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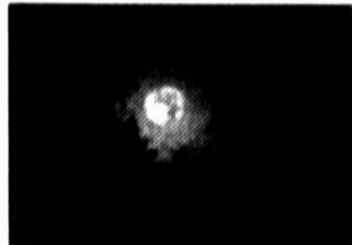
Today's weather OUTLOOK

Cold front moves across the state

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

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

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



Clear and cold

Tonight: Clear and cold with a low around 15, light and variable wind.

Friday: Sunny and warmer with a high in the lower 50s, southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Extended forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low 25 to 30, warmer with a high in the upper 50s.

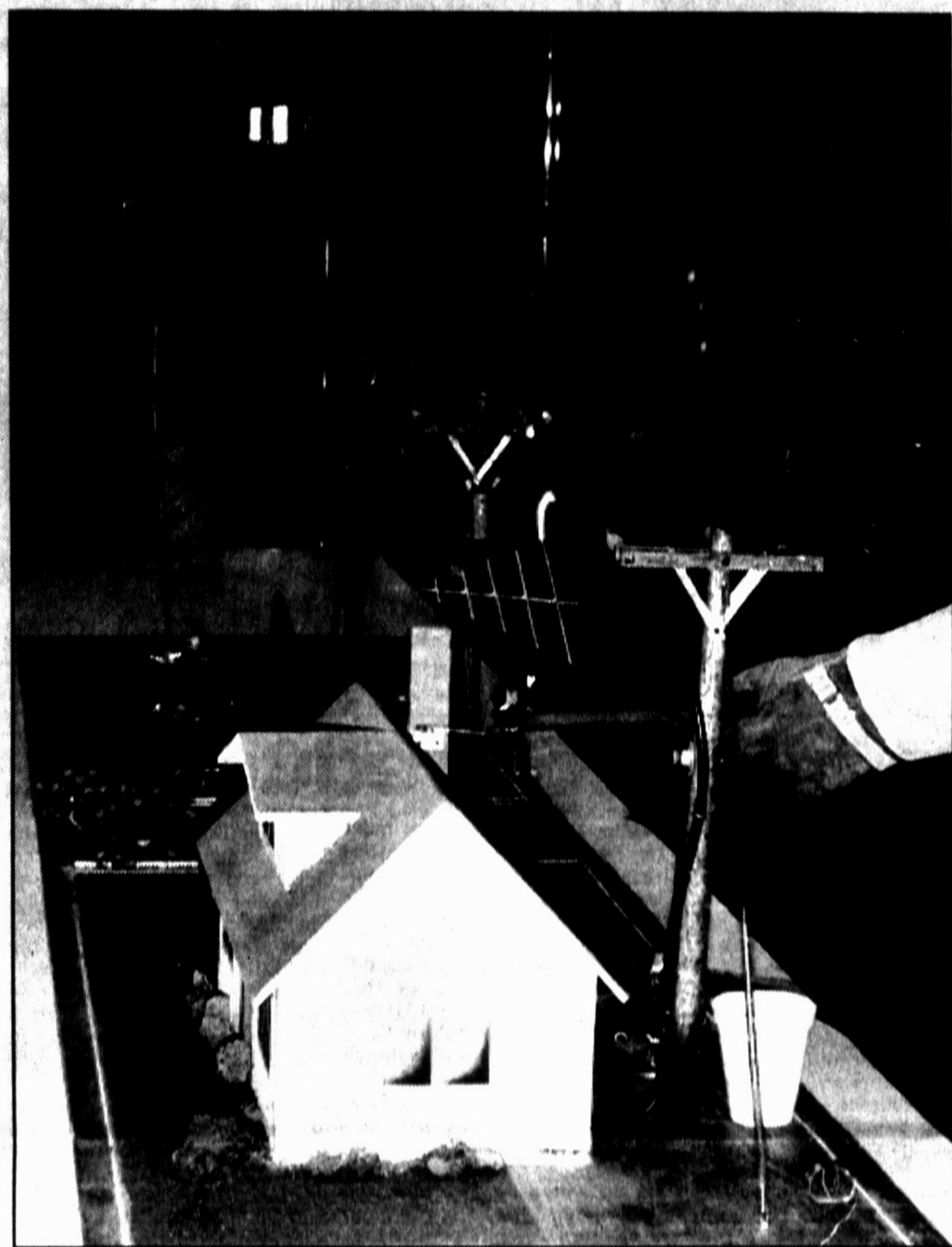
Sunday: Partly cloudy, low 25 to 30, warm with a high in the lower 60s.

Monday: Mostly cloudy and colder, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-40s.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 55; low, 21; no precipitation.

SPARKS FLY



Participants at the 3rd Annual Ag in the Classroom Fair had the opportunity to see actual sparks similar to those that appear when a conductive material comes in contact with high-voltage power lines. Experts from Southwestern Public Service Co. explained the usefulness, the power and the dangers of electricity. The stop at the electrical booth was only one of several stops made during the fair, which was held today at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

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Uncertainty's increasing as primary season nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are moving away from deciding on a presidential candidate, a new poll suggests, even as the campaign heats up and the first contest in Iowa draws near.

Nearly three-fourths of the public say they hadn't yet picked a candidate, says a new poll on voter interest taken by the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press Politics and Public Policy. That's compared with roughly two-thirds in November.

PROTESTS

■ Cuban-Americans angered by decision to send 6-year-old boy back to father in Cuba.

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. government's decision to send 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba sparked angry protests in Miami, a rally in Cuba attended by Fidel Castro and comment from the White House. But Attorney General Janet Reno today said she approved of the decision.

Elian simply went to school on Wednesday, spending the day the decision was made in first grade as reporters staked out his location and the international tug-of-war over his future raged on. Protests continued today with a traffic tieup on a major highway.

"He doesn't know what is going on," said Marisleya Gonzalez, a cousin. "We don't

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"It is a depressing fact that the American people seem to be less interested in the campaign, less impressed by the candidates than they have been in a long time," said Marvin Kalb, executive director of the center's Washington office.

The Vanishing Voter Project plans to interview at least 1,000 Americans weekly through the November election — more than 50,000 voters in all — to see what makes them tick.

The rise in the number of undecided potential voters less than three weeks before Iowa's Jan. 24 presidential caucuses surprised the researchers.

"We had expected the opposite finding," said Harvard professor Thomas Patterson, codirector of the project. "Apparently, the upswing in the Bradley and McCain campaigns has served mainly to raise doubts about all the candidates."

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Walcott ISD pleased with audit findings

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

They're happy at Walcott Independent School District, and with good reason.

The auditors have completed their examination of the school district's finances for Fiscal 1998-99 and they found improvement in the fund balance.

When the year ended Aug. 31, 1999, the school district's fund balance showed a surplus of \$122,364, nearly double the showing of the previous year when the balance was \$68,948.

Superintendent Bill McLaughlin said he was particularly pleased with the fund balance, which he said is building up.

"That was a surprise. We didn't think it would be that much," McLaughlin said this

morning. "I'm happy with it and I know the school board is happy."

"Of course, we'd like to build it up even more, but we do feel a bit more comfortable," he said.

During the 1998-99 school year, the district posted total revenues of \$950,045, up from \$900,348 in the previous year.

Expenditures for the year were \$896,629, down from \$977,622 in the previous school year.

The major expenditure, \$411,147, was for instruction and instructional-related services. This line item was up about \$700 from FY 1997-98.

Support services for students was \$309,739, down from \$311,514 the previous year.

Cornell & Co. of Amarillo conducted the audit.

New home sales decline by 7.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes fell 7.1 percent in November, the biggest decline in two years, as higher mortgage rates started to have a bigger impact on sales activity.

The drop in single-family sales followed a big 9 percent October increase. Even with the setback, the Commerce Department reported today, homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 865,000 units in November.

New-home sales have been above an annual rate of 800,000 for a record 23 straight months. The previous record was a five-month string of sales at that level set in late 1977.

Economists had been predicting a slowdown in the red-hot housing market since June, when the Federal Reserve started pushing interest rates higher in an effort to dampen such interest-sensitive sectors of the economy as housing.

Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 8.06 percent last week, compared to 6.83 percent at the end of 1998.

Even with the November setback for new-home sales,

which was the biggest decline since December 1997, housing sales remained above an annual rate of 800,000 homes for a record 23rd straight month.

Because housing and consumer spending have remained so strong, many economists are looking for the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates further this year, possibly engineering another three rate

increases in an effort to slow economic activity and keep inflation under control.

In a separate report today, the Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose

by 33,000 last week, the biggest increase in a year.

The number of new applications for jobless benefits climbed to 309,000 for the week ending Saturday, the first time this figure has been above the 300,000 level in 13 weeks. Jobless claims had fallen by 7,000 in the previous week.

Labor Department analysts stressed that the claims level is often volatile during holiday periods.

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Inside Today

DEBATES

In a feisty first debate of the new year, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley said Al Gore is stuck "in a Washington bunker," and the vice president accused his rival of leaving New Hampshire residents "high and dry" on health care.



■ Democratic presidential contenders joust over issues in first New Hampshire debate of year. — Page A9

■ Tax-cut proposals are expected to be the major topic during tonight's one-hour Republican presidential debate in New Hampshire. — Page A9



Replacing sidewalk — Patrons of the Hereford Post Office will have to use the south entrance for a few days while Gamez Concrete Co. workers replace the sidewalk in front of the building. Getting ready to break up the old sidewalk are (from left) Edward Bastardo, Lupe Ortiz and Al Gamez.

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Local roundup

Lions accept nominations

Past Presidents of the Lions Club are now accepting nominations for the Hereford "Citizen of the Year." Submit nominees name and a short resume as to why he or she should be Hereford's Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be received by noon on Jan. 11 at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce or mailed to P.O. Box 192.

Ministerial Alliance meeting

The Hereford Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Ranch House.

Food Pantry collects Y2K food

The Hereford Food Pantry, 609 Park Ave., will be taking special collections of canned and staple goods which might have been purchased in lieu of possible Y2K problems, and which residents may not have room to store. Hereford Food Pantry is open from 1-5 p.m. Monday and Friday. If unable to deliver the food to the Hereford Food Pantry contact Sally Walker at 364-5163 or Lajean Henry at 364-5324 and they will pick it up and deliver it/

AC offers Hereford classes

Amarillo College will offer registration for Hereford classes from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Hereford High School. Courses offered will include business administration, computer information systems, criminal justice, English, government, history, math, office technology, psychology, reading and speech. For more information contact Brian Hedrick at 363-7627.

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News digest

HUD to insure larger loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move to boost homeownership, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is raising its insurance limits on home mortgage loans. Secretary Andrew Cuomo said today that HUD has begun insuring mortgage loans for single-family homes ranging from \$121,296 in communities where housing costs are lower to a limit of \$219,849 in areas with higher housing costs. In 1999, the limits ranged from \$115,200 to \$208,800. "These higher loan limits will help create more homeowners, more home construction, more jobs and more economic growth," Cuomo said. "They will transform the American dream of homeownership into a reality for families across the nation." The new loan limits are part of a regular annual adjustment HUD makes to account for rising home prices.

Dry county gets DWI plates

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Hundreds of license plates with the letters "DWI" have been issued to motorists in a dry Arkansas county. The state Department of Motor Vehicles said it was only coincidence that Craighead County received that combination of letters, which are sometimes used to abbreviate "Driving While Intoxicated." The state sent 999 DWI plates to Craighead County and handed out 400 in the past three weeks. Three people have complained, but only one turned in his new plate and asked for a different one. The department screens out license plates it deems inappropriate, but none of the agency screeners were bothered by DWI. Among the banned three-letter combinations are DAM, SEX, FAT and PIG. "It's all in the eye of the beholder," said Fred Porter, department administrator. "What could be screened by someone could be OK by someone else."

Dead whales on Mexico's coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two dead whales washed ashore between Tuesday and Wednesday on widely separated beaches on Mexico's Pacific coast, local media reported. The first, a gray whale, was found Tuesday on a beach near Tijuana, only about 5 miles from the U.S. border. Officials said they had not determined the cause of death of the 25-foot whale, which was estimated to weigh 6,600 pounds. The second whale, a humpback, was found dead on a beach in the southern state of Nayarit Wednesday near the resort of Puerto Vallarta, more than 1,000 miles to the south of Tijuana. There were no immediate indications that the whale — estimated to weigh about 9,000 pounds — had suffered any injuries or disease, the government news agency Notimex reported.

Gulf Publishing sold, to go online

HOUSTON — The world's largest publisher to the energy industry is going online. Two venture capital firms have teamed up to purchase Gulf Publishing Co. with the intention of transforming the Houston company into an Internet powerhouse. Gulf will quickly evolve into a business that not only publishes information online, but also becomes a portal for business-to-business commerce via the Internet. The deal marks the first ownership change at Gulf, which Ray L. Dudley started in 1916. The new owners are SCF Partners of Houston and Battery Ventures of Wellesley, Mass. Each will pump \$10 million into the company, giving the venture capital firms a 50-50 ownership split. Gulf officials say their company will continue its traditional business lines, including publishing a stable of trade journals that include World Oil, Hydrocarbon Processing and Pipe Line & Gas Industry.

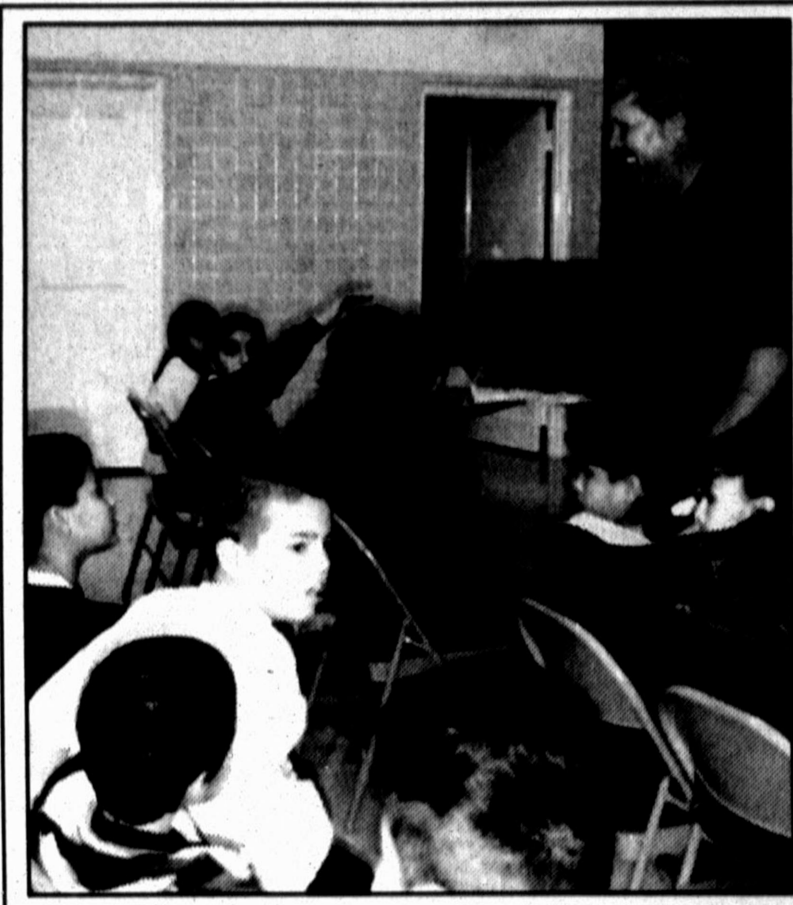
Resendiz wants trial moved

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

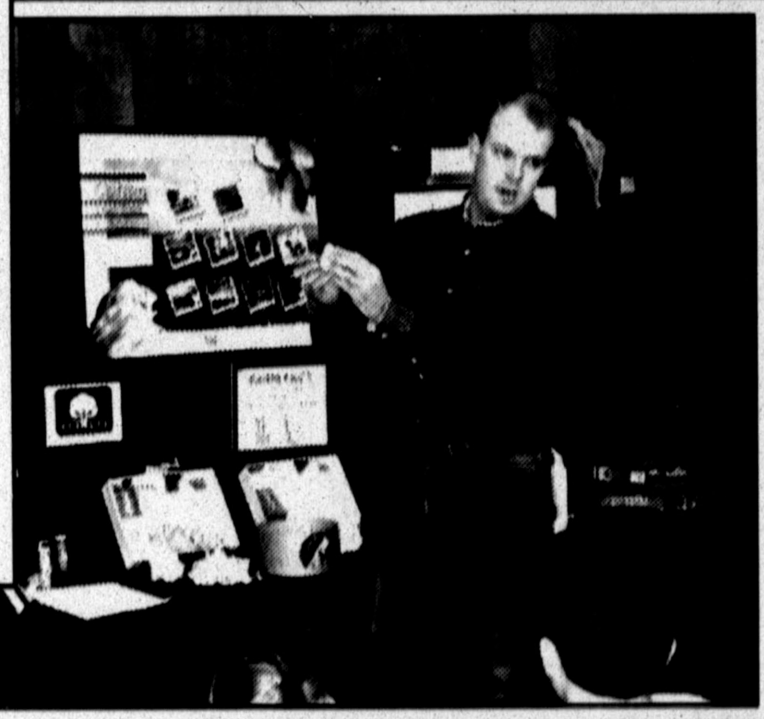
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Ag interaction



Learning from experts -- Fourth grade students from HISD, St. Anthony's and NCA left the classrooms today to get some first hand agricultural experience from individuals who work in various ag fields. Texas Parks and Wildlife department, represented by Bill Rogers, left, discussed the importance of wildlife and how it is affected by agriculture, while Jeffery Carlson demonstrated cotton ginning techniques.



Competition reduces reliability

Temporary blackouts more common as more companies offer service

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Energy Department task force says the electric industry's rush toward competition is making America's power system less reliable. The group examined power disruptions during peak electricity demand last summer in Chicago, New York City, Texas and other areas in the mid-Atlantic and Gulf Coast states. "Aging infrastructure and increased demand for power have strained many transmission and distribution systems to the point of interrupting

service," said the interim task force report. It said some utilities, in focusing on surviving in a competitive market, cut spending on areas aimed at reliability. Increased electricity use and new demands caused by the trend toward competition among power providers "are stressing the electrical system" and increasing the risk of temporary blackouts or brownouts during peak demand periods, the report continued. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said cooperation between industry and the government in dealing with the Y2K computer glitch "was a good step toward achieving a more reliable electric grid." But he said the report by the department's task force

investigating power disruptions last summer was evidence that additional steps must be taken to ensure electricity reliability. He urged Congress to enact legislation aimed at increasing reliability of the power grids. The interim report, given to Richardson this week with a final version expected in March, found that electric utilities were undergoing fundamental change from operating as local monopolies to becoming rivals in an increasingly competitive market. The disruptions last summer "demonstrate that the necessary operating practices, regulatory policies and technological tools for dealing with the changes are not yet in place to guarantee an acceptable level of reliability," said

the report. The task force, made up of power industry experts from the government and private industry, was asked to examine power disruptions and electricity price spikes that occurred during high electricity demand last summer. They included outages in Chicago, New York City, Long Island, New Jersey, the mid-Atlantic from Virginia to Delaware, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana as well as some non-outage electricity grid disturbances in New England and the mid-Atlantic states. The task force said competitive pressures make it more difficult to coordinate the flow of electricity since more parties participate. "Unfortunately the development of reliability management reforms, tools, technologies and operating procedures has lagged behind economic reforms in the electric industry," said the report. "In anticipation of competitive markets, some utilities have adopted a strategy of cost-cutting that involves reduced spending on reliability... The overall effect has been that infrastructure for reliability assurance has been considerably eroded."

Flight delays not Y2K related

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration said a computer problem today that caused flight delays of two or more hours across the eastern one-third of the nation has been fixed and is not believed to have been related to Y2K.

Flight delays began after a computer at the FAA's Washington center in Leesburg, Va. began experiencing problems transferring data about 6:15 a.m. EST, said Drucella Andersen, a spokesman at FAA's headquarters in Washington. Normal operations resumed at 9:49 a.m.

"These problems caused an overload in the computer so the center transitioned to a backup system," she said. "The exact cause of the failure is not known at this time. It does not appear to be Y2K-related."

Delays were experienced by passengers traveling to or from Boston, John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Raleigh-Durham, N.C., Reagan National, Dulles International and Baltimore-Washington International, the FAA said.

The problem occurred in a computer that processes information sent to the center in Leesburg from various radar systems, other air traffic control centers around the East Coast as well as flight plan data filed by airlines and individual pilots, said William Shumann, another FAA spokesman in Washington. "The backup system is safe, but it's a much slower system with less capacity and so we have to hold airplanes on the ground," he said.

Steve Letzler of Baldwin, N.Y., said in a telephone interview that his wife called him from her cell phone after sitting on the tarmac at LaGuardia Airport for two hours.

"They were just sitting there," Letzler said. "Everyone was antsy apparently. She just wanted to know if I had heard anything. The pilot said that apparently there was some sort of radar problem."

On Monday, a computer malfunction at the FAA's cen-

ter in Nashua, N.H., delayed flights at airports in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. FAA officials said a backup computer system was used when the main computer at the air traffic control center experienced problems for about three hours Monday night.

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Obituaries

SADIE SHAW Jan. 5, 2000

Services for Sadie Shaw, 85, of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. Terry Cosby, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hereford officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shaw died Wednesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 13, 1914, in Hartshorn, Okla., to William Carroll Barnes and Effie Mae Robinson. She married George Lewis Shirley on Nov. 15, 1930, in Stratford, Okla. She came to Texas in 1937 from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Shaw was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Hereford, the Rebekah Lodge 228, the VFW Auxiliary and the Hereford Senior Citizens.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruth Smith of Amarillo, Joyce Landers of Hereford, and Kay Malicoat of Amarillo; one son, Alvin Shirley of Chandler, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hereford Senior Citizens or the American Cancer Society.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 5, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- A runaway was reported in the 100 block of South Douglas. The runaway was later located and released to a guardian.

- A forgery was reported in the 100 block of East Park.

- A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of Union.

- A class B theft was reported at Lake and Highway 385. Value of the stolen items is estimated over \$50 and under \$500.

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- A two vehicle accident was reported at U.S. Highway 60 and Progressive Road. No injuries were reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 21-year-old woman was sentenced on a criminal trespass conviction.

- An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

- A 22-year-old man was

arrested and charged with failure to stop and give information.

- A 28-year-old man was sentenced on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

- A 31-year-old man was arrested on Randall County warrants for criminal non-support.

- A 24-year-old man arrested and charged with violation of probation on a felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

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

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

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were

3-4-22-23-31-43.

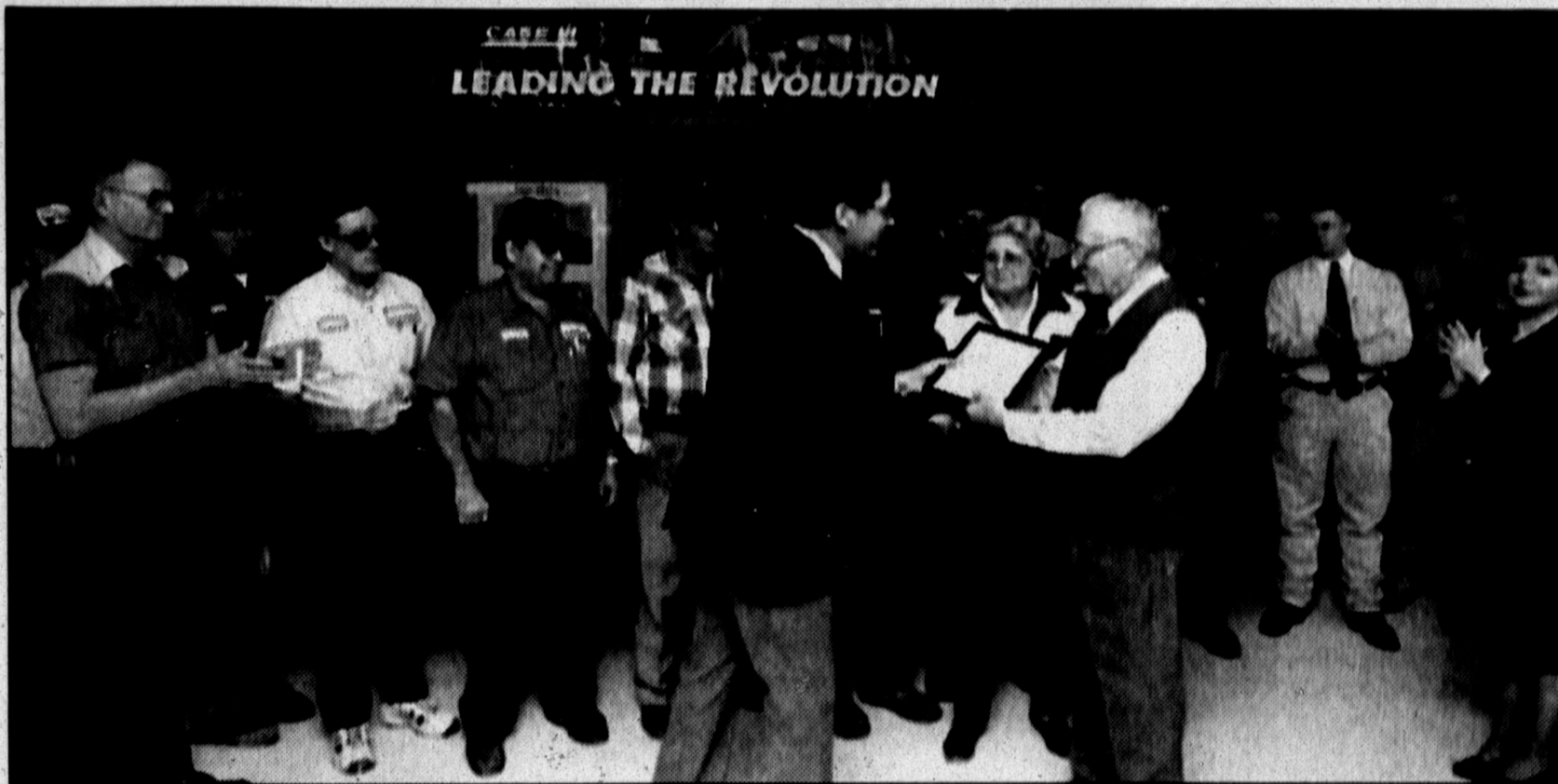
Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

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

5-5-2

LIFESTYLES

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Double celebration — Cecil Oglesby, center right, owner of Oglesby Equipment Company, Inc., received a certificate of appreciation Tuesday from the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce business retention committee, represented by

Sid Shaw. Oglesby Equipment employees and members of the business retention committee also congratulated Oglesby on his 80th birthday. The company has been in business in Hereford for more than 50 years.

Creators Syndicate

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: May I respond to "Nancy in Lubbock"? She said when her mother died, the family sent in a photo for the obituary that had been taken 40 years earlier. She said the family wanted a photograph that reflected the mother they knew best, and that her mother would want to be remembered the way she looked "when she was young and vital." My mother is 66 years old, and as far as I am concerned, she becomes more beautiful every year. She has earned every wrinkle and gray hair the old-fashioned way — by raising four kids, six grandkids, and yes, a husband. Why does society value youth ahead of wisdom? Beauty is more than skin-deep. I do not agree with Nancy that most children would select a photo for the obituary of "the woman who raised us, not the old woman she was when she died." I hope I do not need to make that decision for many years to come, but when it happens, I will select the likeness of the beautiful woman

she is at the time — no matter what her age. — Tom C. in Nashville, Tenn.
Dear Tom: I appreciate the wisdom in your comments. Here's another letter on the same subject from someone who also disagrees with Nancy:
From Iowa: It is nonsense that most adult children would prefer to remember their mothers as they looked when they were "young and attractive." Aging is a fact of life, not a progressive disease. As one of the "older folks," I am not ashamed of my appearance. We don't all live by the standards of Hollywood beauty. I have a nagging feeling that Nancy felt her mother's elderly appearance somehow made HER look older, and that is what bothered her.
Dear Iowa: Whoever wrote "Vanity thy name is woman" did not know YOU. You sound like my kind of lady. Here are two additional comments, the first from the daughter of a 77-year-old woman:
Phoenix: "Nancy in Lubbock" makes a good point. Everyone has his or her own idea of how a loved one should be remembered, and not all women want their obit photo to look "current." Shortly after my own mother read that letter in your column, she left the room and returned with a photo of herself and said, "This is the picture I would like in

the newspaper when I pass on." I was surprised to see that it was her engagement photo, taken 50 years ago, when she was 21. I said nothing, but I am not at all sure I will follow her wishes. I'm afraid it would make her, as well as her survivors, look ridiculous.
Boston: My mother lives with me, and we often read your column together at the breakfast table, exchanging various parts of the paper. She read the letter from "Nancy in Lubbock," who wanted to use an old (and flattering) photograph for her mother's obituary. After reading that, my mother said to me, "When I pass on, I want you to give the Boston Globe a picture of your father and me taken at our wedding. It is my favorite." Ann, my mother is now in her late 60s, and she and my father were divorced more than 40 years ago. Shortly after the divorce, he married "the other woman," and they had two children. Now, there are several grandchildren. I really don't want to follow her wishes. Please help me with this dilemma.
Dear Boston: Your mother may not be playing with a full deck, or perhaps she is still nursing a very old wound. You would be doing her a grave injustice if you followed her instructions. Use your own

judgment, please. The entire family will appreciate it.
Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.15.)
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Make basketball bash fun with giant cookie

Football fans have made their pre-game tailgating parties almost as much fun as the games themselves. Basketball fans should follow suit, and celebrate their favorite sport with a basketball bash.

Just invite the gang over and serve up lots of healthful and hearty snack foods and beverages. Then surprise your friends with a Giant "Slam-Dunk" Basketball Cookie for dessert.

Bake this great-tasting, chewy cookie in a deep-dish pizza pan, then use chocolate chips to create lines and make the round cookie resemble a basketball.

GIANT "SLAM-DUNK" BASKETBALL COOKIE
 1 1/2 cups buttermilk biscuit and baking mix
 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
 1 large egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 8 drops yellow food color
 4 drops red food color
 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips

In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, brown sugar, butter, egg, vanilla and food colors until well combined. Press dough into a 12 x 1/2-inch round pizza pan coated with cooking spray. Using a knife, make cuts in the

top of the cookie to resemble the lines on a basketball. Prick entire cookie with fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 16 minutes or just until center is set; do not overbake. Immediately place chocolate chips on the indentation lines. Let cool. Makes 1 giant cookie (12 servings).

"Three Pointers"
 1. Basketballs come in a variety of colors, ranging from orange to burnt orange to a rich brown. Use more or fewer drops of food color to achieve the dough color you desire.

2. If you don't have a deep-dish pizza pan on hand, purchase one of the convenient disposable pizza pans available in grocery stores. They are usually found in the baking aisle.

3. Work quickly and carefully when placing the chocolate chips on the baked cookie to decorate. The chips will stick to the hot cookie.

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Area Events



Gospel music will be featured in a free concert with the Dixie Melody Boys at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Borger High School Auditorium.

PANHANDLE

Through March 5, the Square House Museum in Panhandle is exhibiting a series of paintings of Texas birds by naturalist and artist Dr. John P. O'Neill. The exhibit consists of 24 of the original 48 paintings which appear in O'Neill's book, "Great Texas Birds," which was published in October 1999 by the University of Texas Press.

O'Neill was born in Houston and attended the University of Oklahoma where he studied with George Miksch Sutton, one of the best bird painters that ever lived.

Currently Dr. O'Neill is associated with the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science where he is a staff research associate. The public is invited to meet

Dr. O'Neill at a gallery reception from 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Call 806-537-3524 for more information about the exhibit.

AMARILLO

The annual M*A*S*H Blood Drive, to benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center, will be held Friday and Saturday from 10 am.-7 p.m. at the Texas Army National Guard, 2900 Tee Anchor Blvd., Amarillo. The Texas Army National Guard is the drive sponsor and KGNC is the media sponsor providing a live remote with Mary Lyn Halley.

The M*A*S*H theme will be carried out throughout the drive with specially designed M*A*S*H t-shirts to be given to all donors. For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

Amarillo Little Theatre will conduct auditions for its main stage production, "Death of a Salesman," at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10-11 at the ALT annex, 1936 Civic Circle, Amarillo.

The Pulitzer prize winning drama has available roles for eight men (age range 25-60) and five women (age range 25-60).

The role of Willy Loman will be played by ALT artistic/ managing director Allen Shankles. David Keller will direct the production.

Auditions will be by "cold" readings from the script. Interested persons are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the script. Perusal copies are available at the ALT box office with a \$5 deposit.

For additional information, call the ALT office at 355-9991.

BORGER

The Dixie Melody Boys will be presented in a gospel music concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Borger High School Auditorium. Also on the program will be the Jenkins Sisters and Co.

During the past three decades, the Dixie Melody Boys have enjoyed tremendous success, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from *The Singing News Magazine*, southern gospel music's leading fan and trade publication.

Their most recent recording is "Live From Music City."

Present membership includes Ed O'Neal, who provides bass vocals; Harold Reed, who delivers the tenor sound; Jamie Caldwell, who provides the solid foundation for the four-part harmony; newest member Derrick Selph, who contributes the baritone vocals; and keyboardist Eric Ollis.

Admission to the concert is free.

POISON IVY

Scourge for all seasons, not just summer

By GEORGE BRIA

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Deep into fall, the trees bare and frost on windshields, a friend burst out with a horrible case of poison ivy.

As we gathered around him pitying his blisters, some of us wondered how it could have happened. Isn't ivy a summer affliction? The answer, alas, is no. It's a scourge for all seasons.

That log you're splitting for firewood may have bark on which poison ivy grew. The poison is still there and it may get you if you touch it. In fact, handling firewood is a common source of poison ivy cases.

Smoke from burning ivy vines can get you, too.

Anything that comes in contact with the ivy passes it on — your clothing, shoes, tools and even the fur on your cats and dogs. It has ironies. Touch some ivy unwittingly and then hold your sweetheart's hand and she or he might get it because they're highly allergic while you don't because you're low risk.

My friend said he got his when he was clearing out a pile of dead-looking vines and garden debris. It infected many parts of his body, including his face. It was so bad he went to a doctor, who put him on prescription cortisone.

I usually get a touch every year. Isolated blisters show up on my legs or arms. The worst case I had was on my hands, acquired while I was digging holes to plant daffodil bulbs in the fall. I did the job barehanded and came in contact with poison ivy roots underground.

Incidentally, you don't get it from someone else's blisters.

The damage is caused by an oil called urushiol that pervades the plant, roots and all, and is released by just touching it. Normally it stays toxic

up to five years. The name comes from "urushi," Japanese for lacquer made from a tree containing that substance.

It's so potent that scientists say only one-billionth of a gram is enough to cause a rash and a pinhead's worth would be enough to infect 500 people.

Botanically, poison ivy has names of "Rhus radicans," "Rhus toxicodendron" and "Toxicodendron radicans." It's closely related to poison oak and poison sumac. A native of eastern North America, it is said to have been first called "poison ivy" by Captain John Smith, the famed Virginia colonist.

If you live or spend time in the country, you soon learn to recognize poison ivy in spring and summer by its three shiny, deep-green leaves. You mark them well in your consciousness particularly if they've gotten you.

The plant appears as a climbing vine, a ground cover or even a shrub. In the fall, the leaves turn showy red, orange and yellow, but you must remember that they're still toxic and so is the vine when completely bare. The roots, which also carry the poison, can become as thick as ropes and they spread out for yards in every direction.

Poison ivy vines in the spring blossom with greenish little flowers followed by whitish berries that look like tiny grapes. One good thing that may be said about ivy is that many varieties of birds feed on the berries. But the seeds that pass through the birds are spread far and wide and that means the birth of many more plants.

Getting rid of ivy plants manually is achievable, but dangerous. You can cut vines down from trees or uproot them from the ground, but you're always running the risk of contact with the toxic oil.

Also, the vines you cut down or uproot are still poisonous.

You should wear gloves and dress carefully with socks, trousers and long-sleeved shirts. Afterwards make sure you clean the clothing and tools because the poison stays on them. Don't handle the clothes barehanded; drop them in the washer and let it remove any poison.

In attacking the plants, you're safer using an herbicide like Roundup. You apply it to the leaves and it kills the root. But being nonselective, it will kill most plants it hits, so you must carefully direct the jet at your target.

There are also specific herbicides for poison ivy. But whatever herbicide you use, don't count on permanent removal. Keep looking for re-birth and spray again.

If you think you've touched ivy, wash the contact area of your body within a half hour with lukewarm water and mild soap. If you get infected anyway, old-fashioned calamine lotion helps alleviate the itching. If your blisters swell and get worse, see a doctor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.

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Wrestling wins first match

■ Boys wrestling defeats Lubbock Estacado in dual matches, loses duals to Lubbock Coronado

Editor's Note: Due to late reports, the wrestling team results were not available at press time on Wednesday.

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Hereford Whiteface wrestling team finally got a team victory on Tuesday night when it defeated Lubbock Estacado, 51-48, this after losing a 58-46 dual match against Lubbock Coronado.

Most of the individual wins recorded by the Whitefaces came as a result of forfeits, but did record some impressive individual victories against Estacado.

Glen Khalich, Terrence Wilhelm, Luis Perez, Irwin Mason and Kris Hammerbeck all won by forfeit.

Seth Pietsek was the lone winner as he pinned Fabian Posadas in 5:10 in the 180-pound division.

Other matches include Tim Schlabs pinned by Joseph Carrillo in a time of 3:20 in the 215-pound division; Trevor Baird lost to Mark Gonzales 10-4 in the 152-pound class; Jayson Torres defeated Tyler Yenzler 19-4 in the 160-pound division; and Jarod Rose defeated Randall Burrows 9-2 in the 189-pound class.

Luis Perez continued his

success against Lubbock Coronado as he pinned Rodney Kennedy in 1:27 in a battle of 125 pounders.

Kris Hammerbeck also won by pin in the heavyweight against Dustin Clemmons in 1:53.

Seth Pietsek was also victorious as he took care of Joel Diaz, 20-8, in the 171-pound class.

Terrence Wilhelm, Trevor Baird, Joaquin Rodriguez and Irwin Mason were victorious by forfeit.

In other matches, Glenn Kahllich lost to Chris Ortiz, 9-0 in the 103-pound division; Chris Williams pinned Tyler Yenzler in the 160-pound division in 44 seconds; Tino Lee pinned Randall Burrows in 5:56 in a battle of 180 pounders; and Tim Schlabs was pinned by Blake Hardwick within 46 seconds in the 215-pound division.

The Hereford Whitefaces will participate this Friday and Saturday at the Liberal, Kan., Wrestling Tournament. The girls team, consisting of Rachael Rodriguez, Amariah Rodriguez and Danielle Garza, will compete in the Amarillo Girls Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. at Caprock High School.



Rachael Rodriguez, shown here in practice on Wednesday, will participate in the Amarillo Girls Wrestling Tournament Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at Caprock High School. The boys team will be going to the Liberal, Kansas, Tournament.

New Orleans Saints fire Mike Ditka

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

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

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

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

Beloved in Chicago for 11 seasons after leading "Da Bears" to the Super Bowl in 1986, Iron Mike could not stop a downward slide in New Orleans. Add to that a trade of eight draft picks to get running back Ricky Williams, and Ditka ran out of chances.

"We tried, but we didn't get it done," Ditka said.

"That's the bottom line. When you don't get it done, you're going to get out of there in a hurry."

The 60-year-old Ditka said he had hoped to stay on as coach despite the team's troubles but, with the firing, said he would never coach a football team again.

"Nope, never, no," Ditka said.

When he drafted him, Ditka proclaimed Williams the "final piece of the puzzle" for the Saints and again talked of taking the team to the Super Bowl.

But Williams, who was injured for much of the season, gained only 884 yards and two touchdowns rushing — including 7 yards on 14 carries in the final game against Carolina.

"I understand it fully: You're 3-13, you have the expectations we do, you bring in Ricky Williams, and it doesn't work out," Ditka said. "I mean, we got to be realists."

Ditka originally signed a three-year contract and said he should be fired if he couldn't accomplish his goals. He finished with a 15-33 record, including 6-23 in the last 29 games, and a league-leading 14-game road losing streak.

This season's record is the worst ever

for Ditka. His previous worst mark was 5-11 with the Bears in 1992, which led Chicago to fire him.

Also fired Wednesday by Saints owner Tom Benson was general manager Bill Kuharich, senior vice president Terry O'Neil and 19 assistant coaches. Benson described it as the first step in returning the Saints to the spot the team enjoyed in the late 1980s, when it had its only winning years and made four trips to the playoffs.

"This was a difficult decision," Benson said. "Mike Ditka is one of the greatest football people ever."

Financial terms of Ditka's departure were not disclosed, but he signed a contract extension two years ago. The new deal runs through 2002 and is reportedly worth \$2 million a year.

Benson said the search for a new general manager and coach would begin immediately and continue until he finds candidates to "take us where our organization and our fans want to be."

Under Ditka, Chicago dominated the NFC Central with 52 regular-season victories between 1985-88. That was the most wins by an NFL team in any four-year period.

Ditka ranked second among Bears coaches in both tenure and victories. He coached the Bears to six NFC Central titles.

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SPORTS

Lima gets \$18.75 million contract

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

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

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

Lima, an afterthought in an eight-player trade with the Detroit Tigers in 1996, has gone 37-18 in the past two seasons, including 21-10 with a 3.58 ERA last year as Houston won its third straight NL Central title.

"Jose waited for the opportunity, seized the opportunity, took advantage of the opportunity and has become one of the best pitchers in the National League," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

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

"Like it or not, I like to do my dancing, my (shark-fin style) rally cap," he said. "If you don't like it, don't play against me. Take the day off and enjoy it from the dugout. That's just how I am."

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

"I think what makes Jose unique is not his skill as a pitcher but his willingness to express himself when he's not

only out on the mound, but whenever he's in public," Hunsicker said. "He's not afraid of what people think. I really believe that has played a part in his success."

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

"People laughed behind my back," Lima said. He answered with a 16-8 season.

Lima drew the same guffaws last spring when he promised a 20-win season on a national radio talk show.

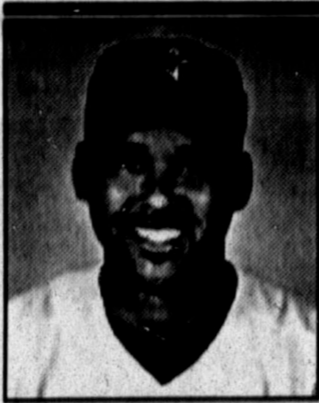
"They say, 'There goes Lima again,'" he said. "People don't want to believe in me. But I believe in myself more than anybody. When I take the mound, I think I'm the best pitcher on Earth."

With December's trade of 22-game winner Hampton to the Mets, Lima and Shane Reynolds will anchor a rotation that likely will include Chris Holt and newcomer Octavio Dotel. Scott Elarton, rebounding from off-season shoulder surgery, also could have a spot if he's ready this spring.

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

Lima, who made \$2,225,000 last year, would have been eligible for free agency after the 2001 season. He gets a \$4.5 million signing bonus that's payable over three years, \$3.75 million this season, \$4.75 million in 2001 and \$5.75 million in 2002. He can earn a total of \$2.25 million in performance bonuses in the final two years of the contract.

Holt and outfielder Roger Cedeno are the only Astros still eligible for arbitration.



Jose Lima

Sonics clamp on Spurs, 99-96

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gary Payton and the Seattle SuperSonics got a much-needed lift at the expense of the struggling NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Payton had 24 points and 10 assists as the SuperSonics beat the Spurs 99-96 on Wednesday night for their second victory in seven games. San Antonio is 2-4 in its last six games.

"We came out with intensity and once you come out with intensity, you get everybody into it," Payton said. "It's good for us, especially being on the road."

Horace Grant added 16 points, and Brent Barry had 13 for the SuperSonics. Tim Duncan had 24 points, and David Robinson added 20 for the Spurs.

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

Payton scored seven straight points, the last two on a driving layup, to give Seattle a 91-83 lead with 6:00 to play.

But Avery Johnson hit consecutive jumpers and Robinson made two free throws to bring San Antonio within three with 2:40 left.

Chuck Person countered with a 3-pointer with 1:50 remaining to make it 94-89. After Johnson hit another jumper, Vin Baker made a free throw and Payton had a layup to give Seattle a 97-91 lead with 18.6 seconds to play. San Antonio could get no closer than three points the rest of the way.

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

Seattle shot 47.7 percent from the field and had 13 second-chance points.

"We have a lot to be happy

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

San Antonio is 12-3 at the Alamodome this season.

"We don't look at it as if teams are better than us," said Person, who scored nine points in his return to San Antonio after playing for the Spurs from 1994-98. "The team that was hungriest that night got away with the win."

San Antonio was coming off a 91-88 loss in Minnesota on Tuesday night.

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

Stars prey on Predators, 3-1

Fernandez improves record to 6-3-1 as Stars' backup goalie

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

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

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

on Eddie."

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

"Our work ethic is there," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We're not cheating ourselves. We're coming to work every day. We're up 2-1 and we're not trying to hit a home run. We're playing smart hockey."

Mike Keane's go-ahead goal 43 seconds into the final period snapped a 1-1 tie, and the Stars went on to end the Predators' franchise-best eight-game unbeaten streak.

After getting the lead, the

Stars shut down the Predators, who were 5-0-3 in their previous eight games. Dallas held an 11-6 shot advantage in the third period as the Stars stretched their winning streak to a season-high four games.

"We're playing really hard, playing a simple game," Stars defenseman Darryl Sydor said. "There are things we can do better, but this was a good win. The chemistry is there again within the team."

Juha Lind scored the first goal for Dallas, 12-4-2 in its last 18 games.

Keane's shot glanced off

Tomas Vokoun's glove.

"I saw the puck at the last second," Vokoun said. "It went through one of our players' legs and hit off the upper part of my catching glove. It just got enough of my glove to bounce over. They got a couple of lucky goals tonight."

Guy Carbonneau, who assisted on Keane's goal, scored his fifth with 4.9 seconds left into an empty net.

Nashville got the only goal of the first period when Scott Walker scored his third at 16:56.

Dallas tied it at 1 when Lind's deflection glanced off the skate of Nashville's Cliff Ronning and behind Vokoun at 10:25 of the second.

Stars defenseman Richard Matvichuk left the game after the first period with the flu.

Ditka

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three appearances in the NFC title game and a Super Bowl title in 1986. The Bears were 18-1 that year. After the Super Bowl, Ditka was honored as coach of the year.

After being fired by Chicago, Ditka worked as an NBC commentator for four years. He was hired by the Saints on Jan. 28, 1997.

Ditka's first year was marked by sideline tantrums, yanking players out of games and even a threat to quit, which he rescinded later.

"With all the ranting and raving that people saw, he always left it on the field," quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver said. "He had his say and

moved on. He was never devious. He's a man's man and a stand-up guy, and I have a lot of respect for him."

Ditka maintained close ties with Chicago, where he has a restaurant. His newly completed restaurant in New Orleans is scheduled to open Jan. 14.

Despite his Chicago connections, Ditka tried to adopt New Orleans as his own.

"I don't live in the past," he said in September. "This is my team now and this is my city."

After he drafted Williams, Ditka donned a dreadlocks wig and formal attire and posed with the running back in a wedding dress on the cover of a national magazine.

Ditka played in five Pro Bowls, two league championships (1963, 1971) and a Super Bowl during his NFL playing career with Chicago, Philadelphia and Dallas.

He was the first tight end to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was the NFL rookie of the year in 1961. Ditka was also an assistant coach with Dallas in 1977.

Ditka's firing was the fifth NFL coaching change since the end of the regular season. Ray Rhodes of Green Bay and Pete Carroll of New England were fired, and the New York Jets had a double resignation, with Bill Belichick following Bill Parcells.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: January 7, 2000

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

PBS to present profile of Eleanor Roosevelt

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eleanor Roosevelt could be the subject of a wonderful documentary, filmmaker Sue Williams believed, because hers was "a wonderful story." From an anguished childhood to an important but difficult marriage to her role as a powerful woman on the U.S. and international stage, there was unending drama in the life of what Williams calls America's preeminent first lady of the century.

After six years of effort, Williams' fascination has resulted in "Eleanor Roosevelt," a presentation of PBS' "The American Experience." The documentary, narrated by Alfre Woodard, was directed and written by Williams.

The 2½-hour film airs at 8 p.m. CST Monday on PBS stations.

Relying on archival film and photos, historians and the memories of friends and family, the documentary explores the personal and the political aspects of a woman in whom the two were inextricably united, Williams said.

Images of Mrs. Roosevelt supporting her polio-stricken spouse, charming American troops in the Pacific during World War II and helping craft a human rights resolution for the infant United Nations show the sweep of her experience.

The film opens with details of Mrs. Roosevelt's troubled early years. She was born in 1884 to Anna Hall and Elliott Roosevelt, part of the Oyster

Bay, N.Y., clan of Roosevelts that included Theodore Roosevelt. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor's future husband, was a member of the family's Hyde Park, N.Y., branch and a distant cousin.

Eleanor's father doted on her but his attentions were undercut by alcoholism.

Considered homely by her mother, who called her "Granny" and openly mused about her child's unattractiveness and prospects, Eleanor was largely cut out of her affections. Her mother's headaches gave her a rare chance to feel loved.

"The only way she could please her mother was to try to make her feel better," said Williams.

The death of her parents, her introduction to social activism, marriage to the dashing Franklin and marital and family woes — Eleanor's own childhood did not prepare her to be a mother — are detailed. So are the friendships, such as the one with Lorena Hickock, that were rumored to be more than platonic.



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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

"She made the people who were comfortable very uncomfortable, as does anybody who is upsetting the status quo."

Filmmaker Sue Williams, discussing the former first lady, Williams' profile of Mrs. Roosevelt will be broadcast Monday on PBS.

Some Roosevelt family members are blasé about the relationship with Hickock and whether or not it was sexual, but not all, Williams said.

"I think some people were very uncomfortable," the filmmaker said.

It was Mrs. Roosevelt's support of causes including civil rights that made her politically controversial during her time — and encouraged a decades-long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"She was ahead of her time, and to be speaking the way she did for the rights of African Americans in the '30s and '40s, especially during wartime, must have just made people crazy," Williams said.

"She made the people who were comfortable very uncomfortable, as does anybody who is upsetting the status quo."

Mrs. Roosevelt managed to keep her beliefs at the forefront, even when she appeared in a television commercial for Good Luck margarine (the money going, in part, to help her often financially troubled children), Williams said.

NAACP, NBC strike a deal on minorities

NEW YORK (AP) — Change the racial makeup behind the camera and what happens on the television screen is likely to change, too.

NBC has agreed to systematically find more minorities to write, produce and direct its television shows, and decide what goes on the air. It removes the threat of a boycott against the network.

Mfume said. "It's not to say that the others have not, but they have not acted as swiftly."

Although the NAACP was moved to address the issue based on what the networks were showing on the air, the deal almost exclusively affects people behind the cameras.

NBC has agreed to hire at least one new minority writer next fall for all of its second-year shows.

That's the philosophy behind a deal struck Wednesday between NBC and the NAACP, which has been pressuring the network ever since concluding that its fall schedule was a "virtual whitewash," largely devoid of black actors.

Similar agreements are near for CBS, ABC and Fox, said Kwesi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. ABC said it had already reached one.

"NBC has gotten the mes-

Television

THURSDAY

JANUARY 6

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	National Geographic's	America on Wheels	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	NewsHour					
Boss?	Random	Movie: Dangerous Waters (1999) Connie Sellecca	Lance Burton-Top Secret	700 Club	Boss?					
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends Jesse Frasier Stark	ER	News	(38) Tonight Show					
Movie: Home Pussu Belle Miller PG	(48) Movie: It Runs in the Family PG	(18) Movie: Little House: The Last Farewell	5 1/2	Zorro						
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(08) WCW Thunder	(08) WCW Thunder	(08) Movie: Mortal Kombat (1995) Robin Shou	22	WCW				
News	Fortune	Whose? Whose?	Totally Out of Control	30/30 Downtown	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Chicago Hope	48 Hours	News	(38) Late Show				
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Getting a Ticket	Greed: The Series	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - First Round				NFL 2Night SuperBowl	Sportscenter					
(6:15) Movie: The Dell NR	Movie: Starship Troopers Casper Van Dien	22	TR	(18) Movie: Knock Off	5 1/2	TR	(48) Line's			
Movie: The Rainmaker	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Principal James Belushi	22	TR	Shock Video 3000					
Movie: Slums-Beverly	Movie: Stella (1995) Belle Miller, John Goodman	22		Movie: Power Play Shannon Tweed	TR	Movie: Predator (1987)	TR			
Movie: Come Live With Me	Movie: June Bride (1948) Bette Davis	22		Movie: Two Weeks With Love (1950) Jane Powell	22	Movie: 3				
Waltons	Movie: Fire! (1977) Ernest Borgnine, Vera Miles	22		Championship Bull Riding	Dallas	In-Fish				
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Science Mysteries	Into the Unknown	On the Inside	Science					
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	Inside Story	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Movie: Dare to Love (1996) Jose Besset, Jill Eikenberry	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Designing					
Football	Last Word	Boxing Fight Time: Year-End Best Of	Sports	College Basketball	Arizona State at Stanford					
ER	Movie: The Outlaw Jesse James (1976) Clint Eastwood, Charlton Heston	22		Movie: The River (1984) Mel Gibson	22					
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberry's Skooter Brady	Brady	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Happy Days		
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991) Walker, Texas Ranger	Stations							
Bonanzas	Nunca Te Ovidare	Tres Mujeres	Lente Logo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana-Med				
20th Century	20th Century	History's Lost & Found	Guns of the Century	Century: America's Time	History					
Movie: Asteroid (1997) Anabella Sciorra	22	Movie: Asteroid (1997) Anabella Sciorra	22	Movie: Asteroid (1997) Michael Biehn	22					
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Guilty Down Under (1990) Tom Bell	22	News	MacGyver	Heat				

FRIDAY

JANUARY 7

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers	
5 Club 7	Mary Kate	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club	Parents 101	Itsy Bitsy	Kangaroo	Storyline		
Today				Later Today	Leesa	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives		
Timen	Peoh	PB & J Otter	Out of Box	Bear	Rollie Polie	Peoh	PB & J Otter	Out of Box	Bear	Rollie Polie
Fam. Mat.	DIHWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock	Hunter			
Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Brown	Brown	News		
Early Show				Dr. Joy Browne	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Magis Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Ward	Kenneth C. Robinson	Mathis		
Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter					
Movie: Little Dorrit Part 1	(48) Movie: Little Dorrit Part Two: Little Dorrit's Story (1987) Alec Guinness, Derek Jacobi	G		Movie: Daffy Duck's Quackbusters G	Movie: The Inner Circle (1991) Tom Hulce, Lolita Davidovich	PG-13	Chimpa	Movie: U.S. Marshals	22	
Movie: The Terrorists PG	Movie: Prince Valiant Stephen Moyer	22		Movie: Titanic (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet	22	PG-13				
Movie: A Yank at Oxford (1938) Robert Taylor	22			Movie: A Yank at Etton (1942) 22						
Movie: The White Cliffs of Dover (1944) 22										
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazard	Alice	McCoy's	Dallas	Alice's Creative Living	Waltons			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Design	Christopher Lowell	Home			
Just Ask George	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law	Law & Order				
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
Sports	Last Word	Sports	Last Word	Golf Colo.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Source	
CHiPs	Lois & Clark-Superman	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: A Loveless Street (1955) 22	Movie: The River (1984)						
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Maisy	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin
Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stacky	Fired Up	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Singie Guy	
(6:00) Despierta America				Malte	Girasoles Para Luis	Enamorados	Hay Passion			
Year by Year	Real West	In Search Of	In Search Of	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Revolution			
Dinosaurs	Jumanji	Incredible Hulk	Sightings	DarkSide	DarkSide	Highlander: The Series	Twilight Z			
Malibu, CA	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Knight Rider	Matlock	Dream Maker	News			

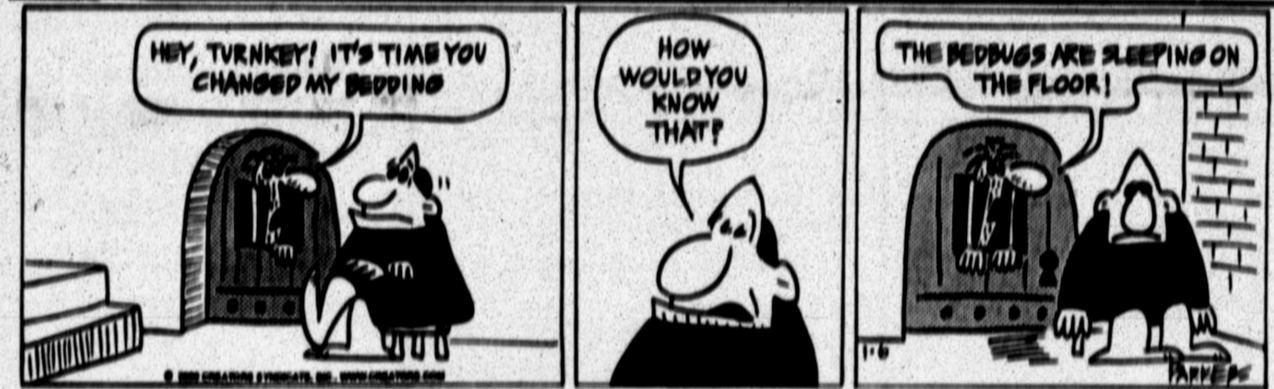
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Body Elec.	Painting	House	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Arthur	Creatures	Wishbone
Life-Louis	Donkey	3 Friends	5 Club 7	5 Club 7	Movie: Casper Meets Wendy (1998) Shelley Duvall	Partridge	Boss?			
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Mauri	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Madeline	Mermad	Ducktales	Baby-Sitters	Flash	Growing	Growing	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Famous	Jersey
Hunter	Movie: Gator (1976) Burt Reynolds, Lauren Hutton	22		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Bally	Hollywood	Texas	News	CBS News			
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Roseanne	Monster	Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon	Nanny	Grace Under	
NFL's Greatest Game			Snowbrd.	Snowbrd.	X White Out	Winter X The Palm	Up Close	Sportscenter		
Movie: Slappy-Stinkers	Movie: It's All True (1993) 22	G		Movie: Julian Pa Christian Slater	PG-13	Movie: Kinkobing Academy NR				
Movie: U.S. Marshals (48) Movie: The Blytheem Boys Bill Campbell	PG-13	Rainmaker	Movie: Escape From Alcatraz Clint Eastwood	22	PG					
Movie: I'll Do Anything (1994) N. & Note, Whitney Wright			Movie: Blue Chips (1994) Nick Nolte, Mary McCormack	(6:30) Movie: Under Fire						
Movie: Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter	22		Movie: Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter	22						
Movie: Malaya (1960) 22										
Waltons	Dallas	McCoy's	Alice	McCoy's	McCoy's	Dukes of Hazard	Alice	Alice		
Home	Design	Christopher Lowell	Epicurious	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter	Your New House				
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	L.A. Law				
(12:00) Movie: The Broken Cord (1992)	Party of Five	Ellen	Ellen	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
Source	Cowboys	Ridgerson	Okla. St.	Ok. Sooners	Big 12 Show	Sports	Snow Zone	Surf	Hardcore Football	
(11:30) Movie: U.S. Marshals (1990) 22	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	Dark Justice	In the Heat of the Night						
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kat	All That	Catdog
Boston	Movie: Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991)	Baywatch	Baywatch	Pacific Blue	Baywatch					
Hay Passion	Cosas del Amor	Gordo	El Biazazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero			
Revolution	20th Century	In Search Of	In Search Of	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	American Revolution			
Twilight Z	Lost in Space	Quantum Leap	Star Trek	Hercules-Jrny	Silders					
News	MacGyver	Caroline	Buzz	Cosby Show	Full House	Declassified	Parent	Wayans	Fresh Pr.	

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NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Vicar-Obly	Wait for God	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	NewsHour		
Boss?	Random	Movie: Men at Work (1990) Emilio Estevez	22	Random	Random	700 Club	Boss?			
News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Detaine	Law & Order	News	(38) Tonight Show				
So Weird	Movie: Treehouse Hostage Jim Varney	(19) Movie: Rent-a-Kid Leslie Nielsen	22	G	So Weird	Jersey	Zorro			
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(08) Movie: Adventures in Babysitting (1987) Elizabeth Shue	22	(28) Movie: Arachnophobia (1990) Jeff Daniels	22					
News	Fortune	Boy-World	Old Man	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Candice G.	Now and Again	Nash Bridges	News	(38) Late Show			
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Wildcat Police Videos	Greed: The Series	Mad	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - Second Round				50 Greatest Athletes	Sportscenter					
Movie: The Air Up There Kevin Bacon	22	PG	Movie: Lolita (1997) Jeremy Irons, Melanie Lynskey	TR	(38) Movie: Air Force One					
Inside the NFL	Century of Living	Movie: U.S. Marshals (1998) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes	22	Dennis M.	Movie:					
(4:50) Movie: Under Fire	Movie: Affliction (1997) Nick Nolte, Sissy Spacek	TR	Movie: Lethal Weapon 4 Mel Gibson	22	TR					
(6:00) Movie: Malaya (1960) Katharine Hepburn	22		Movie: The Awful Truth (1937) Irene Dunne	22	5 1/2	Movie: Kiss				
Motor Madness	Extreme Wrestling	RollerJam	Motor Madness	TBA						
Ultimate Guide	Inside Air Force One	News	Discover	Storm Warning!	Inside Air Force One	News				
Law & Order	The Rainmaker	L.A. Detectives	Poliret	Law & Order	Biography					
Intimate Portrait	Chicago Hope	Figure Skating I.S.U. - NHK Cup of Japan	Once and Again	Golden Girls						
Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey	Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars	Sports					
ER	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Orlando Magic	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns	Sports					
U Pick Nicktoons		Brady	Brady	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Happy Days		
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Friday (1995) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker	22	Movie: For Love or Money (1993) 22						
Sonadoras	Nunca Te Ovidare	Tres Mujeres	El Super Biabazo	P. Impacto	Noticiero	FinSiman				
20th Century	History's Lost & Found	Guns of the Century	Century: America's Time	History						
Brimstone	Farscape	Rated Lexx	Lexx: The Series	Farscape	Rated Lexx					
Full House	Caroline	Movie: Amityville Dollhouse (1996) Robin Thomas	22	News	MacGyver	Heat				

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Bradley, Gore joust in debate

Former senator charges vice president is stuck 'in a Washington bunker,' while being forced to defend his health care plan.

DURHAM N.H. (AP) — In a feisty first debate of the new year, Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley said Al Gore is stuck "in a Washington bunker," and the vice president accused his rival of leaving New Hampshire residents "high and dry" on health care.

Bradley was more aggressive than usual Wednesday night, forcing Gore to defend himself on a string of issues related to President Clinton. Gore, armed with notecards and notepads, initially appeared uncomfortable but warmed to the task of challenging Bradley's health care plan.

Holding up a chart, Gore said New Hampshire residents would be "left out. They would be left high and dry" under Bradley's proposal for near-universal health care coverage.

Bradley, the former New Jersey senator who makes much of his sabbatical from Washington, after leaving the Senate in 1997, said: "I've been out talking to people in the country the last two years. And quite frankly, they think a lot of people in Washington stay too long and fight too much."

Gore is the national front-runner by far, but Bradley

has mounted a surprisingly strong challenge for the Democratic presidential nomination, and is even ahead in polling in advance of the first primary set for Feb. 1 in New Hampshire. That prompted Gore to allude to his "underdog" status.

"Your underdog pitch brings tears to my eyes," Bradley said wryly.

Said Gore: "I hope my upset victory brings tears to your eyes on Feb. 1."

The 60-minute debate was their fourth of the campaign. Tonight, the six Republican presidential candidates square off in the same University of New Hampshire theater.

The two candidates agreed on the need for stricter gun control laws and on letting gays serve in the military. But Gore went further, saying he would not appoint anyone to the Joint Chiefs of Staff who disagreed with his position on homosexuals in the armed forces.

Bradley suggested he would not need to resort to any such litmus test: "When you're president, you are commander-in-chief and you issue orders. And soldiers are good soldiers. And they follow your orders ... whatever the policy is."

The rivals came prepared



Democratic presidential candidates Bill Bradley (left) and Al Gore staged a feisty first debate of the new year.

for battle, clashing on local issues — including development within the White Mountain National Forest in northern New Hampshire — as well as national concerns.

Health care drew the sharpest distinction, with Bradley saying he was offended by Gore's claims that his proposal would hurt minorities. Bradley wants to scrap Medicaid and give people vouchers to buy insurance. He also would open the federal employees health care benefit system to all Americans.

"I think you're in a Washington bunker. And I can understand why you're in a bunker. ... There was the fundraising scandals. There was the impeachment problem," Bradley said.

He suggested that the bunker had blinded Gore to the need to expand access to health care. "We should have the leadership to get behind it and make it happen," Bradley said.

Bradley launched a sharp attack on U.S. relations with Russia, saying the Clinton-Gore administration had not pushed hard enough to reduce the stockpile of nuclear weapons and had agreed to send aid to Russia "knowing that corruption was rampant."

Gore issued a defense, saying, "I think that in spite of the problems there have been some successes."

Given the chance to question one another, Gore asked Bradley whether he believed he had erred by voting for President Reagan's budget cuts in 1981, in opposition to authorizing the ground war against Iraq in 1990 and against the welfare overhaul signed by Clinton. Bradley defended each vote.

Gore said, "I think all three were mistakes." While serving in Congress, Gore voted against the budget cuts and in favor of using force in Kuwait. As vice president, he supported the welfare law.

REPUBLICANS

Taxes expected to be focus of their debate

BEDFORD, N.H. (AP) — After sparring at a distance for two days, Republican presidential contenders George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain meet tonight for a debate that is likely to provide a prime-time platform for their brewing argument over who has the better tax-cut plan.

McCain, R-Ariz., also faces the prospect of questions about his decision to prod a federal regulatory agency to act on a request from one of his campaign donors.

The one-hour debate, being held at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H., is sponsored by *The (Manchester) Union Leader*, New England Cable News and New Hampshire Public Television. The moderator will be NBC's Tim Russert.

In the latest spin on the tax theme, Bush said Wednesday that he was "startled" that McCain and Democrat Al Gore agree that his proposed five-year, \$483 billion tax plan may be too big for the country to afford.

"I think it is just right," Bush, the Texas governor, told reporters after touring a Fidelity Investments office here. "It's a plan that I intend to defend in the primaries. It's a plan I'm going to campaign on in the general election, and it's a plan I hope to put in place when I become president of the United States."

In June, McCain proposed to expand the 15 percent bottom tax bracket, eliminate the so-called "marriage penalty," give relief to Social Security recipients who work and eliminate taxes on estates worth up to \$5 million.

Next week, in response to Bush's challenge, McCain will expand on his plan. Aides said the package will be significantly smaller than Bush's, but focus on Americans earning \$30,000 to \$70,000 a year and with more than half his cuts helping people who are not wealthy.

Under McCain's plan, 60 percent of the surplus would help shore up Social Security and the rest would go to Medicare and debt reduction. Bush has no plans to pump extra money into Social Security.

"Governor Bush should explain to those nice people at his news conference why 60 percent of his tax plan helps the rich without doing anything to save Social Security," said McCain spokesman Dan Schnur.

One other expected debate subject centered on whether McCain lives up to his stern campaign rhetoric about the corrosive effect of special interests on the political process.

Voters

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When people were asked which candidate they supported, but given the option of saying they hadn't picked one yet, 74 percent said they didn't support anyone. In November, 64 percent said they hadn't made a choice.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was the choice of 13 percent, Vice President Al Gore of 6 percent, Arizona Sen. John McCain of 3 percent and Sen. John McCain of 2 percent. Other candidates were at 1 percent or less.

"I think that it's something inherent in the political system," said Kalb. "Part of the explanation may be the rise of Bradley and McCain — but the larger explanation is that there is an unusually large disconnect between the potential voter and the campaign — deep down, we don't know."

When people were asked whether they'd talked about the campaign or thought about it in the past day, nine out of 10 people said no.

The poll of 1,012 people was taken Dec. 28 through Jan. 2 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

The poll is part of a broader project that looks at the campaigns, media coverage and public interest in the process.

"The whole project was born of a concern that fewer Americans are voting at a time we should be more proud of the system in which we live than just about any other time," Kalb said. "This is the surviving superpower, the country is at peace. ...

"Why aren't people cheering these developments?"

Boy

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want to make him feel bad."

On NBC's "Today" show this morning, she said the boy hasn't been told of the decision because it may not prove final. Referring to his survival two days at sea, she said, "There's been a miracle. I still have hope there will be another one."

"It's very hard for us to tell him he has to go back," she said.

Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner announced the government's decision Wednesday, saying the boy and his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, had a "close and continuous relationship" even though the boy's parents were divorced.

Meissner said the elder Gonzalez "made it very clear that he wants Elian returned to him as soon as possible." She said the child must be back in Cuba by Jan. 14.

The decision was denounced by lawyers for the boy's U.S. relatives, who asked Reno to reverse the decision and planned to ask a federal judge for a restraining order.

At her weekly news conference today, Reno virtually closed the door on any chance she would reverse the INS decision. "Based on all the information we have to date, I see no basis for reversing," Reno said.

She said she had not fully studied the letter from the family asking her to reverse the ruling. She could not absolutely rule out some change "if any information we are not privy to" comes to light. But she added, "Mrs. Meissner did consult with me and I fully agree with her decision."

The U.S. relatives contend the INS is violating its own rules by not allowing the boy

to apply for asylum.

"I always thought this was a place of liberty, and they are not letting him keep that liberty," Ms. Gonzalez said. "It's always about the father. What about the mother? That was his mother's will."

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

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

The boy was found Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube at sea after his mother, stepfather and nine others died while trying to reach Florida. He has since lived with relatives in Miami, who say they could give him a better life.

The issue has led to huge protests in Cuba, where Castro and others have demanded the boy's return. On Wednesday, the Cuban government warned against "excessive optimism" about the decision.

President Clinton said he had honored a pledge to keep politics from the issue, and said the INS decided "after an exhaustive review of the facts."

Meissner said reuniting families "has long been a cornerstone of both American immigration law and U.S. practice." The boy, "who has been through so much, belongs with his father," she said.

In protest, some drivers slowed or stopped cars near Miami's airport Wednesday, waving Cuban flags, while hundreds demonstrated outside the INS building as well as the home of the boy's Miami relatives. Some chanted: "If Elian goes back, Miami will burn."

VANISHING VOTER POLL

The Associated Press

Some results from a poll on voter interest taken for the Vanishing Voter Project of the Shorenstein Center. The total can exceed 100 percent because of rounding.

Which presidential candidate do you support at this time, or haven't you picked a candidate yet?

- Don't currently support a candidate, 74 percent.
- George W. Bush, 13 percent.
- Al Gore, 6 percent.
- John McCain, 3 percent.
- Bill Bradley, 2 percent.
- Pat Buchanan, 1 percent.
- Steve Forbes, 1 percent.
- Alan Keyes, 1 percent.
- Support a candidate, but can't remember name, 1 percent.
- Other, 1 percent.

Thinking about the past day only — during the past day have you been doing any thinking about the presidential campaign, or is this something that you haven't been thinking about?

- Yes, have been thinking about campaign, 11 percent.
- No, haven't been thinking about campaign, 89 percent.

The poll of 1,012 people was taken from Dec. 28-Jan. 2 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Ten Commandments movement grows

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — With its message on yard signs, book covers and the walls of courthouses and public classrooms, a Ten Commandments movement is pushing forward around the nation.

Like anti-abortion legislation earlier, the right to display the commandments has become a high-priority issue for Christian groups, says Frank Flinn, an adjunct professor of religious studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

Proponents argue that the framework for America's sys-

tem of laws is based on the 10 rules that the biblical book of Exodus says God gave to Moses. The rules should be displayed in schools, they say, insisting that it is legal if the display is paid for with private funds.

The movement stems from a "heartier," says Janet Parshall, spokeswoman for Family Research Council, a Christian lobby group in Washington, D.C., which has distributed 750,000 Ten Commandments book covers. She says she does not know if the shooters at Columbine High School in Colorado would have been deterred by seeing the Ten Commandments, "but I'm willing to risk the try."

The American Civil Liberties Union disagrees.

In Kentucky, the ACLU filed suit Nov. 18 against McCreary and Pulaski counties and the Harlan County schools after the commandments were publicly displayed. The ACLU cites a 1980 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the posting of the commandments in schools amounted to an unconstitutional government promotion of religion, which is forbidden by the First Amendment. The suits are pending.

In the court of public opinion, Christian groups cannot go wrong by promoting the Ten Commandments, says Flinn, a First Amendment expert. "The opposition is immediately put in a weak position. If I tell you, 'No, the Ten Commandments don't belong in a courtroom or in a classroom,' then automatically I look like I'm for murder and fornication and theft."

Roy Moore, an Alabama circuit judge who refused to take down the commandments posted in his courtroom in 1995, has spoken at Christian rallies across the country.

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Real Y2K bug hits; flu filling hospitals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News digest

PHILADELPHIA — They are the familiar sights and sounds of winter: the sniffling nose, the dry, throaty voice and the grimace that follows a swallow of medicine.

Better get used to them, health officials say. The flu, which struck the West hard last month, has arrived like a storm along the East Coast, filling hospital waiting rooms and doctors' offices with ailing patients.

"It's bad all over the country," said Dr. Robert McNamara, chief of emergency medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. "The flu shot apparently is not doing its job, and from all reports, it could be one of the worst seasons we've seen in years."

Patients at emergency rooms nationwide have found out as much in the last couple of weeks. At McNamara's hospital, patients line the halls on gurneys, waiting for rooms. Others huddle around rows of chairs waiting to be seen by a doctor. Other hospitals across the country are scrambling to add extra staff, while others are even turning people away due to overcrowding.

"If the trend continues the way it is now, within the next month we are going to have a great challenge to find beds to admit anybody in the state of Maryland," said Dr. Rick Alcorta, head of the Emergency Medical Resource Center, which tracks the status of hospitals in the Baltimore area.

Alawite villagers await reunion with Syria

GHAJAR, Golan Heights—Stranded behind enemy lines during the 1967 Mideast War, the residents of this Alawite village chose to accept Israeli citizenship rather than leave their homes on the banks of the three main tributaries to the Jordan River.

But the precious water in those tributaries could prevent their village from going back to Syria as part of a peace deal with Israel, being negotiated this week in

Shepardstown, W.Va. Israel will demand that any Golan territory it hands back to Syria exclude the area around the Hatabani, Dan and Banias rivers. The water runs into the Sea of Galilee, Israel's main source of drinking water.

As Alawite Arabs — members of the Muslim sect to which Syrian President Hafez Assad belongs — many in Ghajar anticipate that the sides will work out an arrangement that will either restore their village to Syrian sovereignty or allow them to join their families in Syria.

GOP aims at Labor's retracted proposal

WASHINGTON — Republicans in Congress are vowing to investigate a Labor Department decision to first issue, and then withdraw, a letter telling a Texas company it must extend workplace safety protections to at-home workers.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman on Wednesday withdrew the advisory letter amid criticism from corporate America and Capitol Hill.

Herman said the advisory on at-home workers was an informal response to questions from a single company and was not intended as a statement of policy.

But Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., insisted that "we caught them with their hands in the cookie jar."

"You can be sure this idea is not dead," said Bond, chairman of the Small Business Committee.

Orthodox patriarch honors Boris Yeltsin

JERUSALEM — On the second day of his Holy Land pilgrimage, former Russian President Boris Yeltsin today was awarded one of the highest honors of the Orthodox church, but couldn't escape problems at home.

Yeltsin, who stepped down last week, said he expected Russian troops to defeat Chechen rebels within two months and predicted that the Communists would not make a comeback in Russia's general election in March.

Yeltsin spoke during a ceremony at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem's walled Old City, where he and six Eastern European leaders were named "Knights of the Holy Sepulcher."



PRESIDENT CLINTON

"If we just did that, a simple bill, we could take Social Security out beyond the life of the baby boom generation. If there is a willingness to do it, I am certainly more than willing to do my part and to meet them halfway on it."

Clinton sees 'simple bill' as saving Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says he is hopeful he can get Congress to agree on "a simple bill" to shore up Social Security as part of his final-year legislative agenda.

Clinton emerged from a meeting Wednesday with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., saying he believes the Social Security program, which faces insolvency by 2034 as baby boomers retire, can be extended through a compromise

that would devote interest savings from the national debt and the Social Security surplus to its trust fund.

"If we just did that, a simple bill, we could take Social Security out beyond the life of the baby boom generation," Clinton said. "If there is a willingness to do it, I am certainly more than willing to do my part and to meet them halfway on it."

Clinton revealed the Social Security idea as part of an overall legislative agenda for his final full year in office. The agenda is focused on a

plan to fix crumbling schools — the type of issue on which polls say Democrats hold an advantage, even though Republicans have tried to improve their image by, among other things, supporting added spending for schools.

Otherwise, Clinton's agenda consists mostly of efforts he pursued unsuccessfully last year, such as hate crime legislation, gun restrictions, a minimum wage increase, a patient's bill of rights and boosting Social Security and Medicare.

Prices drop again on the Asian markets

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices were mixed today as Wall Street sought a direction after a volatile start to the new year. Prices dropped sharply in earlier trading in Asia, and were off more modestly in Europe.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 76.63 at 11,199.28 in late morning trading in New York, while the

Nasdaq composite index, which suffered its biggest-ever point drop on Tuesday amid concerns about rising U.S. interest rates, was off 70.52 at 3,807.02.

Technology stocks were hurt today by news from the computer maker Gateway that its quarterly earnings will fall short of Wall Street's expectations. Blue chip stocks rose as

investors gravitated toward companies that do well during times of higher interest rates.

In afternoon trading in Europe, key market gauges were down 1.55 percent in London, 0.69 percent in Paris and 0.34 percent in Germany.

U.S. and European trading was calm compared with Asia, where big declines have brought back memories of the

way prices plunged more than two years ago as the financial crisis spread through the region.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index slid sharply from the outset, at one point coming close to matching Wednesday's ominous 7.2 percent dive that was its worst one-day drop since October 1997.

Conservatives claim TV has anti-gun bias

WASHINGTON (AP) — The television networks are so badly slanting the gun control debate they have become the "communications division of the anti-gun lobby," says the head of a conservative media watchdog group that studied the issue.

The Media Research Center, chaired by Brent Bozell, released a study Wednesday on two years of television news stories on gun control.

The study analyzed the morning shows and evening newscasts between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999 on ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC.

In many cases, the study claimed, pro-gun themes were not covered and gun proponents were not given air time.

"There's a powerful pervasive bias in the media," said Oliver North, the former Iran-Contra figure who now hosts a political talk show on MSNBC and is a national board member of the National Rifle Association. "This blitz of bias is having an extraordinary impact on public policy and legal

opinion." CNN spokesman David Bittler defended its reporting saying, "We do not advocate for or against any particular position and we stand behind the balance and fairness that goes into all our reporting."

Calls made to the three other networks were not immediately returned.

The issue of guns has increasingly been in the news as the nation has grappled with school shootings in places like Littleton, Colo., Paducah, Ky. and Pearl, Miss.

Bozell's group says it examined 653 morning and evening news stories on gun policy issues and found that stories advocating more gun control outnumbered stories opposing gun control 357 to 36 or a ratio of 10 to 1. The group said 260 stories were neutral.

Naomi Parris, spokeswoman for Handgun Control, said the complaints were unfounded. "This is clearly the comedy press conference with which to start off the new year."

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1996 Oldsmobile Ciera #5295CA \$8,495	1998 Buick Century #372GM \$14,495	1998 Chevrolet Ext. Cab #7141TA \$15,900	1996 Chevrolet Astro #7465GA \$9,995	
1996 Mercury Sable #326GMA \$8,495	1998 Pontiac Sunfire #373GM \$10,750	1997 Toyota T100 Ext. Cab #330XA \$14,900	1999 Dodge Caravan #7603TA \$2,995	
1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass #7164TB \$7,995	1999 Buick LeSabre #376GM \$18,995	1995 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 #7540TA \$13,995	1992 Chevrolet Conversion Van #74759B \$6,995	
1995 Pontiac Bonneville #7192GB \$8,995	1999 Pontiac Grand Prix #383GM \$18,995	1995 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 #7371GB \$11,900	1996 Ford Club Wagon 15-pass. #76048B \$18,900	
1995 Buick Regal #7467PA \$7,995	Sport Utility Vehicles	1998 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 271 4x4 #7687TA \$23,900	1999 Chevrolet Astro #380GM \$18,995	
1995 Ford T-Bird #7450CB \$8,995	1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee #6617GA \$16,900	1998 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 #7722TA \$22,995	1998 Chevrolet Conversion Van #346X \$24,990	
1996 Chevrolet Astro Van #7485GA \$9,995	1997 Ford Explorer 4x4 #7370TA \$17,950	1996 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 #7766TA \$19,495		
1992 Chevrolet Conversion Van #74759B \$6,995	1997 GMC Jimmy 4x4 #374GM \$18,995	1993 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 1/2 Ton #7784TA \$11,995		
1994 Jeep Cherokee #7645TA \$9,995	1999 Oldsmobile Bravada #376GM \$24,995	1996 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 #7670TA \$16,995		
GM PROGRAM CARS	1999 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 #378GM \$22,995	1997 Chevrolet S/W #7805TA \$13,995		
1997 Pontiac Transport #312GM \$15,900	1995 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4 #7623GA \$18,900	Vans	1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager #6545TA \$7,795	
1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette #365GM \$19,900	1997 Chevrolet Tahoe #7595CA \$24,950	1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette #365GM \$19,900	1998 Plymouth Voyager SE #7066TA \$11,900	
1999 Chevrolet Astro Van #380GM \$18,995	1997 Chevrolet Suburban #7682TA \$21,995	1998 Plymouth Voyager SE #7066TA \$11,900	1991 Plymouth Grand Voyager #3350MB \$4,995	
1997 Buick Wildcat #311GM \$8,995	1999 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 #381GM \$22,995			
1998 Chevrolet Monte Carlo #360GM \$14,990	1996 Ford Bronco XLT 4x4 #7664TA \$12,900			

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