

HEREFORD BRAND Local roundup

SPS establishes network

Although Southwestern Public Service Co. and other energy providers in the area are confident that electric service here will not be interrupted by the so-called Y2K bug on New Year's Eve; however, there may be other emergency situations with which to contend.

Vehicles colliding with utility poles, as well as blizzards and ice storms — even squirrels playing in electric substations — could cause electric service outages on New Year's Eve, just as they do at other times.

Energy consumers who want to know the cause of any energy-reliability problems in the region on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day should tune to area radio and television stations.

SPS and other utilities will be working closely with area broadcasters. The plan is to inform the public quickly about three "media centers" on New Year's Eve in Amarillo, Lubbock and Roswell. News media that contact the information centers will be kept abreast of any service problems for SPS. In turn, they can report to customers about SPS's progress in restoring service.

The rural electric cooperatives and government-owned utilities in the region also are making plans to apprise news media of New Year's Eve service problems and restoration efforts.

In the event of an extreme storm or other disaster — at any time — the region's utilities and emergency response agencies will work primarily with three regional radio stations. The three, which can operate without general utility services, are the designated national Emergency Alert System stations for the region. They are: KGNC, of Amarillo, at 710 on the AM dial; KFYO, of Lubbock, at 790 on the AM dial; and KCKN, of Roswell, at 1020 on the AM dial.

HPD beefing up patrols

The Hereford Police Department will have extra officers patrolling the streets from 7 tonight until they are no longer needed, according to an HPD spokesman.

Cpt. Pat Michael said officers will be watching for all traffic violations as well as being on the lookout for parties that may get too loud or out of hand.

4-H/FFA Booster Club to meet

Deaf Smith County 4-H/FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 in the game room of the Hereford Community Center. All parents who have a child exhibiting at the 2000 Hereford stock show are urged to attend.

Medical trust fund created

A medical trust fund has been set up at Hereford State Bank for Maria Tijerina, 76, who was critically burned Monday in a house fire.

Mrs. Tijerina was transported to the University Medical Center burn unit in Lubbock, where she is in critical condition.

Yeltsin quits, calls elections

MOSCOW (AP) — Asking forgiveness for his mistakes, Boris Yeltsin stunned Russia today by announcing his resignation and saying elections will be held in 90 days for a new president to lead the nation into the new century.

Yeltsin said he was stepping down immediately because he wanted Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to succeed him. Putin, the country's most popular politician, immediately took control of the government and will serve as acting president until the elections.

Looking pale and grim in a speech on national television, the 68-year-old Yeltsin said it was time for him to go. He asked Russians to forgive him for his mistakes and for failing to realize their dreams after the fall of the Soviet Union.

"I am stepping down ahead of term. I understand that I must do it and Russia must enter the new millennium with new politicians, with new faces, with new intelligent, strong, energetic people, and we who have been in power for many years must go," Yeltsin said.

It was yet another unexpected move by Yeltsin, who has presided over Russia through eight tumultuous, often chaotic years. His attempts to build a market economy were deeply flawed by corruption and incompetence.

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1999 A Year In Review

Memorable

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said after the game that "it wasn't the best performance the Herd had fielded" that night at Kimbrough Stadium.

And let's not forget the Lady Whitefaces, who also had their share of memorable moments.

- Their four-game season sweep of heated rival Dumas.

- The comeback victory at Dumas in which the Lady Whitefaces rebounded from a first-game loss to take the next two, sparked by the net play of Tori Walker and Sarah Griffin. That match truly started the Lady Whitefaces' engines on the way to Austin.

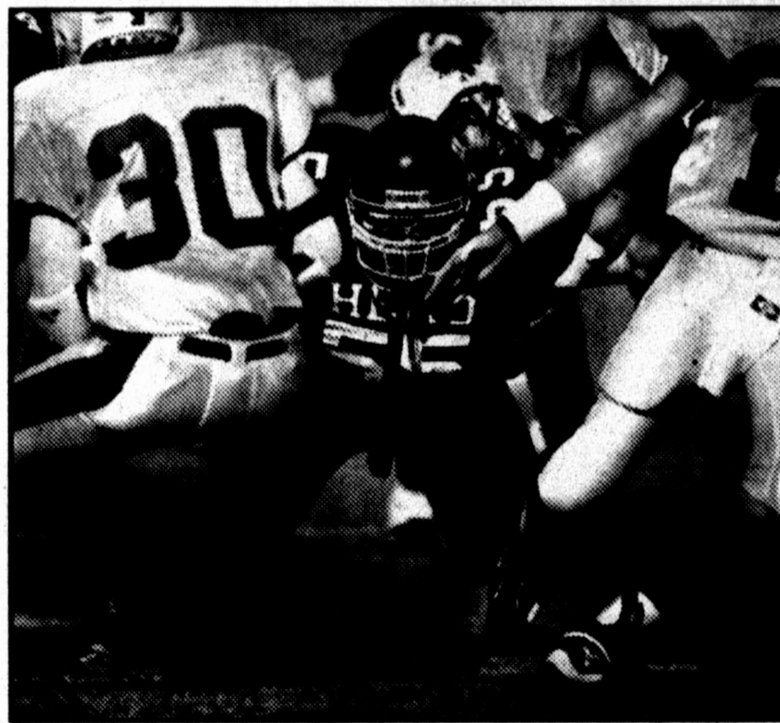
- The Lady Whitefaces' victory against Dumas on Oct. 9 which practically won the district title for Hereford and sparked a post-game chant by fan Slade Hodges, saying, "Don't be sad, don't be blue, we beat you in football, too."

- The last game of the regular season against Amarillo Caprock in which fans gathered for a cookout outside Whiteface Gym, and a makeover was done on an unnamed first-year *Hereford Brand* sports editor.

- The Lady Whitefaces' victory against Pampa in the regional round, where Hereford showed its traditionally un-rivaled fan support was once again superior to Pampa's, especially since Herd fans had another football game to attend that very night.

- The Lady Whitefaces' never-ending match against Canyon Randall in the regional final. The gymnasium was packed at Caprock High School and the noise probably contributed to new hearing aid sales.

- The Lady Whitefaces' victories in the



Hereford defensive lineman Daniel Fangman bursts through the line to drop a Hewitt Midway runner.

state tournament, where they faced bigger, taller teams in Conroe Oak Ridge and Red Oak. Walker, Griffin, Michelle Bernhardt and Toni Eicke were responsible for giving those teams mounds of trouble on the net.

For all that, the rewards came for almost every athlete who wore maroon as their favorite fall color.

Cody Hodges was the only player from

Hereford to be named to The Associated Press' All-State team, garnering an honorable mention. Closer to home, Hodges was named Offensive Player of the Year by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* and the *Amarillo Globe News*. L.J. Vallejo was the District 3-4A Player of the Year.

Other football players receiving post-season honors include Tony Lopez, Ramiro Zambrano, Kurtis Flood, Joseph Gonzales, James Miller, Rafael Campos, Seth Pietsek, Valentin Sustaita, Vernon Adams, Chayse Rives, Gilbert Hernandez, Andrew Ramirez, Michael Barba, Johnny Zammaripa and Daniel Fangman.

Audra Witkowski also got her post-season awards as she was named Player of the Year in District 3-4A and by the *Globe-News*. Tori Walker was named Player of the Year by the *Avalanche Journal* as well as the state tournament's MVP. Both teammates were chosen all-state volleyball players by the Texas Sportswriters Association.

Others receiving post-season honors were Michelle Bernhardt and Sarah Griffin.

And the those many successes brought Hereford more than just bragging rights. They not only put the city on the map somewhere in West Texas, but also as a force to be reckoned within the next few years.

And, what a fall it was.

HISD runs into financial trouble

Four months after the initial announcement indicating Hereford Independent School District may be in serious financial troubles, taxpayers still have few answers to their questions.

Superintendent Elizabeth Abernethy took over the helm at HISD in July, only to find several months of unreconciled bank statements, two incomplete sets of books and what she contends was evidence of pending financial troubles.

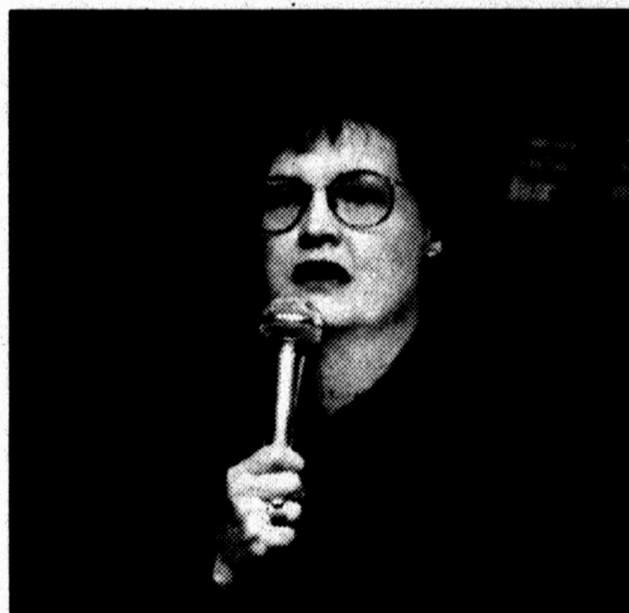
Abernethy's suspicions were aroused so much that she contacted the Texas Education Agency for assistance regarding "considerable and serious discrepancies" from last year's budget.

At the time, Abernethy would make no further comments until further information was made available.

Less than two weeks after the first notice, Abernethy announced preliminary results indicating the district was approximately \$16 million in debt.

Financial problems included an \$854,000 TEA overpayment, which had apparently been spent and never budgeted; expenditures which outstripped revenue by more than \$1 million; and the two partial sets of books, which was due to the change in programming systems during the middle of the year.

Other financial problems stemmed from the



BETH ABERNETHY
New school superintendent found problems with the district's finances.

roofing project at Northwest Primary School; lease-purchase of five new buses and more than \$3 million in technology improvements.

Abernethy and TEA spokesmen have indicated the drop in the student population and the reduction in the tax base are partly to

blame for the loss in revenue.

Throughout the ordeal, Abernethy has never provided definite details of exactly what the discrepancies are or why it has taken so long to detect the problem.

McGinty & Associates, the Hereford certified public accounting firm responsible for the outside audits, has never commented on the problems.

HISD board members responded to the financial problems by making deep cuts in the 1999-2000 budget and adopting a 5-cent tax increase.

The 5-cent tax increase maximizes the state funding and keeps the district within the tax rate by similar communities.

By the end of September, Abernethy said nearly all funds had been balanced and reconciled, but the full extent of the financial difficulties could not be determined until a single set of books and completed bank reconciliations were available.

Former school district business manager, Don Minchew resigned and the temporary business office personnel continued to work on a single set of books and untangling the complicated school audits.

By the final school board meeting of the year, answers were still unavailable about the extent of financial problems.

Abernethy said the audit for the 1998-99 school year should be made available by the January board meeting.

New millennium begins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

Hour by frantic, expectant hour, a new millennium swept across planet Earth's oceans and nations today, capping a tumultuous hundred years of progress with a satellite-linked pageant that united billions to greet a new century in celebration, contemplation and wonder.

Welcoming 2000 first — at 5 a.m. EST, before 23 other time zones — was Kiribati, a diminutive South Pacific island nation so enthusiastic about the attention that it realigned its chunk of the international dateline east by two hours.

"Let all the world be joined with us to greet the new millennium," dancers in swaying grass skirts, illuminated by moonlight and the licking flames of glowing torches, sang in Micronesia on a dark tropical beach of Kiribati's usually uninhabited Millennium Is-

land. "Let us put aside all divisions — let us unite in love and peace."

From halfway across the world, though, two dramatic developments grabbed for a share of the attention. Ailing Russian President Boris Yeltsin resigned abruptly 12 hours before 2000 arrived in Moscow, surprising his nation and the world. The first post-Soviet president, who helped end the wave of communism that spread across the world for more than 70 years, turned power over to his prime minister immediately. And from a remote Afghan tarmac, there was word of an agreement to release 155 hostages from an airliner hijacked a week ago.

Apprehensions about terrorism and technology had already been clouding the world's millennial revelry. Nations, airlines and computer users girded for eruptions of the Y2K bug.

Heavy preparation but little public apprehension as Y2K arrives

WASHINGTON — Extra supplies of cash arranged by banks seemed likely to go untapped. Grocers, pharmacies and gasoline stations had yet to report extraordinary sales.

Americans, apparently assured by the labor and treasure spent to head off Y2K risks at home, showed little apprehension about the approach of the millennium and the computer problems that could cause.

The government took last-minute precautions Thursday, repairing a bug in a critical air traffic computer and saying some seaports on both coasts will be closed for the weekend.

President Clinton's top Year 2000 expert, John Koskinen, said U.S. officials are watching closely for problems overseas that might indicate trouble for the United States hours or even days later.

Still, he said that because of the peculiar nature of Y2K problems, "I'm not sure anything is an accurate harbinger of anything else."

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 30, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A woman was arrested during a traffic stop in the 600 block of North Main and charged with outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants.

Incidents

- A dog bite was reported at 611 Ave. G.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Star.
- A dog was stolen from the 900 block of 13th Street.

CRIME STOPPERS

The Hereford Police are investigating a burglary of a habitation which occurred on Dec. 15, 1999, in the 200 block of Ross.

Items taken include a VCR and a video game system.

Persons with information regarding this crime could be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 if they call the Crime Stoppers hotline, 344-CLUE (2583), by Jan. 6, 2000.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
5-19-26-29-30

Pick 3

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

1999

A Year In Review

Looking for a cure, or a placebo



Reviewing their options — HRMC board member Jesse Rincones, left, with Hereford doctors Duffy McBryer, right foreground, and Gerald Payne.

Hereford Regional Medical Center wades through a year of upheaval

Enters management contract with Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH)

3 What was to be a year of putting long-range plans into place at Hereford Regional Medical Center quickly turned into a year of upheaval. In January, when the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors, hospital administrators and gathered for a retreat to develop a strategic plan for the hospital, the topic wasn't what to do in the 21st century, it was what to do about HRMC administrator John Studsrud.

Just before the start of the retreat, it was revealed that Studsrud, who became HRMC president/chief executive officer in September 1998, had used loans from an hospital employee loan fund for travel expenses, including air fare, and a medical emergency. Although Studsrud repaid the \$15,032, he would resign less than five months later.

About six weeks after Studsrud's resignation, J.O. Lewis took the reins as interim administrator. James Taylor, a former chief financial officer at Northwest Texas Healthcare System who has been acting as HRMC financial

director, recently assumed the duties of acting CEO at the hospital.

Search One, a recruiting firm, was hired to find a permanent administrator, but after narrowing the list of finalists to two, the hospital district board abandoned the search and to consider a possible lease agreement with Community Hospital Corp. (CHC) of Dallas.

Although CHC would decide not to pursue the agreement, the board voted in December to enter into a management contract with TMSI, an Austin-based hospital management/consulting company. The two-year contract will go into effect Jan. 1, 2000, with TMSI, a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), handling the day-to-day operations of the hospital. The company will place a permanent HRMC administrator, as well as a chief financial officer to replace Rodney Bailey who resigned in November.

The changes were not limited to the hospital administration. The hospital board also has four new faces. Ernest Flood, Steve Lawlis and Bobby Owen were elected to the board in May; Jesse Rincones was appointed in November to succeed Jeremy Grant, who resigned.

A Hereford Bull is remembered

Speedy Nieman loses bout with lengthy illness

Leaves great legacy to community journalism, civic service with his passing

4 Longtime Hereford newspaper publisher and editor, and veteran newspaperman Orville Gene "Speedy" Nieman, 70, died

April 19 in Amarillo following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Nieman retired July 1, 1998, as publisher and president of the Hereford Brand and North Plains Printing Inc. and assumed the honorary title of publisher emeritus.

After his retirement, he continued to write his well-known weekly column, "Hereford Bull." The column, which regularly featured witty anecdotes, appeared until ill health prevented the tenured writer from making his long-standing daily appearance at the Brand office.

Mr. Nieman was a native of Lamesa. He graduated with honors from Lamesa High School in 1946 and was offered an appointment to West Point by Congressman George Mahon.

He elected, however, to attend Midwestern College at Wichita Falls on a football scholarship. And after one semester there, he transferred to Texas Tech University to play basketball.

In 1948, Mr. Nieman enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard

and served during the Korean War.

He returned to West Texas after his release from military service in 1951, married Lavon Stewart at Hamlin while serving as editor of the Lamesa Daily Reporter. He continued his education at Tech while working as both a sports writer at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and as sports reporter and editor and editor at the Lamesa Daily Reporter, and as editor of the Texas Tech Ex-Student Publication.

Following his 1954 graduation from Texas Tech with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, the young West Texan served as a sports writer with the San Angelo

Standard Times, then

later was named as editor of newspaper operations at the Lamesa Daily Reporter.

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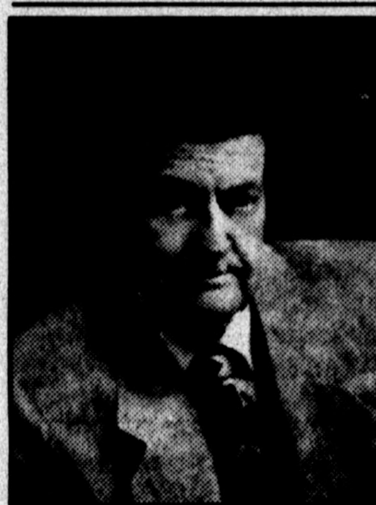
He worked on the news staff of the Midland Reporter-Tele-

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EDITORIAL

Some loose ends remain

A new millennium may be at hand, but there are still some loose ends from the old millennium that need to be cleaned up in Deaf Smith County.

The two most pressing loose ends involve two of the county's more prominent public services: education and health care.

In September, Beth Abernethy, new Hereford Independent School District superintendent, reported the school district is in deep financial trouble. After taking office in July, Mrs. Abernethy made cursory reviews of the school finances and had questions that she could not answer.

District officials have said part of the problem stemmed from an \$854,000 TEA overpayment which the district inadvertently spent. The district had to return this amount to TEA, which is customary. However, schools will customarily deposit overpayments, leave them in tact and keep the interest earned on the amount after the overpayment has been returned.

Additional financial problems also surround the ongoing construction of four major new additions — the result of a facilities allotment grant which may cost the taxpayers millions in structured debt over the next 20 years, and which was initially misrepresented to the board and taxpayers as a windfall that required little investment by HISD.

District officials, who have pored through the district's financial records during the past five months, have promised answers to taxpayers' questions. Mrs. Abernethy has stated that a complete picture of HISD financial position should be fully completed and will likely be presented to the public when the school board meets in late January 2000.

Meanwhile, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District has been confronting its own financial problems, problems that have been aggravated by the resignation of the Hereford Regional Medical Center's top two administrators and a remaking of the board, which has seen four new directors take seats.

Because of the instability at the leadership level, the hospital district has not been able to focus adequately on the problems it faces as a result of out-migration, changes in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, and continuing losses recorded by the Hereford Health Clinic.

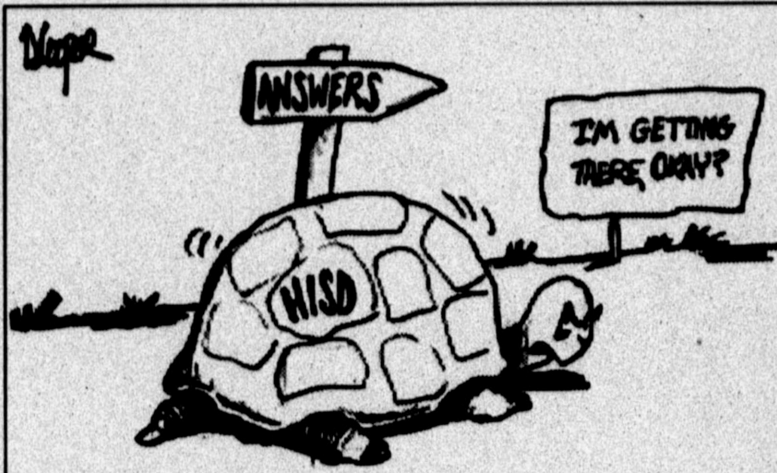
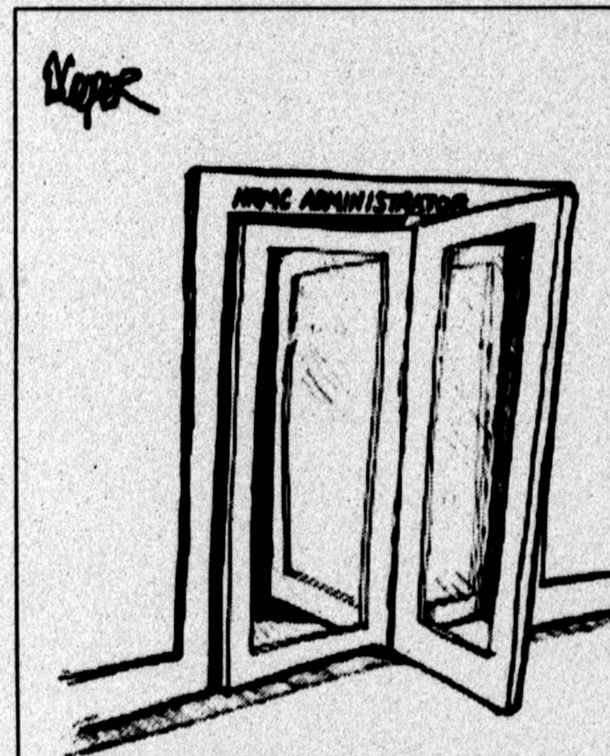
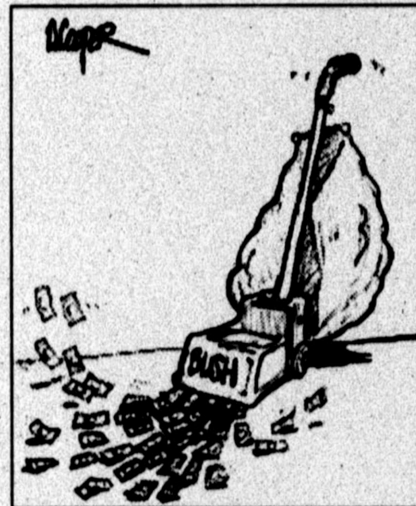
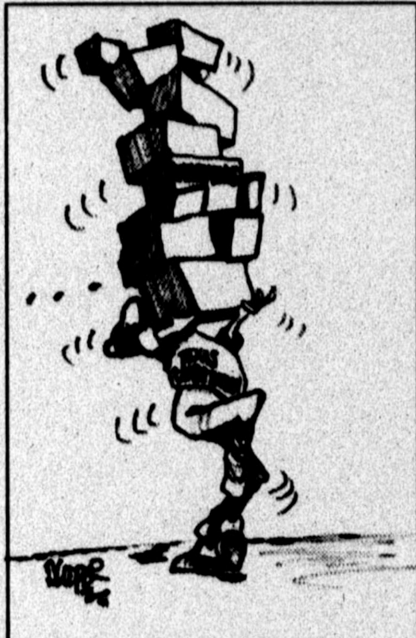
Some steps have been taken, such as appointment of a new director at the health clinic, but the board still must find solutions to the problems of out-migration and how to deal with losses of revenue from changes in the way the federal government reimburses for Medicare/Medicaid services.

The board, which recently signed a two-year contract with TMSI to take over the responsibility for day-to-day operation of the hospital, may have some breathing room in which it can develop a long-term plan to alleviate the problems confronting the district.

As the new millennium dawns, there seems to be a sense of optimism across the nation. In that sense of optimism, we are confident the problems confronting the school and hospital districts will be solved — not only through new and conservative leadership, but also because of taxpayers' renewed interest and ownership of this community's governmental process.

Before we can face the challenges that will surely be posed by the 21st century, we must first admit we failed to meet some of the challenges we faced in the 20th. And then learn why.

1999 in cartoons



Cartooning ups, downs

Thomas Nast was the first real editorial cartoonist in the United States.

Nast wasn't the first cartoonist, but he was the one who set the standards for editorial cartooning. Until the 1870s when Nast began skewering Boss Tweed and Tammany Hall, cartoonists generally were illustrators.

Nast was outraged by the corruption in New York City and his cartoons targeted the politicians who were involved in the kickbacks, bribery, extortion and other criminal activities that were so prevalent in municipal government.

Nast's cartoons summed up matters in one panel, so succinctly that even people who were nearly illiterate could tell easily what the cartoonist was saying. As a result of Nast's work, the power of Tammany Hall was curtailed, Boss Tweed went to prison and New York established a civil service commission, which protected municipal employees from the



Donald Cooper

whims of political hacks.

Of course, Thomas Nast was long gone before I developed a love of editorial cartooning. For my inspiration, I would have to turn to Bill Mauldin, who for many years drew for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and Herb Block, an institution with the *Washington Post*. On the regional level, I used to look forward to getting a copy of the *Arkansas Gazette* and turning to the editorial page, where George Fisher focused on Arkansas issues and shared space with the syndicated cartoons of Mauldin and Block.

Mauldin was my special inspiration, and even today I can see his influence in the panels I draw. It's not as obvious as it was when I first began drawing cartoons, but I can see it.

As an editorial cartoonist, I have experi-

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Relatively speaking, I'm NY complacent



Mauri Montgomery

A man was trying to understand the vast nature of God, and asked him: "God, relatively speaking, how long is a million years to you?" God answered: "A million years is like a minute." Then the man asked: "Relatively speaking, God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny." Finally the man asked: "God, could you give me a penny?" And God said, "In a minute."

Hello, Hereford.

Relatively speaking, it's all about time, those innocuous little heartbeats that quietly tick away, ultimately defining the boundaries of our hopes and dreams, and the legacy we leave in our wake upon this third marble from the sun — one of an infinite variety of similar masses that constitute your average solar system, at least the ones we can see with the aid of Lasik surgery and the Hubble telescope.

Mired in the complexities of our more tiny individual worlds (six billion of them), we rarely have enough time to look up, to consider the immensity of our smallness.

But on New Year's Eve, humanity takes time to glance up, standing for 10 hours in Times Square and other venues to observe what has traditionally been the Gregorian calendar's pinnacle moment — the stroke of midnight that marks another brief segment of our rather insignificant existence.

Christ's birth came to signify the standard for how modern time is gauged. And experts contend that important event occurred 2000 years ago, give or take 11 years.

So again, relatively speaking, our gaze is now focused on the third millennium which technically will not begin until Jan. 1, 2001.

But who's going to stand on convention and rain on a really good party?

In the big scheme of things

In the big scheme of things — the 4.5 billion years in which Earth has existed — all of this millennium hoopla means nothing. In the smaller scheme of things, where mankind spends most of its time, we are as full of ourselves as ever.

And the hype we've built around ourselves has tended to worsen the bullying aspect of New Year's Eve.

New Year's has always been one of those holidays where you are commanded to have fun. Celebrate! Everyone else is! Prove to us that you have a life beyond the newspaper; beyond the improvement projects piling up in your garage, beyond the dismal visage of an ordinary life.

"You need to get out more, have some fun. This is the end of the '90s," our family friends, Gosh and Ida Claire Bickerson, whined.

"Yes, I can see your point. I have to admit the end of the '90s is worth celebrating, if for no other reason than to end this past year's crash course in The History of Mankind. Besides, I like my life," I countered defensively.

"You just don't get it, do you?" they chimed. We bet you can't tell us why this juncture in time is so significant."

"Now, wait a minute. You'd tell me if this was a pop quiz like the one George W. got, wouldn't you?" I asked.

They both frowned.

Remembering our roots

"It's about remembering our roots," they preached.

"Well, yeah, I think I've learned more than I wanted about our roots," I said. "They're always getting into people's plumbing."

"Don't be silly," Ida Claire said. "This is the millennium. There's never going to be another moment like it in your lifetime. Live a little! Come on!"

"Haven't I told you already? I'm planning on living forever, or, at the very least, until I can pay off my children's college educations. This is how I see it: if my wife and I can develop a taste for dog food now, we might be able to scrape by after my retirement on my 70th birthday in 2027. Then, thanks to the marvels of medical science, they'll keep me alive for another 30 years so I can finish paying for college and medical bills. If my math is correct, that brings us to the year 2057. I'll now wager that I'll see 57 more New Year's bashes like the one you and millions of others will be celebrating this year."

"Yeah, but you'll savor dog food then,"

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Cartooning

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enced ups and downs. My first cartooning job was for the *Texarkana Gazette*. I drew one cartoon a week for the Sunday op-ed page and always took on a local issue. My cartooning career in Texarkana ended abruptly. The Arkansas-side school board was going through one of its periods of turmoil, and I drew two people walking through a zoo. They had stopped outside a cage where three monkeys were sitting in the "speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil" pose. In the caption, I had one of the people saying, "You know, I can't help but think of the Arkansas school board right now."

Unfortunately for my cartooning career at the *Gazette*, Gene Fields, the paper's general manager, was a very close friend with one of the school board members, who had not been amused by the cartoon. On the first day back on the job after that cartoon ran, the editor called me aside and said, "Mr. Fields said we're absolutely not to use any more local cartoons."

When I first worked for the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, I was asked to do cartoons to accompany some of the syndicated columns, such as those by Bob Greene of the *Chicago Tribune*. I submitted some editorial cartoons to John Stallings, who then was the editorial page editor. He always thanked me and then put them aside. I finally went to see him and asked why none of my cartoons ever found a spot on the editorial page. He told me he thought they were quite good, but they must not be that good because I wasn't syndicated.

Not long after that, Jim Hopson, the paper's general manager, happened to be in Mr. Stallings' office and saw the stack of cartoons I had submitted. He had a good laugh, said the cartoons were good and said he thought it would be a good idea for the *Caller-Times* to have its own editorial cartoonist. I not only had space for my cartoons until I left Corpus Christi, I was paid for my work.

In Louisiana, both at the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk* and the *New Iberia Daily Iberian*, my cartoons became regular staple on the editorial pages. It helped being in Louisiana, where the unusual is usual, where the politicians often are corrupt and revel in it. I drew more than two dozen cartoons about Alexandria Mayor John K. Snyder, who is the only mayor I know to be committed to a mental institution while in office; and the frequently investigated and sometimes indicted Gov. Edward Edwards provided plenty of fodder, and the Iberia Parish sheriff was always good for a drawing or two.

Several of my cartoon subjects I've met. Snyder once threatened to kick a certain part of my anatomy; Edwards motioned me over to him while we were among a group riding a ferry to a crawfish boil at the Port of Iberia, then just chatted about local politics; Iberian Parish Sheriff Errol Romero once called me up and cried over the phone because he said I didn't understand the pressure he was under. Musician Don Henley of the Eagles once asked for a copy of a cartoon I did about chicken magnate Bo Pilgrim, and I sent him the original. Bo Pilgrim never asked for one, although I understand he wasn't amused by the ones I did of him.

Being an editorial cartoonist is much like managing a major league baseball team — everyone out there knows what you're doing better than you do. Even in Hereford, I've received phone calls from people who have disagreed with the point of the cartoon. They always tell me exactly how the cartoon should have been done, which naturally would have changed the whole point of the thing.

I remember getting calls from a reader in Corpus Christi every time I did a cartoon about Jimmy Carter. The reader would praise the cartoon and tell me how I was exactly right in my digs at the president.

Shortly after Ronald Reagan, I drew a cartoon critical of him. The same reader called me and offered no praise. Instead, I heard, "What makes you think you have the right to make fun of our president like that?"

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Dear Editor:

Members of L'Allegria Study Club wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to members of our community who contributed to "Project Christmas Card," one of our organization's major fund raisers.

Our special gratitude also goes out to the *Hereford Brand*, KPAN Radio, and all the businesses that kept our deposit canisters.

Funds generated by "Project Christmas Card" are earmarked for the benefit of Hereford Regional Medical Center. This year's project funds will go towards the purchase of a special hospital bed for the recovery room. This is a piece of equipment that is badly needed, but not accounted for in this year's hospital budget. Our local physicians agreed that this piece of equipment would fulfill the greatest present need.

Year after year, through this and other fund-raising projects, we are reminded of the generosity of our citizens and particularly of their concern in contributing to the improvement of the quality of life in this community. Thank you for another successful year. We also would like to thank the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation.

Shelley Menke,
L'Allegria Study Club

Complacent

From Page A4

Gosh argued passionately.

They were working in tandem at that point.

"You and Lydia won't be any fun to have around. Your breath will be atrocious," Ida Claire interjected.

"This is Y2K, THE New Year's Eve. It's a once in a lifetime chance to celebrate where we've been and where we're going; the crossover between real and virtual environments, the age of digital technology, genetic engineering, nanotechnology, manned space exploration to Mars and beyond, e-investing, e-shopping, e-commerce; and let's not forget our hopes for a continuing Bull Market," Gosh added.

"And you call that progress?" I asked. "I notice you failed to mention that Beltway politicians have been rescuing Social Security from the old, education from the young, health care from the sick, and the defense budget from peace as historical pluses. Then there is: famine, war, genocide, terrorism, anarchy, social strife, New World Order, poverty, disease, the Clintons, Jesse Ventura and this year's Dallas Cowboys to fall back on as mankind's crowning achievements."

The Bickersons wouldn't budge.

"Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Newspaper people are so — strange. Why are you so skeptical? For God's sake, we can't do anything about those problems, my friend. No one has solved them since civilization truly began — since what's his face invented the

lightbulb," Gosh said convincingly. "Instead, we're going to focus on the things that make us feel better about ourselves."

"Liposuction?" I asked.

Gosh looked perplexed. "Yeah. Who told you?"

"Aren't you guys worried about the millennium bug everyone has been kneading their brow over for the past five years?" I asked.

Gosh's face brightened.

"Nah, we've rented a survival bunker and we're wearing bullet-proof vests under our party clothes," he said. "If the computers crash, what's new? And we've stockpiled a six-month supply of bottled water, beef jerky, trail mix and some past issues of *Entertainment* magazine just to be safe."

"Won't you guys please change your mind and go out with us for New Year's? It will be so much fun," Ida Claire said.

"No, we just don't have the time Ida Claire," I said. "Lydia has to vacuum the carpet before she can feel good about the coming new year. And I have to practice."

"Practice? Practice what?" Ida Claire asked.

"Well, it usually takes me about three months to learn how to write the new year on my bank checks. It may take a *minute* longer, *relatively speaking*, to learn how to properly write a check in the year 2000 for substantially less than a penny."

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Y2K? Why should we really care?

Yak, yak, yak. All we hear about lately is the "New Millennium." First off let me personally inform you — this is not a new millennium we are about to enter.

Why? Well, duh — there never was a year "00," but there was a year "01." Now that that's taken care of, let's hold the Millennium excitement until next year.

As far as 2000 is concerned, "they" say the computers are going to crash, planes will fall from the sky, water systems will become contaminated, the electricity will go out, aliens are going to come, the world is going to end. About that last comment "the world is going to end," one of my co-workers hit the bull's-eye by saying, "Let's face it, if the world ends nobody will be here to notice."

All of this hysteria reminds me of the famous Orson Wells radio program "War of the Worlds." On Halloween night 1939, Wells interrupted a radio program with a frantic alert the world was coming to an end and aliens were attacking Earth. "War of the Worlds" turned people into lunatics, hungry for survival. People packed up their most treasured items and headed out of town, running from blood-thirsty aliens. It is said one farmer in Pennsylvania walked into his backyard after hearing just a few minutes of the radio program and was so startled by a large object 30 feet in height, which he thought was an alien, stand-



Julie L. Carlson

ing in his backyard he ran for his shotgun and fired only to find out it was his water tower.

You see it's these types of people, the overreaction type, that are causing this Y2K mania. I'm not concerned about the possible power outages, the so-called contaminated water, the Boeing 757 that will land on my house, nah, none of that. However, I am worried about the gun-totin', mentally frantic shooting at water towers because they think it's an alien.

Among those insane people are the terrorists. The last place on earth I would want to be on New Year's Eve is Times Square in New York City. Now like I said, if the world ends we wouldn't know it, but when I go I don't want to be trampled on by 1,999,999 other people in an attempt to avoid tear gas and raging dogs. I love crowds and I would actually enjoy being at a place with 2 million other people, but not when the 8,000 police officers on duty are so worried about terrorist attacks they build bomb shelters in the streets of NYC, tow cars parked within a 10-block radius of Times Square and perform background checks on

any business that has leased an office in NYC within the past six months. I mentioned 8,000 police officers and two million people — the math sure

in the New Year. My advice, if you're worried about anything happening on Dec. 31 simply stay at home, watch Dick Clark, have your glass full of whatever to toast the new year with, and when the clock strikes midnight, and all the electricity goes out and the TV blue-screens don't panic because that will only start the ripple affect and pretty soon some deranged person will shoot at his own water tower. As "they" say, just a minor glitch in the system and "they'll" get it worked out.

Wishing all of you a Happy Panic-free New Year! See you next year.

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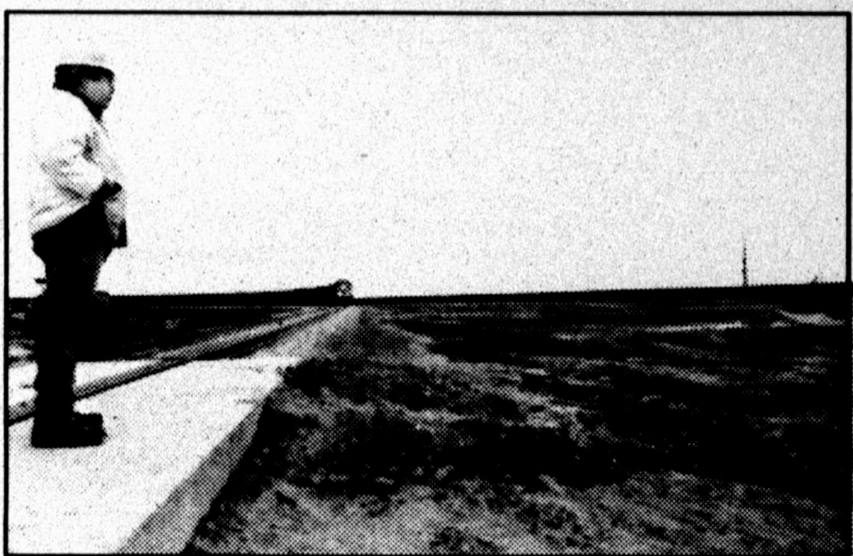
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1999 A Year In Review

Grain giants make home here



Ernest Cantu, plant superintendent at Farmland Industries, stands on the recently completed rail spur at the grain-handling complex on U.S. Highway 60, west of the city limits.

Farmland Industries, ADM to operate grain-handling complexes in the county

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Two major grain companies decided in 1999 to call Hereford home.

In August, Farmland Industries, a Missouri-based company, completed the purchase of the 10-million bushel Frito-Lay grain center east of Hereford, while Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), an Illinois-based firm, in the fall began construction of a grain complex on a tract east of Hereford.

Earlier this month, Farmland Industries completed work on a rail spur, which will allow the company to

load and unload more than 100 rail cars per day. When it completes construction sometime next month, ADM will operate a grain center with similar load/unloading capacity.

Both facilities conform to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway shuttle program requirements and will provide opportunities for Midwestern producers to supply grain efficiently and competitively to the area's traditional feedgrains market.

Farmland Industries Inc. is the largest farmer-owned cooperative in North America with 1998 company sales of \$8.8 billion in all 50 states and 90 countries. When in-

cluding Farmland's share of sales of its affiliated businesses, sales were \$11.9 billion. Focused on meeting the needs of its 600,000 farmer-owners in the United States, Canada and Mexico, Farmland is a highly diversified company with major business lines in crop marketing, and the processing and marketing of pork and beef products.

ADM, which was founded in 1905 by John W. Daniels and George P. Archer, has nine mills and 334 presses, making it the world's largest linseed oil producer.

ADM's agribusiness opera-

tions have expanded to include flaxseed, wheat milling, soybean processing, value-added products, transportation, corn sweeteners, ethanol and peanut processing.

According to a company release, the "fundamental strength of ADM has been the focus on the processing of cereal grains and oilseeds."

Among the grains and oilseeds processed at the company's plants are barley, canola, cocoa, corn, cottonseed, peanuts, rice, soybeans, sunflower seeds and wheat.

In the last year, ADM acquired four crushing plants and two refineries in Brazil

and has a tocopherol plant in Tianjin, China, which supplies raw material to the vitamin E plant in Decatur.

The company entered the transportation field in the 1960s to move its raw materials and finished products. The company's transportation network now includes 13,000 railcars, 2,250 barges and 1,200 trucks.

It now has 205 domestic and foreign plants, which process 11 cereal grains and oilseeds into a variety of products used for food, beverage, nutraceutical, industrial and animal feed markets around the world.



Archer Daniels Midland is building a grain-handling complex near the junction of County Road 1 and U.S. Highway 60 East.

HEREFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT Sexual Offender Registration



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Physical: 5'11, 165 lbs., Black Hair, Brown Eyes
Offender's Age: 20
Age of Victim: 14-year-old female



Registration Date: 12/26/99
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Address: 430 Barrett St., Hereford, Tx. 79045
Offense: Indecency with a Child
Physical: 5'8, 160 lbs., Black Hair, Brown Eyes
Offender's Age: 62
Age of Victim: 6-year-old female

If you have any questions concerning these sex offenders, or any other sex offenders, please contact Cpl. Randy Agan, Program Coordinator, in writing at the Hereford Police Department, 212 N. Lee St., Hereford, Tx 79045

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Hoop Realities

Mitchell ready to carry for Texas

IRVING (AP) — After serving as Ricky Williams' backup the last two years at Texas, Hodges Mitchell almost didn't take advantage of his turn to carry the load after the Heisman Trophy winner's departure.

Through three games this season, Mitchell had just 103 yards rushing on 37 carries. The turning point came during a talk with offensive coordinator Greg Davis after he ran for just 19 yards on nine carries against Rutgers.

"He told me that if I didn't start producing that I was going to be a third-down back," Mitchell said.

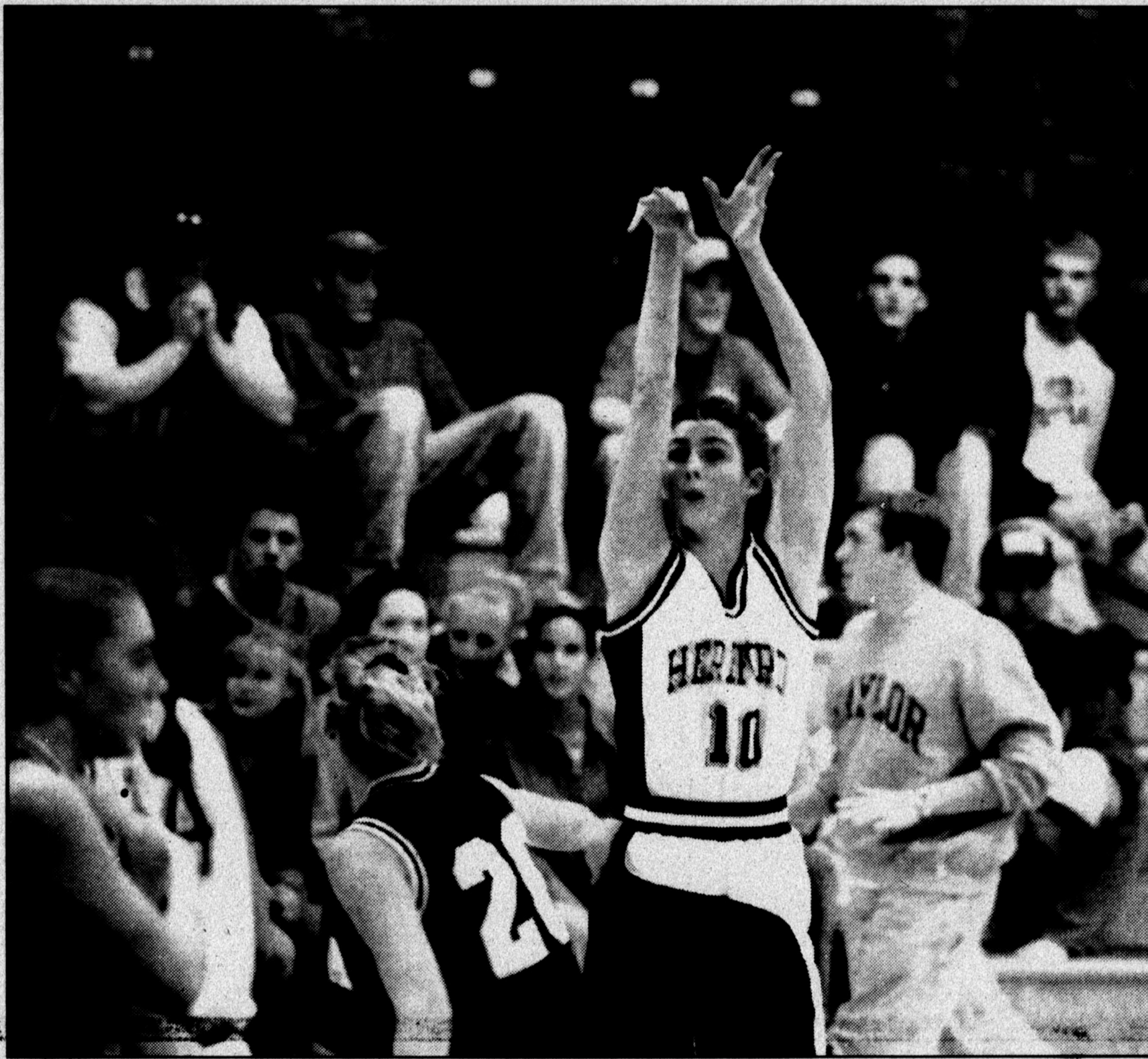
Coaches moved Mitchell a little deeper in the backfield to give him more time to pick

holes and for the blocks to develop. The switch worked as Mitchell became all-conference and helped No. 14 Texas (9-4) reach the Cotton Bowl against No. 24 Arkansas (7-4).

"I wanted to prove to the coaches that I could be an every-down back," Mitchell said. "I went out there and had a really, really good week of practice before the Rice game and then it just carried over into the game. I started from there."

Mitchell, who is from Dallas, ran for 188 yards against Rice. Six more 100-yard games followed. He finished second in the Big 12 with 1,342 yards, making him only the eighth

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Shooting 'em down — Sarah Griffin, shown here against Vega, scored 10 points against Panhandle to help the Lady Whitefaces score a 59-56 victory to take third place in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

Lady Whitefaces take third place at Caprock Tournament

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Lady Whitefaces came through the Caprock Holiday Tournament with a respectable third-place slot on Thursday.

Hereford lost a chance at a tournament championship thanks to a 76-40 loss to Lubbock Coronado.

The Lady Whitefaces seemingly had no chance against the Lady Mustangs as they were down 37-22 at halftime.

Coronado kept increasing the lead in the second half,

holding the Lady Whitefaces to 18 second-half points, while scoring 39 to run away with the victory and a spot in the tournament's championship game.

The Lady Whitefaces were led by Tori Walker, who poured in 17 points. Valerie Guzman added 8 points while Ashley Fangman contributed with 6 points.

The loss to Coronado did not shake up Hereford as they came back from the 36-point deficit to take the third-place honor.

But led by Tori Walker, the Lady Whitefaces came back from the half-time deficit to outscore Panhandle 33-27 in the second stanza to take the third-place honor.

Whitefaces improve their record to 15-5 as they prepare for Tulia Jan. 4

Lub. Coronado 76, Hereford 40

H — 10 12 14 4-40
C — 18 19 20 19-76

Hereford (14-5): Sarah Griffin 0 1-2 1; Valerie Guzman 3 1-2 8; Toni Eicke 2 0-0 4; Shyla Martin 1 0-0 2; Janee Schlabs 1 0-0 2; Ashley Fangman 2 2-4 6; Tori Walker 6-4 6 17. Totals: 15 8-15 40.

Coronado (??): Romero 4 4-4 13; Ferrucho 1 2-3 4; Lewis 1 0-0 2; Lloyd 0 1-2 4; Callaway 1 3-3 5; Clenny 3 0-0 6; Rambo 1 4-4 6; Dean 1 3-4 5; Frazier 3 1-2 7; Valek 8 6-7 22; McDonald 2 0-0 4; Craig 0 1-2 1. Totals: 25 25-31 76.

Halftime — Coronado 37, Hereford 22. Three-Pointers — Hereford 2 (Guzman 1, Walker 1); Coronado 1 (Romero 1). Fouls — Hereford 21, Coronado 15.

Hereford 59, Panhandle 56

P — 5 23 11 16-56
H — 13 13 15 18-59

Panhandle (??): N/A. Totals: 16 19-26 56.

Hereford (15-5): Tori Walker 18, Amanda Hill 10, Toni Eicke 10, Sarah Griffin 10, Brionne Yosten 2, Valerie Guzman 7, Shyla Martin 4. Totals: 20 18-24 59.

Halftime — Panhandle 28, Hereford 26. Three-Pointers — Panhandle 1 (Whitaker 1); Hereford 3 (Eicke 2, Guzman 1). Fouls — Panhandle 19; Hereford 24.

Whitefaces add more victories at Caprock Tournament

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Whitefaces ended a rather strange run through the Caprock Holiday Tournament Thursday.

Even though the Herd wound up scraping its way through the tournament field, the tourney did offer one true positive for the Whitefaces: more sorely-needed play experience prior to opening District 3-4A play, Jan. 14.

The Whitefaces defeated Lampasas 74-61 to continue play in the consolation bracket

of the tournament. After the first-round loss to El Paso Montwood, the Whitefaces have been reeling off wins against El Paso, Jefferson, Lampasas and Lamesa.

Against Lampasas, the two teams played close throughout the game, with Hereford taking a 20-17 lead after one period and extending that lead to 39-32 at the half.

Lampasas would try to make come-backs against the Whitefaces, but Hereford answered every thing Lampasas threw at them. Hereford outscored Lampasas 34-29 in

the second half to take the victory.

Slade Hodges led Hereford with 18 points. Chayse Rives added 10 points, with Eric McNutt scoring 12 and Cody Marsh added 13.

The game against Lampasas was possible thanks to another Hereford consolation victory late Wednesday night, where Hereford pounded Lamesa, 71-50 despite six 3-pointers by the Golden Tornadoes.

Hereford got rolling early, outscoring the Tornadoes 17-9 in the first period, 37-25 for the

whole half.

Lamesa again scored 25 points in the second half, but not to be denied, Hereford scored 34 in the same half to take the victory.

The Whitefaces were led by Cody Hodges' 19 points. Cody Marsh added 13 points and Slade Hodges poured in 11.

The Lampasas game would put Hereford in a match against Big Spring. Game results were not available at press time.

The Whitefaces return to action Jan. 4 at Tulia.

Hereford 74, Lampasas 61

L — 17 15 14 15-61
H — 20 19 16 19-74

Lampasas: Williams 4 0-0 10; Haynes 4 3-3 11; Wigglesworth 0 2-2 2; Penn 2 1-2 6; Carroll 6 5-7 17; Robison 1 0-0 2; Duvall 6 1-2 13. Totals: 23 12-16 61.

Hereford (5-13): Slade Hodges 6 3-5 18; Tim Didley 1 3-4 5; Eric McNutt 5 1-2 12; Cody Hodges 4 1-3 9; mMike Bedolla 1 0-0 2; Cody Marsh 6 1-4 13; Chayse Rives 2 6-6 10; Steven Northern 2 0-0 5. Totals: 27 15-24 74.

Halftime — Hereford 39, Lampasas 32. Three-Pointers — Lampasas 3 (Williams 2, Penn 1); Hereford 5 (S. Hodges 3, McNutt 1, Northern 1). Fouls — Lampasas 17; Hereford 14. Technicals — Hereford: C. Hodges.

Hereford 71, Lamesa 50

H — 17 20 16 18-71
L — 9 18 9 16-50

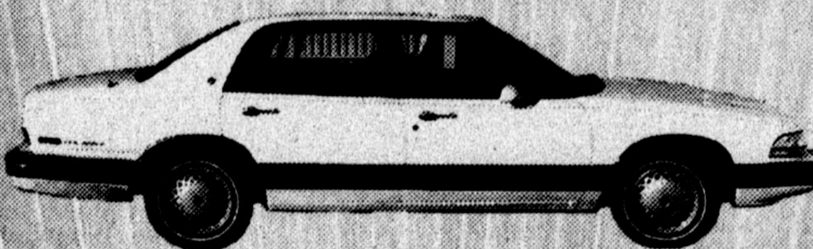
Hereford (5-12): Slade Hodges 4 2-3 11; Tim Didley 3 0-1 6; Justin Carroll 1 0-0 2; Eric McNutt 3 0-0 7; J.P. Holman 1 1-3 3; Cody Hodges 6 5-6 19; Mike Bedolla 3 0-0 6; Cody Marsh 5 2-3 13; Chayse Rives 1 0-1 2; Steven Northern 1 0-0 2. Totals: 28 10-17 71.

Lamesa (??): Brown 4 0-0 11; Roberts 6 4-9 17; Phillips 1 0-0 2; Wade 2 0-0 4; Dimas 1 1-2 4; Wade 1 0-0 2; Rickman 3 0-0 7; Morales 1 1-2 3. Totals: 21 6-13 50.

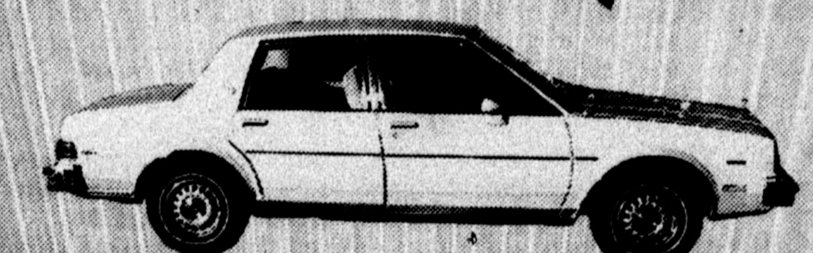
Halftime — Hereford 37, Lamesa 25. Three-Pointers — Hereford 5 (C. Hodges 2, McNutt 1, S. Hodges 1, Marsh 1); Lamesa 6 (Brown 3, Roberts 1, Dimas 1, Rickman 1). Fouls — Lamesa 17; Hereford 18.

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Razorbacks look to Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones as inspiration

IRVING (AP) — Arkansas coach Houston Nutt turned to one of the most successful Razorbacks of all time to deliver a few words of inspiration to his team 48 hours before the Cotton Bowl game with Texas.

Jerry Jones, a guard on the 1964 unbeaten Razorbacks, talked to the team for a couple of minutes.

The Dallas Cowboys owner arrived with his son Stephen, also a former Razorback.

Jones said what he told the team was private, but that he wouldn't be in the situation he is in today if he hadn't played football at Arkansas. He cited former coaches Frank Broyles and Wilson Matthews as role models.

"Make us proud," he said he told the players. "Makes yourselves proud. It's all about willing it."

"The thing I appreciate ... he's been a Razorback," Nutt said. "He's been through everything these guys have been through. He's walked the same steps to go to class, to study hall, the practice field, so he knows what it takes."

"I just wanted them to hear a little bit from him and he was great," Nutt said.

Jones addressed the team in the middle of a grass field at Nimitz High School about 30 minutes into practice.

The Razorbacks practiced the first three days of the week at Texas Stadium, home of the Cowboys, and Jones said he had tried to work it out so that the team could practice on his grass field at Valley Ranch. Jones said, however, that Wednesday and Thursday is a heavy work day for a professional team with a game on Sunday.

While on the sidelines Thursday, Jones and his son took a look at some of the Arkansas players with the NFL draft in mind.

Jones posed with three Arkansas kickers and a variety of

fans, including a man wearing a red plastic hog hat with a 2-foot radio antenna poking out the top and a small red plastic pig adorning the antenna.

The Razorbacks worked in shorts and shoulder pads after three days of hitting in full pads.

Nutt said the team worked on making substitutions and tried to simulate the first 25 plays of the game, offensively and defensively.

"Then, we concentrated hard on the kicking game and ended with the two-minute drill," he said.

Nutt said he was very satisfied.

Asked whether the team would respond positively to the hard hitting during the bowl practices, Nutt said, "You'd like to think so. I've seen it go both ways. I've been around squads where it's been helpful and seen some times where it hasn't. You don't ever know."

He said he thought the tough practices had been a real eye-opener after the Razorbacks' disappointing effort against LSU in the season's finale.

"Effort, intensity and focus — that's all you want," Nutt said. "That's all you can ask for as a coach."

Texas is favored by about a touchdown. Arkansas has not won a bowl game since the 1985 Holiday Bowl.

"The only time we really think about it is when you guys bring it up," Nutt said. He said he would rather concentrate on the fact that the Razorbacks are playing in a Jan. 1 bowl game for the second straight year.

Texas coach Mack Brown said it is important to remember that Nutt "wasn't involved in any of those (bowl losses) except one and he was playing the defending national champion, Michigan." That was last year in the Citrus Bowl.

Rockets beat lowly L.A. Clippers, 122-100

HOUSTON (AP) — Kelvin Cato had 21 points and 11 rebounds, leading six Rockets in double figures, as Houston beat the Los Angeles Clippers 122-100 Thursday night.

The victory was only Houston's third in the last 11 games and broke a two-game losing streak.

The Clippers, losing their second straight and eighth in

their last nine road games, got the first career triple-double from rookie Lamar Odom, who finished with 10 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists. Odom, however, shot only 2-for-13 from the field.

Maurice Taylor led the Clippers with 31 points and Eric Piatkowski had 24 off the bench.

Boise State beats Louisville, 34-31

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Freshman Brock Forsey rushed for 152 yards as Boise State, completing its fourth season in Division I-A, beat Louisville 34-31 Thursday in the Humanitarian Bowl.

The Big West champion Broncos (10-3), who five years ago played in the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference, matched the Cardinals (7-5) of Conference USA push for push.

Forsey, seeing the most action of his season, was named the game's most valuable player and Boise State quarterback Bart Hendricks outdueled Louisville's Chris Redman, a top NFL prospect playing his last college game.

Hendricks, who didn't have an interception, was 20-of-39 for 335 yards and a touchdown. He also seemed to come up with big plays when the Broncos needed them most, scrambling for a first down or finding an open receiver.

Forsey ran for 86 yards in the second half, with a 26-yard burst that keyed the game-winning drive. He also returned two kickoffs for 67 yards and caught two passes for 50 yards.

Redman was 26-of-47 for 314 yards but his three interceptions, one returned 80 yards for a TD by Shaunard Harts, were too much for the Cardinals to overcome. Redman, who this season established NCAA career records with 1,031 completions and 1,679 attempts, was selected Louisville's MVP.

Louisville also limited its chances by committing 14 penalties for 120 yards.

The Cardinals' final chance was a slim one after Jeff Edwards pinned them inside the 1 with a 44-yard punt inside the last 2 minutes.

When Boise State's Kareem Williams intercepted Redman's pass with 46 seconds to play, the Humanitar-

ian Bowl record crowd of 29,283 erupted in cheers while the Broncos jumped and danced on the sideline.

Boise State took the lead for good when Davy Malaythong ran up the middle for a 5-yard touchdown with 9:28 to play.

Louisville went ahead 31-27 with 12:10 remaining when Frank Moreau capped a six-play, 60-yard drive on a 3-yard scoring plunge. Redman was 4-of-4 on the drive and had another completion nullified by a penalty.

It was a frosty day under overcast skies, with the temperature at kickoff 22 degrees. The teams kept things heated up on the field, combining for nine lead changes and two ties.

Boise State scored on its first two possessions of the second half, getting field goals of 26 and 46 yards by Nick Calaycay to take a 27-24 lead with 3:30 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cardinals drove to the Broncos 5 on their first possession of the second half. Redman threw toward Lavell Boyd and Zek Parker but Boise State's Damien Schilling made the interception.

Calaycay, who missed from 49 and 45 yards on Boise State's last two second-half possessions, caught a break when his 46-yard attempt hit the crossbar and bounced over to give the Broncos the lead.

Boise State, which won the national junior college title in 1958 and the NCAA Division I-AA championship in 1980, was making its first postseason appearance since moving up to I-A four years ago.

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Toronto Raptors bite off Mavericks, 109-104

DALLAS (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 24 points and Vince Carter had 22 as the duo put on a dunking display in the Toronto Raptors' 109-104 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

Antonio Davis provided 19 points, 15 rebounds and strong interior defense to help the Raptors win their third straight and fourth in five games. Charles Oakley and Doug Christie each added 14 points for Toronto. Dirk Nowitzki scored 32 points and Cedric Ceballos

had 26 for the Mavericks, who've lost three in a row and seven of eight.

The Mavericks, who trailed by as many as 11 points in the fourth quarter, got as close as 101-98 on Nowitzki's three-point play with 1:05 left. Ceballos could have gotten Dallas even closer, but missed an open layup with 40 seconds left.

Muggsy Bogues made six free throws and Antonio Davis hit two over the final 34.9 seconds to close out the Mavericks.

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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.

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SPORTS

Royal, Broyles still command spotlight

DALLAS (AP) — Twenty-three years after retiring from coaching, Darrell Royal and Frank Broyles are back in the spotlight this week as No. 14 Texas and No. 24 Arkansas renew their once-heated rivalry in the Cotton Bowl.

"I'm a little uncomfortable with all the attention," Royal said Thursday, "but I guess I still have enough ego that I really appreciate it."

In the 1960s, Royal's Longhorns and Broyles' Razorbacks dominated the Southwest Conference and were national frontrunners.

Texas won its first national championship by going undefeated in 1963. The Longhorns were still rolling in '64 until a 14-13 loss to Arkansas that sent the Razorbacks to their only national title.

Broyles recalled that immediately after the '64 game, Royal went to the Arkansas locker room and spoke to the team.

"Congratulations," Royal said. "I hope you go ahead and win the rest of your games and win the national championship. But if you don't, we're going to be right behind you and take your place."

Said Broyles: "It meant a lot to our team and our players. They still remember

that."

The most memorable meeting is the 1969 game known as "The Big Shootout," when No. 1 Texas went to Fayetteville and beat No. 2 Arkansas 15-14. Afterward, President Nixon handed Royal the national championship trophy in the locker room.

The hype for the game began the previous summer when ABC persuaded the teams to move the matchup from October to Dec. 6, making it the last game of the regular season.

Arkansas led 14-0 until Texas rallied. The key play was a 44-yard pass from James Street to Randy Peschel on a fourth-and-3 from the Longhorns' 43. The throw was especially stunning because that was the era of the Wishbone and one of Royal's most famous one-liners was "only three things can happen when you throw and two are bad."

Broyles has never watched a tape of that game and he seldom talks about it. It is so far removed from his memory that he didn't even realize until last week that Texas was in its own territory at the time.

"That call has probably made the game last through the years as one of the great games of the century or the

half-century or whatever," Broyles said. "We're proud to have been a part of it. I don't talk about it with as much regret as I did earlier."

Although it's considered the defining moment of Royal's career, he said it's not one of his favorite memories because the Longhorns struggled so much.

"They had us snookered with the defense they were using," he said. "When I think of games that pleased me as a coach, I think of games when we had a plan and that plan worked."

Royal and Broyles met 19 times from 1958-76, then retired together. Their final game was against each other, with Texas winning 29-12.

Ten of their head-to-head games determined who would represent the SWC in the Cotton Bowl. In 11 meetings, both were in the top 20; they were both in the top 10 six times.

Neither coach misses being on the sidelines.

"I had my spot, I had my time, I had fun," Royal said. "It's a natural process. If old guys don't move aside, there's no room for young people."

Broyles has remained in charge of the football program as Arkansas' athletic director the last 25 years.

It's made him appreciate being out of coaching even more.

"It's much harder to coach today," he said. "They have all the same expectations and all the same demands, but they have additional ones, too."

Among the changes is the relationship between coaches. Few are as close as Royal and Broyles were and continue to be.

"I'm not seeing that much now with our age group," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I think we all need to look and study how they did it with class and integrity."

The schools haven't played since 1991, Arkansas' last year in the SWC before bolting for the Southeastern Conference, so the rivalry seems less fierce to today's players.

Some of the guys have never heard of 75-year-old Royal or 74-year-old Broyles. The former coaches understand that, but people who

grew up idolizing them sometimes have trouble realizing it.

"People who may have gone to Texas when I was coaching will introduce their little boy to me and say, 'This is coach Royal.' And the little kid stands there looking at me like a goat looking at a new gate. He has no earthly idea what his daddy is talking about," Royal said.

"Now his daddy is embarrassed, so I've got to console him and say it's all right. These players are the same thing. I don't think it means that much to them. The press might try to manufacture something and the coaches may try to milk it a little bit."

"But those guys may be looking at them kind of strange wondering what they're talking about."



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Longhorn to rush for 1,000 yards.

"He could have pouted and gotten angry about it, but instead he became more challenged and he stepped up," said Texas coach Mack Brown, who was college teammates with Mitchell's father. "He didn't open his mouth or say anything about it. He's been very good since then."

SINGING PRAISES: Texas coach Mack Brown and Arkansas coach Houston Nutt were extremely complimentary Thursday of the two men who built their respective programs into national powers, Darrell Royal and Frank Broyles.

Royal was in the audience and appreciated what he heard. Broyles arrived late and was sorry he missed it.

"If the coaches were so nice, I wish my wife had been here," he said. "I might get a lot more respect at home. If you've got a recording of that, I'll take it and play it for her this afternoon."

Said Royal: "My wife would say, 'That's exactly what you don't need. I have a hard enough time getting along with you anyway.'"

EARLY KICKOFF: The 10:10 a.m. kickoff will be the earliest ever for the Cotton Bowl. It also means an abbreviated New Year's Eve celebration for Texas and Arkansas coaches and players.

"As much as I would like for our players to see the grand 2000 year come in, they just can't do it, and I'm going to be right there with them," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "I told our coaches, kiss your wife a little earlier because we are going to have a nice team meeting at about 9:30 p.m. and we are going to tuck the players nicely in bed about 10."

The Razorbacks can expect a wake-up call around 6 a.m. Saturday. Last year, Texas coach Mack Brown awoke his team before dawn several days in a row to get them used to it before a 10:17 a.m. kickoff.

ARTIFICIAL PRACTICE: Even though the Cotton Bowl will be played on grass, Arkansas spent its first three days of workouts in the Dallas area on the artificial turf of Texas Stadium.

"Our guys really enjoyed being in Texas Stadium," Nutt said. "It was a tremendous lift. If anything,

that helped our practices."

The Longhorns were on a grass field at SMU.

"That ain't grass. We're on sand," Brown said. "I'm not being rude, but there's no grass out there."

Neither coach expects their practice surface to be a factor in the game.

TEXAS' BIG THREE: Texas is one of four NCAA Division I-A teams to boast a 3,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard receiver and a 1,000-yard rusher this season.

All three of the first-team Big 12 selections — sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite, junior receiver Kwame Cavil and junior running back Hodges Mitchell — could be back next season.

Applewhite, the Big 12 offensive player of the year, set school records for passing yards (3,357), touchdown passes (21), pass completions (271) and pass attempts (467). Cavil set a Big 12 record with 100 receptions and 1,188 yards and Mitchell was the league's second-leading rusher with 1,343 yards.

The other three I-A schools with productive trios were Louisville, Nevada and Western Michigan.

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A Year In Review

Weather helped, hurt farmers during year

6 Vagaries of weather conditions, low market prices, and foreign trade practices continued to plague area farmers and cattlemen in 1999, even as they began to hope for better days.

Farmers and ranchers experienced a hard year in 1998 and finally saw hope for some relief with the October rains, which broke the drought and led into an unusually wet 1999.

On the heels of drenching rains came more than 12 inches of snow, filling the playa lakes and soaking the parched fields.

As the farmers were preparing for the spring planting season, more rains came, delaying the planting or washing seed out of the ground.

With all the moisture, producers expected to be able to rebuild herds lost to the drought and hoped for little need of irrigation, but what started out as an extremely wet year, ended with dry burned fields and cattlemen adding supplemental feeds to range animals.

Precipitation totaled in at 29.12 inches — more than 12 inches above the normal — but much of the abundant rainfall fell at the wrong time or was immediately dried up by Southwest winds.

Cattlemen went into the new year needing to see major price increases for their product as well as aiming for better price reporting systems.

Cattlemen have taken sides on the beef checkoff issue, trying to decide if the \$1 per head fund is actually supporting the beef industry in a positive fashion.

Along the same lines, cattle associations have improved the marketability of traditional cuts, which were considered hard to cook and time consuming by packaging pre-cooked ready to eat meals.

All the while cattle prices remained low. The abundance of other meats and the changes in the foreign markets were blamed for some of the lowest prices in more than 20 years.

Still, Deaf Smith County feedyards set a new record by feeding nearly 1.1 million head of cattle, ratifying its claim as

the "Cattle Feeding Capital of the World."

Hereford Farmers Co-op gin renovated its structure, adding new equipment that could more than double the gin's output. By harvest time the gin had been down for a few days while management worked out a few bugs, but has since been working at full capacity.

In late October, area farmers received more than \$9.8 million in federal emergency aid to offset the detrimental weather and low market prices, which put many producers on the brink of bankruptcy.

The payments, for many recipients were just enough to guarantee they could plant again and hope for better prices and a more cooperative Mother Nature.

Although the \$8 billion farm aid package approved by Congress was supposed to give the lawmakers time to amend the "Freedom to Farm Act," as the year drew to a close, some farm state legislators were saying another assistance package of more than \$3 billion would be needed in 2000.

Good news for the farmers was bad news for City Hall

8 1999 was a wetter-than-normal year, and what is good news for farmers was bad news for the City of Hereford.

"Thanks to Mother Nature, our citizens just haven't used as much water as we anticipated. ... We still have August and September to make

up some of the deficit in water and sewer, depending on Mother Nature," Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand said in July when the City Commission began work on the Fiscal 2000 budget.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, revenues were \$264,433 below budget for the first 10 months of the fiscal year, thanks to above-normal rainfall in the spring and summer.

Also, the wetter spring and summer has seen burgeoning growth of weeds on the golf course, which has resulted in added expenditures of \$8,177



Water flies as cars move through street near the intersection of East Park Avenue and Avenue C. The water from the spring rain flowed into Dameron Park, flooding it.

for weed-control chemicals.

Although the city tightened its belt and managed to finish the year with a surplus, the amount was below what administrators wanted because the city's aging wastewater treatment plant will require significant renovation or replacement.

In an effort to comply with a state mandate, Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen sent a letter to state regulators explaining the city commissioners are reviewing recommendations about how to bring the city's wastewater treatment plant up to state standards.

Nolen's letter stated the commissioners will complete

the review by selecting a plan and notifying the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The city's wastewater treatment plant doesn't meet state standards, so the city commissioners must submit a plan to the TNRCC that will bring the plant into compliance.

The city's engineer, Oller Engineering Inc., developed recommendations to bring the plant up to the TNRCC standards. The recommendations range from adding new treatment units, renovating the treatment units or building a new plant.

The estimated cost of the recommendations range from

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Officers and employees of the new First National Bank of Hereford welcomed representatives of the Hereford Hustlers at a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month for the city's fourth bank.

Hereford's newest bank has some familiar faces

7 On Dec. 13, Hereford got its fourth bank, completing a long, tedious process that began well over a year ago.

Wade Easley, a veteran Hereford banker, is president/chief executive officer of First National Bank of Hereford, which is housed in the former Energas building in the 200 block of North Lee.

Initial capital reserves have been projected at between \$4 million and \$10 million.

A Hereford native, Easley began his career in banking

as a loan officer at the original First National Bank of Hereford; at that time, Hereford's oldest financial institution.

He served as loan officer at FNB prior to the bank's merger with the Perryton-based banking group, FirstBank Southwest.

He began formation of the new bank upon his resignation as senior vice president from FirstBank Southwest in 1998.

Initial bank charter investors, formed under the operating name of La Plata Organizational Group, included Easley and eight Hereford and

area cattle/agri-businessmen: Chris Cabbiness of BJM Sales & Service, Scott Hall of Circle 3 Feeders, Scott Keeling of Keeling Cattle Feeders, Robert D. Josserand of Aztx Cattle Co., Jim Marsh, Garth Merrick of Hereford Bi-Products and Merrick Petfoods, and Jim Perrin and Don Oppliger of Farwell.

Directors for the new bank are Cabbiness, Easley, Hall, Keeling, Barry Josserand, Marsh, Joe Perrin, John Perrin, Oppliger and Gilbert Tijerina.

The bank also formed a holding company, which operates as La Plata Bancshares.

COME TOGETHER

Chamber, HEDC sharing office space

9 There were several changes at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

The two economic development agencies did accomplish one thing they had sought — sharing office space — and both got new starts under new leadership.

In February, the city created some controversy, especially among senior citizens, when it OK'd a proposal to house the chamber and HEDC in the northwest corner of the Community Center.

The chamber board of directors, acknowledging the controversy the proposal generated, decided to drop the plan to share space with HEDC in the community center.

Instead, the chamber would purchase the building it had been renting and would build an addition and by the summer, the HEDC was renting space in the chamber building.

Under the terms of the



Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce officials Sid Shaw (left) and Chris Leonard (center) join hands with Don Cumpston of the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

rental agreement, HEDC will occupy a 450-square-foot office on the west side of the chamber building at 701 N. Main and pay \$400 per month in rent. The agreement is for one year and will be automatically renewed, unless ei-

ther party notifies the other in writing 30 days before the expiration date that it does not want to renew the contract. The HEDC also can terminate the agreement with a 60-day notice, a clause City Attorney Terry Langehenning said is not unusual for a tax-supported entity.

Under the terms of the service agreement, the HEDC will pay \$1,650 per month for a variety of services to be provided by the chamber, including postage machine/postage; copying machine; telephone and telecommunications service; office supplies; utilities; secretarial assistance; and cleaning and janitorial services.

As for changes at the helm of the two agencies, Sid Shaw, a longtime Hereford businessman, was named executive vice president of the chamber, succeeding Don Cumpston, who was appointed HEDC executive director following the resignation of Mike Hatley.



Hereford Lions Club President Stan Fry Jr. presents a plaque to Carolyn Waters, the club's Citizen of the Year.

And, there were some residents being feted

10 It was Carolyn Waters' night Feb. 18 when the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet.

Waters, who retired last spring after more than three decades as a teacher in the Hereford Independent School District, was recognized as the Hereford Lions Club's Citizen of the Year for 1998.

"For the first time in my life, I'm speechless," Waters said when she received the Citizen of the Year plaque from Lions Club President Stan Fry Jr.

Waters grew up in Denton County, Texas. She started college

at North Texas State (now the University of North Texas) in Denton, where she majored in elementary education.

In 1956, she and her late husband, Don, moved to Hereford and she went back to school to complete work on her degree.

After earning her degree, Waters began full-time teaching in 1964. In 1975, she moved to Stanton Junior High, where she taught English for two years before she worked into a position teaching Texas, American and world history.

She also began writing columns on school activities for *The Hereford Brand*.

In 1992, Waters spearheaded the organization of the Junior Historians at Hereford Junior High School. The organization seeks to provide

students who are interested in history with hands-on experience through a variety of field trips, including a road trip along the Texas segment of historic Route 66.

Under her guidance the Junior Historians began visiting patients in the Veterans Administration hospital in Amarillo, both cheering up the hospitalized veterans and learning of their military experiences.

In May, Waters was elected to the HISD school board.

The chamber banquet also



Women's Division President Kim Leonard (left) presents a bouquet of roses to Shannon Redwine, recipient of the Woman of the Year Award.

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'Hop in' to good luck with black-eyed peas

By Becky Thorn
Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is supposed to bring good luck.

Nearly anyone you ask will tell you that, but every person I asked had no idea where that tradition came from.

In doing some research on the subject, I came across an interesting article by Sue Hubbell that deals with the mysterious custom of eating "Hopping John" — black-eyed peas and rice — on New Year's Day.

African-Americans claim the tradition is their own, pointing out that it was their slave ancestors who introduced the cultivation of both black-eyed peas and rice to this continent.

Some French-Canadians insist the tradition belongs to them; a similar one exists in French-speaking Louisiana.

There is a long Latin association of the New Year with beans and good luck in France and elsewhere in Europe dating back to the Romans.

Japanese-Americans in California say their ancestors brought the custom of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day with them to this country.

Regardless of where the custom actually originated, black-eyed peas and other beans are

good, healthful food. Combining them with rice makes them even better.

Rice and beans, separately, both lack certain

common in the French-speaking Caribbean. There is a bit of a "hoppy John" sound in the pronunciation of "a pigeon" (AH PEA-ZHON).

Whether you believe any of the origins of this custom or the "good luck" superstition, black-eyed peas can be fixed in a variety of delicious ways as shown in the following recipes.

Hopping John

1 pound dried black-eyed peas
2-inch piece (about 3/4 pound) fatback
1 1/2 quarts water
1 medium onion, whole
2 1/2 cups long-grain white

rice

salt
pepper

1. Wash peas in cold water.
2. Boil fatback in a large pot of water on medium heat for about 30 minutes or until water is low and well seasoned with fatback flavor.

3. Add peas and onion and enough water to cover peas. Cook on low to medium heat for about 1 hour.

4. When peas are soft, season with salt and pepper, remove onion, and add rice. Add more water if necessary to cook rice (about 5 cups is needed). Cook for another 30 minutes and adjust seasonings. Serves 10.

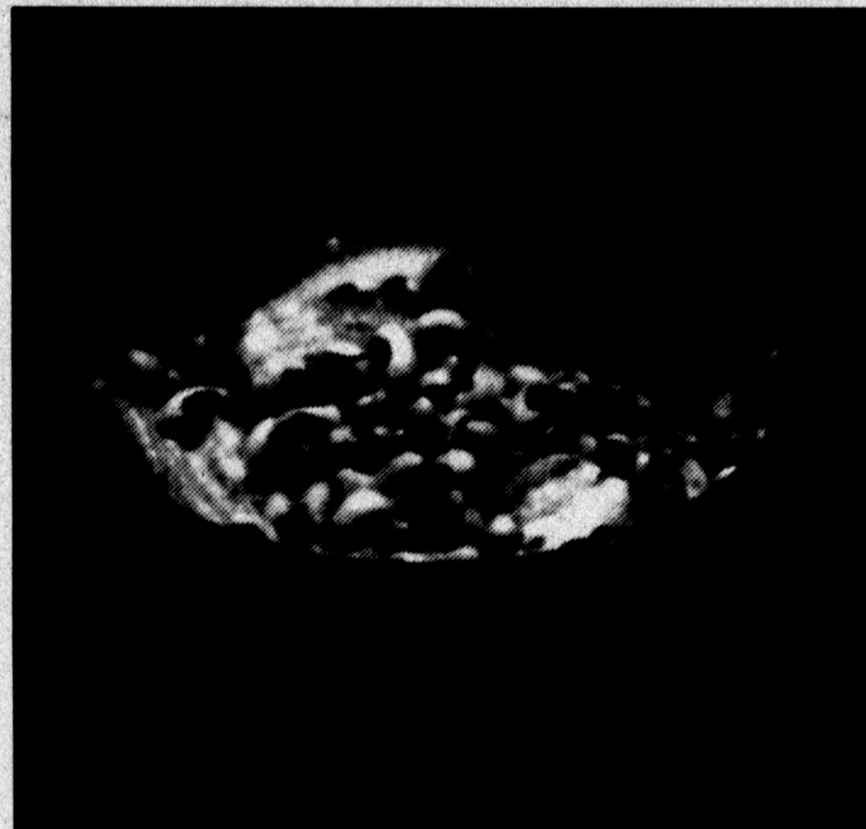
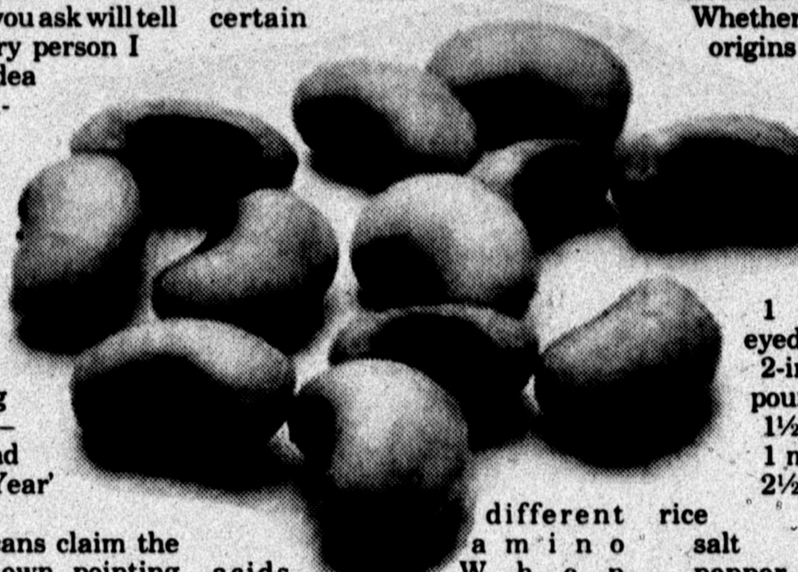
Black-eyed Peas

1 16-ounce package dry black-eyed peas
water
1/4 pound salt pork, sliced or cut into chunks
salt and pepper
1. Soak beans in water to cover overnight.

2. About 2 hours before serving: Drain beans. In 5-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, heat beans, salt pork and 2 quarts water to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1-1/4 hours or until beans are tender, stirring occasionally. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Texas Caviar

(Pickled Black-eyed Peas)
2 (15 oz.) cans or 4 cups cooked black-eyed peas, well drained
1 cup salad oil
1/4 cup wine vinegar
1 clove garlic or garlic powder
1/4 cup thinly sliced onion
1/3 teaspoon salt
Place peas in a bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Place in a covered container in refrigerator and remove garlic after 1 day. Keep at least 2 days or as long as 2 weeks before eating. May be served as an accompaniment to a buffet meal or on crackers or corn chips.



Healthful food — Black-eyed peas are good, healthful food, especially when combined with rice as in "Hopping John."

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Readers: If some lines in today's column sound vaguely familiar, you have a good memory.

They appeared in this space last year. Not much about New Year's Day has changed, so thank you for allowing me to loaf a little.

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time.

Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine.

Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Encourage some youth to do his or her best. Share your experience, and offer support. Young people need more role models and fewer critics.

Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be very hard to digest.

Find the time to be kind and thoughtful. All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might give someone a badly needed lift.

Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more.

Be kind.

Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him. Don't blow your own horn. If you've done something praiseworthy, someone will notice eventually.

Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own. Few things are 100 percent one way or another. Examine the demands you make on others.

Lighten up. When you feel like blowing your top, ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?" Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you.

The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other. Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing.

Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go.

Go to war against animosity and complacency. Express your gratitude. Give credit when it's due — and even when it isn't. It will make you look good.

Read something uplifting. Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage, why put it in your head? Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. They never go out of

style. When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

Take better care of yourself. Remember, you're all you've got. Pass up that second helping. You really don't need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll feel better and look better, too.

Don't put up with second-hand smoke. Nobody has the right to pollute your air or give you cancer. If someone says, "This is a free country," remind him or her that the country may be free, but no person is free if he has a habit he can't control.

Return those books you borrowed. Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk, pick it up instead of walking over it.

Give yourself a reality check. Phoniness is transparent, and it is tiresome. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonders of nature. A flower is God's miracle.

Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look 10 years younger. Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again. They are the sweetest words in every language. If you have love in your life, it can be the best year ever. — Ann Landers

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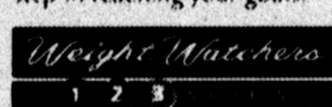
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Founder of Flame Fellowship to speak at Thursday meeting

Hereford Flame Fellowship will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 in Hereford Community Center. Marcia Kendall will be the speaker for the evening.

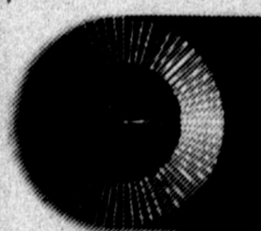
Kendall is a speaker, teacher, singer, musician,

author and consultant whose ministry has taken her throughout this country and around the world.

She is often acclaimed as one of America's most inspirational and motivational speakers.

She began a prayer and discussion group in her home in 1975 that was the birth of Flame Fellowship.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark

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Reception planned

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark of Friona will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 in Christian Assembly Church, 1100 S. Main, Hereford.

Clark and the former Bobbie Evans were married Dec. 29, 1949, in Hereford with the Rev. H.V. Fields of Avenue Baptist Church officiating.

They lived in Hereford until moving to Friona in the early 1970s.

Children of the couple are Alan, Steve, David Henry and James Clark, all of Friona, Deborah Clark Snyder of Edmond, Okla., and Bob Clark, deceased.

They have 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Couple united in double ring ceremony

Katherine Denise Ross and William Clayton Stribling were united in marriage August 14 at St. George's Episcopal Church in Texas City. The double ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dick Ivey of Plano and the Rev. Robert Bowles of Dallas, former rector of St. George's.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Ross of Texas City. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stribling of Hereford.

The bride's wedding party included Dana Ross Teaff as matron of honor, Stephanie Stanton as maid of honor, and Kalynn Teaff as junior attendant.

The groom's wedding party included Randy Stribling as best man, Robert Buzkirk as groomsman, and Ross Teaff as junior attendant.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Marjorie Rasche of Galveston, and solos were sung by the bride's father.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white silk. The hand woven brocade garden gate pattern surrounded the chapel length gown with elegant detail.

The veil's headpiece mim-

icked the garden gate pattern in an open tiara design, with satin-trimmed tulle flowing behind for the full length of the gown.

The bride's attendants wore floor length dresses of sage satin, while the junior attendant wore a complimentary floral chiffon dress.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Top Gallant Ballroom in Galveston. Beautifully decorated cakes, furnished by Rebecca Galindo of Galveston, were served following the buffet dinner. Custom floral arrangements were furnished by a friend of the family, Sherilyn Linton of Texas City, and Hope Truscott of LaMarque.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Houston and is currently employed as a Marketing and Communications Manager for a non-profit association in Dallas.

The groom is a graduate of Southern Methodist University School of Law and is currently an associate with Jenkins and Gilchrist, P.C. of Dallas.

Following their honeymoon in Scotland, the couple is now at home in Dallas.

Mrs. William Clayton Stribling
...nee Katherine Denise Ross

Resolve to enjoy favorite things more

One of the songs that was played on the radio before Christmas was a remake of "My Favorite Things" from *The Sound of Music*. I'm not really sure why this was played as a Christmas song, but I enjoyed hearing it.

It brought to mind some of my favorite things and, while I don't necessarily make new year's resolutions, thinking about what constitutes my favorite things has led me to feel I should resolve to enjoy these things more — things that make life enjoyable and give it real worth.

The sky on a clear, moonless night when a million stars are visible.

The sudden aroma of honeysuckle on a late, warm summer afternoon.

Curling up on the couch with a mug of hot chocolate, a blanket and a good book on a cold, winter day.

That softer-than-velvet feel of a horse's nose.

A yawn.

A stretch.



Becky Thorn

A sneeze.

A hearty laugh at the antics of playful puppies.

Seeing a new born calf stand on wobbly legs and find its first meal.

The last few seconds of a football game when the home team scores the winning touchdown.

A drink of cool well water on a sweltering summer day.

A thank you — given or received.

The smile of a stranger. The smile of a friend. The smile of that special loved one.

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Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 1999.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gens. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1897, Brooklyn, N.Y., was on the eve as a separate entity before becoming part of New York City.

In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1974, Americans were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the last time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United States.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people died in a fire aboard a DC-3 while they were en route to Dallas for a New Year's Eve performance.

In 1986, fire killed 97 people in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, 39-year-old son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colo-

rado.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir fired Science Minister Ezer Weizman, accusing him of meeting with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Five years ago: Bosnian government officials and Bosnian Serb leaders signed a U.N.-brokered cease-fire agreement. Russian ground forces launched a ferocious assault on the Chechen capital of Grozny.

One year ago: Europe's leaders proclaimed a new era as 11 nations merged currencies to create the euro, a shared money they said would boost business, underpin unity and strengthen their role in world affairs.

Today's Birthdays: Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal is 91. Folk and blues singer Odetta is 69. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 62. Actress Sarah Miles is 58. Rock musician Andy Summers is 57. Actor Ben Kingsley is 56. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 55. Fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is 53. Actor Tim Matheson is 52. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 52. Singer Donna Summer is 51. Actor Joe Lualaba is 51. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 48. Actor James Remar is 46. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 41. Actor Val Kilmer is 40. Singer Paul Westerberg is 40. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 36. Pop singer Joe McIntyre (New Kids on the Block) is 27.

Thought for Today: "The past at least is secure." — Daniel Webster, American statesman (1782-1862).

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Montano, a 1996 graduate of Hereford High School, joined the Marine Corps in April 1999.

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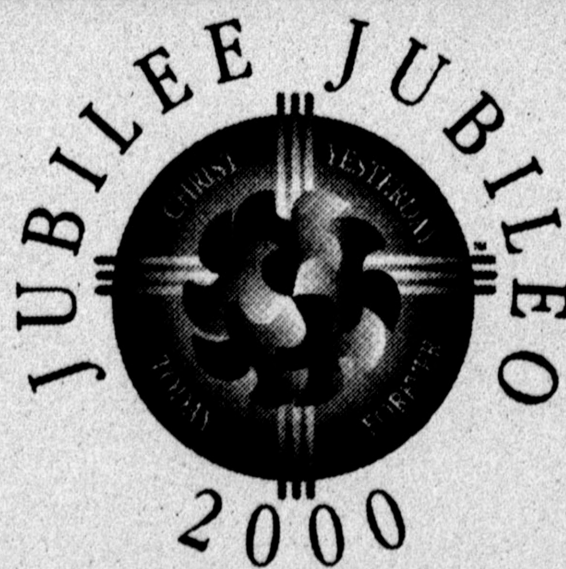
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will be one of the most important moments in the history of the lives of all of us who are on earth to celebrate it — it is the beginning of a JUBILEE — a HOLY YEAR! Let's begin with prayer and celebration.

You are invited by **St. Anthony's Parish** Families to join in our "Celebration of Liturgy" 11:00 p.m. Bring your BELLS to ring at midnight, a New Year, a New Century.

We will continue our celebrating in the school gym/cafe with Food, Fun, Games, and Music by Bill Sava.

May His love fill your heart with Joy and Peace this "Jubilee Year" 2000



CHURCH NEWS

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SAN JOSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
All are invited to come and worship and pray with us as we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany. Our Liturgies are Saturday at 6 p.m. (Spanish), Sunday 9 a.m. (Spanish) and 11:30 a.m. (English). TYM (Total Youth Ministry) will gather Wednesday at 7 p.m. Cursillistas will have their weekly Ultreya immediately after the 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday. Cursillistas and non-Cursillistas are invited. The San Jose Prayer Group will hold its meeting after the 7 p.m. Mass on Thursday. All are invited.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Happy New Year-Century-Millennium.
What better way to welcome 2000 than to gather as a family for Holy Communion on this Second Sunday after Christmas? This is how FOB will engage Y2K: by eating bread and drinking wine. When we do this we affirm that we are connected by our hunger for that which is spiritual. When we do this we affirm our utter dependence on the One who gives us bread and wine. When we do this we affirm that the Divine has walked and continues to walk with and among us as bread and wine/flesh and blood. At FOB, Holy Communion is a ritual for all. Not one, single, person is ever excluded. The only exclusion is the one who chooses to exclude herself/himself. But that person remains loved, valued and honored. FOB is a multidimensional gathering of people. We seek to be honest, open, candid, and authentic in our living and in the expression of our faith. We consider ourselves to be on a journey and we welcome any that might want to travel with us. We have more questions than answers and are quick to admit we have no corner on the truth. At 9:15, FOB drinks and eats: coffee, soft drinks and homemade food prepared by her members. At 9:30, a unique and challenging Sunday school is provided for all ages. Older teens and adults do a thing called "Forum." Forum is an open-discussion, dialogue-type gathering. This week we may discuss the meaning of "Kwanzaa," or the auctioning of model's eggs to those who seek beautiful babies or perhaps the events of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. First Sundays are always Hereford Food Pantry Sundays. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them under the Communion Table. No offering plate is passed at FOB. A supervised nursery is available at all services. FOB is located at 245 N. Kingwood (at Moreman).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Church extends a warm welcome to their morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday. Patrick Hayes, lay leader, will be the guest speaker examining "Vision for 2000" based on Ephesians 4:15-16. Flint Dollar will render "Joy to the World" as a piano solo during the early service and Lisa Conaway will present "Morning Has Broken" as a piano solo for the second service. Singles Mingle will meet at Mrs. Abalos Restaurant for lunch after Sunday's worship services for lunch and fellowship. Everyone, whether single or not, is welcome to join the group. Upcoming activities planned by the group include a book discussion session at 3 p.m. on Jan. 16 at 225 Beach of Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation." All are welcome to come for the discussion, whether you have finished reading the book or not. Call Carole McGilvary at 364-0718 if you need a copy of the book. United Methodist Men will convene for a breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. Jan. 9 in the Fellowship Hall. United Methodist Women will conduct a pledge service led by president Helen Langley, beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The service will be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Junior high and senior high youth will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Sanctuary Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Caring Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the church library. Winners of the Sunday School Scramble will be honored at the Banquet of Champions on Jan. 9. Members of the non-winning classes are asked to bring covered dishes to feed the winners.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel and Pastor Erik Stadler invite you to come worship with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We are located at the corner of Avenue B and Park. We hope to have you join us at any one of our services or activities at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Immanuel Lutheran Church at 364-1668.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Ted Taylor and the Nazarene congregation invite you to join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday for our morning worship service. Pastor Ted's message will be "Principles You Can Build Your Life On."

We would love for you to be here for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We have all the children's grade classes and a number of adult classes for you to choose from.

Starting this Sunday night, for five weeks, there will be a class on living counter-culturally like the early church in the book of Acts.

Wednesday evening at 7, Pastor Ted begins his study on "David."

On New Year's Eve there will be a special Children's Church and a Praise and Worship Service with a powerful video, "Celebrate Jesus 2000-Hope for a New Millennium," at 7 p.m. Following the service, we will have a potluck supper, open gym and table games.

This Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Children's Church will have Movie Sunday. Word Rangers and the puppet team will meet Wednesday from 7-8:15 p.m.

For the teens, Team Ministry Teams will meet at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room followed by Sunday Night Live in the gym. Susie will hold her Bible study at 10 a.m. on Jan. 7 and 14 in the sanctuary. A nursery is provided.

Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care is open on Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m. For more information, call NKK at 364-8161 and talk to Monica Holcombe.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates The Feast of The Epiphany. The scriptures are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-6 and Matthew 2:1-12. All are welcome to worship with us at St. Anthony's liturgies at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.

All are invited to spend a festive New Year's Eve beginning with liturgy at 11 p.m. followed by food and fun. Bring bells from home to ring in the new year, new century and new millennium.

An Epiphany brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 5 in the Antonian Room. The food will follow prayer and a brief study time.

The Second Annual Follies will be held Jan. 23, starting with the noon meal. All high school youth who are interested in being involved in the show are asked to be in the cafeteria at 4 p.m. this Sunday.

Retrouvaille, a weekend retreat for hurting marriages, will be held at Bishop DeFalco Center Jan. 21-23. Call 353-9513 for more information.

Amarillo Right to Life will hold its annual Walk for Life on Jan. 22. Call 372-9993 for details.

Women at the Well, a spirituality group for women will present "The Power of Freedom: The Bent-Over Woman," from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 24. Call 383-1811 to learn more.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The friendly folks of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our fellowship and service of worship. At our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, Rev. Edward Freeman will preach a sermon titled, "Served by the Best." The Bible lessons are Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Mark 26:26-29. Communion will be celebrated this Sunday.

We have a variety of Sunday morning classes for all ages and for people with special challenges as well as mid-week Bible studies and a men's book study. Come and take part in the opportunity to grow in faith and increase in love.

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

Junior and Senior High youth groups meet at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church with youth director Doug Gurniford.

Prayer Group gathers in praise and intercession at 6 p.m. Monday.

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

Youth and children's Wednesday night program, LOGOS, meets from 5:15-7:15 p.m. Dinner is served.

The Sanctuary Choir meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday for practice.

All men are welcome to join Mike Schueler for a light breakfast and book study of "The Man in the Mirror" by Patrick M. Morley Friday at 6:45 a.m.

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

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Temple Baptist Church congregation and the pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, invite everyone to join them Sunday morning for worship. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening join us for prayer and Bible study as we do throughout the year. Temple Baptist will be happy to pray for your request anytime in the year 2000.

Starting Jan. 9, we will once again have new sessions for Adult Discipleship Training and for the 1st-6th graders in TeamKID. The new TeamKID theme is "God's Way, My Way." TeamKID will meet Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Discipleship Training is at 5:45 p.m.

Make your New Year's resolution to take part in Bible study and worship with God's people every week. Happy New Year from your friends at Temple Baptist Church.

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

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

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

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Josue D. Garza, pastor, and Ben Gonzales, minister of youth, invite you to the bilingual services at Templo El Calvario.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday youth services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7.

There is a children's service during the Sunday and Wednesday evening

services. A nursery is provided for all services. For more information, call 364-5686.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

There will be no meetings for Acteen youth, R.A.s or G.A.s until the end of January.

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

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

BARN CHURCH

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

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

Check the schedule of events in this month's newsletter to find out about January activities at Barn Church.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship follows at 11. Rev. Bulin's sermon title will be "What Should Christians Expect in the Third Millennium?" from II Peter 3.

The evening worship service is at 6. The sermon title will be "Stars and Candlesticks" from Revelations 1:20-2:29.

The Ladies Prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Monday. There is no choir practice Monday but the Music Committee will meet at 6 p.m.

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

Women on Mission will meet every Wednesday at noon. All women of the church are invited to bring your lunch and meet in the fellowship hall. The Children on Mission will meet on Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. All children through the 6th grade are invited.

Wednesday night prayer service is at 6:30. If you have a prayer request call the church office at 364-1564.

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

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

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rejoice always. Of His Kingdom there will be no end.

We extend a cordial welcome to our visitors and newcomers. All baptized persons are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

All services are directed by The Rev. Lamuel Salik.

Children's Sunday school and adult Bible study begin at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. is the Second Sunday after Christmas Day worship service with prayers, Bible readings, sermon and Holy Communion.

Refreshments and fellowship take place in the Parish Hall after the Sunday services.

The Wednesday night Litany of Healing Service starts at 7 with the Laying on of Hands and Communion. At 7:45, there is Bible study and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

There will be an 11 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Service at St. Thomas. Please come join us.

In case of emergency call Jerre Clark at 364-0943.

Anyone in need of pastoral service including counseling or visiting or any questions, please call Father Salik at St. Thomas 364-0146, home 364-57008 or cellular 346-3485.

If you need a ride to church, call 364-0146 and leave a message.

GENESIS CHURCH

Pastor Jesse Rincones and the congregation of Genesis Church invite you and your family to join in worship and praise this Sunday. Our Spanish speaking service begins at 9 a.m. followed by Bible study classes for all ages at 10 a.m. Our English speaking service begins at 11 a.m. You are invited to make plans and bring the entire family to worship together with us.

Membership class, Genesis 101, is at 6 p.m. Sunday for all who would like to be part of this church family, current and new members. Come and discover God's love and purpose for you. You will be comforted and challenged by the word of God, spoken through Pastor Jesse. God has something special prepared for you.

The church is located just outside the city limits on N. Hwy. 385. Please accept this as a personal invitation for you and your family from Pastor Rincones. For more information call 364-2034 or 364-5765.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

Sugarland Mall
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services are at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

18th and Avenue H
The members of New Hope Church of the Nazarene and their pastor Tony de Aquino invite you to worship with them.

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

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Travis Curry and the members of Bible Baptist Church would like to invite you to worship with us each Sunday morning at 10 for Sunday School and at 11 for the worship service. We also meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

We would like to be a blessing to you and to your entire family.

We are located at 1204 Moreman, on the corner of Greenwood and Moreman. If you need more information or transportation, please call 364-3102 or 364-5157.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Those of us at Westway Baptist urge each of you to join with us as we worship. Each week we are blessed by joining together in prayer, praise and worship.

Come and be encouraged as Pastor Mark Purifoy preaches Christ and Him crucified, arisen and alive.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 and Sunday evening Bible study is at 6.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor Mike Sullivan and the church family of Hereford First Assembly of God would like to invite you to worship with us this Sunday in our morning worship service at 10:45.

Our evening worship service at 6.

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts served prior for all those that come early to solve the world's problems. Preparational prayer begins 30 minutes before the services.

During the week, our Ladies Burning Bush group meets for prayer and study on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and our Royal Rangers and Missionettes programs meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday is Family Night, with Team Trinity Youth, our Children's Service, and our mid-week prayer and Bible study for adults in the sanctuary. All that starts at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

If you have a home church, be faithful to it. If not, come be with us or any of the great churches here in Hereford. You and your family need to be impacted by the love of Jesus Christ. If you need a ride, prayer, or general information, please call 364-0305. At First Assembly, you come in to worship, but go out to serve.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The year 2000 will hold many surprises for people, including the church. But one thing is certain, God's plan for the church has always been total and complete victory. How do we prepare ourselves for the battles and victories ahead? Join Pastor Brady Boyd this Sunday as he delivers a message entitled, "Consecration for Today." Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. at 401 W. Park Ave. and professional childcare is available.

Trinity Fellowship believes in a passionate expression of worship that glorifies God, a commitment to prayer and service and a devotion to developing a lifelong intimacy with Christ.

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. and is designed for children and adults of all ages. We have one adult class that focuses on the Holy Spirit and another that focuses on the marriage relationship.

Son Seekers children's church and Sunday school is a true worship and teaching experience designed just for children.

Each Sunday night, our youth meet for ministry and worship at 6. This is a special time of praise and worship, teaching and fellowship that will encourage your teens to radically serve Jesus.

The next citywide worship service will be Jan. 16 at Trinity Fellowship Church and will feature Roger Hodges and his worship band. The service will also be a time to pray for the sanctity of life and healing for those who have suffered from the pain of abortion.

Youth Breakthrough 2000 is scheduled for Jan. 22-24 and Jan. 26 at four different local churches. These youth services will feature worship, prayer and a message from Dave Boyd of Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday at 6 p.m. Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18-years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups. For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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

The following is the regular schedule of services.

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

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

A nursery is provided during all services.

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

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of Frio Baptist Church welcome all to worship with them. The church is located 5 miles south of Hereford on Hwy. 1055.

For more information call 276-5380 or 276-5616.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church. We have Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at 7 there is prayer meeting at the church, and the "in home" youth group, RU4 HIM. There is also a women's prayer group that meets at 2 p.m. Thursdays.

We don't look alike. We don't act alike. We don't dress alike. We aren't all the same color. We are all alike in wanting to welcome new people and love them, so please feel free to join us in worshiping and seeking the Lord. You can also call 364-0974, 364-2284 or 364-7342 for more information.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages. We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would like to invite everyone to hear, "In Search of the Lord's Way," by Mack Lyon each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on Channel 4, Amarillo.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us.

Our minister is Tom Bailey.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastor Armando Pinales and his wife, Nilda, would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.

Wednesday night Bible study is at 7.

Youth service is at 7 p.m. Friday.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

If you need prayer call 363-0104.

God bless you. See you in church.

We are located at 503 E. 13th St.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.

For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Charles Ellingburg invites you to come and worship with the Dawn Baptist Church.

Sunday School classes for anyone from Nursery through Adult III begin at 10 a.m. Adult III will still be studying Jonah. Everyone is welcome for Sunday school.

Sunday morning service is at 11.

Evening service starts at 6 with singing of favorite hymns.

Wednesday night at 7 is Bible study with a fellowship dinner.

We are still praying for the growth of our church and 10 new members.

If you need a church to worship and hear the Word, then Dawn Baptist Church is the place for you. If you have further questions, you may call Pastor Ellingburg at 258-7330.

Editor's Note regarding Church News

The Hereford Brand publishes Church News items as a community service. Churches in Deaf Smith County are invited to submit information about upcoming church activities for publication in the Church News listing. Information must be submitted to the Brand offices by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday's paper. News items may be edited for length.

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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Don Taylor

A New Year, a New Opportunity, a New You.

I admit it. I am a collector of stuff. By definition stuff, "any kind of matter," "personal belongings," and "worthless objects."

My stuff qualifies under the first two definitions, but my wife and I disagree over the third. I feel that my stuff is valuable. She is not so easily convinced.

In my collection are several 1950's and 60's 45 r.p.m. records.

One of my favorite is a Jerry Fuller song titled, "It's up to you." Rick Nelson recorded it on the Imperial label in 1962.

Since this is the first column of the new year, the song title - It's up to you - would be a good foundation for dealing with the future. You can decide what kind of year it's going to be. Will it be a rerun of the ho-hum or will it be the most prosperous and exciting year you've ever had? Take your pick - it's up to you.

Take this challenge

I encourage you to try this seven-step challenge as the new year begins. I'll be your partner. You can drop me quick note during the year to let me know how it's going.

Step One - Take a personal inventory. Here are some starter questions. Do you have any habits you'd like to break? What skill or skills would you like to develop? What income would you like to earn? What pressure or stress would you like to eliminate? What dream would you really like to accomplish this year? etc.

Step Two - Identify one or more things you'd really like to change. Don't pick too many or you'll lose your focus before you get started. Begin with one or two really important items.

Step Three - Write them down. Trust me on this one. There is power in the written word. Write your items as goals. Make a copy for your purse or wallet. Make a copy for your desk or work area. Put a copy in your car. Look at your list often. Remind yourself that these are important goals.

Step Four - Use the S.T.A.R. System. For you to really accomplish your goals they must be Specific, Trackable, Achievable and Realistic. Don't forget to establish a time frame. Most of us work

better when we have a specific deadline or completion date.

Step Five - Create an action plan. Break your goals down into smaller, more easily measured steps. For example, if you want to write a book, first create an outline of chapters and their contents. Don't try to write the entire book at once. If you completed just one page per day you would write 365 pages a year.

Step Six - Identify barriers and sources of support. Yes, you will have obstacles to overcome. The most worthwhile progress doesn't come easy.

I often find family and friends to be sources of support and encouragement. However, if your family and close friends aren't supportive, don't give up. Keep looking until you find someone with common interests.

Step Seven - Commit to the process and visualize the end result. The number one reason why people fail to achieve their goals is that they are not committed to the process. Don't quit. Don't give up. Take one more step. Try one more time. Sometimes it helps when you hit those tough spots to visualize your ultimate success. See yourself as the victor, and give it one more shot. Remember that elbow grease is the best lubricant for success.

I do want to hear from you when you accomplish your goals. Just drop a note to: Don Taylor, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105. And remember, it really is up to you.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Mart. You can reach him at Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Some Books Worth Reading

Between the Covers

BY REBECCA WALLS

We have made it through the year. Looking back in review, what special things happened that you want to remember forever? For me a few highlights were: my parents 52nd wedding anniversary, my daughter's wedding and our first Thanksgiving in their new home and giving testimony before a Senate Committee regarding public library funding.

I consider myself very lucky to have both of my parents living and in good health. As my brother-in-law put it "the man is 77 years old and still hauling 100 pound sacks of feed around, and that is remarkable."

He is right. It is nice that we are all able to go to their house for Christmas and are expected to spend the night to rest, relax and have fellowship.

I consider myself lucky to see my daughter married to a young man that has become a part of the family. It seems like Russell has always been a part of us. I like the way he treats my daughter, with love and respect and allows her to reciprocate. Celebrating Thanksgiving in their home was something I would like to do again.

Becoming more involved in library issues on a larger scale has presented me with different and exciting opportunities, such as testifying before a Senate Committee. I do believe in libraries and the opportunities and services that libraries offer all residents in Hereford, Texas and the United States.

I believe in libraries because of the information and technology that is available to all residents regardless of their age or socio-

economic standing. I believe in libraries because without them I would probably be more deeply identified in the "have not" group, not only because I wouldn't have a paycheck, but because of the sheer pleasure one receives through reading, losing ones self in a different world for a short time.

Not only do I believe in libraries but I am proud to begin the year 2000 involved and employed in libraries.

I want to begin the new book list this week with the book *Oh, God, Where are you?* By Abie Abraham.

This book was presented to our library as a gift from the author. On the first page of the book the author wrote, "In memory of Pat Stagner. Pat gave so much and should be remembered for his sacrifice," signed Abie Abraham, 7 December 1999.

There was a letter sent with the book asking that we contact Pat's family to let them know that he is mentioned in the book. Abie provides a memorial for some of the heroes of World War II who fought in the Philippines.

In April of 1942 an order was issued by the Japanese Army when Bataan fell that "every troop whether he surrendered or not, and any American captives who are unable to continue marching all

the way to the concentration camp should be put to death in the area 200 meters off the highway."

Colonel Nubuhiko of the Japanese Army said.

Millions of people were shocked when they heard the stories of the Bataan "Death March" and millions asked if the stories were true.

Could the Japanese really be that cruel? This book tells the spellbinding, true story of the atrocities suffered on the Death March and other realistic accounts of the events that took place in the Philippines from Dec. 7, 1941-1942 when Abraham returned to the United States.

Abie's accounts of death are "balanced by poetic descriptions" of men striving to survive. The faith of many persevered to see them return to "God's Country" while the ghosts remained behind.

The Shell Game by Carol O'Connell is another Mallory novel. It is set in New York City and on live TV the recreation of a legendary magic trick is about to be viewed by millions. But something terrible goes wrong and with millions of viewers watching, a man is murdered.

The police rule it an accident, a trick gone horribly awry. There are two people however that know it was not an

accident. One is an aged magician in a private hospital in upstate New York. The other is thrilled with the worthy performance of murdering a man while millions watch.

Kathleen Mallory, once a child of New York City streets, is now a New York City policewoman with a ferocious inner compass of right or wrong. To Kathleen the accidental death was too dramatic and showy to have happened by chance. Kathleen is convinced

that the person responsible loves the spectacle. Kathleen knows this murder is only the beginning, but where and when will he strike again?

For many readers who are waiting for the next book in their Christian fiction series we have: **The Peacemakers** - volume 8 of the American Family Portrait by Jack Cavanaugh.

Separate Roads - volume 2 of the Ribbons West Series by Judith Pella and Tracie Peterson.

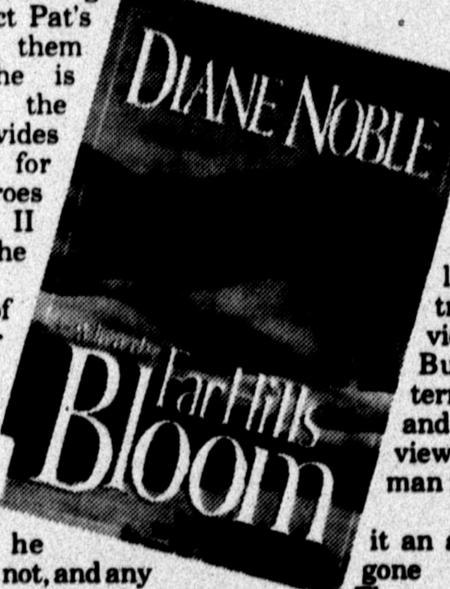
When the Far Hills Bloom - the 1861-1863 volume of the California Chronicles by Diane Noble.

Every Little Thing About You - book 1 of the Yellow Rose Trilogy by Lori Wick.

Other titles of interest are: **High Tide** by Jude Deveraux, **The Killing Game** by Iris Johansen, and **Why Employees Don't Do What They're Supposed To Do and What To Do About It** by Ferdinand F. Fournies.

OH, GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?

ABIE ABRAHAM



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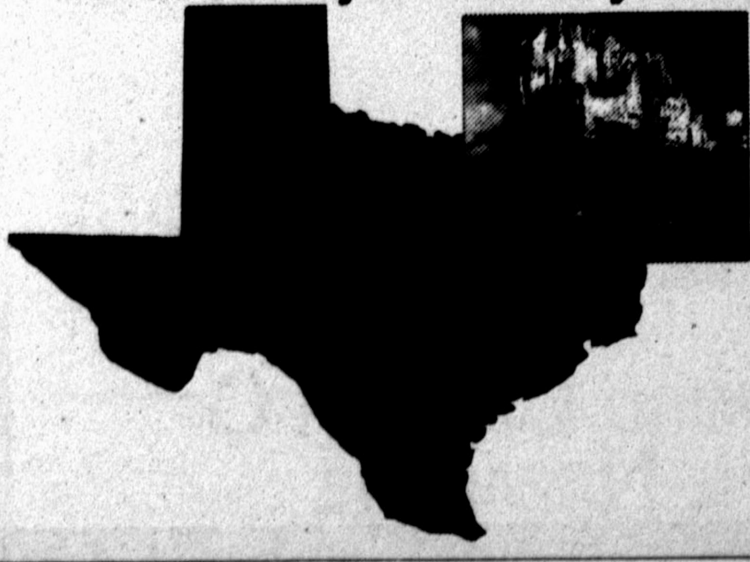


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Altered crops spark debate

Gowers produce for consumers, need to protect investments

DALLAS (AP) — The growth of genetically modified crops from the agricultural lab to the world's farms has sparked a debate. Opposition largely has come from the European

Union, where activist groups, retailers and consumers want mandatory labeling of foods containing genetically engineered products.

And although the U.S. government has not determined that biotech foods are harmful, the stakes in the debate are high for growers in Texas, where more than half of the corn, soybeans and cotton

comes from genetically altered seed.

"I'll do whatever is necessary to make our product agreeable to the consumer," said Harlan Huffman, who farms with his wife, Hope, and son, Kevin, near McGregor in Central Texas.

"In some cases, perception is reality. I'm very concerned about what our customers want and say," Huffman told The Dallas Morning News.

Companies such as Monsanto and DuPont have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to develop seeds with traits that protect plants from pests, herbicides and pesticides. As a result, farmers now rely upon biotech strains of corn, cotton and soybeans that help reduce costs of fighting weeds and pests.

But recently, some manufacturers such as baby-food makers Gerber and Heinz have said they would try to keep their products free of genetically modified ingredients. And Archer Daniels Midland Co., an international food-processing conglomerate, has instructed suppliers in the Midwest to segregate biotech grain from that grown conventionally.

In Texas, most farmers aren't cutting back just yet on planting the biotech strains of key crops, according to The News.

"I think there is concern among producers that the dialog is more fear-based than science-based," said Steve

Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers Association in Lubbock. "The level of concern is much higher now than it was six months ago."

Most of the cotton grown on the West Texas high plains is from modified seed, which Verett said would likely continue in 2000 and beyond.

However, he thinks the biotech issue is making producers "assess the need for it."

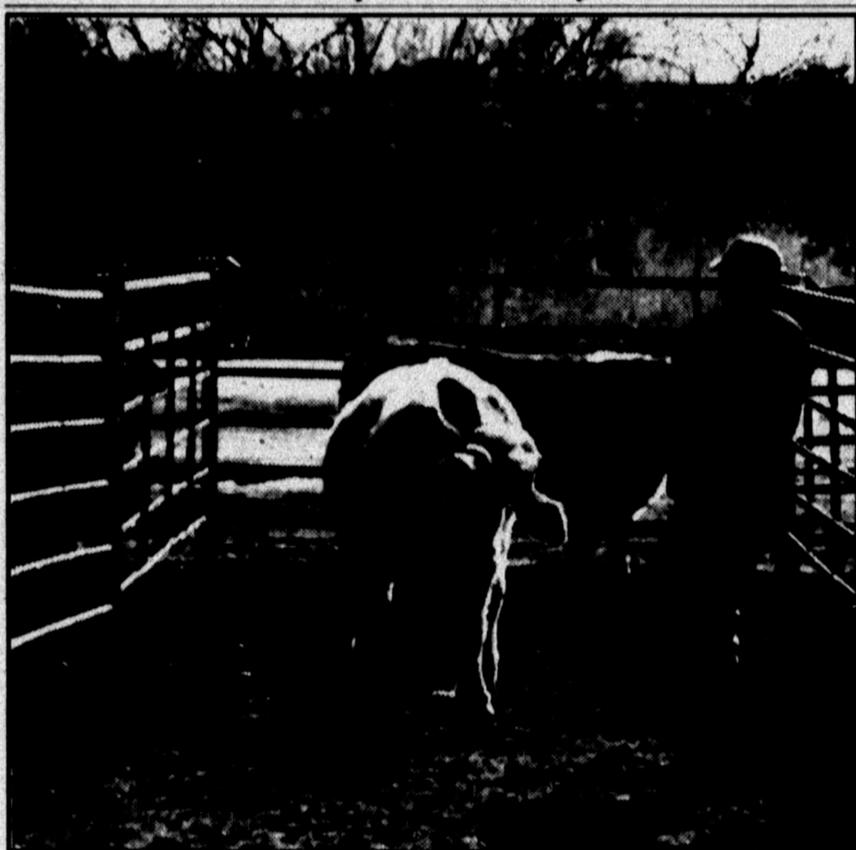
In a Monsanto survey of about 100 Texas cotton producers who have used biotech seed, 97 percent said they intended to replant the crops.

While the biotech crops have not been proved harmful, there are plenty of concerns.

Some observers worry that insects could build up a resistance to bio-engineered crops, and some scientists believe that the genetic process could have the unintended effect of boosting natural toxins or reducing nutrients in some foods. Others fear that some people could be allergic to certain proteins introduced into biotech foods.

Several years ago, soybeans altered with a gene from a Brazil nut caused a reaction in individuals who were allergic to Brazil nuts — and therefore were never marketed.

Earlier this year, researchers at Cornell University determined that pollen from the so-called "Bt" corn can kill monarch butterflies, a cousin of the corn borer.



The stock show's when? — The Hereford Young Farmers Stock Show and Sale is only slightly more than three weeks away and Nelson Beville has his work cut out for him as his steer project has no desire to take a walk at the end of a lead. Beville said the young animal has come a long way, but it looks like he's got a long way to go yet.

AEIS, Ag department renew energy contract

Special to the Brand

The Alternative Energy Institute and the United States Department of Agriculture have announced a new five-year contract that continues their long-standing cooperative agreement.

AEI has had a cooperative agreement since 1976 with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Bushland for research and development of renewable energy for rural applications. Recent projects were the evaluation of wind and solar water pumping systems for livestock, irrigation and single-farm or small-village water supplies.

Under the new agreement, USDA has committed \$50,000 in federal funds for the fiscal year 2000, while AEI will provide expertise and hardware for renewable energy research that will be conducted primarily at the ARS Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland with a focus on hybrid systems.

"This continued cooperation for renewable energy research in Texas ties in well with Texas' recent emphasis on renewables, a state mandate for 3-percent of electric production by 2009," said Dr. R. Nolan Clark, ARS director.

The amount of USDA funding for each of the remaining four years of the agreement will depend on what research projects the USDA opts to pursue, said Ken Starcher, assistant director for AEI.

"This has been a long-term project between AEI and the USDA, and every year the contract varies," Starcher said. "In the first year of this agreement, we'll be primarily working in three areas: large water pumping that can supply the needs of a small village; more small wind water pumping; and wind-diesel (hybrids) combinations for isolated villages."

The use of renewable energy has come a long way in the past 10 years, according to Starcher, who noted that several business sponsored renewable energy related booths at the 15th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show Nov. 30-Dec.2 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

"Ten years ago, you might have seen one booth set up like that. Now we see all kinds of entrepreneurs setting up in businesses related to renewable energy," Starcher said. "The

growth of the industry has gone a long way beyond the research phase."

Established in 1977, AEI conducts research and development in the use of alternative sources of energy including wind, solar and biomass. AEI's program includes data collection, research and feasibility studies, developing and testing prototype systems, establishing a center for collection and distribution of information and education to students and others through research, seminars and courses.

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A full day of presentations and workshops awaits vegetable growers Jan. 18, at the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford.

Topics will include pesticide laws, working with large retail chains, water management and crop health, said conference officials.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center with the conference running 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a luncheon provided by the Deaf Smith County 4-H Parents Association.

Participants can earn CEUs toward their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisors can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certification.

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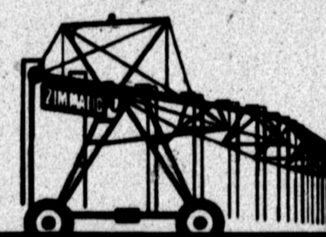
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SATURDAY, JAN. 15, 2000 - SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.

Jay Harrington - Owner
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TUESDAY, JAN. 18, 2000 - SALE TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Sandra Hill - Owner
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Adair Elam - Owner
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SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 2000 - SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.

James Higgins - Owner
Located: Hereford, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment

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Roddy Allred - Owner
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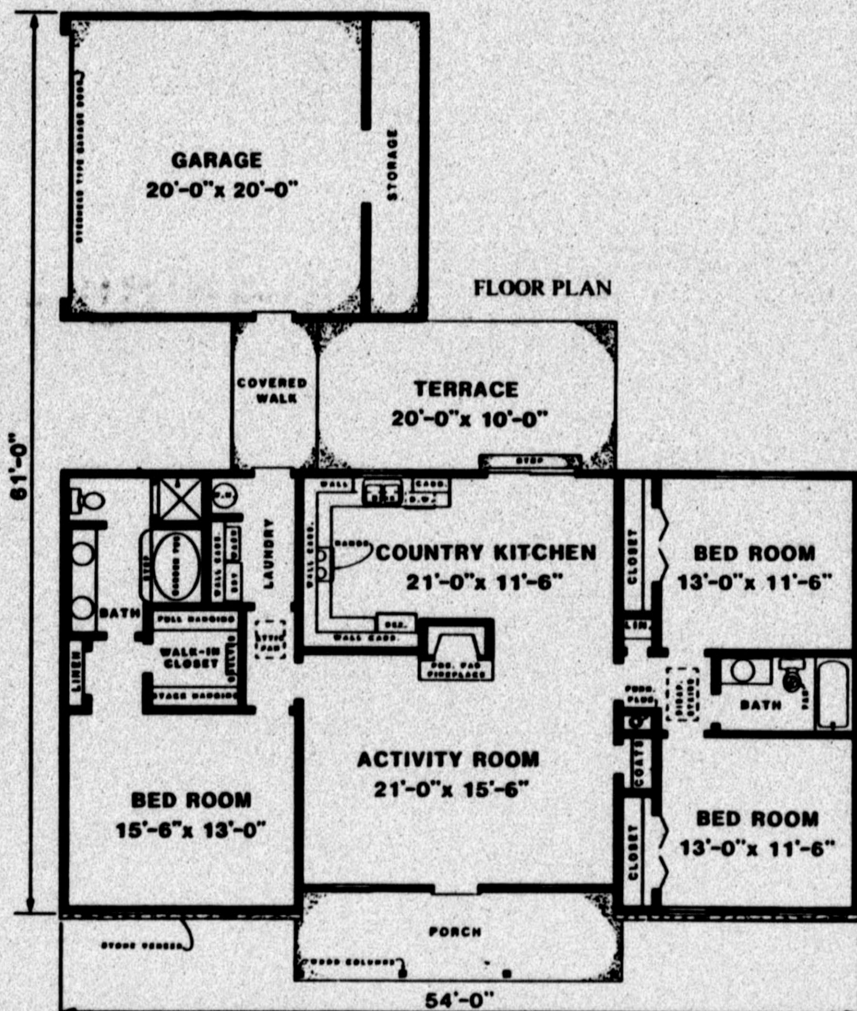
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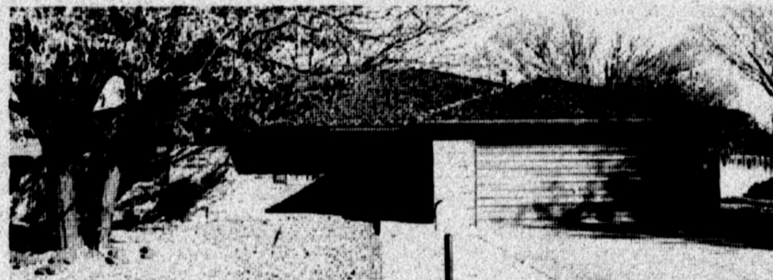
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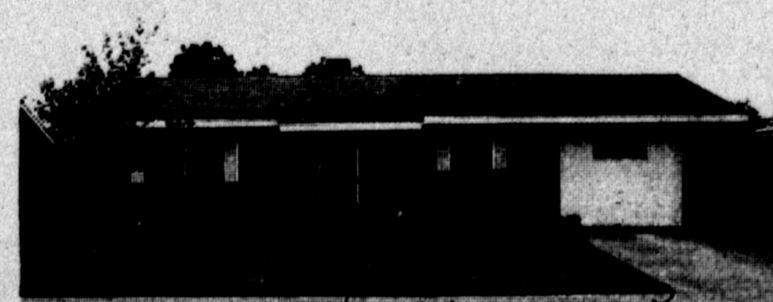
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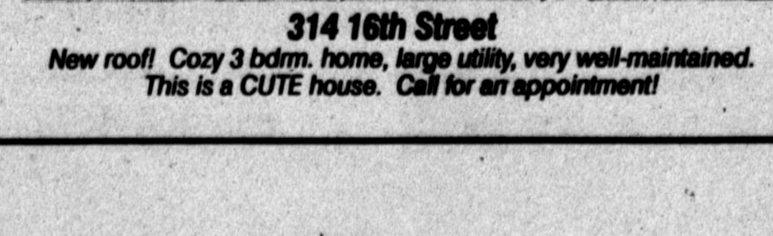
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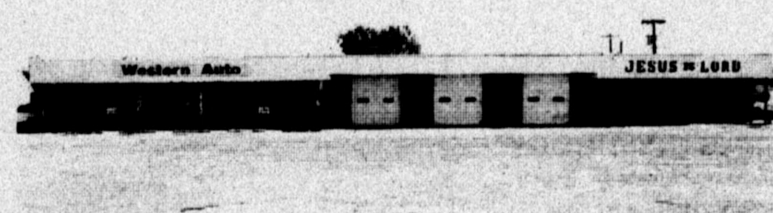
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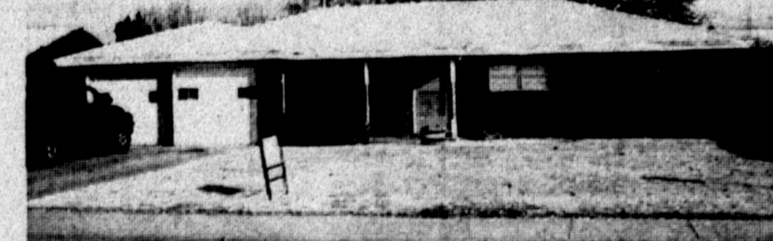
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- Sixth sense
- Chess pieces

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- Not waste it easy
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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Readers: I apologize for starting the new year with a column that is totally without a laugh, but I would rather save your life than amuse you. Here is a letter that could give you a longer life, and a much better one.

Dear Ann Landers: I was once a smoker. Today, I am a laryngectomee. In plainer words, a neck-breather. "Disgusted in Cleveland" asked, "What gives Ann Landers the right to tell smokers they stink?" He complained about being made to smoke outside in freezing weather, because the building where he works does not allow smokers.

Maybe if "Disgusted" had to look at a hole in his throat every morning, he might change his attitude. Keep yelling at the smokers out there, and if you need an assistant "cheerleader," I will hop a flight to Chicago and stand right beside you. — Dwight from Danville, Calif.

Dear Dwight: Thanks for

the offer, but please, don't come to Chicago. The weather is much better in California. Here is one more, which I promise will be the last on this subject for a long time:

Dear Ann Landers: I smoked for 46 years, and told myself I enjoyed it. Meanwhile, my sinuses were blocked, I hated the lousy taste in my mouth, my breath stank, I ruined clothes and furniture, and did without things I really needed to support my tobacco addiction. On Thanksgiving 1998, I gave myself the best gift ever. I quit smoking. I can breathe through my nose again, my mouth no longer tastes like a sewer, my hair and pillowcases smell fresh, and I'm alive again. — L.S.

Dear L.S.: As one of the world's most vehement tobacco foes, I applaud your comments, and am delighted to share them with my readers.

Dear Ann Landers: I am responding to the letter from "Lawrence in Burbank, Calif.," who commented on the use of laugh tracks in television programs. He thought it was insulting, because it suggested that the average viewer didn't know when to laugh.

Ann, the reason laugh tracks are used is because it has been scientifically proven that when OTHER people laugh, you are much more likely to enjoy the scene or the joke than when you are laughing by yourself. Things seem a lot funnier when you are aware that others are enjoying them, too.

I am not in the television industry, but I have learned about this phenomenon in my psychology class, and want you to know it is not some dumb idea, as you suggested, but a well-thought-out concept to help viewers enjoy programming more. — Psych Student in Georgetown, Texas

Dear Student: You get an "A" for your observation. Go to the head of the class. I personally do not care for laugh

tracks, because I resent being urged to laugh at something I do not consider funny. However, laughter is indeed contagious, and much more enjoyable when shared with others. Walter Lippmann said, "Laughter connects us, and helps us appreciate one another. It is a universal language that needs no interpreter."

I can tell you from personal experience, when I was in the Soviet Union in 1959, Vietnam in 1969 and in the People's Republic of China in 1974, humor was the common thread that connected me with people worldwide.

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Calendar of Events

MONDAY

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum: Regular museum hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only.

Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday through Friday, 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

AA meets Monday through Friday, 411 W. First St., noon and 8 p.m. For more information, call 364-9620.

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, 11:45 a.m.

Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Women Educators, Hereford Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

VFW Auxiliary, VFW Post Home 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer.

Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.

Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon.

Hereford AMBUCS Club, The Ranch House Restaurant, noon.

Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion and Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Hereford Chapter of Crown of Texas Hospice, 6 p.m.

Advisory board of Amarillo State Center Industries-Hereford, noon.

La Affiliata Estudio Club, 3 p.m.

Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Toujours Amis Study Club, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.

Al-Anon, Nita Lea Community Bldg., 14th St. and Avenue H, 5 p.m.

Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 8:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m.

Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 7 p.m.

Draper FCE Club, noon.

THURSDAY

San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.

Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.

TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9:45 a.m.

Hereford Toastmasters Club, The Ranch House, 6:30 a.m.

Al-Anon, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m.

Immunizations against childhood diseases, Texas Department of Health, 300 Witherspoon, 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-5:45 p.m.

Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.

D.R.E.S.S. Your Family for Success at Action Mental Wellness Center, 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite F, 6-9 p.m.

Hereford Child Care Providers, 7:30 p.m.

Elkette's, 8 p.m.

L'Allegria Study Club, 10 a.m.

Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, 7:30 p.m.

North Hereford FCE Club, 2:30 p.m.

Wyche FCE Club, 2:30 p.m.

Bay View Study Club, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m.

Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

AA, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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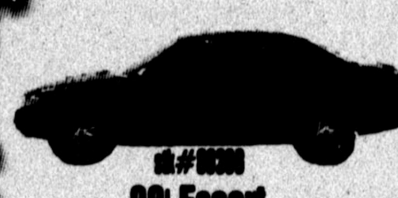


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21878	95 Dodge Van	30802P	99 F150
21896	93 Ranger Splash	35340P	98 Ranger
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35416	96 Jeep	35353P	98 Ranger
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