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NEWS in brief

WINFREY TO DO TALK SHOW IN TEXAS WHILE DEFENDING HERSELF IN LAWSUIT

CHICAGO (AP) - Oprah Winfrey's talk show will go on from Texas this month while she is scheduled to defend herself in a federal defamation lawsuit brought by a cattlemen's group. She will tape episodes of the syndicated "Oprah" show in Amarillo, beginning Jan. 26, her production company said Wednesday, days after the trial's scheduled start. Texas cattlemen claim in a lawsuit that they lost millions of dollars after a show that aired April 16, 1996, during which Ms. Winfrey speculated about whether an outbreak of mad cow disease could happen in the United States. During the show, Humane Society official Howard Lyman said that 100,000 cows in this country drop dead annually for no known reason and are ground up and fed to other cows, the lawsuit said. "If only one of them has 'mad cow disease,' that has the potential to infect thousands," said Lyman, an anti-meat activist, according to the lawsuit. Ms. Winfrey said: "It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger. I'm stopped." Ms. Winfrey, her Harpo Productions Inc. and distributor King World Productions say the show was only keeping the public informed. The companies are co-defendants. Mad cow disease has not been reported in the United States. It is a brain-destroying malady that has ravaged cattle in Britain since the late 1980s, where it is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts.

SENATE INVESTIGATIONS COST TAXPAYERS \$190 MILLION IN PAST THREE YEARS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Campaign fund raising, Whitewater, Internal Revenue Service abuses. Investigations like these in the Senate have cost taxpayers nearly \$190 million since Republicans took control three years ago, records show. That's more money than the \$98 million Congress has allotted this year for the arts, the \$130 million for job training programs or the \$100 million for UNICEF, the United Nations program that feeds poor children. "Certainly, numbers like this should cause some eyebrows to rise and some questions to be asked," said John Berthoud, president of the National Taxpayers Union. "This is obviously one of the most important things that Congress does, but they shouldn't be given a blank check." Because of reporting changes when Republicans took control of the Senate in 1995, this is the first time the public has been able to track the exact amount of money the Senate has spent in its various investigations. When Democrats controlled the Senate, such figures weren't broken out. In the House, investigative money still is not tracked separately. Overall, Senate Republicans have held down legislative branch spending. In fiscal 1994, under Democratic control, the Senate's allocation was \$444 million. Two years later, under Republican control, the Senate budget was \$441 million. But the Senate also has engaged in several high-profile investigations of Clinton administration controversies, most notably with its Whitewater hearings, chaired by New York Republican Alfonse D'Amato, and the recently concluded campaign finance hearings, chaired by Tennessee Republican Fred Thompson.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR SAYS DRIVERS BECOMING PART-TIMERS BECAUSE OF DISTRACTIONS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans have so many distractions in their cars they are becoming part-time drivers - trying to eat, talk on the phone, use a computer, navigate and change tapes while coping with highway traffic. It's a formula for disaster. "People forget how complex driving is," Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said Wednesday. "We're adding so many distractions we're becoming part-time drivers," said Martinez, a former emergency room doctor who saw the results of inattention first hand. "There's a price to pay in crashes." Martinez' agency released a study: "An Investigation of the Safety of Wireless Communication in Vehicles," noting the growing popularity of cellular phones, laptop computers, fax machines, onboard navigation systems and other high-tech equipment in automobiles. Previous research implicated driver inattention in as many as half of all crashes. "As cars more and more become an extension of the home and office, we are creating a whole new array of potentially hazardous distractions," said Martinez. "We are beginning to see crashes ... where drivers were using laptop computers while driving and third-party suppliers are now providing hardware for mounting laptop computers adjacent to the driver or, in some cases, right on the steering wheel," his agency reported. But it isn't just a high-tech problem, Martinez added, noting crashes can result from something as simple as trying to eat while driving.

JURORS IN OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING TRIAL SAY GOVERNMENT MISHANDLED NICHOLS CASE

DENVER (AP) - Sloppy evidence. Arrogant FBI agents. Ignoring leads. The stinging criticism of the government's Oklahoma City bombing case against Terry Nichols is a prosecutor's nightmare for one simple reason: It came from the jury. In a bitter disappointment to families of the 168 people who died in the blast, the seven women and five men who convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter deadlocked on his punishment Wednesday and were dismissed. Nichols will not join convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh on the federal government's death row. The worst penalty U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch can impose for Nichols' part in the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history is life in prison without parole. No sentencing date was set. With that task left to Matsch, prosecutors faced the uncomfortable fact that their case not only failed to convince jurors that Nichols was a murderer but that he even played a key role in the bombing. "I think that the government perhaps really dropped the ball," said jury forewoman Niki Deutchman, who criticized the FBI for halting its investigation after arresting Nichols and McVeigh. "I think there are other people out there," she said, recalling defense witnesses who saw others with McVeigh before the bombing. "I think this was a horrible thing to have done ... and I doubt two people were able to bring it off."

HAITIAN HOSPITAL WORKERS ON STRIKE, DEMANDING GOVERNMENT RAISE WAGES

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Around the corner from Haiti's largest hospital, the body of a dead infant lies abandoned on a sidewalk, left to rot in the tropical sun. Another baby, also dead, was abandoned under a staircase. Striking workers at State University Hospital locked the doors to the morgue on Tuesday. The strike began Monday, when janitors, cleaning women, stretcher bearers and other non-medical personnel walked out to demand a 300 percent wage hike. Emergency ward interns stopped work Tuesday, and nurses said Wednesday they might join them.

Survey finds students' drug use up

AUSTIN (AP) - Use of illegal drugs by Texas students in grades 7 through 12 increased in 1996, continuing an upward trend since 1992, according to a study released Wednesday by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. About 34 percent of all secondary students in 1996 had used some type of illicit substance during their lifetime, up from 22 percent in 1992, but still below the 1988 rate of 39 percent, the study said. The survey, conducted by TCADA every two years, was based on responses from nearly 107,000 students in over 70 school districts in grades 7 through 12. Marijuana use increased in 1996 with 31 percent of secondary students saying they had tried it at least once, up from 20 percent in 1992, but still just below the peak of 32 percent in 1988. "Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among Texas secondary students," the study said. "In many ways, curtailing alcohol consumption is more problematic than reducing the use of illicit drugs because of the availability of alcohol and the perception among adolescents that drinking alcohol is not as dangerous as using other drugs." The survey revealed six strategies to help keep kids off drugs, including

encouraging a child to participate in extracurricular activities. According to the study, students who participate in extracurricular activities have positive relations with parents and friends while also being less likely to use or experiment with illegal drugs. The five other ways for parents to keep their kids off drugs, according to the survey, are:
- Show support for child in school events.
- Encourage child to have healthy relationships with friends.
- Talk to child. Make sure they know that use of drugs is unacceptable.
- Support substance abuse prevention programs at school.
- Encourage child to work at getting good grades.
Students earning grades of C or lower report two to three times as much drug use as students earning A's and B's, the study said. Those participating in three or more extracurricular activities were much less likely to report they smoked marijuana, the survey said. The study was based on the responses of 106,924 secondary students in 72 school districts. The sample contained 51,103 males (48 percent) and 55,558 females (52 percent). Of the sample, 45 percent were Anglos, 16 percent were African Americans, 31 percent were Hispanics, and 8 percent were of other races.

Key Pals



Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

First-grade students Dana Miracle, Caleb Straughan and Hadley Hunsaker returned to class this week to find a special gift from their Hawaiian "key pals" -- a coconut, complete with outer shell intact. The decorated coconut was a surprise gift from students in Hawaii who answered an e-mail letter from Hereford students to anyone living near the oceans. The students will find something that represents Hereford to send to their "key pals."

Hereford students put new twist on old idea

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer
Technology has all but eliminated such old-fashioned pastimes as pen pals, but a few students at Northwest Primary are putting a new twist on the old idea. Instead of using pen and ink to make contact with students around the world, three students in Mrs. Calkins' first-grade Pegasus Class have turned to the computer to make new "Key Pals" and have received some exciting returns. The students, Dana Miracle, Hadley Hunsaker and Caleb Straughan, are all members of the gifted and talented class. Before the Christmas break, the students were studying the oceans. As part of their studies, the students sent out e-mail messages looking for students who live near an ocean. The first reply came from the paradise island of Oahu, Hawaii, from a first-grade class in Honolulu. After receiving the initial reply, the students used the atlas and a few other sources to do some research on the island of Hawaii. The students discovered that even though Hawaii is part of the United States, it is far across the Pacific Ocean - 2,400 miles from the mainland to be exact. During the electronic exchange of information, local students discovered many interesting facts about Hawaiian schools. Hawaiian students said their school is only a few short blocks from the ocean and they often walk there

during the school day. Hereford students also learned that Hawaiian sixth-graders participate in canoe races and the third graders observe migrating whales. Like students here, the Hawaiian students enjoyed passing along a bit of gore and yuck with a tale of a surfer who had his foot and part of his leg bitten off during a shark attack. Food is always important to youngsters, so during the course of e-mail letters, the classes described the differences in normal meals. Local students learned about open markets and fishermen who catch their own food. In return, the Hawaiian students learned about our feedlots and traditional meals. One of the exciting things that came from the students' study was when they returned from Christmas holidays to find a most unusual gift that came all the way from Honolulu. The children received a whole coconut, still in its outer shell. Hawaiian students wrote "ALOHA," which is hello and good-bye, signed their names, decorated the shell with traditional cloth Hawaiian flowers, and sent it on its way. To help it along, the Hawaii branch of the United States Post Office simply stapled a stamp to the shell and dropped it in the bag. The students are trying to think of something they can send to their "key pals" in Hawaii.

BUDGET

CBO report sees an end to red ink -- for now

WASHINGTON (AP) - The scourge of federal deficits that has dominated Washington politics and policy-making for three decades is over, the Congressional Budget Office says. But it could come back. In a report that virtually no one would have considered possible a year ago, Congress' nonpartisan fiscal analyst said Wednesday that even if lawmakers do nothing, annual budget deficits should drop to \$5 billion this year, stay low and turn into a string of surpluses beginning in 2001. By 2008, those surpluses should reach \$138 billion. "The federal budget is likely to be essentially balanced for the next 10 years if current policies remain unchanged," the report said. Economists agree that practically speaking, the budget is already balanced because deficits of this magnitude have virtually no effect on the \$8.4 trillion economy. The projections came just two days after President Clinton announced he would propose a balanced 1999 budget next month. Since CBO said it expects a \$2 billion shortfall that fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, that means Clinton will need to do little heavy lifting in his \$1.7 trillion spending plan to achieve his goal. Republicans are also certain to move a balanced 1999 budget through Congress this year, three years ahead of the schedule called for by last summer's budget agreement between Clinton and lawmakers. Still standing, of course, is the \$5.4 trillion national debt the government has accumulated from decades of borrowing money. But for now, politicians are preferring to take credit for the apparent elimination of annual shortfalls, which have been uninterrupted since the last surplus in 1969 and reached a \$290 billion peak in 1992 before beginning to ebb. "This is great news for the American people, because after nearly 30 years of deficit spending we have essentially balanced the federal budget," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "This proves that with a consensus, we can deliver for the American people," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, top Democrat on the budget panel. Though lawmakers from both sides spoke glowingly of the deficit-cutting packages of the last few years, the budget office mostly credited the amazingly strong economy and the resulting surge of federal revenue for the good news. But CBO cautioned that bad times could return. It warned that a recession could create \$100 billion shortfalls, and said a significant worsening of the Asian economic crisis could slow U.S. economic growth. It also said lawmakers still must make spending cuts promised in last summer's budget deal, and that retiring baby boomers would cause renewed fiscal problems beginning in about a decade. "The economic and budget outlook for the next 11 years appears bright, but there are good reasons for

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Transportation for cancer patients

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society provides free transportation for area cancer patients for doctors' visits, treatments, etc. in Amarillo or Hereford. For more information or to set up a ride, call Dempsey Alexander at 364-6720 or Jan Reeve at 364-7200.

Mostly clear, cold

Tonight, mostly clear and cold, low 20 to 25 and west wind 5-15 mph.
Friday, partly cloudy with a high 50 to 55 and west wind 10-20 mph.

5-DAY FORECAST

Saturday, partly cloudy, low 20 to 25 and high in the 40s to around 50.
Sunday and Monday, mostly cloudy and colder with a slight chance of light snow or freezing rain, lows 15 to 25 and highs in the 30s.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 43; low, 17; no precipitation.

Book sale starts Friday

The Annual Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Deaf Smith County Library will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9 and 10 in the Heritage Room of the library.

The sale will be open for Friends members only from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to have first pick from a large variety of books, magazines, encyclopedias and videos. Memberships may be purchased at the door for \$3 per individual and \$6 per family.

Saturday the sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the general public. Most books are priced at 10 to 25 cents. The sale will continue during regular library hours through the month of January.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 7, 1998 include the following:

Police Department

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Avenue K.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Higgins.

Sheriff's Department

Arrests

- A 23-year-old woman was arrested for theft by check.
- An 18-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.

Accidents

- Minor accident was reported in the 300 block of North 385.
- Minor accident was reported in the 800 block of Knight.

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TWO ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT, CHILD PORNO

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Two men are in the Nueces County jail, accused of photographing young girls in the nude and coaxing them into sexual acts that were captured on videotape.

Police said Wednesday they raided the residence of Jeffrey Orr, 49, on Tuesday and found numerous videotapes and photographs of naked girls, including two 10-year-old girls who said the men induced them to perform sexual acts three times over a period of several months.

Orr is being held on \$275,000 bond on suspicion of aggravated sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child and sexual performance of a child. Jeremy Arnold, 19, who rents a room in Orr's home, is being held on \$50,000 bond on suspicion of possession of child pornography.

If convicted, Orr faces up to life in prison and Arnold up to 10 years in prison. Corpus Christi Police Chief Pete Alvarez said.

FAMILY PREFERS TRIBAL COURT

DALLAS (AP) - A custody battle between a Dallas widow and her Oklahoma in-laws has taken a complicated turn, with the in-laws asking a judge to turn the dispute over to an American Indian tribal court in Oklahoma.

Attorneys for Katherine Crank of Eufaula, Okla., mother-in-law of the Paula Crank and grandmother to her 7- and 10-year-old daughters, asked a state judge in Dallas last week to turn the case over to a Choctaw Nation court in Oklahoma.

Visiting state District Judge William Martin will hear arguments on the venue change at a Jan. 27 hearing in Dallas.

At issue is whether the two girls should continue living with their paternal grandmother in Oklahoma, where they have lived since August 1996. Their father, Walter Crank, died of a heart attack in 1994 at age 36.

The grandmother is full-blooded Choctaw; her daughter-in-law is Caucasian.

NAKED ARMY CAPTAIN DEMONSTRATES DISSATISFACTION

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) - A Fort Hood captain was taken for psychiatric evaluation Wednesday, after stripping off his clothes when he didn't like the service he was receiving at a car dealership.

Killeen police were called to Patriot Pontiac-GMC-Buick-Olds Wednesday afternoon where they found the 31-year-old captain standing in the parking lot naked. Police officers said they had to struggle with the man to restrain him.

"He just got naked, just like in the '60s," car dealership manager Mary Kiewer said. "But he didn't mean any harm."

Ms. Kiewer said the man's car had already been repaired in the dealership's body shop and when he came to retrieve his car, "he just lost it."

The captain was transported to Darnall Army Community Hospital following the 45-minute incident. A hospital spokeswoman told the Killeen Daily Herald her office had been instructed not to release any information about the man or his condition. The man's name was unavailable as well.

CONVICTED TEEN MOVED TO ADULT PRISON

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A teen-age girl who lured a friend to her apartment four years ago so four boys could rape her as part of a gang ritual has learned that she'll be transferred next month to an adult prison.

Kristina Griggs was 14 when a Tarrant County jury convicted her of delinquent conduct/sexual assault and sentenced her to spend 15 years in state custody.

District Judge Jean Boyd, who presided at the original trial, ordered Wednesday that Miss Griggs be transferred from a Texas Youth Commission facility to an adult prison after she turns 18 on Feb. 25.

Under Texas' juvenile determinant sentencing guidelines, upon her 18th birthday, the judge would have the option of releasing Miss Griggs, sending her back to the youth agency until she is 18, or sending her to the Texas Department of Corrections to complete her sentence.

Defense attorney Bob McCrayer asked that Miss Griggs, a former gang member herself, should remain at the youth commission until she is 21 because it has helped her.

Rabies eradication project continues

AUSTIN (AP) - The canine rabies outbreak in South Texas is rapidly being eradicated, state health officials say.

The Texas Department of Health on Wednesday began its fourth airdrop of rabies vaccine.

The agency said the northward spread of the outbreak has been stopped, and the number of animal cases of canine rabies in South Texas had dropped 98 percent.

"We're very close. It appears that there has been virtually no activity

reported of this canine virus in South Texas since at least August of last year," said Dr. Gayne Fearneyhough, director of the department's rabies program.

He said the project may be completed in four years rather than the seven years originally projected.

"There are some very good indicators that the virus is not being reported at all," he said.

Transmitted by the bite of an infected animal, rabies is treatable in humans but fatal once it enters the nervous system, which takes several weeks or months after exposure.

The state has been attacking two strains of the disease - one that has struck coyotes in South Texas and another affecting gray foxes in Central and West Texas.

The \$4 million-a-year oral vaccination program features the airdropping of biscuit-size rectangular baits made of fishmeal. A small plastic pouch containing the vaccine is sealed inside the hollow baits. Coyotes and foxes eat the baits and are vaccinated against rabies.

The health department began dropping the vaccine in 1995 to combat an outbreak of canine rabies that began in Hidalgo and Starr

counties in 1988, then spread to 21 more Texas counties and threatened to reach San Antonio and other heavily-populated areas.

In the wake of the drops, the number of cases reported in animals has fallen from 166 in 1994 to three in 1997.

Fearneyhough said two human deaths were reported because of the disease, one in 1991 and the second in 1994. "We've had in excess of at least 2,500 people who've had to take rabies treatment in South Texas. I think, probably, that's a very conservative number," he said.

"A study we did in 1994 showed that if we had not done anything, by the year 2002 we'd have had a cumulative health care cost of \$64 million for treating people."

Once officials determine that the outbreak has been eliminated, Fearneyhough said the state likely will need to create some kind of rabies barrier along the Rio Grande River to keep the disease out of Texas.

When the South Texas drop is finished, crews will move to Odessa and then to Burnet to conduct the third airdrop to contain the gray fox rabies outbreak.



Display promotes class

Rebecca Walls' family, who knows of her love for antiques and sewing, gave her this antique portable Singer sewing machine as a Christmas present. It is on display at the Deaf Smith County Library this month to promote the Beginner's Sewing Class she will teach on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For further information call 364-1206.

Austin police see decline in gangs

AUSTIN (AP) - Law enforcement officers capped a 15-month investigation by arresting 15 people on federal drug charges in a crackdown on one of the city's most violent gangs, Police Chief Stan Knee said.

"Some of the thugs belonged to the Outloz and thought they were above the law and untouchable," Knee said Wednesday in announcing the arrests. "They thought they could rape, pillage and plunder within the city. We proved them wrong."

Charges against those arrested included conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana, police said.

The punishment for the federal charges is 10 years to life in prison with no possibility of parole. "Hopefully some of these people

will never see the light of day in the City of Austin again," Knee said.

The name "Operation Big Dawg" was chosen for the investigation because gang members call the FBI "Big Dawg," FBI supervisory special agent Chuck McCormick said.

Police executed 14 search warrants Wednesday, seizing \$20,500 in cash, a few guns and two and a half kilos of cocaine worth an estimated \$45,000, McCormick said.

Police have identified about 3,400 gang members in Austin and more than 200 different gang names, although not all of the gangs are active, Austin police Sgt. Bruce Boardman said.

More arrests are expected, although authorities declined to say how many.

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Obituaries

WILHELMINA A. WIMBERLEY

Jan. 1, 1998

DAWN - Memorial services for Wilhelmina A. "Willie" Wimberley, 89, of Dawn, were 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Dawn Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Ellingburg officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery in Hereford. Arrangements were under the direction of Holley Funeral Home of Canyon.

Mrs. Wimberley was born March 25, 1908, in Falls City, Neb., and died Jan. 1, 1998 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She moved to Canyon in 1910 and graduated from Canyon High School. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree from West Texas Normal Teachers College (now West Texas A&M University).

She married William Warren Wimberley IV in 1933. She taught school for several years before devoting her life to family and farming in Dawn. She was a member and past president of the Pioneer Study Club and the Federated Women's Club, and was a member of the Dawn Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for more than 50 years and served as church treasurer for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1961, and by two brothers, Fred Oberst and Elmer Oberst, Jr.

Survivors include one son, Bill Wimberley, of Dawn; a sister Freda Axtell of Durango, Colo., and three grandchildren.

Memorials should be made to Dawn Baptist Church memorial Fund, Box 67, Dawn, 79025.

CAROLYN COWLEY COULTER

Jan. 6, 1998

SAGINAW, Texas - Funeral services for Carolyn Cowley Coulter, 49, will be 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw with burial in Greenwood Memorial Park in Ft. Worth. Arrangements are under the direction of Shannon North Funeral Chapel of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Coulter was born Nov. 6, 1948, in Altus, Okla., and moved to Saginaw in 1974. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church, participating in all church activities.

She was a devoted mother who took great interest in the lives of her children, P.T.A., and other community activities.

She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1978 and has since tried to help others with the same disease.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Coulter of Saginaw; son, Mark Coulter, and daughter, Courtney Coulter, both of Saginaw; parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Cowley of Hereford; and two brothers, Charles Cowley of Dumas and Denis of Perryton; and one grandson.

Memorials should be sent to First Baptist Church of Saginaw or the Tarrant County M.S. Society.

PAULINE T. HENDERSON

Jan. 6, 1998

Rosary services for Pauline T. Henderson, 99, formerly of Hereford will be 7 p.m. today in the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Henderson was born Jan. 2, 1907. She married Johnny Henderson on Oct. 3, 1927 in Amarillo. They moved to Deaf Smith County in 1946. She was homemaker and a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church. She moved to Walsh, Colo., in 1993. She died at the Walsh Health Care Center Jan 6, 1998.

Survivors include a son, James W. Henderson, of Walsh, Colo.; a daughter, Marilyn Pierce, of Stillwater, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

LESLIE "LES" EDMUND

Jan. 8, 1998

Funeral services for Leslie "Les" Jarecki, 45, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Jarecki was born April 27, 1952 in Columbus, Neb., to Florian and Lorraine Jarecki. He was a Navy veteran and had been employed with Energas, in the corrosion protection division, for more than 25 years. He died Thursday, at his home.

Study points to NAFTA trouble for producers

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) - The winter produce from Mexico that enters the United States here pumps \$1 billion into the state's economy, according to a study commissioned by this border city.

"This is one of the critical connections or cornerstones in the economic integration between Arizona and the northwest of Mexico," said Vera Pavlakovich, one of the authors of the University of Arizona study.

Nogales paid \$10,000 for the study, which also noted that pending rules in the North American Free Trade Agreement could hurt agricultural firms here.

This city is home to more than 60 warehouses that repack fresh fruits and vegetables from Mexico. Most of the produce is grown in the state of Sinaloa.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks are supposed to be able to haul products into the United States. Currently, Mexican trucks are limited to the border region, where the products are unloaded and then reloaded onto U.S. trucks.

The NAFTA transportation provision hasn't gone into effect because of resistance in the United States. But if it does become policy, the warehouses that play a key role in the Nogales economy could no longer be needed, said Pavlakovich, who is program director for borderlands economic development in UA's Economic Development Office.

If that happens, Pavlakovich said, the industry could be restructured to create a produce distribution center

in Tucson or Phoenix.

The produce industry in Nogales is unique because it involves families who live on both sides of the border, Pavlakovich said.

"(For) a large number of these businesses, it stays between one family," she said. "One part of the family does the business in Nogales, Arizona, while a brother or cousin of his family is involved in production in Sinaloa."

The produce industry brings millions of dollars from marketing services, the export of agricultural equipment and supplies to growing regions in Mexico, and spending in Arizona by Mexican families involved in the industry.

About 70 percent of the produce imported at Nogales is distributed on the West Coast, with the remaining 30 percent going to the Midwest and East Coast.

Tomatoes are the largest crop, followed by cucumbers, peppers, melons and squash. Watermelon, mangoes and grapes are increasingly being imported through Nogales.

Produce inspections, brokers fees and other marketing services bring \$376 million into the Arizona economy, according to the study. The export of agricultural equipment and supplies to growing regions in Mexico adds \$134 million more, and the expenditures by Mexican businessmen bring about \$41 million.

Those figures increase to \$1 billion by including the multiplier effect, which adds indirect revenue from support services, employee spending and other factors.

River floods again

HOUSTON (AP) - Jon Ingram's been through this before.

"I'm just going over to higher ground," Ingram, 26, said Wednesday, sloshing through knee-deep water in his house near the banks of the rain-swollen San Jacinto River northeast of Houston.

"I've got couches on chairs. I'm trying to get things as high as I can get them."

Heavy rains this week in east and southeast Texas brought back memories of the devastating October 1994 floods along the San Jacinto, when Ingram and thousands of other residents were rousted from their homes.

Tuesday's rains were not nearly as severe as 1994. The 24-hour totals of up to 7 inches, however, prompted voluntary evacuations Wednesday along the San Jacinto in northeast Harris County as well as other flood-prone areas of Montgomery County.

At midday Wednesday, the river at Humble was at 19.8 feet, almost 5 feet over its banks and up 14 feet from 24 hours earlier.

"We're on standby with our boats," Alvin White, a Houston firefighter, said.

No injuries were reported. Most of the heavy rains had moved out of the state and only light showers were forecast.

In Dallas, the Trinity River was at 31.3 feet Wednesday morning, more than a foot over flood stage. It was expected to remain over flood stage for up to two days before receding.

In Montgomery County, school officials in Splendora and New Caney dismissed students early Wednesday because numerous roads were covered with water.

It was 3 to 4 feet deep in some places with levels rising.

But flash flood watches were in effect for Liberty and Houston counties, north and east of Houston,

LOTTO TEXAS

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in Dallas. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 3-4-7-10-29-34.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

By The Associated Press

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-1

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Lifestyles

Vintage stone structure at Fair Park demonstrates appeal of history



January library display

James Macintosh became interested in Indian lore while he was in high school and has turned his interest into a hobby and a business. Macintosh, who does his own intricate beadwork, sells his hand-crafted pony clubs, dream catchers, peace pipes, and other items at Indian pow-wows. Several very interesting pieces of his work are now on display through the month of January at the Deaf Smith County Library.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: When I read the letter about the grown son who no longer wanted to see his parents, I was sure it was written by my in-laws. My husband, too, told his parents he no longer wanted a relationship with them -- if they continued to drink. Consequently, he has incurred the wrath of his father, his mother, his sister and an aunt.

When I married my husband 25 years ago, his mother didn't approve of me. I was the wrong religion, the wrong nationality and from the wrong part of town. Every time she drank, which was often, I heard her nasty comments. Meanwhile, my father-in-law couldn't keep his hands off me. When one parent sobered up, the other started drinking. Their names appeared in the paper for DUIs and "drunk and disorderly," but that did not embarrass them enough to stop drinking.

During our marriage, we were called on to stop fights, pick them up and put them to bed, and take them to the hospital after drunken falls or overmedication complicated by alcohol. We have been through interventions with them to no avail.

Every holiday and birthday celebration was a disaster, and after 20 years of this, we finally stopped. We could not leave the grandchildren with them, so the kids didn't get to know them well. (And I had good reason not to leave my daughter with

my father-in-law.)

Ann, I know alcohol addiction is a disease. Both my husband's minister, the treatment program and the local social worker said my husband did what he could. I tried a little longer and got nothing but frustration.

I never understood how anyone could choose not to have a relationship with his or her parents, but I do now. What I can't comprehend is how parents could choose a bottle of booze over a relationship with their children, but my husband's did. -- Sad and Defeated in Lisle, Ill.

Dear Lisle: People do not "choose" addiction. They become victims. How sad that your in-laws did not seek the help they needed years ago. It may not be too late. Instead of turning your backs on them, why not at least try once again to get them to seek the help they need? (Alcoholics Anonymous works wonders -- and I recommend Al-Anon for you.) It would be an act of generosity and just might turn them around.

Dear Ann Landers: Are you CRAZY?? Little girls should NEVER use a men's room. Boys can be taken to a ladies' room because women's restrooms have closed stalls. No decent man could use a urinal in front of a little girl, to say nothing of the trauma to the child herself. In cases where they are among strangers, the

father should ask a female who works in the place (waitress, sales clerk, policewoman, etc.) to take the child to the ladies' room.

As a doting auntie to a nephew, and a former little girl who was taken everywhere by her daddy, I can assure you that this is the standard operating procedure and virtually always works. -- No Name, No Initial, No City

Dear N.N.N.I.N.C.: Thanks for the input. You sound like the Voice of Experience, and I'm glad you wrote. Incidentally, I received a ton of mail from readers who agreed with you.

Gem of the Day (Credit the Prairie Rambler): Pupils at an elementary school in middle America were asked by their teacher to write 50 words or less on the effect of oil on fish. One 11-year-old wrote, "Last night, my mother opened a can of sardines. It was full of oil, and all the fish were dead."

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DALLAS - The old Fair Park building started out as a flour mill, its wooden wheel turning constantly to demonstrate water power during the 1936 Texas Centennial and World's Fair.

Now, the vintage stone structure is taking a new turn, demonstrating the continuing appeal of history in the modern era.

Under new ownership since November, the Old Mill Inn Restaurant & Bar, the only restaurant in Fair Park, is being promoted as the place to see and be seen in South Dallas.

"There's a foundation here that has been established," said the new operator, Ed Campbell. "We just need to build on it."

Campbell, who owns concessions in the nearby Cotton Bowl, took over the restaurant after Allan Weiss decided to close it after 17 years in the city-owned building.

"We built the business and created a great clientele, but it was time to move on," said Weiss, who plans to concentrate on his other concessions at Fair Park.

He said he regretted putting the jobs of about a dozen loyal workers in jeopardy.

If Campbell hadn't come forward, the building would have closed for months until the city could solicit and review bids from potential leaseholders, said Joe Sims, the restaurant manager for 10 years.

The staff would have been out of work. And there was no guarantee that the business would continue as the Old Mill Inn.

Fortunately, said Corine Leonard, the Old Mill Inn cashier and a 30-year employee of Weiss Enterprises restaurants, that did not happen.

"I would have just retired," she said. "Working here is like being with the family."

Had the restaurant closed, James Pitts and Reginald Turner, Old Mill Inn employees for about a year, would have faced an uncertain future.

Pitts, a cook, was homeless before being hired at the Inn. Turner, a former mechanic, was having trouble finding work after a 4-and-a-half-year sentence for robbery.

But first Weiss and now Campbell took a chance on him.

"I knew if they just gave me a chance, I could make it," Turner said.

Campbell said Turner "understands the responsibility he has to do well."

"I believe in making a positive out of a negative," Campbell added.

He relied on the same philosophy in reorganizing the 61-year-old building. It was originally a flour mill exhibit, demonstrating how the energy of moving water could be harnessed to grind wheat into flour.

Occupants have included American Beauty Flour, Borden's restaurant, Youngblood's Chicken, an El Chico restaurant and, in recent years, the Old Mill Inn.

Photos of State Fairs down through the years line the restaurant's walls, along with photographs of entertainers who dined there while in town to perform at the Fair Park Music Hall.

Campbell guided guests through the building recently, pointing out the original beams and the wooden pegs

that support them, the high ceiling and the old central fireplace, which he plans to restore.

He said he has done about \$100,000 in renovations to the kitchen, dining rooms, management office and trademark mill wheel at the entrance.

The original wheel had rotted years ago and been removed, he said, explaining how the restored wheel works.

Campbell still plans to restore an old wooden pavilion in the restaurant courtyard, he said. He has added new dishes to the menu, which features meat dishes, vegetables and homemade breads, a salad bar and a variety of homemade cobblers and other desserts each day.

Campbell also plans to create a country general store and State Fair museum area in the restaurant, which is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day but Sunday.

David Robison, who works in South Dallas and is helping Campbell make contact with area businesses and organizations, said he was delighted to help the operator promote the restaurant.

"For years he's been doing things quietly in this community," said Robison, who recently coordinated

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To Your Good Health

DEARDR. DONOHUE: Six months ago I was diagnosed as having erythema multiforme, and I am still suffering with it.

I wonder if you might enlighten me on this problem. -- R.E.

ANSWER: Erythema multiforme is a recurring skin eruption. It begins as dusky red circles mostly on the back of the hands, on the feet and on the legs and forearms. The circles might itch, burn or be symptom-free. Within days, the circles enlarge. Their central zone turns purplish, making the circular patch look like a gun target.

The eruption might be preceded by a bout with the flu. Sometimes a herpes infection kicks it off. A number of drugs also can spark it.

Six months is a long time to put up with erythema multiforme. One month is the average duration for

the rash. But even those who see relief in a month are subject to having it return time and again.

When the illness has you at rock bottom, prednisone, one of the cortisone drugs, usually can bring matters under control. When matters are not quite so distressing, one of the many cortisone creams often keeps the rash in check.

DEARDR. DONOHUE: Please convince my wife, who smokes more than two packs of cigarettes a day, that smoking reduces calcium from the body -- and she's lacking calcium. -- J.K.

ANSWER: No one can dispute the mountain of evidence that cigarette smoking is a major contributor to osteoporosis, the calcium-poor, brittle-bone condition.

One explanation is that nicotine speeds the breakdown of estrogen, which is so essential to bone health. With a diminished estrogen supply, less calcium is being stored in your wife's bones.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible.

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 Orlando 83, Toronto 81
 New York 89, New Jersey 88, OT
 Miami 99, Chicago 72
 Phoenix 92, Minnesota 77
 San Antonio 88, Denver 89
 Charlotte 91, Portland 89
 L.A. Clippers 110, Vancouver 102
 L.A. Lakers 114, Milwaukee 102
 Atlanta 106, Golden State 86

Thursday's Games
 Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Utah, 8 p.m.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
 New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1
 Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Boston 2, Montreal 1, OT
 Ottawa 2, Dallas 0
 Edmonton 3, Florida 2
 St. Louis 3, Vancouver 2
 Buffalo 3, Anaheim 2

Thursday's Games
 Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
 Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Colorado, 8 p.m.
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FAR WEST
 No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.

IN BRIEF

Williams to tell
 AUSTIN (AP) -- Texas Longhorns junior running back Ricky Williams scheduled a news conference for Thursday and was expected to announce his decision to turn professional.

Williams said Wednesday that everyone he has asked advised him to give up his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL. Underclassmen have until Friday to declare for the April 18-19 NFL draft.

"I am leaning toward going professional," Williams told the Austin American-Statesman. "It's always been a dream of mine to play pro football, and I don't want to risk injury."

He said pro scouts believe he'll be picked in the first round between the fourth and seventh picks.

UTEP chronology

EL PASO (AP) -- A chronology of UTEP's recent troubles with the NCAA:

June to August 1993 -- Members of the women's basketball coaching staff and a student assistant in the athletic department help a female and male recruit enroll in correspondence courses and arrange a tutor and exam proctors.

November 1994 through the fall of 1996 -- A total of 27 athletes compete in contests away from campus, even though they are ineligible because they are enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours.

1992-1993 academic year through 1995-1996 -- UTEP certifies the eligibility of numerous athletes by calculating grade-point averages including transfer classes, contrary to NCAA legislation and institutional policy. At least three athletes are incorrectly certified as eligible.

1994-1995 and 1995-1996 -- At least 17 athletes who have not completed the required percentage of credit hours toward their degrees compete while ineligible.

December 1995 -- Two men's basketball players compete in one game while academically ineligible.

1996-1997 academic year -- Three athletes receive financial aid after the NCAA clearinghouse had certified them as non-qualifiers.

1992-1993 through 1996-1997 -- The university exceeded the permissible number of initial football scholarships by seven.

May 1, 1997 -- The NCAA announces it is placing UTEP on probation for five years and removing 18 scholarships in three sports.

May 16, 1997 -- UTEP informs the NCAA it will appeal.

Oct. 30, 1997 -- UTEP officials appear before the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee to ask for a reduction in the penalties.

Jan. 7 -- The NCAA appeals committee upholds the five-year probation, but slightly reduces the scholarship penalty imposed on the football program.

Stars' owner Hicks buys Rangers for \$250 million

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Billionaire Tom Hicks, who owns the NHL-leading Dallas Stars, is buying the Texas Rangers for \$250 million and promises to spend what it takes to build a pennant winner.

"I've demonstrated with the Stars we will have the most competitive team we can have," Hicks said Wednesday in announcing the purchase from a group headed by Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Belfour that I'll do what it takes to get to the next level. If it takes a goalie, I'll get him."

Belfour signed a three-year contract for \$10 million and has been what the Stars needed to jump to the top of the NHL.

It's pitching the Rangers desperately need.

"There's no reason the Rangers can't get to the top," Hicks said. "This is one of the best franchises in the country. It's

"I've shown when I signed Ed Please see RANGERS, page 5

Ottawa blanks Stars, 2-0

DALLAS (AP) -- The Dallas Stars were hot -- Ottawa Senators goaltender Damian Rhodes was hotter.

Rhodes stopped 34 shots for his third shutout of the season and Chris Murray broke up a scoreless game midway through the third period as the Senators snapped the Stars' 10-game unbeaten streak with a 2-0 victory Wednesday night.

"Our goaltender was outstanding," Senators coach Jacques Martin said. "We were playing against the best team in the league, so to get two points tonight is big."

Dallas was 7-0-3 over its previous 10 games and fell two games short of matching the franchise record for

Brodeur earns 25th win as Devils stop Pittsburgh. See NHL Roundup Page 5A

longest unbeaten streak set in the 1981-82 season.

Murray took advantage of a Dallas defensive breakdown to score the game's first goal. Murray skated out of the corner untouched, worked his way to the net and faked Roman Turek out of position before beating the Stars goaltender.

"It felt like practice," said Murray, a checking right wing who has 10 career goals. "I was surprised

I had so much room. Games are sometimes won on mistakes but it was nice to capitalize on it."

Magnus Arvedson added an empty-net goal with 53.1 seconds to play for his fourth as the Senators completed a two-game season sweep of the Stars.

Rhodes was steady throughout in registering his sixth career shutout while handing the high-scoring Stars their third shutout of the season. He grew up a Minnesota North Stars fan in his hometown of St. Paul, Minn., but he lost interest when the franchise moved to Dallas in 1993.

Rhodes had a 14-save third period to nail down his ninth win.



Photo by Julius Bodner

See ya

Hereford's Toni Eicke drives by Pampa defender Faustine Curry Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium during a District 1-4A game. The Lady Whitefaces upped their record to 20-2 overall and 4-1 in district with a 77-27 thumping of the Lady Harvesters. Hereford will be idle Friday and resume district play Tuesday at Canyon Randall.

Lions' Brown making 'dramatic' progress

DETROIT (AP) -- Reggie Brown of the Detroit Lions walked to the podium Wednesday, and that was a triumph in itself.

"When it first happened, I thought I'd never be able to walk again," he said, wearing a halo-style neck brace. "It was a freak accident. I'm looking forward to getting back home and getting my life together."

The 23-year-old linebacker, recovering from a severe neck injury in a Dec. 21 game, was characterized by his doctors as a "dream" patient who has made "dramatic" progress.

He almost certainly is done with football, but he is walking. And for that he is deeply grateful.

"I wanted to let everyone know that I'm OK, that I will once again be back to normal," he said during a

"Reggie has been making the kind of progress that we all dream about patients making. We'd like to see a lot more Reggie Browns, and there aren't."

-- Dr. Russ Nockels

news conference at Henry Ford Hospital. "And I'm real thankful for all the cards and get-well wishes and blessings. ... It all counted and kept me in good spirits throughout this whole thing."

He will be transferred Thursday to The Institute of Rehabilitation and

Research in Houston, near his hometown.

This was Brown's first public statement since the Lions' last regular-season game. He was hurt during a fourth-quarter tackle of a 13-10 victory over the New York Jets.

A collision with another player dislocated Brown's top two neck vertebrae, bruising his spinal cord and leaving him unable to breathe and with no feeling below the neck.

The next day, doctors fused the vertebrae and grafted a slice of hip bone to stabilize those bones.

Brown's recovery puts him in the top 2 percent of patients who sustain such injuries, said Dr. Russ Nockels. Many people with similar injuries die. "Reggie has been making the kind

of progress that we all dream about patients making," said Nockels, a neurosurgeon who performed the vertebrae fusion. "We'd like to see a lot more Reggie Browns, and there aren't."

In measuring his strength, in which 100 percent is normal, doctors said Brown registered 49 percent when admitted.

"Now after two weeks, he's progressed to the point of 89 ... a sense of dramatic improvement," Nockels said.

Brown is unlikely to play any contact sport again because the fusion surgery limits neck motion, said Dr. David Collon, chairman of the hospital's orthopedic surgery program.

Nebraska I-back Green opts for NFL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Ahman Green wanted to leave Nebraska with a national title more than he wanted a Heisman Trophy campaign next fall, so the junior running back made himself eligible for the NFL draft Wednesday.

"I'm not big on awards and accolades," Green said. "If I had decided to return, it wouldn't have been to win the Heisman. It would have been so we could win another national title."

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NCAA upholds UTEP sanctions

EL PASO (AP) -- The NCAA on Wednesday upheld a five-year probation and other sanctions imposed on Texas-El Paso for rampant violations within an athletic department that has spent much of the decade mired in hardship.

The Infractions Appeals Committee found the punishment appropriate, even though several violations were deemed minor, in part because of UTEP's history of problems.

When a lesser transgression is "one of many, many, many, then you have a breakdown in the system, lack of institutional control. You can't really isolate on one event, you need to look at the totality of it," said committee chairman Michael Slive.

UTEP had appealed to the committee for a reduction of the sanctions, including the restoration of some of the 18 scholarships that were taken from the football and men's and women's basketball programs. School officials did not dispute that violations occurred, but argued the penalties were too harsh.

"I don't agree with it (the ruling), but we're going to live with it," said UTEP athletic director John Thompson.

He added that he did not regret fighting despite getting little relief and the heavy toll the appeals process took on university officials.

"We had to establish the fact that we're not going to be run over, that we did have feelings and thoughts about the matter," Thompson said. "We're damn well not going to be taken advantage of."

Slive said the committee found the penalties neither excessive nor inappropriate despite mitigating factors such as UTEP's replacement of the eligibility and compliance staff at the heart of many of the problems.

The NCAA did agree to reduce a scholarship penalty assessed against the football program, in recognition of head coach Charlie Bailey's persistent questioning of an interpretation of NCAA financial aid

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Photo by Julius Bodner

In traffic

Hereford's Cody Hodges gets squeezed by Pampa's Lynn Brown (53) and Jessie Francis during a District 1-4A game Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Whitefaces edged the Harvesters 46-43 in overtime to go to 8-10 overall and 2-1 in district. Hereford will play a non-district game Friday at Lubbock Monterey before returning to district action Tuesday night at Canyon Randall.

NHL ROUNDUP

Devils 3, Penguins 1
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Martin Brodeur gained his NHL-leading 25th victory and the New Jersey Devils' penalty-killers had a big game for a 3-1 victory Wednesday night over the Pittsburgh Penguins, one of the league's top road teams.

Brodeur made 20 saves and Brian Rolston, Randy McKay and Scott Stevens scored as the Devils handed the Penguins only their second loss in their last 11 road games (7-2-2).

Alex Hicks scored for Pittsburgh, which had won three of its previous four games overall (3-1-0).

Brins 2, Canadiens 1, OT
MONTREAL (AP)—Steve Heinze scored with just under two minutes left in overtime, leading the Boston Bruins to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night.

The Canadiens appeared sluggish in their first home game after a 4-0-1 road trip, managing just 18 shots at Boston goaltender Byron Dafos on a night when a fierce ice storm left much of Montreal without power.

With 1:47 left in overtime, Heinze ripped a slap shot past Montreal goaltender Andy Moog. The play started as a three-on-two rush with Heinze taking a pass from Don Sweeney.

Maple Leafs 5, Lightning 2
TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Felix Potvin's strong goaltending and three straight second-period goals lifted the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Potvin stopped 34 shots, including 17 during the second period when he made a sliding stick save on Jamie Huscroft and rejected Dino Ciccarelli's wraparound attempt.

The Maple Leafs, who entered with the NHL's lowest-ranked power play, converted three of five chances.

After being outshot 10-1 midway through the second period, Toronto scored twice on three shots.

Oilers 3, Panthers 2
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)—Doug Weight scored with 1:43 left in the third period as the Edmonton Oilers

snapped an eight-game winless streak with a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

Weight, Edmonton's leading point producer, picked up a loose puck outside the Florida zone, skated past defenseman Robert Svehla and then slid a shot past the skate of goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck. It was Weight's 14th goal of the season and second game-winner.

Mats Lindgren and Ryan Smyth scored the other goals for the Oilers.

Blues 3, Canucks 2
VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—Chris Pronger broke a tie with 7:38 left in the third period as the St. Louis Blues won their third straight, beating their former coach Mike Keenan and the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 Wednesday night.

After the Blues squandered a 2-0 lead, Pronger put the game away by capping a 3-on-2 break as St. Louis won its fourth straight meeting against Vancouver, dating back to last season.

On the winning goal, Blues forward Michel Picard skated up the right wing before dropping a pass to Pronger, who snapped a shot over Vancouver goalie Sean Burke's blocker from the right circle.

Sabres 3, Mighty Ducks 2
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Curtis Brown and Alexei Zhitnik scored goals in a 41-second span of the third period as the Buffalo Sabres came back to beat the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim 3-2 Wednesday night.

Brown knocked in a rebound past Anaheim goaltender Mikhail Shtalenkov with 4:17 remaining to pull the Sabres even. Then Zhitnik, cutting back across the ice from right to left, scored on a 25-foot slap shot that scooted under Shtalenkov's stick.

Shtalenkov replaced Guy Hebert, who had allowed one goal, when Hebert left the game with a mild concussion after two periods. Although it was uncertain when Hebert was hurt, he was involved in a collision in the first period and was down for a couple of minutes before getting to his feet.

Rangers

in a world-class facility. You don't even have to win a championship every year to draw the fans. You just have to show you're really trying."

If approved by other baseball owners, a process expected to take 6-to-12 months, the price would be the second-highest for a baseball team. Fox Sports, a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., is awaiting approval on its purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers from Peter O'Malley, a deal worth about \$350 million.

"I love sports," Hicks said. "We want to add an American League pennant ... and to bring the World Series to Arlington. I expect to be involved with this team for many years to come. This is a long-term ownership."

Hicks has agreed to buy the lease for The Ballpark in Arlington and ownership of an office building and restaurant in the stadium, 43 acres of nearby land and an option to buy 227 acres of adjacent property.

"In the next 20 years I see hotels, restaurants and office buildings," said Hicks, who had negotiated the deal for six months.

Hicks said the team's management, including president Tom Schieffer, general manager Doug Melvin and field manager Johnny Oates, would remain in place.

"My style is to keep folks in place who are good managers and want to win," Hicks said. "I have great confidence in Tom."

Melvin and Oates have contracts that extend through 1999.

Bush called the sale announcement "a bittersweet one."

"While I will no longer be an owner, I will continue to be a full-time Texas Rangers fan," he said. "I have loved every minute of my involvement with the Rangers." In 1989, the Rangers, Arlington

Stadium and some surrounding property were bought for \$83 million by a group of 28 investors headed by Bush and Rusty Rose. Their deal kept then-owner Eddie Chiles from selling the team to another group that would've moved the Rangers to Tampa, Fla.

Led by Bush, the Rangers persuaded Arlington taxpayers to finance a \$189 million stadium that opened in 1994. After Bush was elected governor in 1994, he stepped down as a general partner, handing over day-to-day operations to Schieffer.

Hicks, 51, who becomes the fifth owner of the team since the franchise moved from Washington to Texas in 1972, said he likely would ask some of his business partners in the Stars to become partners in the Rangers. He expects to end up with about 80 percent ownership, similar to his share of the hockey team.

As a regent at his alma mater, the University of Texas, he was instrumental in removing football coach John Mackovic and hiring Mack Brown last month. Hicks also has been personally involved in trying to get Dallas taxpayers to help build a downtown arena for the Stars and NBA's Mavericks.

A vote will be Jan. 17. Opponents say Hicks' spending so much on the baseball team while asking taxpayers for \$125 million to build an arena could be the fatal blow to the measure.

Some also have speculated that the purchase means the Stars, and possibly the Mavericks, may be headed for Arlington. But Hicks said he's still committed to the Dallas arena proposal and encouraged voters to support it.

"If you're a sports fan or you care about your city, please go vote and say, 'Yes, let's do it,'" he said.

Hicks attended only a half dozen games last year as a season ticket holder.

Thompson leads Lady Red Raiders past Baylor

LUBBOCK (AP)—Fifth-ranked Texas Tech proved Wednesday night they can win even with a bad outing.

The Lady Raiders committed 22 turnovers and just did out rebound Baylor, but defeated Baylor 82-63 Wednesday night while hitting a season-high 65 percent of their shots in a Big 12 Conference game.

Tech hit 20 of 27 field goal attempts in the second half.

All-American forward Alicia Thompson recorded her fifth double-double of the season, pouring in 22 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to key the victory, while Angie Braziel added 18 points.

"We really had to do some things well tonight in order to win," Tech Coach Marsha Sharp said. "We shot the ball extremely well tonight and a lot of that was because of the decisions we made when we had the ball in our hands. Our guards did a great job of putting our post players in a position to score."

Thompson and Braziel also combined for Tech's first 17 points of the second half as the Lady Raiders (9-2, 2-0) used a 12-0 run at the start of the half to blow the game open, extending a 38-31 halftime lead into a 50-31 advantage at 14:05.

Baylor (8-4): Moffitt 7-11 0-14, Mooney 3-7 0-6, Wright 1-5 2-4 4, Webb 5-15 3-5 14, Ellis 6-14 1-1 16, Byas 1-2 1-2 3, Alcalá 0-2 0-0 0, Palmer 1-3 0-2, Hayworth 0-5 0-0, Robinson 0-2 2-4, Applebury 1-2 0-2. Totals 25-69 9-16 63.

Texas Tech (9-2): Hanebutt 3-5 3-3 10, Thompson 11-15 0-2 22, Braziel 8-12 2-3 18, Schmucker 2-5 0-4, Lake 3-7 0-7, O'Neal 3-4 0-0 6, Gibbs 5-6 1-4 11, Dickerson 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 37-67 10-22.

Halftime—Tech 38, Baylor 31. 3-Point goals—Baylor 4-14 (Webb 1-6, Ellis 3-6, Palmer 0-1, Hayworth 0-1), Tech 2-7 (Hanebutt 1-3, Schmucker 0-1, Lake 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 32 (Moffitt 6), Tech 37 (Thompson 14). Assists—Baylor 13 (Webb 8), Tech 29 (Schmucker 7). Total fouls—Baylor 12, Tech 14. A-7,712.

But Thompson again got off to a slow start, not hitting her first basket until 7:56 remaining in the first half. She still finished the half with 10 points, eight coming in a late 12-2 Tech run, which helped give the Lady Raiders the seven point halftime lead.

Combined with the duos hot start to open the second half it proved the doom of Baylor (8-4 1-1).

"Tech is a very good basketball team and they have the inside game with Thompson and Braziel," Baylor coach Sonja Hogg said.

Cara Gibbs added a season high 11 points and Hanebutt finished with 10. Toya Ellis led Baylor with 16 points.

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legislation by the university that improperly gave his team more scholarships.

As a result, the NCAA said, the appeals committee will permit the football program to award 21 new scholarships in each of two years that constitute the penalty period. The NCAA maximum is 25.

It also will permit the program to increase the number of overall scholarships from 78 to 79 during one of those years and 80 to 81 during the other. The regular NCAA maximum is 85.

The men's basketball program will only be allowed to give out 11 scholarships during each of the two penalty years instead of 13. The women's team will be restricted to 13 scholarships instead of 15 over each of two years.

Assistant athletic director Mike Gentile said the affected men's programs had already taken steps to stay within the NCAA-imposed limits this season so they would only have to face one more year of sanctions. Officials are working with the women's program to help mitigate the penalties' impact.

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Green

Green gained 1,877 yards this season, finishing 16 yards behind Ricky Williams of Texas for the national rushing title. Green had about 40 percent of Nebraska's national-best 393 yards per game rushing average.

Last week, Green rushed for an Orange Bowl record 206 yards in Nebraska's 42-17 win over Tennessee. Green was the game's most valuable player, helping the Cornhuskers (13-0) earn a share of the national championship.

Green said coach Tom Osborne's retirement had no impact on his decision. He said Osborne and

running backs coach Frank Solich, who becomes coach next month, both were supportive.

"If coach Osborne was staying, I would still be going," Green said. "I talked it over with my family and coaches, but I decided for myself based on my dreams and goals in life. I just wanted to get to the NFL."

Green said it was hard to resist the lure of another year under Solich, who recruited him from Central High School in Omaha.

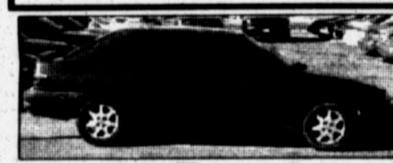
A geography major, Green said he needs three more semesters to graduate and pledged to return to school to get his degree.

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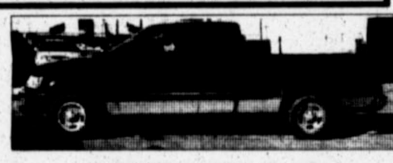
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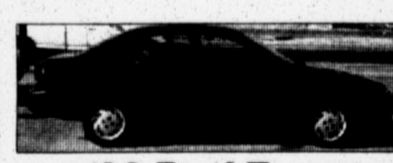
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Shakeups at CNN, ABC to stress hard news reporting

NEW YORK (AP) - A renewed focus on hard news reporting is taking place at ABC's "World News Tonight" and at the CNN news network, as each struggles to reverse rating declines.

Both shakeups include personnel changes. At ABC, Sam Donaldson returns to the White House beat and his "This Week" co-anchor, Cokie Roberts, was named chief congressional analyst to give her a greater presence on the evening news.

A new "World News Tonight" set design also will debut Monday and a television advertising campaign will feature a tie-less anchor Peter Jennings in the newsroom, unanswered phones ringing in the background.

Donaldson was ABC's White House correspondent from 1977 to 1989, coinciding with "World News Tonight's" rise to the top of the evening news ratings. NBC owns that spot now, and recently ABC has even slipped behind CBS into third place some weeks.

"There is a sense that we are not content with being No. 2 or No. 3 in any program, and certainly not in 'World News Tonight,' which is our flagship," ABC News President David Westin said Wednesday.

Former ABC executive Rick Kaplan took over last summer as president of CNN. On Wednesday, his new network announced schedule changes effective Monday that include adding more news programs on the weekend, starting a documentary series on Sunday nights and

changing many of its anchors during the day.

"Our overall strategy is to emphasize CNN's commitment to hard news reporting, depth and content," said Sid Bedingfield, vice president of CNN/USA.

Christiane Amanpour will narrate the first edition of "CNN Perspectives," the documentary series airing Sunday nights from 8 to 9 p.m., on Jan. 18. The first show, "Virus Hunters," will be about scientists who track deadly diseases.

CNN will add 4 1/2 hours of news broadcasts on the weekend, canceling feature programs such as "Future Watch" and "Computer Connections." Senior White House correspondent Wolf Blitzer will be the new host of the Sunday program, "Late Edition."

On weekdays, CNN will expand its 8 p.m. EST news broadcast to an hour and move "Inside Politics" from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bernard Shaw will remain as host of "Inside Politics" and the 6-7 p.m. news broadcast.

Jim Moret will be the new anchor of "Newsnight," airing at midnight weekdays. The broadcast will originate from Los Angeles and contain an increased emphasis on Asia and the Pacific.

The additions of Donaldson and Roberts signals a return to ABC's hard news roots. "World News Tonight" wants to be newswier and fast-paced at its opening with a greater emphasis on analysis as the broadcast progresses.

'Titanic' draws crowds, praise

LOS ANGELES (AP) - There weren't enough lifeboat seats for the ship and there aren't enough theater seats for the movie.

"Titanic" is off to one of the strongest starts in recent box office history, living up to its hype and entering the ranks of pop culture phenomenon.

There are epic lines at theaters, spirited discussions at work and parties, and hundreds of millions of dollars expected in ticket sales.

Nevertheless, the success of the most expensive film ever made isn't likely to revolutionize the way Hollywood works, studio executives say. Not with a \$200 million risk for, at best, a relatively skimpy profit.

As the new year settles in, the movie's popularity is growing, despite its daunting three-hour and 14-minute length. "Titanic" enjoyed its single best day in theaters on Saturday - its third weekend of national release - when it took in \$12.7 million.

It's a hit overseas, too. Opened in just 11 foreign territories, "Titanic" has grossed more than \$60 million - and has yet to debut in Europe, a lucrative market.

Show business analysts now project the movie could gross close to \$300 million in domestic theaters, putting it in the elite company of "Forrest Gump" and "Jurassic Park." Worldwide (including theatrical, home video and television) it could gross near \$600 million.

Sounds like a big win - but not necessarily when producers 20th Century Fox and Paramount Pictures crunch the numbers.

The studios only get half - or a combined \$300 million, in a best-case scenario. With hefty marketing

costs, that leaves Paramount with just a small profit and Fox, which paid for the majority of the film's budget, only breaking even.

Fox already has said it won't make another movie at this price. Overall, Hollywood is looking to less expensive projects.

"There are budgets being turned in at \$110 million to \$125 million and the studios are saying we won't make the movies for more than \$90 million," said industry analyst Dave Davis.

In pure terms of tickets sold, "Titanic" is a runaway hit. It is attracting an amazingly diverse audience: as many people older than 54 as young teens, Paramount says.

Crowds and critics alike have given the movie high marks. It led the nominations for the Golden Globe awards with eight nominations, including best dramatic movie.

In audience surveys conducted by the research organization CinemaScore, patrons ranked the movie A+. "We don't get very many scores that high," said CinemaScore's Harold Mintz.

And while most movies that studios or the media brand as "events" rarely meet the definition - think of "Waterworld" or "The Cable Guy" - "Titanic" has done just that, taking on life outside the theater.

There's the requisite making-of book, "James Cameron's Titanic," a cookbook, "Last Dinner on the Titanic," and a memoir of the 1912 sinking, "Titanic Survivor."

"Titanic" is showing at the Moovies 6, Sugarland Mall, 400 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Television

THURSDAY

JANUARY 8

| 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
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| Movie: Alice-Wonderland | (15) Movie: The Preacher's Wife Denzel Washington. *** PG | Growing | Scarecrow-Rm. | Zorro | | | | | | |
| News | Ent. Tonight | Friends | Union | Seinfeld | Veronica's | ER | News | (35) Tonight Show | | |
| NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Secrets of... | Mystery! | | | | | Sundance | Charlie Rose | NewsHour | |
| Griffith | Griffith | (05) Movie: Kelly's Heroes (1970) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas. *** | | | | | | (05) Movie: The Dirty Dozen (1967) | | |
| News | Fortune | Figure Skating U.S. Championships | | | | | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| Fam. Mat. | Coach | Movie: Hangin' With the Homeboys (1991) *** 1/2 | | | | | | News | Beverly Hills, 90210 | Heat |
| News | Home Imp. | Promised Land | Diagnosis Murder | 48 Hours | | | | News | (35) Late Show | |
| Grace Under | Mad-You | Simpsons | Ask Harriet | New York Undercover | Soldier of Fortune, Inc. | | | Frasier | Roseanne | Real TV |
| Sportstr. | College Basketball Wisconsin at Michigan State | | | | | | | College Basketball Illinois at Iowa | | Sportscenter |
| Waltons | Rescue 911 | | | | | | | Movie: Stolen Memories: Secrets From Garden | 700 Club | Bonanza |
| (6:45) Movie: ** Wind Matthew Modine. PG-13 | Movie: Showgirls Elizabeth Berkley. * R | | | | | | | (15) Stargate SG-1 | Movie: | |
| (5:15) Movie: Never Say Never Again | Firestorm | Movie: Just Another Girl on the L.R.T. Arjan Johnson | | | | | | Inside the NFL | Comedy | |
| (5:00) Movie: Gung Ho | Movie: Blood and Wine Jack Nicholson. *** R | | | | | | | Movie: Bloodsport 2 Daniel Bernhardt. R | Movie: Bloodsport III RYR | |
| (5:00) Movie: ** Zigzag | Movie: Susan and God (1940) Joan Crawford. *** 1/2 | | | | | | | (15) Movie: Blood and Sand (1941) Tyrone Power, Rita Hayworth. *** | | |
| Dukes of Hazzard | Country Salutes Elvis | Prime Time Country | | | | | | Dallas | | |
| Gimme Shelter | Wild Discovery | Stranger | Movie Magic | Wings | | | | Justice Files | Wild Disc. | |
| Law & Order | Biography | New Explorers | | Unexplained | | | | Law & Order | Biography | |
| Intimate Portrait | Unsolved Mysteries | Movie: A Town Torn Apart (1992) Michael Tucker. | | | | | | Almost | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| Last Word | Sports | FOX Sports | NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Houston Rockets | | | | | College Basketball: Ariz. St. at Wash. | | |
| Babylon 5 | Movie: Uncommon Valor (1983) Gene Hackman, Robert Stack. *** 1/2 | | | | | | | Rough Cut | Movie: Viva Las Vegas (1964) *** 1/2 | |
| Doug | Rugrats | Alex Mack | Happy Days | Wonder Yrs. | Wonder Yrs. | I Love Lucy | M.T. Moore | Taxi | Newhart | Van Dyke |
| Highlander: The Series | Walker, Texas Ranger | Movie: Any Which Way You Can (1990) Clint Eastwood. *** 1/2 | | | | | | Movie: Major Dad | Movie: The Morrison Murders (1996) John Corbett. | |
| Emeralds | Marla Isabel | Alguna Vez | | Blavendo | | | | P. Impacto | Noticiero | Al Ritmo |
| Air Combat | In Search of History | Secrets of World War II | History Undercover | World at War | | | | In Search | | |
| College Basketball Clemson at Wake Forest | | | | | | | | NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Colorado Avalanche | | NHL 2Night |

FRIDAY

JANUARY 9

| 7 AM | 7:30 | 8 AM | 8:30 | 9 AM | 9:30 | 10 AM | 10:30 | 11 AM | 11:30 | 12 PM |
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| Goof Troop | Mermad | Pooh | Katie-Orbie | Bear | Wonderland | Chip 'n' Dale | Madeline | Mermad | Pooh | Jungle Cubs |
| Today | | | | Leza | | Gerardo Rivera | Sunset Beach | Days-Lives | | |
| Barney | Arthur | Sesame Street | | Puzzle Place | Reading | Charlie | Mr Rogers | Arthur | Barney | Katzen |
| Gilligan | 3's Co. | Little House on the Prairie | | Mama | Mama | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | (05) Matlock | | Movie: In |
| Good Morning America | | | | Live - Regis & Kathie Lee | | Martha | Gayle King | People's Court | | News |
| ChannlUm | Captain | Animanics | PinkyBrain | Batman | MeninBlick | Griffith | Griffith | Gerardo Rivera | | News |
| This Morning | | | | Ricki Lake | | Price Is Right | | Young and the Restless | | News |
| C-Bear | Casper | 101Dalmats | X-Men | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Kenneth C. | Paid Prog. | TBA |
| Sportscenter | | | | Sportscenter | | | | Sportscenter | | Up Close |
| Rescue 911 | | | | Waltons | | 700 Club | | Fit TV | | Diagnosis Murder |
| Movie: Leo | Movie: And Now for Something Different | Movie: Airplane! Robert Hays. *** PG | Movie: Spill | Movie: Brian Bosworth. * 1/2 PG-13 | Movie: | | | Movie: Bingo Cindy Williams. ** PG | | Movie: |
| Movie: A Very Brady Sequel PG-13 | Movie: The House on Carroll Street PG | (15) Other Mothers | | | | | | Movie: Sense and Sensibility Emma Thompson. *** 1/2 PG | | |
| (6:30) Movie: *** The Big Circus | Movie: Author! Author! Al Pacino. PG | | | | | | | (15) Movie: Sense and Sensibility Emma Thompson. *** 1/2 PG | | |
| (6:30) Movie: Son of India | Parade | Movie: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (1921) *** | | | | | | Movie: Blood and Sand (1922) *** | | |
| (Off Air) | VideoMorning | Crook & Chase | | | | | | Aleene's Crafts | Am. Country | |
| Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Assignment Discovery | | Home Matters | | Housesmart! | | Interior Mot. | Interior Mot. | Home |
| McMillan and Wife | | | | Equalizer | | Quincy | | Northern Exposure | | Law & Order |
| Baby Knows | Kids These | Sisters | | Almost | HopeGlori | Night Court | Night Court | Our Home | | Commiss |
| FOX Sports News | FOX Sports News | | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Rodeo | | Miller |
| Gilligan | Gilligan | CHiPs | | Lonesome Dove: Series | | Spenser: For Hire | | Movie: Jailhouse Rock (1957) *** 1/2 | | |
| Looney | Rugrats | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Busy World | Muppets | Dr. Seuss | Gullah | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Allegre |
| Webster | Facts of Life | Gimme B. | Strangers | Wings | Wings | Major Dad | Movie: The Morrison Murders (1996) John Corbett. | | | Marimar |
| (6:00) Despierta America | | | | Maite | | Volver a Empezar | | | | Marimar |
| Classroom | History Showcase | | | Movie: The Right Stuff (1983) Sam Shepard. *** 1/2 | | Real West | | Real West | | High Points |
| Flex Appeal | Bodyshape | Crunch | Training | Perfect | Bodyshape | Fitness | Flex Appeal | Billiards | | NBA 2Night |

| 12:30 | 1 PM | 1:30 | 2 PM | 2:30 | 3 PM | 3:30 | 4 PM | 4:30 | 5 PM | 5:30 |
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| Tale Spin | Donald | Chip 'n' Dale | Tale Spin | Goof Troop | Timon | Aladdin | Dinosaurs | Growing | Growing | Brotherly |
| Days-Lives | Another World | Jenny Jones | | Mauzy | | Oprah Winfrey | | News | NBC News | |
| Body Elec. | Painting | Time Goes | Ancestors | Ancestors | Kitchen | Kitchen | Sandiego | Science Guy | Wishbone | Magi Bus |
| (12:00) Movie: In Search of Noah's Ark | Flintstones | Flintstones | Looney | Dreams | Saved-Bell | Saved-Bell | Fam. Mat. | Fam. Mat. | | |
| Jeopardy! | One Life to Live | General Hospital | | Port Charles | Pictionary | Rosie O'Donnell | | News | ABC News | Saved-Bell |
| News | Empty Nest | Empty Nest | Beauty and the Beast | | Beverly Hills, 90210 | Fam. Mat. | Dreams | Saved-Bell | Saved-Bell | |
| Bold & B. | As the World Turns | Guiding Light | | Sally | | Am.Journal | Edition | News | CBS News | |
| TBA | Medicine Woman | Little House | | Rangers | Spider-Man | Metallix | | Turtles | BoyWorld | Roseanne |
| Up Close | Firestone | Golf Hawaii | | PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - Second Round | | Inside PGA | | Up Close | Sportstr. | |
| (12:00) Home & Family | ShopDrop | Shopping | Big Valley | | | Bonanza-Loet | | Carol Bnt. | Carol Bnt. | |
| (12:15) Movie: ** Never Too Late PG | Movie: Hidden in America Beau Bridges. | (45) Movie: Canadian Bacon Alan Alda. ** PG | Movie: | | | | | Movie: A Very Brady Sequel PG-13 | | |
| Movie: Beavis and Butt-head | Storyteller | Movie: House Arrest Jamie Lee Curtis. * 1/2 PG | Movie: Her Life as a Man *** | Movie: The Phantom | | | | (15) Movie: The Phantom | | |
| Movie: Demolition Day Martin Sheen. * 1/2 | Movie: The Ultimate Lie Kristin Davis. | Movie: Her Life as a Man *** | | | | | | Movie: Brass Target *** 1/2 | | |
| Movie: Blood and Sand (1941) Tyrone Power, Rita Hayworth. *** | Movie: Four Wives (1939) Claude Rains. *** 1/2 | | | | | | | Dukes of Hazzard | | |
| (12:00) America's Country Hits | Crook & Chase | Dallas | | Club Dance | | Wings | | Wings | | |
| Home | Housesmart! | Interior Motives | | Great Chefs | Great Chefs | Travelers | | Northern Exposure | | |
| Law & Order | McMillan and Wife | | | Equalizer | | Quincy | | Northern Exposure | | |
| Commiss | Movie: Divorce Wars (1982) Tom Selleck. *** 1/2 | Designing | Designing | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Supernat | Debt | | | |
| Last Word | Hardcore Football | Coaches | Coaches | Coaches | Coaches | NFL-Access | WAC | Miller | Big 12 Show | |
| Movie: | Movie: Barquero (1970) Lee Van Cleef. * 1/2 | | | In the Heat of the Night | Kung Fu: Legend | Lots & Clark-Superman | | | | |
| Rupert | Muppets | Looney | Beetlejuice | Gadget | Tiny Toon | Garfield | You Afraid? | Monsters | Figure It Out | Tiny Toon |
| Movie: Any Which Way You Can (1990) Clint Eastwood. *** 1/2 | | Baywatch | | Saved-Bell | USA High | Baywatch | | | | |
| Marimar | Amada Enemiga | Genta Bien | | Cristina | | Primer Impacto | Club | Noticiero | | |
| High Points | Forgotten Heroes | Movie: The Right Stuff (1983) Sam Shepard. *** 1/2 | | Real West | | High Points | | High Points | | History |
| NBA Finals | SuperBowl | SuperBowl | Motorcycle Racing AMA Supercross Series | | | ESPNNews | ESPNNews | Real Guys | | SuperBowl |

| 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
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| Movie: How the West Was Fun ** | | Movie: Double, Double, Toil and Trouble | | Growing | Growing | Scarecrow-Rm. | | Zorro | | |
| News | Ent. Tonight | Players | Dateline | Homicide: Life | | News | (35) Tonight Show | | | |
| NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Wash. Week | Wall St. | Trailside | Travels | Red Green | Keeping Up | Charlie Rose | NewsHour | | |
| Griffith | Griffith | (05) Movie: Only the Lonely (1991) John Candy. *** | | (15) Movie: Baby Boom (1987) Diane Keaton, Sam Shepard. *** | | | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| News | Fortune | Sabrina | Boy-World | Sabrina | Teen Angel | 20/20 | | News | Beverly Hills, 90210 | Heat |
| Fam. Mat. | Coach | Movie: Betsy's Wedding (1990) Alan Alda. *** 1/2 | | Honeymoon | News | Nash Bridges | | News | (35) Late Show | |
| News | Home Imp. | Kids Say | Gregory | Fam. Mat. | Step-Step | Nash Bridges | | News | | |
| Grace Under | Mad-You | Visitor | | Millennium | | Pensacola: Wings of Gold | | Frasier | Roseanne | Real TV |
| Sportstr. | Outside the Lines | Sportlight | Figure Skating U.S. Championships | | | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Basketball |
| Waltons | Rescue 911 | | Diagnosis Murder | | Hawaii Five-0 | 700 Club | | 700 Club | | Bonanza |
| (5:20) Movie: Airplane! | Hard Rain | Movie: Jon's Apartment Jerry O'Connell. | Stargate SG-1 | | Hunger | Movie: Corp. Ladder | | Dennis M. | Comedy | |
| Inside the NFL | Movie: The Ghost and the Darkness Michael Douglas. | | Movie: TNT Olivier Gruner. NF | | | | | | | |
| Movie: The Phantom PG | Movie: Secrets & Lies (1996) Timothy Spall, Brenda Blethyn. *** R | Movie: The First Wives Club *** PG | | | | | | | | |
| (5:00) Movie: Brass Target | Movie: Blossoms in the Dust (1941) Greer Garson. *** | Movie: Boys Town (1938) *** 1/2 | Movie: The Miracles Worker | | | | | | | |
| Dukes of Hazzard | Auto Racing Arena Truck Challenge | | | | | | | Dallas | | Auto Racing |
| Gimme Shelter | Wild Discovery | News | Wonder | Search for Dracula | | Justice Files | | Wild Disc. | | |
| Law & Order | Biography | | | 20th Century | | Law & Order | | Biography | | |
| Intimate Portrait | Unsolved Mysteries | Movie: Cagney & Lacey: The Return (1994) *** 1/2 | | Almost | | Golden Girls | | Golden Girls | | |
| Last Word | Sports | NHL Hockey Milwaukee Admirals at Houston Aeros | | FOX Sports News | | Sports | | | | |
| Babylon 5 | NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks | | | | | NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns | | | | |
| Doug | Rugrats | Kablam! | Happy Days | | | | | | | |

Area Events

AMARILLO

Amarillo Boy Choirs will conduct Vocal Camp '98 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 South Western.

Open to girls and boys ages 8 through 14, the event will feature a variety of music instruction, a pizza lunch, door prizes, and the opportunity to examine many possibilities for future participation in the arts.

Sessions will include Ensemble Practice, Singing for Stage, Right on Rhythm, Right on Pitch, Cracking Karaoke, and "How to Sing" Levels 1 and 2.

Instructors will include Amarillo Opera director and founder, Mila Gibson; music educator, Lela Harris; Amarillo Boy Choir director, Jerry Perales; private voice teacher, Erna Rush; pastor of worship at Trinity Fellowship, Steve Simpson; Amarillo Opera executive assistant/vocalist, Katrina Perales, accompanist, Nicole Atkins; music educator and private voice teacher, Kim Miller; and Linda Hughes of Amarillo College Theatre School for Children.

Fee for Vocal Camp '98 is \$25 if paid in advance, \$30 if paid at the door. In addition to the group classes, a limited number of private voice lessons will be available for an additional \$10. These lessons will be assigned to pre-paid registrants on a first-come basis. A free t-shirt will be given to all who register and pay by Jan. 15.

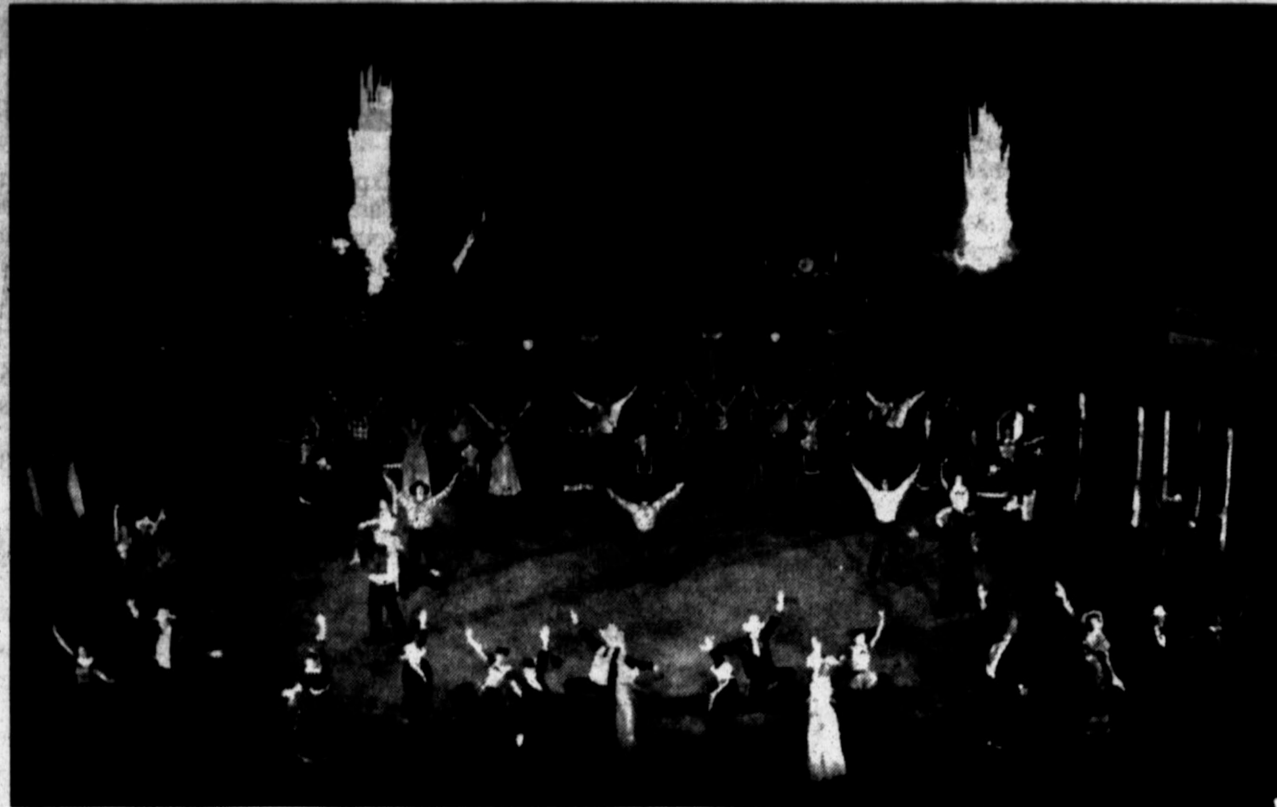
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Auditions are scheduled in seven major cities across the United States for salaried positions with the nation's best attended outdoor drama "TEXAS." The 33rd season of the musical drama "TEXAS" will run June 10 through Aug. 23 in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo.

Directors are looking for actors, singers, dancers, technicians and staff to fill 140 positions. Company members must be available from May 17 through Aug. 23.

Auditions are scheduled in Tucson, Ariz., on Jan. 25; Manhattan, Kan., on Jan. 31; Norman, Okla., on Feb. 1; San Antonio on Feb. 7; Dallas on Feb. 8; Canyon on Feb. 15 and Chapel Hill, N.C., on March 21.

Canyon auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mary Moody Northern Hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University.



Outdoor drama

Auditions for the musical drama "TEXAS" will begin Jan. 25 in Tucson, Ariz. Auditions are scheduled in six other locations across the country from then through March 21. Auditions will be held Feb. 15 in Mary Moody Northern Hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The 33rd season of "TEXAS" will run June 10 through Aug. 22 in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Dancers will register from 10-10:30 a.m. at Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall and audition as a group at 10:30 a.m. All others must register between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Individual auditions will begin as soon as the dance auditions are completed.

Individuals interested in auditioning for "TEXAS" at any location must bring a photo and references.

The script calls for four men and four women in leading roles. In addition, there are six male supporting roles. Actors will present a memorized scene, not to exceed three minutes, that accentuates outdoor voice and presence. Actors often double as members of the chorus and should also prepare a vocal number.

All voice ranges are required in chorus, solos and men's quartets. Singers should prepare one number of their choice. No "pop" or "rock" hits will be accepted. An accompanist will be provided or a singer may bring his or her own.

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"TEXAS" is produced by the non-profit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc. For additional information about auditions, or for show reservations, call 806-655-2181 or write P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015.

STRUCTURE

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a public New Year's Eve celebration at the Old Mill Inn.

Campbell said more people need to be aware that the restaurant is open year-round, not just during the fair.

The location both helps and hinders, he said. It is good for business during the fair, but the restaurant is not visible

from the street and has to promote itself during the fair's off season, he said.

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By The Associated Press
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Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:
In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North

Vietnam resumed near Paris.

In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2002.25.

In 1994, Tonya Harding won the U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out following the clubbing attack on her knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Assn. later stripped Harding of the title because of her involvement in the attack.)

Ten years ago: An Arizona state grand jury indicted Gov. Evan Mecham and his brother, Willard, on charges of concealing a campaign loan. (Both were later acquitted.)

Five years ago: Serb gunmen shot and killed Bosnian deputy prime minister Hakija Turajlic in the presence of French peacekeepers. At post offices across America,

commemorative Elvis Presley stamps went on sale on what would have been "the King's" 58th birthday.

One year ago: The state of Arkansas put three men to death in the second triple execution since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. The Supreme Court heard arguments on whether to allow physician-assisted suicide. Russian President Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized with early signs of pneumonia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 75. Actor Ron Moody is 74. Comedian Soupy Sales is 72. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 70. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 65. Singer Shirley Bassey is 61. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 58. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 56. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 52.

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NORM MACDONALD

NEW YORK (AP) - Here's a weekend update: Norm MacDonald's anchor job on "Saturday Night Live" is up for grabs. He says he got fired from the show's "Weekend Update" segment for not being funny enough.

MacDonald, the caustic comedy news anchor on "SNL," broke the bad news Wednesday on "Late Show with David Letterman." MacDonald said that Don Ohlmeyer, president of NBC West Coast, had fired him from the anchor job.

"So, he goes, 'Oh yeah, I'm firing you there from the show,'" MacDonald said. "And I said, 'Oh, that's not good.' And I said, 'Why is that, now?' And he goes, 'Oh, you're not funny.' And I said, 'Holy Lord, that's even worse news!'"

MacDonald said he will still appear in "SNL" sketches but he added: "I stink in those."

Pat Schultz, a spokeswoman for NBC Entertainment, did not return a message.

Letterman offered this suggestion: "Hit the dirt, come on over here to CBS, we'll get a nice show for you."

BOB DOLE

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) - It seemed like old times for Bob Dole, who mugged for the cameras and shook hands and signed autographs in his home state of Kansas.

Dole was a straggler Wednesday after a Rotary Club luncheon in Olathe, where the guest speaker posed for pictures with the people who had served at the event.

"I was always the last one to leave the event, just like today," Dole joked.

The former Senate Majority Leader and Republican presidential candidate made several area appearances, including one at MidAmerica Nazarene University where he plugged his World War II memorial project that he hopes to have funded by Veterans Day. That will be a tall order.

"It's not easy to raise \$100 million when you don't have a Lincoln Bedroom," he joked.

Dole also poked fun at post-political life, including his turn as a pitcher for Visa's debut card.

"That Visa commercial's going to expire at the end of the month," he said. "Then I'll be looking for work."

HOYT AXTON

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) - Country star Hoyt Axton picked up a three-year deferred sentence and a \$15,000 fine on a guilty plea of possessing more than a pound of marijuana.

Axton could have faced more than five years in prison on the charges, which stemmed from a search of the singer-songwriter's Bitterroot Valley home.

Instead, Judge Jeffrey Langton ordered Axton Tuesday to pay \$10,000 to a county drug fund - and to do community service or pay an additional \$5,000 to a court fund.

Officers searched the home in February and found the pot and several pipes - including one in the wheelchair he has used since suffering a stroke in 1996.

Axton's wife, Deborah Hawkins, previously pleaded guilty on drug charges and was given a one-year deferred sentence and fined \$1,000.

Axton's songs include "Joy To The World," a No. 1 hit for the rock group Three Dog Night.

JOE BONSAALL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - Twenty-five years on the road is a long time, muses Joe Bonsall of the Oak Ridge Boys. So he tapped into another talent: writing.

Next thing he knew, he had a book. Then four books, the first in his series of "Molly" stories for children, starring Molly the talking cat.

Two of the tales, "Molly" and "At Home," can be found in bookstores, while the third one is now at the printer. The fourth is at Bonsall's Hendersonville, Tenn., home, getting the final touches from the author and general disapproval from Molly.

"Molly will not even acknowledge the fact that I have made her a star," Bonsall joked in a recent telephone interview.

Bonsall, the band member who prowls the stage, microphone in hand, says he got the inspiration to write a story while he was sitting in a Las Vegas hotel room a few years back, "missing my house, missing my wife, missing my cats, missing little Molly."

Most don't know 'mad cow' rules

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - New restrictions on livestock feed are meant to ensure America's herds are not devastated by the dreaded mad cow disease. But producers apparently have been among the last to learn about many of the rules.

Wade Moser, executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, said his 3,100-member group knew nothing about recordkeeping requirements that took effect in August.

"It's news to me," he said. "I doubt any of our members knew a thing about it either. ... The whole thing seems a little ridiculous to me."

The North Dakota Agriculture Department and federal officials have been trying to get the word out to producers about the new laws, but they admit it has been a tough go.

"Back in November, we had a special program in Bismarck to get some information out through the department," said Bob Vandal, who oversees feed regulations for the state Agriculture Department. "We invited all the veterinarians, producers, the extension service, but our turnout was embarrassingly low."

Mad cow disease is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts, and last year, British scientists announced that humans may have contracted the disease by eating diseased beef.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration in August imposed rules banning producers from giving livestock any feed made from the body parts of similar animals. The law also requires producers to keep detailed records to ensure none of their livestock feed comes from banned sources.

Researchers believe mad cow disease is spread when livestock such

as cattle and sheep - known as ruminant animals because of their unique digestive system - eat feed made from other ruminant livestock.

The fatal brain-destroying disease, known scientifically as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has ravaged cattle herds in Britain for a decade. It is blamed for about 20 human deaths overseas.

Mad cow disease has never surfaced in the United States, either in livestock or humans. The FDA feed rules are meant to ensure it never does.

Feed made from ruminant livestock parts must be labeled as such and include a warning that it is illegal to give the feed to cattle, sheep, domestic deer or bison.

Livestock producers who give their animals feed made from other animal proteins such as fish or swine are required to keep their purchase invoices for one year. They also must keep the label from the feed bag for one year as proof it did not contain any banned substance.

Vandal, with the state Agriculture Department, said while the change might seem cumbersome, it should not create any headaches for producers.

"Most of them keep their invoices that long anyway for tax purposes," he said. "And if I was a producer, I'd want all my ducks in a row in case this (virus) ever surfaced in the U.S. so I could show, 'Hey, this did not come from my cows.'"

Don Aird, a spokesman for the FDA in Minneapolis, said the laws mandate spot checks of livestock herds and fines for violators.

"We're not trying to put anyone in jail or take their money," he said. "We just want to protect the beef and this is the best way to do that."

Clinton to raise funds for 2 Demos

WASHINGTON (AP) - After Air Force One touches down in the Rio Grande Valley, President Clinton's focus during his whirlwind visit to the Lone Star State will be education, education, education.

But some are wondering whether the president's Texas trek on Friday, which the White House is billing as one of his most important policy addresses of the year, also amounts to payback for two Democratic House members who bucked their party's tide and committed to support the trade negotiating authority Clinton avidly sought from Congress.

Reps. Ruben Hinojosa and Sheila Jackson Lee deny that presidential appearances at their fund-raisers in McAllen and Houston on Friday amount to quid pro quo for support on fast-track. Hinojosa, a freshman from Mercedes, agreed in the eleventh hour to support fast-track, which didn't come up for a vote last year. Ms. Jackson Lee, who represents a Houston district, never publicly stated her position.

"The president and myself have enjoyed a good and open working relationship on many issues, so I'm delighted that he is coming from my invitation that I extended to him in the winter of 1997," Ms. Jackson Lee said Wednesday. "I would believe that this is an honor for the city of Houston, the 18th Congressional District."

Hinojosa said he invited the president to the Valley during an eight-day trip to South America last fall.

"I was able to have some private time with the president and talk about the unique problems we have in South Texas, not only in education but in being able to access health care and have adequate housing, (and) being able to try to find the solution to the three- and four-decade-old problem of having double-digit unemployment," Hinojosa said Wednesday.

"What pleased me the most is that he said he wanted to come to South

Texas and listen to his constituents ... tell him what they thought was the problem and the solution."

Privately, however, some Democrats say Clinton's decision to return to Texas just four months after his last visit and raise funds for incumbents in safe seats - at a time when he is juggling a frenetic fund-raising schedule to help the debt-ridden Democratic Party - amounts to repayment of promises a wheeling-dealing White House cut last year during the fast-track debate.

"There is no other explanation," a Democratic congressional aide whose boss fought fast-track said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's a payback."

White House officials stressed the policy aspects of the trip, which will take Clinton from an address to Mission High School students Friday morning to a McAllen luncheon for Hinojosa then a Brownsville appearance, followed in the afternoon by a Houston education event and then an evening fund-raiser for Ms. Jackson Lee.

Hinojosa, a former state Board of Education member, is hoping for a presidential endorsement of legislation he is pushing to increase college opportunities for Hispanic students and others who are underrepresented on college campuses.

Clinton is perturbed by the high dropout rate among Hispanic high school students, Hinojosa said, adding that the president termed it "a national crisis of great urgency."

Ms. Jackson Lee hopes Clinton uses Houston, which just rejected a bid to terminate the city's affirmative action policies, as a showcase for the merits of equal opportunity.

"Who better should hear a message of education and equal opportunity," she asked.

Wholesale prices post drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prices paid by wholesalers fell in December for the ninth month this year, bringing the price drop for all of 1997 to 1.2 percent - the sharpest deflation since oil prices collapsed in 1986.

Only this time, in contrast to the 2.3 percent drop more than a decade ago, declines were much more broad-based. They ranged from gasoline to eggs to cars to computers, the Labor Department said today.

In December, the department's Producer Price Index fell 0.2 percent, the same as in November. Food fell 0.1 percent, energy 0.2 percent and everything else, 0.1 percent.

For the year, energy costs fell 6.4 percent after shooting up 11.7 percent in 1996. Food prices fell 1 percent after advancing 3.4 percent the year before.

The so-called core rate of producer price inflation edged a negligible 0.1 percent higher for all of 1997 after rising 0.6 percent in 1996. It was the smallest rise on record since the department began tracking the core rate in 1973.

Economists expect the good inflation news to continue into 1998 as Asian nations with sharply devalued currencies flood the United States with cheap exports.

Overseas, Indonesia's currency lost more than one-fourth of its value today and the stock market there dropped 12 percent amid fears that an International Monetary Fund rescue package could become unglued.

In the United States, stocks fell too. The Dow Jones average declined 61 points in the first half hour of trading to 7,841. Bond prices rose, pushing the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond down to 5.75 percent this morning from 5.78 percent late Wednesday. That's not far above Tuesday's record low of 5.71 percent.

Rates plummeted after Federal Reserve Chairman

Alan Greenspan said Saturday that deflation posed problems, implying the central bank would be willing to cut interest rates if widespread price declines spread to the consumer level.

Consumer prices still are increasing at about a 1.8 percent rate in 1997. That's because service prices, influenced by tight U.S. labor markets and largely unaffected by international competition, make up slightly more than half the Consumer Price Index.

"The outlook for 1998 looks very good for inflation. In fact, it looks so good, I think it's an even toss as to whether the Fed is going to lower rates or keep them constant during the first half of this year," said economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates of West Chester, Pa.

The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits jumped by 20,000 to 334,000 last week, matching the level in mid-November. Claims haven't been higher since mid-August.

The level still signals healthy demand for labor but the rise, the second in a row, may indicate some slowing in the economy as the new year began.

The nine monthly producer price drops in 1997 matched a record set in 1949. Gasoline prices at year-end were 14.9 percent lower than 12 months earlier. Fuel oil fell 21.5 percent.

Egg costs were down 15.6 percent; pork, 13.9 percent; chickens, 10.1 percent; fresh fruit, 9.6 percent, and processed fruit and vegetables, 2.7 percent. Coffee, though, soared 18.1 percent.

Household appliance prices fell 2.6 percent; cars, 1.7 percent and light trucks, 3.1 percent. All were influenced by competition with imports. Tobacco rose 7.8 percent.

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caution," the report said.

Clinton said the administration expects this year's deficit to be less than \$22 billion, well above the CBO's \$5 billion projection. But Lawrence Haas, spokesman for the White House budget office, said the two agencies' deficit forecasts are very similar.

CBO's forecast was sure to fuel the debate between Clinton and Republicans over how to divide the windfall.

Though both Clinton and GOP leaders have said they want to begin retiring the national debt, Republicans have talked of making broad tax cuts. Clinton and many Democrats want small tax reductions plus expansions of Medicare, child care and other programs.

Wednesday's report was merely the latest instance in a remarkable year that has seen deficit forecasts by the White House and congressional analysts plummet by the month. Just a year ago, both of them overestimated the \$22 billion 1997 gap by more than \$100 billion.

The CBO envisions a \$3 billion deficit in 2000, followed by a \$14 billion surplus in 2001. The black ink would grow gradually to \$138 billion in 2008, the last year for which the budget office produced data.

Lawmakers fight over U.S. census

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Washington Today

WASHINGTON (AP) - While America's population increases by an estimated 2.3 million people in the New Year, official Washington will keep arguing about how to account for them and everyone else in the millennial census.

The political dispute over the constitutionally mandated population count in 2000 is on hold, not settled. The issue is whether to use statistical sampling to account for people the Census Bureau can't reach in its mail and door-to-door canvasses.

That's the administration plan, based on a study of the last census by the National Academy of Sciences. But it collides with Republican insistence that the census be, as the Constitution says, an actual enumeration, without polling-style sampling the bureau wants to use to count up to 10 percent of the population.

The Republicans contend sampling would be suspect and could be rigged by Democrats. The Census Bureau calls it the best way to a more accurate count of the people who are bound to be missed, as an estimated 4 million were in 1990.

The political concern behind the GOP rhetoric is that the people most likely to be uncounted without sampling are likely to be Democrats - urban minorities and lower-income Americans.

They don't answer by mail, and many of them don't have telephones, aren't at home or don't answer the door when the canvasser comes, wary of dealing with the government.

Republican opponents of census sampling argue it would risk meddling with or outright rigging of the numbers. One said it would invite a Censusgate scandal.

To which congressional Democrats, most ardently those in the minority House caucuses, reply that Republicans prefer the old way to a more accurate statistical system because it works to their political advantage.

A GOP attempt to write a sampling ban into a flood disaster bill prevented passage of the measure until they relented, temporarily. The settlement was a compromise of sorts, signed by President Clinton over protests of House Democrats.

It provides \$390 million for Census Bureau preparations and permits two census rehearsals next spring, one with sampling, one without. It entitles Republicans to seek swift review by the Supreme Court to determine whether the Constitution permits the use of statistical sampling. The bill also sets

up a census monitoring board to review the planning and the counting - with a GOP provision mandating that panel to make certain the census is "free from political bias and arbitrary decisions."

In addition, the Republicans created a new House panel for close oversight of census planning, with the emphasis on statistical sampling.

Democratic opponents say the Republicans are trying to tip the counting in their favor. "In a self-serving and subtle racist effort to maintain control of Congress, some Republicans are hampering the Democratic effort to ensure that all Americans are counted," Rep. Major Owens, D-N.Y., protested.

The census every decade is the basis for congressional apportionment, and for the allocation of almost \$150 billion a year in federal aid. With power and money both at stake, disputes are inevitable over the way it is conducted and the results it delivers.

The 1990 census drew more than 30 court challenges from cities, states and groups arguing they were undercounted and deprived of federal dollars as a result.

The Supreme Court finally upheld the census six years after it was conducted.

This time, the political argument about 2000 began in advance, over counting a population the Census Bureau estimated at 268,921,733 at the start of 1998. Those estimates of national and state populations are based on statistical sampling, but the interim numbers have no official impact. It's the 10-year census that counts.

Based on current estimates, the Washington consulting firm Election Data Services predicted congressional reapportionment after the 2000 census probably will favor states in the South and West, most at the expense of the Northeast and the industrial Midwest.

That would add House seats in regions where Republicans have run strong in congressional elections. With or without census sampling.

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JONES TO BE AT WHITE HOUSE WHEN CLINTON'S QUESTIONED

WASHINGTON (AP) - Paula Jones intends to confront President Clinton face-to-face when he testifies in her sexual harassment suit against him, a spokeswoman says. The president's lawyer said today she has the right to be there.

"I don't know when or where the deposition will be taken, but whenever it is, Paula will be there," Susan Carpenter McMillan, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Jones, said Wednesday.

"Paula Corbin Jones will be sitting across that table from William Jefferson Clinton ... and (he) is going to have to look her straight in the eye and either be forced to tell the truth or perjure himself," McMillan added.

Robert Bennett, Clinton's lawyer, said today he wouldn't challenge Jones' request to be present at the deposition. "If Miss Jones wants to be there, she's a party to the case and she can be there," Bennett said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

As it stands now, Clinton is to testify Jan. 17, a Saturday, at the White House. That may now be delayed.

RUSSIA MAY LET ACCUSED SPY OFF THE HOOK

WASHINGTON (AP) - Richard Bliss' Christmas reprieve could be permanent.

He is the American arrested installing a cellular telephone system in Russia and charged with espionage.

Bliss was permitted to go home for the holidays on the understanding he would return to Russia in the new year.

On Wednesday, however, U.S. Ambassador James Collins was informed in Moscow by Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Mamedov that Bliss could stay home, at least for now.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed today that the government had relaxed its demand for Bliss' immediate return.

"There is no need now for him to come back, but the investigation is going on and there might be a need for him to come back at some point," said spokesman Vladimir Andreyev.

IRANIAN PRESIDENT EYES BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - With powerful anti-American religious leaders arrayed against him, Iran's President Mohammad Khatami reached out as far as he dared toward Washington today.

The opening that Khatami provided toward ending nearly two decades of hostility also could benefit Washington in its efforts to keep a grip on the oil-rich Persian Gulf. Khatami's overture comes at a time when key Arab states are warming to Iran, which America has tried to isolate.

In an interview with CNN in Tehran, Khatami appealed for "a crack in the wall of mistrust" between Iran and the United States, and proposed exchanges of scholars, artists, writers and tourists.

His comments, which aired Wednesday evening in the United States, indicated that as a first step toward an eventual thaw in relations the two countries could start formal cultural exchanges.

In the United States today, one of the former American hostages from Tehran's 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover welcomed Khatami's proposals, saying "it would give everyone a chance to get used to each other again."

In the strongest hint that U.S.-Iran relations could be rehabilitated, the president said: "If someday another situation is to emerge, we must definitely consider the roots and relevant factors (that ruined relations) and try to eliminate them."

SOUTHEAST ASIAN FINANCIAL MARKETS PLUNGE

HONG KONG (AP) - Spooked by a record fall in Indonesia's currency, stock markets across Southeast Asia dropped sharply today as investors liquidated portfolios.

Indonesia's rupiah plunged 26 percent and its stock market suffered a 12 percent drop - both one-day worsts - while Singapore shares hit a 5 1/2-year low and Philippine shares a 4 1/2-year low.

There was good news in South Korea, where the main share index rose 3.6 percent due to strong buying demand from foreign investors.

Foreigners, allowed under new laws to own up to 55 percent of listed South Korean companies, were snapping up shares of Korea Electric Power Corp., LG Electronics Inc. and Daewoo Telecom Co.

And in Tokyo, the yen strengthened slightly against the U.S. dollar due to expectations that the Bank of Japan might intervene to support the currency while senior Finance Ministry official Eisuke Sakakibara visits Washington this week.

FOUR MISSING, SIX HURT IN CHEMICAL BLAST

LOCKWOOD, Nev. (AP) - Gustavo Alcala knew his job was dangerous. He'd been trained to work with explosives and warned to follow the rules to the letter.

Wednesday he found out how dangerous, when two powerful blasts leveled the explosives plant where he worked near Reno, leaving four of his co-workers missing and six injured. The missing are feared dead.

The consecutive explosions - which left 29-year-old Alcala and several others trapped in one building - were so strong that they registered magnitude 2.0 on earthquake monitors at the nearby University of Nevada-Reno and were felt as far away as Fernley, 20 miles east.

"I yelled for help from my workers but they couldn't hear me," Alcala said from his bed in the intensive care unit at Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks. He was in stable condition after suffering a blow to the head and eye and facial injuries.

BRITISH OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH PROTESTANT MILITANTS

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland plans to meet some of the province's most notorious Protestant militants in prison - an unprecedented attempt to keep pro-British groups involved in peace talks.

Mo Mowlam announced Wednesday that she will meet prisoners from the outlawed Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force on Friday in the top-security Maze prison. She is the first in her post to make such a visit since Britain took direct control of government here in 1972.

At stake is the continued participation of the two groups' legal political parties in negotiations on Northern Ireland's future.

Those eight-party talks resume Monday, but the two parties linked to the Protestant paramilitaries are facing pressure from their jailed comrades - who wield heavy influence on policy - to withdraw.

Both parties warn that could precipitate the end of their October 1994 cease-fire. It already is under assault from a renegade gang of UDA and UVF members calling themselves the Loyalist Volunteer Force, who have killed two Catholics and wounded eight since their commander was assassinated Dec. 27 by an Irish Republican Army splinter group.

HEALTH OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA ON BIRD FLU

BEIJING (AP) - Officials of the World Health Organization will visit China later this month to investigate a "bird flu" that has killed four people in Hong Kong, China's foreign ministry said today.

The WHO officials will arrive in Beijing on Jan. 22 for field surveys in Guangdong province and other areas that supply chickens and ducks to Hong Kong, Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said.

Chinese chicken farms are suspected of being the source of the influenza A H5N1 virus, which has killed four and sickened at least 12 in Hong Kong in the first documented outbreak among humans. Hong Kong officials slaughtered the territory's 1.3 million chickens in an attempt to halt the flu's spread.

Hong Kong normally imports 80 percent of its live poultry - about 80,000 birds a day - from China.

"Chinese Public Health Ministry and WHO experts will soon visit Guangdong and Hong Kong ... to assess the trend of development of the epidemic and initiate cooperation in testing for the influenza virus," Shen said at a twice-weekly news briefing.

JUROR SMOKED POT WITH THREE, THEN CONVICTED THEM

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) - A juror helped convict three defendants of drug charges one day after he smoked marijuana with them on a country road and discussed the possible outcome of their trial.

Matthew Smith, 27, of Lost Creek, pleaded guilty to contempt of court Dec. 29 and is free awaiting a punishment left up to the judge, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon L. Potter said Wednesday.

Smith's admission has raised questions about the three defendants convicted in the 1993 federal trial on marijuana-manufacturing charges. Timothy W. McCoy is serving 24 years in prison, Connie Sue Heater is serving 10 years, and Harvey B. John was released after completing a 25-month sentence.

At least one of the two still in prison is attempting to attack the conviction based on Smith's misconduct, Potter said.

Defense lawyers accused Smith of misconduct in their appeals but said they did not have testimony to support the claims, Potter said. Federal officials investigated and Smith was indicted last summer.

AT&T REPORTEDLY TO BUY TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS

NEW YORK (AP) - AT&T Corp. is on the verge of buying Teleport Communications Group Inc., which provides local telephone service in 28 states, in a stock deal valued at \$10 billion to \$11 billion, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

The acquisition would give AT&T a foothold in the local markets of several large urban areas, including New York and Los Angeles. AT&T could use the 65 local phone networks owned by Teleport to compete with the Baby Bells and other companies.

CIRCUS TRAINER MAULED BY TIGER

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - An animal trainer who came from a long line of circus performers remained in critical condition with severe head wounds early today after a tiger he had raised from infancy bit his head and refused to let go.

The trainer's brother shot and killed the 350-pound tiger after the attack Wednesday morning.

Richard Chipperfield, 24, was attacked while a dozen tigers were inside a ring for a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus practice and promotional photo shoot, police spokesman Bill Doniel said.

AU PAIR AGENCY SETTLES MOLESTATION CASE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - The family of a boy who was molested by a male au pair settled its civil suit with the au pair agency that sponsored the German caretaker.

The settlement - the terms of which were not disclosed - came Tuesday night, the day before jury selection was to begin in the case against the American Institute for Foreign Studies.

The case was to be tried in Middlesex Superior Court, the same court where British au pair Louise Woodward was convicted of killing 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. Woodward worked for another au pair agency, EF Au Pair.

In 1993, Stefan Kahl, a 26-year-old German man working for the AIFS subsidiary Au Pair in America, pleaded guilty to molesting the 7-year-old child in his care and taking pornographic pictures of a 4-year-old boy in the neighborhood. Kahl was deported to Berlin.

The parents of the two boys sued the au pair agency, based in Greenwich, Conn., for consumer fraud and failure to screen, train and supervise Kahl. The agency countersued, alleging that the host family should have known what was going on.

FARE BEATERS HAVE NYC OFFICIALS QUAKING

NEW YORK (AP) - And you thought New York City subways were crowded now.

Authorities for the nation's largest mass transit system feared a bum's rush as news leaked that there was a way to beat the city's new, expensive and supposedly tamper-proof fare computer.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority refused to detail the problem. If that happened, spokesman Tom Kelly said, "we'll have 18,000 people trying to go through the turnstiles free."

At the heart of the problem is the MetroCard, a 2-by-4 inch piece of plastic that is dragged through a magnetic reader at subway turnstiles or inserted into bus fare boxes. A computer deducts each \$1.50 fare until zero; fares can added at subway booths.

"BAYWATCH HOBO" HELPS RESCUE TEAMS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Adrift at sea with a broken radio and an engine that wouldn't work, Monib Zand fired three flares within a half-hour and hoped.

The only call to authorities came from Jim Ritter, who lives under lifeguard tower No. 13 on the beach here. Calling from a bicycle path telephone Monday night, Ritter had trouble convincing anyone that someone needed help.

"Since he was a transient, we weren't sure," lifeguard Lt. Dan Atkins said. "He was homeless, but he was telling us that he had spent a number of years working on boats and he knew what a flare looks like."

And he knew how to help. Ritter memorized the position of the flares and guided rescuers to the crippled yacht La Gitana, a 55-foot sloop 11 miles from shore. Zand was flown to safety by a Coast Guard helicopter.

KEVORKIAN ASSOCIATE ASSISTS IN SUICIDE

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - An associate of Dr. Jack Kevorkian assisted in the suicide of an 81-year-old Michigan woman who had lung cancer, emphysema and ulcers, Kevorkian's lawyer said.

Dr. Georges Reding and Kevorkian delivered the body of Nancy Rush to the North Oakland Medical Center on Wednesday, said Kevorkian lawyer Geoffrey Fieger. He said Kevorkian also was present at the woman's death but would not say where she died.

Ms. Rush lived at a nursing home in Saline, about 10 miles southwest of Ypsilanti.

Reding, a 72-year-old psychiatrist, assisted in Ms. Rush's death, Fieger said. Reding has assisted in at least six deaths since Dec. 3, including two on Dec. 27.

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