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Pilot returning to US after Korean captivity

By GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - U.S. pilot Bobby Hall appeared dazed by the drama surrounding his release today, and U.S. officials quickly put him on a plane home after his 13-day ordeal in North Korea.

Hall, captured after his helicopter went down over North Korea on Dec. 17, was freed after the U.S. government expressed regret for what it called a navigational error - not a spy mission as claimed by the North.

The incident threatened the fragile relations with the hard-line communist state that had been improving over the past two months.

Wearing the green flightsuit he wore when his helicopter went down, Hall looked pale as he walked to freedom in Panmunjom, the border village in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas. Military officers from both North Korea and the United States were present for the brief, solemn ceremony on a cold and overcast morning.

"He seemed naturally somewhat dazed to have emerged from 13 days of captivity to see generals lined up on both sides of the DMZ waiting for him to cross," said State Department official Thomas Hubbard, who had worked out the final details of Hall's release.

Hall showed no signs of injury, Hubbard said. Co-pilot David Hilemon was killed. His body was returned last week.

Hall, 28, was flown by helicopter to a U.S. military base in Seoul for a medical checkup.

"First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest sympathy for Mrs. Hilemon," Hall said in a brief statement on the tarmac at Osan Air Force Base outside Seoul.

He also thanked Hubbard for his "speedy return back to the free world."

Hall, from Brooksville, Fla., then boarded a U.S. military plane that left for McDill Air Force Base in his home state.

Hall's case was extremely

sensitive because the United States did not want to undermine the nuclear accord signed in October between the U.S. and North Korea.

It was further complicated by a lack of clear information about who is in charge in North Korea. There have been hints of a power struggle between civilian and military officials since North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung died in July.

His son, Kim Jong Il, is his presumed successor but has not formally assumed power.

In Washington, U.S. officials said they believe the deal that eventually was struck had won Kim's endorsement.

The U.S. and North Korean officials agreed on a written statement that said the U.S. helicopter inadvertently strayed into North Korean airspace, American officials said.

"We did offer our sincere regrets for the accidental intrusion," Hubbard told a news conference.



Skyline changes



Welding the roof

Work is continuing on a new roof over the C&R Building, 110 N. 25 Mile Avenue, where Realtor Henry Reid, left, was seen on Thursday welding part of the new rafters into place while assistant Steve Rivera held the beam securely in place. The project will turn a flat roof into a pitched roof.

Clinton says he will attempt compromises with Congress

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) - A week before the GOP takeover of Congress, President Clinton says he'll seek compromises with Republicans on tax cuts, health care and welfare reform but cautions, "There will be differences. There will be hard fights."

And Clinton, despite devastating Democratic losses in the November elections, announced he will be a candidate for re-election in 1996. He said he wasn't worried about the threat of a Democratic challenger for the nomination.

"I intend to seek re-election but that is not uppermost in my mind," Clinton said in an Oval Office interview.

Rather, Clinton said, his top priority will be to get Congress to enact his "middle class bill of rights," offering \$60 billion worth of tax cuts, including expanded tax credits for people with children, more retirement accounts and

tax-deductible college tuition.

Republicans have their own ideas about tax cuts and welfare reform, and they'll be in the driver's seat next Wednesday when the GOP takes control of both houses of Congress for the first time in four decades.

On taxes, for instance, Republicans have suggested a \$500-per-child tax credit, a reduction in capital gains taxes and an increase in the Social Security earnings limit.

"I don't think we ought to get into a bidding war over tax cuts and ignore the important need to keep restraint on the deficit," Clinton said. He said he has shrunk the national debt by \$10,000 for every family in the country "and I don't think we ought to walk away from that."

In terms of welfare, Republicans are proposing a bill that seeks to discourage illegitimacy by ending cash and housing benefits to single teen-age mothers and their children.

Clinton said, "I don't believe we ought to hurt poor people who are trying their best to do right and who

are looking for a hand up, not a hand out."

He also said he'd oppose any effort to cut education funds.

In terms of health reform, Clinton said he'd sent congressional leaders a letter urging cooperation on a bill addressing the problem in "a more step-by-step fashion."

"I know that what I proposed didn't pass last year ... but the problem didn't go away," he said.

In general terms, Clinton said he has a fundamental difference with Republicans.

"What I do not agree with them on is that somehow government is inherently the problem. There is a role for government in a modern society. And government cannot create opportunity but it can expand it."

Despite November's Republican sweep, Clinton said, "I'm looking forward to this next year with a great deal of optimism and hope about our country."

Clinton claimed that his administration has produced results where Republicans failed during 12 years in the White House.

"There's the talkers and there's the doers," he said, adding that his administration has shrunk the size of government and returned power to the states.

Clinton also said he wants his wife, Hillary, to remain an activist in his administration despite the failure of health-reform legislation that she championed.

"Ordinary voters were convinced - wrongly - that we want the government to run their health care and take their choice away," the president said. He added, "I'm not discouraged or despondent" that health reform failed.

"I believe with all my heart that I'm doing what's right for this country," he said. "Other people talk about problems; I try to do something about them."

A day after a judge refused to shield Clinton from questioning about allegations of sexual harassment when he was Arkansas governor, the president also said he was not distracted by ethical and legal questions facing him and some of his political allies.

"I'm just going to cooperate and roll on, do my job," the president said. "I'm certainly not worried about it. It just takes a lot of time and costs a lot of money."

On another matter, Clinton said CIA Director James Woolsey, who resigned Wednesday, deserves credit for uncovering the Aldrich Ames spy case. "The sins were committed earlier" in other administrations. "We shut it down."

Despite some calls in Congress to cut the post-Cold War CIA budget, Clinton said the intelligence community is still vital to U.S. interests. "In many areas of the world, I can tell you we would be better served if we had more intelligence."

Judge rules parents may see childrens' TAAS tests

HOUSTON (AP) - A judge has ruled that parents can see the closely guarded TAAS test after their children have taken the controversial examination.

State District Judge Dan Downey on Thursday ordered school districts to provide parents "the opportunity to view a true and corrected copy of the test within 30 days after it has been administered and graded."

The ruling came after years of controversy over the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, a test some parents believe contained inappropriate questions.

"We feel like this is a victory for every parent in the state of Texas," said attorney Kelly Shackelford, southwest regional director of the Rutherford Institute in Dallas.

"Basically, this is what we have been arguing from Day One: It's unconstitutional for the government to ever force children to take tests that their parents may not see."

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Della Moore said that

TEA commissioner Skip Meno already had made an administrative decision to make the test available for inspection by parents once a year, beginning in May.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by 18 parents and children in the Pasadena and Deer Park school districts against the TEA and the Texas Board of Education after they were refused access to the Norm-referenced Assessment Program for Texas, a standardized test that districts are no longer required to administer.

The TAAS exam is the state's primary assessment for academic achievement, and state officials have maintained that its confidentiality is protected by law to prevent cheating.

Pasadena district spokesman Kirk Lewis said the district was merely following state policy in not letting parents see the test.

"We now would do whatever the court has asked us to do," he said.

Not only were the parents not allowed to see the test, but attorneys

in the case were denied access, as well, Shackelford said.

"We had to fight them for a year and a half in the case just to allow the attorneys and the experts to see the test," he said.

The TAAS, which tests reading, writing and math, is given to all pupils beginning in the third grade. Any pupil who does not pass it in high school is denied a diploma. Also, a school's accreditation is now based largely on how well its pupils perform on the TAAS.

"Not only is this great news for every parent in Texas but we think it's good news in that it's a start nationally," said Shackelford, whose civil liberties legal organization specializes in religious freedom and parental rights.

In his three-page ruling, Downey said the evidence did not support the state's argument that releasing the test would compromise its confidentiality as well as its validity and reliability.

Scholar finds old copy of Scripture

By LARRY THORSON
Associated Press Writer
BERLIN (AP) - A German scholar believes he has identified the oldest New Testament writings ever - a finding that could date the Gospels close to Jesus' lifetime.

The scholar, Carsten Thiede, said he believes three tiny fragments of papyrus containing parts of the Gospel According to St. Matthew date back to the last quarter of the first century.

"It would mean that the original Gospel would be earlier still, since these are copies," said Thiede, a scholar at the Institute for Basic Epistemological Research at Paderborn in western Germany.

The fragments, containing Greek writing, have been preserved since 1901 at a library in Magdalen College of the University of Oxford.

The oldest New Testament papyrus had been thought to be a fragment of John 18 that was dated to the first quarter of the second century.

Thiede's find will buttress Bible scholarship of recent decades that dates the Gospels earlier than previously believed, putting them closer to Jesus' lifetime.

Thiede's findings will be published next week in the *Journal for Papyrology and Epigraphy*, a German journal, although *The Times of London* published two stories over Christmas about his research.

P.J. Parsons, a religious professor of Greek and fellow at Christ Church college of Oxford, told *The Times* that he was skeptical the fragments dated back to the first century.

"In a way, it's difficult to refute but equally to confirm, since the comparative material available from the first century A.D. is scant," he said.

The fragments were donated to Magdalen College by a graduate who collected them while he was chaplain at the English Church in Luxor, Egypt. Thiede started to examine them in February.

One fragment is about six-tenths of a square inch and the other two 0.8 by 1.2 inches. Thiede said the fragments have about three lines each of Greek writing, and the text is from Matthew 26, the story of Christ's crucifixion.

They were thought to be from the second century. But Thiede said they had the same script and style as other Greek texts from the last quarter of the first century.

The fragments show the scribe using abbreviations for Jesus' name, he said. That would indicate that the earliest Christians had taken up the Jewish custom of not writing or pronouncing the name of God, and that they believed Jesus was God, he said.

That belief did not become Christian doctrine until the year 325, he said. The Oxford fragments would indicate that some believed Christ was God before then.

Mailers rushing to beat postal rate hikes to take effect Jan. 1

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) - With the holidays over, post offices across the country are being hit with a second wave of mail from individuals and businesses trying to beat the postage increases that will ring in the new year.

"I'm paying all my monthly bills before the end of the month. Normally, I pay them here and there as they come," said Shelley Tinney of Frederick. "It's not going to save me all that much - maybe 60 cents. I guess it's the principle of it."

The cost of mailing a first-class letter will go from 29 cents to 32 cents at 12:01 a.m. New Year's Day. Other postal rates will go up as well.

When the new rates were announced earlier this month, the Postal Service governing board said the increase - the first in four years - would bring in an additional \$4.7 billion in 1995 for the Postal Service, which lost \$914 million in its last fiscal year.

The surge of mail sent by individuals and businesses trying to save a few cents started several weeks ago, said Greg Frey, a Postal Service spokesman in Washington. Most of the extra volume is third-class mail, such as advertising, some parcels and catalogs, he said.

Extra trucks and temporary workers the postal service hired for

the holidays were kept on to help handle the extra volume, he said.

"Usually our window is slow at this time of year, but you can see it out there now. It's very crowded," said Donna Goldman, a clerk at the post office in Pleasantville, N.J., where business is up 27 percent from this time last year.

"People panic. It's like the 'War of the Worlds.' They think they won't be able to get stamps after that day or something."

The Postal Service has been selling temporary 32-cent stamps since Dec.

13. The stamp has an American flag and the words "Old Glory" but carries no price.

The public can also buy special 3-cent stamps picturing a peace dove to use with their leftover 29-cent stamps. There also is a new 20-cent temporary stamp for postcards, which will cost a penny more to mail Jan. 1.

Stamps printed with the new prices won't come out until the spring.

Three cents might not be a big deal for individuals, but it adds up for bulk mailers, such as catalog companies.

Coming in Sunday's Brand

As 1994 comes to an end and we look forward to the beginning of 1995, thoughts return to the previous 12 months and what has happened to impact the lives of everyone in Hereford.

From new industry to a new graduating class; from high-profile criminal trials to political campaigns; and from personnel changes to new faces, the year was full of activity throughout Hereford.

On Sunday, join us as we recap the year, looking over some of the news events that shaped the city and our lives during 1994.

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Hawks' win moves Wilkens even with Auerbach

By The Associated Press
Even though he's matched Red Auerbach's record for coaching victories, Lenny Wilkens knows it's no time to relax.
Still ahead is a chance to break the mark and do it in a place that holds a lot of memories. Wilkens got career win No. 938 Thursday night when his Atlanta Hawks beat the San Antonio Spurs 127-121 in overtime.
Tonight, he can pass Auerbach with No. 939 at Cleveland, where Wilkens coached for seven seasons.
"If the record came tomorrow night in Cleveland, it would be very special to me because of the time I spent there," Wilkens said.
Helping Wilkens catch Auerbach hasn't been easy for the Hawks, who needed 28 games to get the 12 victories their coach needed.
"It's definitely a great evening," said guard Steve Smith, who came off the bench to score 28 points in the milestone victory. "Just to get it off his back is something we're all trying to do."
In other games, it was Miami 126, the Los Angeles Clippers 83; Charlotte 125, Orlando 123; Houston 126, Golden State 124; Portland 104, Denver 93; and the Los Angeles

Lakers 96, Seattle 95.
The victory gave Wilkens a career record of 938-790. Auerbach had a 938-479 record in 20 seasons, 16 of those in Boston, where he built the Celtics into a dynasty and won nine league championships.
Looking to extend their seven-game winning streak, the Spurs nearly deprived Wilkens of the tying win.
Three consecutive 3-pointers by Chuck Person, who finished with 26 points, in the final 90 seconds of the third quarter lifted the Spurs into an 83-76 lead. But Atlanta fought back, trimming its deficit to 95-90 on a 3-pointer by Mookie Blaylock with 5:34 to play.
A 20-footer by Ken Norman, who led Atlanta with 32 points, with 41 seconds left sent the game to overtime at 108.
In overtime, baskets by Blaylock, Jon Koncak and Tyrone Corbin gave the Hawks a 114-108 lead, one the Hawks never lost.
Houston 126, Golden State 124
Vernon Maxwell saved the ball from going out of bounds and hit a 28-footer with 1.9 seconds left as Houston beat Golden State.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 42 points and eight rebounds as the Rockets held off a furious fourth-quarter rally by the visiting Warriors.
Tim Hardaway, who had 32 points, hit a jumper with three seconds to play to give the Warriors a 124-123 lead. Houston tried to get it to Olajuwon on the ensuing inbounds play, but failed. The ball was headed out-of-bounds on the sideline until Maxwell grabbed it and hit the game-winner.
Trail Blazers 104, Nuggets 93
Portland defeated Denver for the ninth straight time at home, getting 27 points from Clifford Robinson.
Clyde Drexler scored 19 points and Rod Strickland had 16 points and 10 assists for Portland.
Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf came off the bench to lead the Nuggets with 18 points.
Abdul-Rauf's 18-footer cut Portland's lead to 80-78 with 9:52 left, but the Trail Blazers came back to take a 98-87 lead with 2:57 remaining.
Hornets 125, Magic 123
Without center Alonzo Mourning in the lineup, Charlotte turned to its perimeter shooting, hitting a club record 14 3-pointers to beat Orlando.

Dell Curry had 28 points and made six 3-pointers to lead Charlotte, which was missing Mourning because of a strained right foot.
Scott Burrell had a career-high 25 points, while Larry Johnson and Hersey Hawkins each had 23. Muggsy Bogues added 18 points and a season-high 17 assists with only one turnover.
Shaquille O'Neal's 30 points led the visiting Magic, who got 24 from Anfernee Hardaway.
Lakers 96, SuperSonics 95
Cedric Ceballos scored 35 points

as Los Angeles ended a six-game losing streak against shorthanded Seattle.
Elden Campbell scored 11 of his season-high 28 points in the fourth quarter and blocked six shots for Los Angeles. Detlef Schrempf scored 26 points and Shawn Kemp had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Sonics, who played without suspended forward Vincent Askew and lost guard Nate McMillan when he got two technical fouls.
Playing before their first home sellout crowd of the season, the Lakers beat the Sonics for only the third time in 16 meetings.

Heat 126, Clippers 83
Miami got its biggest win in franchise history, beating Los Angeles by 43 points behind 35 from Glen Rice.
It was the eighth game this season that Rice has scored 30 or more points. Kevin Willis had 19 points and Brad Lohaus and Kevin Gamble 18 each for the Heat. The visiting Clippers were led by Harold Ellis with 11.
Los Angeles shot 41 percent to Miami's season-best 61 percent. The Heat connected on 14 3-pointers to the Clippers' two.

Alabama defeats California in Otis Spunkmeyer Classic

By The Associated Press
Alabama presented a lesson in how not to conduct business down the stretch of a basketball game - and still won.
The Crimson Tide handed No. 14 California its first defeat this season with a 76-73 decision in overtime Thursday night. Alabama won the Otis Spunkmeyer Classic at the Oakland Coliseum.
Alabama survived a foul at the buzzer of regulation and two turnovers in the last 27 seconds of overtime.
"Really, I don't know how we let them get into overtime. That was kind of a gift in itself," Alabama coach David Hobbs said. "And then for our guys to hang in there with the disappointment and to come back and win the game was big for us."
In other games, it was top-ranked North Carolina 98, Old Dominion 79; No. 3 Arkansas 84, No. 20 Cincinnati 75; No. 7 Duke 73, Boston University 54; No. 17 Georgia Tech 89, Oklahoma 85.
At Honolulu, Arkansas (10-1) turned up the defensive heat in the second half and limited Cincinnati (8-4) to one field goal in the final eight minutes. The defending national champion Razorbacks got 27 points from Corliss Williamson and 20 by Scotty Thurman.
Corey Beck playing with six stitches in his left foot after cutting it on coral while swimming, had 10 points and 11 assists for Arkansas, which will play Iowa in the Rainbow Classic final tonight.
"That's what makes him a winner," Richardson said. "Most kids wouldn't be walking, let alone playing, and he goes 34 minutes each night. He is the heart and soul of our team."
Earlier in the Rainbow Classic, two ACC rivals who will meet next week in conference play advanced to face each other for fifth place.
Cherokee Parks had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke (7-2). Freshman Ricky Price, the Blue Devils' second-leading scorer, missed his third straight game with a sprained ankle.
For Georgia Tech (8-2), James Forrest had 23 points and 14 rebounds and Travis Best scored 18 points.
No. 11 Syracuse 94, LeMoyn 54
Despite the 40-point margin, the Orangemen (8-1) actually took pity on their crosstown rivals from Division II.
Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim had his starting five on the bench before the game was eight minutes old and played his entire roster.
No. 12 Georgetown 87, Fairfield 42
Georgetown (7-1) used stifling defense to hold the Stags (6-4) to two points in the opening eight minutes of the second half in the title game of the Sacramento Holiday Classic.
Othella Harrington had 13 points and his eight rebounds moved him into

16th place on Georgetown's career rebounding list with 586 - two ahead of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.
No. 15 Michigan State 117, Ball State 95
Shawn Respert scored 20 of his 33 points in the first half, sparking Michigan State (6-1) in the first round of the Spartan Classic. The Spartans play Long Beach State in tonight's championship game.
Ball State (5-2) played without leading scorer and rebounder Steve Payne, who was suspended for academic reasons by coach Ray McCallum.
No. 16 Arizona State 67, Vanderbilt 61
Mario Bennett scored 22 points as the hosts won the ASU-Tribune Classic for the 21st time in 28 years. Bennett, the tournament's MVP, also had eight rebounds.
No. 23 Nebraska 94, Delaware St. 52
Host Nebraska (10-1) used a 23-2 second-half run to rout Delaware State (3-5). Tom Wald scored a career-high 21 points and Jason Glock had a personal best of 17 points. Glock started in place of leading scorer Erick Strickland, who was out with tonsillitis.
No. 24 Indiana 77, Arkansas-Little Rock 53
Indiana (8-4) has won every Hoosier Classic championship and has a 26-0 tournament mark. The victory also increased the Hoosiers' current winning streak to six. Alan Henderson scored 28 points and Brian Evans had 18.
Coach Wimp Sanderson received his second technical and was ejected with 10:48 left in the game. When the Trojans' Malik Dixon earned another technical, it drew Sanderson back to the court to yell at the officials from behind the Hoosiers' basket.
Penn 79, No. 25 St. John's 73
Matt Maloney, who had five 3-pointers in the first half, connected on another as the Quakers (6-1) pulled away in the second half for the ECAC Holiday Festival championship at Madison Square Garden.
Penn, averaging 23 3-point attempts, made 11 of 22 against the Red Storm (7-1). Maloney was 6-for-10 and had 24 points. Jerome Allen added 23.
St. John's star freshman Felipe Lopez led all scorers with 26.

bring the heat," Johnson said. "But I'm getting better at doing it. I don't feel I have too many weaknesses."
Johnson said Tech's defense will be a tough test for him.
"They didn't look like a team with five losses to me," Johnson said. "I saw them kill Texas and they could have beaten Texas A&M."
Tech knows it will have to stop more than the run to beat USC.
"The way Johnson looked on film we may have to stop the pass first if we're going to beat them," said All-American linebacker Zach Thomas. "That Johnson is good."
Linebacker coach John Goodner said Johnson "is as good a quarterback as we've seen all year. He's excellent at reading coverages and he does a good job of getting rid of the ball under adverse situations."

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games with a sprained ankle, Johnson hit 67 percent of his passes for 2,210 yards and 12 touchdowns this year.
"I've had a good chance to show what I can do despite all the tailbacks we have who want the ball," Johnson said. "We have at least six tailbacks who can run. But you still need to be able to pass."
"He is extremely accurate," said USC coach John Robinson. "He's as accurate as they get. He gets rid of the ball quickly, he makes decisions quickly. I think he could be a real good pro."
Johnson felt at home this week getting ready for the Red Raiders. The Trojans practiced in Texas Stadium, home of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys.
USC operates the Cowboys offense.

"We run the Cowboys offense but we don't look like them very often," Robinson said. "Rob does a good job in it. He passes efficiently and we mix it up with the run."
"This program was down when I came here. We were 3-8 my freshman year. Coach Robinson has turned this thing around and is making it a class program again. This is a chance to help the building process with a big win."
Robinson only has one criticism of his senior quarterback. He takes too many sacks.
"His idol is Dan Marino and I tell him to watch how Marino throws the ball away," Robinson said.
Johnson laughs about Robinson's criticism.
"Sometimes it's hard to do when you face an eight-man line and they

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Church News

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Ted Taylor and congregation invite you to come to morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1. The sermon will be on the "Deliverance of God's People." There will be no Sunday School and no evening service this Sunday.

There will be a revival January 8-11 with evangelist Jon Randles. Jon is a "Promise Keeper" speaker. As you know, revival doesn't come just because a speaker comes. Revival happens in our hearts as we come before the Lord and seek Him. Make plans to be here during this revival. Jon Randles is a tremendous speaker and your family will surely be blessed through this time together. Tuesday in Children's Night and Wednesday is Teen Night. The revival starts Sunday, Jan. 8 with services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and continues nightly at 7 p.m.

Jon Randles will remain an extra night for a community-wide rally for all Christian men. The rally will be at the HISD Administration Building at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. Let's bring a little of the Boulder and Dallas Conference to Hereford.

It's time to get your family back in Sunday morning Bible study. New classes begin on Jan. 8 for everyone and all interests. Bring your family and get involved.

Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10:30 and Sunday evening worship at 6.

Wednesday evening services include Kids Fall Program, Teen "Club Paradise" and Adult Bible Study. All services start at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Joe Turner, Palo Duro Presbytery Preacher from Lubbock, will be the guest minister for the Sunday morning worship service on Jan. 1. The title of his sermon is "Tomorrow". The scripture lesson is Jeremiah 29: 10-14 and James 4: 13-16. This will be a Communion service.

Sunday school classes and the youth group meetings will resume on Jan. 8. The adult choir will practice at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 4.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Hereford community and the First Church family are invited to attend a Dec. 31 Watch Night Candlelight Service filled with wonderful music at San Pablo United Methodist Church, 220 Kibbe, beginning at 11 p.m.

Worship at First UMC on Jan. 1 will start with Sunday school at 8:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Ed Williamson's New Year's Day message is entitled "Turning Over A Whole New Branch" with scripture from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. The Sanctuary Choir will perform the anthem, "I Have Only One Life to Live" by Artman. A special offertory duet, "Ring Out Wild Bells", will be sung by Ed and Mary Elaine Williamson.

There will be no Sunday evening activities at the church and the church office will be closed Monday for the holiday.

The United Methodist Women will install their officers for 1995 and take part in a pledge service Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. in Ward Parlor. Mrs. Betty Jo Carlson will serve as UMW president.

Church meetings for the week consist of the Ministry of Caring Committee and Council on Ministries both on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Coming events include an Eagle Scout Rank awarding Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. for D. J. Warrick in Fellowship Hall; United Methodist Men's Breakfast Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with Bill McCuaig, camp director at Ceta Canyon, as guest speaker; 80th

birthday celebration Jan. 8 at p.m. for Wilma Goettsch in Fellowship Hall; Confirmation Class introduction meeting Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. in Ward Parlor; and Children's Epiphany Party Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The men of the church and Hereford community are encouraged to attend the Promise Keepers Rally set for Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the HISD Administration Building. Speaker for the event will be Jon Randles.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"The Sign of Salvation" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on Jan. 1, which is the major prayer book feast of The Holy Name. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands and Holy Communion. We will observe the major prayer book feast day of the Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

There is no Christian Education on Jan. 1. We will resume with Christian Education for all ages at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 8. The Adult Class will begin a series of videos/discussion called "Issues and Ethics" from the VISN Network on the Faith and Values Channel.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Where, oh where, did 1994 go? It is unbelievable that another year has come and gone. At the close of every year it is good to look back, look at where you are currently, and look toward the future. We need to do this spiritually as well. Are you growing, maturing, and becoming more like Jesus? What plans have you made for 1995 to obtain your spiritual goals?

We are very excited about 1995. It is going to be a great year. Plans are made, everything is in place, and we're ready to go to work. Come and work with us in 1995.

The Central Church of Christ is a warm friendly group of people dedicated to serving the Lord. Using the Bible as our only guide, we seek to worship and live as God has instructed. Come join us as we seek to restore New Testament Christianity. May God bless you in 1995.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

We invite anyone looking for a church home to come and visit with us.

Sunday school classes for all age groups and Bible study for adults meet from 9:30-11:15 a.m. The adult class and Sunday worship service are held from 10:30-11:15 a.m. and are led by Doug Manning, worship leader.

We have nursery facilities for all ages.

The free taxi service is available upon request by calling 364-0359.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible study is conducted at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

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

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

Pastor David Alvarado and congregation invite you to come and

join them in worship on Sunday mornings.

The 9 a.m. service is in Spanish and the 10:40 a.m. service is in English.

Everyone is welcome. For information or prayer call 364-5239 and ask for Pastor David.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Whoopi Goldberg's comedic touch has touched a group dedicated to helping the largest medical center in the Middle East.

The Friends of the Sheba Medical Center will honor her in January for her "Comic Relief" specials, which have raised \$25 million for the homeless.

"Whoopi Goldberg exemplifies the kind of spirit on which the Sheba Medical Center was founded, treating every person equally without regard to religion or ethnic origin," said Diane Glazer, Sheba's western states director.

The medical center, which is in Israel, has previously honored Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Douglas, Liza Minnelli and Shimon Peres.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—A judge turned down a request from the ex-wife of screenwriter Joe Eszterhas to declare 50 of his story ideas community property.

Gerri Eszterhas had sued Hollywood's highest-paid screenwriter over the story ideas conceived before their separation last year. She wanted a cut of the profits if they were sold.

That wouldn't have been chump change. Eszterhas signed a \$3.5 million deal in May for his latest movie, a rock 'n' roll murder mystery called "Foreplay." His previous hits include "Basic Instinct," "Flashdance," "Jagged Edge" and "Music Box."

Superior Court Judge Michael Dufficy ruled Tuesday that "as a matter of law, an idea is not property."

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You wear what you eat at Citrus Festival

What would you do if you were approached on the street and told that your outfit looked good enough to eat? You would probably look for the nearest policeman. But if you were at the Products Costume Show at the Texas Citrus Fiesta in Mission, Texas, that would be a compliment.

That's because all of the clothes at this unique fashion show are made out of vegetables and fruits, like orange peels, onion skins, cabbage, and carrots. Don't worry that your favorite pants might become someone else's meal, because the clothes at the fiesta are for show only—not supper.

The Product Costume Style Show is just one of the many festivities at the annual Texas Citrus Fiesta, a two-week celebration held the last week of January and the first week of February in Mission. The fiesta salutes the citrus industry for its many contributions to the Valley's

economy. It is Mission's way of saying thanks to everyone who contributed to the bountiful winter harvest, a six-month winter season that makes the valley such a special place.

The sub-tropical climate, warmed by a friendly sun and cooled by the Gulf breeze, enables orange and grapefruit groves to burst with fruit and color. Fields of sugar cane, cotton, and just about every vegetable imaginable thrive in the lush surroundings of Mission. And because fruits and vegetables are a way of life there, the Texas Citrus Fiesta is an enormously popular event. All civic, church, and other organizations in town participate in this fresh and fruity celebration.

The south Texas city of Mission is the perfect location for this event because of its distinction as "Home of the Grapefruit," especially the delicious Ruby Red, Ruby-Sweet, and Rio Star, of the Texas Red grapefruit variety. Red grapefruit made its debut in the Valley in 1929 when Texas citrus growers made a unique discovery: Growing on a pink grapefruit tree was a fruit with a deeper pink interior. It soon became known as the famous Ruby Red. Through time and research, Texas citrus growers have taken the pucker out of this delicious fruit and made it sweet and delectable. The Texas legislature proclaimed succulent Texas red grapefruit, "the State Fruit of Texas," in 1993.

Mission has played a major role in the development of the citrus industry since its very first days. Legend has it that Catholic priests visited a home site south of present-day Mission more than one hundred years ago. They gave oranges and grapefruit to the children who ate them and planted the seeds. Seven trees sprang up and bore fruit for more than 70 years. Gradually other ranchers in the area followed suit and began planting their own seeds. And that, according to legend, is how the Valley's multi-million dollar citrus industry began.

The first Citrus Fiesta was introduced by Mission's Young Men's Business League on December 9, 1932. Little did they know that the 58th annual event would have evolved into such an extravaganza, including the Parade of Oranges, the Coronation of Queen Citrianna and King Citrus, an arts and crafts show, golf tournament, carnival, dances, prize citrus judging, and of course, the Products Costume Pageant. And for the first time, Mission will host a jazz festival highlighting the musical talents of South Texas high school students.

While there is plenty to do for the whole family at the Texas Citrus Fiesta, the highlight each year is always the products costume show.

It's Like A Whole Other Country.

The making of these costumes began in the mid-1930's and is considered by many to be the only new folk art introduced this century. The costumes are made by covering a foundation garment completely with Valley grown products. The dresses are made entirely out of citrus and vegetable products like whole cabbage leaves, slices of grapefruit and carrots, palm fronds, and corn kernels.

Since the show's debut, the costumes have evolved into intricate works of art, with contestants going to such extremes as pulverizing, blending, and microwaving fruits, vegetables, and flowers to turn them into elaborate gowns. In the 1930's and '40's, the models would have to keep their dresses in the freezer of the local meat market to keep the carrots cold, or the parsley dress' crisp and green. There were times when the cabbage dress didn't make it to the second showing because the odor was unbearable. Trial, error, and experimentation have made the costumes breathtaking works of art. Today, with the aid of modern kitchen appliances, designers are limited only by their macrobiotic imaginations. Costumes can weigh as much as 120 pounds and take more than 200 hours to make.

Another exciting highlight at the Texas Citrus Fiesta is the Parade of Oranges. It is a parade that winds through the streets of Mission, with the floats decorated by theme, entirely with valley produce. The brightly colored floats sometimes stand as tall as three stories and carry the 22 duchesses who are heirs to the queen's throne. Each of the young women represents her Valley community and its product or industry. Their beautiful formal gowns are in the natural colors of the products they represent, which could be watermelon red, broccoli green, pearly-white onion, or the deep brown of crude oil.

The Texas Citrus Fiesta brings fruits, vegetables, friends, and fun together every year from across the fertile, southern region of the state. With the Rio Grande Valley's sub-tropical atmosphere and swaying palm trees, one can find a little bit of Mexico and a whole lot of Texas-sized fun for all. So come on out to Mission, Texas, and bring your fruits and vegetables in case you don't have anything to wear. You'll know why we say, "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country." For more information about Citrus Fiesta, contact the Mission Chamber of Commerce, 800/580-2700 or 210/585-2727. For a free 272-page Texas travel guide and a state highway map, call 800/8888-TEX.



The Parade of Oranges rolls through Mission during the annual Citrus Fiesta in late January through early February. Mission is bursting with juicy activities which salute Texas' Ruby Red grapefruit and tasty oranges. For more information, contact the Texas Citrus Fiesta, 210/585-9724. Texas Department of Commerce photo.

Mexico seeking solution to severe economic crisis

By SUSANA HAYWARD
Associated Press Writer
MEXICO CITY (AP) - President Ernesto Zedillo sacked his treasury secretary Thursday and announced an emergency program to confront a severe economic crisis prompted by a plunge in the peso.

Zedillo, whose month-old administration has been shaken by the currency crisis, also announced Mexico will accept an international financial package designed to stabilize the troubled economy.

Zedillo's announcement was seen as his first step in answering severe criticism on Wall Street and elsewhere that his fledgling administration had failed to clearly warn of the peso crisis that erupted last week.

"We must control this grave threat and avert an even greater crisis," said the 42-year-old Yale-educated economist. His radio address was the government's first public announcement of steps to confront the crisis.

He said Treasury Secretary Jaime Serra Puche, 43, who helped negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement that took effect Jan. 1, would be replaced by Guillermo Ortiz Martinez, another prominent U.S.-educated economist.

Ortiz is the current communications and transport secretary and was educated at Stanford.

"I would like to inform you that to undertake and execute this emergency economic program with the credibility that is demanded by the circumstances, I have accepted the resignation of Jaime Serra Puche," Zedillo said on radio.

The Mexican stock market's main IPC index rose 3.14 percent to 2,411.23 points, up 73.51 points, buoyed by reports throughout the day of an impending announcement of the recovery package.

The peso also strengthened for the second day, closing at 4.875 on Mexico's market from a previous close of 4.975.

The announcement constituted the first major Cabinet shakeup since Zedillo began a six-year term on Dec. 1.

Zedillo said his economic plan, to take effect in January, is intended to fight wage and price inflation and will count on an unspecified amount of emergency funding from the world community.

The United States, Canada and the other members of the Group of Seven Industrialized nations had discussed arranging up to \$10 billion in a financial package to help stabilize the battered peso.

But Zedillo gave no exact figure, nor did he say which nations or lending institutions might provide the credit, saying Mexico would count on

a "financial fund with international resources" within the short term.

He said the emergency plan would also involve reaching an accord with the productive sector on keeping inflation down, stimulating greater foreign investment in Mexico and keeping economic growth forecasts on track.

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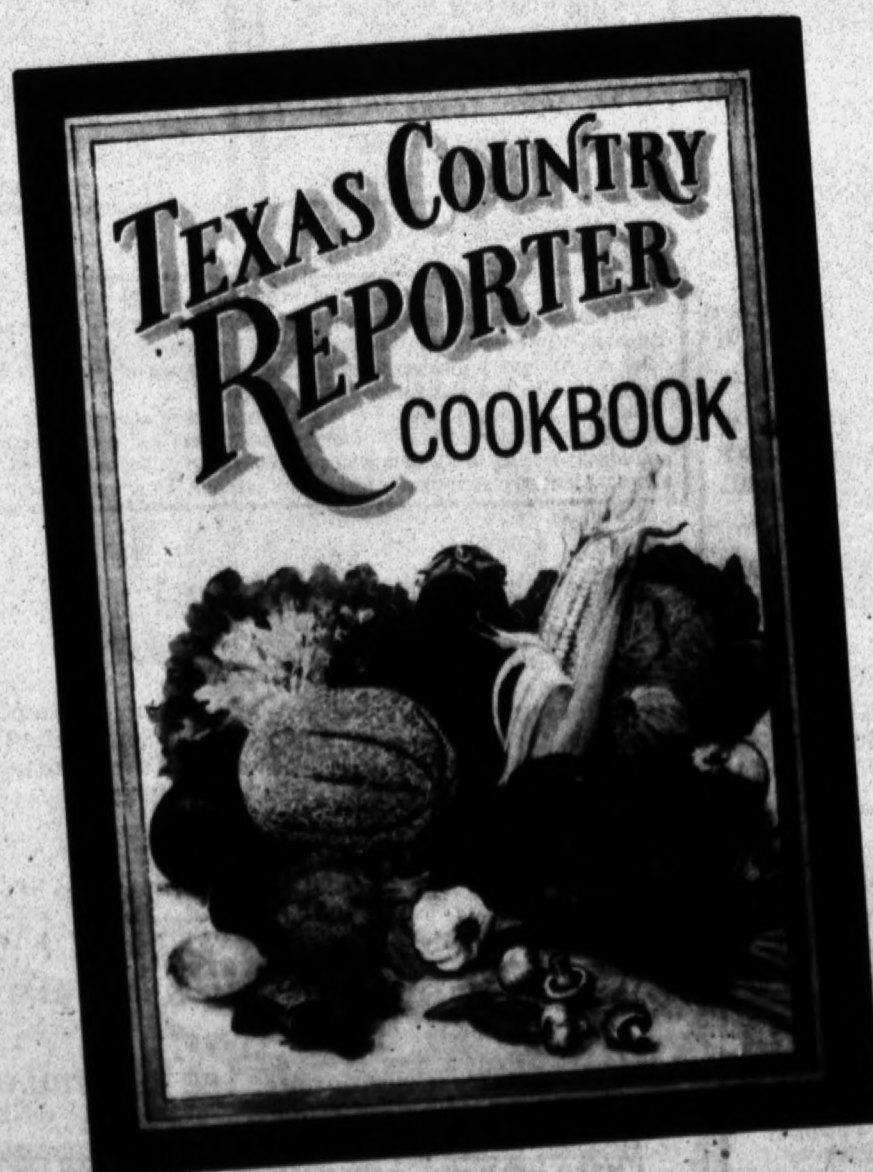
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