

Hereford BRAND

100th Year, Vol. Number 125 • Deaf Smith County, Texas

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2000

10 Pages, 50 Cents

HUSTLIN' HEREFORD,
HOME OF
Gabriel Pesina

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

• Mostly clear skies •

Tonight: Mostly clear with lows around 11, light and variable winds.

Thursday: Partly sunny with highs around 34, north to north-east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with lows around 13.

• Extended forecast •

Friday: Partly cloudy, highs around 35.

Saturday and Sunday: Mostly cloudy, lows 14 to 20, highs 28 to 34.

New Year's and Tuesday: Cloudy with a chance of snow, lows 14 to 20, highs 24 to 30.

• Hereford weather •

Tuesday's high, 25; low, 17; 13 inches of snow; precipitation, 0.00 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

• Fog, ice still • blanket Texas

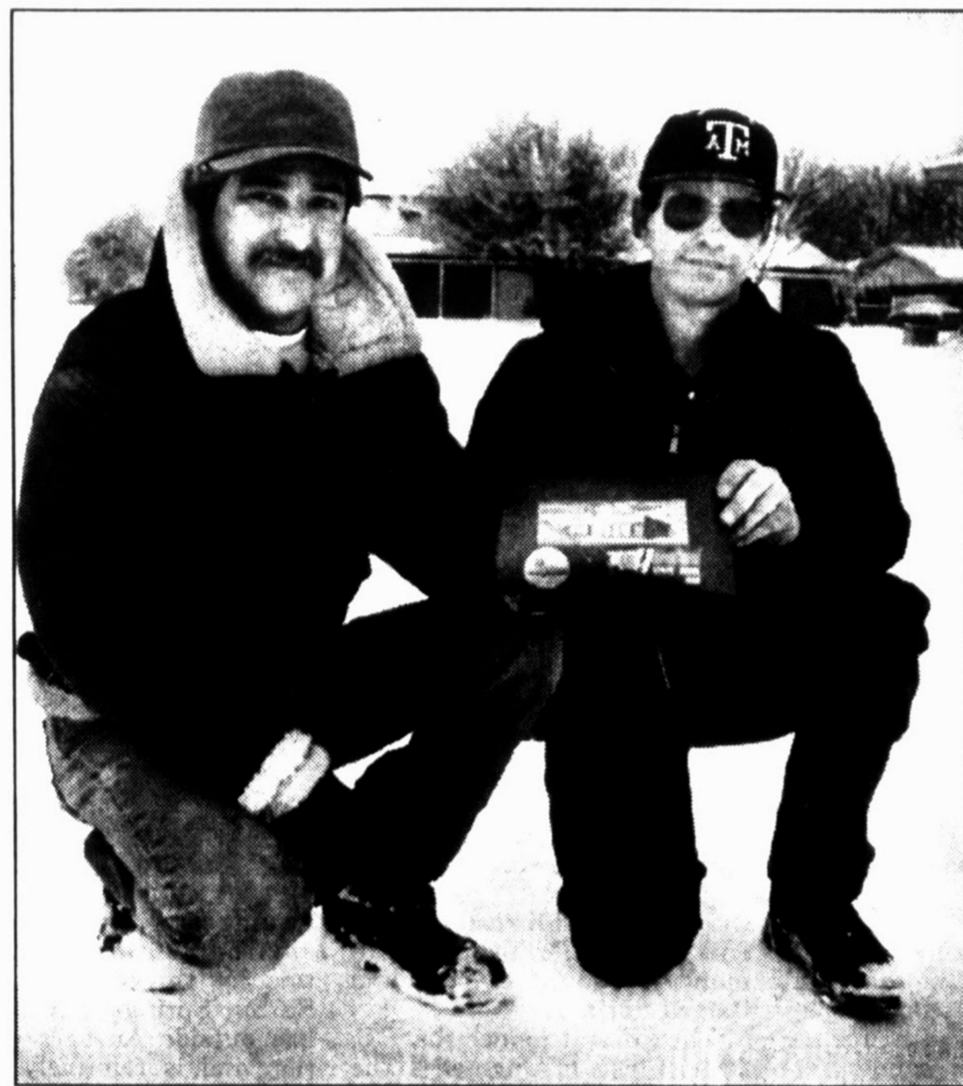
Wintry precipitation gave way to overcast skies and fog Wednesday morning as a Canadian cold front loosened its grasp on the state.

Conditions were still treacherous, however, with fog and ice coating North Texas, snow still blanketing West Texas and patchy cold rain falling over South Texas. Biting northwest winds as fast as 20 mph blew over most of the state, and the Texas Coast and Deep South Texas had gusts as fast as 25 mph.

Temperatures statewide ranged from the teens to the mid-40s, with Dalhart reporting 15 degrees and Port Isabel, Harlingen and Brownsville reporting 44 degrees before sunup.

Parts of West Texas continued under snow advisories and the region had cloudy skies and temperatures from the teens to just above freezing. Temperatures should warm slightly to the 20s in the north and the 50s along the Rio Grande and skies should begin to clear from west to east.

After dipping to as cold as single digits overnight, West Texas should be slightly warmer Thursday with temperatures in the 30s to 60s.



Good-will finding — Filemon Valdez (left) and Edward Artho crouch at the site on Plains Avenue where the Valdez family's fortune turned for the better.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Filemon and Leticia Valdez of Hereford received an unexpected gift on Christmas Eve — renewed faith in mankind.

And, Edward Artho gave it to them, wrapped in a red vinyl bank money bag. The Valdezes inadvertently left the Hereford State Bank money bag containing about \$2,600 in cash and savings bonds on top of their family car Saturday night, never realizing their error until they returned home later that night.

"We were just sick about it. It was very upsetting," Mrs. Valdez said. "We looked everywhere, even in the freezer."

Artho, an Energas employee, had just completed a work assignment about 7:30 p.m. Saturday when saw the missing bag lying in the middle of Plains Avenue, less than a block away from the Valdez home at 207 Elm. He delivered the bag to Hereford State Bank employee Reni Mason who in turn returned the missing money to the Valdez family.

"It's good to know there are still people like Eddie out there in the world," Mr. Valdez said. "We were very grateful for his honesty."

WINTER BLITZ



City workers Nancy Hill (left) and Johnny Dan Alaniz clear sidewalks at Hereford City Hall.

■ Forecasters say wintry blast that crippled much of Texas on its way out

Staff and wire reports

A winter storm that dumped more than a foot of snow on parts of the Panhandle, glazed parts of North Texas with a tree-toppling coat of ice and brought flooding rains to parts of East Texas could linger until Thursday afternoon, weather officials said.

The culprit? A storm system centered over New Mexico that has been slow to move out of the region.

"It's been some time since we've seen a prolonged weather event," said Chris Buonanno, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

In Hereford, the official snowfall total was 13 inches. City snowplows were out early, cleaning the major thoroughfares.

Some area businesses were operating with skeleton crews during the morning as many of their employees were snowed in. City employees were told to come to work when they could; non-essential personnel at the Texas Department of Public Safety and Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Office were given the day off, and the county courthouse was closed until 1 p.m.

Also, the Hereford Community Center was closed today and the Hereford Post Office was open only from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with no residential or business mail deliveries. Mail was distributed among the postal boxes.

The DPS closed U.S. Highway 60 from Friona to the New Mexico line. Also, parts of U.S. Highway 385 and

Interstate 27 were closed.

Precinct 3 foreman Bobby Hammock said county roads were in better condition than expected. He said the winds were not severe, which prevented significant drifting of snow. Also, the western part of the county received about half as much snow as fell in and around Hereford.

No major traffic accidents were reported this morning, although emergency crews have worked several minor accidents. Most of the accidents have involved vehicles skidding off the roadway.

On Tuesday, the storm knocked out power to about 108,000 residents and caused numerous traffic accidents and flight delays. Authorities said rain-slickened roads may have

led to a four-car accident in East Texas that killed five people and a wreck in San Jacinto County that killed four.

National Weather Service officials said as much as a quarter inch of ice could create ice-rink conditions across North Texas, while snow 20 inches deep could bury the Panhandle before the storm pulls away.

Matt Ham, a security officer patrolling a truck stop along Interstate 40 in Amarillo Tuesday night, said snow drifts already were up to his knees.

"It's real deep, messy. I wouldn't advise coming out here," he said.

State troopers and members of the National Guard were deployed to rescue motorists stranded on the snow-packed roads in the Panhandle.

Ice storm hammers Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — An ice storm across the southern Plains knocked out power to nearly a half-million homes and businesses and stranded travelers through the region, unexpectedly extending their holiday vacations.

The weather has also caused numerous accidents and nine traffic deaths and forced the Arkansas governor to shut down state government Wednesday.

In many towns, the only light early Wednesday came from exploding power transformers streaking blue and yellow lights across the sky.

"You're just hoping your roof's not gonna cave in," said Kay Bowling, a 21-year-old mother of two who first lost electricity and then telephone service. "Everything in my trailer house is electric. We've got water

but it's really, really cold."

About 214,000 Arkansas customers lost electricity early Wednesday, while 120,000 Oklahoma homes and businesses were dark late Tuesday. About 106,000 Texas customers were without electricity at least part of Tuesday, as were another 50,000 in northern Louisiana.

A lull in the icy weather — however short-lived — was predicted for Thursday by the National Weather Service at North Little Rock.

"It will be a brief break, because we have another batch of moisture coming Thursday night, but that may be just snow," said forecaster Nelson De Villiers.

Entergy Arkansas said restoring service might take until Tuesday. A Dec. 12-13 storm cut electricity to nearly a quarter-million Arkansas us-

ers. Entergy spokesman James Thompson said the company had 4,000 workers on task.

At a hotel near the Little Rock National Airport — closed since Monday — Gary Blankenship of Memphis, Tenn., remained trapped with other stranded travelers and lamented his family's aborted trip to Amarillo, Texas. Little Rock had more than a half-inch of ice and Amarillo had 15 inches of snow.

"We've canceled our plans and as soon as the weather clears, we're heading back to Memphis," Blankenship said. "But I've got it better than some of these folks. At least I've got my family with me."

In Fort Smith, the 117-year-old *Southwest-Times-Record* newspaper, with a circulation of 42,000, shut down Tuesday in advance of

Wednesday's edition and did not publish a paper "for the first time ever," editor Jack Moseley said. *The Morning News* of Northwest Arkansas at Springdale, circulation 35,000, also announced on its web site that it wouldn't publish on Wednesday.

Temperatures that fell into the upper 20s at Albuquerque froze portions of Interstate 40 on Tuesday night, prompting police to close the route.

National Weather Service officials said as much as a quarter inch of ice could create ice-rink conditions across North Texas, while snow 20 inches deep could bury the Panhandle before the storm pulls away.

Matt Ham, a security officer patrolling a truck stop along Interstate 40 in Amarillo, said snow drifts Tuesday night were up to his knees.

FOR THE RECORD

• As season of giving draws to close, total nears last year's mark



CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND CLOSING BALANCE

Balance Forward 12/23/99	21022.50
Map & Mary Kay Mager	100.00
In memory of Katy Ann Keating	
from Thomas, Levi, Tyler, Karen	
& Scott Keating	100.00
Hereford Cablevision Co.	150.00
TOTAL	21,372.50

ANNUAL DONATION TOTALS

1980-85: \$43,728	1993: \$21,451
1986: \$10,626	1994: \$18,414
1987: \$13,600	1995: \$18,435
1988: \$15,411	1996: \$18,393
1989: \$20,718	1997: \$21,772
1990: \$18,026	1998: \$16,236
1991: \$17,258	1999: \$22,620
1992: \$17,225	2000: \$21,372

DECEMBER 27, 2000

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

• Prosecutor's brother sentenced •

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — The brother of a Webb County prosecutor was sentenced Tuesday to more than two years in prison for fixing dozens of drug and drunken driving cases.

Carlos Manuel Rubio, 41, is the second of six men, including two of his relatives, to be sentenced after pleading guilty over a year ago to federal conspiracy charges for his role in a six-year scheme that tapped five other men convicted for fixing dozens of criminal cases for bribes.

U.S. District Judge George Kazen in Lubbock gave Carlos Rubio, brother of Webb and Zapata counties' district attorney Joe Rubio, a two-year, eight-month sentence and a \$2,000 fine. Carlos Rubio will also concurrently serve a separate, 18-month sentence on an unrelated marijuana smuggling charge.

In September, Jose Juan Rubio, 34, cousin of Carlos and Joe Rubio, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for his role in the scheme.

Still awaiting sentencing in the case are chief assistant criminal investigator Alfonso Rodriguez, investigator Agustin Mendoza and bail bondsman Jesse Castaneda. Jose Rubio Sr., father of Carlos and Joe and Jose Juan Rubio's uncle, has not been charged, nor has the district attorney.

The five men were charged with soliciting \$200,000 in bribes for pledges to drop or reduce charges in 40 drug, weapon and drunken driving cases between 1992 and 1998.

All were found guilty of conspiracy to commit violations of the Hobbs Act, which prohibits interfering with commerce by robbery, extortion or threats of physical violence. They face up to 20 years and a \$250,000 fine per count.

• No more Houston cruises •

HOUSTON (AP) — The cruise business in the Port of Houston has hit rough waters.

A combination of businesses jumping ship for other ports and others sunk in red ink could scuttle the city's fledgling cruise business three years after it started.

The last cruise out of the port appears to be Sunday when Norwegian Cruise Line makes its last departure out of Houston before heading to Miami in January.

Norwegian is the last operator at the port's cruise ship terminal at the Barbours Cut Container Terminal, which was built in 1997 for \$3 million.

In September, the port lost the Big Red Boats of Florida-based Premier Cruise Lines. The company had five ships seized by creditors after a four-month foray into Gulf cruises.

And rather than holding cruise ships, the terminal ocean liners called on will be filled with cars. The Port of Houston plans turn it into parking lot and distribution point for imported cars.

Despite the port's problems keeping a cruise line afloat, officials remain hopeful plans the nation's second largest port is fit for passenger business.

"I think we'll get some cruise ships back in Houston," Port Chairman James Edmonds was quoted by the Houston Chronicle Wednesday. "I really think that we've proven to that industry that there is a good market here."

• Toddler dies in Montgomery fire •

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A one-year-old child whose family was visiting relatives in Montgomery for Christmas died early Tuesday in a fire authorities believe may have been caused by a space heater.

Demetrius Davis of Fort Hood, Texas, died of smoke inhalation in the blaze at a Montgomery home. Demetrius's 9-year-old cousin, Rodrico Davis, and a 52-year-old neighbor, Joe Pickett, were injured.

Six children and two adults were in the house when the fire started about 3:30 a.m., fire officials said. Everybody in the house made it out, but Demetrius and Rodrico.

Sarah Davis, an aunt who lives next door, said Pickett tried to get the boys out of the burning house.

"When he went in there, he kept calling their names but they never answered, and he couldn't find them," Davis said.

Pickett then tried to remove burglar bars from a back window.

Firefighters found both boys inside a bedroom shortly after arriving on the scene, District Chief Keith Raybon said.

Demetrius died after being taken to a Montgomery hospital.

Pickett was in serious condition and Rodrico in guarded condition at the hospital Tuesday night.

• ELSEWHERE •

BUYING BINGE: Shoppers braved freezing rain to be first in line Tuesday as stores opened for one of the busiest shopping days of the year — the day after Christmas. Evelyn Lockett, 61, was upset when she arrived with her two grown daughters at one store 10 minutes before the scheduled opening, only to find the store already full of shoppers. "You have to be here early," said another shopper, Pam Wilson, 44, already well into what she called a daylong "shop 'til you drop" binge of buying for next Christmas. ... **BUSH LAID BACK:** President-elect Bush began a brief Florida vacation, leaving behind his daughter recovering from an appendectomy. Aides had called the trip a vacation, but Bush planned to work on assembling his Cabinet. ... **HISTORIC HOTEL:** The 88-year-old Camino Real Hotel, where spectators once gathered on the roof to watch the Mexican revolution just across the border, is expected to become a Hilton. The Mexican owners of the Camino Real Hotel in El Paso have signed a marketing and franchise agreement with Hilton Corp. that will allow the hotel to use the Hilton name and participate in corporate marketing and the worldwide Hilton reservation database. ... **RECOVERY:** With her mother by her side, one of President-elect Bush's twin daughters was released from the hospital Tuesday after an emergency Christmas Night appendectomy. Jenna Bush, 19, was released from St. David's Medical Center late Tuesday, said Bush spokesman Gordon Johndroe. Jenna spoke to her father by telephone before going home with Mrs. Bush, who had not planned to join her husband and other family members on a quick vacation trip to Florida.

dianna@herefordbrand.com

HerefordBrand

The Hereford Brand (USPS-242-060) is published daily except Sunday, Mondays, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day by The Hereford Brand Inc., 313 N. Lee, Hereford, TX 79045. Second-class postage paid at the U.S. Post Office in Hereford, Texas.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Hereford Brand, P.O. Box 673, Hereford, TX 79045.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Home delivery by carrier in Hereford, \$7.20 per month; by mail in Deaf Smith County or adjoining counties, \$69 per year; mail to other Texas areas, \$75.90 per year; outside Texas, \$82.80 per year.

The Hereford Brand is a member of The Associated Press, which is exclusively entitled to use for publication all news and dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published herein. All rights are reserved for republication of special dispatches.

The Hereford Brand was established as a weekly in February 1901, converted to a semi-weekly in 1948, and to five days weekly on July 4, 1976.

O.G. Nieman
Mauri Montgomery
Donald M. Cooper
Jay Guerrero

Publisher (1972-98)
Publisher
Managing Editor
Circulation Manager



Just chill — Residents had the choice of digging out from under 13 inches of snow or staying inside. Those who had to get out and get somewhere were faced with the mounds of piled up snow after city and private snow ploughs left the piles.

Group challenges pipeline plans

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental groups have filed a lawsuit against federal and state agencies to stop the construction of a 14-mile pipeline to parched, well-dependent areas of rural Hays County until a study detailing what would happen to Barton Springs, especially endangered wildlife, is completed.

The Hays County Water Planning Partnership, Save Our Springs Alliance and Save Barton Creek Association have banded together in a lawsuit that claims plans for the \$25 million pipeline violate federal laws, including the Endangered Species Act, by failing to ensure the endangered Barton Springs salamander, golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo would not be harmed by the pipeline project. The two bird species live in

the trees and brush in the Hill Country, while the salamander is found only around Barton Springs.

The lawsuit names the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Lower Colorado River Authority and the U.S. Interior Department.

In the lawsuit, the groups want the Corps to work with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on a study of the "direct, indirect and cumulative" effects of the federal agency's permitting program before the pipeline is built.

"It's basically a request for comprehensive planning," Amy Johnson, an Austin lawyer representing the groups told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions.

Colorado River officials counter the environmentalists concerns saying that the per-

mitting program would bring environmental controls to roughly three-fourths of the Barton Springs zone that exists outside Austin's jurisdiction and is relatively regulation-free.

Some officials said the lawsuit threatened the controls and also the people living with dwindling water supplies.

"We believe SOS and its sister organizations need to tell the public why they don't want the people of northern Hays County to have clean water," LCRA General Manager Joe Beal said.

Environmentalists fear the \$25 million Lower Colorado River Authority pipeline would lead to massive development in the Barton Springs zone, the 370-square-mile watershed that feeds water to Barton Springs, will destroy

the birds' habitat and pollute the water in which the salamander lives.

An environmental impact study on the pipeline by the river authority was shelved last summer when wells around Dripping Springs dried up and officials there declared a water-supply emergency.

The river authority and Fish & Wildlife Service have agreed to allow existing homes to tap into the line as soon as it's ready. New structures that would use the authority's water would have to abide by guidelines that, among other things, limit how much land could be developed.

The environmental impact study is scheduled to be completed in a year, about the same time as the water line.

Escaped convicts stay together

DALLAS (AP) — A gang of seven Texas inmates who escaped two weeks ago and now are wanted in the murder of an Irving police officer in a Christmas Eve holdup took an unusual approach after their prison escape — they stayed together.

The tactic has surprised many in the law enforcement community, who say prisoners usually part ways after breaking out.

"It's not typical at all. A lot of the previous history that we've had with escapes, even if it is well-planned, their activities once outside the fences are not as well planned," John McAuliffe, inspector general for Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Tuesday.

The convicts used a me-

ticulous plan Dec. 13 to break out of the Connally Unit in Kenedy, a maximum-security state prison ringed with razor wire about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Posing as prison workers, they tied up prison employees, stole their clothes and escaped with an arsenal of 14 pistols, a loaded shotgun, a loaded rifle and 238 rounds of ammunition. They also left a note warning: "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

On Christmas Eve, Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins, 29 was shot and killed investigating a robbery at a sporting goods store in Irving. The next day, capital murder warrants were issued for the seven escapees.

"The fact that they're still

together and still disciplined and capable of carrying out such a violent crime was a surprise, but the fact that they surfaced again was not totally unexpected," McAuliffe said.

The escaped convicts were behind bars for murders, rapes and robberies across Texas and were serving sentences ranging from 30 years to life. They were seen as well-armed and desperate.

"This one coupled with the violence and the numbers of them and the weapons they have is pretty much unprecedented in our experience in dealing with escapes," McAuliffe said. "They've generated a discipline among themselves and a loyalty that has held up since Dec. 13."

Criminal Justice officials confirmed Tuesday that blood was found in the sport utility vehicle stolen from an Oshman's employee after Sunday's robbery, Dallas television station WFAA reported. The blood could mean that Hawkins wounded one of the suspects or they were injured in the robbery.

The FBI and state and local police departments continue hunting for the men.

Officers surrounded an Arlington hotel Tuesday acting on a tip that some of the escapees might be inside. Irving police spokesman David Tull said officers talked to the men and determined it was a case of mistaken identity.

"In light of the fact that Texas executes more prisoners than any other state, we have to recognize how vulnerable we are," said Dennis Longmire, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "These men really have nothing to lose."

The convicts were featured on TV's "America's Most Wanted" on Dec. 16, but the tips it generated did not pan out.

"We're concerned about them creating more victims, period," McAuliffe said.

The Border Patrol was warned to be on the lookout for the men, though the con-

victs apparently spent the past two weeks moving north, away from the Mexican border, which is a three-hour drive from the prison.

Susie Sanchez, whose daughter was killed in a murder-for-hire arranged by one of the men in 1992, said police alerted her family about the breakout.

"I have four other daughters, and the police have told them to be cautious," said Sanchez, whose daughter, Theresa Rodriguez, was shot in the head in a scheme by her husband to collect \$400,000 in insurance money.

The husband, 38-year-old Michael Rodriguez, pleaded guilty to murder and was serving a life sentence.

Sanchez expects Rodriguez will be captured.

Another one of the escaped convicts, 29-year-old Joseph Garcia, was serving 50 years for murder. Among the others is a serial rapist and a man who beat a 1-year-old child.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Wednesday that police in Pearland, near Houston, were investigating similarities between a Dec. 15 robbery at a Radio Shack and the Christmas Eve robbery in Irving.

Pearland police said two men took employees and customers to the back of the store and bound their wrists and ankles. They took personal items and looted the store before leaving in one of the victim's cars.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

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

5-12-19-20-28

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

3-5-1

Hereford Brand, Dec. 27, 2000

LIFESTYLES

HEREFORD BRAND • Wednesday, December 27, 2000 • A3

Hereford students in Who's Who

A large number of Hereford students are included in the 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*.

Who's Who, published by Education Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Who's Who students compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes.

Local students included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* are Barrett Abernethy, Roman G. Alaniz, Jennifer M. Almaraz, Israel I. Alonzo, Andrew A. Artho, Kyle J. Artho, Sarah A. Artho,

Tessa S. Baker, Vanessa A. Barrientez, Shantell B. Bass, Javier Bravo, Mary D. Brinkman, Brittny Brown, Heather L. Brown,

Craig M. Campbell, Rafael Campos, Abby Caperton, Amanda J. Casey, Francisco J. Casillas, Jennifer J. Castanon-Parsons, Dusty L. Clark, Jose A. Cobos, Regina M. Condarco, Oscar Corrales, Steven M. Cortez, Krystle A. Crenshaw, Albert Cruz, Philip C. Curtis,

Cassie Daniel, Sehrena D. Davis, Elizabeth A. De La Druz, Drew D. Denison, Amanda M. Dominguez, Lilia Dominguez, Vanessa E. Dominguez, Tim Dudley,

Allen B. Edwards, Toni Eicke, Analisa P. Enriquez, Dana Estrada, Randall M. Evers, Ashley B. Fangman, Alysa L. Friemel, Stefan J. Friemel,

See WHO'S WHO, Page A4



Lemon Blueberry Cookies are the perfect solution when your guests want "just a bite" of dessert. And they are a no-cleanup breeze because the cookie sheet is lined with parchment cooking paper.

Petite, pretty cookies are ideal solution for dessert

Special to the Brand

After all the cakes, pies, candy and other rich desserts of the holidays, your guests may want "just a bite" of dessert as the finishing touch to their meal. Petite and pretty Lemon Blueberry Cookies are the ideal solution.

And these sweet treats are a no-cleanup breeze because you don't need to grease the cookie sheet first—just line the pan with parchment paper and your cookies will slide right off.

Professional bakers have been using parchment paper for years and now you can, too.

LEMON BLUEBERRY COOKIES

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1/3 cup sugar
2 egg yolks, at room temperature
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 1/4 cups flour

1/4 cup cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup dried blueberries
Parchment cooking paper
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment cooking paper; set aside.

Combine butter and sugar in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed with mixer until fluffy. Beat in egg yolks and lemon peel.

Combine flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture; beat at low speed just until crumbly. Stir in blueberries.

Place dough on a sheet of parchment on counter top. Divide dough in half. Knead each half until dough holds together. Divide each half into 16 pieces. Roll each piece into a ball.

Place cookie balls onto parchment-lined cookie sheet. Flatten

cookies to 1/4-inch thickness using the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned around edges.

Makes 32 cookies. *Nutrition per cookie: 65 calories, 1 gram protein, 8 grams carbohydrate, 3 grams fat (45% total calories), 21 milligrams cholesterol, 52 milligrams sodium.*

Time-saving tip: While the first batch of cookies is baking, prepare another batch on a second sheet of parchment. Then, when the first batch is done, slide the finished cookies and parchment paper off the cookie sheet, and slide the parchment paper containing the second batch of cookies onto the cookie sheet. Then repeat the process, preparing the next batch on another sheet of parchment paper as the last batch is baking.

AT THE CENTER

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Ranch chicken, seasoned noodles, buttered broccoli, orange gelatin salad, Boston cream cake.

FRIDAY-Fish with lemon juice, corn grits, fried okra, coleslaw, lemon pudding.

MONDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, onion, pickles, garden salad, sherbet, ranger cookies.

TUESDAY-Salisbury steak, baked potato with topping, fried okra, frosted lime-walnut salad, pound cake with fruit topping.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered pork chops, baked apple rings, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, jellied fruit salad, angel food cake.

ACTIVITIES

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

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

SATURDAY-New Year's Eve party and dance 8 p.m.-midnight. MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m.

Friendship.

A friend knows when you're feeling blue... doesn't ask why... and isn't uncomfortable with silence. With a friend, it's okay to be yourself because friendship has no conditions.

Friendship. We're more than "just a business."



FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP
Symbol of Superior Service
AUTO LIFE HOME BUSINESS
DALENE T. SPRINGER
Insurance Specialist
SPRINGER INSURANCE AGENCY
240 N. Main Street • (800) 947-7676

E-mail LIFESTYLES news to thorn@herefordbrand.com

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo

Mrs Abalos Mexican Food Restaurant will be closed January 1st to January 8th to give our employees a well deserved rest.

A grateful "Thank You" goes out to all our patrons for your past and future patronage. Have a Happy Holiday Season and drive carefully!

Paul and Pillar Abalos and The Entire Staff of Mrs Abalos Mexican Food Restaurant.

847 E. 1st. Street 364-6821

Register for \$209 to be Given away Jan. 31 in honor of Mrs. Abalos Mexican Restaurant's 29th Anniversary. Must be 18 & older.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

2 for Tuesdays

Buy any 6" sub and a 32 oz. drink and get another 6" sub of equal or lesser price **FREE!**

104 North 25 Mile Ave. 364-5140
SUBWAY

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: A while back, you printed some rules for high school reunions. They were good, but I am NOT attending my high school reunion, which will take place in a few months. I would like to tell my former classmates why.

Dear Former Classmates: You made my four years of high school a living hell. You never took the time to get to know me. I was a new student, coming from a small school. You laughed at my hair, my clothes, and the strict rules laid down by my parents. You had a ball at my expense. I was miserable and tried not to show it. But I stuck it out and graduated.

That was 20 years ago. With time and help, I have overcome the emotional abuse you inflicted on me. Should I now attend an event so you can ridicule me further? Years of counseling have taught me that one does not voluntarily re-enter abusive situations. I do not bear any ill will, but I don't want to see any of you again. I hope your lives are going well. I also hope you have raised your children to be less cruel than you were. — Your Former Classmate in Illinois

Dear Illinois: You say you've had years of counseling. Fine — but you need more. I don't blame you for being upset about the treatment you received back then, but 20 years is too long to stay angry. Please get additional professional help, and let the wounds heal.

Dear Ann Landers: My co-workers and I work in a restaurant, and have a problem we haven't been able to deal with. Where does one draw the line between a business lunch and conducting an entire day's business in a restaurant? Don't these men have offices?

They come in at noon, order a cup of coffee, and sit for two or three or even four hours. They set up their laptops and calculators, make and receive calls on their cell phones, close real estate deals, write wills, prepare taxes, and do their payroll. Then they leave a dollar tip.

There isn't a darn thing we can do about these guys. Maybe if they see themselves in your column, it will help. — Pat in Miami

Dear Pat: Here's your letter, but don't expect it to change anything. The people who need to see it have hides like elephants. Try asking, "Is there anything else I can get you?" every time you walk by — and walk by often. At least they will know they are being observed. Maybe they'll get the message.

Dear Ann Landers: You have printed several letters about how rude it is not to acknowledge a gift. Well, hear this. I just received a thank-you note for a wedding gift I had sent over a year ago. Here's what happened:

I spent a great deal of money on the gift because this friend was dear to me. I was upset when she did not send a thank-you note. I chalked it up to bad manners, and never mentioned it to her. When I received the thank-you note last week, it was torn and dirty, and had been placed in a plastic bag by the post office, along with a note

saying the card had been caught in a mail sorter and mangled. The postmark on the card indicated it was mailed 10 days after the wedding.

From now on, I'll give people the benefit of the doubt. If I don't hear within a year, I will phone and ask if the gift was received. — Cheryl in Austin, Texas

Dear Cheryl: Many brides mistakenly believe they have up to one year after the wedding to send out thank-you notes. Not true. People have one year after the wedding to send a gift. Thank-you notes must be written immediately. If you don't receive an acknowledgment within three

months, phone and ask if it was received. If the bride and groom are embarrassed, fine. They deserve to be.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? *"The Ann Landers Guide for Brides"* will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 2000

A Retirement Party
Honoring
Dotty Carr
& her 14 years of Outstanding Service to Farm Bureau Insurance Co.
will be held
Dec. 29th from 2-5pm
at 1306 W. Park Ave. 364-1070
Refreshments will be served

IT'S NOT TOO LATE Flu shots can save lives

AUSTIN - According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is not too late to get a flu shot this season. A flu shot in January or February 2001 can still protect you against this year's flu. People at high risk for complications from influenza illness, their household contacts and health care workers who have not yet been vaccinated should try to get their flu shots in December and early 2001.

Because of this year's delays in shipment of the flu vaccine, the CDC encourages high risk persons to get their flu shots. High risk individuals include: persons age 65 and older; those with chronic health conditions such as diabetes or heart disease; and nursing home residents.

Nearly 20,000 Americans die from the flu and its complications every year. In 1998, influenza and pneumonia were the seventh leading cause of death in Texas, claiming more than 4,600 lives,

according to the Texas Department of Health. The flu vaccine can prevent up to 70 percent of hospitalizations and 85 percent of deaths from flu-related pneumonia.

Medicare - the federal government's health benefits program for people age 65 and older and certain individuals with disabilities who qualify - pays for flu shots. Despite availability of flu shots, some people do not get immunized because they think the vaccine will give them the flu. Although a few people experience minor swelling or discomfort at the site of the shot, no one can get the flu from the flu shot. Plus, annual flu shots are important because the virus changes from year to year.

For more information about flu shots, call your local health department, doctor, Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), or 1-800-252-9240.

Facts about flu and flu shots

- It's not too late to get your flu shot.
- People age 65 and over are at higher risk of getting the flu and developing flu-related complications such as pneumonia.
- People with serious medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems are also more likely than other people to get the flu.
- Every year, 20,000 Americans die from the flu and its complications.
- The flu shot won't give you the flu.
- Medicare pays for flu shots.

Who's Who

From Page A3

Yolanda C. Gallegos, Crystal R. Garcia, Tracy Garcia, Virginia Garcia, Leslie J. George, Renuka M. George, Sarah E. Gonzales, Ashley Gonzalez, Sarah Griffin, Ashley Henson, Kristen Huffaker, Cassie Hulsey, Elisha D. Huseman, Brandy M. Jesko, Stephenie A. Jesko, Jerad D. Johnson, Clarissa M. Juarez, Aaron Landers, Kara Landrum, Cara L. Linker, Esteban C. Lopez, Christopher M. Lozoya, Tyler W. Martin, Silvia Martinez, Toby S. Meeks, Denisse Melendez, Nicole M. Mendoza, Armando Montano, Sandra E. Montano, Belinda A. Moore, Tyler Nielsen, Elidia J. Ornelas, Gloria L. Orozco, Cynthia Padilla, Tarese D. Parman, Jacqueline Perez, Danielle M. Pesina, Shannon M. Ponder, Colby D.

Posey, Kristen R. Ramirez, Julian Ramos, Crystal Reece, Brad Reinart, Wesley T. Reinart, Melissa Reyna, Michael W. Rhyne, Jose F. Robles, Monica M. Rocha, Josefine I. Rodriguez, John M. Rojas, Lacey K. Rowe, Wesley Ruff, Loida Salas, Richard Salinas, Brent A. Schoenenberger, Sammi S. Sciumbato, Kimerly J. Scott, Amanda J. Smith, Heather D.

Stokes, Jessica H. Stubbs, Tricia A. Tyson, Joseph S. Valdez, Sonia D. Valdez, Marlana C. Vasquez, Julio A. Velazquez, Jesse C. Villalobos, Ernest Villalobos, Andrew J. Villarreal, Tori J. Walker, Peyton Ward, Derek S. Weber, Jessica M. Weishaar, Dustin L. White, Robin L. Wyman, Brionne Yosten, Alfonso Zambrano, Josefina I. Zapata and Olivia Zepeda.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 2000. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 27, 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry A. Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

On this date:
In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.
In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.
In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.
In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody" made its debut on NBC.
In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.
In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.
In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. Presi-

dent Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel.

In 1985, American naturalist Dian Fossey, who had studied gorillas in the wild, was found hacked to death at a research station in Rwanda.

Ten years ago: The government reported that orders to manufacturers for big-ticket durable goods plummeted 101/2 percent the previous month. Gennady I. Yanayev was approved as the Soviet Union's first vice president on the last day of a stormy, 10-day session of the Congress of People's Deputies.

Five years ago: Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control over 90 percent of the West Bank's

1 million Palestinian residents and one-third of its land.

One year ago: Space shuttle Discovery and its seven-member crew returned to Earth after fixing the Hubble Space Telescope. Former television executive Leonard H. Goldenson, who'd built ABC into a network powerhouse, died in Longboat Key, Fla., at age 94.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho, is 76. Actress Inga Swenson is 68. Actor John Amos is 59. ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 57. Singer Tracy Nelson is 56. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 52. Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff is 48. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 48. Broadcast journalist Arthur Kent is 47. Actress

Maryam D'Abo is 40. Country musician Jeff Bryant (Ricochet) is 38. Musician Matt Slocum (Six Pence None The Richer) is 28. Actor Wilson Cruz is 27. Singer Olu is 27.

Thought for Today: "What you cannot find on earth is not worth seeking." — Norman Douglas, Scottish author (1868-1952).

E-mail
LIFESTYLES news
to
thorn@herefordbrand.com

Do you want to
double your investments
in 7 years?
Call
DALEINE T. SPRINGER
Springer Insurance
364-7676

Deal **CROFFORD**
Automotive
363-AUTO



Shown actual size



Shown actual price

Get a StarTAC for 99¢

Plus 2000 minutes with free long distance, \$39.99.

You really don't want to miss this one. A totally tiny Motorola StarTAC 3000 for just 99¢. Hurry, this deal's only good for a limited time.

CELLULARONE
1-800-CELL ONE

Solutions by
NORTEL
NETWORKS

Cellular One Hereford • 515-B N. 25 Mile Hwy, Northgate • 364-1055

Offer good for a limited time on new activations on select rate plans only, and not subject to change without notice. 2000 minutes includes 100 minutes activation, 700 "night" minutes for calls made from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 700 "weekend" minutes per month for calls made from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday. Some restrictions apply. Limited service available each month. Offer and service restrictions, conditions, coverage and other restrictions apply. Service and coverage not available in all areas. Prepaid hardware available at Cellular One stores. See store for details. Offer good for a limited time only. Offer may require your existing phone with a digital phone or our activation with you remains on this plan. Offer restrictions apply. See website restrictions. ©2000 Cellular One.

PREMIERE CINEMA CLUB
MOOVIES 6

Sugarland Mall 400 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, TX
BUSINESS OFFICE CALL: 364-0101
MOVIE HOTLINE CALL: 364-8000

Fri., Dec. 22nd - Thurs., Dec. 28th

FAMILY MAN EVERYDAY MAT. 1:30 & 4:00 EVENINGS 7:00 & 9:25	CAST AWAY EVERYDAY MAT. 1:15 & 4:00 EVENINGS 8:00
DOOR WHEELER'S MY EVERYDAY MAT. 2:05 & 4:05 EVENINGS 7:15 & 9:05	EMPEROR NEW GROOVE EVERYDAY MAT. 4:10 EVENINGS 1:45 & 7:10
WHAT WOMEN WANT EVERYDAY MAT. 1:20 & 4:05 EVENINGS 7:05 & 9:30	MISS CONGENIALITY EVERYDAY MAT. 1:25 & 3:50 EVENINGS 7:00 & 9:15

Adults \$5.00 • Kids & Seniors \$3.00
Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun.

BRUCE WILLIS MICHELLE YEOH

Can a Marriage Survive 15 Years of Marriage?

THE STORY OF US

SHOWTIME
NO LIMITS

Hereford Cablevision
119 E. 3rd • 364-3912
Wed., Dec. 27th 9:05 PM

© 2000 Showtime Networks Inc. All rights reserved. SHOWTIME is a registered trademark of Showtime Networks Inc. A Viacom Company. NO LIMITS is a registered trademark of Viacom S.E.A. Showtime Networks Inc. is an APPROVED MERCHANT.

Announce your wedding in the
Hereford Brand Lifestyles!

Call Becky Thorn at 364-2030 to place your wedding or engagement announcement at no cost!

SINCE 1901
Hereford BRAND

SPORTS

HEREFORD BRAND • Wednesday, December 27, 2000 • A5

Granddad and Gatorade

Jeff Blackmon

Ah, the holiday season. Time to take a break from the holiday rush and Christmas to watch some sports.

If you're lucky, you can even kick back in your recliner, take control of the remote, relax and watch the galleryfurniture.com Bowl. What would the holiday season be like without the ever-popular galleryfurniture.com Bowl?

Is it just me, or does it look like a misprint to everyone else, too? No offense to either team playing in the bowl game (Texas Tech or East Carolina), but I think this is all a little ridiculous.

Maybe it's just me, but what is it with corporations and all of these bowl games?

Watching a football game on New Year's Day is as natural as my favorite squash casserole for Christmas dinner, but can Americans have just one sport that isn't entirely commercialized?

The Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Fed Ex Orange Bowl, galleryfurniture.com Bowl (my favorite), Outback Bowl and the Silicon Valley Bowl and just about every other bowl game have a corporate sponsor of some kind.

I understand money is part of the sports business, but does anyone else feel like big bucks are tarnishing American sports?

In 1990, I had my first memorable experience with money and the sporting world when I went to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. My dad and I had met my grandparents to visit a sick family member in my father's birthplace of Troy, N.Y.

All of us suddenly decided to travel further upstate and visit the Taj Majal of sports shrines. At the time, I did not realize how big of a deal the Hall was, but the first thing we had to do, after we paid a steep admission fee, was sit down and watch a short flick sponsored by Gatorade about the wonderful game of baseball. After all, baseball wouldn't be baseball without that greenish yellow drink that finds its way into big orange containers.

My grandfather, a thrifty airline fueling executive for Piedmont Airlines, mumbled, "Those damn corporations ruin everything!" It kind of surprised me when he said that, because he was excited about the visit. It also seemed like from that point on the visit was ruined for him.

As an eighth-grader, I did not care about the movie or Gatorade, but I felt like the sport my grandfather loved to watch every night in the summer and fall had suddenly become dull to him. He had yet to witness players reach eight-digit salaries, but I think he saw it coming after he saw that even the Baseball Hall of Fame had sold out to Gatorade.

For years, I thought about that day in the Hall with my grandfather, and I realized he loved the game.

See HALL, Page A8

Tech, East Carolina bowl ready

■ Promoters hoping for big crowd

HOUSTON (AP) — Promoters of the galleryfurniture.com Bowl have done their best to make a success of the first bowl game played in the Astrodome since 1987.

Now it's up to Texas Tech and East Carolina to put on a good show and the fans to show up to see Wednesday night's game.

"If we do a good job marketing this, we should have

between 30,000 and 40,000 people at the game," sponsor Jim McIngvale said. "I think 40,000 would exceed my wildest expectations."

That might be a stretch since icy weather threatened to sock in Tech fans from West Texas and East Carolina fans purchased only about 3,000 tickets, well below expectations.

Early on, there were misunderstandings over the progress of ticket sales. Promoter Jerry Ippolito said in early December that 28,000

tickets had been sold. In reality, only 4,200 tickets had been sold at that point.

Despite the early overstating, McIngvale expects a good first year after giving away 250,000 memorabilia items and heavy advertising to promote the game.

"Houston is a football town," McIngvale said. "We have been without the NFL for several years now, and it's coming back. The college bowl game is coming back."

Texas Tech (7-5), the No. 7 from the Big 12, and East

Carolina (7-4), Conference-USA's No. 3 team, have their energies focused on the field.

Both teams offer potentially high-scoring offenses with Tech led by quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and East Carolina's more balanced offense, led by junior quarterback David Garrard.

"We have to step up and play like it's our last game," Garrard said. "It is the last game of the season but we've got to play like it's the last game you'll play in your life."

"We are kind of known as a

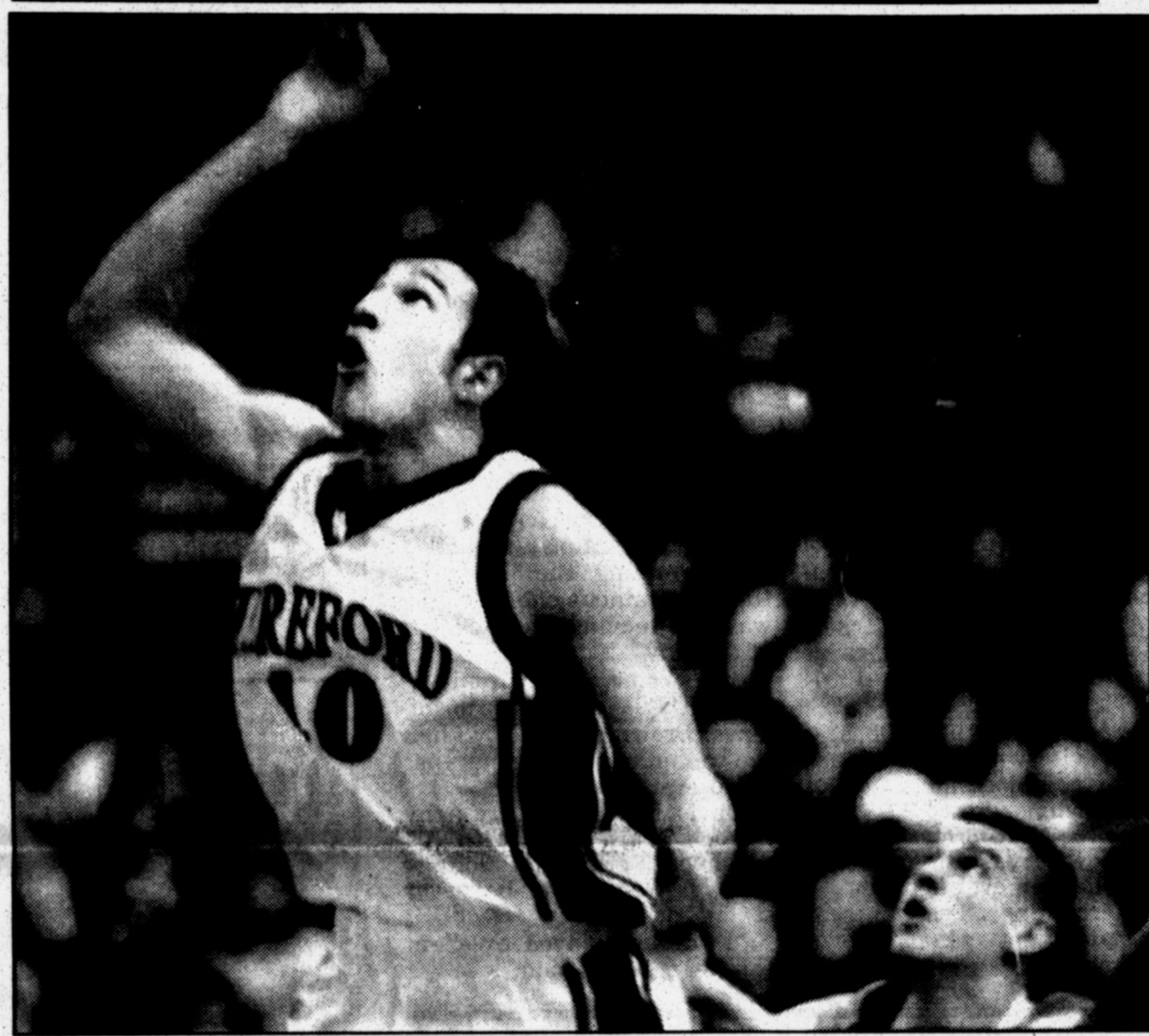
slow-starting offense but we can't do that in this game. Once you put yourself in a hole it's hard to come out of it. We've had that happen to us this year."

Garrard completed 164 of 312 passes for 2,332 yards and 19 touchdowns this season and ranked 32nd nationally in passing efficiency. He was East Carolina's second leading rusher with 358 yards.

"The main thing we have to do is swarm to the ball and

See BOWL, Page A6

QUICK MOVE



BRAND/Julius Bodner

Inside move—Hereford High post Cody Marsh makes a move to the basket for two of his 16 points last Friday against the Caprock Longhorns. Marsh, a junior, will travel with the Whitefaces to take on St. Michaels at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning in Lubbock during the Caprock Tournament. If the Whitefaces (11-2, 1-0) win the game against St. Michaels, they will play another game Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. The Hostile Herd will tackle their district schedule again beginning on Jan. 2 at Randall.

Contact Jeff Blackmon at jeffb@herefordbrand.com

TERRY'S AUTOMOTIVE
Complete Tire Shop
Featuring Dunlop and Kumho Tires.
Align & balance, tire repair.
600 N. 25 Mile Avenue • 364-7888
HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-6:00 pm
State Inspection Station
PICK-UP & DELIVERY AVAILABLE
Terry Hoffman, Owner

Hereford
ELKS LODGE
325 E. Austin Road • 364-4771
Sunday Dec. 31 • 8 pm - 12 Midnight
New Year's Party!
Champagne, Black Eye Beans & Cornbread served at Midnight!
DJ RD Holmes
Cover Charge
\$8 Couple \$5 Single
No one under 21 allowed

LOOKING FOR A HOME?
Look no further than the Hereford Brand Real Estate Section, we have what you're looking for!

North Highway 385 in Hereford, TX
364-2160 or 1-800-299-CHEV

Stevens ★★★★★
Car & Truck Center

BUICK LIKE A ROCK PONTIAC

Final Days Don't Miss Out
2001 Chevy Tahoe
36mo. @ 1.9% 48mo. @ 4.9% 60mo. @ 7.9%
Until Jan. 15th W.A.C.

1-800-299-2438

YMCA
Elementary Basketball

ENTRY DEADLINE: December 31, 2000

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

RESTRICTION: Grades K-5 to 6th only

DATES: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of January 8th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, January 13th.

COACHES MEETING: Scheduled for January 6th at the YMCA.

LEAGUE FEE AND ELIGIBILITY: League fee will be \$23.00. Additional children in same family \$18.00 each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA memberships for youth are \$7.25 for three months.
ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!!!

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance. (contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 364-6990)

PICKUP CORNER
Auto Accessories and Electronics
364-2571

Mavs blast Sonics, 114-93

Nelson to be out 6-8 weeks for cancer treatment

DALLAS (AP) — If the Dallas Mavericks continue to play well, coach Don Nelson doesn't think he'll be missed too much while he's out 6-to-8 weeks for prostate cancer treatment.

Michael Finley scored a season-high 38 points Tuesday night as the Mavericks beat Seattle 114-93 for their fifth win in six games. They improved to 19-11, their best 30-game record since 1987-88.

Nelson, who moved into third place in NBA history with his 945th career victory, has just three games left before leaving the team for 20-26 games.

"I've never left a team for this long. It's hard because I'd love to be with these guys, but they need me more through hard times than good

times," said Nelson, in his 23rd NBA season as a coach, fourth with Dallas. "When everything's rolling, you don't need the head coach around."

Finley, who also had nine rebounds and eight assists, got the Mavericks rolling with 27 first-half points. He started and ended an 11-0 run at the end of the first quarter that put Dallas ahead to stay except for one possession midway through the second quarter.

"He's either going to score or find someone who will finish it off," said Steve Nash, who added 22 points.

Finley's layup with 1:44 left in the first quarter started the 11-0 spurt. Hubert Davis' steal led to Nash's 3-pointer six seconds later, and Finley later ended the quarter with a rebound and a pass to Dirk Nowitzki for a breakaway dunk that made it 26-19.

Finley then made all seven of his shots in the second quarter, including 10 points in the last five minutes of the first half. He finished 16-of-22 shooting.

"I had some good looks at

the basket, and my teammates were finding me," Finley said.

Nelson moved into third place for coaching wins behind Toronto's Lenny Wilkens (1,192) and Miami's Pat Riley (1,012). Nelson, 945-763 in 23 NBA seasons, had been tied with Bill Fitch, who also lost 1,106 games.

Nelson's contract with the Mavericks calls for him to be coach and general manager through 2003, work as GM only through 2006 and then stay on as a consultant to owner Mark Cuban for five more years.

Seattle took its last lead when Gary Payton's layup with 5:53 left in the first half made it 38-37, ending an 11-0 run by the Sonics. After Payton's miss on the next possession, Howard Eisley grabbed the rebound, and Davis scored on a layup and free throw to put the Mavericks ahead to stay.

Payton had 23 points and nine assists for Seattle, which

lost consecutive games for the first time since Nate McMillan replaced fired coach Paul Westphal. The Sonics are 9-5 under McMillan after starting 6-9 under Westphal.

"We didn't display the type of energy that Dallas did, and we didn't respond when we were down," McMillan said. "Dallas wanted it more, and we gave them the game."

Notes: Patrick Ewing had five rebounds, giving him 11,001

for his career. He is the 22nd NBA player with 11,000 career rebounds. Nowitzki, with 21 points and 11 rebounds, had his third straight double-double and 11th of the season. The Mavericks extended their 57-51 halftime lead when Eisley scored all of Dallas' points in an 8-2 run. He finished with 12. Twice in an 11-second span of the third quarter, double technicals were called.

“He’s (Michael Finley) either going to score or find someone who will finish it off.”

—Steve Nash
MAVS GUARD

Davis ready to show size in Holiday Bowl

Texas Longhorns go for bowl win against Oregon

SAN DIEGO (AP) — About the only thing small about Texas' Leonard Davis is his hometown.

At 6-foot-6, 365 pounds, the Longhorns' All-American from Wortham, Texas (pop. about 1,000), is a big man from a big family (22 brothers and sisters), who has a reputation as one of college football's biggest talents on the offensive line.

He's so big, he has multiple nicknames — Big Monsta, Lenny-Pooh, Big Len-Len. One just isn't enough.

"We get so we're not sure just how big he is," coach Mack Brown said of his standout senior offensive tackle. "We've tried to get (his weight) down, but you just can't. He's not fat, he's just big."

Davis is a big reason why the 12th-ranked Longhorns (9-2) will play Friday in the Holiday Bowl against No. 8 Oregon (9-2).

With his team struggling at midseason after a 63-14 loss to Oklahoma, Brown simplified his offense. The Longhorns took the mystery out a

complex passing game and plowed ahead on the ground behind an offensive line that averages more than 300 pounds.

With Davis opening the holes, tailback Hodges Mitchell went over 1,000 yards for the second consecutive season, and the Longhorns won six straight while averaging 196 yards on the ground.

"People were really dogging us about the way we played against Oklahoma," Davis said. "We really needed to come back and redeem ourselves. I'm really proud of that."

So about those nicknames. Who dares to call a man who can bench press 515 pounds "Lenny-Pooh?" or "Dancin' Bear?"

"That's one I think (quarterback) Major Applewhite and (offensive coordinator) Greg Davis came up with," Leonard Davis said. "I guess it's cause I'm strong like a bear. They were watching me on film and said I looked like a big dancing bear."

The nicknames started long before Davis got to the University of Texas.

Davis is the youngest of 22 siblings (his father had 11 children from a previous marriage, his mother 10).

"I'm the biggest in the family, probably by a long shot," he said. By seventh grade, Davis was 6-4, 300 pounds.

In high school, Davis earned

All-America honors playing offense and defense for a school that had fewer than 150 students.

As a freshman at Texas, Davis started three games as a defensive tackle in 1997. After Brown took over the program before the 1998 season, Davis switched to offense and helped block for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams.

But the transformation from tackler to devastating blocker didn't happen overnight.

There were times this season and last when Brown scolded his players about be-

ing physical and not wasting all that size. Texas struggled early running the ball, and the mountainous offensive line was not moving anybody out of the way.

"He's come a million miles," since Davis switched to offense, Brown said. "(Now) he's the best offensive lineman that we've ever coached."

Davis believes he's worthy of such praise. But with his aw-shucks grin that softens his tough guy look, he never seems cocky.

"I think I played excellent this year," Davis said.

Bowl

from Page A5

gang tackle him, don't let him get loose," Tech defensive tackler Kris Kocurek said. "We can't give him time in the pocket to set up and throw the ball. We have to get heat on him and make him throw the ball quick."

East Carolina's defense will also have a big problem with Tech's pass-oriented offense and Kingsbury was quick to grasp the offense Leach brought from Oklahoma that helped propel the Sooners into the national spotlight.

"We may come in with a different notion but the ball always ends up in the air

about 50 times," Kingsbury said. "My arm's been tired since about the eighth game but you can't complain. Growing up, you dream of throwing that much."

Kingsbury, a sophomore, ranked eighth nationally in total offense at 286 yards per game and he led the Big 12 with 21 touchdown passes.

"We've seen Louisville and Tulane already, so we are ready for that type of game," Pirate safety Anthony Adams said. "We've gone against a bunch of good quarterbacks and we have seen (Kingsbury) on tape."

Hall

from Page A5

He sat down to watch the game and that was it. It was his escape from the world of corporate communication, airline travel and big business. Until that day, I think he still saw sports as a pure source of unpolluted Americanism. A way to avoid the business environment and just enjoy a game on television. Those days are truly gone forever.

After that day, I don't remember watching too much baseball with him.

So I look at all of these bowl games (25 total, 50 teams participating), and I can't help but wonder if the number would be smaller if sponsors were not involved. I also think college teams would even get excited again for getting a bowl invitation.

Shouldn't it still be a rare thing to go to a bowl game anyway?

Jeff Blackmon can be contacted at jeffb@herefordbrand.com.

YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

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

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

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

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

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

THINKING OF SELLING?

Let your local realtor list and advertise your home in the Hereford Brand Real Estate Section.



NEED YOUR OIL CHANGED?
Let us do it.

Phillips 66 Trop Artic MOTOR OIL
Goodin 66
Let our Friendly Guys fill your tank with SuperClean Unleaded Gasoline during the cold weather!
364-4600 - Hwy. 60 & 385
FAST FULL SERVICE WITH A SMILE!!!

Tire Works
Timely Service Calls
420 W. 1st • 364-5033 formerly Charlie's Tire

LOOKING FOR NEW CUSTOMERS?

Our Advertising Department can help you find them.
Call Julius or Suzanne at 364-2030

SINCE 1901
Hereford BRAND

Stevens 5★ Car & Truck Center

BUICK, OLDSMOBILE, PONTIAC, LIKE A ROCK



Final Days Don't Miss Out
2001 Chevy Suburban
36mo. @ 1.9% 48mo @ 4.9% 60mo. @ 7.9
Until Jan. 15th W.A.C.

1-800-299-2438

The **one** to see:
Jerry Shipman, CLU
801 N. Main
(808) 364-3161
State Farm Insurance Companies
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

INSIDE

Back taxes cited in office shooting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest

WAKEFIELD, Mass. — A software engineer who allegedly gunned down seven co-workers at their Internet consulting company may have been upset by a request to trim his wages after the holidays to pay back taxes, authorities said. Michael McDermott, 42, wielded a semiautomatic rifle, a shotgun and a pistol as he made his way through the offices of Edgewater Technology on Tuesday, leaving in his wake shell casings, bodies and bullets, prosecutors said. Some of the slain employees worked in the accounting department, which was recently served with an Internal Revenue Service order to garnish McDermott's wages. Last week, he had an angry outburst over the dispute, a co-worker said. McDermott is scheduled to be arraigned today in Malden District Court on seven counts of murder.

Report: Building had record of safety woes
LUOYANG, China — Weeping relatives lined up under

an overcast sky Wednesday to check a list of those who perished in a Christmas night fire that killed 309 people. Meanwhile, authorities questioned operators of the shopping center where the blaze erupted. Investigators turned up safety problems at the building, where an unlicensed disco on the top floor was packed with revelers at a Christmas party. The revelers became trapped when smoke engulfed the club, state media said.

Face-to-face session set for Barak, Arafat

JERUSALEM — Seeking common ground on a U.S. peace plan, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are to meet Thursday in Egypt, Israeli media and the Palestinians said. Arafat said the Palestinians were still wrestling with terms of the American-authored deal. The two sides were to consult with each other and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has served as a frequent mediator in Mideast peace efforts. The decision to hold three-way talks came in a late-night telephone conversation between Barak and Arafat. Barak had already been scheduled to meet Mubarak.

Acclaimed actor Robards dead at 78

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Jason Robards' stellar 40 years

on the silver screen didn't extinguish his first love for the stage, say friends who remember the actor's flair before a live audience. Robards, who won consecutive Oscars for "All the President's Men" and "Julia," died at Bridgeport Hospital after a long battle with cancer, said nursing supervisor Sally Dalton. He was 78. Robards sometimes rejected characterizations of him as America's premier actor, saying in 1993: "All I know about acting is that I just have to keep on doing it."

Alleged deserter rescued after 16 days

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Chuck Bloom noticed it first — a patch of black fabric buried in the snow, uncovered by the blades of a snowmobile as he and others rode along a desolate trail.

Bloom tossed the frozen bag aside. The backpack hit a drift, knocking some snow away and revealing the glint of a car window. What happened next was a miracle, his wife said.

"All of a sudden this little claw hand comes up and taps twice," June Bloom recalled. "It just scared us to death. We thought, 'Oh my God, there's somebody in there.'"

Thomas Wade Truett, 29, was buried in the snow for 16 days in his sports car, in blustery winter weather in central Oregon's Deschutes National Forest.

Russians regain control of Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — Mission Control has regained a firm hold on the Mir space station after a sudden loss of radio contact, Russian officials said Wednesday, allaying fears of an uncontrolled plunge by the aging orbiter.

"We are maintaining full control of the station," Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyudin said in a telephone interview.

Space officials blamed their 20-hour loss of contact with the unmanned station on an abrupt and unexplained power loss. But after the link with the station was restored Tuesday, they said there was no immediate need to send a rescue crew or speed up

Mir's descent, scheduled for early next year. According to current plans, the Mir is to crash into the Pacific 900 to 1,200 miles east of Australia on Feb. 27-28. Space officials said an emergency crew would be on hand to blast off for the Mir and direct it if it descends out of control.

If Mir's plunge were not controlled from the Earth, large fragments of the 140-ton station could survive a fiery re-entry through the Earth's atmosphere and inflict significant damage on the ground. Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovoy said Tuesday that some fragments would weigh up to 1,540 pounds.

Television

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 27

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Metropolitan Opera Presents						Lighting		Newshour
3	Early Edition		Movie: Terms of Endearment (1983) Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger. ****						700 Club		Boss?
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Ed		West Wing		Law & Order		News	(35) Tonight Show	
5	Movie: Star Kid (1997) Joseph Mazzello, Joey Simmrin.				Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century	(35) Jersey		(05) Jersey	(35) Jersey	Zorro	
6	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		WCW Thunder				Ripley's Believe It or Not!	WCW	
7	News	Fortune	Be a Millionaire		Drew Carey Spin City	Whose? Whose?			News	Seinfeld	Nightline
8	News	Home Imp.	Bette	Welcome	Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of Arts				News	(35) Late Show	
9	Spin City	Real TV	Movie: Dragonheart (1996) Dennis Quaid. **½		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			Frasier	Cops	Voyager
10	Football	NHL Hockey	Philadelphia Flyers at Florida Panthers			NHL 2Night			Sportscenter		Hoops
11	(5:00) Movie: Enigma PG		Movie: Stepmom (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon.		(05) Movie: The Story of Us Bruce Willis.				(45) Movie: Hudson Hawk		
12	Movie: Defending Life		Movie: Cruel Intentions Sarah Michelle Gellar. **½ R		Oz				Movie: Galaxy Quest Tim Allen. *** PG		
13	Movie: Simple Twist		Movie: Me & Isaac Newton (1999) *** NR		Movie: Blue Streak Martin Lawrence. **½				Bedtime		Movie:
14	Movie: Billy Rose's Jumbo		Movie: Harper (1966) Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall. ****			Movie: Blood Alley (1955) John Wayne. **½					
15	Marital Law		Movie: Rough Riders (1997) Tom Berenger. **		18 Wheels of Justice				Marital Law		Fishing
16	(5:00) Leopard Son		On the Inside		Raising the Mammoth				Justice Files		Inside
17	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice				Investigative Reports		Law & Order
18	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: The Silence of the Lambs (1991) Jodie Foster. ****				Golden Girls		Golden Girls
19	Football	Last Word	SW Sports	NBA Basketball Seattle SuperSonics at Houston Rockets					National Sports Report		Sports
20	Pretender		NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat						NBA		Movie: Strip Search (1997) ½
21	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Ginger	Thornberrys	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life		3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family
22	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: Terror in the Family (1996) Joanna Kerns.				Martin	Martin	Strip Poker
23	Locura de Amor		Mujeres Enganadas		Aqui y Ahora				P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med
24	History	History IQ	Wealth & Power		Wealth & Power				Wealth & Power		Wealth
25	Babylon 5		Space: Above and Beyond		Movie: Wishmaster (1997) Tammy Lauren. *				Crossing	Twilight Z.	Fri. the 13th
26	Fresh Pr.	Suddenly	Movie: Father of the Bride (1991) Steve Martin. ***		News				In the Heat of the Night		Matlock

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 28

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Sesame Street		Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Arthur	Caitou	Clifford-Red	Mr Rogers	Teletubbies	Body Elec.
3	Angela	Kids	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club		Itsy Bitsy	Clifford-Red	Two-Kind	Zack Files	Movie: Ice
4	Today						Housecalls	Judge Lane	Tell Truth	Change	Days-Lives
5	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Bear	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Rolie Polie	Madeline
6	DiffWorld	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Mama	Cosby	Matlock		Hunter
7	Good Morning America				Live With Regis				Rosie O'Donnell		News
8	Early Show				Dr. Laura				Price Is Right		Young and the Restless
9	Bus	Martha Stewart Living	Family		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C.	Life Today	Divorce
10	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter				Sportscenter		Golf
11	Movie: Submarine X-1 James Caan. G		(45) Movie: One Last Flight PG		(15) Movie: Arnold Roddy McDowell. *** PG				Movie: Stuart Little Geena Davis. PG		Movie:
12	Movie: Stuart Little Geena Davis. PG		Movie: Pet Shop Terry Kiser. ** NR		Movie: Ghostbusters (1984) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd.				Movie: Family Business Sean Connery.		Movie:
13	Movie: FBI		Movie: No Small Affair Jon Cyser. R		(15) Movie: Brokedown Palace Claire Danes. PG-13				Movie: Family Business Sean Connery.		Movie:
14	Movie: Prisoner-Zenda		Movie: Abe Lincoln in Illinois (1940). Ruth Gordon. ***		Movie: Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942) James Cagney. ****						
15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	McCoys	McCoys	McCoys	McCoys	McCoys	McCoys	Starkey and Hutch		Waltons
16	Renker		Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters				Design		Christopher Lowell
17	Northern Exposure		L.A. Law		Murder, She Wrote				Magnum, P.I.		Night Court
18	Murphy		Murphy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Knows You	Operation		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries
19	Sports		National Sports Report		Sports	MLBPAA	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour
20	Lois & Clark-Superman		ER		ER				Movie: The Bad News Bears (1976). Tatum O'Neal. ***		Movie: Bad
21	Thornberrys		Rugrats	Blue's Clues	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Little Bill		Dora	Dora	Kipper
22	Burnett		Burnett	Something	Hearts Afire	Jesse	Ned-Stagey		Wings	Wings	Movie: Masterminds (1997) **½
23	(6:00) Despierta America				Cuento de Navidad				Pobre Diabla		Siempre
24	Civil War Journal		Weapons at War		20th Century				True Action	Great Blind	FBI-Story
25	Sightings		Sentinel		DarkShad				Quantum Leap		Quantum Leap
26	Clueless		Charles	Parent	Wayans				Cosby Show	Cosby Show	MacGyver

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Sewing	Painting	Fine Art	Rainier: The Mountain		Wishbone	Reading	Clifford-Red	Dragon	Arthur	Lions
3	(12:00) Movie: Ice Angel (2000)		Angela	Addams	Goosebump	Big Wolf	S Club 7	Two-Kind	Two-Kind	Boss?	
4	Days-Lives		Passions	Montel Williams		Men Are From Mars	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	NBC News
5	Rupert		Movie: Johnny Tsunami Brandon Baker.		MusicVids	Even	BoyWorld	So Weird	Smart Guy	Famous	BoyWorld
6	Hunter		Movie: Up Periscope (1959) James Garner. **		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
7	Jeopardy!		One Life to Live	General Hospital		Maury			Brown	Judge Judy	News
8	Bold & B.		As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Sally			Hollywood	Family Feud	News
9	Attorney		Roseanne	Mad	Grace Under	Nanny			Digimon	X-Men	Digimon
10	Golf: Senior Match Play Challenge			Outback	Peach Bowl	College Football	Music City Bowl -- Mississippi vs. West Virginia				
11	(12:00) Movie: Kid Cop G	(35) Movie: High-Ballin' (1978) Peter Fonda, Jerry Reed.		Movie: Something Short of Paradise PG		Movie: Gully by Sus.			Movie: Greatest Store	Movie: The Love Letter Kate Capshaw.	Movie: Stuart Little Geena Davis. PG
12	Movie: Greatest Store		Movie: Icebreaker Sean Astin. PG-13		Movie: A Pyromaniac's Love Story PG	(15) Movie: Bye Bye, Love Matthew Modine. PG-13			Movie: Objective, Burma! (1945) Errol Flynn, William Prince. ***½	Movie: My Reputation (1946) Barbara Stanwyck. ***½	Movie: Mr. Blandings
13	Waltons		Bloopers-Jokes	McCoy's	Alice	Dukes of Hazzard			Waltons		Starkey and Hutch
14	Home		Design	Christopher Lowell		Great Chefs	Great Chefs		Your New House		Wild Discovery
15	Law & Order		Northern Exposure		L.A. Law				Murder, She Wrote		Night Court
16	(12:00) Movie: Trial by Fire (1995)		Movie: Changes (1991) Cheryl Ladd, Michael Nouri. ½		Murphy	Murphy			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
17	PGA Tour		Women's College Basketball		Fame	Extreme	Bluetorch TV		Thunderbox		Thunderbox
18	Movie: Bad News Bears to Japan		Due South		Pai Factor: Chronicles				Pensacola: Wings of Gold		ER
19	Franklin		Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Rocket	U Pick	Pinky
20	Movie: Dead Man's Curve (1998) Matthew Lillard. **½		Baywatch		Martin	Martin			Martin	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger
21	Siempre		La Casa en la Playa		El Gordo y la Flaca				Primer Impacto		El Diabazo
22	Black Sheep		History	History IQ	20th Century				FBI-Story	Crimes	Black Sheep Squadron
23	Quantum Leap		Quantum Leap		Quantum Leap				Xena: Warrior Princess		Sliders
24	News		Caroline	Bzz!	Change	Street	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven		Full House

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Alexander the Great		Mysteries of Deep Space		Mystery!		Charlie Rose		Newshour
3	Early Edition		Movie: Air Bud (1997) Michael Jeter, Kevin Zegers. **½		Hidden Secrets of Magic				700 Club		Boss?
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Weber	Will & Grace	Just Shoot	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show	
5	Movie: Mom's Got a Date-Vampire		(35) Movie: Larger Than Life Bill Murray. ** PG		(20) Movie: Johnny Tsunami **½				Zorro		Zorro
6	College Football		College Football Insight.com Bowl -- Iowa State vs. Pittsburgh						Movie: Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970) ***		
7	News	Fortune	Whose? Whose?		Be a Millionaire				PrimeTime Thursday		News
8	News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder		48 Hours				48 Hours		News
9	Spin City	Real TV	Movie: Jumanji (1995) Robin Williams. **½		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			Frasier	Cops	Voyager
10	Football		College Football	Insight.com Bowl -- Iowa State vs. Pittsburgh					Sportscenter		Hoops
11	Movie: Gully by Sus.		Movie: Runaway Bride Julia Roberts. ** PG		Movie: Notting Hill (1999) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant.				Movie: Notting Hill (1999) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant.		Movie:
12	Playing the Field: Sports		Inside the NFL		Movie: Second Skin Natasha Henstridge.				Comedy	Sex Bytes	Inside the NFL
13	Movie: Life With Mikey Michael J. Fox.		Movie: Lake Placid Bill Pullman. **½ R		Movie: Dance With the Devil Rose Perez. ** R				Movie: Life With Mikey Michael J. Fox.		Movie:
14	Movie: Mr. Blandings		Movie: The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T. (1953) ***		Movie: Excuse My Dust (1951) **½				Movie: Meet Me-Vegas		Movie:
15	Marital Law		18 Wheels of Justice		Movie: The Marriage Fool (1998) Walter Matthau. **				Marital Law		Shooter
16	Wild Discovery		Three Minutes to Impact		Discovery News				Quest for the Giant Squid		Justice Files
17	Law & Order		Biography		Behind Closed Doors				Investigative Reports		Law & Order
18	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Armed and Innocent (1994) Kate Jackson **				Golden Girls		Golden Girls
19	Football	Last Word	College Basketball	Sugar Bowl Classic -- Florida vs. Tulane		College Basketball: Louisiana State vs. Oregon State			NBA		Movie: Ricochet (1991) **½
20	Pretender		NBA Basketball	Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz					NBA		Movie: Ricochet (1991) **½
21	Hey Arnold! Rugrats		SpongeBob	Eddie	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family
22	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: Red Scorpion (1989) Dolph Lundgren. **½				Martin	Martin	Strip Poker
23	Locura de Amor		Mujeres Enganadas		El Gran Diabazo						

CLASSIFIEDS

Sensations aimed at kids or nostalgia

The Associated Press

From bubble-gum pop to Dr. Seuss adaptations to a certain boy wizard, many of this year's sensations in the arts and entertainment were aimed at kids — or at adults' nostalgia for the pop culture of their childhood. (The top boy band at year's end? The Beatles, of course.)

2000 A look back

At the same time, the future cast a huge shadow; new technologies already were changing the way we listen, read and watch.

From e-publishing to Napster to the Time Warner-Disney dispute that temporarily left millions of TV screens blank, business models were shifting faster than the alliances on "Survivor."

Below, some trends over the past year, and what to watch for in 2001:

MUSIC

The year began with Santana picking up an armful of accolades and ended with The Beatles on top of the music charts. But it was youthful pop and Gen X angst that ruled the charts: 'N Sync, Eminem, Limp Bizkit and Britney Spears.

While the industry focused on the young, the images and music often were kid-unfriendly. Eminem's vicious prose drew protests from women and gays, and a song about underwear — Sisqo's "The Thong Song" — became the summer anthem. Even self-proclaimed virgin Britney Spears took a turn toward the tawdry with her striptease antics at the MTV Awards. And the most talked-about moment at the Grammys? Jennifer Lopez's barely-there dress.

But the biggest story in music this year was how listeners tune in. Internet music-swapping services like Napster, which let music lovers pick and choose songs for free, were a huge hit. Outraged record labels and many artists were looking for alternatives in the courts and in boardrooms.

BOOKS AND PUBLISHING

The year was dominated by a book it seemed everyone had read, and a book format it seemed hardly anyone had used.

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the fourth in J.K. Rowling's phenomenal series, had kids (and adults) lining up for



The year 2000 opened with veteran musician Carlos Santana (right) picking up accolades and ended with '60s icons The Beatles atop the charts.



books last summer the way music fans used to line up for the next Beatles record. Meanwhile, the industry planned for, invested in and obsessed over electronic books. No one was sure when, or to what degree, the technology would catch on. But everyone was determined not to be left behind.

The year's most notable e-book was Stephen King's self-published "The Plant," a novel released in installments and paid for on an honor system. By the end of the year, less than 50 percent of those downloading were also paying, and King suspended publication.

Still, he said he had no regrets about what he calls "Stephen's Excellent Adventure." In a letter published in Time, King said the novel was "terrific fun" and that he had made more than \$500,000.

Next year? Potter No. 5 is expected next December.

FILM

The box office sputtered in late summer with a string of artistically and commercially challenged films. Then, as the holidays neared, studios dumped a glut of major movies into theaters — but Hollywood insiders were still searching for Academy Award contenders.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Mission: Impossible 2" were the top-grossing flicks. "The Perfect Storm" rode its computer-crafted waves to hit status, and Russell Crowe's glower and Ridley Scott's digital re-creation of ancient Rome made "Gladiator" a success. (Audiences were cooler to Crowe's "Proof of Life," whose co-star, Meg Ryan, ended her marriage to Dennis Quaid after she began seeing Crowe.)

Julia Roberts maintained her string of box-office smashes with "Erin Brockovich," directed by Steven Soderbergh, who returned nine months later with the drug-trade drama "Traffic," a critical favorite.

Late entries such as "Meet the Parents," "Charlie's Angels" and "Remember the Titans" — along with earlier successes including "Dinosaur," "Scary Movie" and "Chicken Run" — were expected to lift Hollywood's revenues slightly above 1999's record \$7.5 billion. But factoring in higher ticket prices, movie attendance likely was down.

Next year? Possible strikes by screenwriters and actors, who want a bigger piece of revenues. Studios are revving up production to ensure that upcoming films will be in the can by late spring, when contracts expire. Still, the effects of a prolonged strike could become apparent on television by fall and in theaters by early 2002.

2001 movies already carrying buzz include "Hannibal," Steven Spielberg's "A.I.," "Pearl Harbor," Tim Burton's "Planet of the Apes" and — who else? — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

TELEVISION

2000 saw the rise and, maybe, the cooling-off, of so-called reality shows. 1999's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" led to a boomlet of destined-to-fail game shows — until Fox's "Who Wants

to Marry a Multimillionaire?" in February. It resulted in huge ratings, instant celebrity for the "newlyweds" and disgust for the sham it was revealed to be.

Then CBS weighed in with the triumphant "Survivor" and the embarrassing "Big Brother." Other networks announced copycat shows, including the nutty "Destination Mir," which apparently has been grounded by the Mir space station's troubles.

Real life also continued to morph into TV drama, most notably Elian-mania and presidential campaign coverage, from election night on.

One nonevent: Kathie Lee left Regis, whose ratings on the morning show promptly rose.

Next year? The networks seem torn between doubts they can repeat the sensation of "Survivor" (other than with the upcoming "Survivor II"), and fears that such shows are the best insurance against the looming strikes.

THEATER

The Internet became a prime source for theater news and gossip in 2000. Not only through such established Web sites as www.Broadway.com but through chat rooms that allow everyone to be a critic.

The first major Broadway production to feel the force of this instant analysis was "Seussical," a musical celebration of Dr. Seuss' children's books. When the show ran into trouble in Boston — and received downbeat reviews — chat rooms were filled with comments as the musical shed its director, set designer and costume designer. As a result, public perception of "Seussical" was largely negative, even before it officially opened on Broadway.

Meanwhile, "Cats" closed in September after a nearly 18-year run. Broadway's toughest ticket remained, after three years, "The Lion King."

Next year? With "Miss Saigon" closing at the end of January, Broadway will have only two big British musicals left — "Les Miserables" and "The Phantom of the Opera" — and their final curtains are nowhere in sight. Expectation is high for a stage version of "The Producers," adapted by Mel Brooks himself and starring Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick. It opens in New York in April after a Chicago tryout.

ART

Lawyers proved as significant as Rembrandt in 2000. The art world spun into the new year with fallout from "Sensation," the 1999 exhibit that created a cultural and political war over Chris Ofili's painting of the Virgin Mary adorned with elephant dung. In March, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the Brooklyn Museum dropped their dueling lawsuits, and the city agreed to spend \$5.8 million for a museum renovation project.

Meanwhile, governments around the world agreed to search for 600,000 pieces of art plundered from Holocaust victims by the Nazis. But at a meeting this fall, art experts, Jewish activists and officials from 37 countries did not decide whether art taken from museums in Nazi-occupied Europe should be returned to the nations of origin or to Israel.

The Internet played a key role in tracking down stolen art, while the FBI investigated eBay over "shill" bids — self-bidding — on an abstract painting.

And eBay's rival, Amazon.com, lost a significant partner when Sotheby's ended their joint Web site for big-ticket auctions.

As for Rembrandt, the Dutch master's "Portrait of a Lady Aged 62" fetched a record \$28.7 million at a Christie's auction this month.

Next year? If the current Shanghai Biennale is any indication, expect more cultural rows. A photo of a man eating a dead baby was rejected by the show but seized by police when it surfaced at a local gallery. Brace yourself, Brooklyn Museum.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AX YDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

12-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

LS L BK'S E HEC TNEK SM
GOOT BSLNN MYEBLMKENNF
OZOK IWOK FMX GKMI IWES
FMX'QO SENG LKR EHMXS.

— GLK WXHHEQC
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EACH CHILD CARRIES HIS OWN BLESSING INTO THE WORLD. — JEWISH PROVERB

Texas is a winner in census

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first fruits of the Census Bureau's 2000 count will be visible later this week when officials release numbers that will document changing population trends.

In fact, the statistics due for release Thursday spell out which states are winners and which are losers in terms of the number of seats they have in the House.

This comes after a year in which the bureau, part of the Commerce Department, spent \$168 million on advertising, sent out questionnaires to more than 120 million homes and hired 440,000 part-time workers to do the door-to-door questioning.

Although the process was fraught with controversy, the Census Bureau director, Kenneth Prewitt, talked in optimistic terms about the results.

"We are convinced that when the data are out, it will underscore what we've been seeing, which is that Census 2000 has been operationally a successful census," he said.

The first results are raw, state population totals. They are expected to confirm trends that estimates have hinted at since the last census a decade ago — booming populations in the South and West, slower growth in the North and Midwest.

That report will be followed by more detailed statistics in March, which will reveal America's new racial makeup. The 2000 questionnaires allowed people for the first time to check off if they were of more than one race, providing a rich portrait of racial identification never before available.

The numbers have complex political implications. The Supreme Court ruled last year that the raw, state data will be used to reapportion the 435 seats in the House among the 50 states.

Estimates based on 1999 figures by some private demographic research groups show that Arizona and Texas — states with booming immigrant populations — stand to gain

two seats each. California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Montana and Nevada are forecast to gain one seat each.

New York and Pennsylvania could lose two representatives each, while Connecticut, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin may each lose one seat.

The March report may include two sets of numbers: the raw figures, and a second set adjusted by way of a statistical method known as sampling. The same court decision left it to states to decide which numbers to use when they redraw congressional and state legislative lines beginning next year.

But first, the incoming Bush administration will have to decide whether to even release the adjusted numbers, which many believe will help Democrats. President-elect Bush hasn't said what he will do.

Prewitt believes the results will yield a demographic portrait of America as complex and diverse as ever. More detailed statistics will be released incre-

mentally over the next two years, ranging in topics from poverty and income to immigration and same-sex-couple households.

The Census 2000 operation did have problems, however.

Earlier this year, some of the mailings sent to Americans to remind them of the count were misaddressed because of a printing error. And in March, just after most of the forms were mailed, some congressional Republicans questioned the intrusiveness of some questions on the 53-item long form: "How much money do you make?" or "Do you have plumbing at home?"

The public weighed in on editorial pages and radio talk shows, causing some problems for part-time census workers hired to go door-to-door to ask the questions.

"You would think it would be the income questions but the one I heard the most flak about was about how many toilets you had," said Michael Zdan of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.,

Schlabs Hysinger **SH** SERVING HEREFORD SINCE 1979 COMMODITY SERVICES

1500 West Park Avenue • 384-1281
Richard Schlabs Amber Griffith

Prices effective: December 22, 2000

Table with columns for CATTLE FUTURES and GRAIN FUTURES, listing various contracts and their prices.

Table with columns for METAL FUTURES, listing various metal contracts and their prices.

Table with columns for FUTURES OPTIONS, listing various option contracts and their prices.

HHS chief says drug law flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new law aimed at cutting prescription drug prices by allowing them to be reimported from Canada won't be implemented by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

In a letter Tuesday to President Clinton, Shalala said the law had "serious flaws and loopholes."

Those concerns "make it impossible for me to demonstrate that it is safe and cost effective," she wrote. "As such, I cannot sanction the allocation of taxpayer dollars to implement such a system."

Signed by President Clinton before Election Day, the law was an attempt to address the clamor for cheaper prescription drugs — particularly among the elderly. Lawmakers were unable to agree on a more sweeping plan to add prescription

drug coverage to Medicare. Drugs manufactured in the United States can be purchased for much less in Canada, principally because the government regulates prices, a solution fiercely resisted here.

For example, the allergy-sinus medication Flonase Nasal costs \$46 in the United States, but just \$23 in Canada. Likewise, 45 pills of the anti-depressant Prozac can cost about \$106 in the United States and \$43 in Canada.

The law was vigorously opposed by the pharmaceutical industry and Democratic critics called it a Band-Aid fix for the country's troubles with prescription drug prices, manufactured to give political cover to those who opposed broader solutions.

Shalala was directed by the legislation to review the law and determine whether it was

cost effective and safe. Shalala said she would not request \$23 million available to establish a system for overseeing the importation of drugs from Canada.

She argued that the law raises safety issues because there's no guarantee that imported drugs will carry labels approved by the Food and Drug Administration. And she complained that the law did nothing to keep drug manufacturers from strong-arming distributors into raising prices on imported drugs.

But Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a co-author of the legislation, said the administration simply "chickened out."

"The best approach would have been to say, we'll pass a law that does something and then we will wait and see how the drug companies react," Dorgan said. "If they start play-

ing games then at least we'll all know who the villain is. But this makes no sense at all. Now we know the drug companies will do nothing because we're doing nothing."

Chris Jennings, Clinton's top health policy aide, said Shalala's stinging assessment was on target.

"We have an obligation not to raise hopes with false promises," he said. "There are loopholes that allow the intent of the legislation to be completely thwarted."

HerefordBRAND mauri@herefordbrand.com cooper@herefordbrand.com thom@herefordbrand.com dianna@herefordbrand.com jeff@herefordbrand.com hbnews@wrt.net



The Associated Press

Economic differences between 1992, the year Bill Clinton first ran for president, and 2000, his last full year in office.

The government recorded the largest budget deficit in history in 1992 — \$290 billion in red ink. By 2000, the deficit had become a record budget surplus of \$237 billion.

In 1992, the country was still struggling to emerge from the 1990-91 recession. While the economy grew by 3.3 percent, it was termed the "jobless recovery" because American companies, after having gone through painful restructuring and layoffs in the 1980s, were being cautious in rehiring workers. The unemployment rate stood at 7.5 percent.

In 2000, unemployment averaged 4 percent, the lowest level since 1969, and the economy is expected to grow 5.2 percent for the full year.

Consumer prices rose 2.9 percent in 1992 and are rising at an annual rate of 3.5 percent through the first 11 months of 2000.

BUSH ECONOMY: Will new administration be first for GOP to avoid a recession?

By Martin Crutsinger

AP Economics Writer

Whatever else is said about President Clinton's stewardship over the last eight years, one fact is indisputable: he presided over one of the most remarkable periods of prosperity in the nation's history.

For George W. Bush, another historic footnote may be of more pressing interest: Can he become the first Republican president since Abraham Lincoln to avoid a recession in his first term in office?

All the major indicators of the economy's status reached levels during the Clinton years not seen in more than a generation. The country over the past four years has enjoyed the strongest economic growth since the mid-1960s, growth that has helped to push the unemployment rate down to the lowest level in 30 years.

And at nearly 10 years and counting, the current economic expansion is the longest lasting in history. Clinton is the first president since Lyndon Johnson to escape a recession during his time in office.

Bush and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, looking at signs that the economy is slowing, have warned that the country may be, in Cheney's words, "on the front edge of a recession."

Gene Sperling, Clinton's chief economist, said the incoming Republicans need to be more

judicious in their comments, lest their words become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

But the GOP comments serve two purposes. They lay the groundwork for blaming Democrats if the economy does go sour. And they build a case for the centerpiece of Bush's election platform — a 10-year, \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

Bush's big tax cut idea harkens back to another Republican — Ronald Reagan, who railed against the economic malaise of the Jimmy Carter years and promised to slash income taxes and shrink the size of the federal government.

Republicans point to that "supply side" revolution as the roots of the Clinton prosperity. They credit Reagan, not Clinton, for unleashing free-market forces through less government regulations and lowering taxes on investors and businesses.

Balderdash, say Democrats, who give credit for the good times to Clinton — for courageously pursuing a deficit-reduction package in his first year in office that passed Congress without a single Republican vote and in the face of GOP warnings that its tax increases invited a recession.

That package laid the ground work for the budget surpluses, Clinton's supporters say, and kept interest rates low, which powered a surge in business investment that has propelled productivity growth, the key ingredient of rising

living standards, to the best rates since the golden years of the 1950s and 1960s.

Asked to apportion credit, private economists mostly say that the forces at play in a \$10 trillion economy are far too diverse to point to a single factor supporting the current boom.

On the government side, they are more inclined to credit Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his steady hand on interest-rate policies, knowing when to raise rates to keep the economy from overheating and when to cut rates to give a weakening economy a boost.

Greenspan is a proponent of the "New Economy" theory for the cause of prosperity. He contends that the emergence of the computer, the Internet and other high-tech tools has triggered a surge in productivity akin to the boom spurred by electricity and the invention of the telephone and automobile.

Added to all this has been the good fortune the country has enjoyed during Clinton's watch. The Asian currency crisis of 1997-98, which plunged 40 percent of the world into a downturn, turned out to be a blessing here, holding down inflation as foreign suppliers sold their products at bargain prices in the United States.

"Some times it's better to be lucky than to be good and President Clinton certainly enjoyed a fair amount of luck when it came to the economy," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. "But he also knew what to do with his luck."



George W. Bush's economic centerpiece is a \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

4 teen-agers cited for starting blazes

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Four teen-agers were cited for allegedly starting a blaze that spread over 600 acres and surged within 100 feet of luxury homes.

The fire erupted early Tuesday and spread quickly in the powerful Santa Ana wind before it was fully contained 16 hours later with no homes lost, Ventura County Fire Department spokeswoman Sandi Wells said.

Two 16-year-old boys, a 17-year-old and Chad Montagnino, 18, were arrested on suspicion of carelessly causing a fire, sheriff's Sgt. Ron Nelson said. They also were booked on suspicion of

taking a vehicle without the owner's permission, said Detective J.T. Manwell.

The vehicle, a van that belonged to the mother of one of the boys and had been reported stolen, became stuck in rugged terrain and ignited dry brush, Nelson said.

More than 600 firefighters aided by water-dropping helicopters and retardant-dropping air tankers battled the flames in the city of 120,000.

GILLILAND
INSURANCE ASSOCIATES
Life-Health-Disability
Retirement Planning - Estate Planning
201 E. Park Ave • 364-1881

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of the fuel saving theories in this advertisement.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage Significantly

BOSTON - After studying the Platinum Gas Saver for five years, Federal Consumer Protection concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the device than that claimed by the developer (National Fuelsaver Corporation of Boston)."

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering your engine.

Platinum was chosen for the Gas Saver for the same reason that it was chosen for the catalytic converter. Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn.

Since the average gasoline engine burns only 68% of each gallon that you pump into it, and since the unburnt fuel leaving an engine is pollution, the platinum of the catalytic converter burns the 32% of your fuel that did not burn in the engine.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this gasoline in the tail pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But by adding platinum to the air-fuel mixture, the Gas Saver enables most of this fuel to burn while it is still inside the engine, converting potential pollution

into more miles per gallon.

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon deposits and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold almost a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call:
1-800-537-7427 or
1-617-244-1210

Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. Gas Saver	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

NO Hassle, NO Haggle

NEW

NAVIGATOR

LINCOLN LS

SPORT TRACK

USED

1999 TAURUS

2000 GRAND MARQUIS

2000 MUSTANG

HAPPY
Holiday
Hereford!

EXCURSION

EXPEDITION EXPLORER

WESTERN
FORD • LINCOLN • MERCURY

550 N. 25 Mile Ave. • 800-900-2425 or 364-3673 • Email: western@wfr.net