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

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 3, 4, 22, 23, 31 and 43.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

PAMPA - The Girl Scouts start their cookie sales with a Kick-off Saturday morning at 10 at the Girl Scout Little House. Sales will run from Jan. 8-Jan. 26.

RICHLAND HILLS (AP) A 77-year-old Wichita Falls man has been jailed on suspicion of murder in the slaying of a 65-year-old nursing-

home nurse Ms. Smith was found shot to death Wednesday morning in a recreational vehicle owned by Roscoe J. Pyatt, according to police in the northeast Fort Worth suburb of Richland Hills. Pyatt had called police to report that Ms. Smith, described as an acquaintance, had been tatally shot in his vehicle, police

"He reported that a lady had been shot," Police Chief Barbara Childress said. He made other statements to the dispatcher, but Ms. Childress declined to elaborate.

· Jessie Lee Carlile, 83, homemaker.

• Fred G. Hupp, 84, former Auto Parts Company owner. Carolyn Dianne Kitchens, 49, former Pampa resident.

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River ruling stands ... Rehearing motion denied

Managing Editor

The hunters and recreationists along the Canadian River in Hutchinson and Roberts counties have lost their last chance of returning the 13,000 acres along the river to public land. The conclusion comes after over 35 years of dispute surrounding the issue

The Texas Supreme Court announced this morning it will not rehear the case upon which it had ruled 9-0 in tayor of land owners in October. Osler McCarthy, a spokesman with the Supreme Court of Texas, said this morning there was no comment by the justices on the ruling.

Several people have said this ruling will not only affect the Texas Panhandle, but the entire state of

Attorney General John Cornyn filed a rehearing motion to the Texas Supreme Court Nov. 8 regarding their unanimous Oct. 9 decision granting the land to landowners in the river area.

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst issued the following statement today after the Texas Supreme Court denied a motion for rehearing in the case: "We sought clarification on the application of the Supreme Court's ruling. Regretfully, the Supreme Court chose not to provide any clarification. I fully intend to seek help from the Legislature to prevent future confusion.

Dewhurst said in November that the Texas Panhandle decision could have "far reaching and potentially detrimental effects on not only lands in the Permanent School Fund, and also those lands held by the Permanent University Fund and those maintained by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Hunters and recreationists held a River Rally Oct. 17 in Hutchinson County to gain support for maintaining the land as public land. The rally was attended by over 500 hunters and recreationists from across the Panhandle.

Several area residents made a trip to Austen to enlist the help of state agencies and legislators in (See RIVER, Page 2)

Livestock show Saturday, Sunday

of Texas Livestock Show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Clyde Carroth Pavilion in Recreation Park. The show draws competitors from 12 eastern panhandle counties.

Cray County entrants are to have the weights of all the animals they are showing turned in to extension agent Danny Numer no later than 6 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, the lamb show starts at 8 a.m. and its expected there will be 95-100 lambs put in competition. That's followed at Lp.m. by the steer show which will draw about 60 animals.

On Sunday, the biggest competition, the swine show, starts at noon and Nusser said the entrants will number about 300. The show is a jackpot competition where the entry fees are awarded back as prize money to the winners who also will be

given ribbons, Nusser said This show, the first of the winter shows, has a long history and goes back to the days when Gray County invited neighboring counties that did not have a show to join the one here.

At one time, Nusser said the show was heavily supported by local merchants but changing economic times and the addition of shows in other counties have lessened that support.

"But it is still a very well attended show," he said.

Mom accused of giving 'pot' to 2-year-old

By Keith Anderson Staff Writer

The mother of a murdered 2year-old. Canadian boy is being sought by deputies today after having been accused of giving marifuana to the child.

A felony complaint was filed Wednesday by District Attorney John Mann with Hempfill County Justice of the Peace. Frankie Hill against Caryn formerly Canadian.

Hemphill sheriff's deputies are looking for Brown who has been charged with abandoning and endangering her child.

The charges stem from an investigation into the death last May of her son Brendon Tyler Brown.

Brendon Tyler Brown was pronounced dead May 25, 1999. An autopsy indicated the boy died from blunt force trauma to the abdomen which caused him to bleed to death internally.

The boy's body was marked with bruises and burns, according to a coroners statement.

Leland Milburn, identified by authorities as Brown's boyfriend at the time, was indicted on June 23, 1999 on capital murder charges for the boy's murder. He still awaits trial. An Amarillo court of appeals lowered Milburn's bond to \$100,000. Milburn is out on bond

According to the district attorney's complaint, the autopsy (See POT, Page 2

Season-ending chore



It's back to business as Clinton Hinds of the City of Pampa Parks Department takes down the Christmas lights Wednesday at the Pampa City Hall.

Child sex charge filed against guard

A female 22-year-old guard at the Hemphill County Juvenile Boot Camp and Detention Center was indicted Wednesday on the charge of indecency with a child.

Kristy Sharpton, 22, 315 1/2 E. Kingsmill, was indicted Jan. 5 by a Hemphill County grand jury on the indecency charge.

According to the indictment, "Kristy Sharpton ... did then and there, with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of said defendant, intentionally or knowingly engage in sexual contact with John Doe by touching the genitals of John Doe, a child younger than 17 years and not the spouse of the defendant."

The Hemphill County grand jury also indicted Pablo Bentura. 44, Liberal, Kansas, on the charge of possession of counterfeit inspection certificate.

Retirement living possibilities for Pampa upcoming Rotary topic By KATE B. DICKSON

Associate Publisher

If you're interested in retirement living then the Jan. 12 Rotary Club meeting, which is being opened to the the public, may be just the

The meeting starts at noon at the Pampa Country Club and reservations (669-3286) must be made for those who want to eat lunch which will cost each person \$7

The speaker will be Randy Johnson of Abilene, senior vice president of management services for Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc. The company is not affiliated with Sears, the retailing giant.

After the meeting, Johnson will stay behind for about an hour and he hopes many of those who attend will stay, too, and form a focus group so he can learn more about Pampa's retirement community's needs and wishes.

The retirement housing company is looking at several smaller cities, including Pampa, as

The meeting starts at noon Jan. 12 at the Pampa Country Club and reservations (669-3286) must be made for those who want to eat lunch which will cost each person \$7. Rotarians are encouraging local citizens to join them at the meeting.

possibilities for locating retirement communities that consist of 20-40 homes, said Chuck White, Rotary board member.

Currently, there are Sears retirement communities in Abilene, Amarillo and Odessa.

White said Johnson has spoken to several groups in Pampa, including a church group where the Rotarian heard Johnson speak and later asked him to come to Rotary.

The retirement community firm builds homes for "unassisted living," sells them and charges a maintenance fee which covers things such as taxes, insurance, lawn care, repairs,

There's also "assisted living" units which

may be apartments, zero-lot-line homes or detached homes, White said. This arrange ment provides for at least two meals a day and statt members make sure residents are checked on at least once daily.

Should residents later need skilled nursing care. White quoted Johnson as saying retirement community residents have priority when it comes to being admitted to one of their nursing homes including the one in Amarillo.

"We are going to invite other service club members to attend Jan. 12, too, and we hope anyone in l'ampa with an interest in retirement living will come join us," White said.

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Services tomorrow

HUPP, Fred G. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. KITCHENS, Carolyn Dianne — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Silverton.

Obituaries

JESSIE LEE CARLILE

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Jessie Lee Carlile, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at Memphis. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Rose Chapel in Sayre, Okla. Burial will be in Spring Creek Cemetery at Willow, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Whinery Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carlile was born Nov. 13, 1916, at Willow, to Beckham County pioneers Henry and Annie

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd R. Carlile, in February of 1972; and by a daughter, Eloise Ann Ridgell, in September of

Survivors include two daughters and sons-inlaw, Martha Ann and Billy Joe Green of Pampa and Wilna and Joel Shumate of Olive Branch, Miss.; two brothers, Danny Lowrance and Bill Lowrance; four grandchildren, Cheryl Couts of Pampa, Martin Collins of Denver, Colo., Vicki Young of Arlington and Mickey Joe Miller of Dallas; and three great-grandchildren.

FRED G. HUPP Fred G. Hupp, 84, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Tim Walker, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Hupp was born Aug. 26, 1915, at Checotah, Okla., to Turner Roy Hupp and Zula Mae Smith Hupp. He owned-operated Auto Parts Company in Sweetwater from 1964 until selling the business in 1977 and moving to Pampa where he married Billie Shaw on May 6, 1977

He served on the board of directors of Texas Bank and Trust in Sweetwater until 1978 and belonged to Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Billie, of the home; a daughter, Barbara Wallace of Abilene; a stepdaughter, Kelli Ranney of Pampa; two stepsons, Roger Wells of Dallas and Scotty Wells of Corpus Christi; four sisters, Ruby Ramsey of Muskogee, Okla., Georgie Henley and Virginia Walker, both of Marlow, Okla., and Margie Curtis of Oklahoma; six grandchildren; and four great-

CAROLYN DIANNE KITCHENS

SILVERTON - Carolyn Dianne Kitchens, 49, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, Friday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Wayne Blankenship and the Rev. Randy Mullin officiating. Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kitchens was born at Haskell. She married Joe Kitchens in 1974 at Clovis, N.M.

She belonged to First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Joe; two daughters, Jana Beesinger of Silverton and Heather Davis of Merkle; a son, Brandon Kitchens of Ankeny, Iowa; a sister, Sue Blankenship of Denton; a brother, Roy Rhoads of Branson, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Silverton Cemetery Association or to First Baptist Church:

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

10:02 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a smoke scare at FM273 at Gray 9 1/2. Smoke from Carson County had stratified and drifted into Gray County.

10:51 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at FM749 and FM2375. 4:06 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel

responded to a residential structure fire at 733 South Barnes. Fire personnel report moderate fire and smoke damage to the residence.

5:10 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a Lifestar call for standby at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following offense reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 Harassment was reported at the 400 block of

Aggravated sexual assault of a 5-year-old girl was reported by child protective services in the 1300 block of Terrace.

Aggravated sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl was reported by child protective services in the 800 block of Locust.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Evelyn Lemons, 40, no address given, was arrested on a bond forfeiture for the charge of tampering with government records, and on the the charge of possession of a controlled sub-

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident report Thursday, Jan. 6. Wednesday, Jan. 5

Clesta M. Smith, 80, Clarendon, was cited for disregarding stop sign or light, after she failed to stop her Dodge Caravan at the intersection of North Ballard and East Browning, and collided with an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme driven by Bonnie Sue Neef, 40, 1622 N. Sumner. No injuries

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Jan. 5

9:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Sumner and transported one to

1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

1600 block of North Christy and transported one 2:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to Northwest Texas

4:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of South Barnes; no one transported. 4:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

7:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Banks and transported one to

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

10:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a residence in Skellytown and transported one to

Thursday, Jan. 6 2:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1100 block of South Varnon and transported one to

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Big Texan Steak Ranch looks for woman with big appetite

Ranch is looking for a woman with a big appetite. Since the early 1960s, the restaurant has offered a free 72-ounce steak dinner to anyone who could restaurant officials said. eat it in less than an hour. The promotion was started by founder R.J. Lee when hungry cowboys used to frequent the restaurant during their weekly trek into town.

Now the restaurant, along with Ripley's Believe It or Not, wants to film the feat.

But the restaurant, along with Ripley's, is upping the ante by searching for a woman who weighs less than 150 pounds who can accomplish the feat. She would have to do it once in an audition and then again in the spring when Ripley's films an episode featuring the steakhouse.

About 30,000 people have taken the challenge 15.

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The Big Texan Steak over the past 40 years. About one in six managed to consume the entire 72-ounce steak. But half of all the women who tried it have succeeded,

> "We've seen all sorts of people tackle the 72-oz. steak," said Bobby Lee, son of the founder and a co-owner in the family operated business. "People who weighed less than a hundred pounds have succeeded, along with a 69-year-old grandmother and an 11-year-old boy.

> Frank Pastore, who pitched for the Cincinnati Reds, consumed the entire meal in just over nine minutes, Lee said.

> We had a professional wrestler once who ate two of them, and we've had people come in and order theirs raw," Lee said. The restaurant will hold auditions through Feb.

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their efforts, and to present petitions containing over 3,000 signatures asking that the Supreme Court rehear the case.

An Amarillo pharmacist, John Mustard, was among those trekking to Austin seeking assistance from the agencies. A Borger native, he made the following statement this morning upon learning of the Supreme Court decision.

"In my eyes this ruling substantiated the perception that George W. Bush state government prioritizes the rights of well-financed special interests at the expense of the rights of the majority of Texans.

"This group of politicians, while hiding behind a

mantle of conservatism, are responsible for changing our laws to accommodate these special interests. It is my hope that they be held accountable when they seek our support in their reelection efforts," said Mustard.

Mustard said he is very sorry the public land advocates lost. He said he had actually grown to love the lands along the Canadian River. "It's (the decision) far from right," said Mustard.

When Mustard addressed the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee in Amarillo on Oct. 26 he said that no agency in Texas is working to preserve public lands. He said upon construction of the Sanford Dam the natural flow of the Canadian River was altered.

Before the construction of the dam, the river waters ran over 100 feet wide. The water has now

Following construction of the dam, considerable vegetation flourished in the river bed east of the dam where the Canadian River formerly flowed attracting deer, turkeys, quail and other area

Land owners along the banks of the river claimed the river bed was theirs while sportsmen in the area said it was public land. Area residents report they have hunted the area since the early 1920s and consider it public lands.

Texas has only 1.2 percent public lands, accord-

ing to the U.S. General Services Administration. Neal Farmer, a Borger businessman who coordinated the River Rally and also made the trip to

Austin, wasn't at all surprised with the decision.

"I was expecting it all along. They never had any intention of changing it. They knew all along what they'd do," said the disillusioned Farmer.

There's a few of us who would like to put pressure on the legislators to see what we can do," said

Before the construction of the dam in 1965, the land was used widely by residents from throughout the area not only for hunting, but also many

Mustard said the land owners above the river and along the river bed have moved fences into the river bed to take possession of the land.

The landowners never owned this land and they don't have deeds proving their ownership," said Mustard. "Yet without regard, and without compensation to the citizens of Texas, the Supreme Court awarded the land to the landowners bordering the river."
When addressing the Senate Committee,

Mustard said the Land Commissioner's primary concerns was preserving the mineral rights under the lands for the Permanent School Fund and Parks and Wildlife is working to preserve their state parks.

"Not once has our government ever forced the removal of a fence from this public land. The Supreme Court ruling is an interpretation of a bad law," he said.

He said the implications of the ruling will have statewide effects. "Not only does it open up numerous public lands for giveaway around the state, but it will also result in the loss of revenue from the state for the Permanent School Fund from the mineral rights underneath this land."

Three Land Commissioners have dealt with the issue: former-commissioners Garry Mauro and Bob Armstrong along with Dewhurst.

Hunting is now illegal along the 35-mile stretch of land bordering the land along the formerly wide flowing river in the Texas Panhandle.

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also revealed that the 2-year-old had marijuana in his urine, and witness statements alleged that Brown and Milburn would give marijuana to the

Brown is charged with leaving her child at a place no reasonable person would leave a child (Milburn's house), and placing her child in imminent danger of death or bodily injury or physical or mental impairment impairments by allegedly giving the two-year-old marijuana.

Reno offers little hope she'll reverse decision on Cuban boy

MIAMI (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno virtually closed the door today on any chance she would reverse the immigration commissioner's Gonzalez to his father in Cuba.

"Based on all the information we have to date, I see no basis for father "made it very clear that he block Elian's return. reversing," she told reporters in Washington. Reno said she has consulted with Doris Meissner, commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and agreed with the deci-

Wednesday's decision was denounced by lawyers for the boy's U.S. relatives, who asked Reno to reverse it and planned to ask a federal judge for a restraining order. It also sparked angry protests in Miami and a rally in Cuba attended by Fidel Castro.

Reno said she had not fully studied the letter from Miami relatives asking her to reverse the ruling, and could not absolutely rule out a change "if any information we are not privy to" comes to

The boy's whereabouts today were kept secret after six weeks of dispute over where he should be. He was found Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube at sea after his mother, stepfather and eight other people drowned while trying to reach Florida by boat.

To protest the INS ruling, two dump trucks and a pickup truck slowed all three lanes of downtown-bound traffic to about 20 mph during this morning's rush hour on the major east-west route in Miami.

The Florida Highway Patrol issued several citations to drivers slowing traffic and warned the motorists that they would be arrested if they did it again.

The pickup driver, Esteban Asencio, who received an \$83 ticket, said: "What they're doing is immoral, illegal and the kid needs to have a date in court."

On NBC's "Today" show, Elian's cousin, Marisleysis Gonzalez, said the boy hasn't been told of the decision to send him back because it may not prove final. "It's very hard for us to tell him

he has to go back," she said. Relatives plan to tell him some-

thing tonight.

her decision, Explaining Meissner said the boy and his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, had a "close and continuous relationdecision to return 6-year-old Elian ship" even though the boy's parents were divorced. The INS commissioner said the

> wants Elian returned to him as soon as possible." She said the child must be back in Cuba by Elian's family here contends the

> INS is violating its own rules by not allowing the boy to apply for

"I always thought this was a place of liberty, and they are not letting him keep that liberty," Ms. decision.

Gonzalez said. "It's always about the father. What about the mother? That was his mother's will."

David Abraham, an immigration law professor at the University of Miami, said the family won't have much of a case.

"There is no legal basis" to said. "If this child came from anywhere else, he would have been home within 48 hours.

The international tug-of-war over the boy has led to huge protests in Cuba, where Castro planned another demonstration day. On Wednesday, the Cuban government warned against "excessive optimism" about the

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 50 and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear with a low of 20 and light north winds. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 50s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 55; the overnight low 24.

STATEWIDE — Early morn-

ing temperatures were generally in the 30s and 40s across the state as a cold front approached the region, bringing cooler temperatures and overcast skies.

Cloudy skies will cover North Texas today with highs mostly in the 50s and lows tonight mostly in the 30s.

South Texas can also expect partly to mostly cloudy skies today. Highs will range from

the lower 60s across northern areas to the lower 70s across deep south Texas. There will be a slight chance of showers across southeast Texas as well as the coastal bend and crossroads regions mainly this afternoon. However West Texas will enjoy clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with highs in the 40s and 50s and overnight lows in the 20s and 30s.

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Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

interested ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364. **EMMAUS REUNION**

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226. **OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexu-al abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.
MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Pampa High School will host Financial Aid Night at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 in the high school library for parents of col- years and up) usually at no oute-bound children. PHS counselors Karla Howell, Starla Kindle and Dale Ammons will explain grants, scholarships, work-study and loans. Senior students and their parents are encouraged to attend this special meeting. Juniors and their parents are also invited.

MARDI GRAS DANCE AND CASINO

Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa will present its annual Valentine Dance and Mardi Gras Casino from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Setups and snacks will be furnished and music will be provided by Fence Walker. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 per couple or at the door for \$30 per couple. Proceeds will benefit BSP scholarship fund. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call 665-6037 and leave a message

MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA

The second Annual "Miss Top of Texas Area" scholarship pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Borger. The executive directors are Carolyn Scott, Johnny Scott and Karmin Pool. To enter, the female participants must be at least 17 and a senior in high school. A Junior Miss Top of Texas Area pageant will also be conducted. Titles are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Teen Miss. To enter or for more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804.

BLOOD DRIVE

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will sponsor its annual M*A*S*H Blood Drive to be held from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Jan. 7 and 8 at Texas Army National Guard, 2900 Tee Anchor Blvd., Amarillo. The M*A*S*H theme will be carried out throughout the drive and episodes will be aired to entertain donors who will also receive a specially designed M*A*S*H Tshirt. For more information, call

Linda Guthrie, (806) 358-4563. RUSHING WIND EMMAUS Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet for a potluck meal and a fellowship service at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, 322 S. Baylor, Perryton. A training for sponsors will fol-low the service. All area churches, family and friends may attend.

AVON WOMEN OF ENTERPRISE AWARDS Avon is seeking applications for its Women of Enterprise

Awards in honor of top women

entrepreneurs. Honorees are entrepreneurs of diverse fields and backgrounds exhibiting steadfast determination and exceptional drive to become successful business owners. The winners will receive a paid trip to New York City for a gala awards luncheon on June 15 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. In addition, each recipient and her nominating organization will receive a \$1,000 cash award to promote entrepreneurial success. Local community organizations and private individuals may nominate a candidate as well as the entrepreneurs themselves. Application deadline is Friday, Jan. 14. For an application or for more information, call (212) 282-7110 or visit www.avon.com. on the World Wide Web.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health will be conducting immunizations clinics throughout the month of January that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B), and mumps. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The clinics will be offered at the following locations and times: 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, Jan. 12, Allison School, Allison; 1:30-3 p.m., Jan. 12, Mobeetie School, Mobeetie; 1:30-4 p.m., Jan. 13, Rural Health Clinic, McLean; 1:30-3:30 p.m., Jan. 20, Skellytown School, Skellytown; 11 a.m.-12 noon, 1-4 p.m., Jan. 24, City Hall, Canadian.

'TEXAS' **ANNIVERSARY TICKETS** Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181.

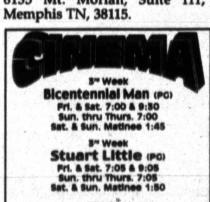
POWER WHEELCHAIRS Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to nonambulatory senior citizens (65 pocket expense if they No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more informa-tion, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

U.S.N. ARMED **GUARD VETERANS**

U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII Naval Service who manned guns and communica-tions on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky., 1-800-354-9793-9866.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more informa-tion, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telee@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111,



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Deuce Bigalow (R) Fri. & Set. 7:10 & 9:00 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Set. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

Auditions for 'TEXAS' in offing

hold auditions Saturday, Jan. 29, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock for performers, technicians and customer relations representatives. A total of 140 paid positions must be filled. This audition is one of seven held throughout the United States.

Selected talent will make the 35th Anniversary Season of

"TEXAS" come alive in Pioneer Amphitheatre. Cast and crew members will be directed by Neil Hess. The script calls for 14 actors/actresses, 26 dancers, 34 singers, six instrumentalists, 17 technicians and 40 customer relations reps. Rehearsals begin May 14 for the 2000 season slated to run June 7-Aug. 19.

Auditions requirements are:

—Individuals must bring a photo and references (non-returnable); -Actors will present a memorized scene, not to exceed three minutes, that accentuates outdoor voice and presence;

-Actors also should prepare a vocal number; -Singers will present one number of their choice. No pop or rock hits. An accompanist will be provided or a singer may bring one. All voice ranges are required in chorus, solos and men's



Beth Buzzard

Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month

Beth Buzzard, daughter of Mark and Vanessa Buzzard, was the Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month for December.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: varsity cheerleader, senior class president, D-fy-it, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Red Cross certified lifeguard and WSI. She has also studied dance under the direction of Jeanne Willingham for 13 years. Her future plans include pursuing a degree in finance at Louisiana State University.

—Singers should also prepare a one- to two-minute, memorized scene or monologue that accentuates outdoor voice and

 Dancers are auditioned as a group. Ballet or modern dance training required. Dancers should wear appropriate workout clothing and leather ballet or jazz shoes;

Musicians experienced in string bass, acoustic guitar, banjo,

accordion or violin are urged to audition. Dancers register at 10 a.m. and audition as a group at 10:30 a.m. Other performers, technicians and customer relations representatives register between 10:30-11:15 a.m. Technicians and cus-

tomer relations reps will be interviewed during the audition. TEXAS" is staged under the stars at the Pioneer Amphitheatre in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors each year. Last season, guests traveled from every state and 99 countries to see the production that is the official play of the State of Texas. The script — a tale of Texas Panhandle romance and history told through song, dance and drama - was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Green specifically

for the Palo Duro Canyon setting.

The latest in digital sound, lighting and pyrotechnics enhance the performances with special effects. A simulated thunderstorm scene seems so real, visitors often reach for umbrellas.

Additional auditions will be held in San Antonio, Dallas, Norman, Okla., Denver, Colo., Chapel Hill, N.C., and €anyon.

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Inside the Beltway

with

Sen. Hutchison

Taking stock of Congress

Looking back on the 1999 legislative year in Washington reminds me of a story that underscores the tax burden many Americans feel today. A Texas restaurant cook offered a standing \$1,000 bet that he was the strongest American alive.

The cook would squeeze all the jujce from a lemon and anyone who could squeeze out one more drop would win the money. All who tried failed. One day a small man entered the restaurant and said in a tiny voice "I can do it."

The cook crushed the lemon dry and gave it to the little man who then squeezed 28 more drops from the used lemon

The astonished cook paid the \$1,000 and asked "what do you do for a living?" Counting his money, the little man replied, "I'm an IRS agent."

While more taxcutting work lies ahead, Congress scored big this year by balancing the budget. federal We're also paying down the national debt, \$130 billion this year and more next year.

Well, I think around tax day on April 15, a lot of us feel like that lemon.

That is why Congress worked so hard to pass a tax refund plan this year. It would have returned to taxpayers a small amount of the projected budget surpluses without touching the surplus from the Social Security Trust Fund. Tax rates would have been reduced. The plan included my proposal to relieve the marriage tax penalty and phase out the death tax, too.

Unfortunately, the President

vetoed the plan. We couldn't override his veto. While more tax-cutting work lies ahead, Congress scored big this year by balancing the federal budget. We're also paying down the national debt, \$130 billion this year and more

Congress also focused on important priorities such as the border, education and Medicare.

-Border security. For the fourth year in a row, Congress approved my push for funding 1,000 extra Border Patrol agents. The hiring has gone slowly, but I'm going to keep the heat on. Fellow border state senators and I also secured additional funds to help the Customs Service hire 250 more agents to strengthen border inspections.

 Education. Congress provided \$220 million in extra educational funding for Texas this year, above what the President requested. We're sending money to the states so education needs can be determined at the local level, not Washington. My amendment boosted Hispanic-Serving Institution Programs by over 50 percent. This will permit a near doubling of eligible programs in Texas.

-Health. We won a major health care and states' rights fight this year by blocking the federal government's claim on 45 percent of the state tobacco settlement money. I proudly helped to move that measure through Congress against stiff resistance. Texas would have lost \$1.7 billion in the next two years for health care, education and other priorities. Congress also restored some \$1 billion in Medicare reimbursement funds to Texas' rural and teaching hospitals and homecare agencies that had been denied by health care regu-

—Strong military. Congress also began to rebuild our military strength by increasing the defense budget. We gave troops a needed 4.8 percent pay raise. And I added legislation to improve TRICARE, the military's healthcare system. To ensure our military can meet large threats and not be distracted by non-critical missions, I wrote the law that requires the president to prioritize deployments and decide which commitments can be reduced. More work remains, but we made a good start.

Congress was able to do all of this because it balanced the budget while also restraining government spending. While know more work remains to lift the heavy tax burden on all Americans — a real lemon of a policy — we protected the Social Security Trust Fund while still making good invest-

Making sure that Washington does right by Texans is an endless task. We made good progress in 1999. I am ready for

. Happy New Year!



Defending missile defense system

Pretend for a moment you're a homeowner who's heard about a string of robberies in your neighborhood. You decide to install a home-security system. But before you can, a bunch of your neighbors — many of whom have been trashing your yard and harassing you for years - pass a "resolution" urging you to leave your doors and windows unlocked, on the theory that security devices actually boost crime. Would you listen'?

Of course not. But they do things differently at the United Nations, where the General Assembly recently voted 80-4 (with 68 abstentions) to exhort the United States not to deploy a national missile defense any time in the near future. It seems the assembly - which includes a long list of countries that are only too happy to collect U.S. foreign aid - would rather we left ourselves open to attack.

The assembly's reasoning that, is that U.S. missile defenses by their very existence would only provoke rogue states to build more missiles. Far better, U.N. members said, to "preserve and strengthen" the 1972 U.S.-Soviet Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which all but outlawed missile defenses on the notion that vulnerability leads to peace. But like the United Nations itself, this argu-

ment appears stuck in a time warp. U.N. members seem oblivious to the fact that the world is a vastly different place today. If they'd consult the nearest map, they might discover that the Soviet Union no longer exists. In its place, they'll see Russia and more strategic equilibria," sniffs President Jacques

Edwin Feulner Syndicated columnist

than a dozen other countries, none of which has the legal standing — let alone the physical ability — to replace the Soviet Union as America's "partner" in the ABM Treaty.

As many missile-defense proponents including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, one of the ABM Treaty's original architects - have argued, any obligation the United States had under the treaty ceased in 1991 when the Soviet Union fell apart. The United States doesn't have to wait until June 2000 to decide to deploy a missile defense, as the Clinton administration would have us do. Nor do we have to give Russia the treaty's required six-months notice to withdraw. The United States can proceed with a national missile defense today

Besides, professions of concern for the ABM Treaty are basically a smokescreen for U.N. members who consider U.S. self-defense an inherently provocative act. A U.S. missiledefense system "could lead to disruption of

Chirac of France. And Sha Zukang, China's director of arms control, said it would trigger a new arms race and jeopardize world and regional security.

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referring to the ability of rogue nations such as North Korea - which has already tested a long-range missile experts believe can reach Hawaii — to threaten the United States and its allies? And with states such as India and Pakistan arming themselves with bigger and better missiles, what "new arms race" should Sha be worried about?

Even as the United States endures the slings and arrows of international opinion for considering a missile defense, the nuclear saberrattlers get a free pass. Consider the warning Russian President Boris Yeltsin delivered while in Beijing recently to meet with Chinese leaders: "Yesterday, Clinton permitted himself to put pressure on Russia. It seems he has ... forgotten that Russia has a full arsenal of nuclear weapons." Where are the U.N. resolutions condemning Russia for such belligerent rhetoric?

The idea that America needs the blessing of the United Nations to protect itself is ludicrous. That's why Congress passed legislation earlier this year making it the official policy of the United States to build a missile defense "as soon as is technologically feasible." The question is, will the president listen to the elected representatives of the American people or to the United Nations'?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2000. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

On this date: In 1412, according to tradition,

Joan of Arc was born in Domremy. In 1540, England's King Henry VIII took his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. The marriage lasted about six months.

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were

licly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

In 1919, Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th U.S. president, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60. In 1942, the Pan American

Airways "Pacific Clipper" arrived in New York after completing the first round-the-world trip by a commercial airplane.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y. In 1950, Britain recognized the

Communist government of China. Five years ago: Haitians housed Harris is 79. Blue In 1967, U.S. Marines and South at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Earl Scruggs is 76.

In 1993, ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in Paris at age 54; jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie died in Englewood, N.J., at age 75.

offensive in the Mekong River

Operation "Deckhouse V,"

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told CNN the U.S. invasion of Panama should not be viewed as a new "Bush doctrine" inclined toward military intervention in countries where democratic

elections had been subverted.

In 1838, Samuel Morse first pub- Vietnamese troops launched Cuba were sent home by the U.S. military against the refugees' will and over protests of refugee advo-

> One year ago: The 106th Congress convened with Dennis Hastert as the new House speaker. Buckingham Palace announced that Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II, would marry his longtime friend, public relations executive Sophie Rhys-Jones, later in the year.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Loretta Young is 87. Pollster Louis Five years ago: Haitians housed Harris is 79. Bluegrass performer

Revolution and during the early republic, was

to be suspicious of government power. Those

early Americans saw rightly that government

was a threat to their freedom, and freedom

was their main interest. It was freedom that

allowed them to focus their attention where

their hearts were - on God, on family, on

community. An Englishman thought it indeed

strange that, while he spent an entire year in

the United States, not once in any conversa-

tion did any American mention the govern-

That's what we need to be doing today,

Americans need to have more faith

It is appropriate in the days after Christmas to think about the words of the 20th century's greatest Christian, Alexander Solzhenitsym The world has never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized and tenaciously malevolent as that preached by Marxism," he said in remarks delivered in London. "Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions. Militant atheism is not merely incidental or marginal to communist policy; it is not a side effect but the central pivot. To achieve its diabolical ends, communism needs to control a population devoid of religious and national feeling, and this entails a destruction of faith and nationhood. Communists proclaim both of these objectives openly and just as openly put them to practice.

Now to the "so what" question. You must not think that, because the Soviet Union has collapsed, the ideas that created the totalitarian regimes of this century are dead. They thrive in some places, particularly among those elitist authoritarians who have wrongly expropriated the label "liberal" in the United States.

Communists hate God and nationhood for the same reason: They want no one to have any loyalty whatsoever but to the party. A truly religious person will always place loyalty to God ahead of loyalty to state. A truly patriotic person, someone who loves his land



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

and his people, will not identify his nation with any particular government. In other words, his loyalty is to land and people, and if a government threatens them, then he will rise up in their defense.

That's the reason you see so much effort to destroy Americans' sense of patriotism. That's why you keep getting propagandized to the effect that globalism is inevitable and that the nation-state is obsolete. Those who lust to control your life for their benefit do not want you to have any loyalty except to the government they control. That's why you see so much hos-tility toward religion from the Establishment news media and entertainment industry, not to mention the federal judiciary.

It is irrelevant whether the religion is fudaism, Christianity or Islam. All three stem from worship of the same God, and all three make it clear that the first loyalty is to God, not to the state.

The American tradition, at the time of the

ignoring government and concentrating on our faith, our families and our communities. Nationhood is not the government. Nationhood consists of the people, their history, their traditions, their beliefs and their faiths. Our only thoughts about government should be to find ways to get it off our backs and its hands out of our pockets. Americans should renew their faith in God,

if they can, and learn once and for all that America is not that pile of marble and granite monuments on the Potomac occupied by politicians and lobbyists. They should learn that government is the problem, not the solution. It should be viewed as what it is: a government entirely foreign to the American tradition and to the constitutional republic established by our forefathers. It is neither controlled by, nor is it responsive to, the American people.

Texas round up

Defendant still wants trial moved

HOUSTON — A drifter who was the subject of a high-profile manhunt wants his Feb. 14 capital murder trial moved from Houston, despite a judge's decision not to guarantee that it would be held in one of three cities preferred by the alleged

Angel Maturino Resendiz made the request during a hearing Wednesday in state District Judge Bill Harmon's court, according to the Houston Chronicle.

He also used the hearing to complain about jail food and Texas towns he called "little Nazi

In December, Maturino Resendiz filed a motion asking that his trial in the 1998 bludgeon-ing death of West University Place physician Claudia Benton be conducted in Waco, El Paso or

If Harmon doesn't agree to move the trial to one of the three locations, the document says the judge should not consider any site change.

Fort Worth Police seeking documents

to verify ages of crash victims
FORT WORTH, Texas — Police are requesting birth certificates and other documents to verify the ages of five victims killed in a Sunday car

At least three of the youths carried identification indicating they were at least 18, but a program for a funeral mass Tuesday night, using information provided by family members, indicated the oldest was only 14.

Relatives said the five cousins — one from Colorado, one from Oklahoma, one from Kansas and two from Georgia — were on their way to ride horses west of Fort Worth in Parker County, west of Interstate 30 and Loop 820.

Their truck almost collided with another vehicle at the interchange, then went out of control, flipped over the highway median and landed on a truck heading in the opposite direction, offi-

The driver of the other truck, Ruben Molinar of Plano, was flown to Harris Methodist Fort Worth

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Hospital. Molinar was listed in good condition late Wednesday.

Gulf Publishing sold, to go online

HOUSTON — The world's largest publisher to the energy industry is going online.

Two venture capital firms have teamed up to purchase Gulf Publishing Co. with the intention of transforming the Houston company into an Internet powerhouse.

Gulf will quickly evolve into a business that not only publishes information online, but also becomes a portal for business-to-business commerce via the Internet.

The deal marks the first ownership change at Gulf, which Ray L. Dudley started in 1916. The new owners are SCF Partners of Houston and Battery Ventures of Wellesley, Mass. Each will

pump \$10 million into the company, giving the venture capital firms a 50-50 ownership split.

Gulf officials say their company will continue its traditional business lines, including publishing a stable of trade journals that include World Oll, Hydrocarbon Processing and Pipe Line & Gas Industry.

Ex-husband of slain quad mom charged in federal, state courts

SAN ANTONIO — A Texas businessman will spend at least a week in jail waiting to learn if he can post bond on federal charges alleging a murder-for-hire plot targeting his ex-wife, quadru-plets mother Sheila Bellush.

Prosecutors are opposing pre-trial bail for Allen Blackthorne, who appeared in court Wednesday to face federal charges against him. U.S. Magistrate Pam Mathy set a detention hearing for next Wednesday.

Shortly after the federal court session, Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed revealed Blackthorne also had been indicted on a murder

charge in state court.
"We have alleged that Allen Blackthorne intentionally and knowingly engaged in conduct which caused the death of Shella Bellush," she

President Clinton, Hillary spend first night in their New York home

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — After the moving vans departed, and some of the boxes were stowed, a pal brought over some dinner for the new homeowners. A typical scene, perhaps, except that the new neighbors showed up in an armored limou-sine, with a motorcade of Secret Service agents, staff and reporters in tow.

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were unpacking, with help from the president's motherin-law, on their first night in what the family says will be its post-White House home.

"Like any new homeowners, they're excited," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Wednesday evening. "They're excited to go in and get to work making it their home."

As Lockhart spoke outside the gracious, \$1.7 mil-

lion Dutch colonial home in this well-to-do hamlet north of New York City, the president and Mrs. Clinton were visible walking through the brightly lighted rooms of the home's first floor.

Soon, the vans filled with Clinton's entourage pulled away, and the Clintons settled in for the

A friend who also lives in Westchester County and has vacationed with the Clintons in Massachusetts brought over home-cooked food for dinner. A crowd of reporters and onlookers were held behind barricades at the top of the Clintons' new street. A neighbor brought a bottle of champagne, Lockhart said.

The Clintons were heading back to Washington today, and the president planned to return later in the day to the Israeli-Syrian peace talks in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

While some of the 17,000 residents in upscale Chappaqua have complained about the attention drawn by the Clintons, many seemed eager to greet

"I think there's been some disturbance for the people" on the Clintons' street, said Wilma Rapp.
"Other than that, people feel pretty good about the Clintons. You tell somebody you live in Chappaqua and they say, 'Oh! Hillary!'

The town already has had its share of the famous: actor Chevy Chase and actress Glenn Close, and

Initially, Mrs. Clinton, who needs a New York address to run for the U.S. Senate, was scheduled to arrive alone to unpack. An unexpected break in the president's schedule allowed him to accompany the first lady, Lockhart said.

The Clintons' furniture and other goods arrived Tuesday afternoon in two moving vans. The president has said they both plan to live in Chappaqua after he leaves office in January 2001.

Lockhart said the couple and Mrs. Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, were eager to start the task of organizing the family possessions. The Clintons took time over the holidays to choose items Mrs. Clinton would take with her from the family's private residence at the White House.

Even before their arrival, the Clintons had caused

In September, protesters upset by U.S. policy in East Timor marched outside the home, even though it was still vacant. In November, the government quashed plans to sell T-shirts reading "Secret Service, Chappaqua Bureau, Presidential Detail,' saying use of the Secret Service label was illegal.

Local officials soon made parking on the Clintons' cul-de-sac illegal to spare neighbors any imposition from the media. Authorities also approved installation of an 8-foot fence and a guard booth on the Clintons' property; neither is yet in

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Mrs. Clinton's likely Republican opponent in this year's Senate race, played on the "carpetbagger" theme he has used against Mrs. Clinton in offering a backhanded welcome to her and the president.

"I feel very, very proud of the fact that people from around the country want to come to New York, including people from Arkansas," Giuliani said. "We welcome all newcomers, and recognize the fact that they are newcomers.

Similar sentiments were offered by Gov. George Pataki, another Republican, during his state of the state address in Albany: "Why, even people from Hope, Arkansas, understand that New York is the best state to live in."

Longview win-a-truck contest to be focus of USA Network show

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) - A quirky contest last year's Hands on a Hardbody after 107 hours on involving a pickup truck and a lot of standing around has earned one East Texas town a spot on a cable television show.

The Hands on a Hardbody contest, held each September in Longview, will be the focus of a USA Network segment set to air on Jan. 23.

The event, sponsored by a local Nissan dealership, calls for a small group of contestants to hold at least one hand flat on a brand new truck at all times. Every hour, contestants can take a six-minute bathroom or exercise break, but must be back in Longview News-Journal. She said the hour-long place before time runs out — or be disqualified.

The person who holds out longest drives the \$15,000 vehicle home. On Sept. 25, Brian Root, 41, of Mobile, Ala., won

his feet beside the truck. Root was declared the winner after his remaining competitor, 1992 winner Cathy Frazier of White Oak, Texas, failed to return

On Tuesday, Los Angeles-based freelance producer Dawn Stroupe was in Longview interviewing past contestants for the upcoming USA Network segment.

"People are interested in seeing that they too can do great things in their lives," Ms. Stroupe told the show will focus on the psychological aspects of participating in grueling contests like Hands on a

The next contest is set for Sept. 19.

Son dies after driving off same cliff his mother did

PARADISE, Calif. (AP) — Daniel Oberts climbed Point without slowing. into his silver Mazda on New Year's Eve, sped up to 50 mph and drove off a cliff, killing himself the same way and in the same spot his mother did.

The 22-year-old community college student left one crumpled suicide note in his car and another on the cross his stepfather had erected for Oberts' mother, Merry Bassett, who died 1 1/2 years ago.

The note cited grief over his mother's death and other personal problems, said Lt. Jerry Jones, chief deputy coroner.

Oberts spent much of his youth living in Alaska with his father. In 1998, he returned to Chico to live with his mother, stepfather and two brothers. A few months later, his mother committed suicide at 43.

"Counseling didn't help. He just did not cope very well," said the Rev. Toni Hartman, assistant pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Chico. "He was in Alaska for so long. He didn't have the time with his mom that his prothers did

Lookout Point is known for its breathtaking views Authorities said Oberts turned off the road and of "the Little Grand Canyon." One or two people

Dry county gets plates labeled 'DWI'

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Hundreds of license in his new plate and asked for a different one. plates with the letters "DWI" have been issued to The department screens out license plates.

motorists in a dry Arkansas county.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles said it was only coincidence that Craighead County received that combination of letters, which are sometimes used to abbreviate "Driving While Intoxicated."

The state sent 999 DWI plates to Craighead

County and handed out 400 in the past three weeks. Three people have complained, but only one turned

The department screens out license plates it deems inappropriate, but none of the agency screeners were bothered by DWI. Among the banned three-letter combinations are DAM, SEX, FAT and

"It's all in the eye of the beholder," said Fred Porter, department administrator. "What could be screened by someone could be OK by someone

Mom sentenced in assault on daughter's teacher

daughter's sixth-grade teacher for giving the girl bad grades was sentenced to two months in jail. Brenda Smith, 45, could have faced up to a year

in jail and a \$1,000 fine for the attack on Jamina Smith was convicted of third-degree assault in

November. Authorities say she attacked Clay because the teacher had given her daughter Nicole, then 12, several unsatisfactory grades on her report

NEW YORK (AP) - A woman who assaulted her arguing with Clay at the school when Smith punched Clay in the back and held her from behind as her daughter scratched Clay's face and pulled

> Other students called a school security guard, who broke up the assault and called police.

> At Wednesday's sentencing, Judge Charles Posner scolded Smith for her lack of remorse and questioned her fitness as a mother.

A Family Court determined that Nicole Smith was a juvenile delinquent and put her on probation Prosecutors say Smith and her daughter were for two years.



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Farm Service Agency: CDP assistance now available

Farmers will receive compensation if their losses exceed 35 percent of historic yields. The payment formulas below provide greater benefits to farmers who bought insurance on their eligible crops.

County Farm Service Agency recently announced Crop Disaster Program assistance is available for farmers who suffered losses to 1999 crops due to disasters. natural Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 includ-ed \$1.2 billion for the CDP. Farmers are eligible for compensation for 1999 crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions. The signup deadline is Feb. 25.

CDP covers all crops as fol-

The USDA and the Gray buy-up (coverage of 50/100 or ounty Farm Service Agency greater) crop insurance;

-Uninsured crops. Crops for which crop insurance was available but not taken;

-Noninsurable crops. Crops for which crop insurance was not available.

As a condition of receiving benefits under this program, producers who did not insure 1999 crops are required to purchase crop insurance in 2000 and 2001 for all insurable crops of economic significance. Payments are limited to \$80,000 per person.

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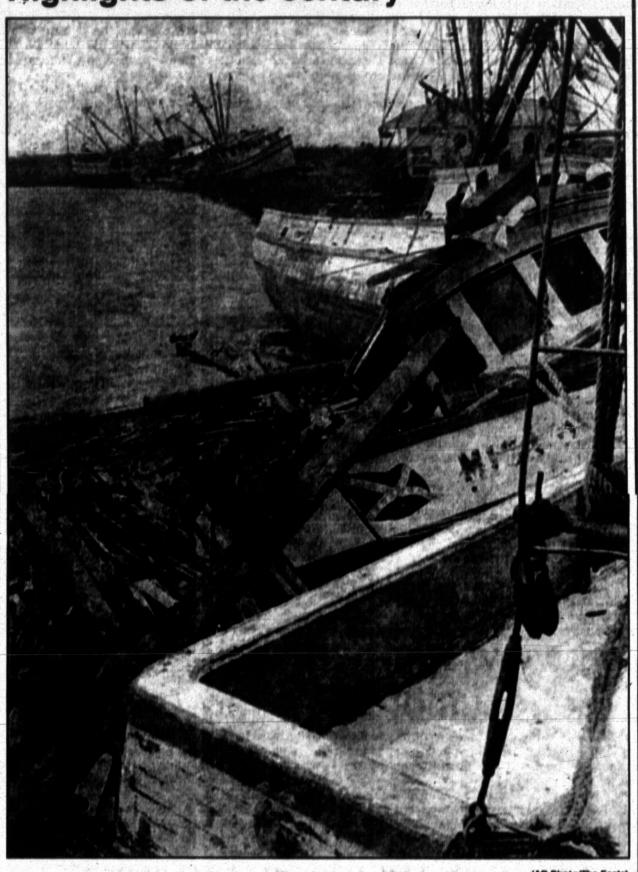
—Farmers with eligible losses to noninsurable crops will be compensated at 65 percent of the five-year average National Agricultural Statistics Service price. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance area loss triggers do

not apply.
Historic yields will be based on the higher of the five-year NASS county average yield or the crop insurance APH yield or the NAP-approved yield. Payments will be prorated after all applications are

reviewed in order to stay within the program's requirements and budget. No farmer will receive more than \$80,000 under this program nor more than \$80,000

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Sorghum groups name new director

LUBBOCK — Texas Grain Sorghum Board and Texas Grain Sorghum Association recently named Ray Watson as executive director of both organizations. Watson replaces Dr. Bruce Maunder who was appointed as interim executive director after former executive director Travis Taylor stepped down in

A native of Southland, Texas, Watson holds bachelor's and master's decrees from Texas A&M University. In addition to farming experience, Watson has experience with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service and the U.S. House Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C.

TGSB, headquartered in Lubbock, administers marketing, research and educational programs made possible by Texas Grain sorghum checkoff funds. TGSA, also headquartered in Lubbock, represents Texas sorghum growers on legislative and regulatory matters. TGSA programs are made possible through voluntary membership dues and contributions.





Wilson Elementary fifth grade recently held its annual spirit shirt design contest. Above: The 1999-00 winners are (back row) Cassy Tice, Justin Johnson, Justin

Sealman, Stephen McCarley, (front row) Isset Solis, Heather Addington and Jonathan Edwards.

Piano instructor Myrna Orr holds Christmas recital at Tarpley's

Piano students of Myrna Orr Ashley Knipp and were presented in a Christmas Recital recently at Tarpley's Recital Hall.

Some of the selections performed in the 2 p.m. recital were: "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Jerry Tice, "O Holy Night" by Consuelo Hacker, "A Christmas Medley" by Josh Gibson, "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Gabby Powell and "The First Noel" by Erin Watson.

Also playing were Tate Collis, Valerie Rushing, Garrett Couts, Landon Powell, Malorie Tice, Katie Barnes, Maggie Hopkins, Alex Hutto, Rachel Heuston, Andi Hutto, Jamie Pergason,

CPS issues new lapel pins

FRITCH - The Croatian Philatelic Society recently announced striking of its first official lapel pin.

Eck Spahich, CPS executive director, said there were "quite a few designs submitted for consideration." The final choice was the design submitted by Croatian artist Vladimir Novak of Zagreb, Croatia, internationally acclaimed artist and a CPS

member. The custom-made photoetched pin has three colors: red, white and blue soft enamel with a clear epoxy coating. The pin is gold plated, with a butterfly clutch, and it is three-quarters of an inch wide.

The specially designed logo depicts the American eagle with United States and Croatian coats of arms under the eagle. Under the coat of arms is a trumpet, an international postal symbol, surrounded by a circular postmark-like design with the wording, "Croatian Philatelic Society."

The official pin is available for \$6 in U.S. dollar funds from CPS, P.O. Box 696, Fritch, TX 79036-0696; e-mail: ou812@arn.net.

CPS is an international philatelic and numismatic specialty organization concerned with Balkan-Central European philately, history and coin and currency collecting. The society publishes an award-winning journal, "The Trumpeter," edited by Spahich, for its members scattered in 32 different countries. Membership information is available www.dalmatia.net/CPS/ on the World Wide Web.

Chumbley.

Group piano selections were: Jenee' Norris and K'Lee Ratzlaff.

Parade of the Toy Soldiers" by Some of the group selections Knipp, Chumbley, Gibson, Stacie Carter, Hacker, Malorie Tice and K'Lee Ratzlaff; "O Come All Ye K'Lee Ratzlaff; "O Come All Ye by Chumbley, Carter, Knipp, Faithful" by Allison Earl, Maggie Hopkins, Ratzlaff, Ratzlaff, Gibson, Chumbley, Abbey Parker, Carter and Orr; "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Hacker, Gibson, Parker, Carter, Allison Earl, Chumbley and Knipp.

Some of the piano selections in the 3:15 p.m. recital were: "Jingle Bells" by Mary McKay, "Fur Elise" by Zachary Windhorst, "Maleguena" by Billy Hightower, "Blue Danube Waltz" by Abbey Parker, "Up on Orr.
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presented in the second recital were: "Here Comes Santa Claus" Knipp, Consuelo Hacker, Abbey Parker and Orr; "Parade of the Toy Soldiers" by Hacker, Carter, Earl, Ratzlaff, Lindsey Mitchell, Knipp, Abbey Parker and Windhorst; "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Abbey Parker, Ratzlaff, Earl, Chumbley, Knipp, Carter and Hacker.

"Yankee Doodle" was played Billy by Cama Niccum and Orr and "Joy to the World" by Knipp and

Merry Christmas" by Haili Herald Angels Sing," "Still, Still Kotara. and He is Born." Chumbley per-Others playing were: Cama formed "Sing We Now of Niccum, Kira Chumbley, Ashley Christmas," "A Christmas Knipp, Lindsey Mitchell, Ashley Medley" and "What Child is

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Smokers Pay Painful Price For 'Pleaure' of Their Habit

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Concerned Daughter-in-Law, whose mother-in-law continued to smoke after being diagnosed with emphysema and deteriorating lungs, brought back some painful memories for me.

My mother was diagnosed with the same condition and she, too, continued to smoke. Her reason was that she was going to die anyway, so she might as well enjoy the only little "pleasure" left in life. It tore at my heart to watch her take her oxygen treatment from the machine beside her chair and, afterward, reach for her cigarettes.

She had to use a walker to navigate the 20 or so steps from her chair to the bathroom. When she returned, she was gasping for breath as if she had run the marathon. How I wished that any young person just beginning to smoke could see her — and possibly keep from making the same mistake. It took her three long years to die from this horrible disease

Abby, please continue your campaign to discourage young people from starting this terrible, addictive habit, so their loved ones will not have to go through the pain of watching them die a slow, painful

CAROL MASON, COSTA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR CAROL: You have my promise — as long as there is breath in my body - that I will do exactly that. But first,

Horoscope

FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Join friends.

off ASAP.

ACROSS

1 Game

skill

11 Vitamin

extra

5 Chopping

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** * Clear out work as fast as you

can. You're overloaded, and others seem

to keep giving you more to do! When

you cruise out of the office, you know

you have done your job well. Schedule

meetings for late afternoon, when others

are in a more convivial mood. Tonight:

** * * * Intuition guides you, and you

need to listen. If you want to escape this

weekend, cruise out the door as soon as

you can. Work appears out of nowhere in.

the later day. Others turn to you to follow

through on key items. Others see you as

trustworthy. Enjoy the admiration.

* * * * * Count on an established rela-

tionship in a pinch. You breeze past any

problems because of your ability to keep

goals in sight. Schedule meetings.

Express your opinions confidently. Take

a work friend aside for a key chat. He

needs that personal touch. Tonight: Take

*** * * Others might be loading

requests on you, but you can say no if

you choose. Your social life goes into

DOWN

3 Work

4 Menu

choice

1 Dreadful 2 Eye part

together

Crossword Puzzle

Tonight: A force to be dealt with

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

another warning: No one should ever "light up" in the vicinity of supplemental oxygen, which is extremely flammable. I heard about a woman who received third-degree burns to her face because she lit a cigarette be-fore her oxygen was completely turned off and the flames melted the plastic breathing tubes onto her skin.

What young smokers fail to realize is that smoking causes changes in brain chemistry and creates a dependency. Tobacco companies recruit new smokers to replace the ones who escape the tentacles of the addiction, or who die from smoking-related illnesses. So, while adolescents and teens may take up the habit to appear "hot," "cool," or grown-up, breaking the habit may require not only iron will, but medical interven-tion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the reader whose mother-in-law was diagnosed with emphysema

high gear, even at the office. Others find

you unusually pleasant to deal with.

Make the most of the easy atmosphere.

even if you do need to clear out work.

Your attention means a lot to another.

* * * * * You find shortcuts where oth-

ers can't. Others discover that you have a

different vision about what will succeed. Extend your lunch hour, relax and get to

know another better. Don't be surprised

if lunch becomes happy hour and then

dinner. News from a distance is impor-

* * * * A partner or associate comes

through for you in an outstanding man-

ner. Brainstorm; deal with new ideas and

consider which ones to make happen.

Opportunity strikes, but you'll have to

put in long or hard hours. Relax and be

have the same agenda as you. Tonight:

*** * Listen to your sixth sense

with a partner, who has a lot to offer.

Don't negate his ideas, even if you might

be worried about a family discussion.

Creativity charges up, though you might

careful with a flirtation. Tonight: Making

* * * * Last-minute work lands on

count on you a little too much. Though

Marmaduke

Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

tant. Tonight: As a duo. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Fit in a little exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

the most of the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

ing pharmacist, I saw similar scenarios with several people who were unable to give up nicotine in the face of the additional stress of the diagnosis. However, some of them were able to switch to "cleaner" alternatives such as a nicotine patch, gum or inhaler and avoid the pollutants of cigarettes that cause lung

where. Tonight: Head home: SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You might opt for a risk, despite recent resolutions! Listen to your feelings about a child or a new relationship. Be aware that, in your present frame of mind, you could be heading into murky waters. Keep communication active, but avoid additional spending. Understand your limits. Tonight: Out and

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * * Use the daytime hours to clear out any residual work and errands. High energy, mixed with enthusiasm, allows you to mow over past restrictions. Check out a new item for your home, or perhaps even a new home. Be financially resourceful. Know that anything is possible! Tonight: Your treat. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * * You needn't respond to everyeasy with co-workers. Not all of them thing you hear. Take your time. You might not know what to say just yet. Mull over thoughts and weigh suggestions. Later in the day, ideas come forward that you are more comfortable with. Tonight: Beam in what you want. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * Use the daytime hours to pursue an important happening. Remain sure of express it in a more amorous manner. Be yourself. Understand what your financial goals are. See the positives of writing a business plan. Build on established ground. Don't opt for any unusual ideas. Take time to think over any money deci-

you might not be up for a revolution, you **BORN TODAY**

Actress Erin Gray (1952), singer Kenny do need to stop always being there. Make your health and personal life higher pri- Loggins (1948), actor Nicolas Cage orities. Charge your high energy else- (1964)

and continued smoking. When I was an actively practic-

damage. (They were also not dangerous around oxygen tanks.)

Their doctors were willing to continue the prescriptions as long as necessary so their patients would avoid cigarettes. If "Concerned" really cannot get her mother-in-law to seek a second opinion right now, perhaps she could suggest one of these alternatives.
ELAINE DISNEY,
CARROLLTON, TEXAS

DEAR ELAINE: What a terrific suggestion, and I hope it will spark interest in anyone who has been advised by a doctor to quit smoking - but has tried and failed.

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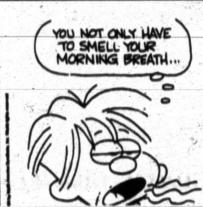
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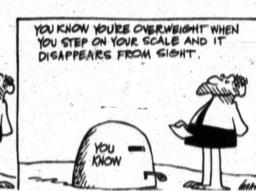
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"Okay...I'll turn on the electric heater. But sitting outside on an icy sidewalk is not smart."

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"If there were too many sponges in the ocean, would it soak up all the water?'







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Mallard Filmore



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BASKETBALL

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) Ronnie McCollum's off-balance 3pointer at the buzzer lifted Centenary to a 63-60 win over Texas A&M Wednesday night.

It was McCollum's second buzzer-beater in three nights. He made a 3-pointer that gave the Gents (5-8) a 59-56 victory Monday night over Southwest Texas State.

The Aggies (4-7) had battled back from a seven-point halftime deficit to take the lead with 3:37 left in the game. After Centenary regained the lead, A&M tied the contest with 11.1 seconds left on a Iamaal Gilchrist layup.

Under heavy defensive pressure, McCollum lifted a high, arching shot from about 23 feet away that caught nothing but net and resulted in a dogpile of

celebrating Centenary players. McCollum hit 6 of 12 shots from beyond the 3-point arch and finished with a game-high 28 points.

King led the Aggies with 18 points, and Jerald Brown added 16.

The Gents' visit to Texas A&M marked a homecoming of sorts for Centenary head coach Kevin Johnson, an assistant coach at nearby Bryan High School from 1993-96.

Centenary was playing its eighth consecutive road game. The Gents conclude their ninegame stretch away from home on Monday at Texas Tech. The Aggies, who were playing their first home game in a Big 12 month, open Conference play on Saturday at Oklahoma.

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PAMPA - For five days later this month, James Lee can pretend he's Jeff Gordon or maybe Dale Earnhardt.

who works at Waukesha-Pearce Industries in Pampa, will be participating in an Indy Racing School at Fontana, Calif. It's like one of those fantasy baseball camps, except Lee will be driving around a curve instead of throwing one.

Lee was the lucky winner in a Marlboro Race Sweepstakes when his wife Brenda picked up the winning coupon after making a purchase at a local convenience store.

"I got a letter saying I was a potential winner. Then I got a letter saying I won," Lee said.

Lee will join several other racing fans from across the country at Riverside Raceway on Jan. 17-21. They will take part in the racing school con-ducted by NASCAR drivers and crew members.

Lee had the option of receiving a \$2,700 cash award or taking the all-expense paid trip to California.

"I didn't care about the money. I just wanted to be able to drive the cars," he said.

FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -Mike Ditka, who came to New Orleans three years ago talking Super Bowl, is leaving with regrets that he didn't get one more year.

It surprised me," Ditka said after Saints owner Tom Benson fired him and 22 assistants Wednesday. "I really thought we would get another year to try to get untracked."

Ditka followed a pair of 6-10 records with a 3-13 mark this season, the second-worst in franchise history. The losses, poor play and apparent disorganization during games infuriated fans, who booed Ditka for the first time in his tenure this season.

"I walked to the door and started cheering," said Saints fan Alan Cousin Sr, a 46-yearold U.S. Postal Service manager. "Ditka is great person-ally. I love him, but I think the game has passed him by. The cost of the product wasn't worth it."

Beloved in Chicago for 11 seasons after leading "Da Bears" to the Super Bowl in 1986, Iron Mike could not stop a downward slide in New Orleans.

Playoffs, not Payton, will be Smith's inspiration

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Metrodome on Sunday for a Emmitt Smith was inspired by the death of his childhood idol the last time he played Minnesota. This time, he'll be motivated by the pursuit of the Super Bowl.

Smith revealed Wednesday that when the Dallas Cowboys played the Vikings on Nov. 8, he dedicated his game to the mem-ory of Walter Payton, who died a week before.

Smith would've made Sweetness proud, running for 140 yards and two touchdowns in just 1 1/2 quarters as Dallas took a 17-0 lead.

He left with a broken hand, and the Cowboys ended up losing 27-17. Dallas returns to the

Groom cagers

post victories

GROOM - Groom came from

behind to beat Wheeler 49-43 in

area basketball action Tuesday

night.
The Tigers rallied for the win

after trailing by four (37-33)

Dewayne Gray sparked the Tigers with 17 points while Wade Ritter added 12.

Wheeler's high scorer was Bret Goad with 12 points. Caleb

It was Groom's first win after

Groom won the girls game by

points and Carrie Davis 9 to lead

Groom led 26-20 at halftime.

Brooke Verden had 21 points to pace Wheeler Lyndi Finsterwald had 14.

Bucks fall to

River Road

WHITE DEER - White Deer

was defeated by River Road 67-

51 in a boys' basketball contest

Jeff Gillmore tossed in 23

points to lead River Road scor-

ers. David Ferrell followed with

Jason Ketchum had 19 points

River Road slipped by White

Chris Swaim was high scorer

The game was close most of

the way. White Deer led 27-26 at

halftime and the score was tied at

Cassie Salzbrenner scored 19

points for White Deer. Kala Tice

playing. That's fine with Fernandez.

performance in the Stars' 3-1 win

over Nashville on Wednesday

night. "Our defense was very

sharp. There weren't a lot of big

"When I play, guys seem to play harder," said Fernandez, who

improved his record to 6-3-1.

"Maybe they rely more on Eddie."

home in large part because they're

paying more attention on the

Ken Hitchcock said. "We're not

cheating ourselves. We're coming

to work every day. We're up 2-1

and we're not trying to hit a home

run. We're playing smart hockey."

Mike Keane's go-ahead goal 43 seconds into the final period

snapped a 1-1 tie, and the Stars

went on to end the Predators' fran-

chise-best eight-game unbeaten

After getting the lead, the Stars shut down the Predators, who

were 5-0-3 in their previous eight

games. Dallas held an 11-6 shot

advantage in the third period as

the Stars stretched their winning

streak to a season-high four

"Our work ethic is there," coach

The Stars are on a 6-1-0 streak at

saves to be made."

defensive end.

for River Road with 17 points.

Deer 53-51 in the girls' game.

Camille Kile added 14.

34-all after three quarters.

had 12 points.

and Nick Ruth 14 to lead White

Amanda Conrad had 10

two setbacks while Wheeler fell

Finsterwald added 11 points.

to 3-3.

a score of 51-41.

the Tigerettes.

Tuesday night.

Deer.

going into the fourth quarter.

first-round playoff game.

Smith expects to have another

"My mindset every week is to go out and perform, but that particular night was just a special moment for me," Smith said. "Now, this is a special moment, too, but in a different

For his career, Smith has

13,963 yards, third on the career

He's 2,764 yards from breaking Payton's record.

lost an individual that I big game, but for different rea- had looked at his personal accomplishments in life as well as in the game of football," Smith said. "I think any player who cares anything about the game of football understands who he was, what he stood for and what he did for the game."

Payton died at age 45 on Nov. Smith missed only one game 1, exactly a week before the because of his broken hand, but Cowboys played the Vikings on a strained groin limited him to a Monday night. The NFL one carry in another game! announced that all stadiums Still, he finished the season that weekend would have a with 1,397 yards - 8 shy of the moment of silence, and Smith NFC lead and his best since began planning his own personal tribute:

> When it was time for the fans who usually fill the Metrodome with deafening cheers to stand

quietly, Smith played out in his Kenny Wright, with a stiff-arm mind a scene he'd been planto to the face. ning for days.

draped his jersey, 34, on my back, gave him honor and said, 'Let me go play now,"' Smith said. "It was just a moment, a moment that I wanted to lift him up and say, 'Thank you, thank you for what you've done.""

Smith ran for 49 yards in the first quarter against the Vikings, but it only led to two missed field goals.

Two carries later, Payton's spirit took over.

Smith took a handoff at the Cowboys' 37, went off right guard and charged 63 yards down the sideline for a touch-

NEW YORK (AP) - Last win-

ter, Kurt Warner was an obscure

quarterback available in the

expansion draft. The Cleveland

Browns could have had him for

On Wednesday, Warner was

selected the NFL's Most Valuable

Player by The Associated Press.

If the Browns or anyone else-

want him now, well, forget it.

"Kurt is an example of what a team player is all about," St.

Louis Rams coach Dick Vermeil

said. "He's not about individual

things or in this for individual

Yet Warner received the most

significant individual honor in

pro football, joining the likes of

Brett Favre, the only three-time

recipient; Joe Montana; and

many other quarterbacks with

Hall of Fame credentials.

next to nothing.

He's not available.

awards."

The Vikings fumbled the kickoff and Dallas recovered at the Minnesota 24. Smith got the ball again and he scored without being touched

Then he went into the locker room for X-rays, and his night was over, leaving him wondering whether he might've broken his career-best 237 yards, or even Payton's NFL record of 275, which he set against the Vikings.

'God saw it fit that this hand be broken that particular day. And that's that," Smith said. "If it was meant for me to be out there and do more than I did, I own.
He got past the final defender, broken my hand."

Third-grade champs



Holmes Sports won the league and tournament championships in the Optimist Third-Grade Girls' Basketball Division this season. Team members are (front row, from left) Libby Dyson, Kelbie Doughty and Kamie Doughty; (back row, from left) Holly Winegeart, Jessica Miner and Brittney Cottrell. Coaches are Donnie Winegeart and Linda Dyson. The team had a 9-1 record.

That Warner would be in such a position is astonishing. A refugee from NFL Europe, where led the league in p a three-year starter with lowa of Arena Football, not even Warner could imagine the kind of season

Warner tops stunning

season with MVP honor

he had. Warner joined Dan Marino as the only NFL-players with at least 40 touchdown passes. He completed 325 of 499 passes (65.1 percent) for 4,353 yards and had just 13 interceptions. His 109.2 rating easily led the league as he helped engineer the Rams' turnaround from 4-12 to 12-3 and a favorite's role in the NFC play-

He was a questionable backup in training camp before Trent Green, signed as a big-money free agent, wrecked his knee.
"I thought we could be suc-

cessful," Warner said, "but to think in training camp that it would happen for me this way was pretty farfetched. They were not sure what they would do going in, they had some questions if I was an NFL backup."

He obliterated all the questions throughout the league. Warner's big year earned him 33 votes in balloting by a nation-wide panel of 50 media members. That far outdistanced teammate Marshall Faulk and Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, each of whom had eight votes. Colts rookie running back Edgerrin James got one.

"I just felt comfortable out there," Warner said, noting how the experience in other leagues helped him recognize defenses and make quick decisions. "I when out there not thinking about it as a different game than what I had been playing. It is all playing football and making plays wherever you are. You have seen it at numerous times Maybe the systems are different and the people are different, but you are playing football. It's all very similar to what I have done in the past."

Except now he has done it on the biggest stage. And he's made the folks from his past proud.

"There may not be a more deserving player than Kurt Warner, a man who represents all the good things in sports: courage and character and determination," AFL commissioner David Baker said. "We are honored to say Kurt was a part of the Arena Football League.

Warner is the second Rams quarterback to win MVP; Roman Gabriel won it in 1969.

Bowden loves winning championships

Stars down **Predators** for the first time in six years, loving every second of it.

DALLAS (AP) - Backup goalie Manny Fernandez has a theory that the Dallas Stars play tougher after being presented with three and sat through that loss. defense in front of him than it does when No. 1 goalie Ed Belfour is national title trophies - including one from The Associated Press - about 10 hours after "I didn't have to do that much," Florida State beat Virginia Tech Fernandez said after his 18-save 46-29 in the Sugar Bowl.

In perhaps the most exciting national title game since Miami upset Nebraska 31-30 in the 1984 Orange Bowl, the Seminoles and Hokies staged a doozy in the Superdome. The electrifying play of Florida State's Peter Warrick and Virginia Tech's Michael Vick produced a thrill a minute for the nearly four-hour game that featured a huge final quarter surge to victory by the Seminoles.

"That was one physical game," Bowden said. "They lost some people, we lost some people, but this team did what it had

The victory gave Seminoles their second national title - they also won in 1993 and clinched their place as colfinishes in the final AP poll to 13 years in a row.

Florida State (12-0) became the first team to go wire-to-wire in last college game. the AP poll since the preseason ratings began in 1950, and the quarterback, had 322 total yards began despite having just one NFL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - win also ended comparisons to -225 passing and 97 rushing - them. They're tired.' They went

"Everyone said Virginia Tech g every second of it. was a hungry football team,"
"What else? What else?" he Bowden said, "but you've got to said, grinning and gesturing for remember we've been in the even more hardware Wednesday championship game and lost;

After the game and a call from President Clinton, Bowden said he returned to his hotel suite, visited with sons, daughters and grandchildren, then went upstairs and "celebrated with nobody.

"At 70 years of age?" he asked. "That 30-year old crowd, I don't want to hang around with them."

When he took Clinton's call, the first thing he asked the president was: "How coming you're not working tonight?"

"We're thrilled you were able Hokies comeback followed by a to see the game. All I can say is 'Go Hogs," Bowden said, a reference to the Arkansas Razorbacks from Clinton's home

> The game itself was a classic battle of superstars - Warrick vs. Vick.

In the final game of his college career, Warrick set a Sugar Bowl record with 20 points - catching touchdown passes of 64 and 43 lege football's Team of '90s, a yards from Chris Weinke, run- back ... and then all of a sudden you decade that saw Bowden's teams ning 59 yards on a punt return win a record 108 games and for a TD and adding a 2-point extend their streak of top-four conversion grab. He had six catches for 163 yards, and Weinke threw for 329 yards and four TDs in what was likely his

Vick, Tech's elusive freshman

Bobby Bowden was back on the the Atlanta Braves — teams that and two TDs. The Hokies out-out and did that national championship podium won everything but the big one, gained the Seminoles 503-359, It was also a year but Florida State's quick-strike his 300th game and secured the ability more than made up for the difference.

> "Vick's better than I thought," Bowden said. "I thought we could catch him with our speed, but we couldn't. I told our offense, 'You gotta win the game, our defense simply cannot stop many more chances will he get?"

It was also a year Bowden won first perfect season in 40 years as a head coach, something sons Terry and Tommy already have accomplished.

"I'm sure they wanted the old man to win one," Bowden said. "What is he, 70 years old? How

Bills' Flutie still unhappy

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) -Buffalo quarterbacks Doug Flutie and Rob Johnson have switched roles. Now, Johnson will play and Flutie will watch.

The benched quarterback wasn't any happier Wednesday than he was Monday, the day coach Wade Phillips selected Johnson to start the wild-card playoff game at Tennessee on Saturday.

Flutie's demotion rekindled old resentments for the 1984 Heisman Trophy winner and six-time Canadian Football League MVP.

"The thing that frustrates me more than anything is I've been waiting 10 years for this opportunity," Flutie said. "We've got a great football team. We've got the best defense in the league.

"We've got a real chance," Flutie said. "And this is the reason I came turn it over. That's the frustrating part for me.

Flutie said that when he signed with the Bills in January 1998, he was told there would be open competition for the starting job. Then ohnson signed and was designated the starter before training camp start to his credit.

After Johnson was hurt in the fifth game last season, Flutie took over and led the team to the playoffs. Phillips waited about a month to declare Flutie the starter.

Phillips designated Flutie and Johnson co-starters in training camp this season and again hesitated to declare Flutie his No. 1.

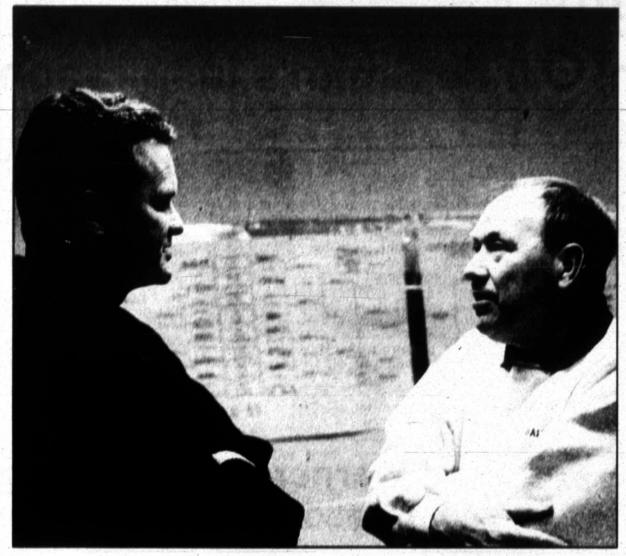
Flutie was suspicious when the Bills told him to rest and decided to start Johnson for Sunday's game against Indianapolis, which the Bills won 31-6 as Johnson completed 24 of 32 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns. Johnson also played well in the final game last season against the New Orleans Saints.

Flutie thought something was up then, too.

"I saw it coming last year," he said. "I thought that's why they were starting Rob at New Orleans. But I'm paranoid about that stuff because 've been through it too many times .. going to the Pro Bowl last year, leading the team to the playoffs and going to training camp and

being named co-starter. The Bills deny the ill-timed quarterback controversy is a dis-

Coaches meet



Coaches Jerry Schaeffer (left) and Robert Hale discuss some basketball during the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament last month. Schaeffer replaced Hale as the Pampa Harvesters' head coach this season. Hale is now the head coach at Weatherford, which was competing in the Coca-Cola Classic, also being held in Fort Worth. Weatherford has a 13-4 record and placed third in the tournament.

Missouri, Kansas headed in opposite directions on court

highlight, this had to be one of the lowest moments of the young season for Missouri coach Quinn Snyder.

The Tigers (7-5) lost Tuesday night 51-46 to Winthrop, scoring just 15 points in the first half on 16percent shooting. Missouri finished the game 5-of-30 on 3-pointers and shot 25 percent from the rebounds and was booed by Fox added six points and 13,

"I feel bad for the people that had to watch us play tonight," Snyder said. "There are high points in the year and certainly

this is one of the low points." Missouri had a chance to tie the game with 12 seconds left, but a Keyon Dooling 3-point attempt fell short. Robbie Waldrop, who scored 14 points for Winthrop, hit two free throws with five seconds left to end the game.

Dooling led Missouri with 14 points, 12 in the second half.

Roger Toxey scored 15 points for Winthrop (6-5), which has won its last two games after dropping five

Missouri has been inconsistent from 3-point range all season. After shooting 65 percent on 3pointers in a win over Illinois two weeks ago, the Tigers made just 27 percent and 25 percent of their 3point attempts in their last two games - losing both.

"When you have to rely on jumpshots to win games, by definition you'll be inconsistent," Snyder said."

Kansas center Eric Chenowith, a player who has been inconsistent if not a disappointment this year, scored 14 points and blocked three shots in No. 9 Jayhawks' 105-59

win over Pennsylvania Tuesday. Chenowith said he still has to prove himself through the upcoming Big 12 Conference season that

begins this weekend.
"It's a great feeling, and I'm going to sleep better (Tuesday)

upsetting No. 15 Illinois was a a whole season together. I can't just sit back and say, 'Hey, I played one great game."

Still, coach Roy Williams was glad to see the 7-foot junior come back with a solid performance after last Thursday's game against Saint Louis, Kansas won that game 71-60, but Chenowith man-

"In some ways, I think I'm more ever been," said Williams, who prepped Chenowith for Tuesday night's game by having him watch the tape of the Saint Louis game. "He's had some difficulties — a lot of people saying things, muttering in the crowd, booing him - and yet he's continued to try."

Chenowith did better than try in a 19-0 second-half run that gave Kansas (11-2) a 64-35 lead with just under 15 minutes remaining. He scored four points, blocked two shots and forced a 5-second viola-

Freshman Drew Gooden led the Jayhawks with 20 points and nine rebounds off the bench, shooting 8-for-12 from the field, Kenny Gregory also had 14 points for the Jayhawks (11-2), who shot 58 percent (42-for-72) from the field to just 36 percent (21-for-58) for the Quakers (3-5).

'We miss five of our last six shots and still shoot 58 percent," Williams said. "But I jumped on the guys at the end a little bit. You'd like to say it's OK (to miss

those shots), but it's not." Jeff Boschee hit two 3-pointers and scored eight of his 11 points during the Jayhawks' 19-0 run.

Kansas put together an even bigger run later in the game, scoring 22 straight over a 5 1/2-minute span for a 93-47 lead with 7:01 to go. Gooden and Nick Collison, another freshman, scored five

points each.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If night," he said. "But I've got to put Colorado beat Denver 73-49, Nebraska won 92-68 over Pacific and Kansas State lost to Long Beach State 70-64.

Jamahl Mosley scored 18 points and was 7-for-10 from the field and 4-of-5 from the free throw line in Colorado's win. Nick Mohr added 13 points, while Will Smith and Jaquay Walls had 12 points aged just four points and three apiece for Colorado (9-3). Richard

Wahhab Carter had 22 points impressed with him now than I've and 10 rebounds to lead Denver (2-9) as the Pioneers struggled from the floor. No other player scored in double figures as the Pioneers shot only 26 percent from the floor, finishing the game 14-for-55.

In Nebraska, Steffon Bradford scored 19 points to lead six Cornhuskers in double figures as Nebraska opened up an 18-point halftime lead and downed Pacific 92-68 Tuesday.

Nebraska (7-6) and Pacific (4-7) were tied at 20 when Larry Florence hit a 3-pointer with 12:21 remaining in the first half to start a 17-3 Cornhusker run. The Tigers went more than six minutes without a field goal during the Nebraska run.

Nebraska led by as many as 20 points late in the first half. The Huskers hit 68 percent of their first-half shots while holding Pacific to 40 percent shooting.

Kansas State held Long Beach State to 36 percent from the field and outrebounded the 49ers 54-

But the 49ers converted their free throws and Kansas State committed 29 turnovers as Long Beach State (8-3) beat the Wildcats 70-64 Tuesday night.

Kansas State (7-4) missed 4-of-6 free throws in the last 3:30 while Long Beach made 7-of-8.

"We obviously played with no poise and we didn't make plays down the stretch either," Kansas In other games Tuesday, State coach Tom Asbury said.

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Utah 118, Charlotte 96
Seattle 99, San Antonio 96
Chicago 77, Washington 66
L.A. Lakers 118, L.A. Clippers 101
Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dalias, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Friday's Games
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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LSU 78, Alabama 68
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Richmond 63, N.C.-Wilmington 57
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South Florida 88, UAB 69
Southern Miss. 82, Houston 76
Southern U. 84, Grambling St. 68
Tennessee 60, South Carolina 52
Va. Commonwealth 73, Old Dominion

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TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Tran By The Associated Press BASEBALL American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agree LHP Greg Cadaret on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Randy Levine president.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Andre
Dawson special assistant to the general
manager.

manager.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms RHP
Jose Lima on a three-year contract and with
C Raul Chavez, 15 Mike Robertson and
RHP Don Wengert on minor-league con-

tracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Gregg Olson on a two-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Domingo Cedeno and INF Kevin Baez on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named George Hendrick and Mike Epstein minor league

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Activated F CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived F A.J. Bramlett and F Mark Hendrickson. Activated G Trajan Langdon from the injured list. DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived F Rick Hughes and G Darnon Jones. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Activated C Erick Dampier from the injured list. Waived G Drew Barry and C Bill Curley. HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived F Devin Grey.

Gray, LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived F Marty Conion.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived F Ben Davis.

FOOTBALL National Football League JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS Bryan Schwartz on injured reserve. Signed OL Joe Patton. Signed LB Chester Burnett from the practice squad. Signed WR James Battle to the practice squad. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed RB Marton Research to the practice squad. Minnes to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed LB Corey
Miller. Placed FB John Henry Mills on injured

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Fired Mike Ditka. coach; Bill Kuharich, general manager; Terry O'Neil, executive in charge of the salary cap; Abramowicz, offensive coordinator, Yaralian, defensive coordinator Bobby April, special teams coach; Tom Clements, quarterback coach; Walt Corey, defensive line coach; Harold Jackson, wide receivers coach; Lary Kuharich, running backs coach; Carlos Mainord, defensive coach; Bill Meyers, offensive line coach; Dan Neal, tight ends-offensive line assistant coach; Rick Venturi, assistant head coach-listens coach; Idea (Carrett Messistant Line) linebackers coach; Judd Garrett, offensive assistant; Rodney Holman, offensive assistant; Rickey Jackson, defensive assistant; Ned James, defensive assistant; Mike

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Person lifts Sonics past Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Chuck Person still has some game left after 14 years in the

Behind Gary Payton's 24 points, the Seattle SuperSonics defeated the San Antonio Spurs 99-96 Wednesday night, and Person was a factor against his former team with three 3-pointers, including two in the final quarter.

"I just like coming back and seeing my friends," said Person, who played for the Spurs from 1994-98 and has more than 1,200 career 3-pointers. "These guys are my family. I wish I could have been here for the ride (winning a championship). I wasn't, but I was happy for these guys."

Horace Grant added 16 points and Brent Barry 13 for the SuperSonics, who won for only the second time in the last seven games. Tim Duncan had 24 points and David Robinson 20

for the Spurs. "Losing is never fun," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We dug ourselves a hole and it made it tough for us to climb back. Seattle shot well."

Payton scored seven straight points, the last two on a driving layup, to give Seattle a 91-83 lead with 6 minutes left.

But Avery Johnson hit consecutive jumpers and Robinson made two free throws to bring San Antonio within two with

Lima said.

answered with a 16-8 season.

2:40 left.

Person countered with a 3pointer with 1:50 remaining to make it 94-89. After Johnson hit another jumper, Vin Baker made a free throw and Payton a layup to give Seattle a 97-91 lead with 18 seconds to play.

"It's just one shot," Person said of his game-breaking 3-pointer. "You guys may magnify it because it's against the Spurs, but for me it's just another shot down the stretch that I'll take on any night."

San Antonio fell to 21-12 with the loss.

"Right now, overall, we are not A lot of these teams will not go to the playoffs. We are built for the playoffs. I have no doubt we have a chance to win the championship. But we are not going to win it in the first week of January. Our energy right now is not good."

Seattle shot 47.7 percent from the field and had 13 secondchance points.

"We have a lot to be happy about," Seattle coach Paul Westphal said. "We got great performances from our starters, but we also got a lift from Greg Foster and Chuck Person. This is as good a win as you are going to see. It came at a good time after losing five in a row and then going on the road."

Alamodome this season.

"We don't look at it as if teams are better than us." Person said. "The team that was hungriest that night got away with the win."

San Antonio was playing its second game in two days, having lost 91-88 at Minnesota on Tuesday.

"Everybody has to play backto-back games and have weird travel schedules," Popovich said. "I'm not going to use that as an excuse.

"Everything seemed to go their way for awhile," said Duncan, who also pulled down getting it done," Johnson said. 12 rebounds. "We got back into the game and gave ourselves a chance, but we just didn't put it

Seattle led by as many as 15 points in the second quarter and had a 51-44 advantage at halftime. Payton and Ruben Patterson each scored 11 points

in the first half. "We came out with intensity, and once you come out with intensity, you get everybody into it," said Payton, who also had 10 assists. "It's good for us, especially being on the road."

"It's hard to start out a new year like this," said San Antonio's Mario Elie. "Other teams always play well against us, and then we see them play the next night and they are not as San Antonio is now 12-3 at the good."

Jose Lima gets \$18.75 million, three-year deal from Astros

HOUSTON (AP) - Jose Lima saw what the Houston did with Mike Hampton when he decided to to the New York Mets.

Lima, who endeared himself to Houston fans with his flamboyance on the mound, agreed Wednesday to an \$18.75 million, three-year contract that avoids salary arbi-

tration. "I won't take my chances and go to New York," Lima said Wednesday, accompanied by his wife, Melissa, and 18month-old son, Jose Jr. "I'm glad they signed me long term, and I'm the happiest man in the world today.

Lima, an afterthought in an and enjoy it from the dugout. back," eight-player trade with the Detroit Tigers in 1996, has gone 37-18 in the past two seatest the free-agent market sons, including 21-10 with a rather than sign a long-term 3.58 ERA last year as Houston ity rub off on his teammates. deal. They quickly traded him won its third straight NL Central title.

"Jose waited for the opportunity, seized the opportunity, took advantage of the opportunity and has become one of the best pitchers in the National League," Astros gen-

Lima, 27, is known for his on-mound exuberance.

"Like it or not. I like to do my dancing, my (shark-fin style) rally cap," he said. "If you don't like it, don't play against me. Take the day off

That's just how I am."

Hunsicker, a button-down traditionalist, said he'd like to faws last spring when he see some of Lima's spontane-

"I think what makes Jose unique is not his skill as a pitcher but his willingness to express himself when he's not only out on the mound, but whenever he's in public," Hunsicker said. "He's not afraid of what people think. I eral manager Gerry Hunsicker really believe that has played

a part in his success." markable pitcher who had little major-league success when, after an awful 1998 spring training, he predicted he'd win at least 15 games.

Lima had been an unre-

"People laughed behind my

national radio talk show. "They say, 'There goes Lima again, " he said. "People don't want to believe in me. But I believe in myself more than anybody. When I take the

mound, I think I'm the best

pitcher on Earth. With December's trade of 22-game winner Hampton to the Mets, Lima and Shane Reynolds will anchor a rotation that likely will include Chris Holt and newcomer Octavio Dotel. Scott Elarton, rebounding from offseason shoulder surgery, also could

have a spot if he's ready this

pursuing another pitcher who Lima drew the same gufcould make the rotation. Such promised a 20-win season on a

this week, he said.

gible for free agency after the two years of the contract.

2001 season. He gets a \$4.5 Hunsicker said Tuesday he's million signing bonus that's payable over three years, \$3.75 million this season, a deal could be announced \$4.75 million in 2001 and \$5.75 million in 2002. He can earn a Lima, who made \$2,225,000 total of \$2,25 million in perforlast year, would have been eli- mance bonuses in the final

A&M women beat Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Prissy Sharpe's 3-point basket with five seconds to play gave Texas. A&M a 62-59 victory

Wednesday night over Baylor. With the game tied at 59-all and 0:27 remaining, Tina Jones found Sharpe on the baseline via the backdoor on the right side, and Sharpe went up strong for the two points and was fouled.

Sharpe, who finished with 14 points and 9 rebounds, made the free throw and the Lady Aggies (9-12, 1-0 Big 12) had their first victory over Baylor since 1996.

Baylor (5-6, 0-1) used two big 3-pointers to overcome a ninepoint lead in the second half, moving ahead by 46-44 with

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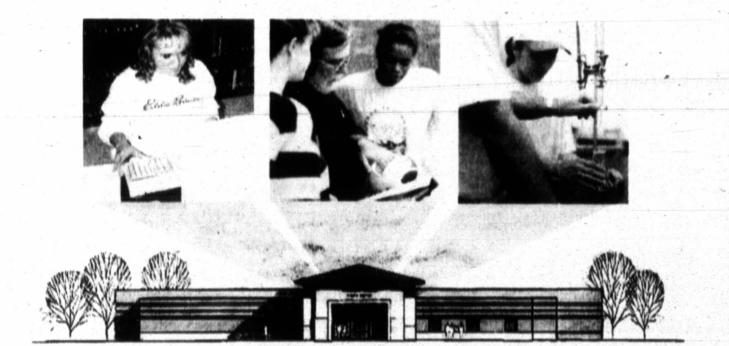
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