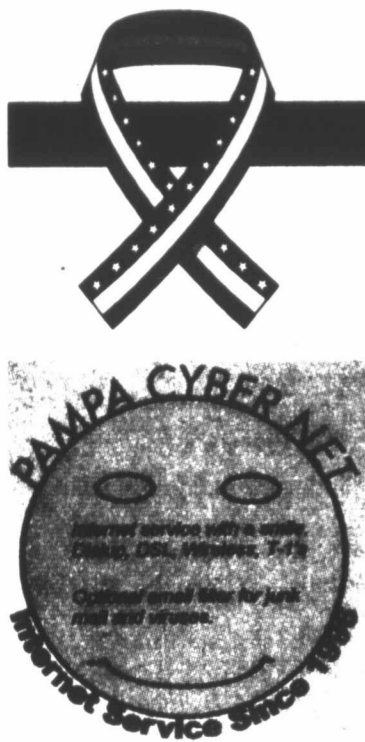


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County Commission OKs 2003 meetings

The Gray County Commissioners Court has approved the following dates for regularly scheduled commission meetings for 2003.

January: Wednesday, Jan. 15, and Friday, Jan. 31.
 February: Feb. 14 and Feb. 28, both on Fridays.
 March: One meeting will be in March. It will be March 14, a Friday.
 April: April 1 and April 15, both on Tuesdays.
 May: May 1 and May 15, both on Thursdays.
 June: June 2 and June 16, both are on Mondays.
 July: July 1 and July 15, both are on Tuesdays.
 August: Aug. 1 and Aug. 15, both are on Friday.
 September: Sept. 2, a Tuesday, and Sept. 15, a Monday.
 October: Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, both on Wednesdays, and Oct. 31, a Friday.
 November: Nov. 14, a Friday.
 December: Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, both on Mondays.

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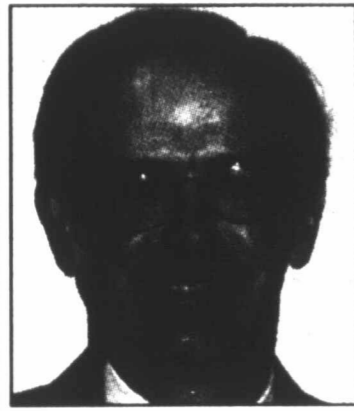
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Orr 'lone finalist' for WFISD post



Dr. Dawson Orr

By DEE DEE LARAMORE AND NANCY YOUNG

Dr. Dawson Orr, Pampa Independent School District superintendent, announced this morning that he is the single finalist in the search for Wichita Falls school superintendent.

"I'm the lone finalist," Orr said today. "There'll be a 21-day waiting period when Wichita Falls can decide whether or not they want me or I can decide whether or not to accept."

"I have informed the (school) board

members, the administration and the principals," he said.

Orr was selected by a unanimous vote of the WFISD board meeting in special session Tuesday night, WFISD officials confirmed today.

Renae Murphy, WFISD Public Information Officer, said state law requires a 21-day waiting period before Orr can be officially hired. She said the board anticipates a special meeting on Dec. 16 to fulfill the legal requirements.

Murphy said Orr was selected from a field of 32 candidates in a nationwide

search to fill the superintendent position. WFISD trustees met in a three-hour closed session before reconvening and announcing Orr as their finalist.

A WFISD summary sheet stated that the district hired Dr. Mike Moses and David Thompson of Bracewell Patterson law firm, to assist in recruiting a new school superintendent.

This month, the school board interviewed candidates from 32 applications that came in from around the nation, according to Murphy. The identity of the (See ORR, Page 3)

'The Wiz' gives tornado tale new twist

Some cast members played similar roles in 'Wizard of Oz' seven years ago

By DEE DEE LARAMORE EDITOR

Friday night, a classic tornado tale takes on a new twist when Pampa High School Concert Choir presents "The Whiz," a contemporary take on the classic "Wizard of Oz."

"I picked 'The Whiz' because I thought it would be easy to do, but the sheer numbers have made it more complicated than I ever thought," mused Fred Mays, Pampa High School choir director, as he watched students work through a stylized fight scene for the musical.

Eighty-eight students have parts in this year's production of "The Whiz." Some students are taking on more than one role.

There's also a dozen students who work behind-the-scenes. Add in to that all the work done by parents to construct and paint sets and create the unique costumes for the play.

After hours of hard work, the curtain is ready to rise on



Karissa Intemann "Dorothy"

the choir's 2002 musical.

The show opens at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Performances are also scheduled for 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, and a matinee for 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24.

Mays and Wanetta Hill, PHS assistant choir director, spent more than five hours outside of class casting the show. After all was said and done, they realized something interesting had happened.

Winners of many of the lead roles had also held lead roles in the Pampa Community Chorus production of "The Wizard of Oz."



Bonnie Holmes "Addaperle"

seven years before.

Karissa Intemann, "Dorothy," played the same part in the "Wizard of Oz." Bonnie Holmes, who will play "Addaperle" in "The Whiz" had the role of Wicked Witch of the West. Tyler Howard, "The Tinman," played "Scarecrow" before and "Lion" Mike Eskridge reprises the same part in the current production.

Two cast members from "The Wizard of Oz" - Brittany Brazile and Denise Mackie - now have lead roles in "The Whiz." Brazile plays Evillene and Mackie is "Glinda."

Seven years ago, Hill



Michael Eskridge "Lion"

directed the Community Chorus, a group of outstanding fifth grade singers selected from all the Pampa schools. Now, as the PHS choir's assistant director, she's helping Mays guide many of her former students once more.

Intemann says she prefers "The Whiz" to the classic "Wizard of Oz" version.

"It has more humor in it," she explains.

The 18-year-old senior says she and her fellow singer/actors have forged a bond these past seven years.

"We've grown up a lot," Intemann says, adding that performing now "is not so



Tyler Howard "Tinman"

scary" as it was in the fifth grade.

Holmes, 17, appreciates playing a "good" character this time, instead of the "Wicked Witch" role she had before.

"I don't have to have an evil act," she said.

Addaperle dresses like a gypsy and does magic tricks and sings a song Holmes especially likes, "He's the Whiz."

This is her first major role in PHS choir production, Holmes said, adding that she appeared as member of the chorus in "Cinderella" and "Grease."

(See WIZ, Page 3)

U.S. bombs three Iraq air defense facilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. warplanes bombed three air defense communications facilities in southern Iraq Wednesday, a day after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Washington would immediately respond to attacks on American and British warplanes.

Rumsfeld said the United States would retaliate in such circumstances involving the patrolling of no-fly zones regardless of whether the United Nations views the shootings as violations of U.N. resolutions.

U.S. warplanes struck at the Iraqi defense facilities after Iraqi air defenses fired surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery at U.S. and British planes.

In a statement, U.S. Central Command said the three targeted facilities were unmanned and located between the cities of Al Kut and Basra. It provided no more precise description of the targets or locations. It said Iraqi air defense forces have fired on U.S. planes six out of seven days since Iraq accepted U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, which demands that Iraq turn over to inspectors all informa-

tion about weapons of mass destruction.

In his comments, Rumsfeld refused to elaborate on whether he meant retaliatory strikes on Iraqi anti-aircraft sites would continue or was hinting at a stronger response than has been used in the past.

"You can be absolutely certain we'll not allow our aircraft to continue to be shot at with impunity. We intend to respond," Rumsfeld told reporters returning to Washington with him Tuesday from a Western Hemisphere military summit in the Chilean capital.

He stayed in Washington Tuesday night before heading out to join President Bush at a NATO summit in Prague, Czech Republic.

In preparation for possible war in Iraq, the Bush administration has quietly contacted 50 countries, including Canada and Britain, to solicit contributions of troops and war materiel in the event Bush decides to use force, an administration official said Wednesday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rumsfeld and other officials have (See IRAQ, Page 3)

School rating story draws PCTA protest

By DEE DEE LARAMORE EDITOR

Pampa High School teacher Lee Ann Ammons, speaking for the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA), today protested Tuesday's Page 1 story regarding the Texas Monthly magazine rating of Pampa schools.

Ammons described the article as "extremely speculative ... with no facts."

She also objected that Pampa High School Principal John Kendall had not been contacted for comment before the story was printed.

The Pampa News contacted Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele for comment, but Orr was out of town and Steele did not return The News' call.

This morning, Orr said he was not ready to comment on the rating. He said he intended to present the matter with data he's collected to the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education at their meeting

Thursday night at Carver Center.

"I'll reserve my comments for tomorrow night," he said.

The Pampa News called Kendall this morning for comment, but he had not returned the call by press time today.

From a personal perspective, Ammons said, "I felt my professionalism has been challenged."

She said that Pampa parent Mike Fraser's comments in the article that the high school's low rating was due to the block schedule system are not based on fact.

"To blame a particular rating on the block schedule - that's not fair," she said.

Tuesday's newspaper article concerned a story in the Texas Monthly magazine November issue rating Texas public schools according to a scale developed by the National Center for Education Accountability, an Austin-based non-profit organization that analyzes education data for 14 states including Texas. In it, Pampa High School received a one-star rating, the lowest on the scale.

Did You Know...

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		XCEL	9.72	-0.14
		Kerr McGee	44.75	+0.86
		Limited	15.29	-0.03
		Williams	2.55	-0.01
		McDonalds	17.93	+0.09
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	38.76	-0.60
Celanese	19.40	-0.44
Cabot Corp	22.30	-3.37
Cabot Oil Gas	22.86	+0.36
Coca Cola	45.50	-0.89
New York Gold	319.05	
Silver	4.55	
West Texas Crude	26.42	

POLICE

Pampa Police reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 16
Damage was reported to a vehicle in a criminal mischief incident in the 1100 block of Willow Road. Estimate of loss was \$500.

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Report of assault by threat and disorderly conduct by language was made in the 500 block of South Barnes.
Solicitation of prostitution was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.
A missing person report was taken in the 800 block of East Foster.
Possession of drug paraphernalia report was made in the 100 block of Harvester. The incident involved a 16-year-old male.
Minor in possession of tobacco involving a 17-year-old female was reported in the 100 block of Harvester. ☼

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19
Noel N. Hernandez, 22, 1124 Crane Road, was arrested for theft of service over \$20.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19
7:54 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a smoke alarm at the Schneider House, 100 S. Russell. Smoke was coming from hot grease on a stove.
12:15 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 100 block of West Kingsmill. The problem was caused by a hot light ballast.
5:39 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported gas odor in the alley of the 400 block of North Gray. No source of the odor was found.
5:50 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire two miles south of Pampa on Farm to Market Road 749.

Wednesday, Nov. 20
2:33 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 1900 block of Evergreen. The alarm had apparently malfunctioned.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 19
4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
11:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police reported the following accident.

Saturday, Nov. 16
A citation was issued to Marques Adrian Lamb, no age available, 1400 W. Somerville, Apt. 25, for failure to leave information at the scene of a hit and run, according to the police report. A legally parked 1993 Pontiac Grand Am was damaged in the incident in the 1100 block of Willow Road.

OBITUARIES

VELMA ADDISON
1909-2002

Velma Addison, 93, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Restland Cemetery at Olney under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Addison was born April 20, 1909, at Red Star, Ark. She married Otis Addison on December of 1927 at Walters, Okla.; he died Feb. 10, 1955.

She moved to Pampa in 1956 and managed Gunn Brothers Stamp Store for 23 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby

Eugene Addison, in 1943. Survivors include a son, Bill Addison of Pampa; and a sister, Belle Embry of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny with highs in the mid 60s, and north winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the mid 30s, and north winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the south-east. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

Moderate temperatures were expected from Wednesday night through Thursday across the state.

North Texas should be partly cloudy Wednesday night with lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Thursday will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 60s west to near 70 east.

Texas Hill Country and south-central Texas should be mostly clear at night with lows in the upper 30s to the mid 40s. Skies will be partly cloudy on Thursday with highs in the 70s.

Southeast Texas and the upper Texas Coast will be mostly clear at night with lows in the

mid 40s inland and mid 50s at the coast. Highs on Thursday will be near 70.

Mostly clear skies are expected Wednesday night for deep South Texas, along with lows from 48 in the west to 60 at the coast. Thursday morning will bring patchy fog. It will be sunny the rest of the day with highs from 74 to 80.

Lows in the 30s are expected in the Texas Panhandle at night, while Thursday's forecast includes partly cloudy skies and highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s.

Far West Texas will be mostly clear with lows from 28 to 33.

SERVICES TOMORROW

FULLER, Dorothy Marie — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Housing construction drops by 11.4 percent

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing construction lost momentum in October, plunging by 11.4 percent, the biggest drop since 1994.

Even with the sharp decline — which came after the level of housing construction shot up to a 16-year high in September — the number of housing units for which builders broke ground in October was still considered to be in the healthy zone.

Builders began work on 1.60 million housing units, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, representing a 11.4 percent decline in October from the previous month, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

While October's housing activity level was weaker than analysts were expecting, economists predicted September's red-hot pace could not be sustained. Housing construction jumped by 11 percent in September to a rate of 1.81 million units, the highest level since December 1986.

The 11.4 percent drop in housing construction in October marked the biggest decline since January 1994. The 1.60 million rate of housing units under way was the lowest level since April.

"The good news is that the level of housing activity is still very strong, but the bad news is housing construction is probably maxed out in terms of how much it will contribute to economic growth," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "The housing construction market is in good shape, but September was probably the high-water mark," he added.

In Wednesday's report, construction of new single-family homes fell 7 percent in October to a rate of 1.35 million. Work on apartments, condominiums and other multi-family housing plummeted by 31.4 percent to a rate of 221,000 last month.

Even with the slowdown in construction in October, the housing market remains in good shape. Stoked by low mortgage rates, home sales are expected to post records this year.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped to 5.94 percent last week,

the lowest level since mortgage giant Freddie Mac began tracking these rates in 1971.

It marked the seventh time this year that rates on this benchmark mortgage hit a new low.

Low mortgage rates this year have been feeding a refinancing boom. The extra monthly cash that consumers are saving by refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates is helping to support consumer spending, which has been the main force keeping the economy going this year.

Those factors have helped to offset some negative forces, including the turbulent stock market.

Against this backdrop, home builders are optimistic about sales for November as well as within the next six months, the National Association of Home Builders says.

"With long-term mortgage rates slipping below 6 percent, builders are certainly finding buyers who can qualify to purchase homes in most price ranges right now," says the association's president Gary Garczynski.

Builders in some areas are reining in sales expectations for homes in the top price ranges as portfolios of affluent prospective buyers took a big hit during the stock market slide this year, Garczynski said.

Wanting to energize the economic recovery, the Federal Reserve earlier this month cut a key interest rate by a bold, half a percentage point to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent. That marked the Fed's first rate reduction this year and the 12th since January 2001.

Fed policy-makers hope low interest rates will induce consumers to spend more and businesses to ramp-up investment, boosting economic growth.

In the Northeast, housing construction in October fell 18.8 percent from the previous month to a rate of 143,000. In the Midwest, construction dropped by 19.5 percent to a rate of 301,000, and in the South the number of housing projects under way went down by 14.3 percent to a rate of 701,000. In the West, housing construction rose 3.6 percent to a rate of 458,000.

Housing permits rose 1.7 percent in October to a rate of 1.76 million, an encouraging sign, economists said.

Search ends for pilot linked to NASA theft

HOUSTON (AP) — The search for a man who fell 9,000 feet from an airplane to his death may be over, but authorities said questions remain about his role in the theft of a laptop from the country's space program.

Federal investigators said Russell Edward Filler bought and kept a laptop containing NASA software information even though he knew it was stolen.

Filler and flight instructor Benito Frank Munoz went on a routine outing to get time at the controls and renew his flying skills Sunday when Filler suddenly unclasped his seat belt, opened the door, and fell from the plane over Waller County.

Authorities were not calling the fall a suicide, but an investigator said the plunge appeared to be intentional. "There was no accidental exit from the aircraft," Waller County Sheriff's Department Lt. John Kremmer said.

Authorities found Filler's body Tuesday afternoon in a

field southwest of Waller. An autopsy has been ordered.

Filler, who was unmarried, had been under suspicion for the laptop theft since it disappeared Oct. 25. It was traced to Filler's home earlier this month when he used it to connect to the Internet.

Thursday, officials with NASA, the Johnson Space Center, the U.S. Inspector General's Office and the Harris County Sheriff's Department spoke with Filler about the theft.

According to Harris County Sheriff's Capt. Robert Van Pelt, Filler said he bought the computer in a parking lot for \$500 from an individual who had posted an ad on a grocery store bulletin board.

Van Pelt said Filler knew it had some NASA software on it when he turned it on. Officials said the laptop didn't contain any sensitive information.

"It piqued his curiosity, but he kept the computer," Van Pelt said in Tuesday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle. Filler told the officials he knew

it was stolen, Van Pelt said.

The computer was retrieved from Filler's home, and a deputy was completing a report required to charge Filler with theft, Van Pelt said.

Just a week before his fatal fall, Filler confided in a friend that he was worried about the theft case, said Mike Curie, a spokesman for United Space Alliance.

Filler, 47, had worked for the United Space Alliance's integrated test and verification group, which does ground testing for the international space station, since 1996.

Filler's mother, contacted at his far southeast Houston home Tuesday, told The Associated Press she did not want to discuss the matter but the family might issue a statement sometime this week.

Waller County deputies recovered two note cards from Filler's car that contained emergency contact numbers for his parents, who were in Houston to visit over the weekend, Sheriff Randy Smith said.

City Briefs

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Teen driver surrenders after quadriplegic's death

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old accused of being the hit-and-run driver who killed an Irving quadriplegic surrendered to police four days after the accident.

Hillary Leach of The Colony was expected to be charged with being involved in an accident that resulted in a death, a third-degree felony, said David Tull, an Irving

police spokesman.

Dallas Armstrong, 40, of Irving was in his wheelchair when he was hit Friday night by a Jeep. Relatives said he had eaten at a restaurant and was returning home.

Witnesses told police that the driver never stopped after hitting Armstrong.

"I just want to know why she left and how he ended up

with so many fractures?" said John Paul Boles of Bedford, Armstrong's brother.

A conviction could bring a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Armstrong, who was raising his 15-year-old nephew, had been a quadriplegic since breaking his neck in a swimming pool accident at age 18, relatives said.

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New York City studies cruise ships as housing option for the homeless

NEW YORK (AP) — Desperate for ways to combat a surge in homelessness as winter nears, New York City is looking into whether retired cruise ships could be converted into shelters.

The city's commissioner of homeless services and other officials flew to the Bahamas on the mayor's private jet Wednesday to inspect retired ships.

"They're looking at options that would provide safe and appropriate shelter to the homeless, just looking to see if this may present a viable option," said Jim Anderson, spokesman for Commissioner Linda Gibbs.

Last month, a record 37,100 homeless people were sleeping in city shelters each

night, according to the Coalition for the Homeless, which compiles statistics for the city. The number was 21,000 as recently as 1998.

City officials stressed it is too early to speculate on how the cruise-ship idea might be applied in New York, what it would cost or how long it would take to implement.

Homeless advocates said the idea is outlandish and unnecessary. They want the mayor to promote cheap, permanent housing.

"Studies have shown the way forward is clear — the provision of affordable, supportive housing," said Ann Duggan, a policy analyst for the Coalition for the Homeless. "It is simply that easy."

The city has explored a number of options.

This summer a judge blocked Mayor Michael Bloomberg's plan to use a former Bronx jail as a shelter. The city, bound by law to provide shelter for its homeless, has also considered converting empty convents and community centers.

So far this year, the city has contracted with social service providers to set up 18 new shelters in failing hotels, in many cases angering neighbors who were unaware of the plans. In all, the city now has about 125 family shelters.

The number of homeless families seeking shelter in New York City was 8,925 in October, up from 7,916 in June.

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WIZ

Howard, 17, traded the scratchy Scarecrow suit for the sleek, shiny "Tinman" in this production.

"There's not as many lines," he says of his role, "but the choreography is great."

Howard also likes "The Whiz," he says because "there's more singing. It's pretty demanding."

"I think it's cool," he said

of working with many of the same people that he did seven years ago. "You know how they'll react to certain things."

"It's a little too similar," for Mike Eskridge, 17, who once again plays "Lion."

He describes his character as "a carefree kinda guy" in a hot furry suit with dread locks instead of a mane.

"He's the idiot of the play," Eskridge says. "He was the idiot of the fifth grade play,

too. "But I think I like this one better," he adds. "It's more fun."

Other members of the main cast include Kelsey Charron - Aunt Em; Derek Lewis - Uncle Henry; Jay Gerber - Scarecrow; and Julian George - The Whiz.

Toto, Dorothy's little dog, will be portrayed by a Scotty named Max, owned by Jai Jai Porter.

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IRAQ

said they believe Iraq violates the latest U.N. Security Council resolution when it fires on the U.S. and British warplanes.

But U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday he didn't think the full Security Council would agree that firing on no-fly-zone patrols was a violation of the latest resolution demanding that Saddam Hussein disarm. Russian officials also said their government does not interpret the firings as violations.

Rumsfeld said the Security Council could decide otherwise.

"I don't know that he (Annan) necessarily reflects the United Nations, the center of gravity of the Security Council, on any particular issue at any particular time," Rumsfeld said. "He certainly is the secretary-general and he has a place and a role. On the other hand, until President

Bush went to the U.N., the U.N. was quite happy with the way things were, it seems."

The United States says it set up the no-fly zones with Britain and France to support U.N. resolutions demanding Saddam cease repression of Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south. The Security Council has never formally approved of the no-fly zones but has never formally repudiated them either.

Iraq calls the no-fly zones a violation of its sovereignty and frequently tries to shoot down the aerial patrols.

Iraq has fired at coalition planes and the coalition has responded with strikes on Iraqi anti-aircraft sites at least four times since Iraq accepted the latest Security Council resolution demanding Iraq eliminate its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials, while they denounce the no-fly zone firings, have

indicated they expect Bush to wait to see how Iraq complies with renewed U.N. weapons inspections before seeking Security Council debate on a possible war.

As Bush did before the Security Council passed its latest resolution on Iraq, Rumsfeld on Monday and Tuesday suggested the United Nations would be impotent if it let Saddam continue to defy its disarmament demands.

"The United Nations, in order to be relevant, to have any standing in the world, cannot have 16 resolutions ignored by any country," Rumsfeld said in an interview with the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio. "If they really don't care, they shouldn't pass resolutions."

Rumsfeld said "a large number of countries" have told the United States they would help plan and possibly participate in military action against Iraq, regardless of what the Security Council does.

Texas Round Up

Salvadoran immigrants stuck in Houston prison

HOUSTON (AP) — The government of El Salvador has turned its back on more than 230 of its citizens who remain held in a Houston prison.

U.S. officials have ordered the immigrants, some of whom have criminal convictions in the United States, sent home. But the Salvadoran government has refused to take them back, citing backlogs in a reorientation program.

Since 1996, the United States has moved to deport any foreigner convicted of an aggravated felony. The immigrants are typically deported after serving full sentences in U.S. prisons.

San Salvador politicians have in the past resisted criminals being deported by the jet-load.

The detainees have been delayed by an average of 45 days, said Mariela Meleto, a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. She said most detainees will be back in El Salvador by Dec. 20.

City, river authorities poised for water war with environmentalists

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City water officials and two river authorities are expected to seek a permit this week to divert as much as 289,600 acre-feet of water per year from the Guadalupe River, a move that could initiate a war with environmentalists who want to reserve the water for wildlife and those who enjoy and profit from it.

The San Antonio Water System, San Antonio River Authority and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority said Tuesday they want

to divert the water.

Seeking a permit to do so would force state officials at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to choose between San Antonio's water needs and the request of the San Marcos River Foundation.

The environmental group made state history two years ago by filing for water rights solely so it can preserve the flow of fresh water into San Antonio Bay, an estuary for valuable commercial and recreational fish and shellfish species and the winter home of the endangered whooping crane.

The river foundation requested the rights to 1.15 million-acre feet from the Guadalupe River a year. That's the amount recommended by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Water Development Board, based on scientific studies, to maintain enough water for the bay's existing needs.

Court bans on media access alarm legal experts

HOUSTON (AP) — Media coverage of two high-profile murder cases is being restricted by the Harris County judges presiding over them, prompting some legal experts to worry about the public's access to the criminal justice system.

Media lawyer John Edwards said the public should be concerned about gag orders.

"If the media is cut off, the public is cut off," Edwards said in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

The two separate orders were issued Monday by state District Judge Jeannine Barr and state District Judge Carol Davies.

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candidates had been kept confidential at the applicants' requests, the summary stated.

Board President Ken Hines said plans are under way to offer WFISD staff and Wichita Falls citizens a chance to meet Orr during the 21-day waiting period.

For 13 years, Orr has served as superintendent of Pampa schools. During his time here, he reorganized the district, consolidating seven elementary schools into five, and overseeing a major renovation of the remaining schools.

He is president-elect of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

If selected as Wichita Falls ISD superintendent, Orr will

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Celebrating Hospice: A Quiet Health Care 'Revolution'

By: Sharla Valdez, President, Crown of Texas Hospice

When we think of health care breakthroughs, we usually think of new surgical procedures or miracle drugs, not hospice care. Hospice's story, however, is unique and remarkable. In just three decades, hospice has quietly revolutionized the way people die in America by honoring wishes and bringing peace, dignity, and comfort to millions of patients and families. Crown of Texas Hospice has been a part of this health care revolution by providing end-of-life care since 1991.

November 2002 is National Hospice Month, when hospices raise awareness in their communities, honor and support their patients and families, and recognize the contributions of professionals and volunteers who provide hospice care. This year, National Hospice Month is even more significant because it marks a milestone in American health care: the twentieth anniversary of the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

The hospice approach and philosophy took hold in the 1970s, and with the establishment of a hospice benefit under Medicare in 1982, quality end-of-life care soon became increasingly accessible for a rapidly growing number of patients and families in the 1980s and 1990s.

In 1975 hospice programs served fewer than 6,000 patients a year. Now, there are approximately 3,200 hospice locations serving an estimated 775,000 patients and families each year, and less than one percent of Medicare beneficiaries live in areas without access to a hospice program.

When patients and families choose hospice, they receive care unlike any other. Hospice goes to the patient, treats pain and symptoms with aggressive medical care and eases the emotional and spiritual suffering of patients, families, and loved ones. A team of dedicated and caring medical experts, professionals, and members of the community makes it possible - doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, trained volunteers, and bereavement counselors. Under Medicare, most private insurance plans, HMOs, and other managed care organizations, hospice care is available to beneficiaries and their families at little or no cost. In addition, though community contributions, memorial donations, and foundation gifts, many hospices are able to provide patients who lack sufficient payment with free services.

Even so, challenges remain. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization estimates that for every patient who is currently receiving hospice care, there are two more who could benefit. What accounts for this? Primarily, it is a lack of awareness.

This year, a survey conducted for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, found that only 15 percent of Americans know that Medicare is the primary source of coverage for hospice care. Only two out of five believe that most specialized end-of-life care is paid for by health insurance.

At the same time, those polled noted the importance of information and guidance from end-of-life care experts for patients diagnosed with life-limiting conditions. Nearly nine out of ten Americans (88 percent) believe that patients with a life-limiting diagnosis would benefit from a consultation with end-of-life specialists to complement the care of their own physician, citing more control over end-of-life decisions, improving the patient's quality of life, and diminishing the financial impact of terminal illness as the expected benefit.

Crown of Texas Hospice has additional information and services available to help educate and support you and your loved ones regarding end-of-life care. Please contact us by phone at (936) 788-7707 or (800) 364-8173, by e-mail at coth@crownoftexashospice.com, or visit our website at www.crownoftexashospice.com.

In honor of our 10th Anniversary and National Hospice Month, the community is invited to an Open House on Thursday, November 14th, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Crown of Texas Hospice Office: Louisiana-Pacific Tower, 1001-45 North Suite 240, Conroe.

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Senate creates new department, enacts terrorism insurance

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved the largest government reorganization since World War II in hopes of preventing another Sept. 11-type attack. But the monthlong effort may have been just a warmup for a bigger battle over how to get the new Homeland Security Department up and running.

"Setting up this new department will take time, but I know we will meet the challenge together," a jubilant President Bush said after the Senate, nearing adjournment of the 107th Congress, voted 90-9 on Tuesday to authorize the new Cabinet agency.

On a day that gave Bush a number of decisive legislative victories, the president hailed the bill as "landmark in its scope."

The United States Senate voted overwhelmingly to better protect America and voted overwhelmingly to help people find work," Bush said at a news conference Wednesday in Prague, Czech Republic, referring to bills creating the new department and bolstering businesses with terrorism insurance.

Speaking with Senate Republican leaders from Air Force One as he flew to NATO meetings in Europe, the president said the Senate's work "ends a session which has seen two years worth of legislative work which has been very productive for the American people."

Eight Democrats and independent Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont voted "no" on the homeland security bill, which merges 22 diverse agencies with combined budgets of about \$40 billion and which employ 170,000 workers. It will be the largest federal reorganization since the Defense Department was created in 1947.

Tom Ridge, director of the White House Office of Homeland Security, indicated Wednesday that he would head the new department if that's Bush's wish.

"I'm prepared to serve the president in whatever capacity he thinks I can serve the country," Ridge said, when asked about this on CBS' "The Early Show."

But the battles over the department are just beginning. It will take months for the agency to get fully off the ground. And a budget stalemate continues to block most of the extra money for domestic security enhancements both that parties want for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

On top of that, many senators were not happy with the final version of the bill and said they would work to make changes next year.

"I have no doubt that next year we will back addressing the shortcomings that are in this bill," said outgoing Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

But Republicans cheered the bill's passage, saying it was better to have a final-product than to keep trying to amend the legislation.

"The terrorists are not going to wait for a process that goes on days, weeks or months," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who will be next year's Senate majority leader.

The Senate also: —Sent Bush a bill making the government the insurer of last resort for terrorist attacks, with a maximum annual tab to taxpayers of \$90 billion. The vote was 86-11.

—Voted 55-44 to approve U.S. District Court Judge Dennis Shedd to be an appeals court judge.

—Sent Bush a measure keeping federal agencies open through Jan. 11, needed due to unfinished spending bills.

—Used voice votes to approve about 130 land and water bills. They included a bill sent to the House extending for three years the CalFed project, aimed at restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which provides water for drinking and irrigation for much of the state.

The 107th Congress isn't officially finished yet. The Senate was to meet again Wednesday, with no voting planned. The House was to meet Friday to give final, voice-vote approval to small changes the Senate made in the homeland security bill before sending it to Bush for his signature.

Most senators fled Washington on Tuesday, cleaning out their desks and saying goodbye to departing members like 99-

year-old GOP Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, as well as GOP Sens. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Fred Thompson of Tennessee, Bob Smith of New Hampshire and Phil Gramm of Texas.

Some Democratic senators were on their way out as well, including Sens. Jean Carnahan of Missouri, Robert Torricelli of New Jersey and Max Cleland of Georgia, all of whom either lost re-election campaigns or did not run.

Cleland, who lost his legs and an arm in Vietnam, used a variation on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's famous farewell that "old soldiers never die, they just fade away" in his final Senate speech.

"This old soldier is not going to fade away, but I will take my battles to another front," Cleland said to Senate applause.

Completion of the homeland security bill ended a topsy-turvy odyssey for legislation that started inching through Congress nearly a year ago against Bush's will, only to see him offer his own version after momentum became unstoppable.

Democrats resisted Bush's bill because it restricted labor rights of the new department's workers. But many reversed course after their Election Day loss of Senate control was attributed partly to the homeland security fight.

The 107th Congress has seen the world change around it during a tumultuous two-year run.

Bush won a \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut but saw a vibrant economy stall and federal surpluses become deficits. Terrorists killed nearly 3,000 last year when they crashed commercial airliners in Washington, New York City and southwestern Pennsylvania. And a historic 50-50 Senate tilted Democratic after Jeffords left the GOP, only to see Republicans grab it back on Election Day.

Left unresolved in this Congress were such issues as prescription drug benefits for the elderly, retirement fund protections and the rights of patients in managed care programs.

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HANSFORD (HANSFORD Mississippi) Jones Energy, Ltd., #3 Hansford Gas Unit '17', 1750' from South & 1900' from West line, Sec. 118,4-T,T&NO, PD 8500'.

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HANSFORD (PATTEN Krider) Jones Energy, Ltd., #2 Mary Lynn '5', Sec. 5,3,SA&MG, spud 3-5-02, drlg. compl 4-2-03, tested 10-11-02, potential 199 MCF, MD 5257', TVD 3267' — Horizontal well

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WT's surplus goods to be offered to highest bidders

CANYON — Used vehicles and kitchen appliances are among the items up for sale as West Texas A&M University prepares to conduct a sealed-bid surplus sale later this month.

Bids are due by noon Monday, Nov. 25 on the sale items, which shoppers can look over from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 21-22 at the old Education Building on campus and in the parking lot directly north of the building.

Seven University vehicles will be up for sale, along with various kitchen and

restaurant items and appliances, several dining tables and dozens of tablet-arm chairs.

WTAMU offers no guarantee on the condition of items sold, according to Ann Caraway, director of Purchasing and Inventory Services.

Bidder packets will be available during viewing periods at the old Education Building or in Old Main, Room 116, where bids will be accepted up until the deadline.

For more information, call Caraway at 806-651-2105.

Arts and crafts show coming to Amarillo

AMARILLO — Holiday Productions will host its 22nd annual "Christmas Arts and Crafts Show and Sale" Nov. 23-24 at Amarillo Civic Center. Exhibitors from throughout Texas and surrounding states will participate.

The event is unique in that only handmade crafts will be featured. Wood crafts, clothing, pottery, furniture, jewelry, art, ceramics,

quilts, decorations, floral arrangements, and homemade food are just a few of the items to be on display.

The show will open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, and from 12-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission will be \$3 for adults and youth 15 and older. Children 14 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult.

'Womanless Wedding'



(Community Camera photo)

The Moose Lodge will present "The Womanless Wedding" at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at its location at 401 E. Brown. The performance is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from a lodge member or at the lodge itself. For more information, call Ruth Lard at 665-4037 or 665-9236. Above: Arealla Quakenheart (Ray Corcoran), bridesmaid; Glory B. Hairylegs (Bill Counts), mother of the bride; Ivreal Hairylegs (Jay Roth), the bride; Lemme Outahere (Scott Stilley), the groom; Rev. Owatta Fraud (Don Reed), preacher; Mosey Outahere (Frank Boman), father of the groom; and Daisy B. Gone (B.W.

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Mother of teen sniper suspect to be deported

SEATTLE (AP) — The mother of a teenager accused of helping carry out a deadly string of sniper attacks has been ordered deported to Jamaica, according to a published report Wednesday.

Citing unnamed sources, The Seattle Times reported that a judge from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, part of the Justice Department, issued the order Tuesday in a closed hearing for Una James, 38, mother of John Lee Malvo.

She will remain in the United States pending a possible appeal, sources told The Times.

During her immigration hearing, The Times and Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported, James withdrew a petition for special protection as a battered spouse, a claim that provided her with more privacy — including the right to have the proceedings closed to the public.

James' lawyers from the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project would not comment, citing confidentiality rules.

Malvo, 17, and John Allen Muhammad, 41, are suspected in the shootings of 18 people in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. Their arrest at a rest stop in Maryland last month ended a three-week shooting spree in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 people dead and three others seriously wounded. Both are charged with capital murder.

James is considered a likely

material witness in the trials of both men.

She and Malvo moved from Jamaica to Antigua in 1998. Investigators believe it was there that Malvo met Muhammad, who had taken three of his children to live with him on Antigua after losing a custody battle with his second wife in Tacoma.

James initially told Border Patrol and immigration agents she and Malvo were smuggled into the United States aboard a cargo ship.

Reports following the arrest of Malvo and Muhammad, however, indicate she bought false identification papers from Muhammad and entered the country in late 2000 while her son remained in Antigua with Muhammad.

Malvo came to the United States two months later, bearing a passport that identified him as Muhammad's son, according to Antigua officials.

He joined his mother in Fort Myers, Fla., but ran away in October 2001 to join Muhammad in Bellingham, where they lived at a homeless shelter as father and son.

In December, James asked Bellingham police to help her get her son back. During the investigation, however, police said Malvo's comments indicated he and his mother were in the country illegally and officers summoned the Border Patrol, which arrested the mother and son and then released them on \$1,500 bail.

TWPA seeking applicants for 2003 Young Farmer Leadership Award

The Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), in conjunction with the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), recently announced the Monsanto Company has once again agreed to sponsor the Young Farmer Leadership Development Award. Ten young farmers across the United States will receive a grant valued at \$1,000 each. This \$1,000 scholarship will allow the young industry leaders of tomorrow to interact with veteran farmers and agricultural leaders in the wheat industry.

The objective of this prestigious program is to acquaint growers between the ages of 25 and 35 years of age with the organizational structure of the wheat industry, and how the four entities (National Association of Wheat Growers, U.S. Wheat Associates, Wheat Foods Council, WETEC) collaborate to promote and support wheat both domestically and abroad.

Thanks to the generous financial support of the Monsanto Company, each grower will also be briefed on leadership development, policy development, research initiatives, and the educational aspects of wheat organization meetings by attending and participating in the annual Wheat Industry Conference.

In order to maximize participants' experience during the 2003 Wheat Industry Conference, the young grower will attend an orientation meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, N.M.

This meeting will offer the opportunity to meet the NAWG Foundation officers and representatives from Monsanto, along with members of the Monsanto 2002 Wheat Industry Leaders of Tomorrow (WILOT) class. During this meeting, presentations will be given by the 2002 WILOT graduates to the young growers. Following this orientation, the 10 selected award winners will have the opportunity to attend conference activities such as informational speeches, general sessions, trade shows, receptions, and the Wheat Research Forum.

Applicants for the 2003 Young Farmer Leadership

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Development Award will be required to complete a short questionnaire explaining their agricultural leadership activities, long-term leadership goals, what they hope to gain from participation in the program, and how they would put their skills to use after the program. The application must also be accompanied by a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a county agent, FFA instructor, or Monsanto product distributor in support of the applicant's qualifications.

The TWPA encourages all young wheat farmers to submit an application to our office by Monday, Dec. 2, 2002. Applications may be obtained by either writing or calling Jana Barrett of the Texas Wheat Producers Association, 2201 Civic Circle, #705, Amarillo, Texas 79109, Telephone (806) 352-2191. A copy of the application is also available on our website at www.texaswheat.org.

American students flunking geography, survey says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Young Americans may soon have to fight a war in Iraq, but most of them can't even find that country on a map, the National Geographic Society said Wednesday.

The society survey found that only about one in seven — 13 percent — of Americans between the age of 18 and 24, the prime age for military warriors, could find Iraq. The score was the same for Iran, an Iraqi neighbor.

Although the majority, 58 per-

cent, of the young Americans surveyed knew that the Taliban and al-Qaida were based in Afghanistan, only 17 percent could find that country on a world map. A U.S.-led force attacked the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan in October 2001, and President Bush has said he is prepared to use force to rid Iraq of any chemical, nuclear or biological weapons programs.

The survey asked 56 geographic and current events questions of young people in nine countries and scored the results with traditional grades. The surveyed Americans got a "D," with an average of 23 correct answers. Mexico ranked last with an average score of 21, just three points from a failing grade.

Topping the scoring was Sweden, with an average of 40, followed by Germany and Italy, each with 38. None of the countries got an "A," which required average scores of 42 correct

answers or better on the 56 questions.

"If our young people can't find places on a map and lack awareness of current events, how can they understand the world's cultural, economic and natural resource issues that confront us?" John Fahey, president of the National Geographic Society, said in a statement.

National Geographic is convening an international panel of policy makers and business and media leaders to find ways to improve geographic education and to encourage interest in world affairs, the society said.

Other findings from the survey: —Thirty-four percent of the young Americans knew that the island used on last season's "Survivor" show was located in the South Pacific, but only 30 percent could locate the state of New Jersey on a map. The "Survivor" show's location was the Marquesas Islands in the

eastern South Pacific.

—When asked to find 10 specific states on a map of the United States, only California and Texas could be located by a large majority of those surveyed. Both states were correctly located by 89 percent of the participants. Only 51 percent could find New York, the nation's third most populous state.

—On a world map, Americans could find on average only seven of 16 countries in the quiz. Only 89 percent of the Americans surveyed could find their own country on the map.

—In the world map test, Swedes could find an average of 13 of the 16 countries. Germans and Italians were next, with an average of 12 each.

—Only 71 percent of the surveyed Americans could locate on the map the Pacific Ocean, the world's largest body of water. Worldwide, three in 10 of those surveyed could not correctly locate the Pacific Ocean.

—Although 81 percent of the surveyed Americans knew that the Middle East is the Earth's largest oil exporter, only 24 percent could find Saudi Arabia on the map.

The international survey was conducted for the National Geographic by RoperASW. The results are based on face-to-face interviews with at least 300 men and women aged 18 to 24 in Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Britain and the United States.

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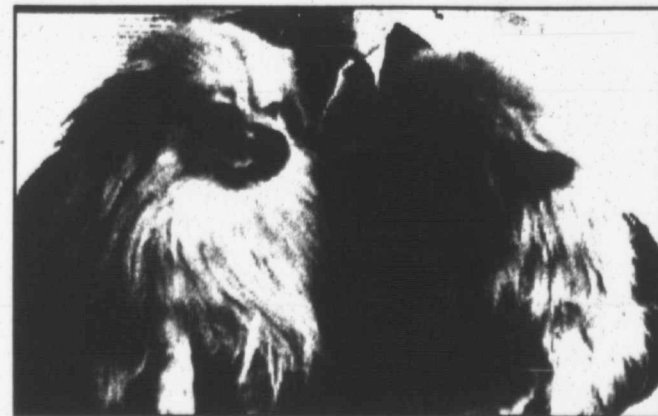
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SPORTS

Both Pampa, Riverside have high-scoring teams

PAMPA — In Saturday's area playoff showdown, Pampa will be matched up against a team that is unbeaten and is averaging a whop-

ping 44.7 points per game. The main reason for El Paso Riverside's torrid scoring output has been the emergence of sophomore

running back Tony Gonzales, who is well on the way to becoming one of the school's blue chip athletes. The 160-pound Gonzales has rushed for

1,226 yards and 17 touchdowns. While Gonzales uses his speed and quickness to get outside, the Rangers have some punch going inside with 230-pound fullback Shawn Jordan handling the duties. Jordan has rushed for 1,096 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Tarango has 73 receptions for 984 yards and 7 TDs. Moore leads Pampa in rushing with 830 yards on 91 carries and 6 touchdowns. Braddock is the No. 2 rusher with 497 yards on 138 attempts and 5 TDs.

ROAD TO THE PLAYOFFS

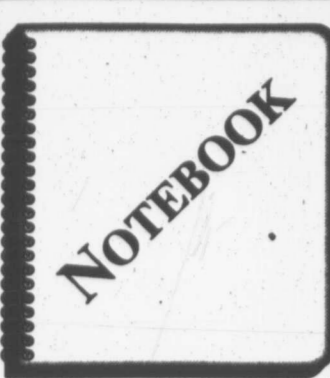
Pampa Harvesters (8-3)

- Perryton 9, Pampa 7
- Pampa 47, Estacado 13
- Pampa 23, Amarillo High 16 (OT)
- Pampa 34, Borger 7
- Pampa 32, Randall 21
- Plainview 20, Pampa 18
- Pampa 35, Hereford 7
- Pampa 27, Palo Duro 6
- Dumas 31, Pampa 21
- Pampa 58, Caprock 0

EP Riverside Rangers (11-0)

- Riverside 26, Bel Air 24
- Riverside 36, Irvin 21
- Riverside 41, Austin McKee 20
- Riverside 35, Fabens 0
- Riverside 49, Parkland 0
- Riverside 38, Ysleta 14
- Riverside 50, Del Valle 6
- Riverside 63, Clint 26
- Riverside 38, Mountain View 0
- Riverside 44, San Elizario 0

Bi-district
Riverside 72, Burges 7
Kickoff time: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium, Midland.



FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Harvester football buses leaving for the Pampa-El Paso Riverside area game in Midland will leave at 10 instead of 11:30 Saturday morning from Pampa High School. The change was made so that fans can stop off and watch the boys' basketball game between Pampa and Frenship at Wolforth-Frenship High School.

Cost to ride the chartered buses is \$20 for students and \$34 for adults, which includes tickets to the game. No meals or drinks will be served on this trip. Buses will stop near Lubbock and again at Midland prior to the game so fans can eat.

The adults will ride the chartered buses while students will ride the newer yellow buses operated by an Amarillo company. Buses will stop twice on the return trip because the student buses won't have restroom facilities.

Fans are urged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible at the high school athletic office. There will be no phone-in reservations.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Cuttino Mobley wasn't the only member of the Houston Rockets making shots against the Cleveland Cavaliers. He was just the most effective.

Mobley scored 12 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, leading four teammates in double figures as the Rockets led most of the game in rolling to a 97-80 victory Tuesday night.

Steve Francis had 18 points, Eddie Griffin added 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Jason Collier had 11 points. Maurice Taylor and Yao Ming each had nine points.

"Four guys in double figures and two others with nine, that's huge," Taylor said. "Everybody moved the ball. We found out we can get easy baskets for Steve and Cuttino and for everybody when we move the ball."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas led the Cavaliers with 24 points, while Ricky Davis added 19. But they were no match for the Rockets.

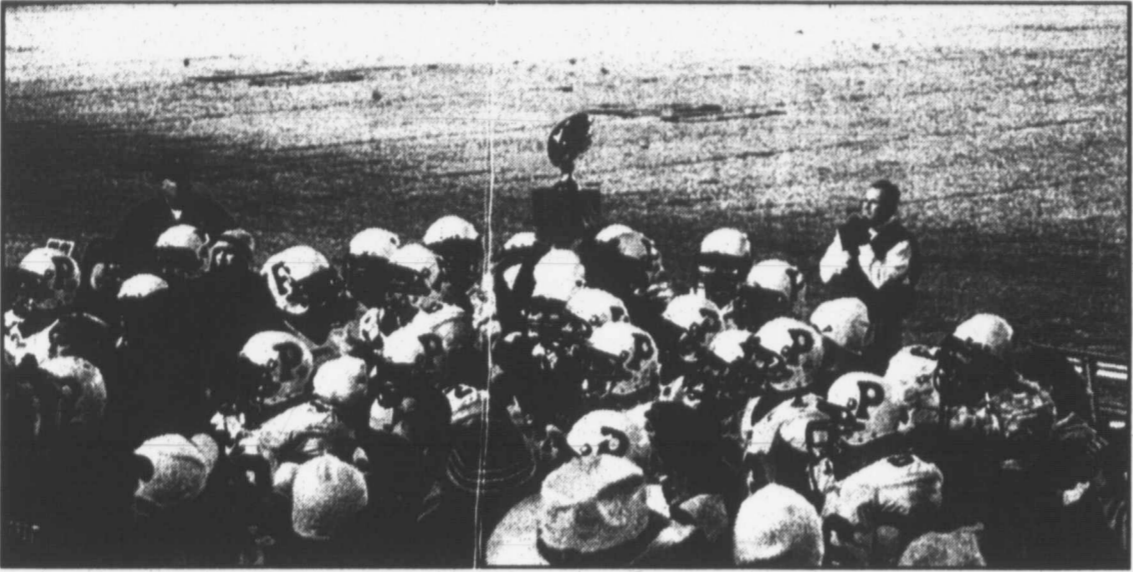
"We're starting to use our versatility and our depth," Taylor said. "Talent is not the question with this team. It's just whether we can put it all together."

Cleveland's only lead was 6-4, and the Rockets quickly took control.

"I thought we played very well, but they eventually wore us down," Cleveland coach John Lucas said. "I thought the game was closer than the score indicated."

Yao was 4-for-5 from the field in getting his nine points and continuing his hot shooting. He had a 9-for-9 showing with a career high 20 points against the Lakers on Sunday and he's 21-for-25 so far this season.

The Rockets built a 13-point lead in the second quarter, but Ilgauskas led the Cavaliers on a 12-6 run that got them within 45-38 at halftime. They kept creeping up in the third quarter. They got within two points twice, the last time with 1:41 to go in the quarter on a basket by Davis.



(Photo by Grover Black)

The Harvesters hold up the bi-district trophy after beating Andrews.

8th grade girls beat Valleyview, 51-41

AMARILLO — Pampa defeated Valleyview 51-41 in 8th grade girls' basketball action Monday night.

"We had a great effort and did a great job of putting the ball in the basket," said Pampa coach Bowers.

Shandale Young was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points.

8th Grade Division Pampa A 51, Valleyview A 41

Pampa scoring: Shandale Young 15, Britteni Rice 10, McKensie East 9, Cassie Tice 8, Logan Winkelman 5, Stephanie McVay 2, Angela Mechelay 1, Maggie Hopkins 1.

Valleyview B 34, Pampa B 24

Pampa scoring: Jenee Norris 7, Tamara Trevathan 6, Krista McClelland 3, Erika Silva 2, Heidi Schwope 2, Stephanie Preston 2, Meredith Coutts 2.

7th Grade Division Pampa lost a close game 22-19

"The girls played so much better. They are really starting to work together well. It was a tough physical game. The girls stayed in it the whole game," Pampa coach Polasek said.

Haili Kotara led Pampa with 6 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 blocked shots. Others were Sara Foster, 4 points and 5 rebounds; Stephanie Polasek, 4 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals and 4 blocked shots; Krishna Henderson, 3 points and 2 rebounds; Kathryn Cree 2 points; Trisha Moore, 2 rebounds; Texi Schaeffer, 1 rebound and 2 steals.

"Jasmine Moore and K'Lyn Holmes made great contributions on offense and defense," coach Polasek said. "It was an overall team effort."

Golf raffle



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa High School boys and girls golf teams are selling chances to win a 2003 Ford Ranger Edge pickup truck (above) to raise money for the program and to build an indoor practice facility to use during the winter months. Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$50 per ticket, which will be tax-deductible. The drawing will be held Dec. 3 at halftime of the varsity boys basketball game against Perryton. Tickets are available at West Texas Ford, Hidden Hills Golf Course, Clint & Sons Smokehouse in Pampa or White Deer, or from any golf team member. Call David Teichmann at 669-5866 or Donetta Conn at 669-3834 if more information is needed. Golf team members are (seated, from left) Michelle Haley and Carissa Snelgrooves; (standing, from left) Jeremy Utsey, Daniel Williams, Garrett Kennedy and Gary Utsey; (third row, from left) Cody Locknane, Kyle Ward, Wesley Brodgin, Reid Schindler, Kurt Caragle, Cooper Brazile and Hunter Craig.

D-Backs could get Walker

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Larry Walker could be following Mike Hampton out of Colorado.

The Rockies put together their second big trade within a week, agreeing Tuesday to a tentative deal that would send Walker to Arizona for Matt Williams and three other players.

Arizona also would deal first baseman Erubiel Durazo, outfielder David Dellucci and reliever Bret Prinz to Colorado for the 1997 National League MVP.

Walker and Williams, both five-time All-Stars, must waive no-trade clauses for the deal to be completed.

"I am embarrassed that they would get four players for me," Walker was quoted as saying in Wednesday's editions of the Denver Post. "I don't think I am worth that."

Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said the teams were granted a 72-hour window Tuesday to finalize the swap.

"I met with Matt this morning. I'm going to speak with Larry tonight," Colangelo said.

Tuesday night after arriving at the baseball owners' meetings. "Colorado is going to meet with Matt tomorrow in Phoenix."

Arizona, which won the World Series in its fourth season in 2001, won the NL West again this year but was swept by St. Louis in the first round of the playoffs.

The Rockies finished fourth in the NL West this year at 73-89, 25 games behind the Diamondbacks. Colorado chairman Jerry McMorris said it was difficult to part with Walker, an outfielder who has won three National League batting titles.

"He's our most popular player," McMorris said. "I think our baseball people felt we had a lot of holes and this gives us four players for one. And Larry's 36 years old."

On Monday, the Rockies began their transformation, completing a deal that sent left-hander Mike Hampton, outfielder Juan Pierre and \$6.5 million to Florida for catcher Charles Johnson, outfielder Preston Wilson, left-hander Vic Darensbourg and second baseman Pablo Ozuna.

PHS Basketball Schedules

Boys

Nov. 12-Amarillo High, 8 home; 15-Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 at WT A&M, Canyon; 22-Tascosa, 7:45 home; 23-Frenship, 1:30 away; 26-Borger, 8 away; 28-Amarillo Tournament.

Dec. 3-Perryton, 8 home; 5-Canyon Tournament; 10-Lubbock Coronado, 7:30, WT A&M, Canyon; 13-Dimmitt, 8 away; 20-Hereford, 7:30 away; 26-Caprock Tournament, at Lubbock.

Jan. 2-Palo Duro, 7:30 home; 4-Dumas, 7:30 away; 10-Caprock, 7:30 home; 14-Randall, 7:30 home; 17-Plainview, 7:30 away; 21-Hereford, 7:30 home; 24-Palo Duro, 7:30 away; 28-Dumas, 7:30 home.

Feb. 4-Caprock, 7:30 home; 7-Randall, 7:30 away; 11-

Girls

Nov. 12-Amarillo High, 6 home; 14-Frenship Tournament; 22-Tascosa, 6 home; 25-River Road, 6 home; 26-Borger, 6 away; 29-Amarillo Tournament.

Dec. 3-Perryton, 6 home; 6-Liberal, Kan., 6 away; 10-Randall, 6 away; 13-Plainview, 6 home; 20-Hereford, 6 away; 26-Caprock Tournament.

Jan. 2-Palo Duro, 6 home; 4-Dumas, 6 away; 10-Caprock, 6 home; 14-Randall, 6 home; 17-Plainview, 6 away; 21-Hereford, 6 home; 24-Palo Duro, 6 away; 28-Dumas, 6 home.

Feb. 4-Caprock, 6 away.

One of Breeders' Cup bet scandal trio pleads guilty

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — One of three men charged with manipulating computerized bets worth \$3 million in last month's Breeders' Cup pleaded guilty Wednesday to wire fraud conspiracy and money laundering conspiracy.

Chris Harn of Newark, Del., implicated two co-defendant college buddies in saying he had "placed a bet and later modified it so it would win."

By manipulating the wager so that a friend picked the winners of six straight races, the 29-year-old computer programmer admitted assuring the huge payoff. Harn was fired Oct. 30 from Autotote, the company that processed the computerized bets on the

Breeders' Cup and other races. As part of the plea, Harn also acknowledged manipulating bets that won more than \$100,000 on earlier races that served as a "dry run" for the Breeders' Cup bet, and admitted working another scam where he created duplicates of uncashed winning tickets and collected the cash.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa Margaret Smith said Harn could face up to 25 years in prison, but added that the government had reached an understanding that would point to a much lighter sentence.

Harn was allowed to remain free on \$200,000 bond pending his Feb. 19 sentencing, where Smith indicated he could be ordered to make \$280,000 in

restitution. His two co-defendants were both due back in court Dec. 11.

Harn, Derrick Davis, of Baltimore, and Glen DaSilva, of New York, were charged last week with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which carries a prison term of up to five years.

All three are former Drexel University fraternity brothers, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"This morning, by pleading guilty, Chris has accepted fully the responsibility for the crimes he has committed," Harn's attorney, Daniel Conti, said after the hearing. "He has asked me to express his deepest apologies to everyone who's been affected adversely by his actions."

Harn declined comment.

An attorney for DaSilva ridiculed the plea. Lawyer Ed Hayes likened Harn's implication of others to "getting John Gotti to testify against a busboy who's skimming tips."

Steven Allen, attorney for Davis, declined to comment on Harn's plea but reiterated his client's innocence.

In response to the case, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced Wednesday it had hired ex-New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's consulting firm to review the industry's electronic wagering system.

Giuliani, whose company will also oversee security for the NTRA, said he aims to "develop new safeguards for one of

America's most popular sports."

At his 40-minute court appearance Wednesday, Harn acknowledged using money made with other manipulated tickets to pay off a car loan and a second mortgage on his house. The scam began a year ago, he said.

To keep authorities from noticing the large cash winnings, Harn said he engaged in a practice called "smurfing" — making small, less-noticeable bank deposits.

According to prosecutors, Davis used his telephone account at an Off Track Betting Corp. office in New York to place a "Pick Six" bet in the Breeders' Cup, run Oct. 26 at Arlington racetrack near Chicago.

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Optimist All-Stars



(Courtesy photo)

Players named to the Pampa All-Stars in the Optimist 3rd-4th Grade Football League were front row, l-r, Trace Carter, Dwight Hamlin, Ramon Jimenez, Cody McIntyre, Latigo Collins, Johnathan Polasek, Kindrick Tillman, Rance Schindler and Cameron Wall; second row, l-r, Gavin Jimenez, Zack Murry, Kindon Horst, Travis Chester, Tray Johnson, Trent Carter, Erick Lewis, Roland Price and Collin Dull; third row, l-r, Brendin Kimbley, Kyle Kieth, Cole Wilson, Colton Henderson, Reid Bradley, Cody Davis and Shane Smith. Coaches Alfredo Jimenez, Terry Conn, Clint Miller, David Carter, Eugene Polasek and Tom Collins.

NCAA needs to add compassion, common sense to list of rules

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

You have to wonder what's in the food at the NCAA cafeteria to make the people so mean. (Play along for the moment: How mean?)

Mean enough to suspend one kid for renting a car and two others for taking part in a charity game to raise money for cancer research. Mean enough to suspend a fourth — for a dozen games no less — because he played against middle-aged men in a rec league on his own time.

The NCAA will discuss the details in each case, but not the thinking that went into the decisions. Would you?

A spokeswoman said Tuesday the NCAA does not comment on infractions cases.

(Then she probably put down the phone, laughed out loud and resumed pulling the wings off flies.)

In the first case, Memphis junior Antonio Burks will have to sit three games because somebody behind the counter at Avis ignored company policy — drivers must be at least 25 and show a valid credit card — and let the 22-year-old Burks rent a Cadillac by paying cash.

It's hard to know what steamed committee members more: that Burks' modest celebrity won him a benefit not available to the average student; or because no one ever upgraded them to a luxury-class car without a coupon. Either way, Burks' appeal went nowhere.

(Seem fair? As the commercials for a competing rental-car company like to say, "Not

exactly.")

Case No. 2 is a little more encouraging. North Carolina seniors Will Johnson and Jonathan Holmes were handed one-game suspensions for playing in a three-on-three campus charity tournament last spring. NCAA rules, designed to keep student-athletes from gaining any advantages, prohibit participating in outside competition during the school year and limit them to sanctioned summer events.

But somebody in the organization must have figured out how the suspensions to Johnson and Holmes made the NCAA look. The penalties were rescinded on appeal, and in time for both to make the season-opener against Penn State.

No such luck for Billy Edelin. The Syracuse freshman spent all of last year on a school-imposed suspension, and now he'll spend the early part of this one nailed to the bench.

Last week, the NCAA suspended Edelin for the Orangemen's first 12 games — one for each game he played in a rec league against 40-somethings — and then turned down coach Jim Boehm's offer to stand in for Edelin.

"I'd rather take a 10-game suspension myself," Boehm said. "If that's what they want, I'd do that."

For Edelin, disappointment is nothing new. He arrived at Syracuse in fall 2001, as the most promising recruit in his class, but was suspended by the university that October. Two female students accused him of sexual misconduct, and although no charges were ever

filed, Edelin spent the rest of the school year in virtual exile.

He was banned from even setting foot on the Syracuse campus. Among the team meetings Edelin never got to attend was the one where the coaches go over which outside competitions are approved by the NCAA.

People who know Edelin have been impressed by the way he's handled himself since returning to Syracuse. He hasn't ducked questions about the misconduct accusations, instead expressing regret and asking for another chance.

The university reinstated Edelin last June. The strange thing is if he'd taken off for Europe or South America and played pro ball over the summer, the maximum penalty would have been eight games.

But because he broke the occasional sweat playing 4-on-4 in a cramped elementary school gym with guys old enough to be his father, Edelin will have to sit out until a Jan. 18 game against Pittsburgh. The Big East season will be gearing up just as he returns, and Edelin will be thrown to the Panthers without having faced real competition in almost a season and a half.

"They always talk about these kids who jump to the NBA and say what they're missing, but then when you go to college they mess with people. I can't get out on the court," Edelin said.

Actually, he could have played in Tuesday night's exhibition against an Upstate AAU team that included a few former Syracuse players. It was his last chance to don the orange until

Baker is Cubs' new manager

CHICAGO (AP) — Dusty Baker pulled the blue Chicago Cubs baseball cap onto his head, and it looked a bit strange.

No wonder, especially after seeing him in the colors of the San Francisco Giants for the past 15 years.

"Sometimes it's time for a change, sometimes it's time to recreate yourself and time for a challenge," Baker said Tuesday as he was introduced as the Cubs' new manager.

Baker has a four-year contract worth about \$15 million, and high expectations accompanied it, less than a month after taking the Giants to the World Series and then leaving after differences with owner Pete Magowan.

Now, he takes over a team that hasn't won a World Series since 1908.

"I probably expect more of myself than anyone else. When I think about it, why not me, why not us?" Baker said of his chances for ending the Cubs' long history of losing.

"Look at the Angels who beat us," Baker said. "Everybody was talking they had a curse and hadn't won. You have to think about leaving whatever has happened bad in the past. You can't bring it forward with you. It's a new time, a new day, a new era, starting over from zero."

Baker's dugout presence, his ability to handle players of all salary levels and talent, his success as both a person who played the game well and then managed for a decade made him an easy choice for the Cubs.

In addition, he becomes a magnet for available free agents, perhaps Jeff Kent, who played for him in San Francisco, or Jim Thome. The Cubs are expected to talk this week with Thome's agent and could have lunch with the

Cleveland star, who hit 52 homers last season.

"Some of the free agents I talked to, their agents tell me time and time again, 'Well if you get Dusty, my guy will probably give you stronger consideration,'" Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

Baker got started Tuesday by bringing his longtime friend Gary Matthews to the news conference. Matthews, a former Cub, will be on the staff, probably as the hitting coach.

Gymnastics of Pampa students participate in Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK — Preteam and Junior Team members from Gymnastics of Pampa recently participated in a Recreation meet in Lubbock.

"Our athletes did a great job at the meet," said coach Kristi Fatheree. "Many of the girls were competing in a Recreation meet for the first time."

Results are as follows:
Level 2: Bree Howard — 1 blue ribbon; 2 red ribbon, 1 white ribbon; Alexis Urquhart — 3 red ribbons, 1 white ribbon; Taylor Giles, 4 white ribbons; Callie Folmar, 2 red ribbons, 2 white ribbons.

Level 3: Nakayla Hardman — 2 red ribbons, 2 white ribbons; Natasha Hayes, 1 red ribbon, 3 white ribbons; Tara Garcia, 1 blue ribbon, 3 blue ribbons; Ellen Cambern, 2 red ribbons, 2 white ribbons.

Level 4 (non-sanctioned): Calli Brewer, 3 blue ribbons; 1 red ribbon; Victoria Saiz, 1 blue ribbon, 1 red ribbon; 2 white ribbons; Kera Busse, 1 blue ribbon, 3 red ribbons; Rachel Andorfer, 2 red ribbons, 2 white ribbons; Karami Rice, 2 red ribbons, 2 white ribbons; Robin Doan, 1 red ribbon, 2 white ribbons, 1 yellow ribbon.

the suspension is lifted for a Jan. 18 game against Pittsburgh. He decided to sit on the bench in gray sweats instead and watch.

A rule is a rule is a rule. But the NCAA has rescinded some suspensions because of the pub-

lic-relations value or sloppy bookkeeping in the past and it certainly wouldn't hurt to add compassion to that list.

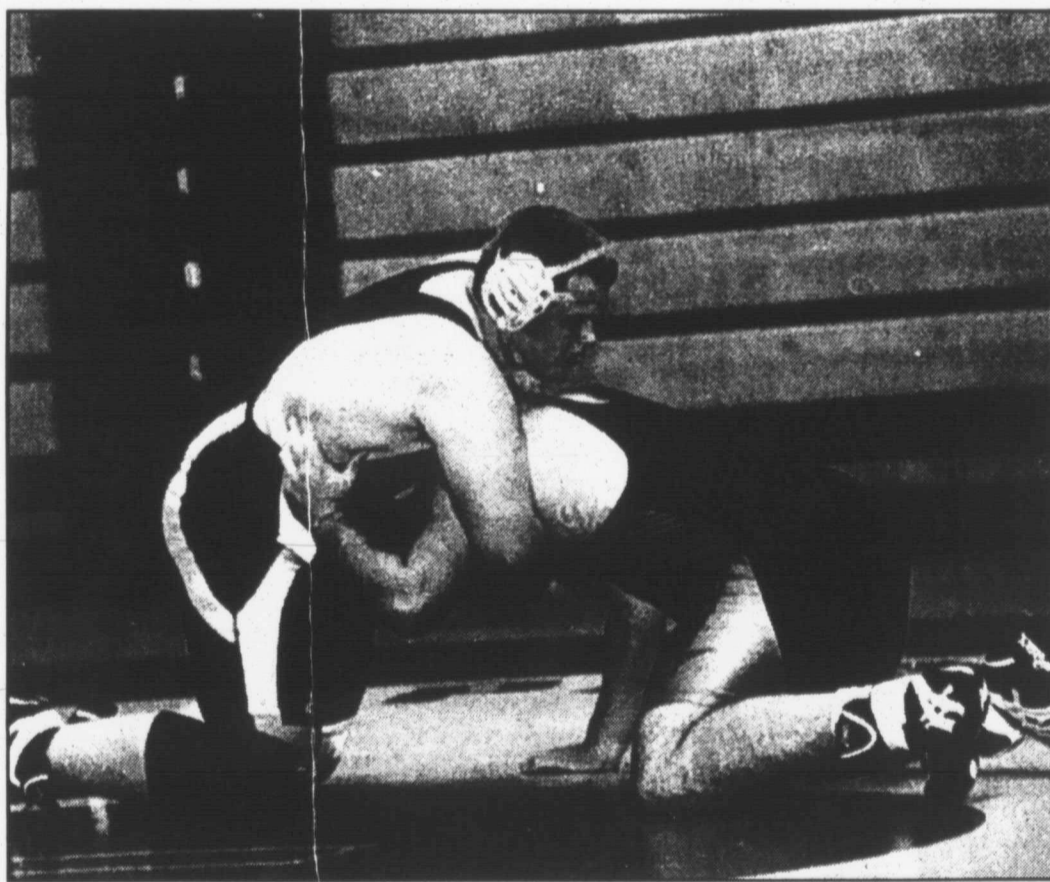
Not that Edelin was counting on it. He recently added another tattoo to accompany the one — "Against All Odds — that he

got in 10th grade.

The new one reads simply: "You'll never feel my pain."

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Wrestling dual



(Photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa hosted Caprock in a dual wrestling match Monday night with the Longhorns winning by the score of 71-16. Heavyweight Kevin Parks and Shane Brown in the 119-pound division came away with victories for the Harvesters. Brown won over Dustin McCree while Parks (left, above) defeated Jeremiah Smith.

Mavericks humble Lakers, 98-72

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are off to more than just a great start. They're on one of the best rolls in franchise history.

Steve Nash had 21 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored seven of his 18 during a game-breaking run in the second quarter that sent the Mavericks past the Los Angeles Lakers 98-72 Tuesday night.

Dallas improved to 11-0 and matched the longest winning streak in its 23 seasons.

Adding to the achievement, the Mavericks beat the Lakers for just the fifth time in 46 meetings since 1991 with their most lopsided victory ever over Los Angeles. The previous largest margin was 23 points in 1986.

As bad as the Lakers are playing this season — they're 3-8, all without Shaquille O'Neal — this was still

embarrassing. With owner Jerry Buss watching from the stands, the Lakers had their most lopsided loss of the season and came a basket away from their lowest point total.

They lost their second straight, sixth of seven and fourth in a row on the road.

Remaining the only unbeaten team in the NBA, Dallas tied the sixth-best start in league history. The Mavericks will try to keep climbing the chart with home games Thursday against Houston and Saturday against Seattle. The record is 15-0 by the Rockets in 1993-94 and Washington in 1948-49.

Dallas' previous best start to a season was 4-0. The only other time the Mavs have won 11 in a row was in February-March 1988.

Nash scored 17 in the first half, when Dallas led by as many as 15. Michael Finley, who had 18 points and a

career-best 15 rebounds, hit a 3-pointer midway through the third quarter that stretched the lead to 27.

Nowitzki tied his season-best with 17 rebounds and Shawn Bradley had a season-best 16 points and 12 rebounds. Dallas has won 21 straight over the last three seasons when he records a double-double.

About the only thing that went wrong for Dallas was failing to get one more basket for 100 points, which would've earned fans a free chälupa.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 16 points but was 7-of-21 and had plenty of problems.

Los Angeles went ahead 25-23 on a dunk by Bryant with 0.8 seconds left in the first quarter. But a silly foul by Fisher on the inbound pass let Nash hit two free throws to tie it. The Lakers never led again.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING		Team Twelve		Team Thirteen	
League Results at Harvester Lanes		The Wise Guys		The 5 Pin Blues	
Generation Gap (Week 8)		15	13	14	14
Team	Won	14	14	14	14
2 Balls, No Strikes	24 1	14	14	14	14
Whoopin' Winions	22	13	15	12 1/2	15 1/2
The Dickey Bowlers	19	12 1/2	15 1/2	9 1/2	18 1/2
K.O. Average	18	6	22	6	7
Team Ten	17	5	7	5	7
Slithering Snakes	15	6	7	5	7
Bald Eagles	15	7	7	5	7
Team One	15	8	7	5	7
Why Are We Even Out Here?	14	9	7	5	7
The Young & The Old	13	10	7	5	7
Team Four	9	11	7	5	7
Rootin' Tootin' Texans	7	12	7	5	7
Week's Top Scores					
Men					
High scratch game: Jesse Cannon 234; High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 608; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 242; High handicap series: Jesse Cannon 632.					
Women					
High scratch game: Krista Mayberry 176; High scratch series: Donnanne Gonzales 419; High handicap game: Krista Mayberry 232; High handicap series: Krista Mayberry 567.					
Boys					
High scratch game: Zach Wilson 208; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 534; High handicap game: Phillip Rodriguez 235; High handicap series: Phillip Rodriguez 631.					
Girls					
High scratch game: Laraine Hess 168; High scratch series: Laraine Hess 436; High handicap game: Wendy Clark 228; High handicap series: Wendy Clark 640.					
Stars & Strikes					
Youth League (Week 7)					
Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
Team Two	21 1/2	6 1/2	Mac Supply	1	0
The Wrecking Crew	7 1/2	9	WW Sports Bar	1	0
Pin Blasters	17 1/2	10 1/2	Culberson-Stowers	0	0
			Southwest Collision	1	1
			A.S.S.I.	0	2
			Competitive B	2	0
			Gators	1	1
			Market Square Thriftway	1	1
			Easy's-Dominos	1	1
			Rick's Body Shop	0	1

Federal appeals court rules on lifetime health care for U.S. veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court reluctantly agreed with the government that military recruiters had no legal authority to promise World War II and Korean War veterans that they would get free lifetime health care if they stayed in the service 20 years.

Although the government conceded military recruiters made the promises, the Defense Department convinced the court there was no valid contract because the assurances were not backed up by law.

Tuesday's 9-4 decision to deny the veterans' claims was made by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The veterans have been on both the winning and losing sides of the case. A federal judge in Jacksonville, Fla., ruled against them in 1998. Then this past February, a three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled in their favor.

The veterans will seek a Supreme Court hearing, said their lawyer, George "Bud" Day, a retired Air Force colonel who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

"We're not down," Day said by telephone from his Florida office. "We have to fight."

The veterans received free benefits until 1995, when the Pentagon ended those benefits for veterans over 65 because they were eligible for Medicare. Many of them had to purchase supplemental policies, including Medicare Part B, to fill coverage gaps.

Even the judges in the majority acknowledged they were uncomfortable with the ruling, writing that they "can do no more than hope Congress will make good on the promises made in good faith" to soldiers entering the service between 1941 and 1956.

"We cannot readily imagine more sympathetic plaintiffs than the retired officers of the World War II and Korean War era involved in this case," Circuit Judge Paul R. Michel wrote for the majority.

The four dissenting judges expressed disdain for the government's actions.

"They were told, in effect, if you disrupt your family, if you work for low pay, if you endanger your life and limb, we will in turn guarantee lifetime health benefits," wrote Chief Circuit Judge Haldane Robert Mayer. "There is no doubt that the government made an unambiguous offer."

The two lead plaintiffs are Air Force and Navy veteran William Schism, who served from 1943 to 1979; and Robert Reinlie, who served in the Army and Air Force between 1942 and 1967. Both now live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., along with their lawyer, Day.

Reinlie, who said he flew 30 missions as a B-17 navigator over Europe during World War II, said he spent about \$15,000 of his own money for medical care during the years after coverage was withdrawn. Now 81, Reinlie said he was "disappointed as all get out" but also vowed the case would continue.

"We knew that no matter what the appeals court did, we were going to the Supreme Court," Reinlie said.

Congress recently enacted legislation providing free health care for all of these older veterans beginning in 2002.

What is at stake in this case is the costs, estimated by Justice Department officials as billions of dollars, paid by older veterans between 1995 and 2001 when the Pentagon issued regulations providing free coverage by civilian doctors only for veterans under age 65.

The majority opinion notes that the older veterans still could get free medical treatment at military bases when space was available. But hospital space was scarce due to military downsizing, leading many veterans over 65 to purchase Medicare Part B or costly private insurance coverage to ensure access to care.

Report by CRC studies campus diversity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Programs that guarantee admission to public universities for top high school graduates in California, Texas and Florida have not made the campuses more diverse, a draft report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights says.

Minority students in those three states are faring worse or no better than they were under affirmative action programs, according to the report.

"If percentage plans grow in popularity, it is inevitable that the number of minority students attending the most prestigious public universities will decrease," Commission Chairwoman Mary Frances Berry said in releasing the commission's findings Tuesday.

The percentage plans guarantee admission to the top 4 percent of graduates at California high schools, the top 10 percent in Texas and the top 20 percent in Florida.

In Texas, for example, the report showed fewer blacks and Hispanics were admitted and enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin in 2001 than in 1996, before a federal court outlawed affirmative action in admissions at public universities.

In California, the same was true in graduate law and medical admissions, the report said. The state voted to end race-based admissions in 1996, although the ban did not take effect until the 1998-99 school year.

Florida's state university system showed an increase in black and Hispanic students since the advent of Gov. Jeb Bush's program to end affirmative action in 2000. But at the University of Florida, the most selective state institution, their numbers dropped.

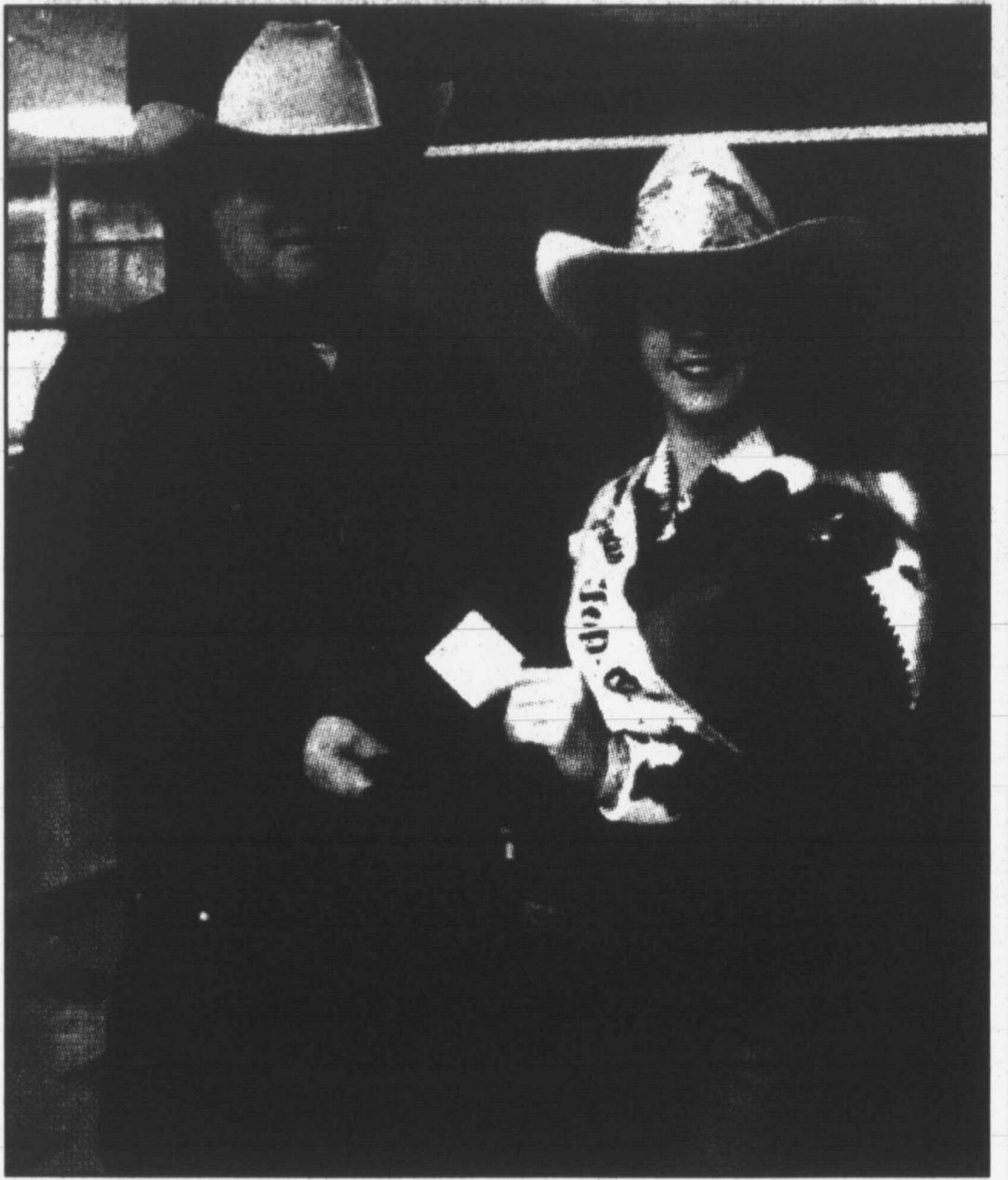
In September, Bush's office released figures showing that the number of minority students enrolling for the first time at state universities rose in the current school year, but not as quickly as the overall growth in incoming students.

That means that minority enrollment dropped almost half a percentage point compared to last year's incoming class, despite the overall increase.

Bush maintained the numbers show his plan is actually helping increase minority enrollment. "What I said was there would be more African-American and Hispanic students attending our university system," he said in September. "Promise made, promise kept."

University of California spokesman Hanan Eisenman said the percentage of minority enrollment has increased for four straight years and now exceeds what it was before the policy barring race as a factor in admissions went into effect. California and the civil rights commission used different base years in comparing affirmative action admissions to those under percentage plans.

Rodeo Bible Camp fund-raiser



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Mandy Poole drew Debora Farnum's name as the winner of two free tickets at the National Finals in Las Vegas, Nev., in December as Jim Greene looks on. Greene is president of the Rodeo Bible Camp which sponsored the drawing. Proceeds will go to the 2003 camp session to be held in Pampa.

University initiates probe into filming of adult movie

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana University officials were trying to determine if the makers of a pornographic video filmed partly in a campus dorm broke any laws or if 20 to 30 students who participated violated any campus rules.

School police began an investigation last month after a resident manager reported the filming by Van Nuys, Calif.-based Shane Enterprises. Witnesses said the filming included students engaging in sex acts with actresses.

"We know that their intent when they came on campus was to engage in activities, entice our students and prey on our students," Chancellor Sharon Brehm said Tuesday. "It's very clear we do not want them on our campus. I view them as predators."

Shane Enterprises spokeswoman and actress Calli Cox said producers checked students' identification to verify they were 18 before allowing them to take part in the film.

She also said the company had contacted student groups three weeks before the visit. School officials said the company had not contacted administrators.

Kentucky jail escapee flees, kidnaps woman

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — State troopers scoured the streets for a Kentucky fugitive who allegedly kidnapped a 44-year-old woman during a two-state crime spree.

Family members of Alice Donovan said they hope her knack for gaining trust and her friendliness will buy her safety. Authorities believe Donovan was kidnapped from a Wal-Mart parking lot in Conway, S.C., by Chadrick Fulks and L. Branden Basham.

Basham has been captured, while Fulks, who was awaiting trial on robbery charges, remained at large early Wednesday. Officers combed areas near a rest stop where a man believed to be Fulks fled from state troopers Monday night. Authorities believed the car he was driving was damaged crossing a highway median to avoid capture.

The State Highway Patrol had not found the car by Tuesday night, and troopers had "no idea" of Fulks' whereabouts, said patrol spokesman Lt. Gary Lewis.

"The best we can do is keep on his trail," Lewis said.

Fulks, 25, and Basham, 21, escaped Nov. 4 from the Hopkins County jail in western Kentucky. They are also suspected of abducting a 42-year-old Kentucky man who escaped after being tied to a

tree and abandoned.

Donovan, of Galivants Ferry, S.C., vanished Thursday.

"She's a good listener and cares about other people," her sister Gloria Lindsey said. "I can't help but think that if the kidnappers just let her talk, gain her trust and get to know her, they would not harm her."

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