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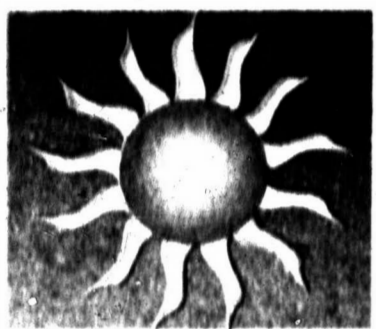
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

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 fatally shot in his vehicle, police said.

"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 Carille, 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

By NANCY YOUNG
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 favor 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 Texas.

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. Regrettably, 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 Austin to enlist the help of state agencies and legislators in (See RIVER, Page 2)

Livestock show Saturday, Sunday

Young exhibitors are getting geared up for this weekend's Top of Texas Livestock Show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Recreation Park. The show draws competitors from 12 eastern panhandle counties.

Gray County entrants are to have the weights of all the animals they are showing turned in to extension agent Danny Nusser 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 1 p.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 2-year-old Canadian boy is being sought by deputies today after having been accused of giving marijuana to the child.

A felony complaint was filed Wednesday by District Attorney John Mann with Hemphill County Justice of the Peace Frankie Hill against Caryn Brown, 18, formerly of 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 coroner's 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)

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.

Season-ending chore



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

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.

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 public, may be just the place for you.

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, etc., White said.

There's also "assisted living" units which

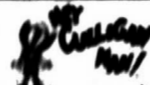
may be apartments, zero-lot-line homes or detached homes, White said. This arrangement provides for at least two meals a day and staff members make sure residents are checked on at least once daily.

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 Pampa with an interest in retirement living will come join us," White said.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the 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 sexual 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 college-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. Set-ups 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 T-shirt. 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 follow 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 non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. 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 information, 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 communications 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 information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telee@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115.

3rd Week Bicentennial Men (P) Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:30 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45
3rd Week Stuart Little (P) Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50
4th Week Deuce Bigalow (R) Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55
6th Week Toy Story II (G) Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50

Auditions for 'TEXAS' in offing

CANYON — Directors of the musical drama "TEXAS" will 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 quartets;

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

—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 customer 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 Canyon.



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-Iy-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.

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January Clearance Sale

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.

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

CDP covers all crops as follows:

—Insured crops. Crops insured by either catastrophic or

buy-up (coverage of 50/100 or 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.

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.

—Farmers with eligible losses of insured crops will be compensated at 65 percent of crop insurance market price elections.

—Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60 percent of the crop insurance market price elections.

—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.

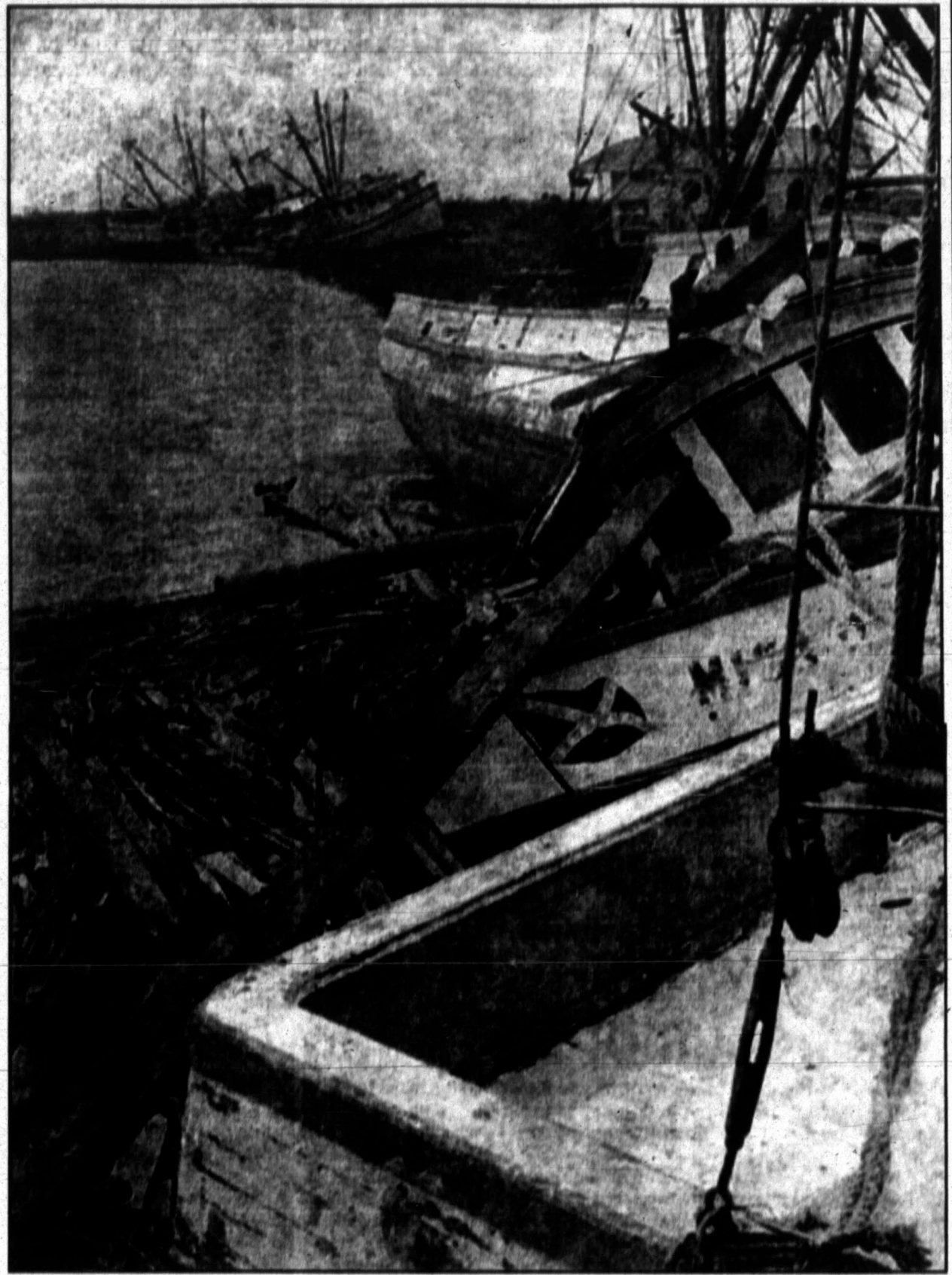
Payments will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay within the program's requirements and budget. No farmer will receive more than \$80,000 under this program nor more than \$80,000

in crop insurance incentives. No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more is eligible. For more information, farmers

should contact their local Farm Service Agency. Crop loss payments will be made after all claims information has been

processed and factors applied. To get a crop insurance premium discount, producers should contact a crop insurance agent.

Highlights of the century



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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 October.

A native of Southland, Texas, Watson holds bachelor's and master's degrees 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.

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Wilson artists



(Special photo)

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 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 Coutts, 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 photo-etched 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 at www.dalmatia.net/CPS/ on the World Wide Web.

Ashley Knipp and Kira Chumbley.

Group piano selections were: "Parade of the Toy Soldiers" by Knipp, Chumbley, Gibson, Stacie Carter, Hacker, Malorie Tice and K'Lee Ratzlaff; "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Allison Earl, Gibson, Ratzlaff, Knipp, 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 the Housetop" by Ashlyn McNeely, "O Holy Night" by Allison Earl and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" by Haili Kotara.

Others playing were: Cama Niccum, Kira Chumbley, Ashley Knipp, Lindsey Mitchell, Ashley Parker, Kenzie Clendennen,

Stacie Carter, Tierra Lewis, Landon McNeely, Brooke Noble, Jenee' Norris and K'Lee Ratzlaff.

Some of the group selections presented in the second recital were: "Here Comes Santa Claus" by Chumbley, Carter, Knipp, Maggie Hopkins, Ratzlaff, 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 by Cama Niccum and Orr and "Joy to the World" by Knipp and Orr.

Knipp and Chumbley played in both recitals. Some of Knipp's selections were "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Still, Still and He is Born." Chumbley performed "Sing We Now of Christmas," "A Christmas Medley" and "What Child is This?"

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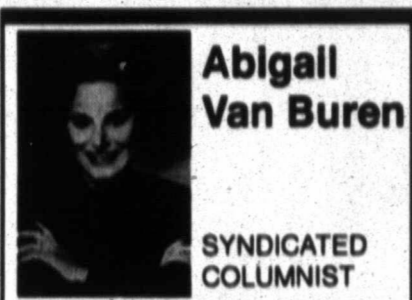
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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Concerned Daughter-in-Law," whose mother-in-law continued to smoke after being diagnosed with emphysema...



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My mother was diagnosed with the same condition and she, too, continued to smoke. Her reason was that she was going to die anyway...

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...

Abby, please continue your campaign to discourage young people from starting this terrible, addictive habit...

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

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What young smokers fail to realize is that smoking causes changes in brain chemistry and creates a dependency...

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

and continued smoking. When I was an actively practicing pharmacist, I saw similar scenarios with several people who were unable to give up nicotine...

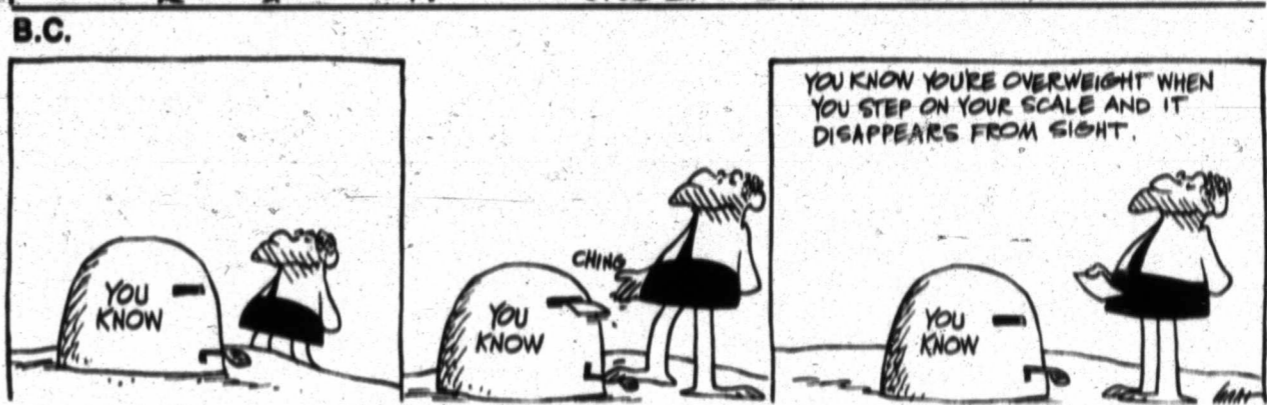
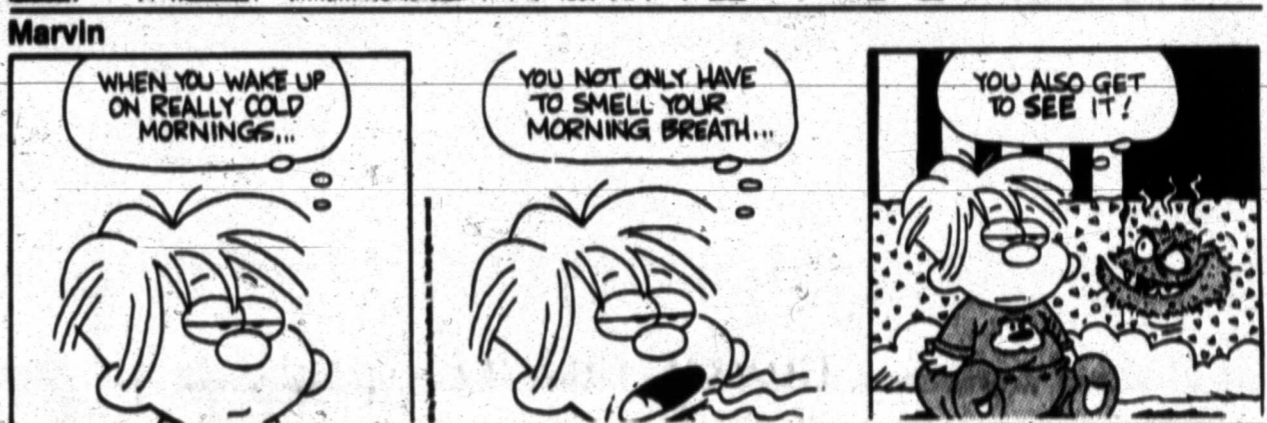
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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Clear out work as fast as you can. You're overloaded, and others seem to keep giving you more to do!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Intuition guides you, and you need to listen. If you want to escape this weekend, cruise out the door as soon as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Count on an established relationship in a pinch. You breeze past any problems because of your ability to keep goals in sight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Others might be loading requests on you, but you can say no if you choose. Your social life goes into

high gear, even at the office. Others find you unusually pleasant to deal with. Make the most of the easy atmosphere...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You find shortcuts where others can't. Others discover that you have a different vision about what will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A partner or associate comes through for you in an outstanding manner. Brainstorm; deal with new ideas and consider which ones to make happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Last-minute work lands on your desk. You find that others might count on you a little too much. Though you might not be up for a revolution, you do need to stop always being there.

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.

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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You needn't respond to everything you hear. Take your time. You might not know what to say just yet. Mull over thoughts and weigh suggestions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Use the daytime hours to pursue an important happening. Remain sure of yourself. Understand what your financial goals are.

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Actress Erin Gray (1952), singer Kenny Loggins (1948), actor Nicolas Cage (1964)

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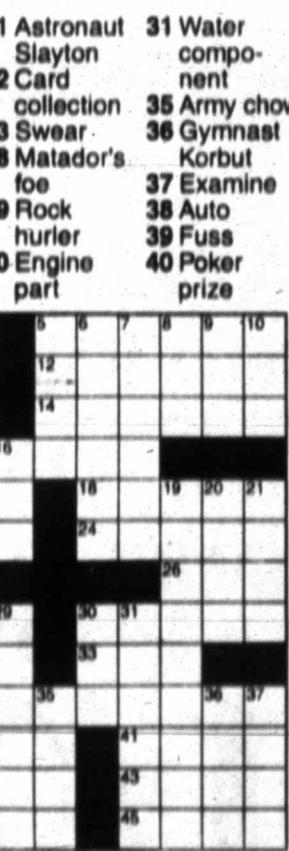
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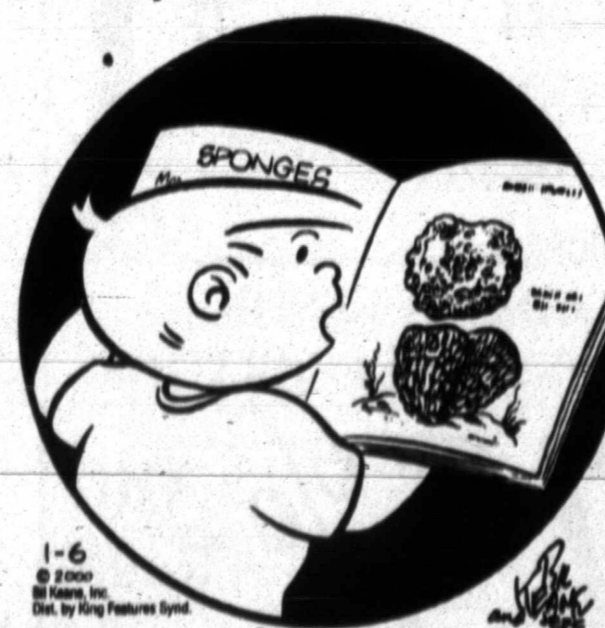
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"Okay...I'll turn on the electric heater. But sitting outside on an icy sidewalk is not smart."

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

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BASKETBALL

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Ronnie McCollum's off-balance 3-pointer 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 half-time 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 Jamaal 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 nine-game stretch away from home on Monday at Texas Tech. The Aggies, who were playing their first home game in a month, open Big 12 Conference play on Saturday at Oklahoma.

AUTO RACING

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

Lee, 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 conducted 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-year-old U.S. Postal Service manager. "Ditka is great personally. 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) — 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 memory 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

Metrodome on Sunday for a first-round playoff game.

Smith expects to have another big game, but for different reasons.

"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 light."

Smith missed only one game because of his broken hand, but a strained groin limited him to one carry in another game.

Still, he finished the season with 1,397 yards — 8 shy of the NFL lead and his best since 1995.

For his career, Smith has 13,963 yards, third on the career list.

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

"I lost an individual that I 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. 1, exactly a week before the Cowboys played the Vikings on a Monday night. The NFL announced that all stadiums that weekend would have a moment of silence, and Smith 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 mind a scene he'd been planning for days.

"I 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 touchdown.

He got past the final defender,

Kenny Wright, with a stiff-arm to the face.

The Vikings fumbled the kick-off 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 probably would have never broken my hand."

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) going into the fourth quarter.

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

Wheeler's high scorer was Bret Goad with 12 points. Caleb Finsterwald added 11 points.

It was Groom's first win after two setbacks while Wheeler fell to 3-3.

Groom won the girls game by a score of 51-41.

Amanda Conrad had 10 points and Carrie Davis 9 to lead the Tigerettes.

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 Tuesday night.

Jeff Gillmore tossed in 23 points to lead River Road scorers. David Ferrell followed with 19.

Jason Ketchum had 19 points and Nick Ruth 14 to lead White Deer.

River Road slipped by White Deer 53-51 in the girls' game.

Chris Swaim was high scorer for River Road with 17 points. Camille Kile added 14.

The game was close most of the way. White Deer led 27-26 at halftime and the score was tied at 34-all after three quarters.

Cassie Salzbrenner scored 19 points for White Deer. Kala Tice had 12 points.

Stars down Predators

DALLAS (AP) — Backup goalie Manny Fernandez has a theory that the Dallas Stars play tougher defense in front of him than it does when No. 1 goalie Ed Belfour is playing.

That's fine with Fernandez. "I didn't have to do that much," Fernandez said after his 18-save performance in the Stars' 3-1 win over Nashville on Wednesday night. "Our defense was very sharp. There weren't a lot of big saves to be made."

"When I play, guys seem to play harder," said Fernandez, who improved his record to 6-3-1. "Maybe they rely more on Eddie."

The Stars are on a 6-1-0 streak at home in large part because they're paying more attention on the defensive end.

"Our work ethic is there," coach 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' franchise-best eight-game unbeaten streak.

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 games.

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.

Warner tops stunning season with MVP honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Last winter, Kurt Warner was an obscure quarterback available in the expansion draft. The Cleveland Browns could have had him for next to nothing.

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. He's not available.

"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 awards."

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.

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

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 nationwide 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

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bobby Bowden was back on the national championship podium for the first time in six years, loving every second of it.

"What else? What else?" he said, grinning and gesturing for even more hardware Wednesday after being presented with three national title trophies — including one from The Associated Press — about 10 hours after Florida State beat Virginia Tech 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 Hokies comeback followed by a 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 to do."

The victory gave the Seminoles their second national title — they also won in 1993 — and clinched their place as college football's Team of '90s, a decade that saw Bowden's teams win a record 108 games and extend their streak of top-four finishes 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 the AP poll since the preseason ratings began in 1950, and the

win also ended comparisons to the Atlanta Braves — teams that won everything but the big one.

"Everyone said Virginia Tech was a hungry football team," Bowden said, "but you've got to remember we've been in the championship game and lost, and sat through that loss."

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 to see the game. All I can say is 'Go Hogs,'" Bowden said, a reference to the Arkansas Razorbacks from Clinton's home state.

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 yards from Chris Weinke, running 59 yards on a punt return for a TD and adding a 2-point conversion grab. He had six catches for 163 yards, and Weinke threw for 329 yards and four TDs in what was likely his last college game.

Vick, Tech's elusive freshman quarterback, had 322 total yards

— 225 passing and 97 rushing — and two TDs. The Hokies out-gained the Seminoles 503-359, but Florida State's quick-strike 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

them. They're tired. They went out and did that."

It was also a year Bowden won his 300th game and secured the 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 many more chances will he get?"

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 back... and then all of a sudden you 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 Johnson signed and was designated the starter before training camp began despite having just one NFL

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.

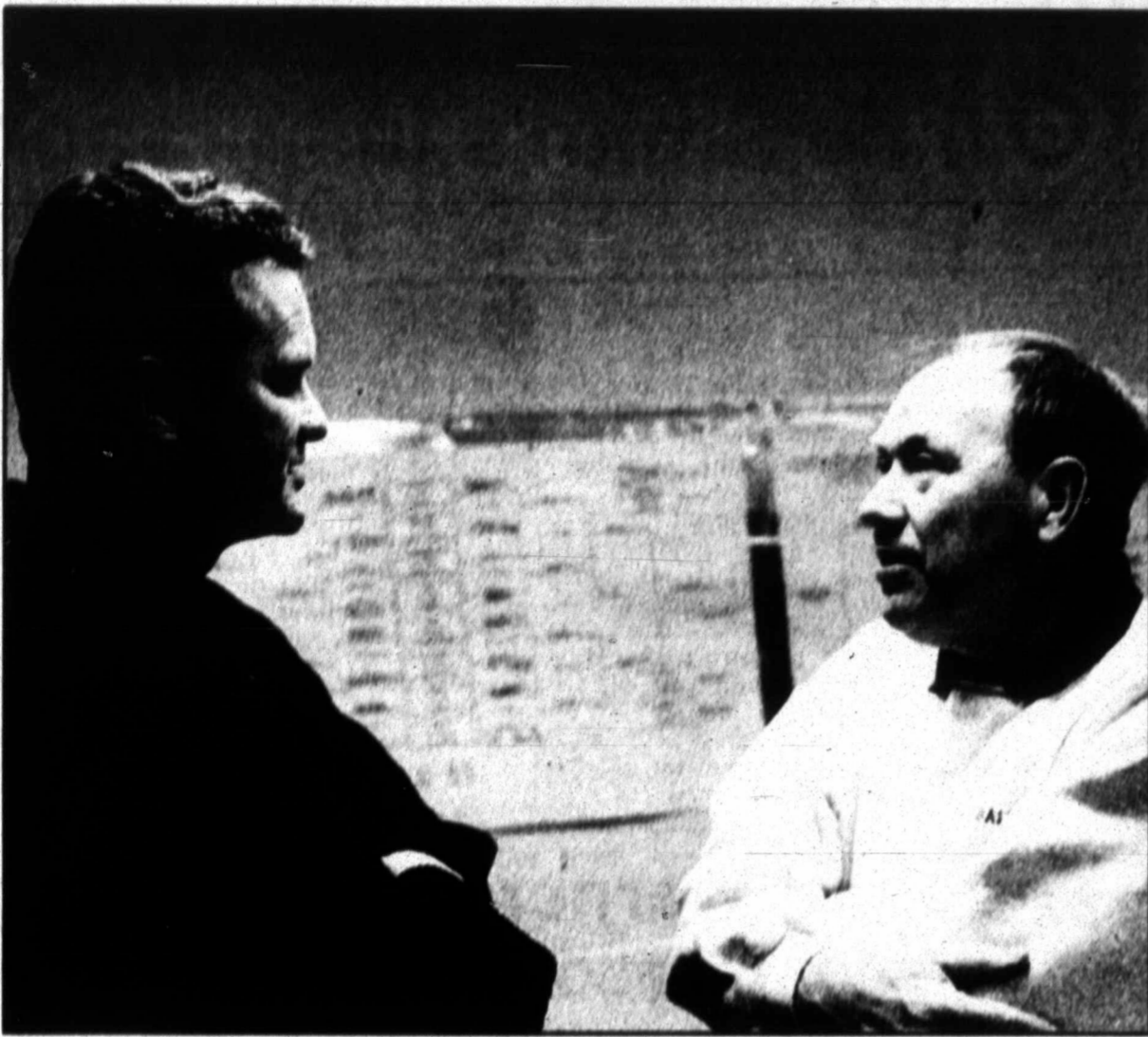
Flutie was suspicious when the Bills told him to rest and decided to start Johnson for Sunday's game against Indianapolis, which the Bills won 31-6 as Johnson completed 24 of 32 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns. Johnson also played well in the final game last season against the New Orleans Saints.

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 I'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 distraction.

Coaches meet



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

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

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If upsetting No. 15 Illinois was a 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 16-percent shooting. Missouri finished the game 5-of-30 on 3-pointers and shot 25 percent from the field.

"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 in a row.

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

Chenoweth 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)

night," he said. "But I've got to put 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 Chenoweth managed just four points and three rebounds and was booed by Kansas fans.

"In some ways, I think I'm more impressed with him now than I've ever been," said Williams, who prepped Chenoweth 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."

Chenoweth 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 violation.

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.

In other games Tuesday,

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 apiece for Colorado (9-3). Richard Fox added six points and 13 rebounds.

Wahhab Carter had 22 points 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 54-33.

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 State coach Tom Asbury said.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Buffalo at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Detroit at Washington, 4:05 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 9
Dallas at Minnesota, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Buffalo, Miami or Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas, Minnesota or Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 16
Dallas, Detroit or Minnesota at St. Louis, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Seattle or Tennessee at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC championship, TBA (CBS)
NFC championship, TBA (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu (ABC)

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	10	.667	—
New York	19	12	.613	1 1/2
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	3
Orlando	16	16	.500	5
Boston	13	17	.433	7
New Jersey	12	19	.387	8 1/2
Washington	11	21	.344	10

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	21	9	.700	—
Charlotte	18	13	.581	3 1/2
Toronto	17	13	.567	4
Milwaukee	18	14	.563	4
Detroit	17	14	.548	4 1/2
Cleveland	12	19	.387	9 1/2
Atlanta	11	20	.355	10 1/2
Chicago	3	26	.103	17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	10	.667	—
San Antonio	21	12	.636	1/2
Denver	16	14	.533	4
Minnesota	14	14	.500	5
Houston	10	21	.323	10 1/2
Dallas	9	22	.290	11 1/2
Vancouver	7	24	.228	13 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	27	5	.844	—
Portland	24	7	.774	2 1/2
Sacramento	18	10	.643	7
Seattle	20	12	.625	7
Phoenix	19	11	.633	7
L.A. Clippers	9	22	.290	17 1/2
Golden State	6	25	.194	20 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 116, New Jersey 111
Portland 114, Toronto 90
New York 96, Boston 88
Vancouver 91, Miami 87
Sacramento 111, Cleveland 107
Milwaukee 116, Atlanta 113
Minnesota 91, San Antonio 88
Seattle 103, Houston 96
Phoenix 86, Charlotte 80
Denver 96, Dallas 96

L.A. Lakers 122, L.A. Clippers 96
Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 113, Golden State 92
Orlando 116, Vancouver 96
Detroit 120, Atlanta 108
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 Dallas, 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.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7:30 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.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Bucknell 76, Haverford 39
Columbia 62, Wagner 56
Dartmouth 65, La Salle 63
Fairfield 78, Marist 72
Harvard 78, Albany, N.Y. 60
Iona 79, St. Peter's 82

Lafayette 76, Delaware Valley 56
Loyola, Md. 101, Canisius 90
Navy 79, Liberty 53
Notre Dame 75, Connecticut 70
Providence 55, Georgetown 46
Robert Morris 70, St. Francis, Pa. 48
St. Joseph's 82, Fordham 74
Syracuse 69, Rutgers 74
Temple 68, Rhode Island 45

SOUTH
Alabama A&M 82, MVSU 51
Alabama St. 64, Ark.-Pine Bluff 59
Alcorn St. 72, Jackson St. 63
Cent. Florida 53, Mercer 77
Coll. of Charleston 66, Charleston Southern '09
Duke 109, Virginia 100, OT
Hampton 87, S. Carolina St. 81
James Madison 59, American U. 52
Kentucky 63, Georgia Tech 71
LSU 78, Alabama 66

Miami 66, West Virginia 58
Mississippi St. 71, Georgia 59
N. Carolina A&T 83, Norfolk St. 79
Richmond 63, N.C.-Wilmington 57
South Alabama 76, Ark.-Little Rock 67
South Florida 66, UAB 66
Southern Miss. 62, Houston 76
Southern U. 84, Grambling St. 66
Tennessee 60, South Carolina 52
Va. Commonwealth 73, Old Dominion 67, OT

Vanderbilt 87, Florida 77
William & Mary 65, George Mason 62
Wofford 51, Air Force 50

MIDWEST
Akron 92, Marshall 76
Ball St. 86, Toledo 85, OT
Bowling Green 72, N. Illinois 64
Bradley 75, Wichita St. 64
Cincinnati 81, N.C. Charlotte 54
E. Michigan 73, Buffalo 53
Evansville 67, Drake 64
Indiana 71, Wisconsin 67
Iowa 56, Northwestern 52
Kent 73, Ohio 69, OT
Marquette 56, Saint Louis 38
Miami, Ohio 60, Cent. Michigan 55
Michigan St. 76, Penn St. 63
Minnesota 65, Michigan 66
S. Illinois 77, Illinois St. 72
SW Missouri St. 72, N. Iowa 62

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 71, Mississippi 67
Cerritos 66, Texas A&M 60
Oklahoma St. 125, Langston 95, Cal. 63,
Nevada 53
UC Santa Barbara 73, Loyola Marymount 63

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with 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.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms RHP Jose Lima on a three-year contract and with C Paul Chavez, 1B Mike Robertson and RHP Don Wengert on minor-league contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Gregg Olson on a two-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Domingo Cedeño and INF Kevin Baez on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named George Hendrick and Mike Epstein minor league coaches.
BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Activated F Eddie Jones from the injured list.
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 Damon 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 Gray.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived F Marty Conlon.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived F Ben Davis.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed LB 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 Marion Barnes to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed LB Corey Miller. Placed FB John Henry Mills on injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Fired Mike Ditka, coach; Bill Kuharich, general manager; Terry O'Neill, executive in charge of the salary cap; Danny Abramowicz, offensive coordinator; Zaven Yeralian, defensive coordinator; Bobby April, special teams coach; Tom Clements, quarterback coach; Walt Corey, defensive line coach; Harold Jackson, wide receivers coach; Larry Kuharich, running backs coach; Carlos Mainord, defensive coach; Bill Meyers, offensive line coach; Dan Neal, tight end-offensive line assistant coach; Rick Venturi, assistant head coach-linebackers coach; Judd Garrett, offensive assistant; Rodney Holman, offensive assistant; Rickey Jackson, defensive assistant; Ned James, defensive assistant; Mike Woioik, strength coach and Markus Paul and Derek Brown, assistant strength coaches.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS—Placed C Brian Skrudland on the injured reserve list. Recalled C Aaron Gavey from Michigan of the IHL.
EDMONTON OILERS—Activated C Rem Murray from the injured list. Placed LW Michel Picard on waivers.

Person lifts Sonics past Spurs

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

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

2:40 left.

Person countered with a 3-pointer 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 getting it done," Johnson said. "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 second-chance 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."

San Antonio is now 12-3 at the

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 back-to-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 12 rebounds. "We got back into the game and gave ourselves a chance, but we just didn't put it away."

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 good."

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

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Lima saw what the Houston Astros did with Mike Hampton when he decided to test the free-agent market rather than sign a long-term deal. They quickly traded him 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 arbitration.

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

Lima, an afterthought in an eight-player trade with the Detroit Tigers in 1996, has gone 37-18 in the past two seasons, including 21-10 with a 3.58 ERA last year as Houston 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 general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

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

and enjoy it from the dugout. That's just how I am."

Hunsicker, a button-down traditionalist, said he'd like to see some of Lima's spontaneity rub off on his teammates.

"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 really believe that has played a part in his success."

Lima had been an unremarkable pitcher who had little major-league success when, after an awful 1998 spring training, he predicted he'd win at least 15 games.

"People laughed behind my

back," Lima said. He answered with a 16-8 season.

Lima drew the same guffaws last spring when he promised a 20-win season on a 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

spring.

Hunsicker said Tuesday he's pursuing another pitcher who could make the rotation. Such a deal could be announced this week, he said.

Lima, who made \$2,225,000 last year, would have been eligible for free agency after the

2001 season. He gets a \$4.5 million signing bonus that's payable over three years, \$3.75 million this season, \$4.75 million in 2001 and \$5.75 million in 2002. He can earn a total of \$2.25 million in performance bonuses in the final two years of the contract.

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 nine-point lead in the second half, moving ahead by 46-44 with 8:07 to play.

Extension Service: 'Roadway Management Workshop' in offing, worth five CEUs

AMARILLO — The Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a roadway management workshop — worth five CEUs — beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The program will begin at 9 a.m. Sessions are geared toward commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicators. CEUs will feature two units on laws and regulations with three more covering integrated pest management, drift and general requirements. First session presenters and topics include: Joe Zotter, Texas Animal Damage Control Service, rodent control in a right-of-way setting; Shawn Davis, TDA, PET weather stations and nursery/floral license to spray; Dennis Maloney, Texas Structural Pest Control Board, license requirements for populated areas; and Larry Trantham, Estes Chemical, drift prevention. The final session will be at 1 p.m. with Howard Wright and Robert Vinyard of Industrial Pest Management. They will describe GPS mapping and computer record keeping. TDA's Levon Harman will review state laws and regulations at the conclusion of the program. CEU certificates will be issued at 3 p.m. To register or for more information, call the Amarillo TDA office at (806) 358-7285.

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