HUSTLIN' HEREFORD. HOME OF Ruby Hernandez

HOLIDAY **CLOSINGS**

■ Christmas will mean day off for most workers

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Christmas Day to allow their employees to observe the Christmas holiday. City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County offices also will be closed Dec.

All financial institutions will be closed on Christmas 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 Dec. 26.

The Hereford Brand will close at 2 p.m. Friday and will be closed Christmas Day. The newspaper office will reopen at 8 a.m. Dec. 26.

Deadlines for the Dec. 26 edition of the newspaper will be noon Friday for both classified and display advertising.

Classes in the Hereford Independent School District will dismiss at noon Friday for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Students won't have to return to school until Jan. 8,

Today's weather

OUTLOOK



Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows around 16, south winds 5 to 15 Friday: Partly cloudy and windy,

highs in the upper 50s, southwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid-20s.

Extended forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs

around 45. Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows

near 20, highs around 42. Christmas Day: Cloudy with a slight chance of sleet or snow, lows in the lower 20s, highs in

the lower 30s.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, lows around 15, highs in the mid-20s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, lows around 10, highs in the lower 20s.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 53; low, 12; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

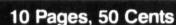
U.S. economy slows sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy slowed sharply to an annual growth rate of just 2.2 percent in the summer, the weakest performance in four years, the government said Thursday. The report provides further evidence that America's

boom times are definitely over. The Commerce Department said the third quarter increase in the gross domestic product - the economy's total output of goods and services - was even weaker than previously believed as the trade deficit deteriorated further. A month ago, third quarter GDP was esti-

mated to have risen by 2.4 percent. The July-September performance

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THE COURTHOUSE SHINING BRIGHTLY

Motorists driving around Hereford at night certainly won't be able to miss the Deaf Smith County Courthouse, which is ablaze with thousands of Christmas lights. The courthouse is just one of the many buildings, public and residential, that have been gaily decorated for the season. Photographs of the winning homes and businesses that participated in the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Lighting Contest will be published in the weekend edition of the



Bush resigns office;

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush resigned as governor of Texas with an emotional farewell today, "It's an emotional moment to leave a job I

over in 30 days. He yielded office to Rick Perry, the Republican lieutenant governor, but said he would need a bit more time to move out of the governor's mansion, a block from the State House where he said goodbye in the Senate chamber.

Misty-eyed, Bush said the mansion he and wife Laura have occupied for six years "won't be our home, but Texas always will be." With that, he and Perry embraced, to the applause of the State House audience.

"Serving as the governor of the great state of Texas has been a higher honor than I could ever imagine," Bush said, "and there's only one thing that would cause me to leave early, and that's to become your president."

Two years remain of the second term to which Bush was elected in 1998.

He said his six years in office have been a time of steady, shared progress, and of bipartisanship he intends to take to Washington.

Bush said that he takes with him Texas lessons of diversity, optimism "in tough places," independence and enterprise. "Through it all I have tried to be a good steward of the office, to shape this state for the better," he said. "But the truth of the matter is I realize how

much this state has shaped me."

saying there was "only one thing that would cause me loved for a state I love. But you move on, to leave early," and that is the White House he will take Bush told reporters after he left the Senate The president-elect had already packed up

autographed baseballs, and said that while "I'm going to miss this place," he was looking forward to his new assignment.

As he hurtled toward the start of that assignment on Jan. 20, Bush's progress in building a new administration accelerated. On Wednesday — a week after he claimed victory in the White House race — the presidentelect announced his nominees to head the treasury, agriculture, commerce and housing agencies.

And he was making advances on other fronts, poised to name Gov. Christie Whitman of New Jersey to the nation's top environmental post and eyeing Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as front-runner for secretary of Health and Human Services, though final decisions had not been made.

Bush's top candidate for attorney general, Please see BUSH, Page A9

City administrators fix deficiency noted in review of finances

□y Donald Cooper Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Hereford city administrators already have his office, including his collection of corrected one deficiency noted by its auditors and will adjust procedures to correct another, according to a memo from City Manager Chester

The audit report, which was prepared by the Hereford accounting firm McGinty & Associates, was presented to the City Commissioner earlier this week.

The deficiency already corrected by the city involved the pledge of securities by Hereford State Bank in sufficient amounts to cover Hereford Economic Development Corp. deposits.

The other item identified by the auditors involved some emergency expenditures. The auditors noted the city administration had not prepared formal budget amendments for items not budgeted, such as police department and fire department vehicles and landfill engineering fees. Although the expenditures were approved by the commissioners, the auditors stated for-

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CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND . CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND . CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND . CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

You can help answer Christmas prayers

Fund volunteers begin delivering the first round of assistance, there's concern that donations may fall short of the great number of needs.

The anonymous committee that administers CSF has received a near-record number of applications for help, and any assistance is limited by the sum of donations

In this "home stretch" of seeking donations for Hereford's holiday charity, the Christmas Stocking Fund, a story from the early years of the CSF seems especially timely and poignant. It was penned by the Rev. Steve McElroy back in the early days of CSF in 1986:

"From faraway in my childhood I remember a story that I was once told..

Street lamps flickered in the dusk on Main Street. A ragged little girl stood on tiptoe at a store window. It was full of Christmas magic--a red tricycle, a doll with golden curls, a fuzzy panda bear. Her

eyes were wide with wonder. Just then a friend happened by.

s the Christmas Stocking "Too bad you won't be getting anything for Christmas," she said. "Oh, but I

will," said the ragged child. "But your par-

ents are broke, and you said yourself there would be no presents," her friend insisted.

The little girl pressed her eager face against the window pane. me something.

"That's true, but I asked God to send The friend shook her head and

skipped away. After Christmas, the two girls met again.

"Did you get a present?" asked the cynical friend. The little girl dropped her head.

"No," she said. "See, just as I thought. God didn't answer that prayer of yours,'

shouted the little cynic.

The ragged child lifted her chin and said, "I'm quite sure God told

someone to bring me a gift, but I guess they forgot."

The ragged child and her Christmas prayer are a reminder of an extraordinary truth: God sometimes uses you and me to answer the prayers of others. Even now, at this very moment, he is working on someone's eager prayer. And who knows, you could be the answer--if you don't forget.

Father, often I plead for an answer to my own prayer. Today, use me to answer the prayer of someone

You can help CSF to extend maximum help to as many of the less fortunate members of the community as possible this holiday through your generous gift.

CSF extends assistance in numer ous forms including help with food utilities, medical and pharmacy bills and clothing. All assistance, with the exception of food, is via vouchers payable to the merchants, utilities, or medical facilities cooperating with CSF. Food assistance is in the form of staple goods that are boxed and delivered.

Donations to CSF may be made in

person at the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of the Brand at P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate heir gifts.

The Brand, official collection point for CSF, publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum collected by CSF.

2000 Christmas Stocking Fund **CURRENT BALANCE**

TOTAL	17,172.50
Ron Ćrist	100.00
Anonymous	200.00
Anonymous	100.00
by Mary Brorman	100.00
In memory of Harry Brorman	
Martin & Sam Urbanczyk	50.00
From Santa's Helpers - JK&J	100.00
Clint & Margaret Formby	100.00
David Fitzgerald Family	. 25.00
by Willie, Jackie, Ronnie and Rick	25.00
In memory of Vesta Mae Nunley	20.00
James & Doris Dobbs	25.00
Avis White by Mary Thomas	100.00
In memory of Wayne Thomas &	.50.00
In memory of Brent by Don & Linda Cumpton	150.00
Anonymous	300.00
Chip Formby	500.00
Lane, Jonathan, Lisa and	100.00
KPAN Radio	150.00
Earl & Mary Lewis	50.00 150.00
Bartley & Evelyn Dowell	50.00
and Robert E. Wagoner	100.00
by Elane and Lynn Jones; and Wester	
In memory of Stella Gatewood Jones	
BALANCE FORWARD	15.047.50

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Local roundup

Housing grant available

The Panhandle Community Services has been selected by the USDA Rural Development to administer a housing preservation grant in the amount of \$83,432 to renovate existing housing within the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Recipients must come from communities of less than 10,000 population and whose incomes are considered low to very low in relation to the incomes within the county.

This money must be used in conjunction with the home weatherization program of Panhandle Community Services. Persons who feel they qualify and would like to inquire about the assistance should contact the local PCS office to apply.

For more information, contact Margaret Wolf at 1-806-372-

2531, ext. 220.

Special train days

The Nolon Henson train display at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center will be open 2-5 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. every Saturday in January. The special hours are to allow as many visitors as possible to view the display in its final year.

Holiday dismissal

All Hereford Independent School District campuses will dismiss between noon and 1 p.m. Friday for Christmas. Stanton will dismiss at noon; primaries at 12:10; intermediates at 12:30; junior high at 12:40 and High School at 12:50. Buses will run on these schedules. Parents are asked to make arrangements for non-bus students for these times. Classes will resume Jan. 8, 2001.

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School news

Holidays time for college prep

'Tis the season to be jolly, and for many families with seniors in high school, it's also the season to get busy with college financial aid applications.

Experts from American College Testing said the most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines student eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. Families can begin submitting their FAFSA forms any time after Jan. 1, when they have the necessary income statements needed to complete them.

The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much the family is expected to contribute toward the students' education (Expected Family contribution).

Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting their FAFSA. It will summarize the data reported on the application. Families can get estimates of what their EFC may be and the costs of attending specifice institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at

Families can find information on more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 billion at www.collegenet.com. This website provides a broad search of scholarships or a list of scholarships by category such as age, academics, ethnicity, interests, nationality, or sports. Students also can apply online for the scholarships. For additional opportunities, including local scholarships, students should see their school counselor.

ACT experts encourage students to

· Apply early for admission and financial aid. · Check schools for other necessary forms.

· Apply for scholarships, grants and work study.

· Use the Internet to find other financial aid.

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News digest

Hundreds wait for power

LONGVIEW — For East Texas electricians, the past week has been the best and worst of times.

A Dec. 13 storm knocked out power to about 250,000 customers of East Texas and northwest Louisiana, meaning round-the-clock business and loads of overtime pay for area electricians. But as the frigid days wore on, desperate residents began taking out their frustrations on the workers.

Glenn Nelson, a senior lineman for AEP-Southwestern Electric Power Co., says he's never seen anything like the 17hour days he's been putting in to restore power. AEP-SWEPCO provides electricity to much of the region.

"One of the crews, a car was beside them at a red light," Nelson said. "As they started to take off, a man got out and jumped on the running board, trying to get them to turn his lights on."

Elsewhere:

COLD TEXAS: Old Man Winter apparently can't read his calendar. Winter's official arrival is 7:37 a.m. CST on Thursday, but snowfall, freezing rain and ice storms already have blanketed parts of Texas. ... SUBWAY MOLD: The city's newly-owned subway station is contaminated with a dangerous mold, according to three workers and a light-rail operators' union who filed a suit this week against Dallas Area Rapid Transit. The suit, filed in Dallas on Monday - the day the light-rail station opened to customers. ... PASSENGER DEATH: A flight attendant might have provoked an enraged Southwest Airlines passenger who was later suffocated by fellow passengers trying to control him, according to an FBI report. Prosecutors relied partly on the report, released Tuesday, in deciding in October against filing criminal charges against the passengers.

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Elementary generosity



Generosity of spirit -- The desire to give to those less fortunate begins early in life and Christmas was the perfect time for Tierra Blanca Elementary students to collect food and toys for people who might have to do without. Collected items were donated to the Hereford Food Pantry and the Christmas for Children program. Chosen to represent the school in its generous offering was Audrie Tijerina, Patricia Ward and Jonathan Beltran. More than 827 children from 294 families received gifts from the Committee and the toys from Tierra Blanca students will go to benefit some families still in need.

Youngsters keep lighting up

SEATTLE (AP) — School smoking-prevention experts at officials are taking another the National Cancer Institute, look at how to dissuade children from smoking after a 15year, \$15 million showcase study was declared a failure.

one of 40 districts in the state tion. that participated in the program, will keep trying to dis- proach has been favored by courage youthful smoking, but smoking prevention researchhasn't decided how, Superintendent Dennis Brandon said

"The study isn't going to give us a clear direction how to do that," Superintendent Dennis Brandon said.

More than a quarter of the former schoolchildren in the study are now regular smokers, about the same number as those who didn't receive the classes, according to a report in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The study involved 8.388 schoolchildren and 640 teachers and was based on what is called a "social influences" ap-

The experiment included classes designed to help children ignore social pressures to smoke, teach them about the dangers of smoking and provide motivation to remain smoke-free for life. The students were taught to resist advertising, peer pressure and poor influences at home.

Children were targeted at the ages when smoking is commonly adopted as a habit. A curriculum for grades 3

through 10 was drawn up by

which funded the research. The program met guidelines for anti-tobacco education recommended by the Centers for The Warden School District, Disease Control and Preven-The "social-influences" ap-

> ers for 25 years, said Arthur V. Peterson Jr., the lead researcher. But Tuesday, researchers announced that surveys of the students showed that 24.4 per-

> cent of the girls and 26.3 percent of the boys were daily smokers by the 12th grade.

That nearly mirrors the smoking habits of students who did not participate in the study. Two years after high school,

smoking rates were even higher: 28.42 percent for those who took part in the program, 29.07 percent of those who had not.

"It was a disappointing and surprising result to us because the social influences approach was so attractive," said Peterson, who heads a cancer prevention program at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, which performed the study.

"I just think it's back to the drawing board and we need to look at everything," he said.

He said tactics that have worked in some areas include denying children access to tobacco by raising taxes and controlling sales, and by countering tobacco company advertising with youth-oriented media blitzes.

Paula Murray, whose daughin the Naches Valley School District, expressed some reservations about the study.

"I don't think there was as big a push as they got older," said Murray, whose daughter does not smoke. "They need to really push it from the third grade to the seventh grade because after the seventh grade it's too late."

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 20, 2000 include the fol-

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- T-shirts were reportedly stolen from the 2900 block of East

- A forgery was reported in the 200 block of North Lee. - A pit bull, valued at \$100, was reported stolen from the 200 block of Hereford Calle. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests - A 37-year-old man was ar-

rested and charged with theft over \$50 and under \$500.

 A 31-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon conviction.

 A 23-year-old man began serving time on possession of marijuana charge and bail jump-

- An 18-year-old man began serving time on a burglary of a vehicle conviction. Incidents

- A burglary of a residence was reported.

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Obituaries

PRICE R. MOSS Dec. 16, 2000

Services for Price R. Moss, 96, formerly of Hereford were Tuesday in Woodson.

Mr. Moss died Dec. 16. He lived in Hereford from 1950-1964 where he worked as a produce farm manager for various produce growers.

Survivors include his wife, Leona, two sons, and three daughters.

Hereford Brand, Dec. 21, 2000

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

Lotto

No winner; Saturday jackpot to estimated \$17 million By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50

10-18-23-39-42-46. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the

Texas Lottery, in order:

the Texas Lottery:

5-0-4 Lotto Texas The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by

10-18-23-39-42-46 Estimated Lotto Texas jack-



Not to be outdone -- Students in Heidi Brewer's fourth-grade class at Bluebonnet Intermedicate School took it upon themselves not to be outdone by their younger crosstown counterparts and decided to do something for the less fortunate in their school and collected toys and staple goods, which will later be delivered to needy families with children at Bluebonnet. To add to the festivities the students wrapped the toys they brought so the recipients will have a little more under the tree.

JEESTYLES

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Ann Landers



Ann

years ago, I divorced my husband and moved back in with my parents. I would love to

Landers have a place of my own, but have not been able to afford it as yet.

I consider my bedroom the only area where I have any privacy. My mother, however, doesn't respect that. She comes in frequently to "straighten it up" while I'm at work. When I return, I can see that she has gone through my belongings, rearranged my underwear drawer and removed some personal items. Yesterday, I found some of my things in the trash bin. She said my favorite bedroom slippers were "worn out," and my flannel robe was "ratty."

I'll admit my room gets messy at times, but it is hardly a pigsty. I am more than willing to clean it myself and do my own laundry, but my mother refuses to let me. She says I should be grateful for the help and not complain. I don't want to fight with her, but she is making me miserable. Any suggestions? - No City or State

Dear Kwitcherbeefin' and move out as soon as possible - even if the best you can afford is one room over a bowling alley. You are paying too big a price for the comforts of Mama's home. You need to declare your independence, and the only way you can do it is by being strictly on your own.

Dear Ann Landers: I

local newspaper. Dingmans Ferry, Pa.

Dear R.C.: Here it is - a star-studded gem for my stupid crooks file:

A daring thief who stuffed a pair of live lobsters in his pants learned that crime doesn't pay when the frisky creatures gave him a vasec-

Police say that the 24-yearold shoplifter was leaving a Bristol, England, supermarket when he removed the lobsters from their tank and shoved them in his trousers. The man sprinted past stunned checkout girls, but came to a screeching halt when he felt the lobsters clutching on his manhood.

Dear Ann finally removed when emergency medics pried them loose with pliers. Doctors say the thief will fully recover from his frightening tangle with the lobsters, but he will never be a daddy.

"Basically, it was a do-ityourself vasectomy," said the doctor. "The patient's sexual abilities will be restored in time, but he will not be able to father children."

The thief's painful prank landed him in the hospital, where he is expected to remain for three or four weeks. But thanks to a kindhearted supermarket manager, he will not be charged with any crime.

"The guy's gone through enough pain," said the store manager. "I think he has learned his lesson. I doubt if he'll ever steal again."

Dear Ann Landers: With the Christmas holidays coming up, please write about gifts for seniors. Our kids, bless them, keep giving us fancy soaps, perfume and knickknacks. We are in our late 70s, and do not need these things.

If only they would give us gift certificates to a nearby restaurant or cafeteria (in \$5 and \$10 denominations). And with the cost of medications so high, gift certificates to our local drugstore would be enormously helpful. And while I'm on the subject, please tell your readers not to send flowers to the hospital. Seniors have enough trouble walking. It is a burden to lug vases of flow-

ers when we go home. We love our kids and know they love us. We don't want to hurt their feelings, but they should realize our lifestyles are different from theirs. -

you spoke for a great many seniors today — and they will be pleased to see it in print.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a selfaddressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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HELPING SANTA



Santa and his elf brought Christmas to the children of Blue Water Garden Apartments a little early this year. They stopped in on Wednesday night, visited with all the children and handed out gifts to each one. Nicholas Leal is shown sitting in Santa's lap while the elf waits to present him with his package. Contributing time to bring this special Christmas cheer were Ben Larson as Santa and Paskell Spencer as his elf, manager trainee at Cargill Animal Nutrition, a company which donated generously to the

thought you would like a funny article I found in our local newspaper — R.C. When the local ne

CANYON

Texas Parks and Wildlife will host special activities in Palo Duro Canyon State Park on Dec.

From 2-5 p.m. there will be a moderately difficult 2.5 mile hike on the Givens, Spice and Lowry Running Trail (acorss from hackberry campground). Topics will include history, plants, geology and wildlife.

From 7-8 p.m. there will be a "Starwalk," an evening hike filled with beautiful starscapes and Native American stories. Meet at the Lone Star Interpretive Center (near Hackberry), and bring warm clothing and a flashlight.

AMARILLO

Amarillo's First Church of the Nazarene, 1924 S. Polk, will hold a candlelight service, "50 Minutes at the Manger" at 6 p.m. on Dec.

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church will have an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on Dec. 31 from 7 p.m.-midnight.

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There will be live music by Sharla Lee Hayes and the Double Diamond Band.

Dress will be church attire to semi-formal. A photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance.

Deadline for purchasing tickets will be Friday, Dec. 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environ-

For more information, contact Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at 806-353-6615.

Matchett presents La Plata program

recently in the home of Lois Matchett with Peggie Fox serving as co-hostess.

The club approved a donation to the Christmas Stocking Fund.

Matchett presented a program on her tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland this past summer with several side trips, including Mozart's birthplace and the location of the filming of "The

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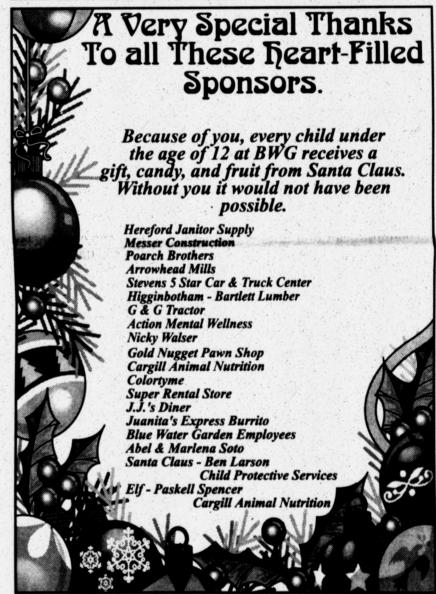
Caring.

La Plata Study Club met Sound of Music." Her photo collection was viewed as well as several souvenirs from various

> Pumpkin dessert, hot apple cider and other Christmas treats were served to Audine Dettmann, Nelda Fortenberry, Ludie Greeson, Betty Mercer, Dorothy Mercer, Rose Mary Shook, Yvonne Simpson, Clora Smith, Fox and Matchett.



E-mail LIFESTYLES news to thorn@herefordbrand.com





Residents encouraged to drive by, see winners of Lighting Contest 2000

Lighting Contest for 2000 have been announced by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Area residents are encouraged to drive by and see these and other homes and businesses which are decorated in the spirit

Following is a complete list of this year's winners. Pictures of winning homes and leaves of the season.

Religious: 1st, G.R. Smith, 205 Northwest Dr.; 2nd, Fellowship of Religious. winning homes and businesses will be featured in the Dec. 23 edition of the Hereford Brand.

Business Window: 1st, Kid's Alley, 417 N. Main; 2nd, Hereford Moossage, 124 W. 4th; 3rd, Secret Garden, 411 N. Main.

Total Business: 1st, Gililland Watson Funeral Home, 411 E. 6th; 2nd, Pickup Corner, Main and

Winners in the Christmas Hwy. 60; 3rd, NAPA Auto Parts, 124 N. 25 Mile Ave. Residential

Total Block: 1st, Rio Vista Drive; 2nd, 200 N. Texas; 3rd, 300 N. Texas.

Window/Door: 1st, Ted Taylor, 116 Nueces; 2nd, Ken Walser, 141 Redwood.

Kingwood; 3rd, Scott Hall, 1900 Plains. Total Home: 1st, Freddy Barrera, 200 Lake; 2nd, Vi McDonald and Mike Bell, 800

Union Dr.; 3rd, Brooks Robins, 303 Westhaven.

Must See: 1st, Charles Cosper,
208 Kingwood; 2nd, Bill Lyles, 127
Liveoak; 3rd, Kenneth Christie,

123 Liveoak.

has moved to The Hair Gallery

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Musical acts, heartwarming stories are in holiday special

Special to the Brand

The American Red Cross will mix chart-topping musical acts and heartwarming stories in its third annual network television special, "A Holiday Music Spectacular from Miami Beach," set to air on FOX, at 8 p.m. Saturday, locally seen on Channel 11 on the Fox Network.

The special, sponsored by the agents and employees of State Farm Insurance, will show how the Red Cross touches the lives of people in Hereford and throughout the world.

Hosted by Access Hollywood's Nancy O'Dell, the one-hour special showcases performances by music favorites Marc Anthony ("I Need to Know"), Jessica Simpson ("I Wanna Love You Forever"), Brian McKnight (ANY-TIME and BACK AT ONE), SHeDAISY (Little Goody-byes" and "This Woman Needs") and Tony Bennett (Bennett Sings Ellington/Hot and Cool).

With electrifying performances, soulful harmonies, hot rhythms and holiday favorites, this line-up is sure to have something for everyone. Celebrity narrators also share the spotlight as they introduce powerful stories about people whose lives have been forever changed by their involvement with the American Red Cross.

"This television special is a wonderful opportunity to tell the

Red Cross story to millions of spite its large size, State Farm Americans," Cynthia Welty, manager of the Tri County Chapter in Hereford, said. "Each day, right here in Hereford the Red Cross is making a difference in the lives of families.

"And during this holiday season, millions of FOX viewers will see exciting musical performances and inspiring stories of lives saved, families connected and hearts enriched by the American Red Cross.

"On behalf of our more than 16,000 State Farm agents and 80,000 employees, we're thrilled to extend our partnership with the Red Cross to this holiday event," Jeff Torbert, State Farm agent in Hereford, said. "Usually people think of the Red Cross and State Farm in times of crisis, but with this event, we can bring some holiday spirit.'

The American Red Cross "Holiday Music Spectacular from Miami Beach" is produced for the third consecutive year by Bob Bain and Michael Levitt of Bob Bain Productions ("Teen Choice Awards," "The Billboard Music Awards") and Melinda Farris of Looking Glass Productions.

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Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. will be in Spanish. Misa de Gallo at 9 p.m. will be a bilingual service. Christmas Mass will be at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on

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TCU first bowl casualty

■ Horned Frogs lose despite Tomlinson's 118 rushing yards and two touchdowns

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — It turns out Jeff Bower didn't have to trust a kicking game that had let him down all night.

Jeff Kelly's

29-yard touchdown pass to freshman Kenny Johnson with eight seconds left lifted Southern Mississippi to a 28-21 victory over No. 13 Texas Christian in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Wednesday night.

That saved Bower from canceling a redshirt year for placekicker Curtis Jones for one last attempt after four missed field goals.

"Thank goodness we scored a touchdown," Bower said. "It's a great way to end up the year."

The Golden Eagles (8-4) had lost three of their last four games entering the first major bowl game of the season. They won the showdown with the only defense in the nation rated higher than them and held All-American LaDanian Tomlinson to his lowest rushing total of the season.

Tomlinson, a Heisman Trophy finalist who led the nation in rushing the past two seasons, ran for 118 yards on 28 carries and scored two TDs in the third quarter for

the Horned Frogs (10-2). With 33 seconds left, the Golden Eagles took over at the TCU 43-yard line after Mobile native Eric Pruitt got a hand on Mark Haulman's

punt. Kelly wasn't surprised at

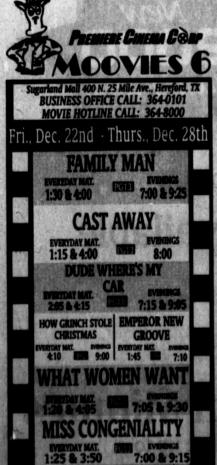
the second chance. "Our defense has been making plays for us all sea-son," said Kelly, who was 11of-23 for 159 yards and three TDs. "We just told them on the sideline, 'We want one more shot."

Kelly threw incompletions, then scrambled 14 yards for a first down on the final drive. On the next play, he lofted a perfect strike over the middle just above safety LaVar Veale's outstretched arm, victimizing the nation's top defense.
TCU failed to reach

midfield on the ensuing kick return.

"There weren't many people who gave us a chance to even stay on the field with the No. 1 defense in the country," Kelly said. "We made up our minds at halftime we were going to come out and cut

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RICH GET RICHER BASKETBALL

Baseball salaries climb 17.5 percent in 2000

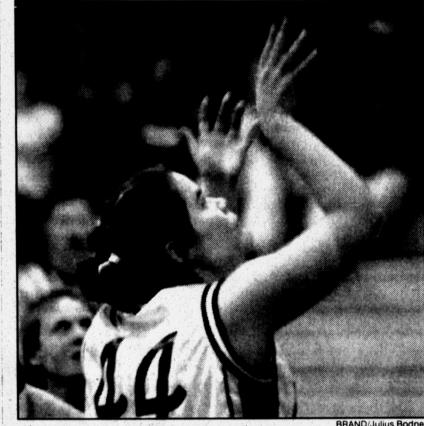
NEW YORK (AP) - Y2K just missed being baseball's Y2MIL.

The sport's average salary soared 171/2 percent to \$1,895,630 in 2000, according to the annual survey released Wednesday by the Major League Baseball Players Associa-

The New York Yankees had the highest average salary for the second straight year and the sixth time in seven seasons. A year after becoming the first team to break the \$3 million barrier, the Yankees averaged \$3,656,542 as they won their third straight World Series, up from \$3,215,660 in 1999.

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Inside move



Taking the shot-Hereford sophomore post Becky Bailey watches to see if her shot goes in last Friday against Pampa.

■ Philly's Brown

comes back after

two day absence

take another day off.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -

Larry Brown might never

After missing two days of practice, Brown returned to

the Philadelphia 76ers on

Wednesday and coached in a

plained his two-day absence

by saying he just needed a break — from himself, from

basketball and from his team.

"I just thought I needed to back up a little," Brown said. "If I knew (the reaction)

would be like this, I would've

taken a chair, sat down dur-

ing practice and acted like I

was coaching my heart out."

Brown, whose team has the

best record in the NBA at

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The 60-year-old Brown ex-

91-89 loss to the Utah Jazz.

n Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) The San Antonio Spurs are relying on depth to push them into contention for the NBA title.

San Antonio's reserve

strength was on display Wednesday night as the Spurs rolled to a 94-77 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Danny Ferry scored 16 points as San Antonio's reserves

Antonio's reserves outscored Cleveland's 43-22, snapping the Cavaliers' sixgame winning streak.

For Cleveland forward Clarence Weatherspoon, it was simple mathematics.

"They only shot 41 percent, but they had a lot of production from their bench," Weatherspoon said. "A lot of times, one guy will come off of the bench to score 13, 14 or 15, but they had more than one guy step up. I'll take six from multiple guys any day over 15 tiple guys any day over 15 or 16 from one."

SCHEDULE



■ Remaining Whiteface and Lady Herd district games

DEC. 22	CAPROCK	HOME (6:00)
JAN. 2	RANDALL	AWAY (6:00)
JAN. 5	PALODURO	HOME (6:00)
JAN.9	DUMAS	AWAY (6:00)
JAN. 12	CANYON	HOME (6:00)
JAN. 16	BORGER	HOME (6:00)
JAN. 23	PAMPA	AWAY (6:00)
JAN. 26	RANDALL	HOME (6:00)
JAN. 30	PALODURO	AWAY (6:00)
FEB. 2	DUMAS	HOME (6:00)
FEB. 6	CANYON	AWAY (6:00)
*FEB.9	BORGER	AWAY (6:00)
*FEB.13	PAMPA	HOME (6:00)

* Indicates that only Hereford boys will be playing. The Lady Whitefaces finish their district season Feb. 6.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

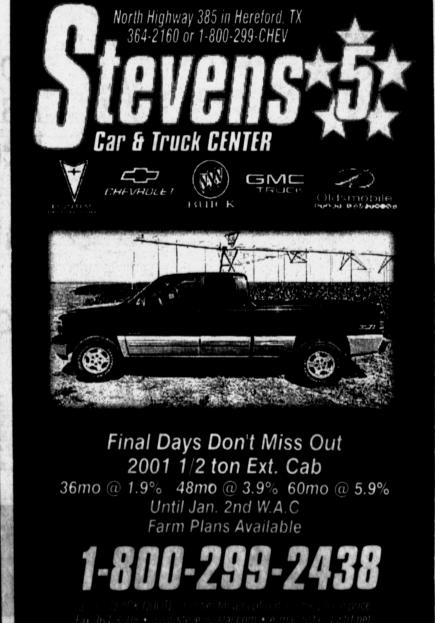
■ Guys and girls will compete in the Caprock Tournament Dec. 28-30

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READY TO RUMBLE



■ The Hereford High wrestling team defends its home mat tonight when it hosts the Tascosa Rebels beginning at 5:30 at Whiteface Gymnasium.

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

STARTING DATE: GAME DAY: SIGN-UP DEADLINE: ENTRY FEE: LENGTH OF LEAGUE:

Sunday, January 7, 2001 Sundays, starting at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4th, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. \$320.00 per team Six (6) weeks plus double elimination tournament

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

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

If you have questions please call the YMCA at

Mavs rock Portland, 106-101 TCU

■ Dallas proving worth against worthy adversaries

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks are proving to be a team that's tough to beat. Or beat up.

Dallas trailed Portland for nearly three quarters Wednesday night, then Dirk Nowitzki overcame a slow start and finished with 29 points as the Mays rallied for a 106-101

While the Trail Blazers couldn't fight back, they did start fighting, drawing four technicals down the stretch and seven for the game. Dallas never backed down and came away with a win that was memorable for many reasons

The Mavericks won for the fourth straight time to improve to 18-10, their best start since 1987-88. They've won five straight at home, their most since March-April 1988, and their next five are at Reunion Arena, beginning Friday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

For coach Don Nelson, it was career victory No. 944, tying Bill Fitch for No. 3 in NBA history.

"It was an intense game, about as crazy a game as I've ever been involved in," Nelson said. "It was a hard game for the referees because of the antics by the Trail Blazers.

"It was a huge win for us. Who would ever think that we could get into a playoff-type atmosphere this time of the season and come away with a win against what a lot of people think is the best team in the NBA come playoff time.'

Atlanta

York Mets

second at

\$1,870,723.

\$2,390,042.

St. Louis, which won the

The average salary in-

creased 17.7 percent from

1999's revised average of

\$1,611,166, the second-biggest

rise since 1992, trailing only

led by Rodriguez's deal, Manny

Ramirez's \$160 million, eight-

year contract with Boston and

Mike Hampton's \$121 million,

eight-year agreement with

Colorado, should push the av-

This offseason's signings,

a 19.3 percent hike in 1997.

NL Central, rose from 17th

at \$1,515,094 to seventh at

Salary

Three other teams topped

\$3 million: Los Angeles

(\$3,127,992) and the NL cham-

Minnesota had the lowest

average at \$601,680, with

Montreal 29th at \$767,420

and Kansas City 28th at

\$798,242. The Royals had the

lowest average in 1999,

Texas, which last week

agreed to a record \$252 mil-

lion, 10-year contract with

Alex Rodriguez, had the big-

gest payroll drop this year,

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(\$3,115,549).

\$534,460.

Should Dallas keep up its roll and make the playoffs, then meet Portland in the postseason, this game surely will be remem-

The Blazers, though, still have to be convinced the Mays are for real.

When the smoke clears at playoff time, we'll see who's there," swingman Bonzi Wells

Wells was in the middle of the action when things went haywire.

His foul on Nowitzki, plus a technical, helped Dallas go up by five. The next time the Mavericks had the ball, Wells planted himself in the Dallas backcourt and tripped Michael Finley hard.

Finley got up and screamed in Wells' face, then was pulled away by Shawn Bradley while practically the entire Portland team ran on the court. Offsetting technicals were called on Finley and Stacey Augmon.

The coaching staff had said that Portland thought we were soft, but when there were confrontations, we stood our ground and didn't back down," said Finley, who scored 20

Then Scottie Pippen tripped Bradley in the backcourt. Bradley's response drew a technical, while Pippen got only a personal foul. The reaction by Portland coach Mike Dunleavy led to his second technical, forcing him out. He ran back on the court to scream at officials after his penalty was announced.

"I saw Bradley throw a punch and they T'd him up on it," Dunleavy said. "To me, l think that is an altercation and I thought I was allowed to come out on the floor basically as a peacemaker."

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lowed

records.

season, just nine years after

it topped \$1 million for the

highest-paid players, averag-

ing \$4,996,933. They were fol-

(\$3,480,792), designated hit-

ters (\$3,366,872), second

basemen (\$3,158,209), start-

ing pitchers (\$3,064,021),

catchers (\$2,767,726), short-

stops (\$2,504,993), third

basemen (\$2,484,428) and re-

top 15 payrolls had losing

Just four teams among the

lief pitchers (\$1,220,412).

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\$2,825,735 to 15th at erage over \$2 million next

from the press box.

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thing going on."

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The Horned Frogs endured

a December coaching change

and uncertainty over who

game. In the end, former de-

fensive coordinator Gary

Patterson replaced Dennis

Franchione left for Alabama

Franchione on the sidelines.

Dec. 1 and was initially ex-

pected to coach the bowl

game. TCU officials decided

late last week to allow the

Patterson era to begin a sea-

son early. Franchione watched

said. "(The assistants) really

did a great job of preparing

for the ballgame with every-

Quarterback Casey Print-

"It's been wild," Patterson

18-7, denied any rift with star guard Allen Iverson. Brown skipped practices on consecutive days following a dispute with his team last weekend amid signs of a renewed feud with Iverson.

"I think our relationship is

Brown criticized his play-

The 76ers beat Chicago 99-

ers wouldn't use that distraction as an excuse.

"(The coaches) gave us the would lead them into the opportunity to win the game," said Printers, who was 10-of-22 for 115 yards with two interceptions. "They called the right plays, we just didn't execute.

> Kelly had a big fourth quarter. He was 7-of-15 for 40 yards after three quarters. Then, he hit LeRoy Handy on a 56-yard TD strike with 7:24 left, tying it at 21. Kelly also hit Handy, who had missed the past three years with a shoulder injury, on a 9-yarder in the third quarter.

> Tomlinson had a previous

low of 119 yards against Tulsa. "He got his yards but we

"We put all that behind us

when he came back," Iverson

said after the loss to Utah.

"It would've been perfect if

any unresolved issues with Iverson, who has been on his

best behavior this season.

Iverson, fined repeatedly for

lateness last year, has re-

ported early to practices, im-

proved his play on the court

and led the team to a fran-

ing this out to be a little

more than what it is," Iverson

"I think everybody is mak-

chise-best 10-0 start.

Brown said he didn't have

we found a way to win."

held him to a minimum," said Southern Miss safety Leo Barnes, who returned an interception 50 yards for a TD in the first quarter. It was his fourth interception return for a score of the season. Southern Miss had two chances for a go-ahead score with just over two minutes left. For the fourth time, Brant Hanna kicked a low line drive, this one a 32yarder that failed to clear TCU's defensive line.

It was the second block of the night for the junior, who was 12-of-18 in the regular season. That prompted Bowers to tell Johnson,he would get his first shot if necessary.

"It was a tough night for Brant, but Brant's won a lot of games for us and he's been a heck of a field goal kicker," Bower said. "I asked Curt, Will you take that redshirt off to win this football game?"

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Brown

pretty good. I know it's good," Brown said. "I know there will be bumps, but I can say that about any one of the other guys in the locker room.'

ers in a 30-minute meeting after an 18-point loss to Dallas at the First Union Center last Friday. The next morning, during a team meeting in Chicago before a game against the Bulls, Iverson angered his coach by telling him he's treating the players as if they were losing.

91 behind 33 points from Iverson, but Brown appeared withdrawn. Brown and Iverson have had a contentious relationship since the coach arrived in Philadelphia four years ago. Both are sensitive to criticism from the

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New pollution rules to be issued for trucks

WASHINGTON (AP)- The Clinton administration has approved new regulations that are expected to cut air pollution from heavy-duty trucks and buses by more than 90 percent over the next decade.

Attacking one of the major sources of dirty air, the federal standards will require new large trucks and buses to meet stringent tailpipe emission limits and direct refiners to produce virtually sulfur-free diesel fuel.

The rules were being an-nounced today by the White House and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of a flurry of regulations being churned out in the last days of the Clinton administration and crafted to head off challenge by an incoming Bush administration.

While President-elect Bush has not expressed any views on the truck rules, some Republicans in Congress have criticized the new sulfur requirements for diesel fuel. Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., has vowed to push legislation that would roll back the diesel rule next year, arguing the requirements could lead to fuel shortages.

Environmentalists, who have eagerly awaited the EPA truck and diesel regulations since they were proposed last May, expressed doubt they would be overturned given the widespread public sentiment against trucks belching black smoke from their smokestacks.

"This is the biggest vehicle pollution news since the removal of lead from gasoline," said Richard Kassel, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and head of a campaign to reduce truck pollution.

The rules apply to new trucks and replacement truck engines sold beginning in late 2006. It is expected to take at least a decade beyond that for the cleaner trucks to replace years most of the current fleet. Still, the pollution reductions eventually will be equal to removing 13 million trucks from the road, according to various esti-

mates. To meet the more stringent emission standards, heavy-duty trucks will for the first time will have to be equipped with pollution controls that 'capture exhaust chemicals — similar to the catalytic devices that have been required on cars for

At the same time, 80 percent of the diesel fuel sold nationwide will have to be virtually sulfur free - on average 15 parts per million of sulfur — by 2006. All diesel will have to meet the new requirement by 2010. EPA officials have maintained that the ultra-low sulfur diesel is essential for the new pollution control equipment to work properly.

Power crunch hammers California's agriculture

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Rising energy costs are squeezing milk producers in the nation's largest dairy state and in turn may pinch consumers at grocery checkout counters nationwide.

Milk processors rely on natural gas power to process butter, cheese and powdered milk. Their power costs could rise as much as tenfold this winter, according to California Dairies Inc., the nation's second-largest farmer-owned dairy cooperative.

"We hope to get some opportunity to pass (the cost) on, but it's harder when you're not just selling locally," said Jim Gomes, executive vice president of operations.

Nationwide, the Energy Department estimates that heating oil prices will be 29 percent higher than last winter, 40 percent higher.

In the short-term, milk producers can't recoup losses suffered from rising energy costs because competition keeps milk prices stable.

But because California produces a fifth of the nation's dairy products, its clout ultimately could drive up prices nationwide, unless "cows fall from the skies in Wisconsin," said Michael Marsh, chief executive of Western United Dairymen.

The state's ongoing electricity crisis as well could worsen the slump. "Tack on top of that another energy crunch and it's going to be very diffi-cult for many of the dairymen to hang on," Marsh said.

California, which is deregulating its power industry, has been forced almost daily to warn customers to conserve energy or risk rolling blackouts.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson on Wednesday extended by a week an order that required Western energy suppliers to sell electricity to California. An earlier federal regulatory order that capped the wholesale price there had spurred suppliers to sell to other states.

The dairy industry is unique in agriculture because it operates year-round, but a power shortage also would impact producers of other livestock and crops. Citrus growers rely on irrigation and wind machines to keep fruit from freezing. Poultry farmers need to keep hen houses heated and eggs refrigerated.

"We have our members screaming, What are you going to do about this?" said Kevin Clutter of the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association.

Television

HURSDAY **DECEMBER 21**

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In the Heat of the Night

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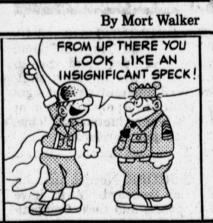
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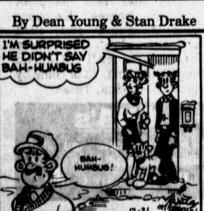
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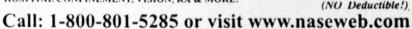
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CHENEY'S ROLE

Bush's appointments show strong influence that's being exerted by the veep-elect

WASHINGTON (AP) -When President-elect Bush announced that Paul O'Neill would serve as his treasury secretary, O'Neill volunteered that he and Dick Cheney "go back many years" together to their days in the Ford administration.

When Bush sat down to breakfast with Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chief's longtime friend Cheney was right there at the table.

When the government handed over keys to the presidential transition offices, it was Cheney who gladly accepted

Americans are seeing a lot more of Dick Cheney and his crooked smile than they ever did of past vice presidents-elect, even the notably visible Al Gore.

Bush's appointment of O'Neill was only the latest sign of Cheney's extraordinary influence in the work-in-progress Bush administration. Another candidate backed by Cheney, former Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, is seen as the leading candidate for defense secretary.

"It's unbelievable, really," said Paul Light, a Brookings Institution scholar who has written a book about the vice presidency. "Al Gore had an amazing vice presidency — he really upped the ante for future vice presidents. Dick Cheney has already broken every precedent that Al Gore set. He has extraordinary range of authority."

Almost by definition, Cheney's role is broad: He is simultaneously wearing three hats as chief of Bush's transition operation, vice president-elect and future president of an evenly divided Senate where he will hold the tie-breaking vote.

Even a heart attack two weeks after the election didn't slow Cheney down for long. He has worked long hours and weekends on Bush's transition, wielding a phalanx of cell phones from his home in the days before a transition office was established.

Bush and Cheney interview job applicants together and Cheney plans to join Bush whenever there's a personnel announcement.

Beyond all that, Bush has demonstrated that he is personally comfortable working with Cheney, ever since putting him in charge of his vice presidential search operation and then deciding that Cheney himself would be the best choice.

Cheney's job description in the new administration is still being written, but Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday: "It's going to be serious,

it's going to be heavy."
"One of the reasons that Governor Bush chose Secretary Cheney to serve on the ticket was because of his unparalleled experience and his ability to carry very ably a wide and diverse portfolio," Fleischer said.

Light said even highly effective vice presidents like Gore and Walter Mondale had limited roles early on as their relationships with the president were still developing. Gore, for example, got slapped down in his early efforts to take a leading role on health care and welfare overhauls, settling instead for the Reinventing Government program to streamline the federal bureaucracy.

Cheney, by contrast, "has already passed through that portal," said Light. "It's as if there were no trial period in the world. George Bush trusts him."

Erwin Hargrove, a professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, said Cheney's influence is clear although he tries to avoid leaving his fingerprints.

"A lot of it is behind the scenes," he said.

That is by design. The fewer specifics publicly known about Cheney's influence, the fewer opportunities there are to identify power struggles or places where Cheney fails.

In one largely behind-the-scenes skirmish, Cheney appears to have the gained the advantage as Coats emerges as Bush's likely choice to run the Pentagon over another candidate favored by Colin Powell, tapped to be secretary of state.

Keeping quiet about the specifics of Cheney's role also helps to diminish speculation about whether Bush is ceding him undue authority.

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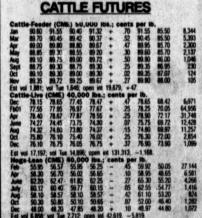
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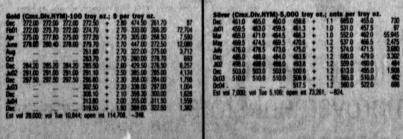
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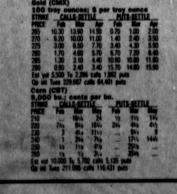
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YMCA awards





Hereford and Vicinity YMCA board of directors recently honored two of its most committed volunteers for their work in furthering the YMCA's annual goals within the community. Mike Schueler, FirstBank Southwest president, was recognized (top left) for his and the bank's support in underwriting half the purchase price for YMCA league T-shirts this past year. Appreciation was also shown to Ann Ames, who this past year volunteered her time to keep and maintain financial records for the organization. In addition to other special recognitions, President-Elect Mike Schueler presented Gloria Ellis (above) with a gavel plaque that marked her efforts as out-going president of

Bush

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Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, told the president-elect Wednesday he did not want the job.

The move upgraded the prospects of Oklahoma Gov. Frank

Keating, a favorite of conservatives. Other candidates include outgoing Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo. and former Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo.

"I'm just at a point of time in life and with my family that I'm not sure that that would be in our best interest," Racicot told The Associated Press after a private meeting with Bush.

Bush, on a hurry-up schedule to press his legislative agenda, Bush, on a hurry-up schedule to press his legislative agenda, was promoting his education plans on Thursday, hosting 19 members of Congress for lunch, mostly Republicans. On the agenda were Bush's proposals to increase local control of schools and institute greater accountability.

Bush has pledged to make improving schools a top priority, but he faces an uphill battle on Capitol Hill selling controversial elements of his education plan, including giving parents taxpayer-funded vouchers to attend private schools.

Audit

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mal budget amendments needed to be presented to the commis-

According to the audit report, the city began Fiscal 2000 with a fund balance of \$243,905 and ended the year (Sept. 30) with

The showed total FY 2000 revenues of \$4,263,747 and expenditures of \$5,033,868, leaving a deficit of \$770,121. That deficit was offset by a net transfer from the Water & Sewer Fund of \$700,000, leaving the city with a final deficit of \$70,121.

The main source of city revenue was charges for services, which generated \$1,573,206, and ad valorem taxes, \$1,097,504.

Other sources of revenue were: Sales and occupancy taxes, \$741,066;

permits, \$19,194

Fines/forfeitures, \$173,652;

Gross receipts tax, \$406,766;

Miscellaneous, \$23,754;

 Grant income, \$17,541; · Contributions, \$8,282; and

 Investment income, \$5,064. The largest expenditures were for public safety, \$1,605,653.

Other expenditures were:

Administration, \$327,604;

General government, \$541,791;

Streets/highways, \$554,771;

Sanitation/health, \$758,168;

Culture/recreation, \$779,337;

Airport, \$88,072;

Capital outlays, \$209,793;Debt service, \$26,050; and

 Interest/fiscal charges, \$3,025. The Water & Sewer Fund showed operating revenues of \$2,516,388, with operating expenditures of \$1,477,055, leaving a

net operating income of \$1,039,333. Net non-operating expenses were \$20,815, which left the income before operating transfers of \$1,018,518. After a \$700,000

transfer to the General Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund showed net income of \$318,000, which combined with the carryover balance from FY 1999 gives the fund \$494,527 to start FY 2001. HEDC, which is an independent agency that reports to the city, began FY 2000 with a balance of \$237,739 and closed its books on

Sept. 30 with a balance of \$1,230,701.

Economy

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marked a dramatic slowdown from a sizzling 5.6 percent GDP growth rate in the April-June quarter.

The sharp falloff in economic growth in the summer and mounting evidence of more recent weakness, including disappointing Christmas sales, have increased worries about whether America's record 10-year economic expansion was in danger of toppling into a recession.

In another report indicating weakness, the Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits jumped a sharp 34,000 last week to 354,000. That pushed the four-week moving average for claims to the highest level since July 1998.

Both President-elect Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, have talked openly about the possibility of an economic downturn, using the economic danger to promote their \$1.3 trillion tax cut

Wall Street has grown increasingly nervous about what slower growth will do to corporate profits. On Wednesday, the technology-heavy Nasdaq index plunged by 7.2 percent. The Nasdaq has lost more than half its value since hitting highs in March.

President Clinton, however, insisted in a meeting with Bush at the White House this week that the economy was simply experiencing a needed slowdown. He said most economists are still looking for moderate, sustainable growth in the coming year, although at much lower pace than the past four years.

Since 1997 the economy has been racing ahead at annual growth rates above 4 percent, the best stretch of prosperity since the mid-1960s. The strong growth drove unemployment to its lowest levels in three decades.

Analysts believe that growth for all of 2001 will average just 3 percent. While this would be far from a recession — defined as two consecutive quarters of falling GDP — it would be far below the 5 percent growth expected for all of this year.



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