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Happy
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Year!

Inside
Today

LIFESTYLES

**4-H MEMBERS
GO TO STATE**



■ **13 local 4-H members** have won their tickets to the State 4-H Roundup by capturing top berths in the District 1 4-H Roundup and the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show. — **Page B1**

Today's weather

OUTLOOK



• **Cloudy skies** •

Tonight: Cloudy with lows around 20, south to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers, highs around 28, northeast to north winds 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

Sunday night: A 30 percent chance of snow showers early, otherwise cloudy, lows around 12.

• **Hereford weather** •

Friday's high, 38; low, 6; no precipitation.



ON 2000 A YEAR IN REVIEW

3 incumbents fall in November general election

1 When Deaf Smith County voters went to the polls on Nov. 7, they voted out two incumbents. Another incumbent was defeated in the March primary.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Wayne Betzen, who narrowly survived a challenge in the Republican primary, was defeated handily by Democratic challenger Armando Gonzalez, while

longtime Sheriff Joe Brown was defeated by GOP challenger Brent Harrison, a sergeant on the Hereford Police Department.

In the only other contested race on the county ballot, Republican Jeannine Zimmerman defeated Democrat Teresa Garth in

the race to succeed outgoing Tax Assessor-Collector Margaret Del Toro.

Gonzalez is a graduate of Hereford High School and is a machinist for Poarch Bros. He and his wife, Debbie, have three children, Vanessa, Ashby and Mackenzie.

Harrison is a 14-year veteran of the police department. He has a criminal justice management degree from Amarillo College and is working on his bachelor's degree in

criminal justice management from Wayland Baptist. He has received an advanced peace officer certificate, he is a certified TCLOSE instructor, past coordinator of the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers and is certified in kinesic interviewing and advanced blood pat-

tern interpretation. He and his wife, Beverly, have two daughters Cassie and Alexandria.

Zimmerman has worked in the tax assessor-collector's office for 11 years, managing office computer

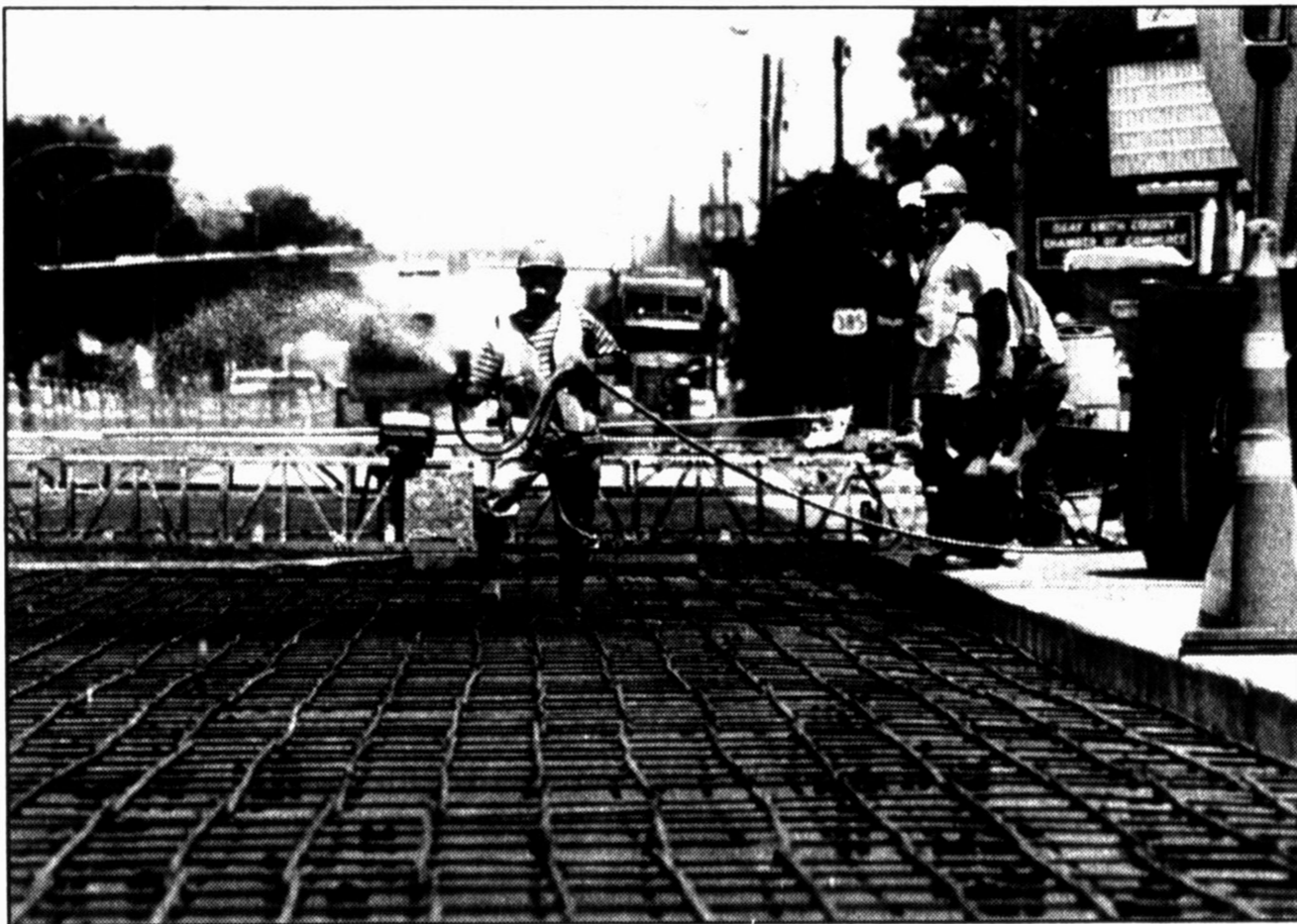
hardware and software installation. She is active in Park Avenue Church of Christ, Hereford Toastmasters Club, Panhandle Music Association and the Country Opry in Hereford.



A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Republican challenger Brent Harrison, left, and longtime Deaf Smith County Sheriff Joe Brown posed for a picture at a West Central Intermediate School function prior to the Nov. 7 general election.

Paving the way to town's road rage



A dip in the road — U.S. Highway 385 roadwork raised the ire of anyone who needed to cross or traverse the major in-town transportation artery.

■ **Highway construction source of small-town traffic congestion**

2 Hereford drivers and local business merchants located along U.S. Highway 385 endured two separate phases of construction on the major thoroughfare, replacing four lanes of asphalt with nearly foot-thick reinforced concrete. The latest construction phase was started in March and continued into the fall.

"(In 1997) we went through it (U.S. 385) and replaced the right-hand lanes with concrete because there are so many trucks passing through Hereford and now we have the same problems with trucks tearing up the middle lanes," said Tonya Detten, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) public information officer in Amarillo.

"Tons of grain trucks pass through 385, so we decided to go through the whole (roadway)," she said. "As many know, concrete is the best surface for heavy trucks to drive on and it's more weather-resistant than asphalt."

"The expected life of concrete is 30 years and asphalt is only 6-7 years. It is a lot more expensive, but worth it in the long run," Detten said.

The project, which was 1.9 miles in length, was completed quicker than anticipated, thanks in part to a drought that gripped the area most of the year.

Holmes Construction of Amarillo was selected as contractor with the low bid of \$2.9 million.

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• **THERE ARE MORE OF THE YEAR'S TOP 10 NEWS MAKERS** •

Lawmakers head into uncertain session

AUSTIN (AP) — Start with a new governor and new presiding officer of the state Senate. Add a dash of lingering uncertainty from the tumultuous presidential election. Toss in plenty of strife from a tight budget and the once-a-decade job of redistricting.

It's a recipe for an intriguing 77th Texas Legislature, to say the least.

When lawmakers arrive Jan. 9, Gov. Rick Perry still will be charting his course as the state's new leader and Sen. Bill Ratliff, Perry's successor as president of the Senate, will have been barely seated. But the tedious and politically charged task of redrawing the boundaries of con-

gressional and legislative districts could take center stage.

"The cloud will be over the session from the very beginning. People will be jockeying for position," said Max Sherman, a former state senator and now a professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. "Everyone is kind of hypersensitive to the redistricting issue."

Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives may be inclined to work with the Republican-controlled Senate to develop a redistricting bill, or the Republican-dominated Redistricting Board takes over.

House Speaker Pete Laney is

downplaying controversy over redistricting.

"It's probably more of a hype ... coming from the political parties," he said.

Some aspects of the Legislature will be business as usual.

In the Texas House, where Democrats have a 78-72 edge, Laney, a West Texan from Hale Center, is expected to be re-elected to the post he has held since 1993.

The usual competition for money is already under way, with lawmakers declaring it difficult to fulfill everyone's wish list.

Teachers, for instance, want a statewide health insurance plan. State

workers want better pay and benefits.

The budget for the current biennium is about \$98 billion. The budget surplus is projected to be \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion this cycle, but Medicaid and certain prison programs that need an immediate emergency infusion will slice into it.

"In the past election, some candidates campaigned with promises of new spending programs, from everything from highways to higher education. And hopefully we'll be able to do all those fine things they proposed and we'll be able to find those candidates when it comes time to find the revenue to pay for those

projects,"

Laney said.

Some legislators suggest that a tax cut — like those approved in 1997 and 1999 under then Gov. George W. Bush — isn't likely because of the budget situation.

Hundreds of bills have been filed

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77th
Legislature

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HEREFORD BRAND
Local
roundup

• Holiday closings set •

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Monday to allow their employees to observe the New Year's Day holiday.

All financial institutions will be closed on New Year's Day, as will all post offices. There will be no residential or business mail delivery, although special delivery mail will be delivered. Financial institutions and the U.S. Postal Service will resume normal operations Tuesday.

Classes in the Hereford Independent School District will be closed this week. Students will return to classes Jan. 8, 2001.

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Obituaries

JEWEL B. McNEESE
Dec. 30, 2000

Services for Jewel B. McNeese, 93, of Hereford will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at Hereford Community Church with grandson, Capt. Kelly McNeese, and Pastor Dorman Duggan officiating.

Burial will be at West Park Cemetery under direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. McNeese died Dec. 29, 2000, at BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born Dec. 12, 1907, in Jackson County, Okla., to John Milton and Emma Cumbie Brownlow.

She came to Texas in 1914. She married Randolph Aaron McNeese on Oct. 23, 1928, in Dickens County, Texas. They moved to Deaf Smith County in 1947.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Aaron Lee McNeese and Jackie Ray McNeese.

Survivors include a son, Don McNeese of Hereford; two daughters, Emma Lee Locke of Logan, N.M., and Joyce Duggan of Hereford; a sister, Irene Holt of Hereford; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

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Session

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before the session's start, giving a preview of legislative battles during the biennial, 140-day meeting.

Perry has made it clear his top priorities will be education and transportation. He wants to educate more Texans beyond high school and unclog the state's highways.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has reintroduced a bill that died last session that would strengthen the state's hate crimes law.

Named for James Byrd, the black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck by three white men in Jasper in 1998, the bill would assign a hate crimes prosecutor at the attorney general's office, provide civil remedies for victims and require training to help officers identify hate crimes evidence.

National attention on the Texas death penalty during the presidential race could lead to changes in the way capital punishment is administered.

Some legislators are looking to provide the option of life without parole in capital murder cases, to ensure lawyers for capital murder defendants are competent and to provide inmates more access to DNA testing in certain cases.

2000 A YEAR IN REVIEW

RAISING THE ROOFS OF CONTROVERSY

HISD sets goal to insure new technology buildings are utilized by community

Tying in the past with the future

HISD school board member Carolyn Waters (far right) and music teacher Jane Gullely visit with Hagar family members who donated their farm windmill to HISD.



3 Three years of controversy after its application for a construction grant, Hereford Independent School District officially opened two new Career and Technology buildings and a new physical education facility Sept. 18 with a formal Masonic ceremony.

The ceremony and informal tour of the buildings set the stage for an open house and the dedication of the Hagar Windmill inside Career and Technology Building II. The windmill is to be a permanent reminder of the farming and ranching heritage of the area.

The buildings were funded by a \$14.5 million state grant arranged during the tenure of former Superintendent Jack Patton. The grant became controversial in the spring of 1999 when Patton, who left HISD soon afterward to take over as superintendent of the Llano Independent School District, acknowledged the construction involved matching money. He earlier had refused to describe the allotment as a matching grant.

Some taxpayers contended the district administration and board had misled the taxpayers about the true nature of the funding.

The construction grant, which originated through legislative action, is based on a school district's weighted average daily attendance (WADA).

In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature set aside \$200 million to help poor districts build new facilities. The amount received by the schools was apportioned on the school district's wealth.

The state pays a portion of the costs, with the individual school districts paying the rest.

Under the formula, Patton later admitted the state would pick up 62.39 percent of the construction cost; HISD would carry 37.61 of cost -- making the facilities fund a matching grant.

Despite the controversy surrounding the construction and funding of the new buildings, the HISD staff has put the buildings to good use, offering not only scheduled daytime classes, but also adult evening classes.

Classes include automotive repair, cooking, welding and computer training as well as others. The first semester of evening classes earned certificates of completion early in December.

Evening classes are funded by a state grant and are offered free of charge. HISD staff expects to continue offering the classes and add new ones to the list, proving the facilities will be an asset to the community.



Cornerstone ceremony — Members of the Hereford Masonic Lodge preside over official opening of buildings.

BRAND/file photo

Optimism remains high for new hospital chief's ability in leading HRMC

■ Takes helm as third administrator in three years

4 It wasn't hard for James Taylor to get his feet on the ground at Hereford Regional Medical Center. After all, Taylor was the hospital's acting administrator, as well as interim financial director, for several weeks.

In a 3-1 vote Feb. 22, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors selected Taylor to be the hospital chief executive officer. Directors Ernest Flood, Steve Lawlis and Jesse Rincones favored offering the position to Taylor; Director Bobby Owen dissented. Directors Mark Collier and Karen Solomon were absent.

The HRMC position was filled on an interim basis — first by J.O. Lewis of San Antonio and then by Taylor, a Canyon resident — since

July 1999 following the resignation of former hospital administrator John Studsrud.

Since 1996, Taylor has worked as an independent consultant in health care finance.

Between June 1988 and May 1996, he was senior vice president and chief financial officer for the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare System, where he directed all financial operations with no audit adjustments for the five years ending 1995.

He also served in a variety of financial management positions for the hospital, beginning in June 1974.

Taylor is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also is a past president of the Texas Association for Healthcare Financial Administration, as well as a board member of the Alliance Regional Health Plans Inc. and the Texas Association of Public and Non-Profit Hospitals.

City elects to build new wastewater plant, landfill

In May, Mayor Bob Josserand cast the tie-breaking vote as the Hereford City

■ Commissioners forced to improve infrastructure to meet state compliance standards

well as electricity. While much more efficient than the facultative system, the aerated

Commission directed the city engineer, Oller Engineering Inc., to design an aerated lagoon system for treatment of wastewater at the city farm.

5 The city's wastewater treatment plant does not meet state standards, and the commissioners had reviewed two options — aerated lagoon system and facultative system — for the new plant.

The aerated lagoon system is more efficient, but more expensive to operate. The facultative system is less expensive to operate, but it also is less efficient and requires more land area.

The plant under design should be capable of dealing with 1.2-1.5 million gallons of effluent generated each day by the wastewater system's customers.

The aerated lagoon method will require about 34 acres of land. There would be three aerators in each lagoon that would treat the effluent.

This system would require the installation of pumps and motors, as

method also is more expensive to operate and requires personnel on site.

Construction of the aerated lagoon system will cost an estimated \$4 million. The city has about \$1.2 million available for the project. In anticipation of this situation, the city commission had authorized 10-percent increases in water/sewer rates for three years, with the extra revenue to be set aside for improvements to the aging facility. The last of the three annual increases went into effect last summer.

LANDFILL PERMIT

Also, a landfill permit application was reviewed at a hearing conducted by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The panel signed off on the permit application and a recommendation for its approval was forwarded to the TNRC.

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Celestial show — A crescent moon is aligned closely with Venus (upper right) Friday night. The photograph of the celestial show was captured with a time exposure.

Utah towns celebrate early

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state of Utah takes a lot of ribbing for being ultra-conservative, unhip and behind the times.

But on Saturday, some residents will be one step ahead of everyone else — they're celebrating New Year's Eve a day early.

In Provo and St. George, two heavily Mormon towns, party organizers moved the celebrations ahead because many church members are expected to spend Sunday quietly observing the Sabbath.

"We're not going to have a countdown," said Marc Mortensen, organizer of Saturday's early-bird celebration in St. George. "We're not going to pretend like it's New Year's Eve. It's just a New Year's party."

Mortensen expects about 25,000 people at the celebration. He said staging the event on Sunday would have probably cut attendance in half and made it unprofitable.

"It's more of a business decision, not a

religious one," Mortensen said. "It makes more sense."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has told members they can take part in "dancing and other activities" on Saturday but must be home before midnight. The church is encouraging members to spend Sunday quietly at home with their families and other church members, and to take part in activities "appropriate for the Sabbath day."

Church headquarters will be open Sunday night, and the entertainment will include religious movies.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, a non-Mormon, said he was bewildered by the alternative plans.

"I just think it's sort of odd that anyone would celebrate New Year's Eve on any other night than New Year's Eve. But to each his own," Anderson said.

2000 A YEAR IN REVIEW

The **GOOD**,
the
BAD,
and the
UGLY



Panhandle weather brought it all, often too much at once

■ Rain, snow, sleet and drought waged their separate battles on Hereford residents, but idled few except for the U.S. Post Office

precipitation was within 2 inches of the average yearly amount, soil monitors listed soil moisture as excessively dry. Gustly, southwest winds exacerbated the dry conditions, further drying the soil moisture.

Information from the August edition of *The Cross Section*, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District newsletter, indicated portions of Deaf Smith County received as much 6 inches of precipitation by the end of July, but that does not include the far western portion of the county, which is outside the district boundaries.

Adding to the problem were high temperatures. The National Weather Service reported normal high temperatures for June, July and August were 90, 91 and 90 degrees, respectively. However, Amarillo reported more than 10 days with a high temperature of 99 or higher.

The final 2000 burn ban was lifted in October with the introduction of sporadic rain showers around the Panhandle.

A winter storm front then pinched holiday travel when it swept through the Panhandle on Christmas Day, first announcing its presence with freezing drizzle, and then following with heavy snowfall — not stopping until a 13-inch white blanket covered the ground in Hereford.

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The weather during 2000 was a case of extremes in Deaf Smith County.

Long periods of little or no precipitation were punctuated by excessive rainfall, after which the long dry spell would return.

A 13-inch snowfall beginning on Christmas Day and which paralyzed much of area — even forcing the U.S. Postal Service to cancel mail delivery on Dec. 27 — seemed to sum up the year's weather.

A lack of rain during the winter and spring, coupled with the area's vast tinderbox of unseasonably dry vegetation and harvested corn fields, made Deaf Smith County vulnerable to wildfires, prompting county officials to declare burn bans in February and again in September.

During February, Deaf Smith County commissioners heeded the plea of Fire Marshal Jay Spain and issued a countywide burn ban. As a reminder, red burn-ban flags were flown at the courthouse and the Hereford Fire Station.

Deaf Smith County received .08 of precipitation in January, compared to .40 in a normal year. By June, when a severe thunderstorm, which dumped several inches of rain on the city and knocked out power when lightning struck the Southwestern Public Service Co. substation on New York Street, the county was in the grip of a drought. The rainfall, though boosting the annual totals, did little to help area producers, who described it as too little, too late.

After that thunderstorm, drought conditions returned.

In a related development, the Hereford City Commission in May adopted a formal drought contingency plan. The ordinance was drafted by the city staff with the assistance of the Texas Water Development Board. It was mandated by Senate Bill 1, which was approved during the last session of the Texas Legislature. SB 1 required all communities and water districts serving more than 3,000 customers to enact a drought contingency plan.

The ordinance authorized the city manager to initiate or terminate the drought or other water supply emergency response measures established in the plan.

Under the plan, the city manager must monitor the water supply on a daily basis to determine when conditions warrant initiation of the plan.

Although by fall, Deaf Smith County's



2000
footnotes

We're Still No. 1

Deaf Smith County feedyards dropped below 1 million for the first time since 1996, but they still fed 989,011 head of cattle in 1999, according to the annual fed cattle survey conducted by Southwestern Public Service Co.

Although the feedyards' activity was below the record number of 1,080,166 fed in 1998, the county still holds onto its

claim of being the "Cattle Feeding Capital of the World."

The county total, which first topped one million in 1996, was 1,019,545 in 1997, and the 1998 total was 60,621 higher.

The total number of cattle fed in this SPS area was 6,843,806, down from 7,100,834 in 1998. With a total of 2,174,300, the "golden triangle" of Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties accounted about 31.7 percent of the total fed cattle in the SPS area.

City

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The city had operated a Type I landfill until 1993, when it was closed because of costs associated with the federal Clean Water Act. The expense of lining the landfill with clay or a polyvinyl material in addition to a leachate collection system and monitoring well would have exceeded \$400,000.

After closing the landfill, the city began hauling its solid waste to a commercial landfill at Canyon. City officials estimate about \$205,000 per year is saved by hauling the waste to Canyon.

However, the TNRC has eased the rules regarding landfills in arid areas, which would allow a city to operate a Type I arid-exempt (AE) landfill in addition to other landfills that aren't required to comply with all of the more stringent regulations governing the non-exempt landfills.

The Type IAE landfill doesn't require the leachate collection, groundwater monitoring, methane gas monitoring and ply or insitu liner, which would mean a significant reduction in the cost of operating a landfill.

The permit process could take six months to two years, depending on complications associated with geotechnical surveys and/or protests from adjacent property owners.

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"I have been elected by my peers to preside over this session over the next two years I am still the senator from the First District and because of that, it is my philosophy that my agenda is no more important than 30 other agendas."

BILL RATLIFF,

Texas state senator, following his election by his colleagues as acting lieutenant governor.

COMMENTS

NOTABLE PROGRESS

HISD, hospital gain some ground

At the end of 1999, it was noted in this column that some loose ends from old millennium need to be cleaned up in Deaf Smith County.

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

In September 1999, Beth Abernethy, the new superintendent for Hereford Independent School District, reported the school district was in financial trouble.

District officials said part of the fiscal problem stemmed from an \$854,000 overpayment by the Texas Education Agency, which the district inadvertently spent. This district had to return the money to the TEA, which is customary. However, school districts generally deposit overpayments, leave them intact and keep the interest earned on the amount after the overpayment is returned.

Additional financial problems surrounded the construction of four major new buildings — the result of a facilities allotment grant which will cost the taxpayers millions in structured debt over the next 20 years and which was initially represented to the board and taxpayers as a windfall that required little local investment.

Although it took several months before the major questions were answered, the district's last audit shows that its financial house is in order, and improving month by month.

The school district has traveled a rough road this past year, but its credibility with local taxpayers has been restored through honest and conservative leadership, open agendas, hard work and a great deal of belt tightening.

Meanwhile, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District was confronting financial problems aggravated by a leadership vacuum.

Because of the instability at the leadership level, the hospital district was finding it difficult to focus adequately on the fiscal problems caused by out-migration, changes in Medicare-Medicaid reimbursement, and losses recorded by the Hereford Health Clinic.

While there are still serious problems confronting the hospital, changes were enacted during the past year that indicate the district is moving in the right direction.

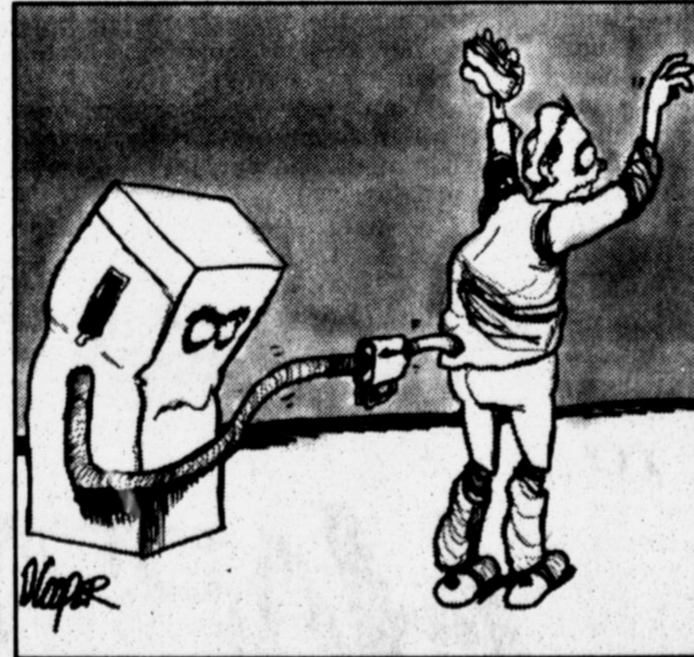
The board gave itself some breathing room by signing a management contract with TMSI to take over the day-to-day operation of the hospital. This should allow the directors to develop long-range strategies to ease some of the district's problems.

Also, a veteran healthcare professional, James Taylor, has been on board, first as interim administrator and then as permanent administrator, for more than a year. Although the problems have not gone away, the sense of leadership stability has allowed hospital employees to focus their attention on providing quality health care.

2000 The year in cartoons



The past year was full of good subjects for editorial cartoonists. The topics ranged from the local economy to a former oilman's plan to sell Panhandle water down state to farmers; to dealing with the double whammy of falling crop prices and drought to rising fuel costs; and the corporate domination of our political system. And, then



COUNT AND RECOUNT
... there was Florida.

New Year's brings broken promises, old columns



Mauri Montgomery

Hello, Hereford.

It's not yet even New Year's Eve and I'm already breaking promises I made to myself.

Among those promises, I resolved never to rerun a column, or rewrite an old one. I swore if I couldn't dream up something new to bore you with then I would not have a column, period.

I also swore that if I ever became publisher of this newspaper I would no longer shovel snow.

So much for promises.

Between this place and home, I figure I've shoveled about 500 cubic yards this past week.

I should be ashamed. I am a sad, weak little man with aching shoulders and back, snow blindness and now, tarnished pride.

Unlike the United States Postal Service, which has always scraped most of its black ink off the back of the newspaper industry, we tried to honor our commitment to deliver to our customers despite 13 inches of snow.

We were stuck only to be stuck again, and then stranded, but we met the day much like any other — with expectations that we would weather another day's course. And we did, we managed.

Let me now renew this once solemn oath again: "From this point forward; neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night shall stay this previously weak little man from the swift completion of fresh columns; or the resolve to promote other male employees within this company to the esteemed post of snow shoveler."

There.

That promise should last until I get the next bundle of mail clearly marked for another address and someone else's attention.

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

Relatively speaking, it's all about time, those innocuous little heartbeat that quietly tick away, ultimately defining the boundaries of our hopes and dreams, and the legacy we leave in our wake upon this third marble from the sun — one of an infinite variety of similar masses that constitute your average solar system.

Mired in the complexities of our more tiny individual worlds, (nearly 300 million of them in the United States according to this week's Census Bureau report) we rarely have enough time to look up, to consider the immensity of our smallness.

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

Christ's birth came to signify the standard for how modern time is gauged. And experts contend that important event occurred 2001 years ago, give or take 11 years.

So again, relatively speaking, our gaze is now focused on the third millennium which technically begins Jan. 1, 2001.

In the big scheme of things — the 4.5 billion years in which Earth has existed — all of this millennium hoopla means as much as it did a year ago, nothing. In the smaller scheme of things, where mankind spends most of its time, the party will be just as grand and just as big a toast to ourselves as ever.

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

New Year's has always been one of those holidays where you are commanded to have fun.

"Celebrate! Everyone else is! Prove to us that you have a life beyond the newspaper; beyond the improvement projects piling up in your garage, beyond the dismal visage of an ordinary life."

"You need to get out more, have some fun," they whine.

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

If I dig way down deep in my excuse bin I can usually come up with something really lame like this:

"No, we just don't have the time. You see, Lydia has to vacuum the carpet before she can feel very good about the coming year, and I have to practice."

"Practice what?" the revelers want to know.

"Well, it usually takes me about three months to learn how to write the new year on my bank checks. It may take a minute longer, relatively speaking, to learn how to properly write a check in the year 2001 for substantially less than a penny."

And if the intimidator doesn't work again this year, I can always use the heavy artillery, "Sorry, tonight I have to shovel 500 cubic yards of snow."

INSIDE

2000 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Hanging up the bunker gear

The dawn of a new era rolled into the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department largely unnoticed except by those personally involved.

Longtime fire marshal retires, passes HFD reins to Dean Turney

Longtime Deaf Smith County Fire Marshal Jay "Pappy" Spain quietly vacated his office in April and turned over the reins to Dean Turney, a veteran firefighter.

Turney carried on the duties and responsibilities of fire marshal — under the watchful eye of Spain — for nearly a month. But on May 1, Turney was at the helm, solo.

When he took over from Spain, Turney said he had no plans for a major overhaul of the department.

"Everything is running smoothly and working the way it should. I don't see any reason to change things," he said.

However, Turney said there

is one change he wants to make. He wants to end the shortage of firefighters.

"People just don't volunteer the way they used to. We really need to get more firefighters,"



The "Pappy" of SMOKE-EATERS Jay Spain, surrounded by members of his immediate family and also his extended family from the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department, is recognized at a special banquet marking his dedication to the local and state firefighting service.

Meanwhile, on May 6, the city

celebrated "Jay Spain Day" in Hereford, and residents of the city and Deaf Smith County were joined by the executive director of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association, as well as city officials and some of Spain's fellow fire marshals at the reception. Helen Campbell, executive



Being sworn in — Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland officially installs Dean Turney, center, as new fire marshal.

director of the state fire marshal's organization, presented Spain with a gift from the association and praised him for his long service to the area and state.

Canyon Fire Marshal Jerry Rice served as an unofficial

emcee of the day and presented several gifts to Spain, who stepped down May 1.

Although retired, Spain planned to continue his service on two fire related boards —

the Fire Prevention Poster Commission and T-Flag, a political action organization for fire service.

BOOSTING THE ECONOMY

Hereford Economic Development Corp. directors committed the agency's financial resources to assist dairy operations considering construction in Deaf Smith County.

The financial package extended in October to Schouten Dairies includes construction funds up to 10 percent of total construction costs.

The dairy would be completed in four phases and would employ 250 people. The commitment from HEDC is contingent on financing and commencement of operations.

Schouten Dairies, which is owned by Mike and Zeba Schouten, operates three facilities in the Stephenville area, with capacity of 4,800 cows.

Another financial package approved by the HEDC was extended to Van Der Weg Dairies. The agreement also would commit the agency to provide 10 percent — not to exceed \$190,000 — to Van Der Weg Dairies.

Jacob Van Der Weg is arranging local financing for the dairy operation, which could begin operations in 8-10 months

Hereford Economic Development Corp. focuses on procurement of dairy industry to Deaf Smith County

and would start up initially with 1,200 cows.

At the end of December, neither Schouten nor Van Der Weg had indicated if the HEDC incentives will be accepted.

A third dairy operation, which had been pursued aggressively through July, remained on the backburner at year's end. The HEDC had considered a package with Swiss Girl Dairies, which is owned by a former Hereford resident.

John Hafziger of Canyon has been involved in the dairy industry for several years, operating dairies in Artesia, N.M., and a small one near Canyon.

Initial proposals called for the HEDC to guarantee a possible \$3 million loan for a 2,500-head dairy cow facility, but details have not been worked out.

In an economic boost for the region, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), an Illinois-

based firm, completed construction of a grain complex on a tract east of Hereford in April. The grain center can load and unload more than 100 rail cars per day.

The facility conforms to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway shuttle program requirements.

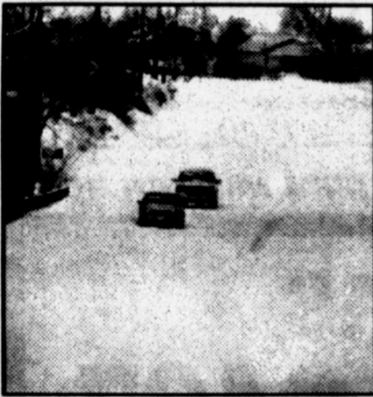


BUILDING ON PRIOR SUCCESS

HEDC broadens scope of search for ag-industry

VIEWPOINTS

Great Work!



But when were you guys going to start on our driveways?

Dear Editor,

We would like to commend the City of Hereford road crews on the excellent job they have done in clearing the streets of Hereford during this snow storm. Your hard work and dedication has

not gone unnoticed by the citizens of Hereford, and we — especially — want to say "thank you" to each of you. Your efforts have made life much easier for us all. Keep up the good work!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The members of L'Allegra Study Club would like to give our thanks and appreciation to the members of our community who contributed to "Project Christmas Card", one of our organization's major fund raisers.

We are especially grateful to the Hereford Brand and KPAN Radio, and all the businesses that kept our deposit canisters. Funds generated by "Project Christmas Card" are earmarked for the benefit of Hereford Regional Medical Center. This year's funds will go towards the purchase of recovery room beds, pieces of equipment that are badly needed, but not accounted for in this year's hospital

budget. Our local physicians agreed that these beds would fulfill the greatest present need.


Year after year, through this and other fund-raising projects, we are reminded of the generosity of our citizens and particularly of their concern in contributing to the improvement of the quality of life in this community. Thank you for another successful year.

Mary Janet Bricker
L'Allegra Study Club

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2000 A YEAR IN REVIEW

PRISON: YES OR NO?

■ When the state hinted at new round of construction, Deaf Smith County, Hereford began to lay groundwork

When the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicated it might ask the Texas Legislature to authorize construction of three new prisons, public officials in Deaf Smith County were interested.

10 If the state were to follow through on that recommendation and authorize construction of new facilities, County Judge Tom Simons wanted Deaf Smith County to be ready to make its case as one of the sites.

At an August meeting of the county commissioners, Simons reported the new prisons, if constructed, would be so-called "2350" facilities, which refers to the capacity. A 2,350-inmate prison would employ

1,000-1,200 people, he said. Simons also participated in a meeting with representatives of the City of Hereford, Deaf Smith County Hospital and Hereford Independent School districts, and the Hereford Economic Development Corp. to determine what level of interest there is in pursuing a prison.

The group also agreed to consider a cooperative effort with Castro and Parmer counties. For a while, it appeared the three counties would work together, but Friona (Parmer County) opted out of the effort, while Castro and Deaf Smith counties decided to make individual efforts to bring a correctional institution to the area.

In July, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice approved a recommendation for its Fiscal

2003 budget that the 77th Legislature pass a \$544 million bond program to build three new maximum-security prisons.

When word got out that the state was considering another round of prison construction, officials in Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer counties met to see if they could come up with a joint proposal, something that Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons said would boost the area's chances of being selected.

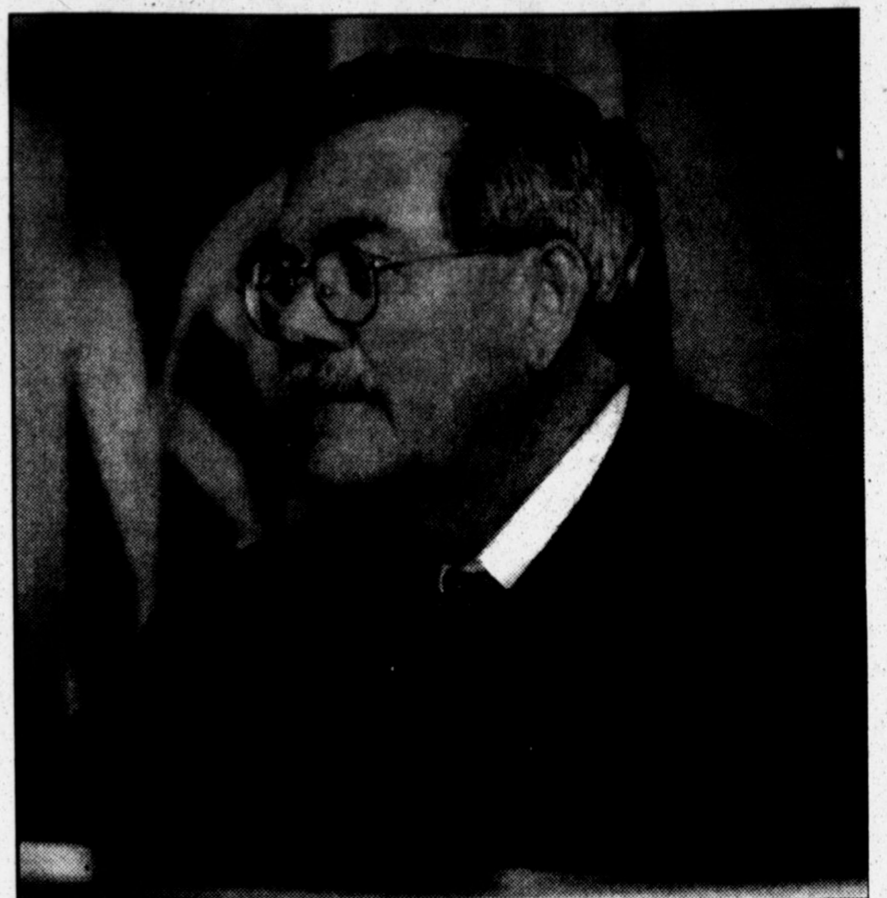
After assessing community reaction to a prison in the vicinity of Parmer County, Friona officials decided that city would not participate in the effort. Also, because the site being touted by Dimmitt officials is south of the Castro County city, Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen said, "Dimmitt's idea is to submit

its own package. Hereford will do likewise."

In an effort to attract the attention of the state prison board, Hereford Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Don Cumpton attended the TDCJ's board meetings.

Other participants in the effort to bring a prison to Deaf Smith County are the administrations of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District and the Hereford Independent School District.

The officials estimate the state will need nearly 15,000 more prison beds. The three new units would provide 8,550 beds. Another 1,500 beds could be provided if lawmakers approve spending \$17.4 million for 1,000 new beds in other facilities, such as halfway houses and expands its electronic monitoring program.



Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons saw a cooperative effort with Castro and Parmer counties as a way to improve the prospects of persuading the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to locate a new state prison in this region. The effort, however, stalled when Parmer County opted not to participate and Castro County decided to go on its own. At year's end, it was still unclear if the Texas Legislature would authorize another round of prison construction.

Stagner, Leonard recognized

Earl V. Stagner was honored in February as Citizen of the Year by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

In his introduction of Stagner as Citizen of the Year, Lions Club president Mike Harris recognized Stagner as "one person in our community who exemplifies the Lion's Club motto of 'We Serve.'" Stagner, the 54th Citizen of the Year, was the ninth of nine children. He attended Dimmitt schools and went to college at West Texas State (West Texas A&M University) in Canyon, where he played basketball and track.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 bomber pilot. While in the service, he married his wife, Joy. They had two children and moved back to Hereford, where Stagner started teaching and coaching at Hereford High School. In 1948, he went into the implement business. In 1960, he entered the car business and in 1974 he bought a part of a local car dealership, remaining in that position until retirement in 1995.

Stagner's civic involvements have included the chamber, Whiteface Booster Club, Hereford Country Club, Whiteface Kiwanis Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic Lodge.



Family members witnessing the presentation on Thursday evening were his sister, Della Stagner; his son, John Stagner; and his grandson, Tim Stagner.

In January, Kim Leonard was named the 1999 Woman of the Year by the chamber Women's Division.

Leonard has been a member of the Women's Division since 1997. She has served actively on the board and on such committees as the Miss Hereford Pageant, the "Eat

Your Heart Out, Neiman-Marcus" evening, and the Christmas lighting contest. She has served on the Chamber of Commerce board as Town & Country Jubilee chairman.

In addition to Chamber activities, Leonard is member of the Nouvelle Amis Study Club, the Pilot Club of Hereford, has been active in recent years with the American Cancer Society and is treasurer for the Humane Society.



Earl Stagner (left, at podium) was named Citizen of the Year by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, while Kim Leonard was honored as the Woman of the Year.

2000 factoid:
Deaf Smith County received 16.91 inches of precipitation through Dec. 29, according to the official weather center.

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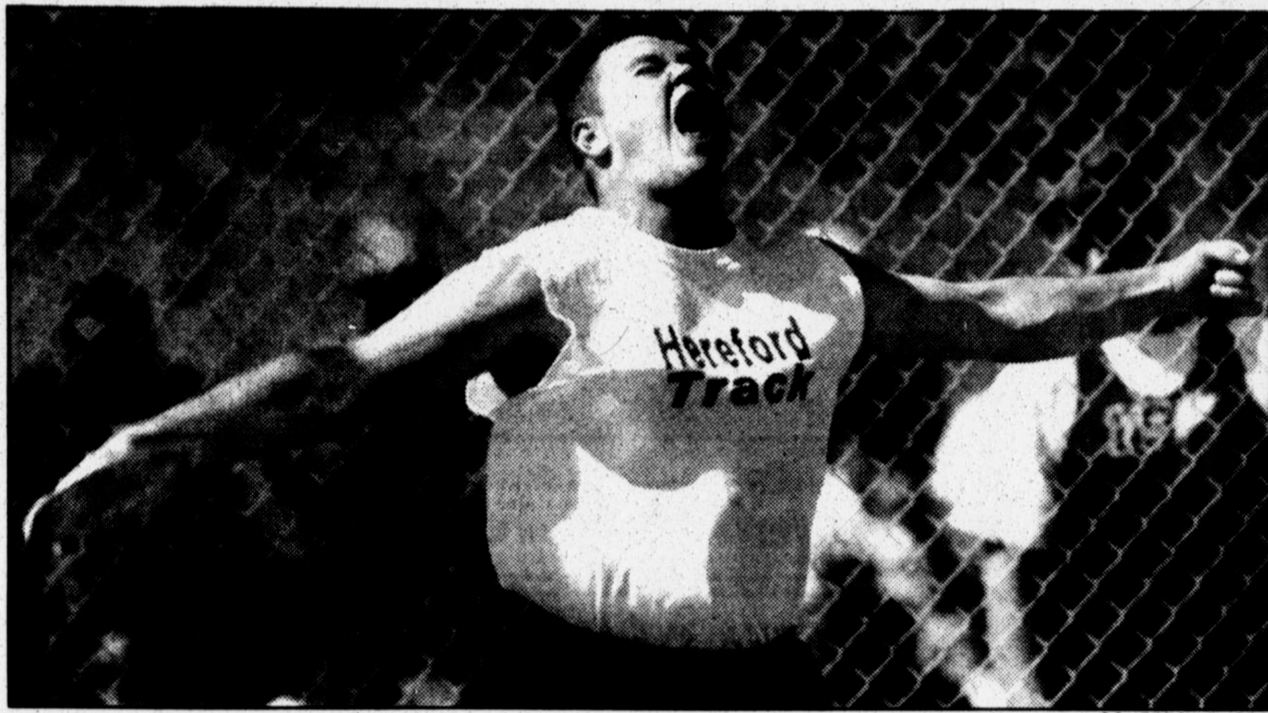
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2000... a quick glance



Uncoiling power — Hereford graduate ('00) Kurtis Flood hurls a disc during the Regional Track Finals held in San Angelo. Flood made it all the way to the state finals in Austin.

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Regardless of the outcome of Hereford sports in Y2K, topping 1999 was going to be a tough task. The previous year featured a state champion volleyball team, state track and cross country champion Brionne Yosten and Hereford's football team making it to the state finals in Dallas.

Hereford High athletes took the challenge of topping 1999 and should be proud after sending teams to the playoffs in basketball, baseball, softball for the first time in school history, football and volleyball.

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Hereford High athletes dig deep to keep 1999 successes rolling along

lights of the year 2000:

■ The Hereford High wrestling team sent three team members (Kris Hammerbeck, Rachael Rodriguez and Danielle Garza) to the state finals in Austin.

■ The girls and boys basketball teams advance to the playoffs with the boys team reaching the third round against top 10 ranked Plainview. The boys (undefeated in District 3-4A) team upsets Plainview 40-34 but lose in round four to eventual state champ Denton Ryan.

team, under the direction of former head coach David DePriest and new head coach Grant Davis, reach the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. The team was led by All-District players George Castillo (pitching) and Eddie Lacey (designated hitter). The two players formed a powerful rotation consisting of serious heaters (Castillo) and smooth curve balls (Lacey).

■ The Lady Whiteface softball team clinched a playoff spot for the first time in just their third year of play. The team rolls over Canyon High and Pecos before falling 8-1 to Frenship. Head coach Penny Summers says the season was great success, not only for making the playoffs

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Playoff appearance

■ It was a very good year! HHS girls softball team meets Canyon in first-ever Hereford softball playoff appearance



BRAND/Jeff Blackmon

In there! — Hereford senior pitcher/first baseman Teresa Zimmerman slides hard into home plate against the Lady Dons during a district game. The team won a playoff spot and beat Pecos and Canyon High before falling 8-1 to Frenship High.

They made history. The 2000 Hereford High School softball team was the first-ever softball team from Hereford to compete in a District 3-4A playoff game.

The girls traveled to Canyon for that auspicious occasion. The Lady Whitefaces beat Canyon High earlier this year, but head softball coach Penny Summers said the girls needed play their best to win.

"The girls can't take this game lightly," Summers said before the game. "Our girls are excited, and we have beaten them before."

While the Lady Whitefaces hammered Fritch last weekend 17-8, the Canyon team lost to Frenship 17-0. Summers believes the Herd can rumble in to Canyon and leave with the win.

"We played them in the Borger tournament earlier this year," Summers said.

"They have a good center fielder."

Summers said one thing she was worried about was Canyon's pitching. The Canyon pitcher is relatively slower compared to that of Fritch's, but the change of speed can throw a team used to a faster pitch.

"Their pitching is slower," Summers said. "We slowed the

pitching machine down, because we have to hit."

Summers said that District 3-4A is known for its tougher competition when it comes to softball, and she had predicted that would come into play.

"We have a very strong

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Baseball team clinches playoff berth with win

■ Whitefaces won nail-biter against Dumas High for final District 3-4A playoff spot in May

district play.

"We started out 1-4, and I kind of went into the theory that we had to win them all from here out," DePriest said. "We won five of the last six and did a great job of keeping focused."

The Demons entered the bottom of the seventh down

7-5, but the team scored one off a fielder's choice. Dumas' first baseman Ireland then got into scoring position with two outs. Senior pitcher George Castillo, in relief, settled down and got the fly out to right field for the win.

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A warning label should be attached to any who desire to watch a Hereford High School varsity baseball game.

It should read: "WARNING: Watching the Whiteface baseball team could be hazardous to those with a weak heart or while on medication. Proceed with caution!"

The Whitefaces pulled out another must-win game to edge past Dumas 7-6 at Palo Duro High School in a game to determine the third playoff seed in District 3-4A. The win sent the Whitefaces to the playoffs for the first time in more than 10 years.

"We are really excited to be in the playoffs," head varsity baseball coach David DePriest said. "It came down to the last inning and the last out. It was fun."

DePriest said making the playoffs was important to his team after starting out 1-4 in



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Home swipe — Hereford graduate ('00) Andrew Ramirez brushes home plate in the Whitefaces game against the Longhorns. The Hostile Herd clinched a playoff berth but fell in the first round against the Frenship Tigers. It was the Herd's first playoff trip in 10 years.

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Ladies reach 14-0 mark in district play

Girls beat Dumas to stay perfect in District 3-4A

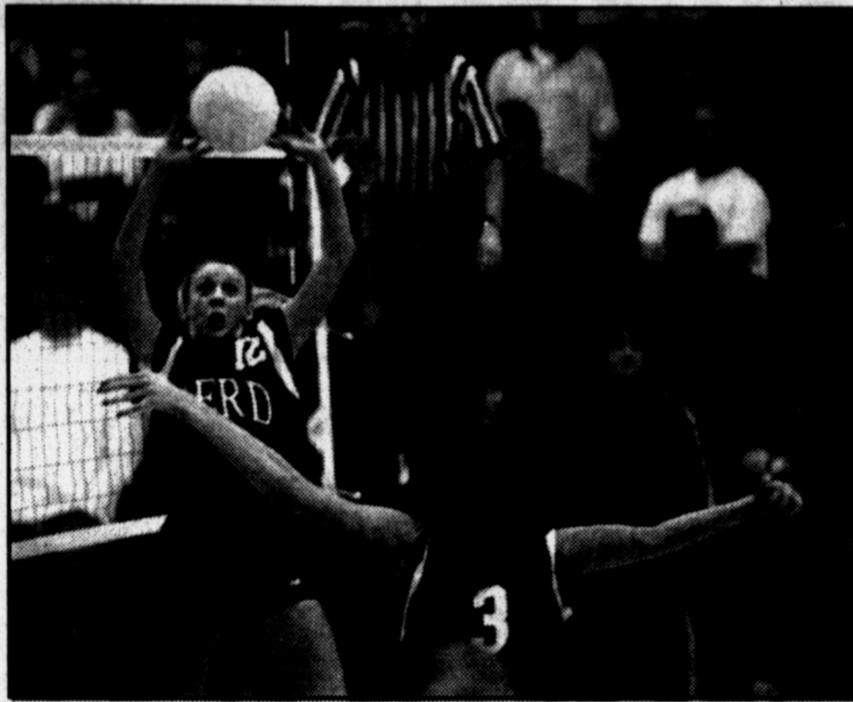
The Hereford High volleyball team kept their unbeaten district record intact as they defeated archrival Dumas for the second straight time in 2000 to clinch the District 3-4A regular season title.

The Lady Whitefaces won the match 15-10, 16-18, 15-3 to complete their regular season sweep of both strong district challengers Randall High and Dumas. Girls athletic director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said she thought the three set victory demonstrated her team's ability to play hard against teams which are aiming to get back at them for beating them on their home floor.

"As soon as our first match was over with Dumas in the first round they were ready to play us again," Kitten said. "They were not the team that was here tonight."

Sophomore designated setter Catherine Beville led the Lady Whitefaces on the court with 65 sets for her team. Beville also had 23 successful serves for the Lady Herd and said she feels her team is continuing to get better and wants to win that final game on Saturday against Canyon High to finish up undefeated in district.

"We lost four main players last year," Beville said. "I think a lot of us have stepped up and filled their places pretty good."



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Giving it their all—Hereford sophomores Sarah Griffin (3) and Catherine Beville (in air) set up a point in a game this season.

After getting beaten by the Lady Herd 15-1, 15-3 back on Sept. 23, the Demonettes came out swinging, taking Hereford to its second three-set match all season in district. Kitten said she felt Dumas was ready for everything.

"Their passing was fantastic," Kitten said. "Everything we served at them they put right on the money."

After winning the first set 15-10, the Lady Whitefaces jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the second game but let Dumas back in after letting up defensively to

allow the Demonettes to take the game 16-18. Hereford fought off several game points in the second set but could not get control of the game back once they had relinquished it. Kitten said her team just did not take advantage in the second game, but she was glad her team regrouped in time for the third game.

"We had several opportunities to put the game away in the second one, Kitten said. "The thing I was most worried about was that we would get really get disappointed in ourselves and not stay up emotionally."

Base

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The Whitefaces jumped ahead early by a score of 5-0, but the Dumas Demons refused to go quietly and battled until the end. Hereford added two more insurance runs in the fifth and sixth innings that proved to be crucial to the Herd.

"Fortunately we got ahead early, and they kept scoring," DePriest said. "We scored a couple more and hung onto it."

The Herd's first run came in the top of the first off two consecutive doubles by short stop Andrew Ramirez and center fielder Richard Salinas. Salinas knocked in Ramirez to make the score 1-0.

Hereford went on to add four more in the top of the second with the help of three Dumas errors. Starting pitcher Eddie Lacey started the inning by reaching first base on an error followed by a walk to first baseman Brady Daniel. Left fielder Juan Ayala followed Daniel's walk by reaching on an error by the second baseman loading the bases for catcher Toby Torres. Torres singled in a run extending the Whitefaces' lead. Ramirez followed Torres with a single of his own scoring two runs making it 4-1 Hereford. The Herd added one more off Andrew Villarreal's RBI hit to left outing the Herd up 5-0.

Hereford added another run in the fifth off L.J. Vallejo's fly ball to center field scoring Andrew Villarreal for their sixth run of the day, and then in the sixth Torres scored Hereford's seventh run of the day.

Junior hurler Eddie Lacey made another great pitching appearance as he fanned six batters for the win. DePriest

said it is good to see Lacey pitching well after complaining of shoulder pain less than two weeks ago.

"It means a lot to have him back," DePriest said. "It adds depth to our pitching staff, and he has done a great job."

For the second straight start, Lacey had his best stuff working including a great curve ball that seemed to absolutely freeze hitters.

"He was throwing hard and throwing lots of strikes," DePriest said. "That is what he has to do to be successful."

Lacey attributes his renewed success to resting his arm and working in the bullpen.

"I had to get in the bullpen and work on my control problem," Lacey said. "When I think about it and throw hard I throw strikes better."

One team member who can definitely tell a difference in Lacey is Torres. Torres had caught for Lacey during his last two starts and said he could see Lacey's improvement.

"He's doing real good," Torres said before the Dumas game. "He has worked hard on his curve, and it keeps getting better."

After allowing a fifth Dumas run in the sixth, Lacey was

pulled for Castillo, who pitched two innings of relief. DePriest said Castillo also had a good outing.

"George is pitching excellent right now," DePriest said. "He is throwing hard, and he has control of his breaking pitches."

Hereford's next task was to take on District 4-4A standout Frenship, but DePriest said he is just glad to be in the playoffs.

Hereford and Frenship met in Plainview in a best of three playoff series.

DePriest said almost all of the teams in Hereford have made the playoffs this year, and he did not want his team to be left out.

"Hereford's had a great run," DePriest said. "I guess every team has made it to the playoffs, and the team was feeling the pressure to make it. They really wanted it."

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Tacklers defeat Canyon High

Whitefaces whip Eagles for district bragging rights before taking on Frenship in the Class 4A playoffs

The Hereford Whitefaces and Canyon High Eagles both knew for a couple of weeks before their clash that they were headed to the Class 4A playoffs, so one would have expected the final night's showdown to be kind of an easy warm-up game to get both teams ready for their playoff runs.

Instead, the Canyon-Hereford rivalry remained rabid, with both teams bashing their brains out for district bragging rights with the Whitefaces coming out on top 32-22 to clinch their second District 3-4A title in a row.

"It was a fun game," Hereford head coach Craig Yenser said. "You can throw out the records and everything on paper."

"It comes down to their kids wanting to beat us, and our kids wanting to beat them," Yenser said. The last two games for the Whitefaces (9-1, 7-0) ended with the exact same score, 32-22, and Yenser said they have had similar results for his team. He said Dumas and Canyon (6-4, 5-2) both have been games that have made them better, and that is exactly what the Whitefaces needed going into the playoffs against Wolforth Frenship (8-2, 6-1).

"You couldn't have written a better script for us as we head into the playoffs," Yenser said. "The last two weeks we have raised our level of play and had some important team building."

"You want your team to get better with every part of

the season, including pre-season, district season and post season, and I think we have done that," Yenser said.

Much of the team's building has come on the banded-up defensive side of the ball.

After losing senior rover Rick Bordayo for the year, senior noseguard Kris Hammerbeck for several

weeks and sophomore line-backer Derek Mendoza indefinitely the Whitefaces had to play with several inexperienced players. Yenser said the play of the younger guys had only made them a better team.

"Our young guys have stepped up tremendously the last couple of weeks," Yenser said.

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America's protracted election, the tug-of-war over Elian Gonzalez and the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole ranked as the top news stories of 2000, according to The Associated Press annual survey of its members.

No. 1 was no contest: George W. Bush's nail-biting triumph in Florida in an extraordinary presidential race resolved by the nation's highest court five weeks after Election Day. The story received a first-place ranking from 281 of the 312 AP newspaper and broadcast members who took part in the news cooperative's survey.

AP members also turned to Florida for the No. 2 story: The bitter custody battle with political overtones that centered on whether young Elian Gonzalez, rescued from the sea while fleeing Cuba with his mother, should stay with relatives in Miami or be returned to his father.

Following in the rankings were the attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors, soaring oil prices that sent prices at the pump sharply upward, and the recall of more than 6 million Firestone tires.

AP subscribers outside the United States offered a different take on the year's news.

Fifty overseas subscribers, in a separate poll, also chose the U.S. presidential battle as the top story. But they ranked the ouster of Yugoslavia's Slobodan Milosevic second, followed by Israeli-Palestinian violence. Next were the Aug. 12 disaster aboard the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and the historic summit between leaders of the two Koreas.

U.S. editors ranked Milosevic's toppling No. 9, the Middle East conflict No. 11, and the Russian sub tragedy No. 12. They did not place the Korea summit among the top 20 stories.

Here are the top 10 stories of 2000 as ranked by AP members:

2000
in review

1: The presidential election: George W. Bush emerged the winner in an over-time election that

took unprecedented legal twists.
2: Tug-of-war over Elian Gonzalez: After months of political and legal wrangling, armed federal agents seized the 6-year-old boy from his Miami relatives, and

he was ultimately returned to his father in Cuba.

3: USS Cole attack: Seventeen U.S. sailors died Oct. 12 when explosives transported in a small boat ripped open the hull of the 505-foot destroyer in Yemen.

4: Oil prices: Crude oil prices soared as OPEC curtailed production, leading to a worldwide outcry over higher fuel costs.

5: Firestone's troubles: The tire maker recalled more than 6 million tires after complaints of tread separations, blowouts and other problems that led to accidents.

6: Microsoft breakup: A fed-

eral judge ordered Microsoft Corp. to split up in an antitrust case that, if upheld, could result in the largest government-ordered restructuring since AT&T's breakup in 1984.

7: Genetic code mapped: New medical frontiers opened when scientists deciphered the human genetic code.

8: The Year 2000: The new year arrived mostly glitch-free.

9: Milosevic toppled: Following a disputed election, the 13-year rule of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ended abruptly when thousands forced him to

hand power to rival Vojislav Kostunica.

10: Tobacco verdict: A jury or-

dered the tobacco industry to pay a record \$145 billion in punitive damages to sick Florida smokers.

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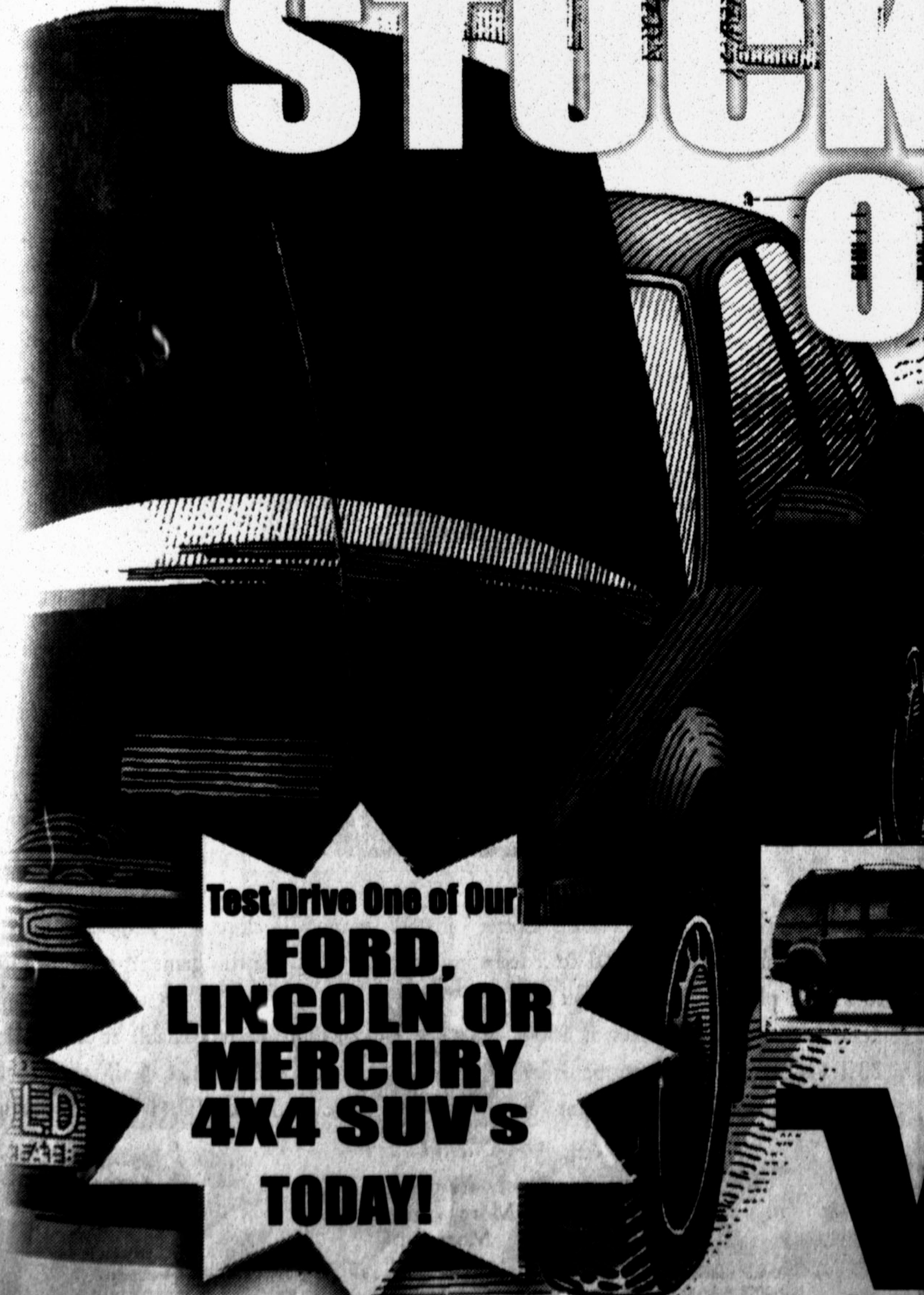
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4-H youth claim state berths with wins in district contests

Special to the Brand

Thirteen local 4-H youth have won their tickets to State 4-H Roundup by capturing top berths in the District 14-H Roundup and the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show.

Twelve Deaf Smith County senior members (ages 14-18) won as teams or individuals in public speaking and performing arts contests while one other member and one repeat member claimed state berths by winning senior-level categories in the food show.

Representing the Panhandle at State 4-H Roundup in June 2001 on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station will be:

- Seth Hoelscher and Amanda Smith in the Pork category with "The Purple Banner Swine Project."

- Justin Johnson performing "The Phone Call" in the Share-The-Fun Comedy division.

- The dance team of Chelsea Blain, Lark Duncan, Celeste Louder and Carissa Hicks performing "Stomp."

- The drama team of Abigail Wilks, Tyler Keeling, Erin Louder and Cassidy Hicks performing "Out of the Mouths of Babes."

- Joanna Olson in the Public Speaking event addressing "The Beef Check-Off."

- Lark Duncan preparing "Chicken Alfredo" in the Main Dish division.

- Dawn Auckerman in the Breads division with "Zesty Italian Peasant Bread."

Junior level (ages 10-13) 4-H members who won first place gold medals in the District 14-H Roundup were Stephanie Shaw and Erika Culp with "Closet Cops" in Clothing and Textiles; Nathan Louder and Toni Kay Payne with "Your Purse Is Ringing" in Consumer Life Skills; and Chad Dollar and Jonathan Paschel with "Be Your Ears' Best Friend" in Safety and Accident Prevention.

Second place honors were awarded to Cindy and Katie Marnell for their Focus on Health demonstration "Don't Get Rattled" and to Chelsea Campbell

for her vocal performance of "A Part of Me."

Serving on the judging panel was Brenda Campbell, 4-H leader who judged the Family Life category.

The public speaking project for 4-Hers promotes the skills necessary for platform speeches, illustrated talks, demonstrations, and presenting a theme through a team recreational approach. The contest helps youth in preparation for job and scholarship interviews and teaches public speaking skills applicable in many settings.

Deaf Smith County fielded a delegation of 11 4-H members for the District Food Show. Each competitor prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges and answered questions in an interview format concerning the

preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety, preparation and storage, nutrients and dietary principles.

Senior-level 4-H'er Chelsea Blain was a medalist with her Fruits and Vegetable entry of "Cheesy Vegetable Soup."

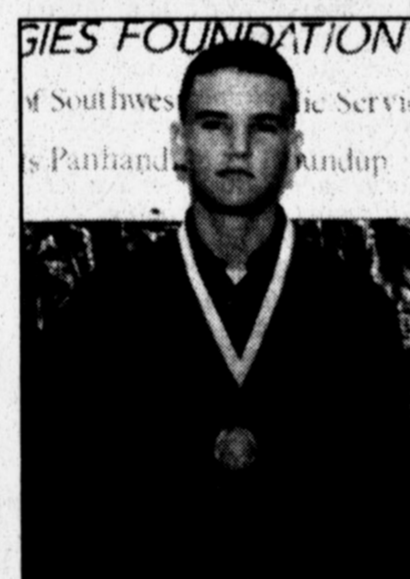
Junior-level Top 4 Medalists in Main Dish included Chelsea Campbell who prepared "Turkey Cranberry Wreath."

Also entering the District contest were Intermediates (ages 11-13): Main Dish-Kalyn Esqueda; Breads-Stephanie Shaw; Fruits and Vegetables-Nichole Goodall; and Nutritious Snacks-Kasi Gallagher.

Juniors (age 9-10) who participated were: Fruits and Vegetables-Erika Culp; Nutritious Snacks-Jessica Goodall; and Breads-Amy Adams.



Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers who will compete at State Roundup are (above from left) Chelsea Blain, Lark Duncan, Carissa Hicks and Celeste Louder; (at left) Dawn Auckerman and Lark Duncan; (below left) Seth Hoelscher and Amanda Smith; (below) Joanna Olson; and (bottom) Justin Johnson. Not pictured are Abigail Wilks, Tyler Keeling, Erin Louder and Cassidy Hicks.



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Couple exchanges marriage vows

Kristin Lane Carnahan Messer and Jason Aaron Messer exchanged marriage vows at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 in Trinity Fellowship Church.

The bride is the daughter of Eric and Janette Fowler of Hereford and the late Phillip D. Carnahan.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jack and Johnnie Messer of Hereford.

Pastor Brady Boyd officiated at the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Lauren Hansen-Williams. Best man was Jason White.

Bridesmaids were Nikki Messer, sister of the groom, and Sarah Borsch.

Serving as groomsmen were Jim Bob Messer, cousin of the groom, and Brandy Martin, sister of the groom.

Ushers were Jared Williams, Dustin Williams and Josh Stubbs, all cousins of the bride.

Flower girls were Callie Blackwell, cousin of the groom and daughter of Frank Blackwell of Lubbock, and Jillian Heckman, niece of the groom and daughter of Nikki Messer.

Ring bearers were Jasper Martin, nephew of the groom and son of John and Brandy Martin, and Jacky Clay Heckman, nephew of the groom and son of Nikki Messer.

Candle lighters were Amy Blackwell, cousin of the groom and daughter of Frank Blackwell, and Veronica Robertson, daughter of Cindy Robertson of Lubbock.

Music was provided by organist/pianist Evelyn Dowell and vocalist Abigail Wilks.

The bride, given in marriage by Jack Messer in honor of Phillip Carnahan, wore a fashion forward A-line gown which was fashioned from white matte satin. The gown featured an off-

the-shoulder rounding neckline and a demi-style cap sleeve. The bodice was adorned with embroidered lace embellished with pearling. The gown was accented with the same lace and pearling throughout to the hemline. The smooth fitting gown was complimented with a mid-cathedral train.

The bride's veil was a fingertip length with pencil edging made by Nikki Messer. The headpiece was hand-sewn with delicate appliques with rhinestone and pearl accents and designed to compliment the gown.

She carried a bridal bouquet of delphinium, purple statice and alstroemeria surrounding casa blanca lilies.

Bridal attendants wore dresses of navy blue velvet atop a matching satin skirt with an empire waist. Each carried a bouquet of three white roses with greenery and baby's breath, tied with white satin ribbon.

Guests entering the church were greeted by Becky Fitzgerald, who attended the registration table.

Special guests were Tommy and Margaret Carnahan, paternal grandparents of the bride; Ted and Tonie Vaughn, maternal grandparents of the groom; Wade and Ginger Lance of Tucumcari, N.M.; and John and Margaret Williams of Boise City, Okla. Out of town guests were from Lubbock, Boise City, Tucumcari, Amarillo, Graham and Canyon.

The couple was honored with a reception at the Elk's Lodge.

Those assisting were Cruse Messer, Sherry Blackwell and Kristi Satterfield.

The five tiered white wedding cake was decorated with an all-over ribbon design. Serving the cake were Jessica, Megan and



Mrs. Jason Aaron Messer
...nee Kristin Lane Carnahan

Melissa Stubbs, cousins of the bride.

The couple plans a honeymoon to Antigua in June.

The bride graduated with honors from Hereford High School in 1998. She attended La Plata Beauty School and received a license for nail technician. She is a junior at Texas Tech University and plans to graduate in May 2002 with a degree in family financial planning and will then test for a Certified Financial

Planning license.

The groom attended Hereford schools and finished his schooling at Community Christian. He received certification in Hazardous Materials Technician, Advanced Hazardous Material Technician, Tank Car Specialist, Advanced Tank Care Specialist and Hazardous Material Incident Command from the Transportation Technology Center, Inc. in Pueblo, Colo. He is employed by Messer Construction Co., Inc.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: What is the financial worth of a baby sitter? I have a 17-year-old, responsible daughter who loves kids. "Jennifer" baby-sits for a family with three children under the age of 6. She helps the mother for four hours after school once a week, and baby-sits an additional four hours when the parents go out in the evening. She also does some light cleaning. For this, she receives \$3 an hour. Jennifer also holds down a part-time job at a retail store.

I was surprised when it came time to file Jennifer's taxes. This family sent Jennifer a 1099 form from their clothing business, making her an independent contractor. That meant she had to pay self-employment taxes of \$146 on the \$1,033 she earned baby-sitting. If Jennifer had worked those extra hours at her retail job, she would have made \$6 an hour, and her employer would have paid the taxes.

Jennifer feels that this family is taking advantage of her. We asked them to pay the \$146 tax bill, but they refused. Is it fair to pay a loving, attentive teenager less than minimum wage to care

for three young children and do light housework, as well? I cannot imagine many kids would baby-sit if they had to pay so much tax on the money they earned. What do you say? — Baby sitter's Mom in Florida

Dear Mom: Jennifer's employers obviously wanted a tax break, which is why they gave her a Form 1099, placing the burden of taxes on your daughter. Employers of students under age 18 who baby-sit are exempt from most tax-withholding requirements. Nonetheless, Jennifer was obligated to report this income, and may have had to pay income taxes on it regardless.

Jennifer should ask around and find out what her friends charge for baby-sitting. (In Chicago, the rate ranges from \$5 to \$10 an hour.) For three children under the age of 6, plus light housework, Jennifer should receive more than what she is getting. More to the point, it sounds as if the relationship with that family has soured. I believe Jennifer is better off working retail.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 22-year-old man in love with a wonderful woman who is 28. We plan to be together forever. The problem is, she already has two children, and had her tubes tied after her last child was born.

I want children and cannot imagine life without a family of my own. Please give me some kind of advice. — In

Love in Athens, Ga.

Dear Athens: If this "wonderful woman" is interested in having more children, she should talk to her gynecologist about reversing the tubal ligation. The success of a reversal depends on the type of procedure that was used. Also, even if she can undo the sterilization, she may not be able to get pregnant, and if she does, there is an increased risk of problems.

Meanwhile, you need to decide how important it is for you to have biological children. Many stepfathers find enormous satisfaction in raising their wives' children. If you cannot find it in your heart to love her children as your own, perhaps she is not the right woman for you.

Dear Ann Landers: My fiancé and I have been dating for two years. He surprised me last month with a romantic cruise. We decided to get married on the ship, and had a charming ceremony. The captain officiated. We later learned the captain is not certified to perform weddings,

and the marriage is not legally binding.

I told my fiancé I want to be married for real. He says a legal ceremony is no longer necessary because we are married in our hearts. I'm very hurt, and need to know what I should do. — April in Texas

Dear Texas: INSIST on a legal wedding. When you have children, being "married in your hearts" won't do a darned thing for them.

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Calendar of Events

MONDAY
 New Year's Day.
 AA meetings, 411 W. First, Monday-Friday, noon and 8 p.m. Call 364-9620 for more information.
 Spanish speaking AA meetings, 411 W. First, Monday, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Hereford Rebekah Lodge No 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer.
 Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.
 Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon.

Hereford AMBUCS, Ranch House, noon.
 Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
 American Legion and Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Hereford Chapter of Crown of Texas Hospice, 6 p.m.
 La Afflatus Estudio Club, 3 p.m.
 Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
 Toujours Amis Study Club, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Noon Lions Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.
 Al-Anon, Nita Lea Community Building, 5 p.m.
 Draper Extension Education Club, noon.

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

THURSDAY
 San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.
 Kiwanis Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.
 TOPS Club No. 941, Senior Citizens Center, 9:45 a.m.
 Hereford Toastmasters Club, Ranch House Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
 Al-Anon, 411 W. First, 8 p.m.
 Immunizations against childhood diseases, Texas Department of Health, 300 Witherspoon, 8-11:45 a.m. and 1-4:45 p.m.
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Hereford Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Hereford Child Care Provid-

ers, 7:30 p.m.
 Elketts, 8 p.m.
 L'Allegra Study Club, 10 a.m.
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
 North Hereford Extension Education Club, 2:30 p.m.
 Wyche Extension Education Club, 2:30 p.m.
 Bay View Study Club, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Hereford Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
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Lenin established Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on today's date in history, 1922

By The Associated Press
 Today is Saturday, Dec. 30, the 365th day of 2000. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

On this date:
 In 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.
 In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China.
 In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first sit-down strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich.
 In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.
 In 1944, King George II of

Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.
 In 1947, King Michael of Romania agreed to abdicate, but charged he was being forced off the throne by Communists.
 In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.
 In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.
 In 1993, Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize each other.
 In 1998, weak but radiant with pride, Nkem Chukwu, the mother of the Houston octuplets, went home from the hospital.
Ten years ago: Iraq's information minister, Latif Nussayif Jassim, said President Bush "must have been drunk" when he suggested Iraq might withdraw from Kuwait, and added: "We will show the world America is a paper tiger."
Five years ago: A U.S.

military policeman, Martin John Begosh, became the first American injured in NATO's fledgling Bosnia peace mission when his Humvee hit an anti-tank mine.
One year ago: Former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who broke into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.) In Tampa, Fla., a gunman opened fire inside a hotel, killing four workers before shooting a fifth person dead as he tried to escape. (A suspect, Silvio Izquierdo-Leyva, has pleaded innocent.) Sarah "Sadie" Clark Knauss, listed by the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest person with a verifiable date of birth, died in Allentown, Pa., at age 119.
Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Bo Diddley is 72. Singer Skeeter Davis is 69. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandy

Koufax is 65. Folk singer Paul Stookey is 63. Singer John Hartford is 63. Actor Joseph Bologna is 62. TV director James Burrows is 60. Actor Fred Ward is 58. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 58. Singer Davy Jones is 55. Singer Patti Smith is 54. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 53. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is 45. Actress Patricia Kalember is 44. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 44. NBC newscaster Matt Lauer is 43. Actress-singer Tracey Ullman is 41. Runner Ben Johnson is 39. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 31. Actor Jason Behr ("Roswell") is 27. Golfer Tiger Woods is 25. Actress Meredith Monroe ("Dawson's Creek") is 24. Singer Tyrese is 22.
Thought for Today: "The best of everything is the only individual of that thing. We should ignore the rest." — Louise Imogen Guiney, American poet and essayist (1861-1920).

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Dorman scheduled as speaker for Hereford Flame Fellowship

Hereford Flame Fellowship welcomes Brenda Dorman of Lubbock as guest speaker for the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Hereford Community Center.
 Dorman is an ordained minister whose life is centered on doing God's will. She answered the call of God four years ago to full time ministry to take His "word" into prisons. She and her husband,

Joey, go into prisons almost every week. They have gone to the women's prison in Gatesville and ministered to the women on Death Row. They have visited as many as three prisons in one day, holding church services in each one.
 Last year she began speaking at women's conferences. Since then she has begun to hold her own conferences. She also gives Bible study classes at a rehabilita-

tion center and speaks to women's prayer groups. She is presently working with a group of pastors to whom God has given a vision for West Texas.
 The Dorman's have been married for 16 years and have one daughter and two grandchildren.
 Meetings of Hereford Flame Fellowship are open to all men, women and children.

College Report



Sims with Dr. E. James Hindeman, ASU president.
 David D. Sims, a 1996 Hereford graduate, received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Angelo State Univer-

sity on Dec. 15. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a grade point average above 3.90.
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Don Taylor

Sharpening Your Competitive Edge

The game is changing and your competitors are getting better. This is true in business, and in life in general. Today it doesn't matter whether you work for yourself or someone else, your job security is only guaranteed if you keep your competitive edge.

During the nearly 11 years that I have been writing this column, I have presented and attended more than a thousand seminars, workshops and speeches aimed at improvement. The topics ranged from accounting to zip-code marketing. The goal was always

to build skills, increase knowledge and be more productive.

Here are some of the gems I've learned and shared over the years. Some are more focused at business operations, some are more personal and some work well in both situations. I hope you get at least one good idea to use in your business or career.

Honing Your Edge

• **Do something or be something unique.** You don't have to be first to be successful, but you must be different.

McDonald's did not invent the hamburger. They were not first to market hamburgers. Their hamburgers are not the biggest, nor -- by most accounts -- the best. What Ray Kroc created was a process of fast production, consistent quality and economies of scale.

Cyrus McCormick didn't build the first grain reaper, but he was the first to offer a money-back guarantee. He also was the first to offer an installment plan to pay for his harvester.

What can you do that will set your business apart? What skills and abilities can you acquire that will make you more valuable at work?

• **Don't play your competitor's game.** I can beat golf great Tiger Woods. I am certain I can beat him, but not at golf. Golf is his game; I don't play golf. I can beat him at my game.

In an era when most heavyweight champions were slow moving, heavy hitters, Muhammad Ali danced and weaved, and made himself almost impossible to hit. He was not the hardest hitter, just the hardest to hit. He scored points and kept out of range.

• **Compete with yourself first.** Too many people are focused on how they are doing compared to someone else. It's a bit

of "If you're ok, I'm ok." Don't try to compete with others. Concentrate on improving areas of your own life. I have found that those who work hard to improve themselves rise to the top despite the competition.

• **If you don't love the fight, don't play the game.** One of basketball's greatest coaches, Adolph Rupp, said, "I wouldn't give one iota to make a trip from the cradle to the grave unless I could live in a competitive world."

Don't start your own business unless you love the thought of competing for customers, profits and survival. The love of the fight -- the enjoyment of competition -- is essential to your success. Competition improves businesses, organizations, and individuals.

• **Hit the competition head-on.** Let me illustrate this point with two little stories about some head-on hitters. John, the barber, had a beautiful, well-established business. His haircuts were excellent and he charged \$10. One day a competitor moved in across the street and erected a huge sign that read "Haircuts \$6." After looking at the sign for about three weeks, John erected an even larger sign that said, "We fix \$6 haircuts."

Sally had just opened her dress shop when an older more established store moved into a larger and newly remodeled space just across the way. The new (old) competitor erected a big sign that said, "Mary's Ladies Fashions, Established 1955." Sally responded with the head-on approach. She put up an even larger sign that read, "Sally's Ladies Wear, No Old Merchandise."

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SOME BOOKS WORTH READING

Between the Covers



Rebecca Walls
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On Dec. 31, 1891, it was announced that the new U.S. immigration depot on Ellis Island would begin the new year as the nation's major immigration sta-

final destination, amount of money they carried with them, tickets to final destination, information regarding time spent in prison or asylums, state of health, occupation, etc.

The steamship companies were fined \$10 for every passenger that was improperly manifested, in hopes that unqualified immigrants would not be sold passage. As the immigrants entered the new Ellis Island station they had to ascend to the second floor by means of a double staircase. Medical inspectors would watch the ascension and would direct any invalid, cripple, blind or unfit immigrant into the physician's detention room.

On the second floor, the "pedigree

tion. Ellis Island, named for Samuel Ellis who owned the property in the 1770s, would make the immigration process much more efficient and be a major improvement over the old reception facilities on Manhattan Island.

With the passage of the 1891 Immigration Act and the construction of the new facilities, the federal government embarked on a new policy designed to "sift" the newcomers to make sure only strong, able-bodied men and women were admitted.

In 1892 the first commissioner of immigration in New York, Colonel John B. Weber, worked with steamship companies to devise a ship's manifest. Each completed manifest sheet listed 30 passengers names, nationality, marital status, size of family,

clerks" interviewed each immigrant as the law required. Those having a final destination, tickets of passage and passing the physical requirements were allowed to pass through Ellis Island fairly quickly. Those that did not pass the physical requirements or the interview process were sent back to their original homes.

From January 1892 until it was closed in 1954, Ellis Island processed more than 16 million people from 120 different ethnic groups. Because so many "undesirables" were turned away, Ellis Island came to be called the Island of Tears. Still, New York City's population grew from 1 million in 1860 to 3.4 million in 1900. On Nov. 12, 1954, Attorney General Herbert Brownell announced that Ellis Island would be closed.

It is said that today the descendants of the men, women and children who passed through Ellis Island's portals make up nearly half the population of the United States. As a New York Times editorial stated, "They made their way into the texture of your national life... They gave up scientists, artists, writers, actors, philosophers, teachers. They produced great men of affairs... The memory of this episode in our national history should never be allowed to fade."

If you would like

to know more about Ellis Island or the Statue of Liberty, come into the library and we will help you find the information. We have several books on the subject.

We also have several new books you might be interested in. Beginning with Jonathan Kellerman's **Dr. Death**. LAPD homicide detective Milo Sturgis is called in to find the man who killed Dr. Eldon Mate, the euthanasia champion of the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Mate is responsible for scores of assisted suicides. The irony of the good Dr.'s Death is that the killer chose to use the Mate's own suicide van. The Doctor was found hooked up to the killing apparatus that he himself had named "the Humanitron." The killer however did add a few butchering techniques of his own.

Detective Sturgis turns to his friend Dr. Alex Delaware, a psychologist, for assistance. Dr. Delaware finds the case a conflict of interest so profound that he refuses to discuss it with Sturgis. Baffled by the possibilities, Sturgis doesn't know where to start. The killer could be Mate's

director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Field Veterinary Program. Karesh, a globe-trotting veterinarian who makes house calls in exotic places says, "It always feels good to help an animal."

Part travelogue, this book teaches us what it is like to live in the African Bush, catch croc-

diles in Bolivia and hug an orphaned baby Asian elephant. An all adventure thriller, this book shares some of Karesh's most fascinating and dangerous encounters in the wild.

For the sports enthusiasts we have: **Glenn Dickey's 49ers: the**

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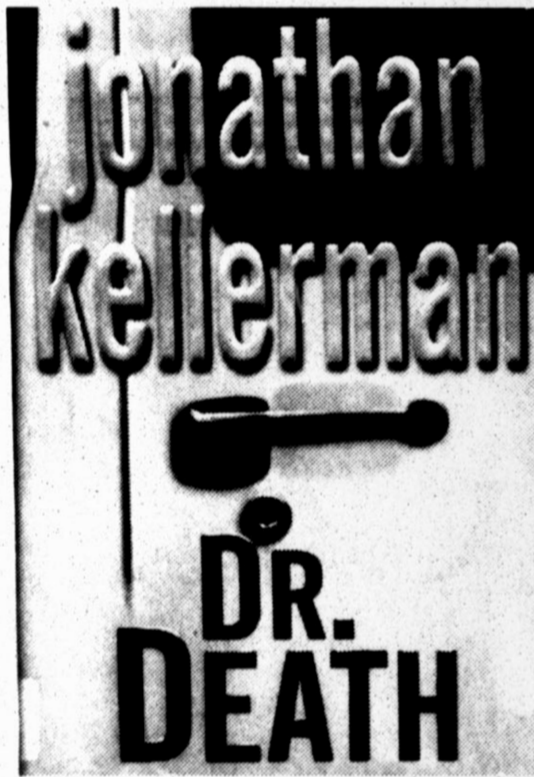
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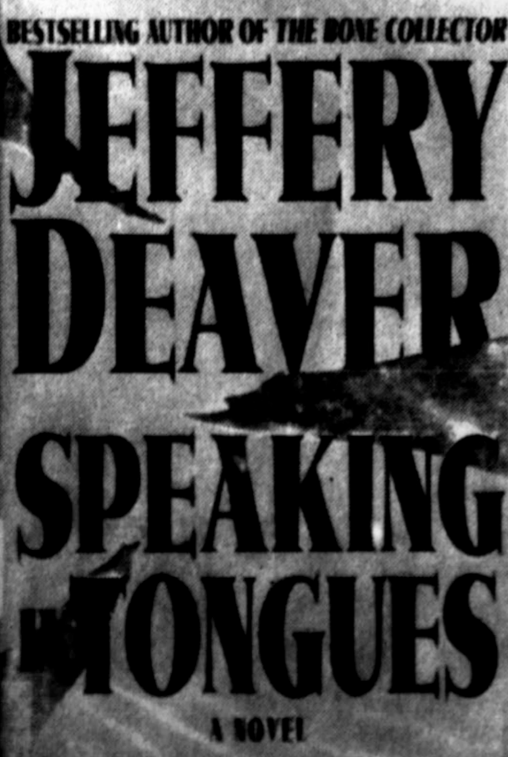


The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



APPOINTMENT AT THE ENDS OF THE WORLD



own son, the family of one of Mate's "travelers", a colleague, or a psychopathic killer who relishes the idea of death.

Jeffery Deaver's **Speaking in Tongues** is the suspense novel that many have been waiting for. One of the country's finest trial lawyers, Tate Collier, is trying to forget his past. That past caused Tate's marriage to fail and caused the rift between him and his daughter Megan.

Tate left the law profession to become a gentleman farmer in rural Virginia in hopes of establishing some tranquility. But controversy and danger seem to have an unerring hold on Tate. Brilliant psychologist Aaron Matthews has talents from healing to unspeakable revenge, and his target is Tate Collier.

To exact the revenge Matthews has in mind it will involve Tate's whole family including ex-wife Bett and daughter Megan. When Megan disappears, Tate and Bett reunite in a desperate attempt to find her before Matthews tires of his psychological manipulations.

Appointment at the Ends of the World is the autobiography of William B. Karesh, D.V.M. Dr. Karesh is the founding

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Agriculture experiences a mixed year

Extended drought makes headlines

By Dianna F. Dandridge
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Agricultural producers began the new year looking back on a year of dashed expectations and forward to better things to come. For many though, the better times never arrived.

Drenching

rains in October 1999 followed by heavy snow provided the pre-planting moisture most farmers needed to get their wheat stands up. Then, like in so many recent years, the southwest winds blew in, dried up the soil moisture and damaged the wheat.

For the third time in four years producers and stockmen felt the pinch of early and severe drought.

Roadside turf became tender for grassfires and Texas Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs permitted stockmen to mow the easements in an effort to provide fodder for stock.

Farmers planted cotton and sorghum counting on Mother Nature to give them a break.

Instead fields in the north and west portions of the county burned and withered in early heat and wind. Some producers had the time to replant, others saw a wasted year for cotton and tried their hand at pumpkins, sunflowers or other alternative crops.

Finally the rains arrived. Unfortunately hard pounding rains doused the parched fields too hard and too late. Tender cotton plants were either washed out of the soil or suffered root damage.

Again, southwest winds dried the soil moisture and gave little hope of relief. Much of the dry-land cotton was a loss as was the dry-land sorghum. Irrigated crops survived mostly, but producers paid dearly to get the crops to harvest.

Increasing costs of fuel and natural gas and ever decreasing amounts of water only added to the agricultural concerns. Producers could only watch as input costs increased and commodity prices remained low.

An unseasonable cold front stopped cotton growth briefly and then sunshine and summer returned, permitting cotton to start resetting new bolls — new bolls which would never have a chance to mature and could only damage the final quality.

A killing frost came, but with it came rains and cold winds, preventing harvesters from stripping the white fiber in good time.

As fields and grains dried in the summer sun cattlemen moved stock to feed yards, sometimes two and three months before schedule.

Combs visited with local residents and producers in late October and urged all producers to diversify and be willing to experiment with new and untried agricultural products. She spoke of her contacts with Congressmen, Senators and Legislators regarding farm policy, commodity prices and drought ridden disaster areas.

Finally some good news. Consolidated Beef Producers Inc., a marketing cooperative which gives cattle feeders more options, accumulated the needed number of cattle and began looking at permanent staff members. A total of 130 members committed 2.14 million head to the fledgling coop.

Cattlemen also saw greater profits from previously underused cuts of meat as consumers began to use more heat-and-serve beef dishes.

As the year waned producers saw changes in agricultural laws and insurance to help offset low commodity prices, natural disasters and import/export problems.

Many cattlemen saw 2000 as a turn-around year. Farmers though continue to won-



Good and bad — Cattlemen, like other producers felt the burden of the third drought in four years, but they also saw a ray of hope when Consolidated Beef Producers formed a marketing cooperative, giving producers more marketing options.

der what the future holds.

European Union countries banned the use of meat and bone meal for animal foods, which is expected to increase the amount of soybean products U.S. farmers export.

As the year wound down,

wheat farmers found themselves right back where they started — waiting for rain just to be able to drill their wheat.

In the final days a late winter storm dropped 12 to 20 inches of snow meaning up to 2 inches of moisture for the

desiccated fields.

Most cotton is now harvested; some is still waiting to be ginned. Wheat continues to need more moisture and cool temperatures and cattlemen look for a return to profitability.

Producers see organic future

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — For a farming couple from Alburg, Vt., near the Canadian border, a switch to organic dairying helped keep their three-generation family farm in business.

In some respects, organic dairying costs more, Amy and Travis Forgues said, but it also generates higher profits. And they don't have to pay for chemical pesticides or most drugs that are administered to animals.

In addition, organic dairy farmers have more latitude to set their own prices, since people are willing to pay more for the high-end dairy products.

The Forgues were in Washington on Wednesday to help the Agriculture Department roll out a new set of regulations to govern organic agriculture.

The regulations replace a number of different state standards by banning the use of biotechnology or irradiation in organic products that are grown without the use of most synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

"After 25 years of farming conventionally, in 1995, the Forgues family converted to organic agriculture," Amy Forgues told a Washington news conference attended by

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and Vermont's Democratic senator, Patrick Leahy.

"Organic farming provides a living wage and makes it possible for Travis' mom and dad to pass along their land to Travis and me," she said.

Leahy helped write the new regulations, which have been in the works for a decade.

Consumers "who want to buy organic can do so with the confidence of knowing exactly what it is they're buying," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in announcing the rules Wednesday. They will be "the strictest, most comprehensive organic standards in the world," he said.

Foods grown and processed according to the federal standards, which have been a decade in development, will bear a seal "USDA Organic." Shoppers should start seeing the label in stores next summer.

Organic farming is much more than a set of rules, Travis Forgues said after the news conference. The

Forgueses have a 220-acre farm, where they milk about 70 cows.

"Organics is not just a management style," he said. "There's a holistic approach to an organic dairy."

That approach encompasses animal health and well-being as well as the well-being of the family farm.

The Forgueses belong to the Wisconsin-based Organic Valley Cooperative, which has 350 members nationally and 20 Vermont farms. About 50 organic dairies and 220 organic farms of all kinds operate in Vermont.

Organic farmers typically will get more for their milk than conventional dairy farms, but organic milk costs more to produce. Still, organic farming enables many farmers to stay in business.

Amy Forgues said that in the last decade about 1,500 New England dairy farms went out of business. "Our family would have been one of them if it weren't for organic farming," she said.

Poinsetta growers experiment with new colors

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — So many poinsettias and now so many choices.

Growers are experimenting with new colors and varieties in hopes of making more money on the holiday plants. Poinsettias are available in Winter Rose Red, Jingle Bells and Plum Pudding.

"They're always looking for new ways of catching the customers' eyes," said Steve Carver, a spokesman for the Ohio Florists Association.

In recent years the poinsettia plant has been barely profitable for most growers. There are so many on the market that big retail stores can buy them cheap and keep prices low.

Many growers stay in the

poinsettia business because it's the only viable crop for this time of year and to keep their best customers coming back year-round.

"There is a glut in poinsettias," Carver said. "It's not a specialty plant anymore. In some ways, it's a victim of its own success."

Growers have been evaluating different varieties and trying to guess which ones will attract buyers.

"They're kind of designer colors," said Jim Broderick, vice president of Engel's Greenhouse in Columbus.

"You have two kinds of customers," he said. "There's the traditionalist who thinks all poinsettias should be red, and then there are the others who

want something to match their home or office."

There's also Plum Pudding and Jingle Bells, which has a dark red leaf and pin specks.

Ohio is in the top five states in poinsettia production, growing about 4 million pots of poinsettias each year.

Red still accounts for more than 70 percent of the market and white and pink each claim about 7 percent. But newer varieties such as Jingle Bells and Plum Pudding account for 13 percent.

High fuel prices may drive Ohio greenhouses to choose more hardy poinsettia varieties next year, said John Morris, head grower at Lakewood Greenhouse Inc. in Wood County.


Necessity brings about invention

COCHRAN, Ga. (AP) — T. Whipple Simpson went to a 1990 farm show in search of a machine that would unroll his 650-pound round bales of wheat straw so they could be separated into 40-pound rectangular bales.

When he couldn't find one, he did the next best thing — he invented one.

Simpson received a patent on his invention, the EZ Unroller, this month. The middle Georgia farmer has already sold 17 of the machines — which start at \$15,000 — around the country and in Canada.

The EZ Unroller comes in single and double models. The single-sided machine, powered by a tractor, sells for about \$15,000. Cooper bought his double model, which comes with four motors that drive the components and power the hydraulic system for the conveyor belting, for \$43,000.



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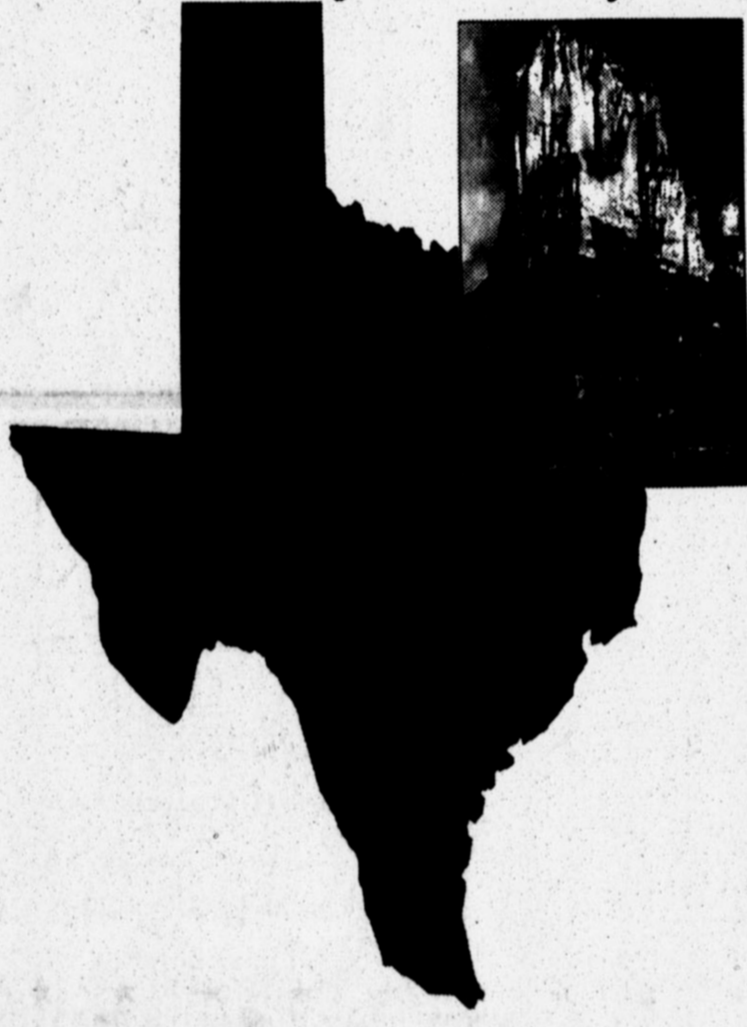
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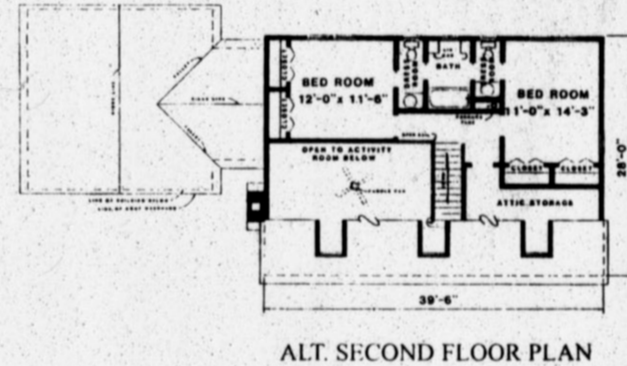
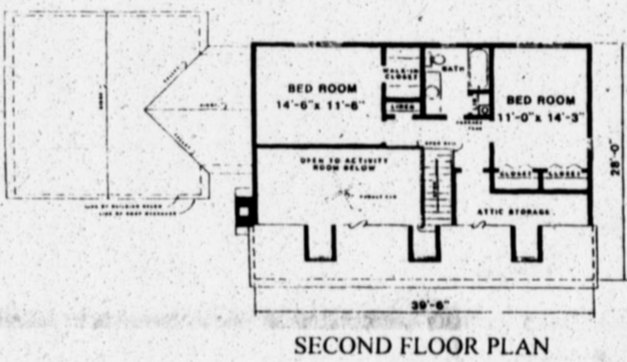
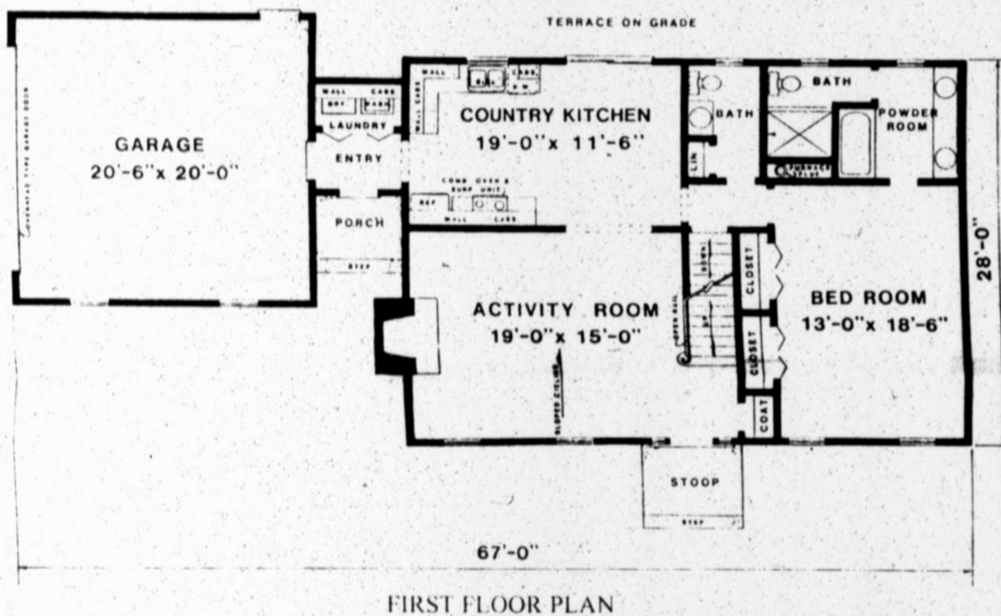
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New Year's Eve perennial Dick Clark (left) is joined by comic actor Wayne Brady (*Whose Line Is It Anyway?*) for *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2001*, airing Sunday on ABC. The duo rings in the new year with the help of a number of hot musical artists.

By John Crook

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Lesser men might blanch at following up the madness that was Y2K, but veteran showman Dick Clark is back to see in another new year. The celebration begins Sunday, Dec. 31, on ABC.

For the 29th consecutive year, Clark will be in New York City's Times Square, where he — and millions of other Americans — will witness the dropping of the illuminated ball signaling the arrival of the new year.

"I don't care where you live," Clark says, "but in the United States, it's never really the new year somehow until you see that great ball dropping over Times Square. It's become a ritual that Americans observe every year without fail."

But that milestone is preceded by *Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve*, an hourlong special in which Clark is joined by correspondents Steve Doocy and Madison Michele. It highlights great moments from some of the year's outstanding musical tours featuring KISS, Jessica Simpson, *NSYNC, and KC and the Sunshine Band, which holds the record for the most performances on Clark's New Year's Eve specials.

After the local news break from ABC affiliates, Clark's New Year's gala returns with *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2001*, in which Clark is joined by Wayne Brady (*Whose Line Is It Anyway?*) and musical artists Boyz II Men, Lonestar, Baha Men, the Bangles, 98 Degrees and Third Eye Blind.

The holiday gala wraps up with a late-night concert featuring Vertical Horizan and Joemake, who join some of the performers from earlier segments.

"This special was very simple when it started out," Clark says. "I think I saw in New Year's Day by standing on an aluminum ladder with my wife."

"Today, there are all sorts of computerized special effects, so it's a completely different ballgame."

Clark says his presence as part of such an annual milestone has led to many viewers feeling somehow bonded to the veteran TV personality.

"People come up to me and say, 'Thank you for being a part of my life,' and I think I only recently realized what a really lovely sentiment that is," he says. "God willing, I hope I've got at least another five years or so in me. We'll see."

Elsewhere around the dial: On MTV, VJ Carson Daly (*Total Request Live*) joins actress Rachael Leigh Cook (*She's All That*) to co-host a 2 1/2-hour New Year's Eve extravaganza with performances by shock rocker Marilyn Manson and Papa Roach scheduled.

The Disney Channel devotes the better part of Sunday afternoon and evening to *Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party*, ringing in the new year with favorite movies, concerts, original shows and music videos selected in a viewer poll.

Finally, for those who prefer to welcome the new year in a more classical fashion, most PBS affiliates are airing the *Great Performances* musical presentation *From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration* on Monday, Jan. 1 (check local listings). The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Nikolaus Harnoncourt, performs its traditional program of Strauss waltzes. Walter Cronkite hosts.

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Linda ** (1993) Virginia Madsen, Richard Thomas. A man fights to prove his innocence after he is framed for murder by his traitorous wife and her lover. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 December 31 2:30am.

The Little Minister *** (1934) Katharine Hepburn, John Beal. A peeress disguised as a Gypsy wins the heart of a clergyman in 1840s Scotland. Based on Sir James Barrie's play. 2:00. 20 January 6 3am.

The Lost Boys *** (1987) Jason Patric, Corey Haim. Liberal doses of humor enhance this tale of a California teen who falls in with a pack of adolescent vampires. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 5 1:30am. 20 January 6 11pm.

Love Affair ** (1994) Warren Beatty, Annette Bening. Fate intervenes in the lives of two airline passengers who are promised to others, but fall in love. 2:30. 20 January 3 7pm, 12am.

Love, Honor & Obey: The Last Mafia Marriage ** (1993) Eric Roberts, Nancy McKen. Based on the true story of the union between two of New York's most powerful crime families. (CC) 4:00. 20 January 1 2pm.

Macao ** (1952) Robert Mitchum, William Bendis. A torch singer and an adventurer join forces in a tropical port city to trap a racketeer. 1:30. 20 January 4 10:30am.

The Magnificent Seven *** (1960) Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen. A gunfighter recruits six rugged men to defend a group of Mexican peasants from bandits. (CC) 2:30. 20 January 3 7pm.

Mars Attacks! ** (1996) Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close. Malevolent martians take delight in incinerating humans in director Tim Burton's sendup of 1950s sci-fi classics. 2:15. 20 January 1 10:10am, 11:30pm.

The Mary Kay Letourneau Story: All-American Girl ** (2000) Penelope Ann Miller, Mercedes Ruel. Based on the true story of a married schoolteacher who had an affair with and became pregnant by a 13-year-old student. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 6 2pm.

Melanie Darrow ** (1997) Delta Burke, Brian Bloom. An attorney agrees to defend her murdered friend's husband, despite the fact that his family believes he is guilty. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 3 1:30am.

Men Against the Sky ** (1940) Richard Dix, Wendy Barrie. A pilot, whose career was destroyed by alcoholism, lets his sister take credit for his revolutionary airplane designs. 1:30. 20 January 3 3:30am.

A Minute to Pray, a Second to Die ** (1968) Alex Cord, Arthur Kennedy. The territorial governor of New Mexico offers amnesty to a gunman with a large bounty on his head. 2:00. 20 January 6 6am.

Missing in Action ** (1984) Chuck Norris, M. Emmet Walsh. An American colonel trying to convince the world that MIAs are still imprisoned in Vietnam travels to Ho Chi Minh City. 2:00. 20 January 4 8pm.

Money Train ** (1995) Wesley Snipes, Woody Herman. A new partner and a scheme to rob a subway train put a strain on the relationship between foster brother transit cops. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 4 7pm.

Mrs. Doubtfire *** (1993) Robin Williams, Sally Field. An unemployed actor disguises himself as an elderly nanny in order to spend more time with his estranged family. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. 20 January 3 7pm.

The Music Man *** (1962) Robert Preston, Shirley Jones. A fast-talking salesman comes to a small town to organize a band and falls in love with an unmarried librarian. 2:45. 20 December 31 2:15pm.

My Girl *** (1991) Macaulay Culkin, Anna Chlumsky. An 11-year-old hypochondriac faces emotional confusion when her single father falls in love. 2:00. 20 January 1 10:30am.

My Girl 2 ** (1993) Dan Aykroyd, Anna Chlumsky. Vada learns important lessons about life and love when she visits her uncle in L.A. to find out about her late mother. 2:00. 20 January 1 12:30pm.

National Lampoon's European Vacation ** (1985) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. After winning a European holiday on a TV game show, the Griswold clan goes on a chaotic tour of Old World capitals. 2:00. 20 December 31 10:30am.

National Lampoon's Vacation ** (1983) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. A Chicago family sets out for a two-week road trip to California and encounters every conceivable mishap along the way. 2:00. 20 January 1 9:30pm.

Never Let Me Go ** (1953) Clark Gable, Gene Tierney. An American journalist and an Englishman join forces to smuggle their Russian wives out of the Soviet Union. 2:00. 20 January 5 5am.

Night Into Morning *** (1951) Ray Milland, Nancy Davis. A college professor, deeply distressed over the deaths of his wife and son, tries to drown his grief with liquor. 1:30. 20 January 3 5:30pm.

The Night of the Twisters ** (1996) John Schneider, Devon Sawa. A Nebraska youth comes of age as he helps save his family and others from a series of devastating tornadoes. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 6 9pm.

Nightmare on the 13th Floor ** (1990) Michele Greene, James Brolin. A travel writer discovers that a Victorian hotel is inhabited by cultists who are sacrificing guests to the devil. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 6 5pm.

Nightmares ** (1983) Cristina Raines, Emilio Estevez. A pickup truck, a pack of cigarettes, a video game and a colonial home all play parts in this quartet of terror tales. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 20 January 6 3pm.

No Way Out *** (1987) Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman. A Navy officer becomes involved in political and romantic intrigue of the highest order after taking a Pentagon job. 2:30. 20 December 31 1:30pm.

Nothing in Common *** (1986) Tom Hanks, Jackie Gleason. An ad executive must re-evaluate his relationship with his parents when they separate after 36 years of marriage. 2:30. 20 January 6 5am.

Nothing Sacred *** (1937) Carol Lombard, Fredric March. A circulation-hungry newspaper brings a terminally ill Vermont woman to New York as a publicity stunt. 1:30. 20 January 3 3:30am.

Oliver! *** (1968) Ron Moody, Oliver Reed. Six Oscars went to this adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel about an orphan who falls in with a gang of pickpockets. 2:45. 20 December 31 11:30am.

On Hostile Ground ** (2000) John Corbett, Jessica Steen. The lives of thousands of Mardi Gras revelers are at risk from a sinkhole that threatens to swallow New Orleans. 2:00. 20 January 6 7:05pm.

Operation Crossbow *** (1965) Sophia Loren, George Peppard. The Allied army attempts to locate and destroy German missile sites dur-

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

Table with 11 columns (7 AM to 12 PM) and multiple rows of program listings including Sesame Street, Barney, and various news and entertainment programs.

Table with 10 columns (12:30 to 5:30) and multiple rows of program listings including Sewing, Painting, Fine Art, and various entertainment programs.

Table with 10 columns (6 PM to 11 PM) and multiple rows of program listings including News, The Tonight Show, and various entertainment programs.

WEDNESDAY



Adrian (Rocky Carroll) competes for exposure while co-anchoring a morning news show in Welcome to New York, airing Wednesdays on CBS.

Weird Science ** (1985) Anthony Michael Hall, Kelly LeBrock Two high-school nerds accidentally create the woman of their dreams when an electrical storm zaps their home computer. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 2 January 2 1pm.

What About Bob? *** (1991) Bill Murray, Richard Dreyfuss A pompous psychiatrist's vacation is disrupted by the arrival of his new patient, a lovable but aggravating neurotic. 2:10. 3 December 31 4:50pm.

While You Were Sleeping *** (1995) Sandra Bullock, Bill Pullman A Chicago woman's lonely existence changes for the better when the man she secretly desires falls into a coma. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. 3 December 31 8pm.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit **** (1988) Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd. In a world where cartoons coexist with humans, a private eye tries to clear a long-eared fugitive of murder charges. 2:00. 3 January 1 1:30am.

The Wild One ***½ (1954) Marlon Brando, Mary Murphy. A small town is besieged by violence following the arrival of a rowdy gang of motorcyclists. 1:30. 2 January 6 12:30pm.

Wise Girl ** (1937) Ray Milland, Minam Hopkins. A socialite poses as a poor Greenwich Village artist in order to rescue her late sister's children from their uncle. 1:30. 2 January 3 12pm.

With Hostile Intent ** (1993) Mel Harris, Melissa Gilbert. Years of sexual harassment force two California policewomen to take legal action against the city of Long Beach. 2:00. 2 January 6 1pm.

Woman of the Year ***½ (1942) Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn. The marriage between a political reporter and a sportswriter is strained by their devotion to their jobs. (CC) (DVS) 2:00. 2 January 4 5am.

A Yank at Oxford *** (1938) Robert Taylor, Lionel Barrymore. An arrogant U.S. athlete antagonizes his British classmates upon his arrival at the prestigious university. (CC) 2:00. 2 January 4 7pm.

Yojimbo **** (1961) Toshio Miura, Eijiro Tono. An itinerant samurai's travels land him in the middle of feuding villagers in this tale from Akira Kurosawa. (CC) 2:00. 2 January 6 1am.

The Young and the Brave ** (1963) Roy Calkoun, William Bendz. A Korean orphan and his canine companion fall in with a group of American soldiers on the run from enemy forces. 1:30. 2 January 4 5:30pm.

You're in the Army Now ** (1937) Wallace Ford, John Mills. An American racketeer finds friendship and romance while hiding out as a recruit in the British army. 1:30. 2 January 2 5am.

Zoya (1995) Melissa Gilbert, Bruce Boxleitner. Based on Danielle Steel's novel. A Russian orphan marries an American Army officer and moves with him to New York. 4:00. 2 January 6 5pm.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

Table with 12 columns (7 AM to 12 PM) and 20 rows of programming including National Geographic, Kids, Paid Prog., Bear, Fam. Mat., Sabrina, Saturday Early Show, Rangers, Sportscenter, Movie: Dream a Little, Movie: Galaxy Quest, (5:45) Movie: Raintree County, Movie: Courage of Lassie, Paid Prog., Paid Prog., Movie: Minute to Pray, Sports, Movie, Rocket, Paid Prog., 'De Cabeza!, Massacre at Malmedy, Paid Prog., Farm Report.

Table with 12 columns (12:30 to 5:30) and 20 rows of programming including Old House, Zack Files, (12:00) Movie, (12:00) Movie: Brink!, Movie, Paid Prog., NFL Football Playoffs AFC Divisional Game -- Teams to Be Announced, Basketball, Movie, (12:15) Movie, Movie: The Wild One, Outdoors, Devils Isl, Northern, Murphy, (12:00) Golf, Movie: The Siege of Firebase Gloria, Catdog, (12:00) Movie, Control, Little Big, Movie, (12:00) Movie, (12:00) Movie, (12:00) Movie, (12:00) Movie.

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11 PM) and 20 rows of programming including European, Movie: The Spiral Staircase, News, Heartbeat, Movie: Outrage, News, News, Xena: Warrior Princess, Sportsctr., (4:30) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie, (5:00) Movie.

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TV CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with a black and white photo of a man's face in the center.

The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS 1. Bobby's portrayer on The Practice 8. Word with heart or back 9. Like meringue 10. 1950-67 quiz show (3) 14. Sounds from Bo Peep's charges 15. Sitcom sis 16. The Doctors ('69-'73) 17. Magazine title 18. Suffix for treat or advert 19. out a living; gets by 20. Girl (1966-71) 24. Time to watch It's a Wonderful Life: abbr. 27. Express disapproval 28. Kate Jackson's state of birth: abbr. 29. King and others 32. Ending for Ann or Nan 33. 60 Minutes personality (2) 36. Keats or Yeats 37. 1966 Jane Russell movie 38. Role on The Waltons

- DOWN 1. 1962-66 Ernest Borgnine role 2. Chevy's kin 3. Briscoe's title on Law & Order: abbr. 4. Just Shoot Me role 5. Jed Clampett's discovery 6. Mr. Lopez 7. Daly's namesakes 8. With Love and Death; '69 Anjelica Huston film

Scrambled letters grid for the TV Challenge: E L I Z A B E T H, W A C O, P O E T, M O R L E, S A F E R, A L A, B B S, E T T E, H I S S, T H A T, E K E S, E L T E, B A A S, T I A, N E W, W H A T, S M A I L I N E, A C H E, A I R Y, M C D E R M O T T