out for candidates

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight: Partly cloudy, low in upper 20s.

Christmas Day: Partly cloudy, low in upper 20s, high 60 to 65.

Extended forecast
Sunday-Tuesday: Partly cloudy, low upper 20s, high 50-55.

Hereford weather
Wednesday's high, 38; low, 21; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Warmer weather seen across state

Many parts of Texas reported clear skies and mild temperatures Wednesday. Temperatures should warm up by Christmas Day.

Sunny skies prevailed over the eastern half of South Texas, while the western half was cloudy. A bit of light rain fell over deep South Texas. Temperatures ranged from 49 degrees with light rain at McAllen to 59 degrees at Palacios.

Temperatures warmed into the upper 40s to near 50 across North Texas. Light winds and abundant sunshine prevailed over the region. The only exception was in the Waco area, where low clouds persisted throughout the day.

High clouds were noted over far West Texas. Highs were mainly in the 30s and 40s. Low clouds persisted in the Midland-Odessa area.

Light rain was expected through most of South Texas. But it won't be significant and temperatures will mostly be in the 50s by Christmas.

From Staff Reports

Time is winding down for candidates to get a spot on the March 14 primary ballots. The deadline for filing in the Democratic and Republican primaries is Jan. 3, 2000. Filing began on 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.

Deaf Smith county offices on the ballot are commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, sheriff,

tax assessor-collector and constable.

Incumbent commissioners Wayne Betzen (Precinct 1) and Troy Don Moore (Precinct 3) are seeking new terms as Republicans, while Fidel Reyna is running for sheriff.

On the Democratic side, Armando Gonzales and Joe Henry are seeking the Precinct 1 commissioner's post, while Mike Brumley has filed in Precinct 3.

Other Democratic candidates are Joe Brown, who is

seeking another term as sheriff.

Jeanine Zimmerman has indicated she will seek the tax assessor-collector position, but she has not yet filed with either party.

Incumbent Tax Assessor Collector Margaret Del Toro verified she has picked up a campaign packet from the County Clerk's office, but she has not made any final decisions for a specific office.

"I have not filed for anything yet, but I am not run-

ning for tax assessor collector. I have not decided what I'm going to run for," Del Toro said.

The major statewide 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.

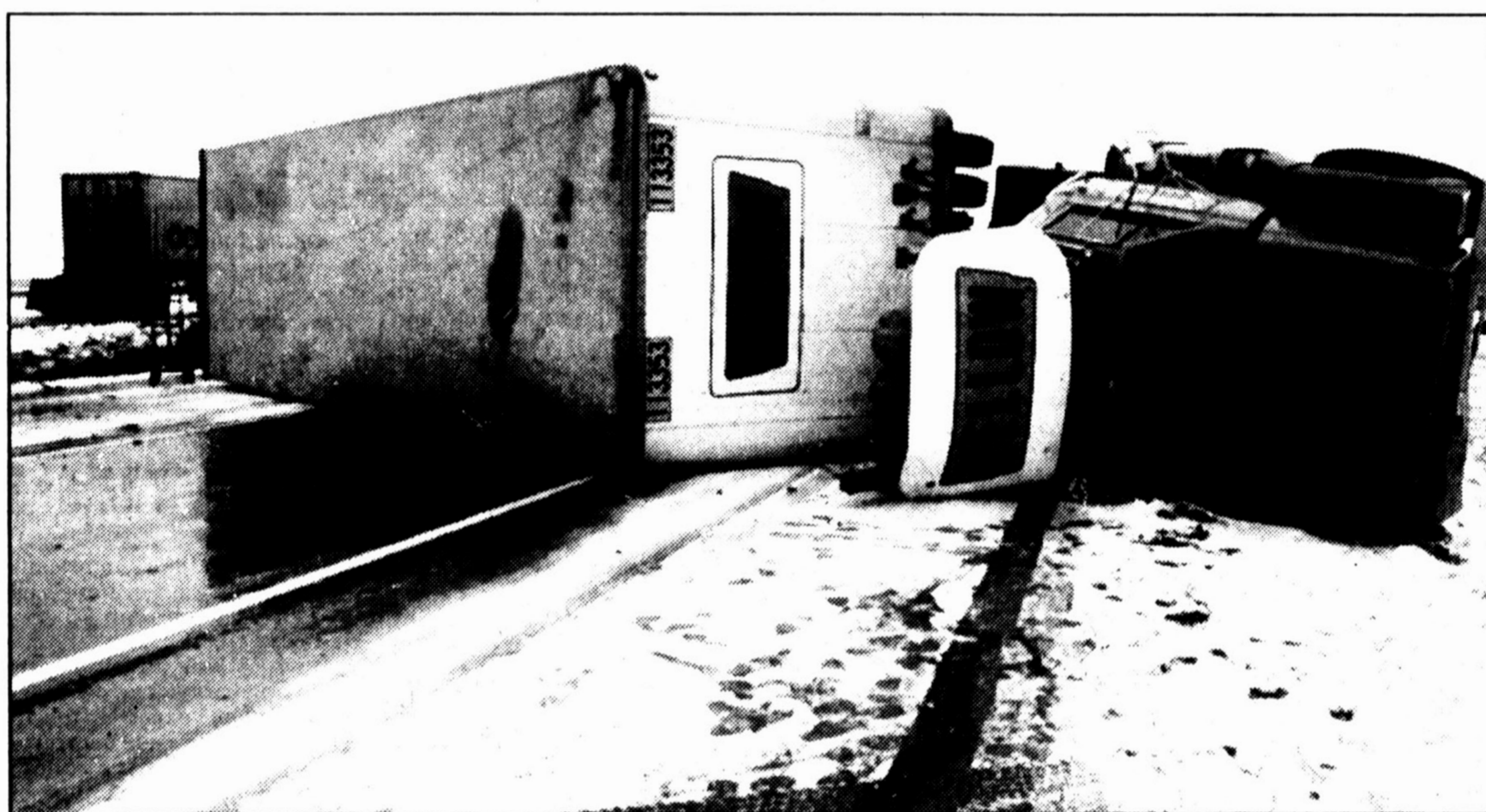
Incumbent John Smithee, an Amarillo Republican, is seeking another term in the Texas House of Representatives. Smithee, who was unopposed in the 1998 general election, is not expected to have an opponent in either

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No one hurt when truck overturns

The driver of a Yellow Freight tractor-rig was westbound on U.S. Highway 60 east of Hereford when he apparently lost control of the truck on the slick highway. The truck crossed the median, rolled and skidded into the eastbound lane. Traffic was blocked for several hours. No injuries were reported in the accident. Additional information about the accident was not available from the Texas Department of Public Safety at press time.

BRAND Dianna F. Dandridge



Churches plan Christmas Eve services

Several Hereford churches plan special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Among the services planned are:

Fellowship Of Believers
Christmas Eve worship on at 5:30 p.m. Friday and concludes no later than 6:15. Dr. Seuss will read about the Grinch. Carols will be sung and candles will be lit. Dorina

Guerrero will sign "Silent Night" as the church moves quietly into Christmas Eve and Day.

First United Methodist
The Jubilate Ringers Holiday Concert will precede the Christmas Eve communion service at 5:45.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Immanuel will celebrate Christmas Eve with a special

service at 7 p.m. Friday Christmas Day service will be at 10:30 a.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Christmas Eve liturgies are 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Christmas Day liturgy is 10 a.m. only.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Special Christmas Eve services will begin at 10 p.m. with refreshments and 10:30 with carols. A special Com-

munion Service with all the bells, smells and candles will be at 11 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene
There will be a special Christmas Eve Communion Service at 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
The Hereford Brand office will close at 5 p.m. today for the Christmas holiday. The newspaper office will resume

normal hours at 8 a.m. Dec. 27.

The Brand will publish a weekend edition on Friday so the newspaper employees can observe the Christmas holiday. Also, subscribers who do not receive their Friday newspaper must call the circulation department by 6 p.m.

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1999 Christmas Stocking Fund



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In memory of Frank & Ethel Knabe and Gus & Teresa Schlabs by Charles & Geraldine Schlabs 200.00
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1 in 5 of motorists uninsured

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Automobile liability insurance — the law says drivers on Texas roads have to provide minimum coverage or other proof of financial responsibility — and yet the Texas Department of Insurance and the Texas Department of Public Safety both report one in five drivers is operating a vehicle without insurance.

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) spokesman Mark Hannah said roughly 21 percent of all drivers operate a vehicle at some time in the year without insurance. And, that number increases in the less-affluent counties.

Proof of financial responsibility, usually insurance, must be shown in the event of an accident, when a car is registered or inspected, when a person obtains or renews a drivers license, or any time an officer requests it.

Texas law provides severe penalties for violating financial responsibility laws. The first conviction earns the offender a \$175-\$350 fine. Subsequent convictions are worth up to \$1,000 fine, driver's license suspension and impoundment of the vehicle.

Even these stiff laws are not enough to prevent one in five drivers from driving without proof of financial liability.

Type of Coverage	Pays For	Covers	Required?
Liability	Other people's medical expenses and auto repairs, attorney fees, and \$250 bail	You, your family and others driving with your permission	By state law
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist	Medical and funeral expenses, car repairs, car rental and replacement of damaged contents	You, your family and your passengers	No, but company must offer
Medical payments	Medical and funeral expenses	You, your family and your passengers	No
Personal Injury Protection (PIP)	Medical and funeral expenses, lost wages, homemaker/caregiver services	You, your family and your passengers	No, but company must offer
Collision	Car repair or replacement after an accident	Your car - regardless of driver	By lenders
Comprehensive (Physical Damage other than Collision)	Car repair or replacement after fire, hailstorm, theft or other non-collision event; rental car after theft	Your car	By lenders
Towing & Labor	Towing and labor charges when your car is disabled	Your car	No
Rental Reimbursement	A rental car if your auto is undergoing repair for covered damage	You and your family members	No

"There are too many ways around the laws," said Hannah. "Drivers know they need to show proof of insurance to get the car registered or inspected, but there are a lot of fake ID cards or insurance which was purchased just for the ID card. Sometimes drivers have no intentions of maintaining insurance."

Hannah said with the coop-

eration of numerous law enforcement agencies, the suppliers of fake or altered ID cards and phony policies have been lessened, but today's technology can also be used by individuals with less than legal intent.

"Even if they give up their license and car registration, it

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COTTON'S BIG DAY



(Top Photo) Hereford Farmer's Gin Association manager, David Varner, center, officially cut the ribbon Thursday on a \$3 million expansion of the facility, which was begun in April and completed this past summer. The Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted the ceremony and were joined by local businessmen and members of the cotton gin cooperative in observing the benchmark.

(Bottom Photo) Joe Grotegut, second from right, received an extra bonus on this year's cotton crop after the local farmer turned in the first load of cotton ginned in the county and surrounding area. He claimed \$500 in Hereford Bucks from the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce and another dollar-per-pound on the first bale from Texas Equipment Company, Inc. Grotegut is pictured with, from left: Texas Equipment Company General Manager, Dean Newberry and David Varner, manager of Hereford Farmer's Gin as he receives one of two bonus payments from Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President, Sid Shaw.



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Local roundup

Lacey memorial scholarship fund

A children's scholarship fund has been established at Hereford State Bank in memory of Ed Lacey. Lacey, a former long-time local businessman, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, of a sudden illness. The late Mr. Lacey is survived by his wife, Priscilla; one son, Eddie, both of the home, and two daughters, Lori Betzen and Ann Davis, both of Hereford.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 22, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A man was arrested in the 800 block of South Texas and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A woman was arrested in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue for warrants and traffic violations.

Incidents

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of West Park Avenue.

- Violation of a protective order was reported in the 200 block of 16th Street.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while license was suspended.

- A 19-year-old man began serving time on evading detention conviction.

- An 18-year-old woman was arrested and charged with perjury.

- A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

- An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

- A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

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Obituaries

GEORGE LAIRD Dec. 20, 1999

SAN ANTONIO -- Memorial services for George Laird, 87, of San Antonio were Wednesday in the Morningside Manor Chapel of Vaughan's Funeral Home with Rev. David Edgar officiating.

Mr. Laird died Monday in San Antonio.

Mr. Laird was born in Uvalde in 1912 and graduated from Crystal City High School where he participated in football and track. He attended Schreiner Institute in Kerrville and Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville.

He worked for more than 50 years in the oil exploration industry, often using some of the most modern technologies of the time. His work included numerous projects in Alaska, Africa, and the North Sea.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of San Antonio; two sons, Alan Laird of Hereford, and John Laird of El Paso; one daughter, Laurie Walle, of Bedford, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

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News digest

Backpack child carriers recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Approximately 26,000 backpack child carriers are being recalled by the manufacturer because of a faulty seat strap.

The seat height adjustment strap on the Kelty K.I.D.S. carriers can slip out of the buckle. A child could slide downward unexpectedly, and fall out of the carrier. Kelty, based in Boulder, Colo., is recalling the carriers in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The recall affects six models of Kelty K.I.D.S. backpack carriers: Expedition, Trek, Explorer, Country, Elite and Town. The carriers are blue, with the Kelty K.I.D.S. logo on the back rest of the seat.

Kelty also manufactured a carrier that L.L. Bean sold under its "L.L. KIDS" label that has the "Kelty" logo on the frame. It is also being recalled.

The carriers were sold nationwide from March through December of this year for between \$100 and \$250. Carriers sold before March 1999 have a different type of seat adjustment strap, and are not included in the recall.

Consumers should immediately stop using the carriers, and contact Kelty at (800) 423-2320 between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, to find out how to get a free repair kit.

Brain sees color differently

A new study suggests the human brain knows a lot more about science and the properties of light than you might believe.

When you see holiday lights reflected on a wall, the colors you perceive may not be what's really there. The study published today in the journal *Science* shows that the brain automatically compensates for what direction the lights are coming from, meaning you see a color closer to that of the light bulb than what actually comes bouncing off the wall.

"Our brains know more about physics and light reflection than we consciously realize," said Dan Kersten, a psychologist at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "Our brain can take into effect the physics of the light that strikes the object to determine the color."

Kersten said the brain assigns color to an object only after taking into account how light bounces off of it.

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Joy to the world



Singing soothes the soul -- Shut ins, elderly and handicapped individuals were brought the joy of music Wednesday evening when a troupe of carolers from the Church of the Nazarene made the rounds singing

favorite tunes of the season. The group, made up of every age group, from two-year-olds to seniors visited DeNova and Homer Bromlow to bring a bit of seasonal cheer and good will.

Drug benefits asthma patients

Asthma sufferers worried about dangerous side effects from steroid medications — the best treatment for many patients — may soon have a better option for controlling the increasingly common respiratory condition.

An experimental, genetically engineered asthma drug called rhuMab-E25 not only reduced asthma symptoms but allowed nearly one-quarter of asthma patients on inhaled steroids to stop taking them, researchers reported today in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

One-third of those using oral steroids — given to the most severe cases — were able to quit, too.

"It's going to be a breakthrough," said the lead researcher, pediatric asthma specialist Dr. Henry Milgrom of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. "The new drugs such as this one are intended to be the magic bullet against asthma."

Experts say the drug might

also control hay fever and other allergies.

Steroids have been widely used to treat moderate to severe asthma for the past decade. But long-term use stunts children's growth. In adults, steroids can cause osteoporosis, stomach bleeding, elevated blood pressure and blood sugar, cataracts and weight gain.

RhuMab-E25 is an intravenous drug made by splicing a tiny segment of a cloned mouse antibody into a human antibody.

After further testing, the three companies developing it — Genentech, Novartis Pharma AG and Tanox — hope to seek Food and Drug Administration approval for sale in about six months. Genentech funded the study.

Despite the numerous drugs available, many patients don't control their asthma well. The condition kills 5,500 Americans annually, is the ninth-leading cause of hospitalization and prompts 10 million doctor visits each year.

About 17 million Americans have asthma, an astonishing increase of more than 75 percent since 1980.

In an asthma attack, hyper-sensitive airways narrow drastically when exposed to an allergen, such as cigarette smoke, pet dander, pollen, feathers and mites. A type of antibody called IgE prompts immune cells to release histamines in a misguided attempt to neutralize the allergens. Instead, the histamines inflame and further narrow the airways.

Exercise and breathing cold air also can trigger attacks. Symptoms include shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing.

Steroids reduce the airway inflammation. Over time, the drugs lower sensitivity to those allergens, reducing the incidence of asthma attacks.

RhuMab-E25 works differently: It binds up more than 95 percent of the IgE, blocking release of much of the histamine, said another re-

searcher, Dr. W. James Metzger of East Carolina University.

"This is not a cure, but it reduces the allergic reaction" dramatically, said Metzger.

Over a 12-week period, 317 patients with moderate to severe asthma were injected every two weeks with either a high dose of the drug, a low dose or a placebo. Over the next eight weeks, they were slowly taken off steroids.

About half those getting either drug dose cut their use of inhaled steroids at least 50 percent, compared with 38 percent of the placebo group. Eighteen percent of the high-dose group and 23 percent of the low-dose group stopped using inhaled steroids entirely, compared with 12 percent in the placebo group.

Of the 35 patients also taking oral steroids, at least one-third getting either drug dose stopped taking the steroids, compared with 17 percent in the placebo group. About two-thirds of those getting rhuMab-E25 cut oral steroid use.

Patients getting either drug dose also reported fewer asthma symptoms and fewer limits on their activities.

The researchers believe the patients in the placebo group improved because they had twice-monthly doctor exams and frequent instruction on sticking to their treatment plan.

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Peter Barnes of Britain's National Heart and Lung Institute called the drug an "important step forward" that might also control hay fever and other allergies. He said further research may show that less-frequent injections or under-the-skin injections that patients could give themselves work as well as intravenous shots.

Singulair, a pill approved last year, also prevents asthma attacks and helps cut reliance on steroids. It works by blocking leukotrienes, substances in lung tissue that contribute to inflammation.

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Texas lottery

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

8-13-26-37-39-49
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$4 million

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

All for a hug



Big gifts in little packages -- Resident of Hereford Care Center received some unexpected Christmas gifts Wednesday when the youngest member of the carolers, Rachel Dickerson, delivered big hugs to anyone who wanted one. Resident, Petra Valdez, was more than happy to accept the offered hugs and was even willing to accept seconds and thirds every time Rachel came around. Rachel's young voice could hardly be heard over the older voices, but her gift brought a great deal of happiness to a number of the residents.

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LIFESTYLES

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Directives for command visit of Gen. S. Claus on 25 Dec.

Dear Ann Landers: I found this on the Internet and thought it was a hoot. I hope you will print it in time for Christmas. — Steve Online

Dear Steve: Although the Internet has attracted an amazing amount of garbage, it has also made a great deal of valuable information available to millions of people. Thanks for your charming contribution. Here it is:

This in from Brig. Gen. Bob Clements, USAF (ret). Please read.

To: All Retired Military Personnel

Subject: Official Command Visit

This office has been informed of an official visit by Gen. Santa Claus to this base on 25 December. The following directives will govern activities of personnel during this visit:

1. No creatures will stir without official permission. This will include all native mice. Special stirring permits will be obtained through the orderly room.

2. Personnel will settle their brains for a long winter nap prior to 2200 hours. Uniform for nap: pajamas, cotton, light drowsing, with kerchief, general purpose.

3. Personnel will utilize standard ration sugarplums to dance through their heads. This item may be picked up in the orderly room.

4. Stockings, wool, cushion sole, will be hung by chimneys with care. Necessary safety precautions will be taken to avoid fires. Individual sections will submit stocking-hanging plans to Capt. Kringle by 0800 hours, 22 December.



Ann Landers

5. At first sign of clatter from lawn, all personnel will spring from their beds to investigate and evaluate cause. Immediate action will be taken to tear open shutters and throw open window sashes.

6. Volunteers are needed to drive one sleigh, miniature, and eight (8) deer, rein, tiny, for use of Gen. Claus. Driver must have current roof-top license.

7. Gen. Claus will enter all sections through chimneys. Sections without chimneys will draw a Chimney Simulator from Link Services for use during ceremonies. Requests must be submitted in triplicate prior to 20 December.

8. All personnel will be rehearsed in shouting "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night." This shout will be given upon termination of Gen. Claus' visit. Uniformity of shouting is the responsibility of all section chiefs.

Signed, Ebenezer Scrooge, Colonel, USAF, Commander

Dear Ann Landers: I want to express my sympathy to "J.F. in Racine, Wis.," regarding his hearing loss. I have been going through this for many years. The people you think would be the most sympathetic (my family) seem to be the least tolerant. People outside the family tend to be understand, but my wife yells

I am driving her crazy, and my oldest daughter just makes fun of me. The other daughter says, "Never mind," when I ask her to repeat something. The oldest son gives me a dirty look, goes in his room, and shuts the door. The other son is like his mother — he just yells. When I sit at the dinner table, I might as well be eating next door. They ignore me, so I usually eat with the grandchildren. They don't seem to mind that I can't hear too well. When I ask them to repeat something, they do so graciously, and nobody gives me a dirty look.

Please print this letter. It will make me feel better. — Deaf in Chatsworth, Calif.

Dear Chatsworth: Here's your letter, and I hope it will generate some sympathy and understanding. You certainly have mine, because my hearing is also less than perfect, and I appreciate it when people don't mind repeating for my benefit.

Is alcohol ruining your life or the life of a loved one? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" can turn things around. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1999 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



Carolers of all ages, from nursery through senior citizens, of Hereford Church of the Nazarene visited local nursing homes Wednesday night to help bring the spirit of the season to residents. Pictured are, back left, Pastor Ted Taylor, and front from left, Austin Dickerson, LeAnna King, Joe Flores and Randall King.

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Pokemon, other toys in short supply

NEW YORK (AP) — So you thought Pokemon games and cards were the only things flying off store shelves this Christmas?

Guess again. Game Boy Color video-game players, Amazing Ally dolls and Millennium Barbies have joined the list of toys retailers can't seem to keep in stock.

Many parents are scrambling to find these goodies in time for Christmas. Some are going so far as to pay hefty premiums on auction Web sites such as eBay and Amazon.com.

"I don't know what I am going to do if we don't find it, but I'm not sure we will. I think we've looked everywhere," said Don Schumaker of Gettysburg, Pa., who has much of his extended family searching for a "Shop With Me" Barbie Cash Register for his 7-year-old daughter.

The panic has only worsened since Toysrus.com began e-mailing shoppers late Tuesday with awful news: Some customers may not get their orders by Christmas.

Toysrus.com said affected customers would be compensated with \$100 coupons that can be used in their stores.

That may do little to soothe

customers like Latrice Lyde, who is furious that the four games she ordered Dec. 6 for her 4-year-old daughter will not come to her New York home by Saturday.

"What am I going to say to my daughter?" she asked. "This is the first year she really believes in Santa and this is going to be so disappointing for her."

The last-minute search for substitute gifts won't be easy. Pokemon and many products tied to the Japanese cartoon — including video games and trading cards — are in short supply.

But there are also a number of lesser-known toys that are just as hard to find.

"Yes, Pokemon is very popular, but this isn't a one-hit season. There isn't one specific toy like a Furby or Tickle Me Elmo that everyone has to have," said Jim Silver, editor of The Toy Book, a New York-based trade publication. "I would say there are a dozen or so toys that people want but can't get."

The \$80 Game Boy Color, for instance, is scarce at stores nationwide. The manufacturer, Nintendo, said it ran out of the hand-held video-game players weeks ago and most retailers have exhausted their supplies.

Shoppers also can't find Amazing Ally, a \$60 doll with a computer chip embedded inside. She can talk, joke, tell stories, play games and keep track of such things as a child's birthday, hobby or favorite pet.

Supplies of some toys that rely on computer chips are down in part because of earthquakes that hit Taiwan, a major production center, in September.

Mattel's toys based on the new movie "Toy Story 2" are also moving fast off store

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Santa (Ronnie Fetsch) takes a minute out of his busy schedule to visit with First National Bank of Hereford employees, from left, Rosie Foster and Sandra Bartels and President Wade Easley.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1999. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

On this date:

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after their capture.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first nonstop, round-the-world flight without refueling as it landed safely at

Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1995, a fire in Dabwali, India, killed 540 people, including 170 children, during a year-end party near the children's school.

In 1997, a jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder.

Ten years ago: Ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were captured as they were attempting to flee their country.

Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government agreed to a week-long truce beginning the next day as they worked on details of a four-month cease-fire. Professional baseball owners imposed a salary cap fiercely opposed by players.

One year ago: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat freed Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin from house arrest, a move denounced by Israel. Lebanese guerrillas attacked Israel's northern border with rockets, in retaliation for an Israeli air raid a day earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Photographer Yousuf Karsh is 91. Actor James Gregory is 88. Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 78. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 66. Actor Frederic Forrest is 63. Actor James Stacy is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eugene Record (The Chi-Lites) is 59. Actor-comedian Harry

Shearer is 56. Actress Susan Lucci is 50. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 41. Actor Corey Haim is 28. Rock musician Jamie Murphy (Space) is 24.

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shelves. The same is true for the \$199 Sega Dreamcast video-game systems, Mattel's Millennium Princess Barbie — a \$39 doll dressed in an elegant gown — and the \$50 Kid Designs' Barbie cash register.

One of the biggest surprises of the season is Spin Master Toys' \$7 Flick Tricks bikes. At least six retailers are flying the miniature bicycles in from China at their own expense just to get them to the stores faster.

"We don't even put the bikes on the stores shelves," said Tom Alfonsi, senior vice president of merchandising at the retail chain K-B Toys. "We put the boxes right out on the floor and people immediately start rummaging through them."

Tom Ennis saw the demand early in the season for the \$29.99 yellow Pikachu game for the Game Boy console. He bought 10, kept one for his daughter and decided to sell the rest on eBay.

As soon as he posted the games on the auction site, people began entering their bids. He made a total profit of \$200 on the nine games.

"I felt good in my heart because people got the toys that they were looking for, and in my wallet," said the Whitehouse Station, N.J., resident.

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Brazzel Dazzle

Former Angelo State receiver starting to catch on with Cowboys

By Jaime Aron

The Associated Press
IRVING (AP) — Chris Brazzell is doing a lot more studying this week.

Liberated from running patterns for the scout team, the first-year receiver for the Dallas Cowboys and former Angelo State University star is trying to quickly learn the intricacies of being a featured player, a role he was thrust into last Sunday.

"They made it easy for me last week," Brazzell said. "Now, I've got to really concentrate and learn about blitzes in standard formations and worry about every type of coverage."

The Cowboys took a flier on Brazzell in September when they claimed him off waivers from the New York Jets, who had kept him on the practice squad all last season after making him a sixth-round draft pick.

Brazzell, a 6-foot-2, 198-pound speedster with only small college experience, was on Dallas' active roster for the first four games. But he played in just one, and that was on special teams.

Then the Cowboys released him Oct. 14 and signed him the next day to their practice squad. His only duty was to run basic patterns to help the first-team defense prepare for the upcoming opponent.

"Being on the scout team is very simple," Brazzell said. "You look at the card and run the route."

Brazzell played well enough to catch his coaches' attention. Just the mention that they were considering activating him as a receiver was enough to keep Brazzell motivated, even though he continued being inactive.

"I said, 'Well, I had a good week, maybe they'll do it.' Then I had another good week and said, 'If it's not this week, then it'll be another week,'" he said.

Brazzell finally got his chance two games ago against Philadelphia. With Dallas facing a third-and-9 in the third quarter, he caught the first ball thrown his way for a 12-yard gain.

Against the Jets last Sun-

day, Brazzell showed his former team what they were missing by catching a 9-yarder early in the second quarter. On the next series, he turned a 12-yard hitch pass into a 53-yard gain, setting up the touchdown that put Dallas ahead 14-13.

Coaches were so impressed by those two grabs that at halftime they made Brazzell the No. 2 receiver behind Raghbi Ismail. Developing another pass-catching threat has been a priority since Michael Irvin was sidelined in October.

"Brazzell made a big play," coach Chan Gailey said. "We were hoping to get him in position to make another play."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, however, completed just four passes in the second half, none to Brazzell, as the Jets pulled out a 22-21 victory.

Dallas (7-7) plays at New Orleans on Friday. The Cowboys are guaranteed a playoff berth if they win their final two games.

Veteran Ernie Mills has recovered from a pulled thigh muscle and will be the starter. Brazzell will back him up and also be used in multiple-receiver formations.

"My confidence is way up," said Brazzell, whose only disappointment is that the season is almost over. "There are a lot of young receivers here in Dallas and I'm young, too, so I feel I can do the things they're doing."

"My job is just to catch the ball when it comes my way and keep making plays. Hopefully the coaches will see something and I'll leave the season on a good note."

Brazzell does a good job of acting cool, but simply having a locker next to Emmitt Smith and a few stalls from Aikman is a big thrill for a 23-year-old who grew up in Alice, Texas, as a self-professed "big-time Cowboys fan."

"Everybody from my hometown has called," he said, smiling. "I'm a role model to Alice, Texas. Not too much talent comes through there. I think when someone from a small town makes it to the NFL it's a big deal."

One-time Panhandle football legend now minister for hometown homeless

By Chris Gove

Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Nearly 40 years later, Billy Hobbs remembers the words.

Even though he knows the words weren't all that sincere, he remembers the fire they lit and the difference made on the rest of his life.

"My ninth-grade year, my football coach looked at me one day and said, 'Billy, you'll never be a defensive ballplayer,'" Hobbs recalled. "I was pretty motivated after that."

Maintaining the passion of a man who had something to prove, Hobbs certainly did throughout a football career that spanned the highest levels possible — as a defensive football player.

Hobbs was a team leader on consecutive state semifinal teams for Tascosa in the 1960s and went on to become the first-ever All-America football player from Amarillo while playing for Texas A&M, pulling off that feat in both the 1967 and 1968 seasons despite making a position change from high school to college.

Eventually, Hobbs played pro football from 1969 through 1975 in both the National Football League and the now-defunct World Football League. All along, he never forgot the words driven in to him by coach Bill Thiel in the early 1960s.

"When I made All-America first-team defense at Texas A&M, I called Coach Thiel and said, 'Coach, I thought I was never going to be able to play defense.'" Hobbs said with a laugh. "I was definitely motivated by many factors, and coaching was one of them. That was just kind of bred into us when we grew up and extended into Texas A&M."

"I don't think he was putting a stigma on me or anything. I think he was just trying to motivate me — and it worked."

There wouldn't be much of an argument from anyone who came into contact with Hobbs around a football field during his illustrious career.

The exploits of Hobbs are fondly remembered by his former coaches, including Gene Stallings and Jack Pardee, and former teammates alike. They remember how the speedy

Hobbs was a dominating defensive force, from his end position in high school to linebacker at A&M and in the pro ranks.

"He was as fast a linebacker as I ever coached in pro ball or college ball," said Stallings, who coached Hobbs for three years at A&M, including on the Cotton Bowl-winning team after the '67 season, and later coached at both the University of Alabama and at Arizona of the NFL.

"Not only could he run, but once he got there, he did something about it. He was a contact player and was just a joy to coach, I guess, because he just loved to play so much."

They also are proud of what Hobbs has done for the past 20 years, dedicating his life to religious work since — he remembers the day vividly — Nov. 22, 1979, when he "found the Lord in my life."

Currently, he and wife Kristi are executive directors of Faith City Mission in Amarillo. Faith City Inc. is a religious non-profit organization that provides clothing, meals, shelter and spiritual guidance to Amarillo's homeless.

"He was a great person on the field, and off the field he's an inspiration many kids should try to follow," said Bill Henly, currently Dalhart's head football coach who has been friends with Hobbs since elementary school and through their days as teammates at Tascosa.

Hobbs played with a passion on the field that sometimes spilled off of it, something he doesn't deny.

The 1965 Tascosa graduate does dispute the legend that he was "the meanest man in the state of Texas" — which he was coined by a Dallas newspaper columnist — but says it was pretty close.

"That was a lot of hype," he said of his moniker. "I was pretty popular back then and playing some pro ball and riding motorcycles and all that other stuff, so it got built up more and more. But what I do know is a complete turnaround, if you knew how really violent I was. If you knew me then, this really is a miracle."

Hobbs has had his share of hard lessons to learn from, even through some good times. For instance, Hobbs has

fond memories of his high school football playing days, which were some of the best Tascosa has ever seen.

Inspired by older brothers Gary and Joe, Hobbs fooled around with his buddies during his childhood by playing different sports.

"The television, or nothing else, had control of us," he said. "We just went outside and played sports all the time. My brothers were pretty good in football and I kind of followed along in their footsteps."

Back in those days, of course, standout players helped at several different positions, and Hobbs was no exception. Though he was a standout defensive end, he was a solid tight end, and Henly recalled Hobbs catching a big touchdown pass in a victory against Amarillo High.

Hobbs and Henly were leaders on a defense that allowed opponents just 5.5 points per game throughout the season, helping the Rebels reach the state semifinals for a game at Dick Bivins Stadium against Garland.

"The big thing about Billy was he always had real good speed," Henly said. "Plus, he just has an internal desire to do well, and that still holds through today."

In that semifinal contest, Tascosa took a 6-0 lead against Garland in the second quarter against the wind, but Hobbs — who also was the team's kicker — pushed the extra-point attempt wide into a strong wind.

Garland went ahead with a touchdown in the third quarter and held on for the win. Had the game ended in a tie, Tascosa would have advanced via penetrations, but Garland went on the next week to win the first of consecutive state championships with a 17-0 win against Corpus Christi Miller.

"It's tough to be known for missing the extra point," Hobbs said comfortably. "It probably cost us a state championship because Garland won the next week. I felt like, and I still feel like, we had some of the best talent in the state of Texas and probably should have won, but Garland beat us, and you have to say they did a good job."

Hobbs and the Rebels came back strong for his senior season in 1964, again reaching

the semifinals to play ... Garland.

The rematch drew a reported 35,000 fans to Texas Stadium — more than the Cowboys-Steelers game the next day — but Garland proved to be the better team by a 21-7 score before winning state the next week. Tascosa hasn't been to the state semifinals since.

Also his senior year, Hobbs decided to run track for Tascosa and qualified for state in the low hurdles along with the sprint and mile relays. It was a successful venture, as Hobbs was second in the hurdles and Tascosa was second in the mile relay at the state meet.

During that spring, Hobbs got to compete in track against kids from Amarillo's Carver school as well. That left him wondering what might have been since Carver also had some outstanding football teams as well.

"We were segregated back in those days, which I hate, and some of the best athletes in Amarillo went to Carver like Ronnie and Donnie Shanklin and some of those guys," Hobbs said. "I'd have to say maybe the best team in the city might have been Carver. I really wish we would have played them now, but back then we didn't think about it because it wasn't a possibility. But we did get to run against them in track, and it was always fun and a joy to run against them."

"Your high school days are really fun days."

During that senior season, Hobbs had to make the life-changing decision of where to play in college.

His top choice was the University of Texas, which was having the most success at the time, but he was swayed by Stallings — a former assistant under legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant — to play at Texas A&M.

It turned out to be a decision that changed his career.

While playing on the freshman team in 1965 — freshmen were not allowed to play in those days — Hobbs made a big impression when he laid out a teammate during a practice.

The thing was, Hobbs was

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Utah Utes defeat Longhorns, 79-74

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — With 20 pro scouts watching Texas big man Chris Mihm and Utah's Hanno Mottola Wednesday night, Mottola knew it was time to show what he could do.

In just his second game after preseason knee surgery, Mottola scored a career-high 32 points from all over the court, including a crucial 3 pointer late in the game, to lead Utah to a 79-73 over No. 14 Texas.

"I had to be ready against a great team like Texas," said Mottola, who also grabbed 11 rebounds for Utah (8-2). "We needed someone to step up."

The Longhorns (6-3) closed with 65-62 on a Mihm jumper in the lane but Mottola answered with a 3-pointer from the right angle with 1:55 to play. Mottola made eight of his first 10 shots on a variety of inside moves and then made outside jumpers when Mihm guarded him in the second half.

Mottola limped at times and looked winded, but had a quick first step on his drives to the basket. He also was forced to guard the 7-foot Mihm at times as the Utes were missing starting center Nate Althoff with a sprained ankle.

"What can I say about Hanno? His numbers speak for themselves," Utah coach Rick Majerus said.

After the 6-9 senior's big 3-pointer, the Utes made 7-of-8 free throws in the last 1:29 to close out the Longhorns who hit two 3-pointers in the final

23 seconds.

Alex Jensen scored 11 points while Phil Cullen and Harvey added nine each for the Utes, who have won six straight.

Mihm led Texas with 19 points and Gabe Muoneke scored 14. William Clay, Chris Owens and Ivan Wagner each had 10 points for the Longhorns, who have lost three of five after beating top-20 teams DePaul and Michigan State in late November.

Mottola broke a 59-59 tie, the eighth tie of the game, with two inside power moves to give Utah a 63-59 lead and the Utes did not trail again.

Early in the second half, Mottola nailed a 3-pointer over Mihm to give Utah a 49-41 lead before Texas ran off 10 straight points. Mihm blocked Mottola's dunk attempt and then got a tip-in on the other end for the Longhorn's first lead of the second half at 51-49.

The victory extended Utah's home winning streak to 42, the second longest in the nation behind Murray State (46).

The Utes grabbed 15 offensive rebounds on their way to a 34-28 advantage on the boards.

Texas shot 64 percent in the second half but gave up eight turnovers and shot just 7-of-13 from the line in the period.

Utah trailed 30-27 late in the first half but then went on a 10-1 run, capped by five straight points by Mottola. The Utes led 39-33 at halftime.

Boone, Klesko traded to Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bret Boone and Ryan Klesko are coming back home to Southern California. Wally Joyner's heading to his native Atlanta.

Wednesday's six-player trade between the San Diego Padres and Atlanta Braves helped each team revamp its lineup and took care of some natural realignment.

Boone, who was born into a San Diego baseball family and became a second baseman, and Klesko, a first baseman who's from Orange County, joined the Padres along with minor league right-hander Jason Shiell.

Joyner goes to the Braves along with second baseman and leadoff hitter Quilvio Veras and left fielder Reggie Sanders.

"I'm looking forward to coming to San Diego," said Boone, whose father, Bob, and grandfather, Ray, were both big leaguers. Ray Boone still lives in San Diego.

San Diego's always been a favorite spot for Klesko, both for hitting as a major leaguer and surfing when he was younger.

Although the Padres shed several stars after reaching the World Series in 1998, Klesko doesn't feel like he's coming to a West Coast version of the Florida Marlins.

"San Diego knows as well as anyone how to get into the playoffs," Klesko said. "I don't care what other people say, we're coming in to win."

San Diego, which beat Atlanta in the 1998 NL Championship Series, dropped to fourth in the NL West last season while the Braves went on to the same fate as the Padres in '98, being swept in the World Series by the New York Yankees.

The Padres lose speed but gain power in the infield. The Braves gain both a leadoff hitter and an outfielder to make up

for the loss of Gerald Williams, who signed with Tampa Bay, and an insurance policy in Joyner in case first baseman Andres Galarraga isn't at full strength after an 18-month layoff during his treatment for cancer.

"We're all very hopeful Andres will come back and assume full duty at first base," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "That is still somewhat of an unknown set of circumstances. Wally Joyner, prior to 1999 before he suffered the shoulder injury, put up very, very good numbers offensively, and of course is regarded as one of the finest first baseman defensively around."

Joyner, 37, promised that next season will be better than 1999, when he slumped badly, in part because of a fracture in his left shoulder.

"I don't have a doubt in my mind I can play much better than last year," said Joyner, who was born and raised in Atlanta. "I am healthy now. There was some speculation that I've lost it, I'm too old, and I welcome that because it gives me incentive to prove everybody wrong."

"I told my wife, 'If this trade would have happened two years ago or last year, I don't know if I'd be excited about it because of my health. I'm as healthy as I've been in a long time, if not 100 percent.'"

Joyner, Veras and Sanders get to continue working with batting coach Merv Rettenmund, who joined the Braves in the offseason after spending nine seasons with the Padres.

Joyner batted .248 with just five homers last year.

Klesko and Boone combined for 41 homers last year while Joyner and the switch-hitting Veras combined for just 11. Although Veras had career-highs with a .280 average and 95

runs scored, his on-base percentage of .368 was lower than Klesko's .376. Klesko's slugging percentage was .532 compared to Joyner's .350.

"We've gotten a little bit slower, but we've added more offense," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "We've gone from more of a speed club to probably a club that's more of a power-type club."

The left-handed Klesko has 20 or more homers in four of the last five seasons, including 34 in 1996.

Sanders, who led the Padres with 26 homers and 36 stolen bases, came to the Padres in February in a money-saving deal with Cincinnati for Greg Vaughn, who was coming off a 50-homer season. Vaughn played one season with the Reds and then signed as a free agent earlier this month with Tampa Bay.

Following an All-Star and Gold Glove-winning season, Boone was traded from the Reds to Atlanta in December 1998 in a five-player deal that sent left-hander Denny Neagle and outfielder Michael Tucker to Cincinnati.

By getting Veras, who had 30 stolen bases last year, and Sanders, "we have substantially improved the upper half of our lineup," Schuerholz said.

The cost-cutting Padres are relieved of just under \$1 million in salary. Joyner will make \$3,375,000 and Sanders \$3.7 million. Veras is arbitration-eligible, and the Padres feared he'd win a salary of \$3 million or more.

Klesko will make \$5.75 million next season and \$6.5 million in 2001. Boone will make \$3.75 million next season, with a club option for \$4 million in 2001.

Hobbs

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playing receiver when he crushed a defensive teammate during that practice.

"I just knocked him out, and the coaches said, 'Here's a defensive ballplayer,'" Hobbs said. "They moved me over to the defensive side, and I never played offense again, hardly."

Not only did Aggie coaches peg Hobbs as a defensive player, but they moved him to linebacker from his former position of defensive end in high school.

Making the switch to middle linebacker was made a little bit easier, though, by the fact his first position coach was Jack Pardee. The former Aggie player — a two-time all-pro linebacker for the Redskins — was taking a year off from pro football to recover from cancer.

Hobbs and Pardee struck up a lifelong friendship that lasts to this day.

"You couldn't ask for anything more than to have Jack Pardee as your first position coach," Hobbs said. "He wasn't really just a coach. He was a great friend and has been ever since."

Pardee went back to play in the NFL after helping Hobbs as a sophomore during a 4-5-1 season for the Aggies in 1966, but Hobbs' growth didn't stop.

In fact, he became one of the most feared players in the country on a team that made a remarkable turnaround during 1967.

The Aggies started the 1967 season with four losses, and the season looked in trouble, but a come-from-behind 28-24 win against Texas Tech in the fifth game set off a great winning streak that culminated in a regular-season-ending victory against Darrell Royal's Texas Longhorns.

That sent the Aggies to the Cotton Bowl for the first time in 26 years and to any bowl game for just the second time since 1950.

Hobbs was the catalyst, averaging 19 tackles per game and making seven interceptions — including one he returned for a Southwest Conference-record 100-yard touchdown against Texas Christian.

Before playing in the Cotton Bowl against Bryant's legendary Alabama Crimson Tide, Hobbs was named first-team All-America and the most valuable player in the Southwest Conference.

He played like it in the Cotton Bowl, earning player of the game honors as the unranked Aggies beat the Ken Stabler-quarterbacked Crimson Tide 20-16 in what would be Texas A&M's last bowl appearance until 1975.

"When we recruited him, we thought he would be an outstanding football player," Stallings said. "He certainly didn't disappoint anybody."

Disappointment came the next season, when injuries slowed Hobbs down a little bit and the Aggies a whole lot.

A&M lost a slew of close games and followed up the Cotton Bowl season with a 3-8 record. In fact, the Cotton Bowl win was the only highlight for A&M football on the national scene from 1950 until the mid-1970s.

Despite the team's bad season, Hobbs was named first-team All-America for the second straight season.

"The season was frustrating, but what can you say?" Hobbs lamented. "In my college career, I was really blessed."

After the season, Hobbs was selected to play in both the Blue-Gray and Hula Bowl all-star games and parlayed those performances to get selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in

the NFL draft.

In fact, Hobbs was among nine A&M players drafted in what still is the second-largest draft class from A&M.

"The pro ball — I never set out to play pro ball," Hobbs said. "I was asked to play in these all-star games, and all of a sudden I was running down the field with O.J. Simpson and people like that and then I realized I might play pro ball — but I didn't set out to do it."

"The first thing I tried to do is get to college free on a scholarship and then I ended up in pro ball."

Hobbs was picked by the Eagles in 1969 and played three years in Philadelphia before getting traded to New England in 1972.

Initially, Hobbs was defensive captain of the Patriots before a falling out with the head coach of what then was a sorry team ended up in his release. He was picked up by the New Orleans Saints and finished his five-year NFL career with them in 1973.

During a solid tenure with the Eagles, Hobbs was highlighted as the Associated Press' NFL defensive player of the week in November of 1971 after blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown for the winning points of a 17-16 victory against Denver.

The most fun Hobbs had in pro football, though, wasn't in the NFL. It was in the World Football League, a rival venture begun in 1974 that seemed almost doomed from the start.

"I left the NFL because of Jack Pardee," Hobbs said. "He wanted me to come down and play, and that was really fun."

It was just really a great time."

Pardee originally was named coach of the WFL team in Virginia in 1974, but it became the Florida Blazers even before the season started.

He finished his playing career early in the 1970s in the NFL and was interested in coaching, so he took a gamble of the new league — which was made famous when Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick of the Miami Dolphins jumped leagues.

"The World League was primarily for young players who weren't quite as experienced, so Billy really stood out," Pardee said. "He was a man among boys."

The Florida franchise, in fact, reached the inaugural World Bowl that season before losing to Birmingham by one point in the championship game.

It was evident the league would be in trouble that season, however, as Florida players did not get paid for most of the year. One legend of the league is that Pardee had to pay out of his own pocket for toilet paper for the locker room. Another is that the champion Birmingham team had its equipment repossessed after winning the championship against Florida.

"That was a great experience, a unique experience put-

ting a team together as head coach and general manager," Pardee said. "We had a great group of guys. The bad news was we quit getting paid in the middle of the season. We had a meeting and said those who don't want to play can leave, but most everybody stayed and continued playing because they wanted to win."

"They went out and worked. The starting quarterback and backup defensive linemen were all making the same thing, so there weren't any prima donnas or anything like that."

From college to the pro ranks, Pardee remembers Hobbs for being a great player all along.

"What an athlete," Pardee said. "For a linebacker to be able to run that way with that speed, and he certainly had the leadership qualities. If he lacked anything at all, it was a little height, but he

had everything else going for him at any level."

"Coaching in the World Football League was a great experience with Billy being there."

Pardee is just as proud of Hobbs for his non-football ventures.

After a few years away from football, Hobbs decided on a religious lifestyle and has found the turnaround remarkable. So have those who have known him all along.

"Billy was always a likable guy," Pardee said. "He was always one of my favorites. In his younger days, he was a wild one, but he's turned his life around. He was a great person then, but what a special person he is now."

Hobbs worked initially at a local level and with some Fellowship of Christian Athletes functions before following spiritual mentor David Walker to the San.

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

STARTING DATE:	Sunday, January 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 3 player, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit.

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

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

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 24

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
News	Ent. Tonight	Wash. Week	Wall St	Vicar-Doby	Walk for God	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	News	News
Pinocchio's Christmas	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	Santa Is Coming to Town	Jack Frost	700 Club	Boss?					
News	Ent. Tonight	Movie: It's a Wonderful Life (1946)	James Stewart, Donna Reed	****	News	Big Band Christmas				
So Weird	Fantasia	Small One	Movie: Rudolph the Red-Nosed	Holidays in Concert	So Weird	Jersey	Zorro			
Fresh Fr.	Fresh Fr.	Grinch	(-40) Flintstones Christmas Carol	(-20) Figure Skating Holiday	Festival on Ice					
News	Fortune	Boy-World	Odd Man	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20	News	Sainfield	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	Movie: Mrs. Santa Claus (1996)	Angela Lansbury	**	Nash Bridges	News	Clovis Baptist Church			
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Holiday Music Spectacular	World's Funniest!	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
NFL 2Night	Bowl Kickoff	Best of Sportscenter	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	Sportscenter	ESPN				
Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)	Movie: Lethal Weapon (1987)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24

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	Hoddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
Stingiest Man in Town	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Parents 101	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	St Bear	Santa Claus		
Today	Timon	Pooch	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Later Today	Sunset Beach	Judge Lane	News	Days-Live	
Fam. Mat.	DinWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America	Early Show	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Mathis	
Sportscenter	(6:45) Movie: The Right Connections	Movie: Godspell	Victor Garber	*** G	(15) Movie: A Home of Our Own	Kathy Bates	** PG	Movie: You've Got Mail		

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Painting	Painting	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
Frosty's	Movie: To Grandmother's House We Go (1992)	**	C'mas Snow	Nestor	Drummer	Drum II	Life of Santa Claus			
Days-Live	Passions	Donny & Maria	Mauri	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Katie-Orbit	Bear	Bear	Baby-Sitters	Famous	Growing	GrowPains	Holidays in Concert	Famous	Jersey	
Hunter	Movie: Kenny Rogers as the Gambler (1980)	**	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne		
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	ABC News		
Bald & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
Mathis	Simpsons	Program	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at New Orleans Saints	Nanny	Grace Under					
Timberrport	PGA Review	Golf Senior Match Play Challenge - Quarterfinals	Up Close	Sportscenter						
Movie: Locked in Silence	(-35) Movie: The Conversation	Gene Hackman	PG	Movie: Madeline	Frances McDormand	Movie: The Flamingo Kid				
Movie: You've Got Mail	(-35) Movie: The Conversation	Gene Hackman	PG	Movie: Madeline	Frances McDormand	Movie: The Flamingo Kid				

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Arthur	Garden	Gardens	Many Quilts	Sewing	Quilt	Sewing	Cooldin'	Pruitt-Homme	Julia
Life of Santa Claus	Santa Is Coming to Town	Rudolph's Shiny New Year	S Club 7	Big Wolf	Weird Ots	Kids	Angela			
Couch	Critter	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	City Guys	One World	City Guys	Just in Time for Christmas		
Bear	Bear	PB & J Otter	Rolie Polie	Spot	Blutoes	Movie: Babes in Toyland	Movie: Rudolph & Frosty's Christmas			
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: Planet of the Apes (1968)	Charlton Heston	****	Movie: Beneath the Planet of the Apes				
Pepper Ann	Doug	Doug	Recess	Pepper Ann	Sabrina	Squiggle	Pooch	College Football: Blue-Gray Classic		
Saturday Early Show	Clovis Baptist Church	Anatole	Blaster	Rescue	Rhino	College Bowl	Sports			
Rangers	Monster	Digimon	Xyber 9	Monster	Digimon	Beast	Avengers	NFL	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter
Movie: 3 Ninjas: High Noon	(-45) Movie: The Borrowers	*** PG	(15) Movie: Overnight Delivery	PG-13	(-45) Movie: Bean (1997)					
Movie: Home Fries	Drew Barrymore	**	(-45) Century of Living	Inside the NFL	Movie: Wyatt Earp	Kevin Costner	PG-13			
(-15) Movie: Mouse Hunt	Nathan Lane	** PG	Movie: The Sicilian Clan (1969)	Jean Gabin, Alain Delon	Movie: Gremlins	Zach Galligan	*** PG			
Movie: The Secret Garden	(-15) Movie: The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm (1962)	***	Movie: Flipper (1963)	Luke Halpin	**	Movie: Bassmasters				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Secrets	Fishing	Ducks	In Fish	Outdoor	In-Fish	Bassmasters		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outward	Real Kids	Hunter-Croc	Incredible Story Studio	Movie Magic	Wild Rides	Fun House		
Paid Prog.	Portrait of Jennie	Movie: A Man for All Seasons (1966)	Paul Scofield	****	Movie: Flying Saucers (1976)	Robert Conrad	**			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Katie C'mas		
Sports	Sports	Sports	Football	SEC TV Weekly	Cowboys	Big 12 Show	Texas Special Olympics	Ryan-Expas		
Movie: A Christmas Story (1983)	Peter Billingsley	***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983)	Peter Billingsley	***	Movie: A Christmas Story (1983)	Peter Billingsley	***		
Doug	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongebob	Hey Arnold!	Thomberries	Beavers	Catdog	Monsters	Garfield
Movie: Problem Child 2 (1991)	John Ritter	**	WWF Live Wire	Movie: Pure Luck (1991)	Martin Short	**	Movie: Control			
Plaza Sesamo	Desfile de Navidad	Disney	Camara	Complices	Navidad	Hispan	Control			
History of Toys and Games	Twelve Apostles: History's Great Revolutionaries	Roman War Machine	Roman War							
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movie: Abbott-Cos Meet Killer Boris Karloff	Movie: Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy (1955)							
Farm Report	Business	Cmas at Christ	Feed the Children	Griffith	Outdoor	Soul Train	Movie:			

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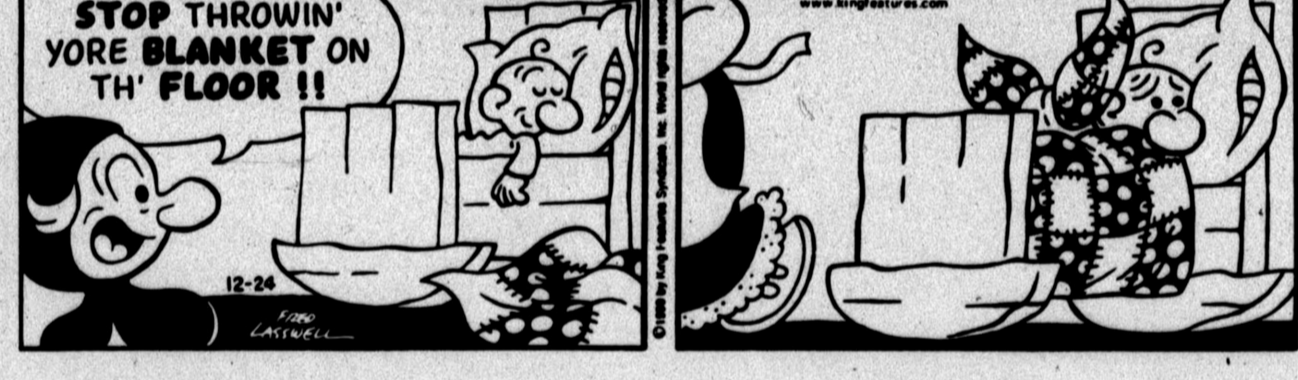
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 20 Presidential nickname
 21 Gloss target
 23 Bill's movie buddy
 24 Mirth
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 28 Luau dish
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 31 Actor Cariou
 32 Secret meetings
 36 Lot choice
 39 Service reward
 40 Pacific islands
 41 Last letter
 43 Fencing swords
 44 Cellar choices

DOWN 1 Deduction
 2 Verdi creation
 3 The Evil One
 4 Yale player
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 6 Journalist Ernie
 7 What pH measures
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Yesterday's answer

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- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

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LOST & FOUND

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LOST! CAR keys in the vicinity of Litho-Graphics on Main Street. Will finder, please leave keys at the Hereford Brand office. **REWARD!!**

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Hereford BRAND

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Courtesy Photo

Collection for the needy — Joining in the spirit of the season, Heidi Brewer's fourth-grade class at Bluebonnet Intermediate School collected several boxes of "necessary" items, which were distributed to needy children and families in the Hereford area just before classes were dismissed for the Christmas/New Year's holiday.

Some toys in short supply

NEW YORK (AP) — So you thought Pokemon games and cards were the only things flying off store shelves this Christmas?
Guess again. Game Boy Color video-game players, Amazing Ally dolls and Millennium Barbies have joined the list of toys retailers can't seem to keep in stock.
Many parents are scrambling to find these goodies in

time for Christmas. Some are going so far as to pay hefty premiums on auction Web sites such as eBay and Amazon.com.
"I don't know what I am going to do if we don't find it, but I'm not sure we will. I think we've looked everywhere," said Don Schumaker of Gettysburg, Pa., who has much of his extended family searching for a "Shop With Me" Barbie Cash Register for

his 7-year-old daughter.
The panic has only worsened since Toysrus.com began e-mailing shoppers late Tuesday with awful news: Some customers may not get their orders by Christmas.
Toysrus.com said affected customers would be compensated for the inconvenience with \$100 coupons that can be used in their stores.

CAMPAIGN 2000

8 qualify for federal funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight presidential candidates now have a promise of \$34 million in matching federal funds, but the actual amount they get in January may be less than half of that.
Among Democrats, Vice President Al Gore qualified for \$11 million and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley qualified for \$8.3 million, the Federal Election Commission said Wednesday.
In the Republican field, Arizona Sen. John McCain was entitled to \$4.2 million, while conservative activist Gary Bauer qualified for just under \$4 million and commentator Alan Keyes just over \$1.2 million.

Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch has not requested matching funds, elections officials say. But Hatch campaign officials said Wednesday night they planned to turn in paperwork for their request "very soon."
The GOP front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, has outdistanced the field by raising about \$60 million and had decided to forgo federal matching money for the primary season. Wealthy publisher Steve Forbes also decided he wouldn't take federal funds for the primaries.
By not taking the federal money, Bush and Forbes will not have to abide by federal campaign spending limits during the nomination fight.
Pat Buchanan qualified for almost \$2.4 million even

though he left the GOP to seek the Reform Party nomination. Former Republican candidate Dan Quayle qualified for \$2.1 million, while perennial candidate Lyndon Larouche, who has said he's running as a Democrat, was entitled to just over \$733,000.
The federal government matches the first \$250 of each individual contribution if the candidates agree to limit their spending.
The Treasury Department is scheduled to make payments Jan. 3, but the exact amount was not released. Federal Election Commission officials expect it will come to 40 percent to 50 percent of the total, with candidates getting the rest of the money later.



Al Gore

Gore, Bradley swap charges over education

DEMOCRATS



Bill Bradley

AMES, Iowa (AP) — In a final pre-holiday burst, Vice President Al Gore ripped rival Bill Bradley's commitment to schools and said the former U.S. senator from New Jersey can't be trusted on farm issues.
Firing back immediately, Bradley derided a \$50 billion preschool plan Gore unveiled, and said Gore must accept responsibility for economic woes in the heartland.

current stagnant farm economy.
"After seven years, the vice president has offered nothing more than negative attacks and distortions," Bradley said. "They have not put forward a comprehensive approach to farm policy, nor have they articulated a vision for rural America."
Bradley declined an invitation to debate Gore on farm issues Wednesday, but Gore went ahead anyway.
For more than an hour Gore was quizzed on details of farm policy by a panel of experts. He took note of Bradley's absence, but only in a gentle way, describing him as "a man who has been my friend."
"But he's not here, so I'll respond to your questions," Gore said.
Gore broke little new ground, sticking to his main campaign theme that the 1996 Freedom to Farm law needs to be overhauled.
He called for a farm policy

"explicitly designed to maintain the viability of the family farm." Gore also said he would push for tougher enforcement of antitrust laws to counter increasing concentration in the farm industry.
Gore urged Congress to act soon.
"We cannot wait until the current farm bill expires in 2002," Gore said. "The nature of the safety net is unacceptable."
Gore went to an elementary school to talk about his plan, to be phased in over 10 years, to make preschool programs available to all 4-year-olds. States would get grants of roughly \$2,700 per student for guaranteeing preschool programs would be available.
It is part of a \$115 billion plan on education Gore has proposed that would also give \$5,000 raises to most teachers in poor and rural areas, mandate testing of new teachers and seek to establish more charter schools.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:
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12-23 CRYPTOQUOTE
R J E M B D W Z B M B R A W M P S .
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L Z D : U K F Z B F D A U N D
Z U F P P G M P D J F A K Q
W Z P ' B J Z D . — T N K M N B
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: STRONG HANDS TO WEAK, OLD HANDS TO YOUNG, AROUND THE CHRISTMAS BOARD, TOUCH HANDS! — WILLIAM H.H. MURRAY

Vote

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the GOP primary or the November general election.
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 student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"
The referendum responds to recent court rulings banning student led-prayer before football games and gives Texans a chance to express their "outrage," said Susan Weddington, Republican state chair.
"This is an issue that goes to the very heart of the rights and freedoms of Texas students guaranteed in the United State Constitution," Ms. Weddington said.
"We cannot allow an out-of-control, activist judiciary to sacrifice our freedoms at the altar of politically correct, modern day liberalism."
State election laws allow political parties to put non-binding questions on their primary ballots.
Voters also will notice something new this election year — their registration cards. The State of Texas changed the color of the cards from baby blue to yellow. The cards are changed every two years and are mailed automatically to registered voters.

Insure

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won't prevent them from driving," he said.
The 75th Legislature passed a no-pay, no-policy law, much like the laws which have been upheld in Louisiana Supreme Courts. This law prevents an uninsured, injured party from collecting for the first \$10,000 damage.
"This means if an uninsured driver is involved in an accident, but not at fault, the insured driver's policy will not have to pay anything under \$10,000," said Judy Deever, a public information officer with TDI's personal auto board.
The 76th Legislature, with strong backing from former Texas Department of Transportation director Elton Bomer, recently passed the random selection law.
Random selection will allow TxDOT to send out cards requiring drivers to appear at a designated location with their insurance policies.
"Unfortunately, we have no enforcement duties," Deever said. "That rests solely with the DPS."
Deever said financial responsibility laws have been in effect since the early 1950s, but has only been enforced since 1984. In 1991, lobbyists pushed lawmakers to add stiffer fines for drivers failing to have

proof of financial responsibility.
Insured motorists with uninsured/under-insured coverage have the advantage of knowing their insurance company will sue the uninsured party. Motorists with only straight liability will have to take the other party to court on their own.
The DPS spokesman said the backlog in the courts, and the DPS system itself often lead to frustration on the part of the victim of an uninsured driver.
"The best deterrent we've seen is the safety responsibility program," said Hannah. "This program (known as the SR) allows DPS and our agency to keep tabs on individuals who have failed to maintain financial responsibility," Deever said.
Under the SR program uninsured individuals have to file a special form with their insurance carrier. If the insurance is dropped for any reason, the carrier notifies the DPS and flags the license of the driver.
"This is the best we can do about making people understand their responsibility when it comes to auto insurance," said Hannah. "We'll never get everyone to have insurance."

Plant secretly eyed workers with cancer

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Officials at a federal uranium processing plant covertly tracked suspicious cases of cancer among employees while claiming the workers were safe, according to published reports.
In the early 1980s, managers at the Energy Department's Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in western Kentucky counted 13 current and former workers who suffered from leukemia and other cancers in the previous 27 years.
Some names and initials were listed on a confidential DOE document, *The Courier Journal* of Louisville reported today. All but three had died by 1984, but medical experts apparently didn't learn of the list for nearly a decade. Others never did.
"Workers should have been told the list was being kept and why they were being tracked," said Jim Key, a representative for the workers' union. "I was astounded they had been tracking this and never told us."
The *Washington Post* reported today that its analysis of plant rosters listing more than 200 employees found that 10 died of blood and lymph system cancers, including six from leukemia. Government mortality rates show that only a single death would be expected in a group of adults that size.
Three plant employees have filed a federal lawsuit alleging workers unwittingly were exposed to plutonium and other highly toxic substances from 1963 to 1976.

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May 08	104.00	103.25	103.25	Sep 05	240 1/2	239 1/2	239 1/2
Aug 08	104.50	103.75	103.75	Nov 05	241 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2
Nov 08	105.00	104.25	104.25	Jan 06	242 1/2	241 1/2	241 1/2
Feb 09	105.50	104.75	104.75	Mar 06	243 1/2	242 1/2	242 1/2
May 09	106.00	105.25	105.25	May 06	244 1/2	243 1/2	243 1/2
Aug 09	106.50	105.75	105.75	Jul 06	245 1/2	244 1/2	244 1/2
Nov 09	107.00	106.25	106.25	Sep 06	246 1/2	245 1/2	245 1/2
Feb 10	107.50	106.75	106.75	Nov 06	247 1/2	246 1/2	246 1/2
May 10	108.00	107.25	107.25	Jan 07	248 1/2	247 1/2	247 1/2
Aug 10	108.50	107.75	107.75	Mar 07	249 1/2	248 1/2	248 1/2
Nov 10	109.00	108.25	108.25	May 07	250 1/2	249 1/2	249 1/2
Feb 11	109.50	108.75	108.75	Jul 07	251 1/2	250 1/2	250 1/2
May 11	110.00	109.25	109.25	Sep 07	252 1/2	251 1/2	251 1/2
Aug 11	110.50	109.75	109.75	Nov 07	253 1/2	252 1/2	252 1/2
Nov 11	111.00	110.25	110.25	Jan 08	254 1/2	253 1/2	253 1/2
Feb 12	111.50	110.75	110.75	Mar 08	255 1/2	254 1/2	254 1/2
May 12	112.00	111.25	111.25	May 08	256 1/2	255 1/2	255 1/2
Aug 12	112.50	111.75	111.75	Jul 08	257 1/2	256 1/2	256 1/2
Nov 12	113.00	112.25	112.25	Sep 08	258 1/2	257 1/2	257 1/2
Feb 13	113.50	112.75	112.75	Nov 08	259 1/2	258 1/2	258 1/2
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Aug 13	114.50	113.75	113.75	Mar 09	261 1/2	260 1/2	260 1/2
Nov 13	115.00	114.25	114.25	May 09	262 1/2	261 1/2	261 1/2
Feb 14	115.50	114.75	114.75	Jul 09	263 1/2	262 1/2	262 1/2
May 14	116.00	115.25	115.25	Sep 09	264 1/2	263 1/2	263 1/2
Aug 14	116.50	115.75	115.75	Nov 09	265 1/2	264 1/2	264 1/2
Nov 14	117.00	116.25	116.25	Jan 10	266 1/2	265 1/2	265 1/2
Feb 15	117.50	116.75	116.75	Mar 10	267 1/2	266 1/2	266 1/2
May 15	118.00	117.25	117.25	May 10	268 1/2	267 1/2	267 1/2
Aug 15	118.50	117.75	117.75	Jul 10	269 1/2	268 1/2	268 1/2
Nov 15	119.00	118.25	118.25	Sep 10	270 1/2	269 1/2	269 1/2
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Feb 17	121.50	120.75	120.75	Jul 11	275 1/2	274 1/2	274 1/2
May 17	122.00	121.25	121.25	Sep 11	276 1/2	275 1/2	275 1/2
Aug 17	122.50	121.75	121.75	Nov 11	277 1/2	276 1/2	276 1/2
Nov 17	123.00	122.25	122.25	Jan 12	278 1/2	277 1/2	277 1/2
Feb 18	123.50	122.75	122.75	Mar 12	279 1/2	278 1/2	278 1/2
May 18	124.00	123.25	123.25	May 12	280 1/2	279 1/2	279 1/2
Aug 18	124.50	123.75	123.75	Jul 12	281 1/2	280 1/2	280 1/2
Nov 18	125.00	124.25	124.25	Sep 12	282 1/2	281 1/2	281 1/2
Feb 19	125.50	124.75	124.75	Nov 12	283 1/2	282 1/2	282 1/2
May 19	126.00	125.25	125.25	Jan 13	284 1/2	283 1/2	283 1/2
Aug 19	126.50	125.75	125.75	Mar 13	285 1/2	284 1/2	284 1/2
Nov 19	127.00	126.25	126.25	May 13	286 1/2	285 1/2	285 1/2
Feb 20	127.50	126.75	126.75	Jul 13	287 1/2	286 1/2	286 1/2
May 20	128.00	127.25	127.25	Sep 13	288 1/2	287 1/2	287 1/2
Aug 20	128.50	127.75	127.75	Nov 13	289 1/2	288 1/2	288 1/2
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Express yourself

A Senate colleague of mine who hails from a small state once asked me how many Texans there are. I thought about this for a moment, then answered, "Not enough."

Representing almost 20 million Texans is a great opportunity. But no matter how many of you I meet during my trips across our great state, I am always reminded that I can't visit with each of you.

So I hope you will complete the following questions on some key domestic issues facing our state and nation. Your answers will help me better represent you and your families back in Washington.

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senate



1. Last year, Congress passed a \$792 billion tax relief plan that President Clinton vetoed, even though it also safeguarded the Social Security Trust Fund and paid down the national debt by \$130 billion. Tax relief is going to be an important topic in Congress' upcoming session. But because of our commitment to protect Social Security, we cannot eliminate all the taxes we should. Please rank the importance of the three following possible areas to cut federal taxes.

- The average married couple making about \$60,000 jointly pays about \$1,400 more than if they had filed as singles. I introduced legislation last year to eliminate this so-called marriage penalty;

- Under current laws, the government may take more than half of a person's life savings, home, farm or business upon their death — the so-called inheritance, or death, tax; and

- Congress passed a 1 percent across-the-board tax cut for all Americans that President Clinton vetoed. Had it become law, if you were in the 15 percent tax bracket, it would have dropped to 14 percent; 21 percent would have gone to 20 percent; and so on.

Please rank these in order of importance to you. Use the numeral "1" to label the tax you would eliminate first; a "2" for the second tax to be eliminated; and, a "3" for the third.

- MARRIAGE TAX
- INHERITANCE TAX
- 1% CUT

2. Some members of Congress are trying to federalize the Homestead Exemption under the bankruptcy laws. This would eliminate Texans' ability to exempt their homesteads — whatever their value — from bankruptcy proceedings.

Opponents of Texas' Homestead Exemption, which is in our state constitution, claim that people will come to Texas to abuse the bankruptcy laws. How important do you think it is to protect Texas' Homestead Exemption?

- VERY IMPORTANT
- IMPORTANT
- NOT IMPORTANT

3. Congress has different versions of "Patients Bill of Rights" legislation which will expand rights for patients with Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) medical insurance. For example, it would give HMO patients the right to an outside, independent review for any rejected claims.

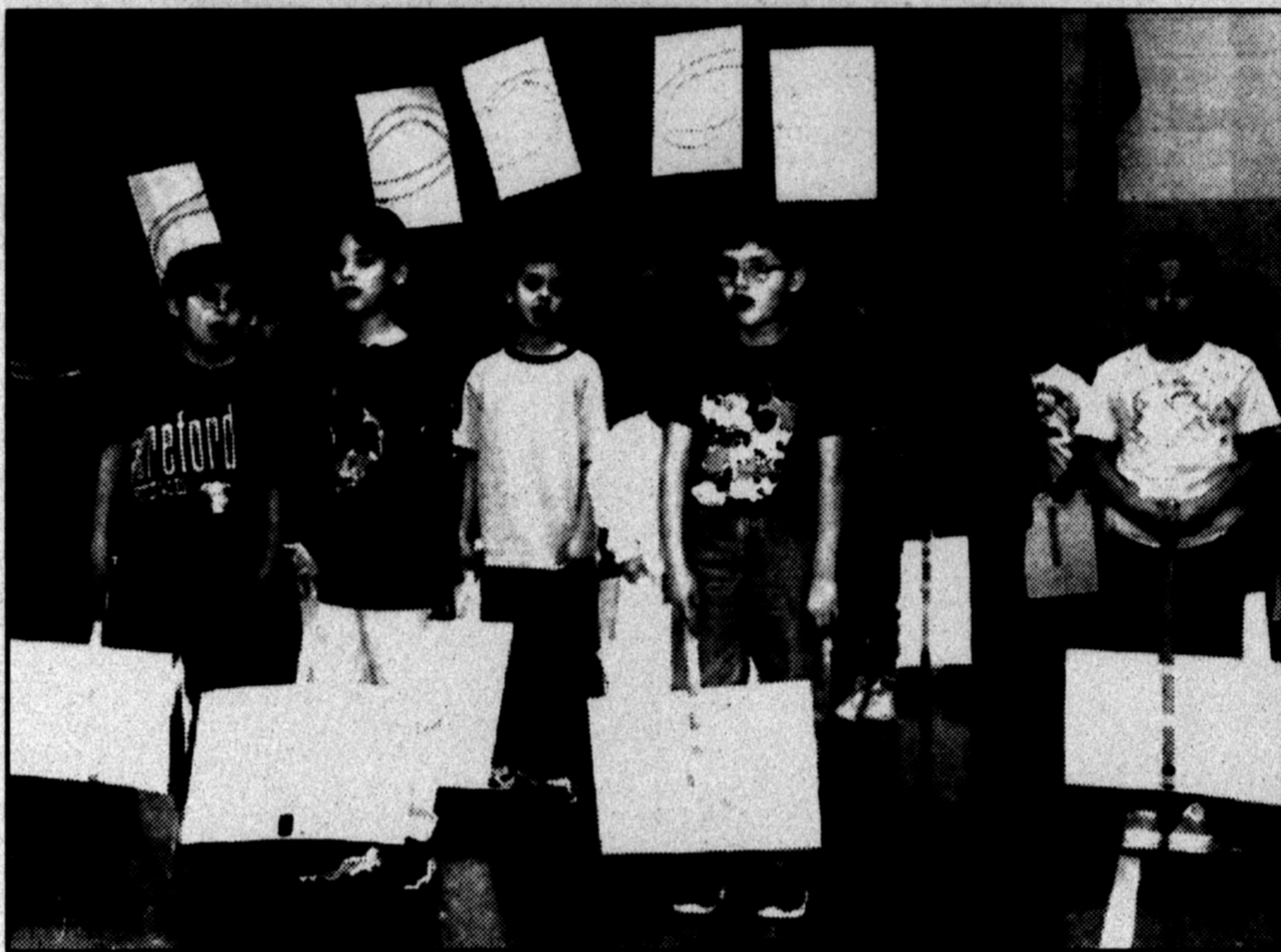
The different versions of this bill also try to expand health insurance coverage to more of the approximately 44 million uninsured Americans. The version passed by the House contains the right to sue an HMO. The Senate bill doesn't contain this provision because senators are concerned about how the right to sue would increase the cost of HMO premiums.

Please categorize the following choices in their order of importance to you.

- KEEP MEDICAL COSTS LOW
- ABILITY TO SUE HMO
- CHOICE OF DOCTORS
- UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE
- LOW OUT-OF-POCKET MEDICAL COSTS

Please clip and send this completed survey to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Twelve Days of Christmas — Third-grade students at Tierra Blanca Primary School were part of the annual pre-Christmas concert and performed Wednesday for their fellow students. The students performed "The Twelve Days of Christmas," illustrated with drawings completed by the individual performers. All grade levels of the school performed musical selections for their fellow classmates, staff and parents.

U.S. officials urging calm about threat of terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials are urging Americans to stay calm but vigilant about possible terrorist threats as authorities search for links between suspicious individuals and alleged terrorism mastermind Osama bin Laden.

President Clinton, law enforcement and State Department officials all walked a fine line Wednesday, encouraging people to go ahead with holiday plans while saying they should look for unattended packages and other signs of possible terrorism.

"We obviously are trying to strike an appropriate balance," Assistant Attorney General Eric Holder told a news conference. He advised Americans traveling overseas to avoid large gatherings, but assured people it was safe to attend large New Year's events in the United States where there will be "an extensive law enforcement presence."

The FBI issued a statement early today warning that it had received "unsubstantiated information that individuals may be planning to send bombs in small parcels to addresses in the United States" from

Frankfurt, Germany. "Out of an abundance of caution, the public is being promptly alerted to this information," the statement said. "The public should be cautious with parcels originating from or bearing Frankfurt, Germany, postal markings or stamps when the sender is unknown or unfamiliar to the recipient."

The statement gave no further details nor any indication of which "individuals" were involved in the potential threat.

U.S. officials have been passing on warnings of possible attacks on Americans overseas, but the threat of domestic terrorism became real on Dec. 14 when an Algerian was arrested in Port Angeles, Wash., after bomb-making materials allegedly were found in his car.

Ahmed Reasam, 32, was indicted in Seattle and pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges he made false statements to U.S. customs officers; smuggled nitroglycerin across the bor-

der; transported explosives; committed a felony while carrying explosives; and possessed unregistered firearms — the apparent timing devices found in Reasam's car.

Clinton, who plans to attend a large New Year's celebration at the Lincoln Memorial, visited a Washington food kitchen Wednesday as airport security tightened around the country and federal buildings received extra protection.

He advised Americans to "go about their holidays and enjoy themselves and make the most of it," but urged them to report "anything suspicious" immediately. "We are taking extraordinary efforts in the government to act based on the incident out in the Pacific Northwest," Clinton said.

FBI counterterrorism chief Dale Watson said U.S. authorities were aware that bin Laden had issued Islamic calls to action — called fatwas in Arabic — against the United States.

OUTRAGE

Baptists angry about being on Lockhart's list

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Clinton administration spokesman has angered leaders of the president's own religion by including the Southern Baptist Convention among groups he says "perpetuate ancient religious hatred."

The remarks by White House spokesman Joe Lockhart came at a Dec. 16 briefing, where he was asked about the denomination's campaign to pray for and share the gospel with Hindus, Jews and Muslims.

Lockhart said Clinton has said one of the coming century's greatest challenges is "dealing with ethnic and religious hatred, and coming to grips with the long-held resentments between religions."

Clinton has "been very clear in his opposition to whatever organization, including the Southern Baptist, that perpetuate ancient religious hatred," Lockhart said.

Paige Patterson, president of the 15.8 million-member convention, said the comment shows "that the president or his press secretary or both have once again demonstrated that the one thing for which they have no regard is truth."

Clinton, who is Southern Baptist, "has very few convictions," he told *The Baptist Press*, the denominational newspaper, in an article posted Wednesday on World Wide Web.

In October, the convention urged its members to pray for millions of Hindus it said were "lost in the hopeless darkness" of their religion, and issued 30,000 booklets before the faith's festival of lights, Diwali, that called for the conversion of Hindus.

The denomination previously published booklets soliciting prayers for Muslims and Jews, offending leaders of those faiths.

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The YMCA Basketball League is designed for elementary boys and girls grades K-5 thru 6th. All girls and boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game. We will have three divisions: K-5 - 2nd, 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grades. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA offices. **PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS!!!**

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 31, 1999

RESTRICTIONS: Grades K-5 to 6th Only

DATES: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of January 10th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, January 15th.

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