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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF
Tori Walker
Audra Witkowski

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies
Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-20s, light north wind.
Friday: Sunny with a high in the lower 60s, south to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.
Friday night: Mostly clear with a low 30 to 35.



Extended forecast
New Year's Day: Partly cloudy and breezy, high 60 to 65.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy and cooler, low in the upper 20s to around 30, high 50 to 55.
Monday: Partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high in the upper 40s to around 50.

Hereford weather
Wednesday's high, 64; low, 37; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 28.12 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

Unseasonably warm weather continues
A warming trend the day before New Year's Eve is producing high temperatures more like October than December, according to The Associated Press.

It was 75 degrees at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Wednesday — a normal high temperature for late October. Other highs were 76 degrees at Abilene, 75 at Mineral Wells and 74 at Waco.

Early-morning readings today ranged from the 30s to 50s and some 60s in the south. It was 46 degrees at Paris, 53 at Corsicana, 38 at Hondo, 58 at Galveston, 37 at Hondo and 56 at Dryden.

A surface low-pressure area was centered from near Childress to the Oklahoma border.

Winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph. Behind the low, winds were out of the north and northwest over the Panhandle.

Temperatures will not be quite as warm through Friday, but highs will hover over 80 degrees in some areas. Other readings will range from the mid-50s in the north and west to 70s along the Rio Grande, with lows in the 20s and 30s.

Inside Today



Sportswriters honor 2 Lady Whitefaces
Audra Witkowski (left) and Tori Walker were named to the Class 4A All-State volleyball team by the Texas Sportswriters Association. Witkowski and Walker were both named to the first team.
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GIN FIRE



Hereford firefighters check damage to the Hereford Farmers Co-op gin following a fire Wednesday evening at the cotton-ginning plant located on South Main Street. Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain said this morning the fire apparently was ignited by a bolt that had worked loose and caused a spark. Spain said damage to the gin was minimal.

TMSI's fee: What does HRMC get?

Medical staff had questions about pact with Austin company

By Donald M. Cooper

Dr. Duffy McBrayer kept asking Tuesday night what would the Deaf Smith County Hospital District get for the \$5,000 monthly fee it will pay TMSI under the provisions of a two-year management agreement.

The hospital district and TMSI, a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), entered into a management service agreement on Dec. 17 that will see the Austin-based firm take over the day-to-day operations of Hereford Regional Medical Center. Although McBrayer may not have received the specific details he was seeking at Tuesday night's meeting of the hospital board, the Hereford physician and other members of the HRMC medical staff might have had more questions answered during Wednesday's lunch meeting with Larry D. Krupala, president/chief executive officer of TMSI.

According to the management agreement, the hospital board "desires to have an administrator to perform and oversee the administrative and management duties ... in keeping with the goals and objectives established by the ... directors."

TMSI stated it would "provide management ... and believes that it is possible to develop and implement a turnaround plan that will stabilize the hospital and allow the hospital to be turned back to the board ... at the end of the two-year term of this agreement."

Under the provisions of the contract, TMSI is responsible for providing a hospital administrator with at least three

years of experience in day-to-day hospital operations.

The administrator, who will be selected by TMSI subject to approval by the hospital board, will recommend operational policies adopted by the board; direct the daily management/administration of HRMC; see the timely payment of hospital's liabilities/obligations; oversee the maintenance of the physical plant; perform analyses of the HRMC financial, staffing and organizational functions, as well as identify problem areas and recommend plans to deal with the problems; ensure compliance with federal, state and local regulations, coordinate services and communication among departments; and serve as a liaison among the board, medical staff and hospital employees.

TMSI also agreed to supervise financial affairs to ensure the appropriate billing and collections, as well as maintain a system of fiscal controls for the hospital.

On a monthly basis, the company will analyze the balance sheet; statement of operations with variances to the budget for the month/year-to-date; cash flow projection; comparative operating statistics; and significant management activities.

On an annual basis, TMSI agreed to prepare and review cash flow; prepare annual operations and capital budgets for presentation to the board; recommend cash reserve levels; review the independent audit; conduct operational reviews of accounting procedures; review financial documents and advise on reporting requirements; and prepare revenue/expense filings required by regulatory bodies.

TMSI also agreed to provide training of the hospital personnel, and assist in the maintenance or improvement of the HRMC accounting sys-

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County incumbents draw opponents

From Staff Reports

Today is the last day this year candidates can file for positions on the March 14 primary election ballots.

The deadline for filing in the Democratic and Republican primaries is Jan. 3, 2000, but the Deaf Smith County Courthouse will be closed Friday for the New Year's holiday.

The last day to register to vote in the primary is Feb. 14, 2000. Early voting in the primary elections will be Feb. 28-March 10.

Deaf Smith county offices on the ballot are commissioners in

Precincts 1 and 3, sheriff, tax assessor-collector and constable.

Both incumbent commissioners, Wayne Betzen in Precinct 1 and Troy Don Moore in Precinct 3, have drawn primary opposition. Precinct 1 foreman Alfred Ortiz is challenging Betzen, while Mike Brumley wants to oust Moore.

On the Democratic side, Armando Gonzalez and Joe Henry are seeking the nomination for the Precinct 1 commissioner's seat.

Incumbent tax assessor/collector Margaret Del Toro is vacating her office, and her chief

deputy, Theresa G. Garth, is seeking the post on the Democratic ticket. Jeannine Zimmerman has filed as a Republican for the tax assessor/collector post.

Incumbent Joe Brown, a Democrat, is seeking another term as sheriff, while Fidel Reyna is seeking the GOP nomination for sheriff. Incumbent Brian Hedrick has filed as a Republican for constable.

Filings through Thursday include:

DEMOCRATIC
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Armando Gonzalez;
Joe Henry.

Sheriff
(i) Joe Brown.
Tax Assessor/Collector
Theresa G. Garth.

REPUBLICAN
Commissioner, Precinct 1
(i) Wayne Betzen;
Alfred Ortiz.

Commissioner, Precinct 3
Mike Brumley;
(i) Troy Don Moore.

Sheriff
Fidel Reyna.
Constable
(i) Brian Hedrick.
Tax Assessor/Collector

Jeannine Zimmerman.

The major statewide race on the ballot will be for U.S. Senate, where incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the overwhelming favorite to earn another term. Other statewide races on the ballot include spots on the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals and other judicial positions.

All of the congressional seats will be up for grabs. In the 19th Congressional District,

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U.S. emergency officials prepare for Y2K troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of federal emergency officials have fanned out across the country and will await the stroke of midnight in each U.S. time zone Friday with an eye toward Y2K disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established 10 regional centers to monitor potential catastrophes in the United States and its territories.

Beginning today, FEMA will have its emergency support team man full gear around the clock through Sunday.

More than 800 personnel will be working through the weekend.

The agency can draw on resources from as many as 26 federal agencies and the Red Cross if Y2K emergencies arise.

"FEMA is confident that nothing serious will happen, but we are prepared to respond just like we would for any other natural disaster or any other emergency situation," said Robert Adamcik, associate director for FEMA response and recovery.

Preparing for 18 months, the

agency's officials have rehearsed a multitude of scenarios, including explosions, power outages and nuclear disaster.

FEMA officials said they will constantly gather information from state and local governments throughout the weekend, monitoring them with an automated system that assigns a green light to communities that are OK, a yellow light to those where an emergency is suspected but information is incomplete, and a red light for a confirmed disaster.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

It might be the last holiday of the 20th century, or it might be the first holiday of the 21st century, but no matter how you look at it, the arrival of the new year will affect government and business schedules.

Hereford City Hall will be closed Friday so city employees can enjoy the holiday. Deaf Smith County employees will be off Friday; the public library will be closed Friday and Saturday. On Friday, FirstBank Southwest will be open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (lobby) and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (motor bank). First National Bank also will maintain its regular business hours Friday from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., as will Hereford State Bank, which will have regular business hours, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., window, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., inside. Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will close at noon Friday and First American Bank will remain open Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., inside, and 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., window.

The U.S. Post Office will close at 2 p.m. Friday for the holiday. The post office is normally closed on Saturday.

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Local roundup

Heroism award entrees accepted

Entries for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1999 Rural Heroism Award are now being accepted.

To qualify, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1999. The heroic deed should be farm or ranch related. The 1999 recipient will be announced April 3, 2000, at the Texas Safety Association's 61st annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition, to be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2000. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco, Texas, 76708.

The letter of nomination should include a written account of the incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the involved parties. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

HPD beefs up patrol

Hereford Police Department will have extra officers patrolling the streets from 7 p.m. Friday until they are no longer needed.

Cpt. Pat Michael said all officers will be watching for all traffic violations as well as being on the lookout for parties that may get too loud or out of hand.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

Financial advisers get new test

AUSTIN (AP) — For the first time, new investment advisers in Texas will have to pass a test showing their knowledge of ethics and strategies starting Jan. 1.

"We test barbers and hairdressers to make sure they know how to cut and color hair," said Denise Voigt Crawford, Texas Securities Commissioner.

"We should make sure that investment advisers know the difference between stocks and bonds — the investment public deserves no less," she said.

The 130-question test replaces a 75-question exam that the securities commission has required prospective financial advisers to pass before getting a license to do business in Texas.

The old test focused on securities law, but ignored questions about basic investment strategies and common investment tools, like mutual funds and bonds, she said.

The expanded test is necessary, she said; because the investing public has become less sophisticated in recent years and depends more heavily on the advice of professional advisers.

Other questions on the test were prompted by frequent types of complaints received by the state securities commission, Ms. Crawford said.

She said more than 40 other states will require financial advisers to take similar tests beginning in January.

State abortion licensing law on hold

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Wednesday blocked the state from enforcing a new law that expands licensing requirements for abortion doctors, saying the law is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge John Rainey said the 1999 amendments to the Abortion Facility Reporting and Licensing Act violate the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution and are constitutionally vague.

Rainey granted a temporary injunction after a two-day hearing on the new law's background and effects.

The law, which took effect Sept. 1, requires doctors' offices to be licensed if the physician performs more than 300 abortions a year. It also increases the criminal liability of doctors who operate abortion clinics without a license.

If Texas Attorney General John Cornyn appeals the order, a trial likely will take place.

A spokeswoman for Texas Department of Health Commissioner William Archer III declined comment on Rainey's order.

But an attorney for the group of physicians who filed the lawsuit told the Houston Chronicle that the judge's decision removes a roadblock for women seeking abortions in Texas.

Waco fiasco continues

DALLAS (AP) — Negotiators in the deadly standoff with armed Branch Davidians were derailed by tactical mistakes during the siege's first weeks near Waco, FBI agents and behavior experts have told the Justice Department.

Agency memos obtained by The Dallas Morning News in a copyright story for today's editions blamed the FBI's reliance on punitive paramilitary actions for failing to entice more sect members out of their Mount Carmel compound.

"The negotiators' approach was working until they had the rug pulled out from under them" by aggressive tactical actions, a Justice Department investigator was told in August 1993 by Agent Gary Noesner, FBI negotiation coordinator for the siege's first half.

After the standoff ended in a fiery blaze that destroyed the compound and killed dozens of people, a top negotiator said that a tear gas attack was favored against Branch Davidians because its use was inevitable.

Internal documents obtained by the newspaper show that negotiators feared tactical agents more favored by FBI commanders would otherwise be allowed to "throw it in." The agents had begun lobbying for use of CS gas in early March 1993, sending a formal plan to the White House.

Elsewhere:

GETTING READY TO PARTY: In Dallas, workers are completing the finishing touches on a \$600,000 red flying horse that will light the city's sky at the stroke of midnight on New Year's. In Lubbock, chefs are chopping and baking as they prepare the first breakfast of 2000 for 1,000 partygoers. The streets in Austin, usual filled with business commuters and visitors, were closed this week, with workers erecting giant stages in front of the Capitol for the likes of Lyle Lovett.

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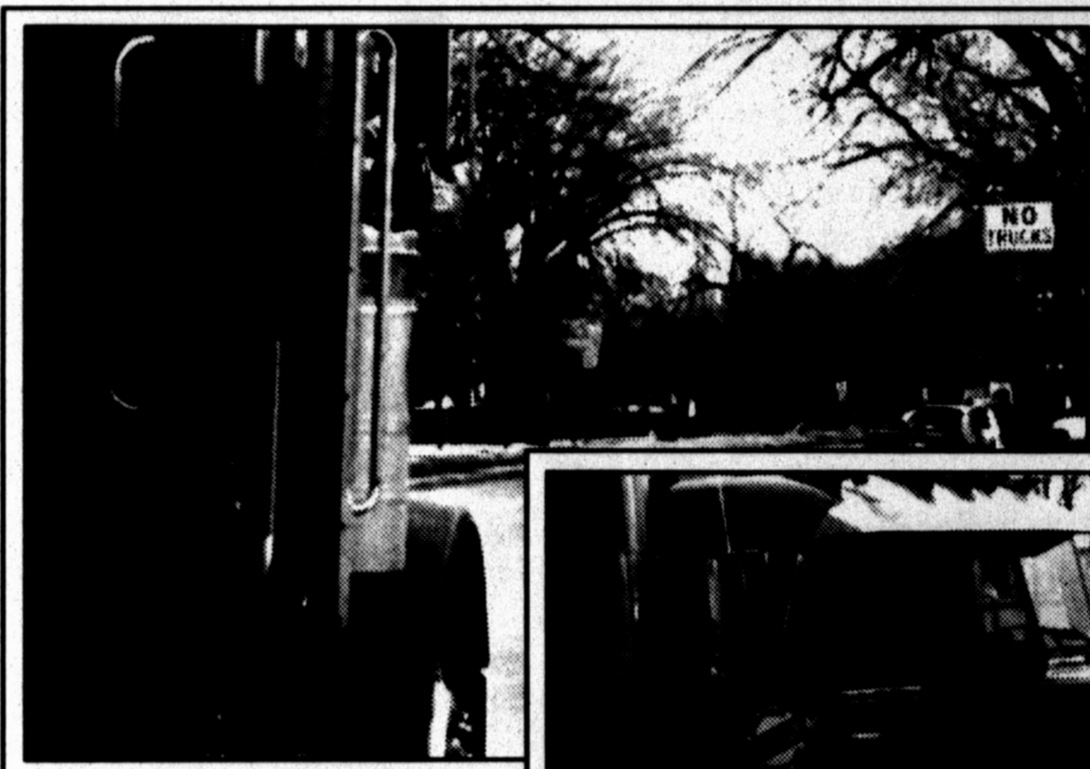
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No trucks, plain and simple



Get the picture — The message can't be much clearer — commercial trucks are not allowed to be parked or driven on many of the Hereford residential streets. Signs on every block along Lee Street post the notice, sometimes to no avail. Police officers Wednesday cited the trucking company which owns the truck for parking in a posted no truck zone.

Officers were unable to locate the driver of the tractor-trailer, but said it was policy to cite the registered owners. Police are trying to crack down on illegal trucks because tractor-trailer rigs damage the streets, block traffic, and cause hazards simply by their size.



Abandoned babies catch public eye

HOUSTON (AP) — The newborn babies were found on doorsteps, in streets, at schools and in trash bins. With each new discovery, authorities grew more and more incredulous.

Abandoned children are a sad reality in the nation's fourth-largest city, but by the time the rash ended in September, the total — 13 discarded babies in 10 months — stunned child-protection officials.

"If we get one or two a year, that wouldn't be unusual," said George Ford, executive director of Harris County Child Protective Services. "But to have 13 within this time period is certainly extraordinary."

The reasons for the increase aren't clear. But officials hoping to prevent a tragic trend

have organized the Harris County Baby Abandonment Task Force, which has begun an educational campaign targeting poor, pregnant teenagers such as those thought responsible for most of the 13 abandonments. Three of the 13 were found dead.

"Don't Abandon Your Baby!" say 75 billboards going up around the city. The signs, along with radio and television announcements that begin airing Saturday, urge women to call a toll-free number (1-877-904-SAVE).

Counselors will direct callers to agencies providing temporary housing, prenatal health care, adoption, abortion or other services.

"If she's saying, 'Come pick up the baby right now,' we can do that," said task force

member Marie Dixon, an aide to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat from Houston.

The billboards and advertisements also refer to a new Texas law that encourages mothers to take newborns to hospitals or fire stations rather than abandoning them. The law, which took effect Sept. 1, allows a person who delivers a newborn to an emergency medical services provider to use that as a defense against prosecution.

Most of the babies that survived after being abandoned in the Houston area in the past year have been adopted.

Only four mothers were identified in the 13 cases in Houston. Of those, one was charged: a 15-year-old girl whose dead newborn daughter was found in a high school trash bin. Police said the baby died of blows to the head. The teen-ager will stand trial as an adult on murder charges.

Identifying the mothers and gathering information on their medical histories are crucial to providing care for the newborns, Ford said.

While the federal government tracks statistics on so-called "boarder babies" — children left in hospital maternity

wards by drug-addicted or HIV-infected mothers — it does not gather data on discarded newborns.

Most major cities, such as New York, keep no records on the problem either. Houston only began tracking discarded babies this year when the disturbing pattern became apparent.

"I don't think we know enough to say why this happens," said Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the federal Administration for Children and Families. "This must be the most extreme act a person can take, to leave a child in a Dumpster or a public park. It's hard to fathom that this is the act of somebody methodical enough to say, 'I've seen this in the newspaper' so this is something I can do as well."

Ms. Jackson Lee said she will push for legislation to initiate national record-keeping on the problem.

"I was aghast to learn that we don't keep this data," the congresswoman said. "If we're going to look at preventing these things — Is it a national problem and are there national answers? — we've got to know how many babies are being dumped."

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 29, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— An 18-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue D and charged with disorderly conduct.

— A 24-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with public intoxication.

— A 21-year-old woman was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with criminal trespass.

Incidents

— A juvenile was reported as a runaway in the 400 block of Avenue B.

— A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Avenue K.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 34-year-old man was arrested in Colorado and charged with forgery.

Incidents

— Deputies responded to a civil stand-by

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 29

— 12:07 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at

Highway 60 and Progressive Road.

— 6:01 p.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire, one mile south on Main Street at the Hereford Farmer's Co-op Gin.

Dec. 30

— 3:14 a.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire on South Progressive Road behind Cardinal's.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

1-14-16-21-26-44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

LIFESTYLES

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Too many parents have no idea what goes on all day in school, and yet, this is a large part of their child's life. I have heard endless complaints about teachers, homework and administrative problems from parents who will not take the time to get involved and find out how they can help. I have a child in grade school, and I would like to offer these suggestions to parents who want to help their children do well in school:

1. Volunteer whenever you can. You'll get a good feel for the place and for the teachers and the support staff.
2. Go to orientations, open houses and conferences. Meet the teachers. Learn their teaching plans. Get the schedule for midterms and final exams. Find out how your child is doing.
3. Join the PTA, and keep current with what is happening in your school and with the students.
4. Review the textbooks your child uses, and the work he or she brings home.
5. Get to know your child's school friends. Meet their parents.
6. Ask about your school's academic test records. Ask the teachers and administration to answer any questions you have. Parents have the right to know.
7. Volunteer for advisory committees and board memberships so you can have a say in the policy of your child's school.

Please print this letter, Ann, so other parents can help their children. — Louisville Mom on the Inside Track
Dear Louisville Mom: You have made some excellent suggestions, and I am sure they are workable. The bottom line is GET INVOLVED — VOLUNTEER. Do it for your children. Do it for yourself. This is a win-win situation. Today's

column may be one of the most valuable you have ever read. Pay attention!

Dear Ann Landers: I read that essay by Rose Mula about the old lady in the house, and had to share with you my grandfather's favorite poem. Pops wrote poetry for all occasions, and as a result, was known as the poet laureate of Ocean View, Del. I hope you will print Pops' poem. He would have loved to have seen it in your column. — A Devoted Grandson in Somerville, N.J.

Dear Grandson: Your grandfather was very talented. I hope you inherited some of his genes. Here's his essay, with my thanks for sending it on.

The Mirror

By John T. West Jr.

The other day, I happened by chance,

As I passed a mirror, to give it a glance.

And I wondered who that old man could be,

Who, with his mouth wide open, was looking at me.

His bald head was sprinkled with a little gray fuzz,

And he wasn't at all handsome (like I always was).

He looked like a sack of mis-mated parts,

Put together without aid of instructions or charts.

And while I know that my shoulders don't slump,

This person's were misshapen in one ugly hump!

Now, if that was my image, I only can say,

They don't make mirrors like they did in my day.

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Bring good taste to New Year

Looking for a new way to ensure a year's worth of good luck by serving black-eyed peas for the New Year?

Border Corn Cakes with Black-Eyed Pea Salsa is a delicious and fun way to enjoy them while watching the New Year bowl games.

Border Corn Cakes with Black-Eyed Pea Salsa

- Salsa**
- 1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 (15 oz.) cans black-eyed peas, drained
 - 1 cup salsa
 - 1 cup chopped bell pepper
 - 2 medium tomatoes, seeded, chopped
 - 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper
- Corn Cakes**
- 2 (6 oz.) pkg. buttermilk cornbread mix
 - 8 oz. (2 cups) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 egg, beaten
1. Heat oil in medium skillet over medium heat until hot. Add onion and garlic; cook until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in 1 can of the black-eyed peas; cook until thoroughly heated. With potato masher or fork, mash mixture until thick and chunky. Stir in remaining can of peas



Enjoy Border Corn Cakes with Black-Eyed Pea Salsa while watching the bowl games on New Year's Day.

and the salsa.

2. Remove from heat; stir in all remaining salsa ingredients. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into serving dish. If desired, garnish with additional cilantro. Set aside.

3. Heat griddle on large skillet to medium heat (350

degrees). Grease lightly with oil. Griddle is ready when small drops of water sizzle and disappear almost immediately. Pancakes will stick if griddle is too cool. In medium bowl, combine all corn cake ingredients; stir until smooth.

4. For each corn cake, pour

heaping tablespoon batter onto hot griddle. Cook until golden brown on both sides, turning once. If batter thickens, add additional milk. Serve with salsa. Store salsa in refrigerator.

Yield: 36 corn cakes; 5 cups salsa

Library will be site of county spelling bee

The Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee for 2000 will be conducted March 8-9 at the Deaf Smith County Library, it was announced by *The Hereford Brand*.

The county bee has been held in conjunction with the regional and national bees for many years, and *The Brand* has been the local

sponsor since 1985. Brand publisher Mauri Montgomery will serve as county bee director.

Plans are underway for the annual Regional Spelling Bee, with *The Amarillo Globe-News* and West Texas A&M University as sponsors once again. It will be held April 15 on the WTAMU

campus.

The two levels of competition in the 2000 Spelling Bee are junior (for students in grades five and below) and senior (for grades eight and below).

Awards will be presented to local winners in the Junior and Senior Bees, and the country

champion will go to the Regional Bee.

The contest is open to students in public, private, parochial, charter and home schools. A contestant cannot be higher than the eighth grade or older than 16 by the date of the national finals, May 31, 2000.

Cancer screenings offered at local clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on Jan. 14.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to

come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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will be one of the most important moments in the history of the lives of all of us who are on earth to celebrate it - it is the beginning of a JUBILEE - a HOLY YEAR! Let's begin with prayer and celebration.

You are invited by St. Anthony's Parish Families to join in our "Celebration of Liturgy" 11:00 p.m. Bring you BELLS to ring at midnight, a New Year, a New Century.

We will continue our celebrating in the school gym/cafeteria with Food, Fun, Games, and Music by Bill Sava.

May His love fill your heart with Joy and Peace this "Jubilee Year" 2000

SPC plans celebration of innovative program

Special to The Brand

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of the most innovative music programs in American education March 2-4 with a live television performance, reunion concert and a salute to the man whose vision began it all a quarter century ago.

Nathan Tubb, who served SPC 23 years as a college administrator before retiring in 1981, will be honored during a special recognition ceremony March 3 for his role in helping to establish SPC's pioneering program in commercial music.

The festivities begin March 2 with a performance at 7:30 p.m. of Thursday Nite Live, an Austin City Limits style live television show which features the talents of students in the program.

The show will also be broadcast to cable viewers in Levelland, Littlefield, Brownfield and Morton. Tubb is one of the show's most ardent supporters and can be found in the audience the first Thursday night of each month for the monthly show.

An evening celebrating Tubb's accomplishments is set for 7 Friday, March 3, in the same location, the Tom T. Hall Studio in the college's Creative Arts Building.

The three-day slate of festivities will also focus on former students

in the program. "We want to involve as many former students as possible to play in the jam sessions and in our reunion concert," Ed March, associate professor of music, said. March is one of the event's organizers.

"We encourage these former students to contact us as soon as possible. We have a web-site set up through the college's web-site address at spc.cc.tx.us or students can e-mail me at emmarsh@spc.cc.tx.us," he said.

Interested persons can also contact SPC beginning Jan. 3 at 806-894-9611 or write the college at 1401 S. College Ave., Levelland, Texas 79336.

The anniversary will include an open house and tours of SPC's extensive commercial music facilities from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 3. The activities will also include informal jam sessions, a series of concerts throughout the day and an evening 25th anniversary reunion concert at 7:30 in the Tom T. Hall Studio. The finale concert will include performances by former students who have gone on to work in the commercial music industry.

Site for the celebration will be the college's Creative Arts Building, a multi-million dollar facility which houses programs in commercial music, performing arts technology and sound technology.

The facility also boasts four professional-caliber recording studios, a television studio, five rehearsal halls, and courses ranging from bluegrass bass to performance and promotion.

The programs have attracted students from all over the world, including some of today's country music stars, Natalie Maines with the Dixie Chicks, Lee Ann Womack and Heath Wright with Riccochet.

The idea for the program started with a short course.

Tubb had persuaded the college to offer a short course in guitar, and when more than 75 people signed up for class, he knew the college was onto a good thing.

"That cemented it," recalled Tubb. Shortly thereafter, he encouraged the college to begin offering a degree in country music and hire its first instructor, John Hartin, an astute musician and businessman from Norfolk, Neb.

Under Hartin's leadership, the program has since evolved into an entire department covering all aspects of commercial music, sound technology and performing arts technology. It has gained international recognition and become the nation's most inclusive training center in commercial music.

What's Happening

Area Events

LEVELLAND

South Plains College has announced spring registration 2000 for all campus locations.

Registration schedule is as follows:

- SPC Reese campus, 9730 Reese Blvd., 5:30-7:30 p.m., Jan 10-11

- SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, Jan. 12 for returning students (enrolled in fall 1999) 9-11 a.m. (A-K), 1:30-3:30 p.m. (L-Z) and 3:30-5:30 p.m. (A-Z); Jan. 13 for new students (not enrolled in fall 1999) 9 a.m.-noon (A-K), 3-6 p.m. (L-Z) and 6-7 p.m. open registration.

- SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave., Jan. 13, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. (Registration permit required) and 4-6:30 p.m. (no registration permit required).

Classes at all locations begin Jan. 18.

Late registration is Jan. 18-24.

For more information, check out the college's website at spc.cc.tx.us or contact SPC

beginning Jan. 3 at 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 747-0576, ext. 4606 or the Reese campus at 885-3048, ext. 2902.

AMARILLO

Amarillo Little Theatre invites you on a guided tour of Texas' third smallest community as it presents its 11th annual ALT Touring Project, the "hilarious Lone Star treat, 'Greater Tuna.'"

Originally published in the early 1980s, this homage to the fictitious town of Tuna, Texas, enjoyed a Tony-winning off-Broadway run and has become a regional classic.

"Greater Tuna" is a send-up of small town mores as two actors, in a tour de force of quick-change artistry (both in costuming and characterization), create the entire population of this tiny Texas town.

The heart of Tuna is local radio station OKKK and the many personalities who grace its airwaves, including its anchors,

Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie, who keep Tuna abreast of local and national news with their own brand of colloquial humor.

There are more than 20 denizens of Tuna in all, each with his or her own values and lovable eccentricities.

To bring this slate of insane personalities to life, ALT has selected two larger-than-life personalities of its own in the form of cast members Raymond Girard and David D. McKnight Jr.

"Greater Tuna" will open on the ALT stage before beginning its tour of several Panhandle stages. There will be a special Preview Night at 8 p.m. on Jan. 20, offering two-admissions-for-the-price-of-one tickets.

Official opening is at 8 p.m. Jan. 21 with performances continuing Jan. 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. Matinees are scheduled on Jan. 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m.

ALT box office will begin taking reservations from season members on Jan. 3 and from the general public on Jan. 10. Reservations may be secured by calling 355-9991.

Always Helpful

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I always RECEIVE POINSETTIAS over the holidays, and I have never been successful at keeping them alive and well throughout the year.

Do you have any advice on this? — C.M., Rosedale, Ind.

Sure do! They're pretty during the holidays but are going to lose their leaves and turn yellow eventually. There are some steps you can take to keep them alive for the next holiday, and at the minimum you'll have a pretty green plant all year long.

Try to keep the plant away from drafts, and be sure that it gets good light but no direct sun. Avoid sudden temperature changes, also. Moisture is a must in the soil and air. Do not let water stand in the plant saucer. To help keep the atmosphere moist, set the pot on a dish with pebbles in water.

Leaves turning yellow and dropping off? This is a sign that the plant is leaving its blooming period and is ready to be pruned back and kept in a cool place until next spring. It is sometimes difficult to have the plants bloom and turn red again. I've never had any luck, but do enjoy them as lovely green plants anyway.

Sometimes poinsettias might be too dry when they are purchased or received. During their blooming season, keep the soil moist, but not soaked. Also, spend the extra money to purchase a good-quality plant. — Heloise

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELLOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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Back on winning tracks

■ Lady Whitefaces advance to semifinals at Caprock Tourney

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Lady Whitefaces kept their winning ways going as they advanced to the semifinals of the Caprock Holiday Tournament on Wednesday.

The Lady Whitefaces advanced to the quarterfinals thanks to a 68-30 victory against Lubbock High Wednesday morning.

Hereford dominated throughout the contest as they took a 36-16 lead after one half. The Lady Whitefaces were helped by a 20-point second period.

The second half was more of the same. Hereford dominated its opponent.

Hereford outscored the Lady Westerners 32-14 in the second half to run away with the victory.

Toni Eicke led Hereford with 17 points. Tori Walker and Shyla Martin each added 12 points.

That victory propelled the

Lady Whitefaces to their quarterfinal match against Crawford.

Hereford again came out victorious, 62-55.

After Crawford started off with a 15-12 lead after the first period, the Lady Whitefaces scored 22 points in the second, giving them a 34-31 lead at the half.

Hereford outscored Crawford the rest of the way to advance to the semifinals.

Shyla Martin and Valerie Guzman led the team with 15 points each. Tori Walker added 13.

The Lady Whitefaces played Lubbock Coronado today at 9 a.m. with

results not available at press time. The winner of that game will play today at Coronado High School at 7:30 p.m. against the Lubbock Monterey-Panhandle winner.

Hereford 68, Lubbock 30

L-10 6 4 10-30
H-16 20 18 14-68

Lubbock High (??): Williams 2 3-4 8; Garcia 1 0-0 2; McDonald 2 4-4 8; Silvas 1 0-0 2; Nash 2 0-2 4; Cass 1 2-2 4; Kidder 1 0-2 2. Totals: 10 9-14 30.

Hereford: 13-4: Sarah Griffin 1 0-0 2; Brionne Yosten 3 0-0 6; Valerie Guzman 2 1-4 6; Toni Eicke 7 2-4 17; Nicole Bailey 1 0-0 2; Amanda Hill 3 0-0 6; Shyla Martin 5 2-2 12; Ashley Fangman 2 1-3 5; Tori Walker 4 3-4 12. Totals: 28 9-11 68.

Halftime — Hereford 36, Lubbock High 16. Three-Pointers — Lubbock High 1; Williams 1; Hereford 3 (Guzman 1, Eicke 1, Walker 1). Fouls — Lubbock High 12; Hereford 15.

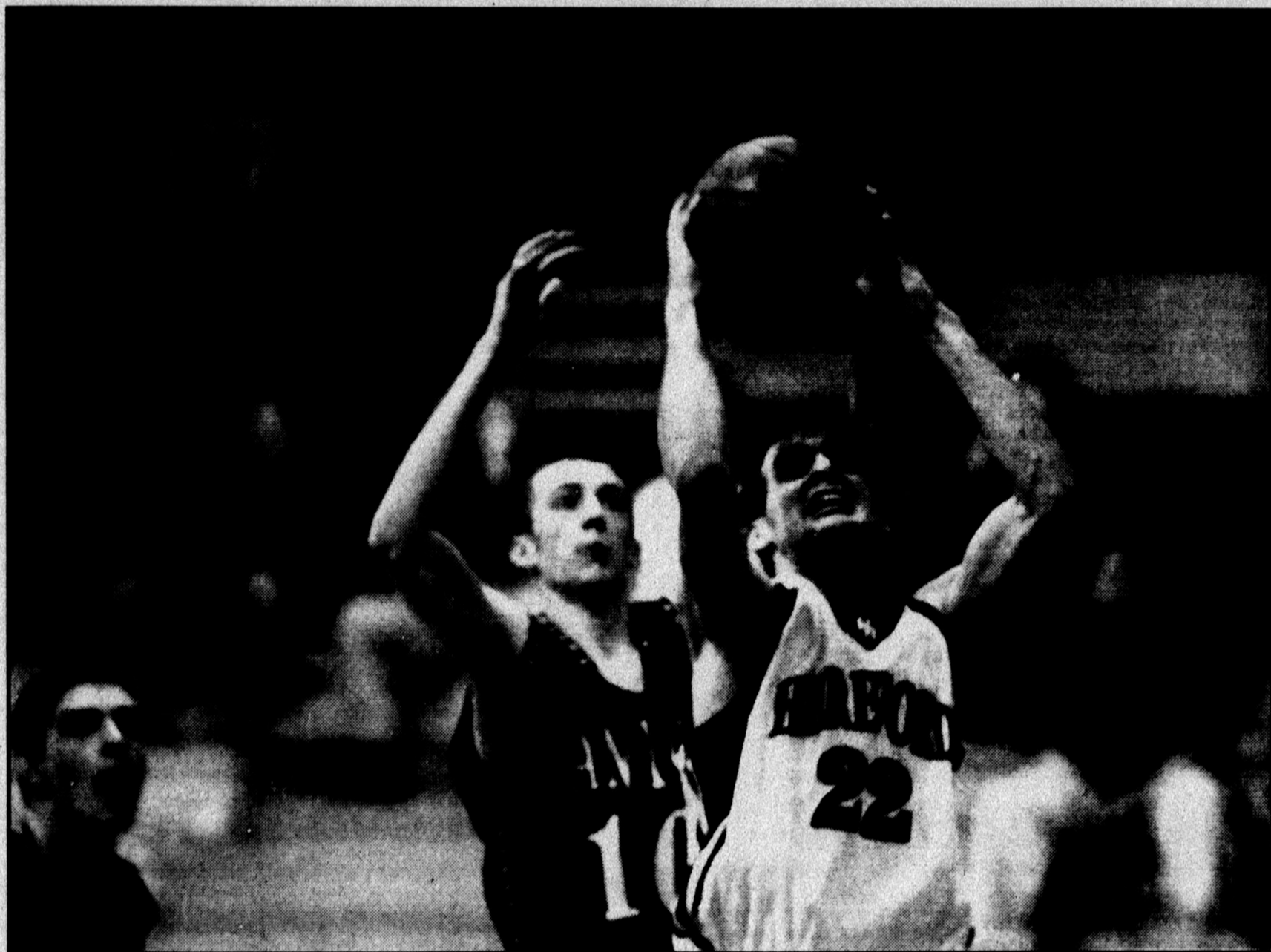
Hereford 62, Crawford 55

C-15 16 11 12-55
H-12 23 11 17-62

Crawford (??): Jo. Jones 0 2-2 2; Jo. Jones 3 5-10 11; Tidwell 3 9-10 18; Kelm 2 0-0 4; Heller 5 1-2 14; Blenden 0 3-4 3; Murphy 1 3-5 5. Totals: 14 23-33 55.

Hereford: 14-4: Sarah Griffin 0 9-10 9; Brionne Yosten 1 2-5 4; Valerie Guzman 6 3-5 15; Toni Eicke 1 3-4 5; Shyla Martin 6 3-5 15; Tori Walker 5 3-5 13. Totals: 19 23-34 62.

Halftime — Hereford 34, Crawford 31. Three-Pointers — Crawford 4 (Heller 3, Tidwell 1); Hereford 0. Fouls — Crawford 24; Hereford 21.



It's mine — Cody Hodges, shown above grabbing a rebound against Canyon, scored 17 points against El Paso Jefferson in a 69-53 victory in the consolation bracket of the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. The Whitefaces played Lamesa in another consolation bracket game but results were not available at press time. The Caprock Tournament concludes today.

Hereford pounds Silver Foxes, 69-53

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford boys basketball team recovered from a loss to El Paso Montwood to get a victory in the consolation bracket of the Caprock Holiday Tournament on Wednesday.

Hereford defeated El Paso Jefferson 69-53 in the first round of the consolation bracket.

Hereford dominated the way, helped by a 21-point outburst in the first period.

The Silver Foxes came back to keep things close in the game with a 19-point second

period. Hereford, though, still led by 10 points at halftime.

Hereford kept dominating as they scored 30 points in the second half, overcoming a fourth-period, 21-point surge by Jefferson to capture the victory.

Slade Hodges led Hereford with 18 points. Brother Cody added 17 points for the effort.

Hereford's next game was against Lamesa in the consolation second round but results were not

available by press time. Winner of that game would play a consolation game today.

Hereford 69, EP Jefferson 53

J-8 19 5 21-53
H-21 16 14 16-69

Jefferson (??): TVelasquez 4 7-8 16; Delgado 1 2-2 8; Anaya 1 2-4 4; Olivares 5 5-6 15; Montes 1 0-0 3; Camacho 0 2-2 2; Beeman 1 2-7 4; Gutierrez 1 1-2 3. Totals: 14 21-31 53.

Hereford: 12-2: Slade Hodges 7 3-8 18; Eric McNutt 2 2-2 6; J.P. Holman 2 0-2 5; Cody Hodges 5 5-8 17; James Stow 0 1-2 1; Cody Marsh 1 0-0 2; Chayse Rives 4 4-5 12; Steven Northern 0 1-2 1. Totals: 22 19-33 69.

Halftime — Hereford 37, Jefferson 27. Three-Pointers — Jefferson 2 (Montes 1, Velasquez 1); Hereford 4 (C. Hodges 2, S. Hodges 1, Holman 1). Fouls — Jefferson 20; Hereford 20.

Walker, Witkowski chosen All-State

From Staff Reports

Audra Witkowski and Tori Walker got what they deserved when they won a state championship.

Well, both were named to the first-team all-state volleyball team by the Texas Sports-writers Association,

Walker, the state tournament



Tori Walker

MVP, recorded 33 kills in victories against Red Oak and Conroe Oak Ridge. For the season, she compiled a team-high 428 kills, 268 digs, 39 aces

and a .433 attack percentage. She was named the Player of the Year by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Witkowski, the District 3-4A MVP, had 875 set assists, 323 digs, 62 kills, 18 blocks and a serving efficiency of 96 percent. She was named Player of the year by the Amarillo Globe-News.

The Lady Whitefaces finished the 1999 season with a 31-7 record, which included a third Class 4A state championship in four years.



Audra Witkowski

Rangers sign Rogers for \$22.5 million

■ Rogers replaces departed pitchers Sele, Burkett

ARLINGTON (AP) — After four years away, Kenny Rogers returned to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday, signing a \$22.5 million, three-year contract.

"It's not a secret that I wanted to come back," said Rogers, who had his greatest success with the Rangers and played his first seven years with the team. "I want to try to go out and do the same thing I did the first time, and hope it will last longer than the three years."

The Rangers went after the left-hander after the departures of pitchers Aaron Sele and John Burkett, who became free agents. Sele has refused the Rangers' offer of salary arbitration and the team has pulled a four-year offer off the table.

Sele (33 starts) can negotiate with Texas through Jan. 8, but Burkett (25 starts) is ineligible to sign with the Rangers until May 1.

"We felt that our pitching staff the last few years has been all right-handed. Kenny was on that list, someone of quality we would like to pursue," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said.

Melvin said the deal with Rogers was finalized after no progress was being made in the negotiations with Sele.

"This came about for a fear I had about not having anybody," Melvin said. "My fear was going about this and ending up with no starting pitcher."

Texas hasn't had a left-handed starter since trading Darren Oliver in July 1998, but now possibly has two with the addition of Rogers and 26-year-old Justin Thompson, acquired in the deal that sent Juan Gonzalez to Detroit.

Rogers has a career record of 114-78, the .594 winning percentage the second-highest among available free agent starting pitchers. He was a 39th-round draft pick of the Rangers in 1982, and broke into the majors seven years later.

On July 28, 1994, Rogers

pitched one of only 14 perfect games in modern major league history, beating the Angels 4-0.

Rogers was 5-1 with a 4.03 ERA for the New York Mets in the final two months of last season after going 5-3 with a 4.30 ERA for the Oakland Athletics.

However, he ended the Mets' season by walking Andrew Jones with the bases loaded in the 11th inning of Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, giving

Atlanta a 10-9 win and a berth in the World Series.

"That's the way it goes sometimes. People tend to forget that of my 12 starts we won 10 of them," Rogers said.

Since Rogers left Texas after the 1995 season to sign a \$20 million, four-year contract with the New York Yankees, the Rangers have won three division titles. But they've been swept in the opening round of the playoffs by the Yankees the past two seasons.

"I came to this team think-

ing that this team will be in the playoffs," Rogers said. "I've never been adverse to failing and going out and trying again."

After going 17-7 in 1995 with the Rangers, his record dropped to 12-8 and 6-7 in two years with the Yankees.

New York then traded him to Oakland and agreed to pay half of the \$10 million remaining on his contract. Rogers went 16-8 with a 3.17 ERA in his one full season with the A's.

YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

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

STARTING DATE: Sunday, January 9, 2000

GAME DAY: Sundays, starting at 1:00 pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 4th, 2000 - 3:00 pm

ENTRY FEE: \$320.00 per team

LENGTH OF LEAGUE: Six (6) weeks plus double elimination tournament

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

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

If you have questions please call the YMCA at...364-6990

Stars beat Rangers, 4-3 No decision on QB time split

DALLAS (AP) — Last season, the Dallas Stars were dominant at home, compiling a 29-8-4 record at Reunion Arena en route to the franchise's first Stanley Cup.

But things aren't as easy this season. The Stars are scuffling to score goals, and the fans are booing their underachieving team.

Dallas needed an overtime goal from Jamie Langenbrunner on Wednesday night to beat the New York Rangers 4-3.

"It's been a frustrating place for us to play," Stars center Mike Modano said after his team improved to 9-8-1 at home. "The fans let their feelings be known, but we've got to stick to our game. When we put too much flair in our game, that's when we get into trouble."

Langenbrunner admitted his goal with 1:43 left in overtime was a lucky one. He took possession along the left boards, faked a slap shot and moved to the top of the left circle, where he fired the puck at the net. Kirk Muller screened goalie Kirk McLean, and Langenbrunner had his seventh goal.

"I had no idea it even went in," Langenbrunner said. "I was just throwing it at the net to see what happens, trying to get a tip for Mully (Muller). It was a lucky goal, but the puck hasn't been bouncing for me lately, so I'll

take it."

It was the Rangers' third straight overtime game, after gaining ties against New Jersey and Phoenix. New York has been forced to play overtime in five of seven games and seven of 11. By the third period, the Rangers were dragging.

"It's been a pretty grueling stretch," said Rangers defenseman Kevin Hatcher, who scored a first-period goal to give his team a 2-0 lead. "We were sluggish in the second. But we fought a hard game. We got a point out of it, but it would have been nice to win this one."

Dallas had three goals in its previous three games, then broke out against the Rangers. The Stars are 13-0-0 when they score three or more goals.

"It was a run-and-gun kind of game, but we stuck to our game plan," Modano said. "There was a lot of open ice, and we got a few lucky goals and capitalized on their mistakes. This will help our confidence."

Juha Lind gave the Stars a 3-2 lead with 12:13 remaining in regulation with his second goal of the season after Modano notched the tying goal on a power play at 4:38.

Brett Hull, who remains one goal short of becoming the 12th player in history to reach 600 goals, got an assist

on Modano's 14th goal of the season.

With 7:58 left in regulation, Theoren Fleury tied it at 3 for the Rangers with his 10th goal, nudging the puck under Stars goalie Ed Belfour.

New York's regular goalie Mike Richter got the night off after playing in 18 straight games.

The Rangers, playing for the second straight night, came out with energy and grabbed a 2-0 first-period lead.

John MacLean scored his fourth, converting Tim Taylor's centering pass at 9:40, and Hatcher added his third — second in two games — on a power-play wrist shot at 13:56.

"We were down, but there was a lot of game left to be played," Modano said.

The Stars had an apparent goal disallowed by referee Paul Stewart with 10:27 left in the second. Stewart called a delayed penalty for interference on Hatcher, and when Modano scored from close range, the goal was canceled on the change of possession.

Dallas was missing three of its best players with injuries: defenseman Derian Hatcher and forwards Jere Lehtinen and Joe Nieuwendyk.

IRVING (AP) — No decision has been made on how Major Applewhite and Chris Simms will split time at quarterback for No. 14 Texas in the Cotton Bowl, but what happens could be a precursor to next season.

Applewhite, a sophomore, will remain the starter on New Year's Day against Arkansas. But Simms, the highly-touted freshman and son of former NFL quarterback Phil Simms, will get some significant action.

"We've not made any kind of decision other than we've told both quarterbacks that we are going to play both of them and that Chris is going to play in both halves," Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis said Wednesday.

Davis denied that the bowl preparations were providing any kind of head start for spring practice, saying that the most important issue for the Longhorns (9-4) is beating Arkansas (7-4) on Saturday.

"Winning is most important. We can sell all of those other things in spring training," Davis said. "Coach Mack (Brown) and I have played two quarterbacks in the past. We are about winning the game, that's all we're about so we are not opposed to playing two quarterbacks."

"If we have two guys who can go in and win, we'll certainly do that."

Applewhite, the Big 12 of-

fensive player of the year after throwing for 3,357 yards and 21 touchdowns, has started 12 of 13 games this season.

When Applewhite had a stomach virus before the regular season finale against Texas A&M, Simms got his only start and played the first three quarters in the 20-16 loss. Applewhite finished the game and then played in the entire Big 12 title game, a loss to Oklahoma.

Applewhite has no problem with the plans for the Cotton Bowl.

"It's an opportunity to get Chris in the ball game, give him some experience. You have to have backups that are able to play if you want to be a national championship caliber team," Applewhite said. "This is a reward for the way Chris has played and this is an opportunity to get us better as a football team."

But the starter refuses to speculate on what the situa-

tion may be next season.

"I can't answer that. I don't know, I'm not the coach," Applewhite said. "It seems ridiculous to try to predict the future when you have an Arkansas ball club that's sitting here fired up and ready to whip you. Why are we thinking about August? It's time to play football Jan. 1, not August 2000."

While Applewhite has the experience and weighs the same as Simms at 210 pounds, the freshman has a four-inch height advantage. Applewhite is right-handed and Simms is a lefty. But both have a more important common characteristic.

"The similarities is that they both have that competitive fire that you can't teach" said Texas receiving leader Kwane Cavil.

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TSWA 1999 All-State Volleyball Team

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the 1999 Texas Sports Writers Association all-state volleyball team:

Class 5A

First Team:
Gretchen France, 5-8, Sr., outside hitter, Round Rock Westwood
Anastasia Kenon, 5-11, Sr., outside hitter, San Antonio Clark
Julie Goodson, 5-9, Sr., middle blocker, Alvin
Laura Grote, 5-8, Sr., setter, Round Rock Westwood
Abby Whittenburg, 5-8, Sr., setter, Amarillo
Caley Smith, 5-11, Jr., middle blocker, Alvin

Second Team:
Beth Skypala, 6-1, Sr., outside hitter, Amarillo
Patty Hinojosa, 5-8, Sr., outside hitter, Laredo Alexander

Jennifer Abbruzzese, 6-0, Sr., outside hitter, League City Clear Creek
Marlo Nordt, 5-9, Sr., setter, Midland Lee

April Coffield, 6-3, Sr., middle hitter, Abilene Cooper
Lauren Jones-McClain, 5-10, Sr., middle blocker, Round Rock Westwood

Honorable Mention:
Loni Wildenburg, Laredo Alexander; Kiki Dallas, Mansfield; Nicole Muesborn, Houston Cypress Creek; Renee Hill, Klein; Katie Dildy, Houston Cypress-Creek; Kacie Hyatt, Amarillo Tascosa; Lindsey Tyler, Amarillo Tascosa; Shawna Tiffin, Amarillo Tascosa; Melissa Bullion, Alvin; Brie Vaughan, Amarillo; Jessica Vick, Arlington Martin; Allison Holder, San Antonio Clark; Kendra Morgan, Amarillo; Winnie Glover, Houston Lamar; Noemi DeAlejandro, Corpus Christi Miller; Jackie Choi, Corpus Christi Carroll

Class 4A

First Team:
Tori Walker, 5-8, Sr., middle blocker, Hereford
Audra Witkowski, 5-4, Sr., setter, Hereford
Angela Brittain, 5-11, Sr., middle hitter, Port Neches-Groves
Lindsey Maynard, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, Conroe Oak Ridge
Himley Lee, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, San Angelo Lake View
Courtney Beach, 6-0, Sr., middle blocker, New Braunfels Canyon

Second Team:

Taneal Ingram, 5-10, Sr., middle blocker, Austin Lake Travis
Tamara Poppe, 5-10, Sr., outside hitter, Kerrville Tivy
Brandi Patterson, 6-0, Sr., outside hitter, Paris North Lamar
Haylee Hartline, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, Canyon Randall
Misty Tarbet, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, Mesquite Poteet
Tori Barlow, 5-7, Sr., setter, Conroe Oak Ridge

Honorable Mention:
Jessica Herrera, New Braunfels Canyon; Chasity Vickery, Port Lavaca Calhoun; Lamecca Jefferson, Beeville Jones; Lindsey Parks, Mesquite Poteet; Jacey Miersma, CC Calallen; Amy Wallace, Paris; Audrey Leger, Austin Lake Travis; Jazmin Rhein, Kaufman; Niki Newton, Crowley; **Beth Ratliff, Dumas; Kelly Walker, Uvalde;** Jenny Stone, Uvalde; Gracey Garza, Uvalde.

Class 3A

First Team:
Melissa Munsch, 6-2, Jr., outside hitter, Columbus
Beth Karasek, 6-1, Jr., outside hitter, Caldwell
Stephanie Willis, 5-7, Sr., outside hitter, Midland Greenwood
Lacey Adkisson, 5-10, Sr., middle blocker, Wimberley
Daneen Grisham, 5-5, Jr., setter, Wimberley
Nicole James, 5-10, Jr., middle blocker, White Oak

Second Team:
Jenna Barrier, 5-10, Sr., middle blocker, White Oak
O'Lita McWilliams, 5-10, Sr., middle hitter, Alpine
Selena Mondova, 5-8, Sr., middle hitter, Alpine
Lindsey Kirkland, 5-7, Jr., outside hitter, Graham
Courtney Haskins, 5-9, Sr., outside hitter, Linden-Kildare

Sydney Haiser, 5-10, Sr., setter, Caldwell

Honorable Mention:
Courtney Nowlin, Perryton; Erica Balderson, Graham; Raeanne Villava, Seminole; Casiede Avary, Monahans; Meredith Reinhardt, Yoakum; Marva Neal, Crane; Mandy Fuentes, Monahans; **Kelly Larkin, Amarillo River Road; A'Neita Sammons, Tatum; Jessica Milstead, Tatum; Jenna Rust, Lindale; Vanessa Collins, Monahans; Mandee Meador, Lamesa; Julie Dahl, Wimberley; Nikki Evans, Goliad; Alexis Berger, Yoakum.**

Class 2A

First Team:
Abby Hester, 5-6, Jr., setter, Hutto
Stacy Stanley, 5-8, Jr., middle blocker, Hutto
Roni Wetz, 5-5, Sr., setter, Wallis Brazos
Lindsey Jones, 5-10, Jr., outside hitter, Leon Jewett
Rebecca Duty, 5-10, Sr., outside hitter, Big Sandy
Brandi Pollok, 5-10, Sr., outside hitter, Poth

Second Team:
Whitney Smith, 6-2, Sr., outside hitter, Relugio
J.J. Hardy, 5-3, Sr., setter, Grand Saline
Erin Lee, 5-8, Jr., middle hitter, Nocona
Natalie Shipp, 5-11, Sr., outside hitter, Big Sandy
Rebecca Jennings, 5-6, Sr., setter, Big Sandy
Shelley Padgett, 5-6, Sr., outside hitter, Hutto

Honorable Mention:
Charissa Osburn, Shiner; Lindsey Maxey, Shiner; Kaci Fulton, Rosebud-Lott; Kim Gordon, Chisum; Felicia Taylor, Pattonville Prairiland; Jenny Matus, Holliday; Tiffany Rose, Warren; Kori Patterson, Blooming Grove; Courtney McDougald, Grand Saline; Susan Vornsand, Scheulenberg; Amanda Craft, Little River Academy; Dana Patrick, Holliday.

Class 1A

First Team:
Shane Jones, 5-6, Sr., outside hitter, Wink
Abby Kieke, 5-8, Jr., outside hitter, Burton
Heather Schreiber, 6-2, Jr., outside hitter, Windthorst
Shannon Counts, 5-9, Sr., middle hitter, Water Valley
Kelly Horn, 5-11, Sr., outside hitter, Windthorst
Christy Eilers, 5-7, Jr., outside hitter, Round Top-Carmine

Second Team:
Jana Kubalova, 6-0, Sr., outside hitter, Bryson
Emily Bell, 5-10, Fr., setter, Water Valley
LaShawn Phillips, 5-5, Jr., outside hitter, Round Top-Carmine
Crystal Steward, 5-10, Sr., outside hitter, McMullen County
Kim Branch, 5-9, So., middle blocker, Wortham
Shelbie Schenk, 5-8, Sr., outside hitter, Windthorst

Honorable Mention:
Amber Jones, Milano; Deairee Rayos, Grandfalls-Royalty; Amanda Gadsden, Bartlett; Misty Stock, Grandfalls-Royalty; Tiffany Morton, Wortham; Crystal Frazier, Wortham; Wendy Greeson, Rice; Jennifer Rolfe, Granger; Kasei Mikulak, Flatonia; Brianna Flovus, Flatonia; Blaine Conner, Benjamin; Lindsey Coley, Bryson.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: December 31, 1999

RESTRICTIONS: Grades K-5 to 6th Only

DATES: Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of January 10th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, January 15th.

LEAGUE FEE & ELIGIBILITY: League fee will be \$23.00. Additional children in same family \$18.00 each. ALL participants must be YMCA members. YMCA membership for youth are \$7.25 for three months.
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INSIDE

First installment of Grisham's new novel due mid-January

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS People

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — John Grisham is adding a new chapter to his dossier: The first installment of his first serialized novel is due out in mid-January.

"I think he is genuinely excited about it," said Mark Smirnoff, editor of *The Oxford American*, the Southern literary magazine that Grisham helps publish, and where his latest fiction will appear.

"A Painted House" covers 32 pages of the upcoming 144-page edition.

The story is a semi-autobiographical tale of a 7-year-old boy growing up in the impoverished cotton farms of the 1950s Arkansas Delta. Told from the perspective of the child, whose farm-laboring youth mirrors Grisham's own, the story follows the lives of poor migrant workers.

Smirnoff said that to experience the novel as readers will, he and Grisham set the book aside for two months before picking it up again.

"It worked," he said. "Now, we just have to make it work five more times."

Prince
NEW YORK — The swan song of "1999" has arrived — take it from the artist himself.

Prince (or the artist formerly known as such) said the '80s megahit will be part of a pay-per-view concert scheduled to air on New Year's Eve — and that's it.

"This is going to be the last time we play it," he said Wednesday on CBS's "The Early Show." "We're going to retire it after this, and there won't be no need to play it in the 00s."

Prince said he wrote "1999" 17 years ago. He just released a new album, "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic," his first in three years.

'N Sync
ORLANDO, Fla. — 'N Sync and its former promoter have settled a lawsuit that allows the multiplatinum singing group to keep its name while changing record companies.

Most details of Wednesday's out-of-court settlement between 'N Sync and Lou Pearlman were not disclosed. But 'N Sync will be able to leave a record deal Pearlman negotiated for them with BMG Entertainment and go to another record company, Zomba Group's Jive Records, home to fellow teen pop acts The Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears.

Pearlman's company, Trans Continental Group, will receive future compensation from 'N Sync. Zomba also will continue a distribution agreement with BMG, the No. 2-ranked music company in the U.S. market.

"All parties involved are extremely pleased," 'N Sync said

in a joint statement with Trans Continental.

Pearlman had been seeking \$150 million in his breach-of-contract suit filed in U.S. District Court. 'N Sync claimed that Pearlman and Trans Continental cheated them out of earnings and royalties and failed to sign them to a U.S. record company.

Pearlman signed 'N Sync to a record deal in 1996.

Lucinda Williams
CAMDEN, N.J. — An arts center in New Jersey has sued the management company of Lucinda Williams, claiming it broke a deal for the singer-songwriter to appear at its 1999 festival.

In its lawsuit, Appel Farm Arts & Music Center said it had to scramble to get Arlo Guthrie as a replacement headliner after Williams went on tour with Tom Petty instead.

"This was the last thing Appel Farm wanted to do," said William Donio, a lawyer for the center.

Messages left Wednesday for representatives of Williams and her management company, Side of the Road Tours Inc. of Nashville, Tenn., were not returned.

Williams won Grammys in 1999 for best contemporary folk album, "Car Wheels on a Gravel Road," and in 1993 as songwriter for best country song, "Passionate Kisses," performed by Mary Chapin Carpenter.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
(11:00) Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000
S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7	S Club 7
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Mauri	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	News	NBC News	News	NBC News
Katie-Orle	Amazing	Ducktales	Baby-Sitters	Flash	Growing	Growing	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Famous	New Yearz
(4:45) Andy Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
ABC 2000	(12:50) ABC 2000									
Bold & B.	College Football Sun Bowl -- Minnesota vs. Oregon									
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Monster	Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under	
College Football	Insight.com Bowl -- Boston College vs. Colorado									
Movie:	The Secret Life of Algernon John Cullum	(1:15) Movie: The Rugrats Movie ••• G'	(4:45) Movie: The Man in the Iron Mask							
(4:45) Movie: Holy Matrimony Patricia Arquette. PG-13	Movie: Falling in Love Robert De Niro.	(1:15) Movie: Major League: Back to the Minors PG-13								
(12:00) Movie: Switchback Dennis Quaid	Movie: Doctor Dolittle Eddie Murphy. •••	Movie: White Water Summer ••• PG'	Movie: Hope Floats (1998)							
Movie: The Trouble With Girls (1969) ••• 1/2	Movie: Girl Happy (1965) Elvis Presley. ••• 1/2	Movie: Elvis: That's								
Waltons	Dallas	Crook & Chase	McCoy's	McCoy's	Dukes of Hazzard	Alice	Alice			
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Epicurious	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon				
Movie: Too Young to Die? (1990) Michael Tucker. ••• 1/2	Movie: Joshua's Heart (1990) Melissa Gilbert. •••	Movie: Hit and Run (1999)								
Source	Cowboys	College Basketball: LSU vs. Okla. St.	Big 12 Show	Snow Zone	Surf	Hardcore Football				
(11:55) Movie: ••• 1/2 The Birds (1963) Rod Taylor.	Movie: Jaws 2 (1978) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. •••	Movie: The Lost World •••								
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog
Movie: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) Charles Grodin. ••• 1/2										
Movie: Baywatch										
(11:00) Ifeelix Milenio!	Ifeelix Milenio!									
Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time
Twilight Z.	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone
News	MacGyver	Caroline	Buzzi	Cosby Show	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
(5:00) Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000	Millennium 2000
Backstreet	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	700 Club	End	
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	Millennium Special	News	(4:45) News Special					
(6:30) Zoogin: Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party										
Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	(4:42) Andy Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
(3:50) ABC 2000	(5:50) ABC 2000									
News	Home Imp.	Late Show	Grammy's Greatest	America's Millennium	News	America's Millennium				
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Star Trek Generations (1994) ••• 1/2	Med	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	FOX 2000			
College Football: Liberty Bowl	College Football Independence Bowl -- Mississippi vs. Oklahoma									
Movie: Man in the Iron	Movie: Hard Rain Morgan Freeman. R'	(3:50) Movie: Deep Impact Robert Duvall. ••• PG-13	(3:50) Movie: Godzilla ••• 1/2							
Inside the NFL	Movie: Why Do Fools Fall in Love Halle Berry. ••• R'	Movie: There's Something About Mary Cameron Diaz								
(5:00) Movie: Hope Floats	Movie	Scenes	Movie: Judgment Night Emilio Estevez. ••• R'	Movie:						
Movie: Elvis: That's	Movie: Jailhouse Rock (1957) Elvis Presley. ••• 1/2	Movie: Viva Las Vegas (1964) ••• 1/2	Movie: Kissin' Cousins							
Motor Madness	ECW Wrestling	RollerJam	RollerJam	Motor Madness	Rodeo					
Real Millennium Bugs	Real Millennium Bugs	Real Millennium Bugs	Real Millennium Bugs	New Detectives	Millennium					
Law & Order	Biography of the Millennium: 100 People... 1,000 Years									
(5:00) Movie: Hit and Run	Movie: A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story	Movie: Her Final Fury: Betty Broderick: Last Chapter								
Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars	Sports	Sports					
Movie: ••• 1/2 The Last World	Movie: Mortal Combat (1995) Robin Shou, Linden Ashby. •••	(2:50) Movie: Maximum Overdrive (1986) Pat Hingle •••								
Cartoons	Strange	Spongebob	Catdog	Kenan & Kel	Eddie	Chalk Zone	Beavers	Kablam!	Nicktoons	Nickellen
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Sudden Death (1995), Powers Boothe. •••	WWF Eve of Destruction	Movie:						
(5:00) Ifeelix Milenio!	Ifeelix Milenio!									
Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time	Century: America's Time
Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Z.	
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Perry Mason Returns (1985), Barbara Hale. ••• 1/2	News	Millennium	Countdown Chicago					

SATURDAY JANUARY 1

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Arthur	Garden	Gardens	Mary Quilts	Sewing	Quilt	Sewing	Cookin'	Prudhomme	Julia
Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela	Angela
Couch	Critter	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	City Guys	Tournament of Roses Parade	College Football			
Bear	Out of Box	PE & J Otter	Rolie Polie	(9:05) Movie: The Chipmunk Adventure	Ducktales	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird
Movie: The Mighty Ducks	(10) Movie: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment	(1:15) Movie: The Jerk (1979) Steve Martin, Bernadette Peters. ••• 1/2								
Papper Ann	Doug	Doug	Recess	Papper Ann	Sabrina	Tournament of Roses Parade	Football			
Anetole	Blaster	Rescue	Rhino	Coming Up Roses	Tournament of Roses Parade					
Rangers	Monster	Digimon	Godzilla	Monster	Digimon	College Football Cotton Bowl -- Arkansas vs. Texas				
Sportsman	Fly Fishing	Walkers	College Bowl Gameday	College Football Outback Bowl -- Georgia vs. Purdue						
Movie: Stuppy and the Stinkers ••• PG'	(3:35) Movie: Wholly Moses! Dudley Moore. ••• 1/2	PG'	Movie: Gremlins (1984) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates							
Shakespeare	Movie: Tommy Boy Chris Farley. PG-13	(1:15) Family Video Diaries	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Rescue Kevin Dillon. ••• PG'						
Movie: Star Kid Joseph Mazzello. ••• PG'	(4:45) Movie: Zardoz Sean Connery. ••• 1/2	Movie: The Ice Pirates Robert Ulrich. PG'	Movie:							
Movie: Lost Horizon (1937) Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt. •••••	Movie: Donovan's Brain (1953) ••• 1/2	Movie: The Time Machine (1960) •••••								
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Louise Mandrell & Friends	Shooter	Turkey Call	Saltwater	Bill Dance	In-Fish	Beasmastr.	Outdoor	
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	SciSquad	A.R.K.	Incredible	(4:45) Outward Bound	Croc Files	Crocodile Hunter	Crocodile		
Movie: Wild	Movie: Rebecca (1940) Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine. •••••	Movie: Private Benjamin (1990) Goldie Hawn. •••	Movie:							
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Next Door	
Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Big 12 Show	Shootout	Major League Baseball	Top 50 Athletes	Top 50 Athletes	Last Word	
Movie: Nothing in Common (1986) Tom Hanks, Jackie Gleason. •••	(3:35) Movie: Rain Man (1988) Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise. •••••									
(5:00) Nickelodeon	Nickelodeon									
Movie: Lionheart (1990) Jean-Claude Van Damme. •••	WWF Live Wire	Hercules-Jrny.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie:						
(6:00) Despierta America at 2000	Conco Final: Destile	Desfile de las Rosas								
Century: Heaven and Earth	Century: Ultimate Power	Century: No Man's Land								
Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Movie: Until the End of the World (1991) William Hurt, Solveig Dommartin. ••					
Farm Report	Business	Video Computer Store	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fishing	Soul Train	Movie:		

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Old House	Workshop	Hometime	Woodwright	MotorWeek	Tracks	Red-Red	Anyplace	Texas Parks	Europe	Burt Wolf
Angela	Movie: Dad, the Angel & Me (1995) Judge Reinhold	Movie: The Face on the Milk Carton (1995) Kellie Martin	Movie: Cloned (1997)							
(11:30) College Football Gator Bowl -- Georgia Tech vs. Miami	Golf Williams World Challenge -- Third Round	Paid Prog.	NBC News							
So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird	So Weird
(12:20) Movie: ••• Look Who's Talking Now (1993)	(2:25) Movie: Beetlejuice (1988) Michael Keaton. •••	Movie: City Slickers (1991) •••								
(12:00) College Football Citrus Bowl -- Florida vs. Michigan State	College Football Rose Bowl -- Stanford vs. Wisconsin									
PGA Special	Player	Sports Spectacular	Sports Spectacular	Jordan Gp	CBS News					
(10:00) College Football	NFL	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movie: Arthur (1981) Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli. •••••	Hercules-Jrny.					
(10:00) College Football	Best of Up Close	Cheerleading	DanceSport	Stirling	Sportstr.					
Movie: The Air Up There Kevin Bacon. ••• PG'	Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind Richard Dreyfuss. PG'	Movie: Rudy (1993) PG'								
City Dump-CMY Scandal	(4:45) Movie: The Bratcreek Boys Bill Campbell. PG-13	Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan ••• 1/2	(1:15) Movie: Tommy Boy							
Movie: ••• Omega Doo	Movie: The Second Arrival ••• 1/2	(1:15) Movie: Space Truckers Dennis Hopper. PG-13	Movie: The X-Files (1998)							
Movie: Time	Movie: The Thing (1951) Kenneth Tobey. ••• 1/2	Movie: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) •••	Movie: Star Trek III							
Trucks!	Car	Mechanic	Horsepower	ClassicCar	RollerJam	Movie: Dead Man's Island				
Crocodile	Crocodile Hunter	Deadliest Snakes	Cross Down Under	Ten Deadliest Snakes	Sharks Down Under					
(12:00) Movie: ••• The Witches of Eastwick (1987)	Movie: Against All Odds (1984) Rachel Ward, Jeff Bridges. •••	Movie: Bonnie and Clyde								
Next Door	Movie: Empty Cradle (1993) Kate Jackson. •••	Movie: Voices Within: The Lives of Trudell Chase (1990) Shelley Long. ••• 1/2								
Last Word	Gain' Deep	Boxing Fight Time: Year-End Best Of	Top 50 Athletes							
Movie: Pirates of Silicon Valley (1999) Noah Wyle. ••• 1/2	Movie: Maximum Overdrive (1986) Emilio Estevez. •••	Movie: Mortal Combat (1995) •••								
(11:00) Nickelodeon	Nickelodeon									
(12:30) Movie: Body of Evidence (1992)	Movie: Sea of Love (1988) Al Pacino, Ellen Barkin. •••••	Movie: Barb Wire (1996) ••• 1/2								
Fiesta de Carnava!		Primer Inspector Esp.	Duro	Netclero						

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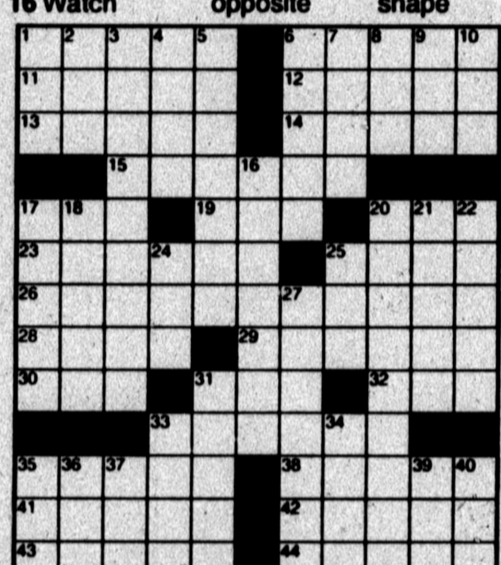
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Conflicts on rise as century ends

WASHINGTON (AP) — An increase in military coups and an erosion in democratic advances have helped push the number of nations in conflict to 65, nearly twice the level near the end of the Cold War, a new survey finds.

The author of the survey predicts even more turmoil ahead.

The report cited a recent erosion of democratic advances — including military coups in Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan, Niger and Comoros and a slide back toward authoritarianism in Venezuela, Russia and Haiti.

including two with authoritarian governments, Cuba and Libya. They were removed in light of reduced terrorist violence against President Fidel Castro's Cuban government and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's "strong control over the country," the report said.

Russia made it because of separatist wars in Chechnya and its neighbor to the east, Dagestan, terrorism and organized crime. China was included based on the Beijing government's crackdown on religious dissidents and tensions over Taiwan and the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.



Courtesy Photo

Former Beatle George Harrison (second from right) was hospitalized early today after being stabbed by an intruder at his home. Harrison is shown with the other two surviving Beatles, Ringo Starr (left) and Paul McCartney, and producer George Martin (right) during recording of the Beatles Anthology.

Ex-Beatle Harrison injured in an attack

LONDON (AP) — An intruder broke into George Harrison's mansion, stabbing the former Beatle in the chest and attacking his wife today, according to his spokesman. The star was hospitalized in stable condition.

nearby hospital for undisclosed injuries, but was then discharged into police custody, authorities said.

Baker said, as far as he knew, the man was not previously known to the family.

Harrison, 56, and his wife, Olivia, were attacked when an intruder broke into their house before dawn in Henley on Thames, 25 miles west of London, said the spokesman, Geoff Baker.

The Harrisons have lived at Friar Park, a former nunnery close to the center of historic Henley, for more than 20 years. Security at the walled estate is tight, and it was unclear how the intruder managed to enter the house.

"From what we know, George was stabbed in the chest several times and Olivia was hit over the head," Baker said.

George Martin, the Beatles' longtime producer, speculated to SKY-TV that the attack was "a burglary that went wrong."

Harrison was hospitalized at Royal Berkshire Hospital in nearby Reading, according to the hospital's chief executive, Mark Gitten. Olivia Harrison was not admitted to the hospital but was at her husband's side.

"The house is a very sort of grand place, with a lot of grounds," Martin said. "I know there's always people trying to get in and that kind of thing, but George always leads a very quiet life. ... I can't imagine anyone picking on George. I think they must have just picked on the house."

Gitten said Harrison had not undergone surgery, but had been fitted with a chest drain.

In 1998, Harrison disclosed that he had been battling throat cancer for more than a year and had surgery to remove a lump in his neck. He later had radiation therapy, adding to an experience he said made him think about the fragility of life.

"Since he's been in a hospital bed, he's been getting much better and is comfortable," Gitten said. "Generally, they are very happy and concerned to let the world know they are recovering well."

"It reminds you that anything can happen," he told the tabloid *News of the World*.

Thames Valley police said they were questioning a man in connection with the attack at the palatial Harrison estate, called Friar Park.

Earlier that year, the three surviving Beatles — Harrison, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney — were reunited for the first time in years at a London memorial service for McCartney's wife, Linda, who died of breast cancer.

Press Association, the British news agency, said Harrison and his wife grappled with the intruder, believed to be a 33-year-old Liverpool man, and that they apparently were able to detain him until police arrived.

John Lennon, the fourth Beatle, was shot to death in New York on Dec. 8, 1980.

The man was treated at a

Ventura will not back Buchanan

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, highest elected official from the Reform Party, says he will not endorse Pat Buchanan even if he wins the party's presidential nomination next year.

grow into a viable national alternative.

"No, no, I don't think I can support him," Ventura told *USA Today* in an interview appearing in today's editions. "I find him very shallow. He says he is a grassroots guy, but I find that fraudulent."

He told the paper that if the Reform Party race comes down to a contest between Buchanan and New York tycoon Donald Trump, he would support Trump.

While Ventura has been cool to Buchanan's candidacy in the past, his remarks in the interview — conducted in his office in St. Paul, Minn. — apparently were his most pointed to date.

USA Today said Buchanan's campaign did not return telephone calls Wednesday seeking comment on Ventura's remarks.

The governor said the Reform Party needs a centrist candidate and that although Buchanan has "softened his rhetoric," he remains a right-wing candidate determined to bring his conservative cadre into the party.

Ventura said that would harm the party's attempt to

"It's going to be a very tough next 20 years," said retired Army Maj. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the National Defense Council Foundation. He said the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and tensions caused by an increasing world population add to the danger.

In its annual report on battle zones, released Wednesday, the foundation said the number of countries in conflict was up by five from a year ago — meaning that the century is coming to a close with one third of the world's 193 nations afflicted by war, civil strife or other forms of violence.

Although the number was

up from a year ago, it was below the record 71 the organization counted in 1995. By contrast, the average in the late 1980s, near the end of the Cold War, was about 35.

"The bipolar 'Cold War' system has disintegrated into a system of 'Warm Wars,' with randomized conflicts popping up in all corners of an interdependent world," the report said.

It nominated Afghanistan as the world's most unstable state for 2000 — followed closely by Somalia, Iraq, Angola and the breakaway Chechnya region of Russia.

Seventeen countries were added to the list this year, and 12 were removed — in-

McCain backs plan for foreign workers

PHOENIX (AP) — Republican presidential candidate John McCain is supporting a plan that would allow more foreigners to work legally in the United States.

McCain also told the group he wants to improve education and job opportunities for minorities.



JOHN MCCAIN "There are jobs that Americans just will not do."

Roundtable.

"We cannot have people left behind," McCain said. "Of all the issues facing America today, the more important issue is to provide the education and training necessary to give people an equal opportunity to succeed."

A temporary worker program could help American businesses fill those jobs and discourage illegal immigration, McCain said.

McCain said all schools should have the same quality of computers, supplies and teachers. He backed programs such as Head Start and said more English training should be made available for non-native speakers.

Josie Ippolito, who runs La Canasta Mexican Food Products Inc., said her company is struggling to find enough workers and might benefit from the chance to hire non-citizens. "Maybe that's a solution," she said. "We're open."

McCain was in Arizona to place his name officially on the ballot for the state's Feb. 22 Republican presidential primary.

Ray Arvizu, chairman of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said he can't understand why Mexico and the United States can't find some way to resolve the intertwined problems of an American labor shortage and illegal immigration.

He vowed to win his home state, where he's facing a strong challenge from national front-runner George W. Bush.

"If they're willing to pay to get in, they're willing to work," Arvizu said.

McCain holds slight leads over the Texas governor in the early voting states of Arizona and New Hampshire, according to recent polls, while Bush leads elsewhere.

McCain said any temporary worker program will need support from the Hispanic community or it will be branded as an attempt to exploit for-

Bush has worked hard to gain key Republican support for his campaign, including from Gov. Jane Hull, in hopes of handing McCain an embarrassing defeat at home.

McCain, acknowledging Bush's strength, said, "We still are a decided underdog, but we're confident we're going to make this a competitive race."

In recent weeks, McCain has been campaigning extensively in New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary on Feb. 1. He hopes to parlay success in the early primary states of New Hampshire, South Carolina and Arizona into a showdown March 7 when California and 11 other states vote in balloting that could, in effect, decide the Republican nomination.

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