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Lady Chaps

The Midland College women never let up in their 98-56 win over Odessa College at the OC Sports Center./1C



LOCAL

King celebration

Marking the conclusion of three days of activities, hundreds of Midlanders turned out for the Martin Luther King Day celebration at Midland Center./1B

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Endorsements add twist to race for TRC seat

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The contest for one seat on the Texas Railroad Commission has some political experts surprised that state officials are lining up to endorse Michael Williams' candidacy.

Last week, Williams, a Midland native who was appointed to the commission by Gov. George W. Bush in December 1998, was endorsed by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and fellow commissioner Charles Matthews, who is also running for re-election. Williams said additional endorsements are expected this week.

Midland oilman Frank Kell Cahoon, campaign treasurer for challenger Andy Draughn, an Austin oilman, said he found the endorsements very unusual because "in the past, state office holders have stayed out of the primary races, which has been good for building the Republican Party of Texas. I hope this is not a trend. Always, to my knowledge, our county chairman has made it clear he would not endorse a candidate in the primary, and the Midland County Republican Women have done the same."



Williams



Draughn

For his part, Draughn said he is unfazed by the endorsements.

"That's the price you pay to run against an incumbent. It's a political reality," he said. "I believe my message is larger than all the endorsements."

Speaking from Austin, Williams said he was pleased with the show of support, saying the endorsements show "the party is large and should be expected in a party that's large and growing. It's good for the system."

Williams said he believes he has drawn support from elected officials and industry personnel because they have noted his record of achievement during his year at the TRC.

By reviewing commission regulations, he said, "I have identified ways to cut costs to producers to the tune of $7.5 million, and that's just a start. The task force I've founded will stay with me for as long as it takes to look at all the regulations and identify cost savings."

He also cites his demonstration that the agency can change to embrace the Internet and other technological advances and his success in "articulating the case for eliminating the severance tax."

And, he said, he believes his supporters want "an advocate in Washington who knows Washington and has a personal relationship with the next president of the United States," referring to Gov. Bush's run for president.

Draughn responded, "In my case, I don't necessarily need a group of people to come together and decide what regulations should be eliminated. To me, it's the day-to-day operations. I think decisions need to be made faster and the commissioners should meet more often. The commissioners sometimes don't meet for 21 days or more and that slows down the decision-making."

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Spring fever



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Wesley, 3, and Jessica Eaton, 5, look for buried treasure Monday afternoon at John P. Butler Youth Sports Complex. The two were enjoying the warm weather with their parents at the playground.

Ceremony to retire area flags to coincide with Boy Scouts' 90th year

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

One by one with the reverence due a grand, old patriot, tattered and torn flags of the United States of America will be honored in Midland's second-annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony at 3 p.m. Feb. 6, at ClayDesta Inn, 4108 N. Big Spring St.

"They are flown because it (Old Glory) is a symbol of our great country and everything that we stand for," said John Crosby, an 80-year-old World War II veteran and an Eagle Scout.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

The tattered flags draped over John Crosby are ready for retirement. The one flying in front of the ClayDesta Inn, thanks to battering from the West Texas wind, is nearing the end of its life as well.

Just as he did last year, Crosby is seeking spent flags to be consecrated in rituals and consumed by fire in a Sunday afternoon ceremony befitting The Star-Spangled Banner.

In 1999, about 125 flags were retired in the Crosby-led ceremony.

Crosby said he would "like to get as many tattered, torn, beat-up and worn-out American flags" as possible for the ceremony and to properly retire them.

The flag-retirement ceremony will coincide with the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Boys Scouts of America.

Scouts will participate in the ceremonial cutting up of tat-

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Technological advances make filing taxes easier

By Jennifer Cherry
Staff Writer

American taxpayers this month are receiving 10-99s and W-2s and amassing the paperwork that goes into their annual tax filing.

The Internal Revenue Service and tax preparers are facing their busiest season this month and next.

According to Vicky Landers, office manager for H&R Block on Midkiff Road, the office's "peak period is Jan. 28 through Feb. 14. She added that most of the office's clientele are individuals who seek quick tax refunds.

Fred Mancha, Internal Revenue Service local revenue officer, said the increase in traffic during January is due to employers and payers who are responsible for distributing W-2 forms to their employees by Jan. 31.

"Right now, we're heavy with employers and payers coming in for W-2," Mancha said.

In recent years, the government has made a push for a paperless filing system. Electronic filing and filing by phone have risen in popularity. Phil Beasley, communications manager at the IRS district office in Dallas, said 993,000 people in the area filed electronically last year. This year, he speculates that number will soar above the one million mark.

Nationally, the IRS reported 11 million taxpayers who filed electronically.

A quicker return on tax refund checks and "virtually no mistakes" make e-filing an advantage to filing by paper, Beasley said.

"I urge people to do that," he said.

Chan Price, certified public accountant, said he thinks the government is pushing for e-filing.

"I thoroughly believe that more people will be forced to e-file," he said.

News released Thursday seemed to confirm that message. President Clinton will reportedly ask Congress to create a tax credit of up to $10 this year for those who e-file. And the IRS set a goal in 1998 to get 80 percent of Americans e-filing by 2007. However, that goal has become far fetched, as only 29 million taxpayers filed electronically last year. A pace that is far from reaching the IRS's goal.

H&R Block files clients' taxes electronically. Last year, the office on Midkiff Road filed 4300 returns, Ms. Landers said.

Opposition to e-filing comes from older taxpayers, Ms. Landers said. She said it is hard for those clients to file because they are more comfortable doing it "the old way."

Those who e-file could get their refunds a week earlier than they would if they use the traditional filing method.



Price



Jimenez

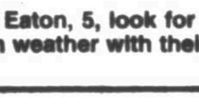
This, Price said, makes e-filing very attractive to some customers.

The normal rate at which taxpayers receive refunds varies, Ms. Landers said. If customers choose e-filing, they can choose how they would like to receive their money. Through a Refund Anticipation Loan, money will be distributed

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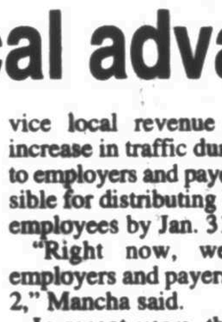
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Gary Ott



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Rich-poor gap in Texas ranks 7th in nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The muscular U.S. economy and falling unemployment have done little to reduce growing income inequity, particularly in Texas, which reports the seventh largest gap between rich and poor families, two liberal think tanks contend in a new study.

Texas is among the most unequal states for income distribution, the Economic Policy Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities conclude in a report being issued today.

The public policy groups said their analysis of Census Bureau income data shows that the poorest fifth of families in Texas saw their income rise a scant 3 percent in the last decade while the income of the richest fifth rose 17 percent.

Nationally, earnings of the poorest fifth of American families crept up 1 percent between the late 1980s and the late 1990s, while jumping 15 percent for the richest fifth.

The income gap has grown because of Wall Street's raging bull market, the decline of higher-paying manufacturing jobs in favor of lower-paying service jobs, and the drop in the purchasing power of the minimum wage, study co-author Elizabeth McNichol said. Congress last increased the minimum wage in 1996 from $4.25 to $5.15 per hour.

'The benefits of this (economic) growth have not been evenly distributed. The incomes of the poor and middle class have fallen or stagnated.'

— Elizabeth McNichol, study co-author

"The benefits of this (economic) growth have not been evenly distributed," Ms. McNichol said. "The incomes of the poor and middle class have fallen or stagnated."

Average income for the poorest Texas families rose $340 to $11,200 between the late 1980s and late 1990s. For the richest, it rose over the same period by $18,550 to $130,300.

The top fifth of Texas families earned 11.6 times the income of the poorest fifth in the late 1990s. In the late 1970s, by contrast, the richest fifth earned 8.6 times the income of the poorest families, the groups say.

Nationally, the richest 20 percent of families had average incomes 10.6 times as large as the poorest fifth, compared to a 7.4 ratio two decades earlier.

"These new findings warn of a growing gap in income between the few families who have benefited from recent decades of economic growth and the many families who still struggle to keep up," said Dianne Stewart, director of the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, which released the Texas figures.

"The resulting gap in family income

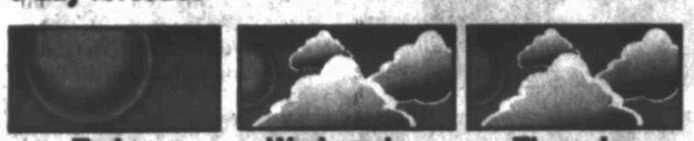
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 74	High 75	High 76
Low 45	Low 43	Low 43

Today's forecast calls for patchy fog and low cloudiness becoming mostly sunny by midday. Temperatures are expected to reach a high in the mid-70s, with a south wind at 10-15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-40s.

Wednesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and unseasonably warm with a high in the upper 70s.

After an overnight low of 43, Wednesday's high reached 75, compared to the record high of 84 set for that date in 1974. The record low of 14 was set in 1957.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.60 in.
Total for year	0.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	75
Low	43
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

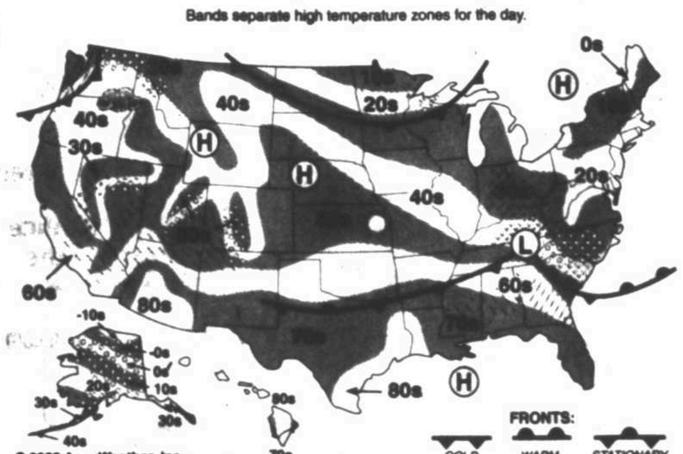
Sunrise ... 7:49 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:09 p.m.

Pollen count
Trees: NA **Weeds:** NA
Grass: NA **Molds:** NA
Dust: NA
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Monday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	3	-6	clr	
Albuquerque	67	38	cdy	
Anchorage	7	-3	mm	
Asheville	52	37	m	
Atlanta	62	48	m	
Atlantic City	20	14	cdy	
Baltimore	34	19	cdy	
Billings	47	31	cdy	
Birmingham	56	53	.33	m
Bismarck	46	5	cdy	
Boise	43	31	clr	
Boston	12	1	clr	
Buffalo	7	0	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	-2	-9	cdy	
Casper	56	39	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	67	45	m	
Charlotte,N.C.	49	39	sno	
Cheyenne	57	32	cdy	
Chicago	23	22	.08	cdy
Cincinnati	29	19	cdy	
Cleveland	19	14	sno	
Columbus,Ohio	27	16	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	4	-6	clr	
Dayton	26	12	cdy	
Denver	64	27	cdy	
Des Moines	28	26	cdy	
Detroit	15	11	sno	
Duluth	18	10	.01	sno
Evansville	34	30	.12	cdy
Fairbanks	5	-5	.22	sno
Fargo	27	4	cdy	
Flagstaff	55	32	cdy	
Grand Rapids	19	6	sno	
Great Falls	42	31	.03	clr
Greensboro,N.C.	42	33	sno	
Hartford Spgfld	11	1	clr	
Helena	41	24	.04	cdy
Honolulu	77	69	clr	
Indianapolis	28	21	cdy	
Jacksonville	62	45	.50	cdy
Juneau	18	6	sno	
Kansas City	37	31	clr	
Las Vegas	63	52	cdy	
Little Rock	62	46	.01	cdy
Los Angeles	66	58	.02	cdy
Louisville	33	25	cdy	
Memphis	62	47	.33	cdy
Miami Beach	74	58	.60	cdy
Milwaukee	25	19	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	25	18	.01	cdy
Nashville	45	35	m	
New Orleans	75	50	cdy	
New York City	19	11	cdy	
North Platte	62	22	cdy	
Oklahoma City	48	45	cdy	
Omaha	34	23	clr	
Orlando	70	44	cdy	
Pendleton	48	32	.02	cdy
Philadelphia	21	13	cdy	
Phoenix	78	54	cdy	
Pittsburgh	20	10	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	48	35	.02	cdy
Providence	16	5	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	42	34	cdy	
Rapid City	48	25	cdy	
Reno	50	30	m	
Richmond	32	24	cdy	
Sacramento	49	42	.08	cdy
St Louis	35	31	.21	cdy
Salt Lake City	50	45	cdy	
San Diego	77	59	cdy	
San Francisco	53	46	m	
Santa Fe	65	27	cdy	
Seattle	49	37	.07	cdy
Shreveport	76	49	cdy	
Sioux Falls	33	13	cdy	
Spokane	37	32	cdy	
Syracuse	2	-7	.01	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	72	48	cdy	
Topeka	45	33	cdy	
Tucson	81	46	cdy	
Tulsa	63	46	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	28	20	cdy	

State forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 16 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	77	52	
Amarillo	67	36	
Austin	79	48	
Beaumont	77	53	
Brownsville	81	56	
Burnet	75	57	
College Station	78	50	
Corpus Christi	82	65	
Corsicana	75	52	
Cotulla	82	58	
Dallas	76	57	
Del Rio	77	60	
Denton	76	52	
Dryden	72	47	
El Paso	72	35	
Fort Stockton	76	41	
Fort Worth	77	53	
Galveston	73	61	
Georgetown	75	55	
Harlingen	83	66	
Hondo	79	57	
Houston	79	56	
Junction	77	46	
Kingsville	84	M	
Laredo	82	59	
Longview	75	50	
Lubbock	76	37	
Marfa	73	32	
McAllen	82	69	
New Braunfels	79	55	
Palacios	77	56	
Paris	M	M	
Rockport	79	58	
San Angelo	76	48	
San Antonio	77	56	
San Marcos	78	54	
Terrell	74	52	
Tyler	73	54	
Victoria	81	52	
Waco	77	56	
Wichita Falls	77	38	
Wink	80	46	

Santana wins for top album; Backstreet Boys are top group

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Carlos Santana's band won best-album honors at Monday's American Music Awards for "Supernatural," a commercial comeback that put the rock guitar maestro on top of the charts for the first time in his 30-year career.

Shania Twain won two awards, for favorite pop-rock female artist and country female artist. Garth Brooks also won two awards, for favorite country male artist and country album for "Double Live."

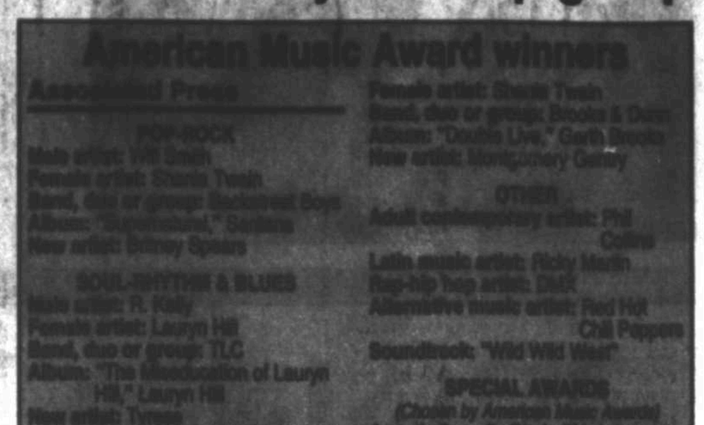
"They say live albums never do anything. Thank you once again for not listening to the rules," said Brooks, who also received a special honor as artist of the 1990s.

The other double winner was Lauryn Hill for favorite soul-rhythm and blues female artist and top soul-R&B album for "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill."

Will Smith won for pop-rock male artist.

"Supernatural," mixing the veteran Santana's searing instrumentals with vocals by such collaborators as Hill and Dave Matthews, beat out two teen sensations, the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" and Britney Spears' "... Baby One More Time."

Later in the evening, the Backstreet Boys topped Santana and 'N Sync for favorite pop-rock band, duo or group.



GAP: Not everyone agrees with study's premise

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between the best-off Texas families and all other Texans creates dangerous weaknesses in the social fabric of our state," Ms. Stewart added.

To reduce income inequity, states should increase job training and support service programs for low-income working families, improve jobless benefits, lighten the tax burden on the poor by making state taxes less regressive, provide low-income tax credits and increase their minimum wage, the public policy groups suggest.

Not everyone agrees with the study's premise.

Stephen Moore, director of social policy for the libertarian Cato Institute, said the analysis contorted data to put a negative face on a "spectacular economy."

"The rich are getting richer but the poor are getting richer too in this expansion," Moore said.

Gary Burtless, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, agreed. "A rising tide has lifted all boats since 1994," he said.

How the states rank

Associated Press

A new study released today found the income gap widening between the richest fifth and the poorest fifth of American families. Following is a list of states ranked by the ratio of richest to poorest family income between 1988 and 1998. The study uses U.S. Census Bureau data that has been adjusted for inflation.

STATES	Rich	Poor	Rich: Poor Ratio
1.N.Y.	$152,349	$10,768	14:1
2.Ariz.	$141,190	$10,801	13:1
3.N.M.	$111,295	$8,720	13:1
4.La.	$111,441	$9,289	12:1
5.Calif.	$146,066	$12,239	12:1
6.R.I.	$160,176	$13,527	12:1
7.Texas	$130,302	$11,200	12:1
8.Ore.	$144,300	$12,902	11:1
9.Ky.	$125,797	$11,365	11:1
10.Va.	$151,117	$14,141	11:1
11.Ala.	$119,470	$11,225	11:1
12.Ga.	$122,128	$11,491	11:1
13.Fla.	$125,204	$11,847	11:1
14.W.V.	$102,174	$9,805	10:1
15.Miss.	$105,612	$10,279	10:1
16.Mass.	$156,606	$15,342	10:1
17.N.C.	$126,580	$12,617	10:1
18.Okla.	$115,272	$11,558	10:1
19.Conn.	$174,149	$17,615	10:1
20.Hawaii	$148,458	$15,119	10:1
21.Kan.	$141,903	$14,470	10:1
22.Ohio	$136,259	$13,986	10:1
23.Ill.	$141,104	$14,666	10:1
24.N.J.	$165,958	$17,447	10:1
25.Penn.	$140,627	$14,900	9:1
26.Mont.	$99,904	$10,762	9:1
27.Tenn.	$108,686	$11,749	9:1
28.Ark.	$99,519	$10,771	9:1
29.Mich.	$134,707	$14,622	9:1
30.Md.	$164,816	$17,941	9:1
31.Wash.	$138,787	$15,123	9:1
32.S.D.	$132,773	$14,730	9:1
33.Mo.	$127,738	$14,196	9:1
34.N.H.	$148,315	$16,832	9:1
35.Minn.	$144,919	$16,464	9:1
36.S.C.	$116,223	$13,390	9:1
37.Del.	$136,732	$15,660	9:1
38.Nev.	$132,301	$15,635	9:1
39.Idaho	$112,732	$13,336	9:1
40.Vt	$120,826	$14,400	8:1
41.Neb.	$123,018	$14,714	8:1
42.Wyo.	$108,450	$13,238	8:1
43.Wis.	$136,404	$16,690	8:1
44.Maine	$109,619	$13,539	8:1
45.Alaska	$147,432	$18,264	8:1
46.Colo.	$148,812	$18,450	8:1
47.N.D.	$106,304	$13,423	8:1
48.Iowa	$111,852	$15,143	7:1
49.Ind.	$121,955	$16,660	7:1
50.Utah	$125,926	$18,174	7:1
U.S.	137,485	12,986	11:1

SOURCE: The Economic Policy Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

TAXES: January, February are busiest for most offices

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in two to four days. Direct deposit averages 10-14 days. And having the check sent to a taxpayer's home takes about 14-21 days.

TeleFile is also a faster, more efficient way of filing, according to Beasley. This way of filing over the phone is set up mainly for individuals who have no dependents and had a total taxable income of less than $50,000.

"A lot of college students do it," Beasley said.

Taxpayers must be sent the TeleFile package to be able to file over the phone. According to the IRS, more than 21 million TeleFile packages were sent to taxpayers. Last year, Beasley said about 5.6 million people used this method. He said the procedure takes about 10 minutes and can be done 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Innovations like this make the process easier," Beasley added.

President Clinton also will ask Congress to budget a $5 tax credit for those who TeleFile.

Another technological advance toward a paperless IRS filing system is filing on-line. Clinton also is asking for a $10 tax credit for those who file this way.

Beasley said there are a number of Web sites, some free, that allow a taxpayer to file on-line. He added that if the computer being used has a "real good browser," there should be no need for worry.

Price and local accountant José Jimenez added that some businesses now can pay their taxes with a credit card. While Price said e-filing is mostly used by individuals, those who wish to pay with a credit card would have to file electronically.

Jimenez said that this would probably ensure a quicker return, however, most businesses just roll the money gained to pay for other taxes or simply do not expect a return.

Until April 17, the local IRS office at 1002 N. Big Spring, Suite 200, has extended hours. It will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office also will be open Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FLAGS: Ceremony scheduled for Feb. 6

(From 1A)

tered flags and will join in casting the remnants into the flames.

Crosby's quest is to have "beautiful American flags flying all over Midland and flown properly and flown at the right time. They are not flown just to be flown."

Crosby got the idea for the retirement ceremony after he noticed that flags flying at the hotel were "so torn up and so tattered. And I realized that something had to be done about it. And I got the idea if my flags were in that (tattered) shape, a lot of flags around Midland were in the same shape.

"It grew into a tremendous flag ceremony," Crosby recalled.

The ceremony will include Boy Scout flag bearers; buglers sounding "To the Colors" and "Taps"; Boy Scout leader Mark Philpy giving the history of Old Glory and history of scouting; Vietnam War naval veteran Bill McNeill speaking on patriotism, country and the sacrifices of war; the Rev. Keith Lewis, Persian Gulf War veteran, leading the American Creed; Mayor Bobby Burns honoring the flag retirement and proclaiming Feb. 6 as Scout Sunday, noting the BSA's 90th anniversary; and Confederate Air Force aviators Bill Coombes, Dan Secker and Randy Wilson flying World War II aircraft in a missing-man formation.

"The flag is something that I am very proud of," Crosby said. "I don't like to see it disrespected.

"The American flag represents everything that we stand for — freedom, liberty, justice for all," said Crosby, who sentimentally recited, "Land of the free and home of the brave," the closing lines of the national anthem written by Francis Scott Key in the War of 1812.

Dr. Henry Page, a World War II veteran who was a U.S. Navy physician at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, recalled witnessing an American flag waving in the wind from the mast of a smoke-billowing battleship at dawn the next day.

Page, who participated in the 1999 flag-retirement ceremony, had spent the infamous day and "all night" in 1941 treating injured sailors.

"It truly was by the dawn's early light" on Dec. 8, 1941, when Page spotted Old Glory flying at top of the mast of the crippled battleship.

At that instance, the disaster of Pearl Harbor "represented the deaths of 2,000 or more of the finest Americans that you can imagine.

"The flag stood for all of the things we were fighting for, the high ideals," he said.

Years after the war, Page said he was appalled when people showed disrespect for the flag by, for example, destroying it in protests.

Callous disrespect for the American flag is a "disgrace I thought was an obscenity and should never be allowed," Page said, "despite the First Amendment, which I did not think covered such things."

Respect for Old Glory, Crosby suggested, could signal renewed respect for the nation.

The colors of the flag represent the nation's traditional values: red for hardiness and courage; white for purity and innocence; and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

People who wish to place old flags in retirement may call Crosby at 686-8733 at the Clay-Desta Inn where he is general manager or bring the flags to the hotel. Also, they may bring the flags to the Boy Scouts' Buffalo Trail Council headquarters at 1101 W. Texas Ave. The telephone number is 570-7601. Additionally, people who wish to retire their American flags may bring them to the ceremonial site an hour or so before the event.

TRC: Williams says other endorsements expected

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Cahoon said he supports Draughn because of Draughn's experience in the Texas oil fields.

"I think Andy is more qualified," he said, adding that he also supports Draughn because he believes this is a critical time for the industry, that the commission has a role to play in stabilizing the industry and needs an experienced oilman as a member to help play that role.

Oilman Deane Stoltz said he is supporting Williams because "I've known Michael since he was 20 years old. He's a great conservative. Not only will he state what he believes, but he'll do what he believes, which is a rare trait these days with a political figure."

Stoltz added that "I believe he's off to a good start, he's learning fast and has done a good job."

Draughn said he is confident his platform will appeal not only to oil industry personnel but to the Republican Party faithful. He said he sees the primary as a campaign for the party faithful.

Cahoon said "Hopefully, that's what the primary will be — a decision on which candidate is most qualified and not a personality contest."

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Ordinary Dutchman stumbles into African kingship

By Anthony Deutsch
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A middle-aged, paunchy, unemployed white man plops down on the sofa to watch TV with his kids.

Meet King Togbe Korsi Ferdinand Gakpetor II of Ghana.

In Holland, the king is Henk Otte, a Dutch construction worker on welfare. In West Africa, he rules part of the lush Volta Region, home to tens of thousands of Ewes who revere him as Togbe, or king.

Otte, 43, is as Dutch as the Dutch come, born and raised in Amsterdam like his parents. He lives in an Amsterdam housing project with his wife and two children, and an ordinary life would have suited him just fine.

But, while visiting the hometown of his Ghanaian-born wife in 1995, he was identified as the reincarnation of the late chief, his wife's grandfather.

"My two brothers were there when I was asked to become king," Otte said with a chuckle. "When I translated for them what had been said, they almost choked with laughter: 'You, a king? Ha!'"

Now, when his brothers accompany him to Ghana, Otte is carried by throne-bearers and surrounded by cheering crowds. Drummers pound and dancers swirl in a surreal procession that has been shown on several Dutch television documentaries.

The region he rules, about 45 miles east of the capital, Accra, comprises about 40 villages populated by more than 100,000 people. It was leaderless for almost 17 years until the Dutchman was proclaimed king.

The Ewe, a group of tribes that share a common language, account for around 10 percent of Ghana's population of 18.5 million.



AP Photo

Wearing his royal garments, Henk Otte sits beside his wife Mamaa Awo Mepeyo Kpui in their Amsterdam, Netherlands home.

According to local lore, the Ewes in the Volta Region originate from the eastern shores of Togo's Aklakpa River. Their first king, according to legend, was carried across the dark, torrential waters by alligators to settle their homeland.

When he is in Africa, Otte wears a crown and monarch's garments and lives in a home built for him.

Otte's attraction to Ghana began as a child, while reading about the geography and history of the region. Later, he says, a Ghanaian fortune teller predicted he would obtain a position of power.

During a visit to his wife's village of Mepe, a spiritual healer told Otte things about his life the Dutchman is convinced the healer couldn't have possibly known. Villagers stared at him, insisting his spiritual "aura" reminded them of the late king. He became a magnet for swarms of children and visitors, who walked for days to see him.

One evening, Mepe's leaders told him he was the chosen one.

"They asked me how I would feel about becoming king," he said. "I looked at them and thought: 'You've got to be completely insane.'"

Although he's considering moving to Ghana, Otte is aware that life as a king isn't all fun and games. In Mepe, he is prohibited from eating or drinking in public, he can't shake hands with the thousands of "commoners" who flock to his side and is always escorted, even to the toilet.

For now, telephone calls and faxes are the only way Otte maintains a say in community decision-making. He also collects donations to improve the region's impoverished education system and has sent a shipment of toys for the youngsters.

Unlike the scores of foreigners, mostly aid workers, who have been named "development chiefs" in Ghana and undergo a purely ceremonial coronation, Otte's is a position with authority.

He will undergo a traditional installment ceremony on the fifth anniversary of his crowning this August, a ritual that can last for weeks.

Otte doesn't believe in reincarnation, myths or spiritual healing. But over the years, he has overcome his Western skepticism and now agrees with his subjects that his appointment was predetermined by a higher being.

"If you think about it, it's pretty weird," he said. "But it's my destiny."

Castro fought custody battle over his own son 45 years ago

Associated Press

HAVANA — If Fidel Castro seems to be taking the case of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez personally, it may be because he was party himself to a custody battle involving his first-born son more than four decades ago.

Like Elian, Fidelito Castro Diaz had parents with very different visions of their child's future. Then, as now, the situations underscore the politics and passions that for more than two generations have torn apart Cuban families living on both sides of the Florida Straits.

While Castro recently blamed "the extremist and terrorist mafia of South Florida" for keeping Elian in Miami, the battle over Elian is not between the Cuban and U.S. governments. It is a fight within the Cuban family — one that has even touched Castro's.

According to biographers, Castro's first wife, Mirta Diaz-Balart, filed for divorce in the mid-1950s, when he was imprisoned in Cuba for an attack on a Santiago military barracks that launched the Cuban revolution.

Before the divorce was final, Mirta Diaz left for the United States with Fidelito, who was then 5.

During the divorce battle, the mother was granted custody, but Castro insisted that the child be returned to Cuba, Tad Szulc writes in "Fidel: A Critical Portrait," published in 1986.

After being released from prison, Castro went to Mexico to prepare for a guerrilla war against the Batista government.

While there, Castro persuaded Mirta Diaz-Balart to send him the boy for a two-week visit. He never sent him back, Robert E. Quirk writes in the 1993 biography "Fidel Castro."

Instead, Castro turned the boy over to a couple in Mexico he trusted.

Later, when Castro's sisters visited and took Fidelito for a stroll in Mexico City's Chapultepec Park, three armed men jumped from a car and grabbed the boy, Quirk wrote. Then Mirta Diaz-Balart flew to Mexico to pick the child up.

By then, Castro was in eastern Cuba, fighting against Batista's troops. After his successful 1959 revolution, the boy returned to live in Cuba with his father, studied nuclear science in the former Soviet Union, and lives in Havana today with his own family. He is 50.

Mirta's nephew, U.S. Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., has been instrumental in the battle to keep Elian in the United States.

"It's ... ironic that Castro's talking about having the interests of a small child at heart when he kidnapped even his own son from his mother who had custody in 1956," Diaz-Balart said.

Fuel 'gunk' grounds thousands of planes Australians depend upon

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — From Wagga Wagga to Wee Waa, Rockhampton to Lightning Ridge, towns in the vast Australian Outback depend on small planes to deliver the mail, dust crops, round up cattle, shuttle schoolchildren, bring in doctors and evacuate medical emergencies.

Eleven days ago, half the nation's light aircraft were grounded because of contaminated aviation fuel that thickens when it contacts copper and brass engine parts, raising the risk of clogged fuel lines and motors stalling in flight.

Nobody knows how many planes actually carry the bad fuel. The source of the contamination — Mobil Oil Australia Ltd., a subsidiary of U.S.-based Exxon Mobil Corp. —has no test to find out, and there is no known method to clean contaminated systems.

Scientists are working on a three-stage field diagnosis they hope will identify which aircraft have tainted fuel. But pending further tests, grounded planes would not be in the air before Thursday, Toller said Sunday.

The fuel contaminant affects piston-driven engines that turn propellers in aircraft ranging from single-engine Cessnas up to planes that carry a dozen or so passengers.

Bigger turboprop aircraft are not affected, so there is no disruption to major airlines. But hundreds of charter services and flight training schools have shut down. In Victoria state, wildfire-fighting crews scaled back operations, as did the national Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The air force grounded three of its 14 Caribou transport planes, including one in East Timor, where Australia is leading the peacekeeping force, until engine parts were replaced.

"What dreadful gunk," Bill Hamilton, president of the Aircraft Owners' and Pilots' Association, said as he examined the substance last week. "You wouldn't put that in your lawn mower, would you?"

Mobil says it inadvertently altered the refining cycle for Avgas 100/130 at the plant Nov. 21 and added corrosion retardants out of the proper sequence, which left traces of ethyl diamine in the finished product. The thick contaminant forms when the ethyl diamine reacts with copper and brass engine components, Mobil said.

















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For over two years Mari's Imports has helped customers make their homes say, "Mi casa es su casa—my house is your house." Now, owner Maria Garcia is joined by Joye Cabrera of Kiana's Interiors, an interior decorator who has done designs for clients as far away as California.

Joye adds her appealing touch to specially designed pillows, throws, upholstered benches, as well as decorative and pleasantly scented soap and candles. "Now we can help you breathe new life into your entire home's decor," says Maria. Future plans include rustic armoires, chairs and other furniture.

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6. Follow the care instructions on the label. This seems obvious, but manufacturers really do know what care their products need.



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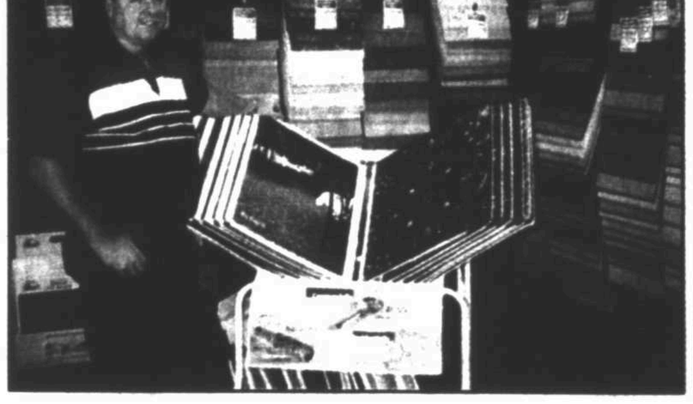
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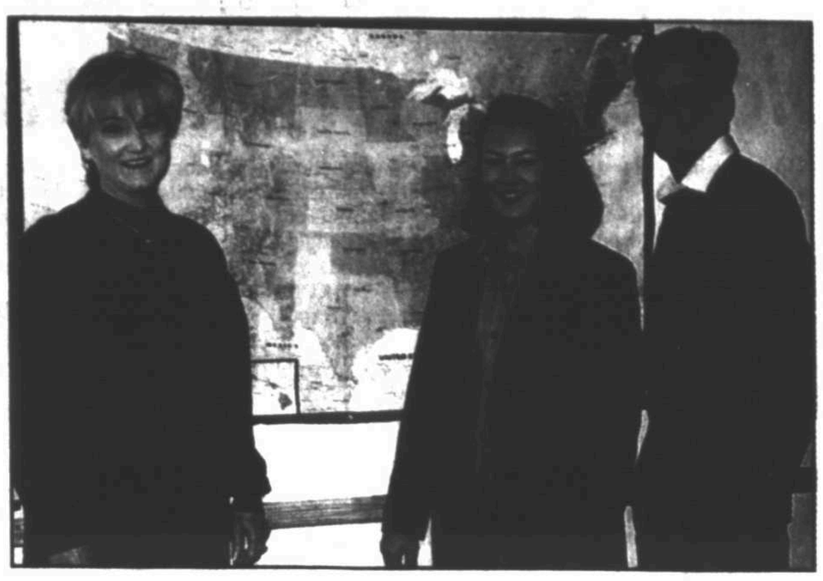
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CIA finds recruiting drive is paying off

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The magazine ad offers jobseekers "the ultimate international career," inviting applications from those with a college degree, an "adventurous spirit" and "a forceful personality."

"Do you have what it takes?" the advertisement asks in large type.

More and more college graduates are deciding they do — and signing up with the CIA.

While military recruitment is slumping and federal agencies are struggling to compete with the private sector's high salaries, the Central Intelligence Agency is reporting an increase in new hires.

What CIA Director George Tenet calls "the biggest recruiting drive since the end of the Cold War" appears to be paying off.

"We're getting great reception on college campuses and a lot of new people coming in the door. We're quite pleased," CIA spokesman Bill Harlow said.

Although the exact numbers are classified, agency officials said job offers extended by the CIA increased by 57 percent in 1998 over the year before, and rose by 53 percent in 1999. About 70 percent of those offers were accepted, the agency said.

The increases mark a dramatic turnaround from just a few years ago, when the spy agency was rife with reports of low morale and organizational drift and was losing many of its top professionals to the private sector.

Outside intelligence analysts believe CIA employment is up from the reported low of 16,000 of three years ago but still below the 20,000 level near the end of the Cold War.

Helping the revival: an image makeover engineered by Tenet and an infusion of money and effort into recruiting.

A jazzed-up Web site (www.cia.gov) now offers a virtual tour of the cloistered CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. A large multicolored eye on the "employment" link blinks "ACCESS APPROVED" to all cyber visitors.

The Web site lists about 50 positions, from computer scientist and interpreter to officers in the clandestine service (entry-level pay: $31,000 to $38,000).

The CIA recently created a Silicon Valley venture capital company to promote promising new technologies and invited young techno-wizards to apply for financing.

The agency also has been placing ads in magazines and major newspapers. The full-page "Do you have what it takes?" ad ran in last week's issue of The Economist magazine, for instance.

That ad specifically seeks new recruits for the CIA's clandestine overseas service, which it describes as "the cutting edge of American intelligence ... an elite corps."

CIA recruiters can be found on college campuses and in booths at job fairs. Tenet, director since 1997, helps with the recruiting himself, talking to potential applicants as he travels.

"We cannot offer you a private sector salary," Tenet told students recently at Georgetown University. "No one in the intelligence field worth his or her salt is in it for the money. But we can offer you a deeply challenging and satisfying vocation — and a mission unequaled anywhere in American society."

The CIA is "pitching the romance of intelligence" through its ads and recruiting spiels, but such appeals are misleading, said Steve Aftergood, of the Federation of American Scientists, a Washington group that follows intelligence issues.

"A lot of these bright-eyed young people may be setting themselves up for disappointment in what is still a rather hidebound institution," Aftergood said.

"The CIA is appealing to young people's adventurous instincts," Aftergood said. "I think anyone who falls for that is not suited to be an intelligence officer."

But Rep. Norman Dicks of Washington, the ranking Democrat on the House Select Intelligence Committee, said the fact that most CIA workers are office-bound does not detract from the agency's effort.

"Of course, not everybody there is a spy," Dicks said. "Many people are attracted to the element of service. The CIA has done a good job on using the Internet and being relevant to what kids are interested in."

VAN PEARCY of Edward Jones & Co.

Don't chase after market leaders

There is no shortage of categories in the investment world. You'll find large-capitalization growth stocks, large-capitalization *value* stocks, small-capitalization stocks, mid-capitalization stocks, international stocks and more. It can get confusing. And it can get even *more* confusing if you try to chase after whichever category is currently performing the best and leading the market.



Van Pearcy

Market leadership is a notoriously tenuous position. In 1994, international stocks led the way, but in 1995, 1996 and 1997, they lagged behind most other categories. In 1995 and 1997, large-capitalization value stocks led the field, whereas large-capitalization growth stocks took their turn at the top in 1996 and 1998.

Obviously, if you wanted to keep most of your investment dollars in whatever asset class was on top at the moment, you'd need a crystal ball and fast reactions. In a matter of months, a particular category of stocks can slide precipitously. And the market leader at any given moment may *already* be in decline.

In short, it's virtually impossible to always be with the leaders and it makes little sense to try. You can't outguess the market, but you can spend a lot of time, effort and money trying to constantly move money around in pursuit of whatever's "hot" at the moment.

There's a better way to invest: *diversify*. A well-diversified portfolio will include the different categories of stocks that have led the market through the years—as well as bonds, money market instruments and other securities.

Why is it such a good idea to diversify? Because, at any given time, *different classes of investments will move in different directions*. Large-capitalization growth stocks may be doing great, while international stocks are struggling. Small-capitalization stocks may be going through the roof, while large-capitalization value stocks are in the doldrums. international stocks may be making a move, while small-capitalization companies perform below normal. If you have a diversified portfolio, you will always have at least some exposure to the best performers—and some protection against the worst. And when the best and the worst switch places—as they have often done in the past—you'll still be covered.

Over time, you may well want to adjust your portfolio, in response to changes in your life. But you'll have to discipline yourself not to overreact to changes in the market, or even in the economy. Successful investing is a long-term enterprise. If you've constructed a diversified portfolio that is designed to meet your individual goals, then you'll be in good shape for *tomorrow*—and you won't have to worry about who's at the head of the class *today*. *For a free-review of your current diversified portfolio, please contact one of my office assistants, Cheryl, Lacy or Lisa, for a no-obligation appointment by calling 683-1516.*

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Supreme Court weighs abortion 'bubble' law

Associated Press

DENVER — The morning calm on a tree-lined residential street is pierced as sign-carrying protesters shout at women entering an abortion clinic.

"It's an office of death! Don't kill your baby! Do you know what you're doing?" they yell from eight feet away at women partially shielded by a 4-foot brick wall outside the Planned Parenthood clinic.

It is a scene dictated by Colorado's 1993 "bubble" law, which requires protesters to keep their distance from patients entering health-care facilities.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether the law legally protects patients from harassment and intimidation or violates the protesters' right to free speech.

The decision could establish guidelines for other states and cities that have grappled with ways to maintain peace between protesters and women seeking abortions.

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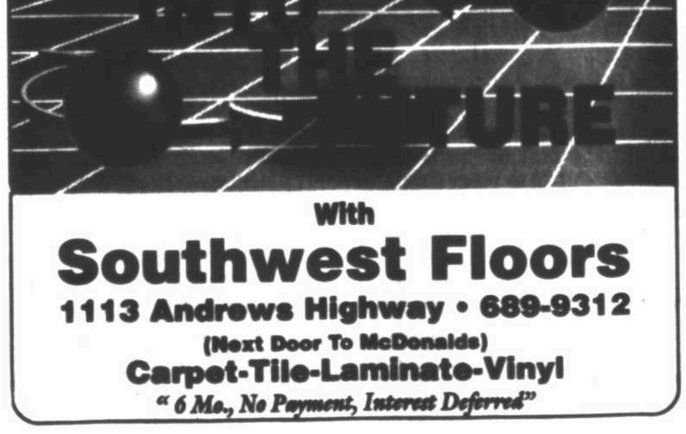
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UIL contest helps students improve skills

While there is no question that their activities are not high profile and will not likely garner them the acclaim of a top football draft pick, the young people involved in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) practice meet at Lee High School this past weekend deserve our gratitude and recognition for their hard work.

There may not be a grandstand full of admirers cheering them on, but these young academicians are worthy of praise and admiration for "going the extra mile" to show they have what it takes in academic courses.

As Michael Landrum, a computer science teacher at Midland High School, explained the competition under way at Lee High, "This is a chance for students who are academically interested. It is a very broad-based competition that should interest kids in academics."

That is important, too, when one considers that very few students will possess the talent and drive to make it in sports at the college level, and even fewer will have a shot at the pros. With that in mind, there's even more reason for students to look to academics as a means of advancing their career potential. UIL can make a big difference for those students because it puts learning into a competitive mode and increases the interest level for students.

We particularly liked Coley Geveker's observation about the competition. The junior at Midland High said, "I've been doing UIL since seventh grade. I'm hoping that you get scholarship money or something, but it also helps you on your semester exams because it's the same format of questions. You have to be a genius to win, but not to compete."

That's a winning attitude!

Congratulations to all the academicians and were testing their skills this weekend. Even if they don't win in UIL competition, they will come out ahead in the educational process and in life in general.

ANOTHER VIEW

Business decisions can outlaw dangerous GMOs

Though it was chiefly a business decision, and undoubtedly a shrewd one, last week's decision by two big natural-food chains to screen out genetically modified ingredients carried an unmistakable tone of protest, and cast a spotlight on the simplest of all issues raised by biotechnology — the consumer's right to say no.

Selecting something to chew and swallow is an intensely personal matter, guided sometimes by science and sometimes by whim. Deference is due the shopper who buys only pesticide-free raisins, and also the one who likes those additive-laden microwave burritos. Both are entitled to enough labeling information to apply whatever judgments make sense to them.

For the moment, U.S. companies have been able to resist demands that genetically modified foodstuffs be labeled as such. That battle will be lost, perhaps in the not so distant future; while Americans have been slower than Europeans to raise objections over genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, they are rapidly catching up. They are pressing on lawmakers, and the lawmakers are listening.

— Star Tribune
Minneapolis, Minn.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2000. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had already been there.

On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, John Tyler, the 10th U.S. president, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after 62 years in business.

Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges. In an FBI sting, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for drug possession. He was later convicted of a misdemeanor.

CAL THOMAS

Reduce bloated government and taxes

If Gov. George W. Bush wants to improve his chances of being elected president, he should begin talking not just about reducing our taxes but putting big government on a diet. Democrats have mostly prevailed on the tax-cut issue when they cast it as one of "fairness" and speak of cuts benefiting "the rich." Let's see how well they can defend big-government bureaucracy that wastes our money.


Thomas

Why are there multiple layers of bureaucracy required to administer the food-stamp program, with employees earning between $30,000 and $150,000, while food-stamp recipients get only about $150 a month? That's what Peter Sperry of the Heritage Foundation -- who has just finished an analysis of the 2000 federal budget -- wants to know.

Bush could start asking questions of voters who are paying for this and a lot more. Are people aware that the current system of departments, bureaus, agencies and offices contributed marginally to the public good between 1860 and 1950 -- and began to show signs of obsolescence by the end of World War II?

Among the many agencies that have outlived their purposes is the Department of Agriculture. The USDA was created in 1862 when more than 80 percent of all American families earned their living from the land. Today, only about 1 percent (3 million people) fits that profile. Most of USDA's departments could be eliminated and the relevant ones transferred to the Department of the Interior.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) wired rural America with telephones and electricity. The RUS costs $141 million in the new budget, though the number of "rural" households continues to decline.

Congress established the Small Business Administration (SBA) in 1953 to help new businesses get started after World War II. Today the availability of private-venture capital, which comes mainly from initial public offerings, has far outpaced the need for government money to help establish new businesses and is fast making the SBA obsolete.

Power Marketing Administrations (PMA) are government-owned utilities that borrow money from the Treasury at below-market interest rates, taking as long as 50 years to pay it back. PMAs subsidize their customers at a cost to taxpayers of $262 million this year. Congress should privatize the PMAs. The General Accounting Office says "privatization would benefit both consumers and the electric industry."

Evidence of bad management -- contributing to rising cost and sapping efficiency -- abound. The federal education bureaucracy runs more than 788 programs in 40 different agencies at an annual cost of nearly $100 billion. An estimated 30 cents of every federal education dollar is lost in overhead and never reaches the classroom (another reason why proposals to spend more money on education won't improve performance).

Programs to address problems associated with juveniles stretch over 10 departments, three independent agencies, one federal commission, one presidential council and one quasi-official agency. Separately, they administer 131 juvenile programs and cost $4 billion annually.

Taxpayers spend $20 billion a year on 15 different federal agencies for job training. Worse, the GAO reports that most federal agencies cannot determine the effectiveness of their programs.

There are 342 economic-development programs managed by 13 agencies with little or no coordination.

At least 70 programs across 57 different departments and agencies receive more than $16 billion a year to fight illegal drug use. Among the most blatant examples of government waste and mismanagement are the 19 drug "intelligence centers"dispersed among 10 departments. Much of the information generated by these centers is "off limits" to other agencies.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the USDA are among 16 different agencies involved with food safety.

Add to bloated bureaucracy the incidents of fraud, waste and abuse ($14,000 was set aside to convert the charcoal grill at the Air Force Academy's Otis House to natural gas, according to the Air Force Auditing Agency), and we have what ought to be a defining political issue for the Bush campaign.

If the debate about taxes could also focus on reducing government's need of money, Democrats would find themselves having to defend the insatiable monster that eats our tax dollars.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

The good guys win one at last

WASHINGTON — My favorite toy is a fake cellular phone made of black rubber. When self-important friends take out their real status symbols, I jab impatiently at my rubber phone, smack it twice against the wall in mock frustration, then, cursing, toss it into an ashcan to the horror of all.


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But moved by ads for a device that won't pull my jacket out of shape, last week I went to buy a real cellular phone at the local AT&T store. I paid with a credit card and signed up for the service. The salesgirl asked for my Social Security number.

I refused, of course; what business is that of AT&T's? "Then you'll have to pay a $1,000 deposit," she said. I told her to void the sale and I'd try Bell Atlantic down the street. She then asked her manager for a "waiver" of the Social Security requirement and signed me up.

That got me thinking: Why does AT&T collect that private information? To sell to intrusive telemarketers, probably; the SS number is not a credit credential but may indicate age and place of first job and opens the door to collectors of other personal data.

To see if a beloved colleague shared my privacy concerns, I got on the Web to find his number. Sure enough, there it was in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. The SEC explained that to stop making this available at a keystroke to every snoop around the world, he would have to send in a new form without it. (When he reads this, I trust he'll do that.)

It's not illegal for AT&T or e-commerce con men to euchre your Social Security number out of you. (There oughta be a law.) Unfortunately, impelled by good publicity in tracking down "deadbeat dads," Clinton policy has been in the opposite direction — toward a national ID card, a requirement that all Americans carry "papers."

But here's the good news: The Supreme Court, with all nine justices in unaccustomed unison, Wednesday struck a blow against a dangerous form of invasion of privacy: the sale by state governments to private investigators of the personal data and picture on your application for a driver's license.

Some states sell those applications, complete with color photo, to anybody for about a buck a throw. A decade ago, a stalker in California was able to use this license information to find and identify a starlet named Rebecca Schaeffer — and murdered her. That led to a federal law, the Drivers Privacy Protection Act, that allowed drivers to "opt out" — putting the burden of refusal on the applicant who did not want his personal information sold.

The state of South Carolina challenged Congress' right to pass such a law, saying it infringed on states' rights to regulate driving. A federal appeals court agreed, ridiculing a right to privacy in personal information such as a birth date on a license "often needed to cash a check, board an airplane, or purchase alcohol."

Because the Rehnquist court has been powerful in stopping Congress' three-generation habit of snatching power from the states, the betting was that this case would continue that anti-centralist trend.

But to the relief of those who think personal freedom worth preserving, the anti-centralist majority on the court, despite its states'-rights predilections, stretched its reasoning to find that Congress "did not run afoul of the federalism principles." The liberal minority joined in, resulting in a stunning 9-0 decision upholding privacy.

That means that the strengthening of the act by Sen. Richard Shelby, supported by Frank Wolf in the House, will also pass muster. They changed the weak "opt out" clause to a tough "opt in" — meaning that motor vehicle bureaus everywhere must soon seek drivers' written consent before selling marketers photos and information about age, domicile or disability.

Shelby said the decision "will help protect women from stalkers, keep telemarketers from interrupting dinner and give people peace of mind that private information collected by the government is secure."

Presidential candidates (Steve Forbes excepted) fail to see privacy as a gut principle to defend, but the Supreme Court does. As hope glimmers, pay cash and don't give out your Social Security number.

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CHARLEY REESE

There are a few worries for those Americans who care about U.S.

There are a few things that Americans who care about their country should be concerned about. Of course, they are not the things that the politicians and the news media are telling you to worry about.

One is the decline of the U.S. armed forces. They are losing people right and left, primarily because those people are tired of being posted to various paradises like Somalia and Haiti for senseless U.N. missions. The armed forces are having so much trou ble recruiting that they are lowering the standards. At the same time, they have far too many women who, because of pregnancy or too many illegitimate children, are not deployable.


Reese

The politicians in Washington are ruining the U.S. armed forces, and Americans had better stop them.

Another concern is the record immigration, both legal and illegal. This flood of immigrants, now greater than it was at the turn of the 20th century, is colliding with automation and the moving of manufacturing jobs offshore. That's a formula for social conflict, as the people at the bottom of the economic ladder must fight each other for the remaining service jobs that don't pay a living wage to begin with.

Furthermore, Americans had better wake up to the fact that if you change the people, you change the country. Talk to some American Indians. They can tell you firsthand what effect uncontrolled immigration of nonnative people will do to your country, you r culture, your religion and your liberty.

Americans should also concern themselves with upholding the principle of separation of powers. Bill Clinton has abused his office more than any other president. He legislates with executive orders that, legally, cannot be used for that purpose. Congress, however, has been too spineless to call him on it.

Clinton has also evaded the constitutional requirement to consult with the Senate and seek its approval by relying on "executive agreements" rather than treaties. Both of these abuses are really grounds for impeachment, but you know how corrupt and spine less and blindly partisan most members of the House and Senate are.

Already, when you count the take of state and local governments, working Americans are taking home only about 50 cents on the dollar. The other 50 cents is going to government, where much of it is wasted on foreign aid, palatial- and imperial-style gover nment facilities and a bloated bureaucracy.

The only way to reduce taxes is to reduce the number of things government does. Too many Americans want to bellyache about taxes while begging government to solve all their personal and social problems. That's wrong. We need to systematically dismantle a ll the programs of government that are not constitutional as well as end the wasteful practice of pork-barrel projects.

Determined minorities, not apathetic majorities, determine the destiny of a nation, so people who do care about the Constitution and liberty should not be discouraged by the mob. Let the majority of people watch their TV shows and play with their compute rs. Let those concerned with the future discipline and organize themselves to provide the leadership the country so urgently needs.

I don't put any stock in date changes on calendars, as there are always problems to be solved, challenges to be met, obstacles to be overcome. The work of a free people is never finished.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Salvador Vargas, M.D.

Hi, I'm Terri Welles,

For years, like most women my age, I dreaded just the thought of getting older.

You know how it begins with those tiny, little lines that one day just suddenly show up on your face and just keep getting bigger, deeper and worse looking every year.

Well, that's exactly what was happening to me. At age 40, just like millions of other women my age, I began getting serious lines and wrinkles.

And that's when it really hit me! Yikes...I'm beginning to look old!

It was frightening! It seemed like only yesterday that my face appeared all over the world on television commercials and in major magazine advertisements. In 1981, I was even voted one of the world's most beautiful looking women by America's largest men's magazine.

But now, all of a sudden, one of my greatest assets — my looks — were slowly being eroded by ugly lines and wrinkles.

My once world famous flawless skin was now far from flawless. And worst, I felt so helpless because it seemed as if there was nothing I could do about it. It actually brought me to tears.

I knew I had to do something to get my youthful complexion back...and super fast!

So I tried anything and everything that might help. I even broke down and went to the harsh chemical facial treatments including Retin-A cream. But they all were painful and had side effects that I just couldn't handle.

Retin-A cream for example didn't do the job and it burns your skin like staying out in the hot Jamaican sun all day...with no sun-screen!

I then consulted the finest doctors around and came up empty. And of course, when plastic surgery was mentioned a cold chill ran up my spine. You know what I mean: the pain, the drugs, the stitches, the bandages, the swelling...and the weeks of recovery time looking like I was mugged. And the cost!!! I was told it would cost me up to ten thousand dollars for a complete face lift.

Not to mention — the risk! I know that there has been more than one botched job with disastrous results.

What I wanted was a safe, easy to apply facial treatment, if one even existed, that I could use at home that really worked....that would zap 5 to 10 years from my facial appearance very quickly!

Then one day I met an old friend whom I hadn't seen in a while and I hardly recognized him. For some reason he looked ten to fifteen years younger than I remembered him looking.

Being a good friend of mine, when I politely complemented him on how great his plastic surgery turned out he said "What plastiç surgery"?

He then commenced telling me about a new, all natural and completely safe hypo-allergenic skin treatment he was using that was invented by a brilliant scientist from Oklahoma.

It turns out that because of his specialized work this scientist was quite familiar with the latest scientific research and breakthroughs in skin care treatments.

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Her skin was so satiny soft and beautiful when he married her...he wanted it to stay that way for the rest of her life and years later her skin remains to this day as beautiful and wrinkle free as the day he met her.

Well, needless to say, I asked my friend where I could get some of this miracle lotion for myself.

And so I did.

Now after using it myself, I can honestly say that it is simply amazing! You just apply this incredibly unique lotion to your face, hands, neck (or wherever else needed) and you can actually see your skin, right before your very eyes, soak it up like a dry sponge soaks up water.

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NO KIDDING! I don't know how else to describe it.

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An I've tried all of the European spas, the clays, the mud masks, the facial wraps, all of them, and nothing even remotely compares!

And it wasn't just the "feel," it was also the "look!" The lines, the pores and the wrinkles — without question — were visibly reduced in size right before my eyes! Yes, with the very first application!

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Super model -
Terri Welles says:

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This is an actual unretouched photograph taken of me at age 40 after using Renew™ on my skin for just a few short weeks. Notice there are no ugly wrinkles, lines or crows feet visible on my face anywhere. My face once again looks and feels as smooth and flawless as it did fifteen years ago.

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Gore's black supporters — a 'Southern firewall' against Bradley

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

■ News analysis

Campaign 2000

WASHINGTON — Al Gore holds a huge advantage over Bill Bradley among black voters — a group with significant influence late in the Democratic nomination fight. They're the vice president's "Southern firewall."

Even with victories in New Hampshire and a few other early primary states, Bradley couldn't topple Gore without more help from blacks, particularly in the South. That's why the Bradley campaign is questioning the vice president's commitment to blacks and reminding voters about the former New Jersey senator's own record on race relations.

The hurdles facing Bradley are high, but not insurmountable, according to Democratic pollsters and activists.

"Blacks are serving as Gore's Southern firewall: If Bradley happens to win Iowa and New York, then they go south and Gore has a remarkable number of black voters," said Democratic pollster Ron Lester, who surveys for several black congressmen. "Black voters have no reason to leave Gore, but if Bradley can blow Gore out in a couple of states, he might be able to catch on."

Polls consistently show blacks backing Gore over Bradley by a 2-to-1 margin. That edge won't help in Iowa or New Hampshire, where few blacks are registered to vote, but the impact grows later on.

In nearly half of the 11 states conducting Democratic primaries March 7, blacks made up at least 10 percent of the vote in the 1992 presidential primaries. Still, Bradley's ties to New York and other Northeast states — and his ability to raise money in California — bode well for his chances in major states on that day.

Two days later, votes will be cast in South Carolina, where 43 percent of the Democrats who participated in the 1996 primaries were black.

On March 14, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas conduct primaries. Oklahoma is the only one of those states without a sizable black vote.

"Gore's going to come out of the South with enormous margins and it's basically going to be all over but the crying,' said David Bositis, an expert on black voting patterns with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington.

"I wouldn't say it's automatic," said Silas Lee, a political pollster from New Orleans who cautioned that Gore has yet to prove his black supporters are passionate enough to turn out and vote.

Analysts say Gore owes most of his support to President Clinton, who is viewed favorably by nine out of 10 blacks.

"Thank God I don't have to run against Bill Clinton," Bradley jokingly told an Iowa youngster Monday.

Gore is benefiting from administration policies, such as increasing the minimum wage, and from a perception that Clinton-Gore put the brakes on plans by congressional Republicans that would have hurt blacks.

The economy has helped, too. For the first time in memory, Bositis found in 1998 that blacks were more likely than whites to say they were better off financially than the year before.

The Monica Lewinsky inquiry increased Clinton's favorability among blacks, many of whom felt the president was targeted because of his support of black issues, pollsters said. Gore's steadfast support of his boss may be hurting him among moderate Democrats and independent voters, but it has helped him among blacks.

There are few distinctions between Gore and Bradley on race and issues that appeal to blacks. Each has an interesting story to tell: Gore says his father, Albert Gore Sr., lost his Tennessee Senate seat in the fight for civil rights; Bradley talks about growing up in a racially mixed community and playing professional basketball with blacks.

Irked that Gore is benefiting from Clinton's good will, Bradley aides say their boss will gain support as blacks get to know him. Mark Alexander, a black adviser, said the administration improved the plight of blacks, "but I don't think that is credit Gore should be taking."

Civil rights leader Roger Wilkins said, "The vice president is a friend of mine ... and I like him, but I do not believe he is as mature as Senator Bradley and I don't believe Senator Bradley's commitment to civil rights can be matched by anyone."

In an appeal to black voters, Bradley argues that he is the only candidate to make race and poverty central to his campaign. The Clinton-Gore prosperity leaves too many Americans behind, Bradley said Monday as he put his complaints in the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "Thats' not good enough."

Gore advisers say privately that the black vote could swing if Bradley gains momentum. In public, the vice president's backers are dismissive of Bradley's accomplishments.

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School district gets over $300,000 in grants

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

With all its grant writing success, "Ask and you shall receive," may become the new logo at MISD. Over the past several weeks, the district has received over $300,000 for various programs.

The most prominent of those was a $170,000 grant from the Texas Education Agency to offer all-day prekindergarten classes at Bunche Early Childhood Center and West Early Childhood Center.

The prekindergarten program is for economically disadvantage families and gives children a head start toward doing well in school. According to MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi, students identified as economically disadvantaged are the same children who experience more trouble in school.

"Our goal is to ready children to begin school," said Bunche Principal Jodie Baugh. "We do a lot of work with social skills, a lot of oral language activities and prereading."

"I think we can give kids a tremendous head start," said Baressi, adding that the district also is exploring the possibility of offering prekindergarten for three-year-olds.

"If we can get kids early and long, we can make a difference," said Executive Director of Secondary Education Dorsey Rushing.

South Elementary also was a recent recipient of state funds. The school received $78,000 from the TEA investment capital fund. The grant will fund a 24-month program, focusing on improving student achievement.

According to Carolyn Cropper, grants facilitator for MISD, the grant will provide parent training and help encourage parent and community involvement in schools.

"The components in that are that the parents will come into the classroom and observe lessons being taught to their children. They then take home the materials and reinforce the lesson at home," said Ms. Cropper, who works as a grant writer for both MISD and Midland College.

A $90,000 grant, which Ms. Cropper also is responsible for, will go toward assisting some older students. Coleman High School received the $90,000 from the TEA to document the effectiveness of computer assisted learning in the classroom.

"The money will be utilized to establish an interactive computer curriculum," said Ms. Cropper. That curriculum will be provided NovaNET and will be targeted at grades nine, 10 and 11.

Ms. Cropper said that MISD is extremely lucky to get the grant because its value is closer to $300,000. NovaNET is donating the software and technical support. Coleman is the only school in the state receiving the grant, said Ms. Cropper. She added that Coleman was chose because many of its of classes already are computer assisted learning classes.

Coleman also received an $8,000 grant from the Permian Basin School to Career Initiative. The grant will provide workplace skills training, resume writing and interview training, instruction in proper attire, hygiene and manners in a workplace and job shadowing programs.

The Permian Basin School to Career Initiative also awarded $8,000 to Midland High School to purchase materials for its career library.

"I'm very pleased with her success. I think she's been a real plus, allowing us to do more for our students," said Baressi of Ms. Cropper's contributions.

In celebration ...



A packed house at the Midland Center was energized by the melodies of the Midland Community Youth Mass Choir singing gospel hymns as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemorative Service Monday evening.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Hundreds salute King's life at Midland Center

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

With a theme of "Y2K: Making the Right Connection," hundreds of Midlanders turned out for the Martin Luther King Day celebration Monday night at the Midland Center.

The celebration, which concluded three days of activities in Midland, was sponsored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

The event was graced with a prayer and then speeches from a wide assortment of Midland residents, including 17-year-old Arthur Lee Washington of Midland Lee High School, Midland College professor James Bradford and keynote speaker Reverend George Bell.

"Dr. King was man of distinction," Washington said. "It is our turn to take what he's given us and build on it today."

"Dr. King's appeal to the consciousness of men around the world has won him a place in history," Bradford said. "Dr. King is recorded in history as the most outstanding civil rights leader of the 20th Century. Our quality of life has improved because of his ethics."

According to Bradford, there was a proposal made by Dr. King's fraternal order, Alpha Pi Alpha, to build a national monument in recognition of King. As of December of 1999, the National Capital Planning Commission has approved a four-acre site on the mall that sits between the monuments of Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. The monument in Washington D.C. will be the first ever of a person other than a president.

Rev. Bell urged Midlanders to unite as one and bring the community together. "There is a law of love in this universe. If you disobey it you will suffer."

Others at the ceremony, including City Councilman Juluis Brooks and Dr. Viola Coleman, were recognized by Alma Marshall for their achievements in the community.

Brooks was recognized for his attempts at getting Fairgrounds Road changed to Martin Luther King Dri-

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
A very sleepy Hayden Villifrancos sleeps in the arms of his mother, Haydee while his father Edward watches over him.

New Year's baby returns home after treatment

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A tired, but relieved, Villafranco family arrived home Sunday evening with baby Hayden, Midland's first baby of the year, after a stay at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

The baby's mother, Haydee, said Hayden was doing fine and slept so well after returning home, "I had to wake him up to take his medication."

Shortly after Hayden was born, he was found to have ventricular septal defect or holes in two chambers of the heart. He underwent surgery to repair an artery, but Mrs. Villafranco said doctors did not do surgery to repair the holes in his heart.

"The hope is they'll close on their own as he grows," she said, noting that she had a heart murmur as a child that was treated with medication.

Doctors say the baby will have to take medication the rest of his life but he is otherwise expected to lead a normal life, his mother said.

The good news for the family is that they can stay in Midland to have Hayden watched. A specialist from Fort Worth will travel to Cook's children's clinic in Midland once a month to check on Hayden and they'll only have to travel to Fort Worth every six months for more extensive check-ups unless the specialist that comes to Midland decides he needs further tests.

The hospital provided transportation for Hayden and his parents to Fort Worth, but the Deacons Fund at First Presbyterian Church paid the family's way back to Midland.

"I want to say a special thanks to the Deacons Fund," Mrs. Villafranco said. "I appreciate what they've done for us and our son."

She also expressed appreciation to Infusion Plus, which will furnish Hayden with a visiting nurse as part of a home health care program.

"It's a blessing to have people like that in the community, that pull together and help a child even though they don't know him," she said. "I also want to thank our friends and family for their help and prayers."

Odessan says farewell to 'The Lone Ranger', remembers a friendship

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Were it not for a case of the flu, Odessan Chuck Hornung would have been in Los Angeles Sunday, participating in a public memorial service for actor Clayton Moore. The actor, known for his portrayal of the Lone Ranger, died December 28 at age 85.

Hornung, general manager for Ector County Independent School District Television, said he was pleased Moore's daughter, Dawn, agreed to a public tribute. She held the public tribute at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage after being overwhelmed by letters and e-mails from fans.

"I felt very overwhelmed by the show of love for him and I thought it wasn't fair of me to be selfish and have him to myself and (not) allow that final goodbye to be said by everyone," she told the Associated Press of the tribute that drew hundreds of fans, including actor Bruce Boxleitner.

For his part, Hornung pointed out that one Internet site devoted to Moore and his most famous character "had at least 40 pages of messages from fans."

He first met Moore as a teenager in 1958 when Moore was doing publicity for the television show and visited the Cosair Crippled Childrens Hospital in Louisville, Ky. An uncle, a Mason involved with the hospital, arranged for his nephew to meet Moore and the two kept up a relationship until Moore's death.

"I was a great fan of the character. I listened to 'The Lone Ranger' on the radio with my dad," he recalled.

Moore, Hornung said, "was truly the epitome of the word gentleman. Between 1949 when he first played the part and 1958 when I met him, he became the Lone Ranger. He and the character were one and he epitomized the values the Ranger stood for."

Among those values:

"When the Lone Ranger appeared on radio and television, he was an Anglo and his closest friend was an Indian in the days when race relations were not very good. He set an example of how race relations should be," Hornung said.

"He also spoke perfect grammar and never smoked or drank, even in private. He taught lessons about God and about how America is a melting pot of different heritages. These are values that need to be taught."

He noted that the Legend of the Lone Ranger, told in 18 novels, was based on a group of Texas Rangers stationed in Fort Davis. A former Ranger encampment near Fort Davis is believed to be the one the Lone Ranger and five others left, headed to Pecos, where they were ambushed in Ranger Canyon and the was Ranger saved by Tonto. Nearby Wild Horse Canyon is supposed to be where he found his horse, Silver, and the Ranger's silver mine was allegedly located nearby.

"One of the most valuable premiums offered by the radio show and Cheerios, the show's major sponsor, was a treasure map. From pieces found in the cereal and clues on the show, you could find the Ranger and he ended up in Fort Davis," Hornung said.

Hornung was able to attend a gather-

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GARY OTT

Even church bulletins can sometimes send the wrong message

More rambling thoughts ...

— Helpless feeling: Having an emergency vehicle rapidly approach your car from the rear, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, and not being able to decide what to do, meaning you just stop in your tracks and hope the driver of the other vehicle can get around you without your stumbling presence being too much of a hindrance.



Ott

— This item recently appeared in a church bulletin: "Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Please use back door."

— Yeah, that ought to help those folks to start feeling better about themselves.

— Along those same lines, here's another entry in a church bulletin: "Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance."

— Lord knows you can't fit through a regular door.

— Overheard: "If Fed Ex were to merge with UPS, would the new company be called Fed UP?"

— Richard Whately once offered up these wonderful words of wisdom: "Preach not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say."

— Gut feeling: Most people are most comfortable in the part of the country where they grew up.

— It was on this date in 1967 that Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. He was sentenced to life in prison. A fellow inmate killed him in 1973.

— "Boston Strangler", for my money, is one of the more descriptive nicknames ever. It just strikes fear into the average person, or at least it did back in the 1960s.

— Someone once asked, "If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide, is that considered a hostage situation?"

— I love two-toned shoes, especially when worn with baggy pants and an oversized sweater.

— Don't you just hate it when you have a guilty conscience?

— But isn't great that you still have the ability to have one?

— Overheard: "Nostalgia just isn't what it used to be."

— Why do we let "a cat out of the bag," but not a dog, or any other animal, for that matter?

— Despite what others might say, sometimes your first impression is not right on target.

— For some reason, "he's a wanderer" sounds more acceptable than "he's a drifter."

— Do young parents still have their children's first pair of shoes bronzed?

— There are times, it seems to me, when your brain tells you to argue when a person makes a really stupid comment, but your heart just isn't into it.

— One person's opinion: Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" is writing at its absolute best.

— You know you are in a small town when everyone knows when a stranger arrives.

— To a young student, especially someone in elementary school, there is something truly mysterious about the teachers' lounge. I mean, what REALLY goes on beyond those closed doors?

— And today's final quote comes from Jean de La Fontaine, who once said, "Be advised that all flatterers live at the expense of those who listen to them."

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Sack Lunch/Parent Education Mtg. for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2982 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW hall, 1306 E. Taylor.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

Adult Children of Alcoholics; From Survival to Healing, 7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Bellydancing classes 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

Healthy Alternatives: ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 570-0272.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Midland AARP Chapter 256 meets at 6 p.m. at Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. For more information, call 682-1262 or 682-1700.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department Sunday

Vandalism: A 1998 Mitsubishi Eclipse sustained $700 in damage while parked on W. Loop 250 late Sunday night.

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Theft: A resident of 2400 Haynes reported the theft of a 1994 green and gold Chevrolet pickup. The crime is suspected to have happened late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The truck is valued at $16,000.

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Burglary: A resident of 2803 Mariana reported that a burglary occurred between 12:30 and 3 a.m. Sunday morning. It is not known what was stolen.

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Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

FAREWELL: Hornung collected many pieces of 'Ranger' history

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ing of the cast members of the television show, their friends and family in Lone Pine, Calif., where the final episode of the television show was filmed.

Joining Moore at the gathering in 1991 were Fred Foy, the announcer who introduced every episode; Tom Gill, who illustrated the comic books that carried Moore's picture, John Hart, who also portrayed the Lone Ranger when Moore temporarily left during a contract dispute, and Chuck Courtney, who played the Lone Ranger's teen-aged nephew.

He also hosted an hour-long special for ECISD TV on the 50th anniversary of the broadcast of the first Lone Ranger episode, which reconstructed the show, from the original opening to the commercials, including stories on how the episode was filmed and how Moore got the part.

Before his death, Moore "accomplished two things: He celebrated his 85th birthday and he marked the 50th anniversary of the first television broadcast," Hornung said.

Over the years, Hornung has assembled thousands of pieces of Lone Ranger items, from tapes of the radio and television shows to scripts, press books, silver bullets and one of the Lone Ranger masks. Last year, without publicity, he displayed some of the items at Music City Mall for children to visit while studying Texas history at school.

He said he was amazed at the response, with adults returning several times with children saying "This was my hero."

That response tells him "there's a hunger in America for heroes," he said. "I look at the people considered our heroes today and I think 'we can do better.'"

Testimony resumes today in Dallas city councilman's trial

AMARILLO (AP) — The federal corruption trial of Dallas city councilman Al Lipscomb could go to the jury as early as Thursday, Lipscomb's lawyer says.

Testimony is scheduled to resume Tuesday morning with the testimony of Floyd Richards, owner of the Yellow Checker Cab franchise in Dallas, who has admitted he gave $1,000 monthly cash payments to Lipscomb over a period of more than three years.

Prosecutors said they hope to have their case wrapped up by Wednesday, and defense attorney Billy Ravkind said he expects to take only a day or two to make Lipscomb's case.

Lipscomb, 74, a longtime activist popular in the Dallas black community, is charged with 65 counts of bribery and corruption in connection with the money he took from Richards. He denies the money influenced his votes on taxi issues that came before the Dallas City Council.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk; Southwest Airlines head Herb Kelleher; U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas; and state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, are among character witnesses expected to testify for Lipscomb.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall ended testimony early on Friday because of scheduling conflicts and traveling plans.

There were reports last week that the early recess signified that a plea bargain was in the works.

Lipscomb denied the speculation, saying he never would have subjected his family to the trial if he didn't believe in his innocence. He rejected a plea bargain earlier in the month, saying he'd rather go to court and have his name and reputation vindicated.

"That's the arena to clear your name, when you know in your heart that you haven't done anything wrong on those charges," he said.

Lipscomb's daughter-in-law, Deborah, said Friday That a plea agreement "is not even being considered."

She said Lipscomb and his family were looking forward to enjoying the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at home and a break from the trial, which Kendall moved to Amarillo because of Lipscomb's prominence in Dallas.

Richards was originally a co-defendant, but he accepted a deal last month from prosecutors, pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy in exchange for his testimony against Lipscomb. Richards is scheduled to be sentenced in April.

During the first week of testimony, former Yellow Checker cab owner Karl Kuhlman testified that Richards had harassed and threatened him for years.

Obituaries



Marie Meek

Change of Address Notice:

Marie Claire Meek was called home January 15, 2000. Her husband, Jimmy, was waiting to welcome her as were her mother and many extended family members and friends.

A native of Oklahoma, she had lived most of her long life in Odessa. She was known as the "Avon Lady" and served her friends for 42 years with Avon products.

She is survived by her four daughters, Lajuana Marie Fire, Fresno, California; Linda Kay Rogers, Tijeras, New Mexico; Jima Lea Garrett, Moore Park, California; and Connie Sue Lovett, Carthage, Texas.

Grandchildren are Chris Lee McClure, Ashley Adrianne Wood, Michael Aaron McKnight, Angie Laree Lovett, Robert Wayne Lovett, and Danita Carol Lovett.

Great-grandchildren are Frank Gene Wood-Canada, Kristen Ann McClure, and Madison Johnae Revis.

Her precious dog is, "Little Bit" and her visiting cat, "Miss Calley."

Please join us for funeral services at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2000 in St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1601 E. 42nd, Odessa. Interment will be following at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Garrett, Duane Rogers, Kessler Wood, Richard Meek, Robert Fire, and Guy Lovett.



Angie Lee

Angie Pearle Lee, the beloved wife of Henry Dewey Lee, retired Investigator for the District Attorney's Office in Midland, passed into a new life at Midland Memorial Hospital after a short illness on Saturday, January 15, 2000.

Funeral services are to be 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater. Officiating will be Rev. Orvel Brantley with interment at Sweetwater Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Angie married Henry Dewey Lee in February, 1976 in Lovington, New Mexico. She was reared in Loraine, Texas and lived in Midland the past twenty-four years. She had worked for Midland County in both the Auditor's Office and as a switchboard operator. She had managed Connie's Dress Shops in Sweetwater, Fort Stockton, and Odessa.

She was a longtime member of The Republican Women's Club in Midland. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Angie is survived by her husband, Henry Dewey Lee of Midland; a son, Tony Neitzler of Abilene; a daughter, Carla Neitzler of Denison, Texas; five step-children, Kimberly A. Young, Samuel D. Lee, Jonathan D. Lee, Timothy Lee and Keith Lee, all of Phoenix, Arizona. She is also survived by a sister, Ruth Fallis of Midland; and a brother, Willie Burrow of New Jersey. Also surviving is a granddaughter, Camey VonBergen of Denison; and 30 step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Homer Burrow; her mother, Angie Arnold; a brother, Walter H. Burrow; and two sisters, Faye McDonald and Gracie Eulene Rice.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Crow, Bobby Pickett, Troy Boiles, Al Schorre, Bill Boyd and Fred Stubbs. Honorary pallbearers are Ron Morton and Les Southerland.

The family requests memorials be made to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North "N", Midland, Texas 79701.

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Death Notices

Jimmie Hill

Jimmie Lee Hill died Sunday, Jan. 16.

Funeral services with Eastern Star Rites are to be 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Norris officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 3, 1927 in Vernon.

She moved to Midland in 1946. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253, was Mother Advisor for Midland Assembly #193, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, held the Grand Cross of Color; was PTA President at Lamar Elementary and Alamo Jr. High; a Girl Scout Troop leader, and taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church for years. She was a member of Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Hill in 1993; a brother, Bryce Everett; and a sister, Bobbie Jo Evans.

Survivors include two daughters, Carla Stringer of Midland and Mary Harvey of Dallas; a sister, Dixie D. Hirsch of Edmond, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Midland Chapter #253 or Midland Lodge #623, 1600 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

Martha Williams

Martha R. Williams died Sunday, Jan. 16, at a local nursing home.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Sylvester City Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 17, 1911 in Knox County.

She had lived in Sylvester, Roscoe, China Grove, Westbrook, Monahans and Odessa, before moving to Midland in 1973. She was a member of Sylvester Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A.T. Williams; and her sister, Stella Kiser.

Survivors include a son, H.A. Williams of Midland; a sister, Beth Sutter of Hamlin; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or a charity of your choice.

Paulette Gulley

KERRVILLE — Paulette Gulley of Kerrville died Sunday, Jan. 16, in a San Antonio hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Sizemore Funeral Home in Kerrville.

She was born June 17, 1948, in Edinburg.

Survivors include her husband, Royce Gulley of Kerrville; one daughter, Tammie Herbert of Kerrville; two sons, Jerry Trimble of Midland and Jimmy Trimble of Colorado; one stepson, Randy Gulley of Midland; two brothers; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Billie Carter

Billie Carter died Monday, Jan. 17, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Herman Vaughan

Herman Vaughan, 83, died Monday, Jan. 17, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Victoria Hennagir

Victoria B. Hennagir died Monday, Jan. 17, at a local hospital.

Funeral services are to be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Gateway Chapel with the Rev. Doyle Snow officiating. Visitation will be 5:30-9 p.m. today, Jan. 18, at Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 26, 1944 in Pensacola, Fla.

She worked at Odessa College for years. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving on its Genealogy Library Staff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Daisy Adeline (Hale) Berlin.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Douglas Hennagir of Midland; two sons, Bart D. Hennagir of Arlington and Brad L. Hennagir of Midland; two daughters, Carolyn H. Corral of Odessa and Madelyn H. Rigtrup of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; a sister, Virginia B. Roberts of Pensacola; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

Francisca Esquivel

Francisca M. Esquivel, 82, died Monday, Jan. 17, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Ina McMillan

BIG SPRING — Ina McMillan, 78, died Saturday, Jan. 15, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Grace Kinney

BRYAN — Grace Armstrong Kinney, 82, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 17, in Bryan.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Lois Anderson

BIG SPRING — Lois Anderson, 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, January 17, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 29, 1915 in Georgetown and married Lawrence Anderson Sept. 10, 1955 in Portales, N.M. He preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1970. She was a longtime rancher in the Luther community.

Survivors include three daughters, Johnnie Tatum of Luther, Margie Pridham of Atlanta and Leona French of Blanket; two sons, Melvin McDougle of San Antonio and Jim McEachem of San Angelo; two brothers, Preston Smith of Lubbock and Jude Smith of Weatherford; a sister, Eunice Daniels of Seminole; 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Consuelo Willis

BIG SPRING — Consuelo Willis, 75, of Big Spring, died Sunday, January 16, at a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Margaret Reidy

FORT WORTH — Margaret Reidy, 82, of Fort Worth and formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, January 17, at a Fort Worth nursing center after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard Wilson

Richard E. Wilson died at his residence Monday, January 17.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Your weekend begins with Friday morning's Midland Reporter-Telegram's Reviews & Previews

KING: Various Midland leaders were awarded for their efforts

(From 1B)

ve. Although the road name change failed, Ms. Marshall said the effort was nothing short of a success.

Dr. Coleman was recognized as an influential leader in the community. Dr. Coleman said in the next year there would be changes in Midland because of the district's reverting back to neighborhood schools. "We're back to neighborhood schools; you remember what those were like. If you want to make sure they're equal you need to visit the schools and go to the school board meetings. It's up to you parents to see to it that these children can do anything they want to do."

Ms. Marshall, president of the sponsoring organization, also recognized Mayor Bobby Burns and former mayor and likely city council candidate J.D. Faircloth, who were both well received by the audience.



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After 70 years, members in Hispanic civil rights group's founding city go their separate ways

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — For 70 years, members of the League of United Latin American Citizens' founding council had prided themselves on being the only LULAC council in their hometown.

In other cities, the national Hispanic civil rights organization has multiple chapters. But in Corpus Christi, where the group was founded in 1929, LULAC has been remarkable for its unity despite occasional efforts to establish branch chapters.

The latest attempt is Council No. 4444, created by a past president of the 200-member Council No. 1 and 25 others who said they want to do more hands-on work in the community.

"It's way past due," said Gonzalo Tamez, former president of LULAC's founding council and now first vice president of the newest council, started in September.

LULAC — formed when the Corpus Christi chapter of the Order Sons of America, the Order Knights of America of San Antonio and the League of Latin American Citizens of South Texas merged — has more than 600 chapters across the nation.

The group fought for desegregation and is now involved with voter registration, education, and immigration issues.

"It is the oldest organization and has continued to be very active up until the present time," said Jose Hinojosa, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American. "It certainly stands out in its track record of achievement."

Creation of the new chapter in Corpus Christi, where one council has dominated for seven decades, sparked talk that the move was prompted by the election of Mary Helen Salazar as the founding council's president.

"This is the first woman president and these men couldn't work with a woman," Manuel Gonzales, a board member for Council No. 1, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times shortly after the new council's creation.

Ms. Salazar told The Associated Press, "We didn't split." But she declined to elaborate.

Tamez and Victor Villareal Way, the new council's president, also dismissed talk of a split prompted by sexism.

"We have a good relationship with the (founding) council," Villareal Way said. "We will help them whenever they need our help."

But Tamez suggested it might not be a two-way street.

"They wanted to be the only kids on the block," he said. "They weren't really looking forward to this happening."

Hinojosa said the fact that LULAC members in Corpus Christi chose to split off shows leaders found no middle ground in their differing opinions about what direction the group should take.

"There has always been a certain pride because it was the original founding LULAC council there in Corpus," he said. "In the past it has been very strong."

Villareal Way said he saw the opportunity to address issues on which that the founding council had not focused. He felt that civil rights have been the priority of the founding council, while the new panel wants to work on scholarships, education and community involvement.

"We saw that there was a void," Villareal Way said. "There's a lot of different cities the same size as ours or bigger that have multiple chapters."

At first, the new council didn't even have a place to meet, so it alternated between restaurants and members' homes until someone offered a regular meeting place at a mortgage title company. It currently has close to 40 members, is sponsoring the start-up of an affiliated youth council, and is planning a major event, possibly for May.

"We're all real gung-ho to make sure that this new council is a total success," Tamez said. "We're not only giving it a hundred percent effort. We're giving it a hundred and fifty percent effort."

LULAC's National Executive Director Brent Wilkes said he didn't know why other councils hadn't made it in Corpus Christi before. The last attempt, in the early 1990s, lasted about a year.

"I don't know that there's anything preventing it from happening," he said. "They've (Council No. 1) been so successful and active."

Wilkes said it's not unusual that Corpus Christi, which has more than 260,000 people, has a second LULAC council. A city that size typically has around four or five, he said.

In fact, the way the LULAC delegate system works at the national level, it's to a city's benefit to have multiple councils, which will mean more representation, Wilkes said.

Creation of a second council does not tarnish the success of Corpus Christi's Council No. 1, he said.

"I think it's a natural evolution," he said. "Different councils focus on different things. There's nothing wrong with it and it's entirely healthy."



AP Photo

League of United Latin American Citizens' (LULAC) Council 2, President Victor Villareal Way speaks during a council meeting in the First American Title building in Corpus Christi on Dec. 2, 1999.

DEAR ABBY

List of warning signs in relationship gives 15 reasons to leave your lover

DEAR ABBY: Last month you printed a letter from "Hawkeye Gal in San Francisco." In it she talked about clipping a column of yours containing "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover." It listed the warning signs of an abusive mate. Please, Abby, run it again.



Van Buren

My college-age daughter is unable to recognize the signs of abuse in her relationship with a boyfriend she's been dating. For two years I have watched her give up her interests and her fun-loving, outgoing personality and accept being controlled by manipulation and jealousy. Help! — AT MY WIT'S END IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WIT'S END: I'm pleased to help. Yours is only one of a stack of more than 100 similar requests on my desk. This was adapted from "Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality," with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Fayetteville, Ark. 15 REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER, WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE PERSONALITY

Something's just not right in your relationship, and you can't put your finger on it. So here's some help. If your mate is displaying a combination of these behaviors, then you may have a potential batterer on your hands.

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the woman for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUSY: excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to, and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect woman and meet his every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: The boss, you — it's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of, "I am angry" or, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you." Less obvious is the claim: "You make me happy."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming that his feelings are hurt when he is really mad. He'll rant about the injustice of things that are just part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; says he finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes you, or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits hitting women in the past, but says they made him do it or the situation brought it on.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Makes statements like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it." If he has come this far, it is time to get help, or get out!

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Accuracy a concern in upcoming census

DALLAS (AP) — Minority rights groups are concerned this year's census tally will be a repeat of the one in 1990, when roughly 8 million people were missed and about 4 million were counted twice.

Those most likely to have been overlooked were minorities.

"What happened the last time can't happen again. We can't rely on the Census Bureau. We can't wait on them," said Margaret Leal-Sotello, director of census efforts for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a national census partner.

"I'm hopeful," she told The Dallas Morning News. "But I really do think that this may not work."

Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said the bureau can't promise more accuracy in the 2000 census, which begins this week with counting in remote areas and intensifies in mid-March with the mailing of questionnaires to households across America.

"The best estimate I could give you is that 2000 will be some sort of close approximation of 1990 with respect to the undercount," Prewitt said. "We would like for that not to be the case."

The 1990 census was the first in history judged to be less accurate than the preceding count.

One of Ms. Leal-Sotello's concerns is that households may not know to ask for foreign-language census forms. People can fill out questionnaires in any of five foreign languages — four more than in previous censuses — but they must request the forms.

A letter to be sent to nearly all households in America in March outlines this procedure — almost entirely in English.

Mark Neuman, one of Congress' appointees to the Census Monitoring Board and a former Census Bureau official, said the sending of this letter was "outrageous and unacceptable" because it could alienate non-English speakers and prevent them from getting the forms they need.

The Constitution requires a census every 10 years to divide the seats in the U.S. House among the states, but its impact is felt for a full decade far beyond Capitol Hill. Billions of dollars in federal and state aid are distributed based on census data for programs that support education, health, housing and transportation.

Texas lost an estimated $1 billion in federal money over the last decade because of people who were overlooked in the 1990 census, according to the General Accounting Office.

Some of the biggest obstacles to accuracy have worsened since the 1990 count, officials say. The country has more newcomers who are unfamiliar with English and the census. The population is more mobile, more diverse and more apathetic.

"The difficulty level in doing a census is going up all the time," said Jay Waite, the head of 2000 census operations. "It seems like some of these problems are almost intractable at the edges. ... There are some things that money can't fix."

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Everyone is invited to attend these meetings, which will be conducted in English and Spanish on the following dates at these locations:

Travis Elementary School at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18 for those whose children attend Travis, South or Washington Elementary Schools;

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Big 12 in spin mode over finish

■ Conference defends handling of controversial basket in Tech-A&M game.

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The officiating debacle at Texas Tech that triggered the suspension of a referee and drew laughter from all over the country has not given the Big 12 a black eye, commissioner Kevin Weiberg maintained Monday.

"We tried to get all the facts," said Weiberg, who suspended Charles Range from working any more Big 12 games for the rest of the season.

"You have these kind of problems, which come up from time to time," Weiberg said from his office in Dallas. "We tried to get all the facts. To me, there would be a bigger credibility problem if we equivocated or took no action."

Nevertheless, the bizarre end of Texas A&M's 88-86 victory, in which the winning bucket was allowed, then disallowed and then about 45 minutes later counted again, had a lot of people laughing.

Range first said the follow shot by A&M's Andy Leatherman had gone up before the final buzzer sounded. As Texas Tech coach James Dickey and athletic director Gerald Myers protested, A&M coach Melvin Watkins sent his players to the locker room.

A TV replay showed that time expired before Leatherman's shot. But Watkins refused to bring his players back out for an overtime, saying Range had confirmed to him that the basket was good. Watkins hurried his players onto a bus, and conducted his postgame news conference via cell phone from the bus as the team was taken to the airport.

Range confirmed that the two other officials differed with his call, but said the rules don't allow officials to look at a replay to determine if a call is correct. The purpose of the consultation was only to confirm that the clock was restarted with eight seconds to play, Range said.

Weiberg said Range was suspended on Sunday night because of the way he handled the end of the game and the communication among the coaches and the other two game officials. Weiberg conceded the other two game officials had not agreed with Range's call.

"We had a number of concerns about the conclusion of the game, irrespective of judgment calls or decisions. We had concerns about the intention of the communications which took place, and the procedure under which it took

Please see **BASKET**/2C



Texas Tech coach James Dickey diresta his team. Referee Charles Range was suspended for the rest of the season by the Big 12 Sunday after a controversial finish to Texas A&M's victory over Tech.
AP Photo

MIDLAND COLLEGE'S BIG NIGHT IN ODESSA

MC scores sweep of Wranglers

Lady Chaps come back from tough loss to crush OC

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

ODESSA — Considering what happened Thursday night, the Midland College women's basketball team would have probably beaten Odessa College Monday even if Julie Rampley hadn't hit nearly every shot she took.

But the combination of Rampley's 27 points on 10-of-13 shooting and the team's burning desire kindled by an upset loss at home against Howard College on Thursday was too much for Odessa College to handle.



Rampley

Way too much.

The Lady Chaparrals started the rout early and never let up on the way to a 98-56 win at the OC Sports Center. MC led 47-25 at halftime, then ensured that there would be no drama in the second half with an 18-2 run immediately after the break.

The Lady Chaps, who had a 19-game conference winning streak snapped Thursday, started another one Monday, improving to 14-5 overall and 2-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Lady Wranglers fell to 2-1 and 12-7.

Rampley attempted eight three-pointers and hit six of them, leading to a career-high 27 points for the sophomore from Hereford. She hit five treys in a row in the second half as the Lady Chaps scored at will.

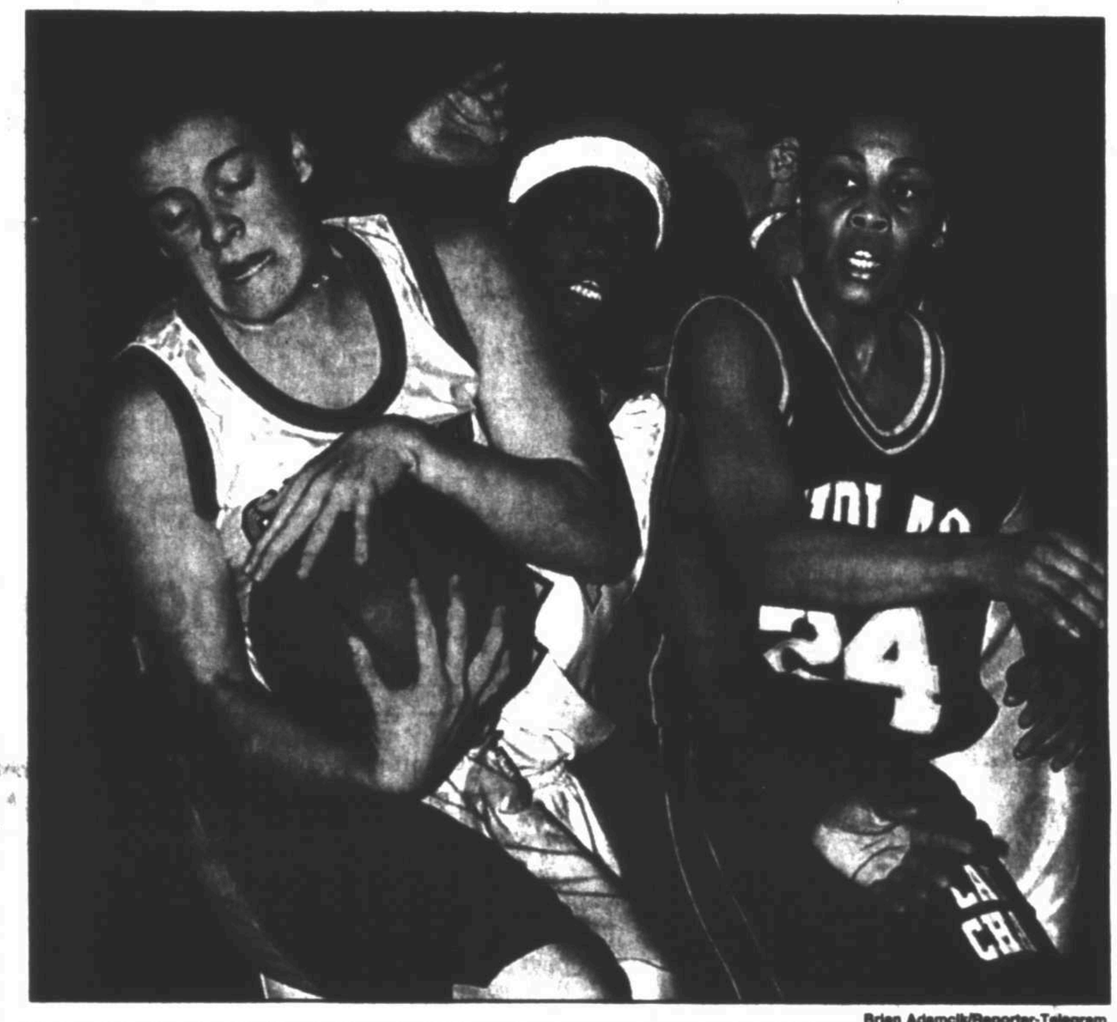
"I felt like everything was falling," Rampley said. "The point guards were setting us up well. They (the Lady Wranglers) were tightening up the inside and the outside opened up. The team did a good job of finding the openings. I was kind of wide open on those (shots)."

While Rampley was hitting a high percentage of long bombs, her Lady Chap teammates were also hitting their shots, although much of MC's 37-of-69 shooting came thanks to layups, which were set up by good defense. Shekinah Brazzle's 14 points led four other players who scored in double figures, with Nikki Maloney scoring 13, Chavovia Rhodes 11 and Loren Mostacilla 10.

"I think we needed that (a big win) after the upset," Rampley said. "I think this was the first step of improving every game and it shows what we're going to do the rest of the year."

While MC coach Ron Jones said that the big winning margin on Monday may have had something to do with Thursday's trauma, he said that the Lady Chaps need to have that kind of effort in every game,

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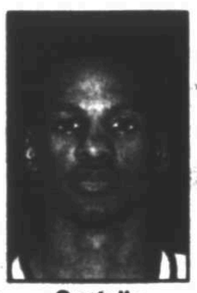
Midland College's Shekinah Brazzle (24) crashes up against a pair of Odessa College players Summer Sparnon (with ball) and LaTashia Taylor in Monday night's game. The Lady Chaps crushed the Lady Wranglers 98-56.

Chaps win thriller by five

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ODESSA — There's never been a dull moment when Midland College has faced Odessa College in men's basketball.

Monday night was certainly not a disappointment.



Costello

The game came down to the charity stripe where Eugene Costello and Adrian Martin sank four free throws in the final 10 seconds to give the Chaparrals a hard-fought 76-71 win over the Wranglers at the Odessa College Sports Center.

"This was a great college basketball game," said a drained Midland College coach Junsie Cotten. "It was a pleasure to coach and be a part of it."

The biggest lead in the game was nine held by MC to start the contest. There were also nine ties and 10 lead changes, equaling a another nail-biter in one of the greatest rivalries in junior college basketball.

The 4-13 overall record OC brought into the contest was certainly not indicative of the way the Wranglers played against the Chaparrals, which improved to 16-3 overall and 3-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

"We've got to give Odessa a lot of credit," Cotten said. "The mental mistakes we had were due to the matchup problems OC caused. But road wins are very valuable and it was a great road win for our program."

The matchup problems were due to the Wranglers not starting a player taller than 6-feet-6 inches. Against the MC guards, OC proved to be a perfect match as they stayed with the running Chaps.

"I don't think we underestimated them," said Chap Armon Tillman. "They just came out and played harder than we thought they would. We just had to adapt to the situation."

The Wranglers, which dropped to 4-14 overall and 0-3 in conference, stayed within striking distance throughout courtesy of MC turnovers. The Chaparrals turned the ball over 24 times to OC's 11.

"It was another nail biter but I'll take the win," said Costello, who once again led the Chaps with a game-high 22 points. "We know we still have a lot of work to do."

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Browning interviews at Temple

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

TEMPLE — Midland High football coach David Browning will be interviewed for the head football coaching vacancy at Temple High School today, according to the Temple Daily Telegram.



Browning

Temple is conducting a major state-wide search to replace Bob McQueen, who retired after the 1999 season after 28 years as the coach of the Wildcats.

Browning has made the short list of 10 coaches who have or will be interviewed by Temple school officials. According to the Temple newspaper, three of the 10 will be interviewed to today, including Browning.

The other two to be interviewed today are Grapevine's Mike Sneed and Ines Perez, the current athletic director at Victoria and former head coach at Round Rock.

The names of the coaches who have been have already been interviewed are Blake Bryant, Temple offensive coordinator; Don Davis, Temple defensive coordinator; Scott Phillips, Plano East and David Bell, Spring Westfield.

Other coaches to still to be interviewed include Bernie Bushen, Mesa, Ariz., Mountain View; Bob Brown, Denison and Bill Harper, Marshall.

Temple is expected to narrow the list of 10 finalists to three by the end of next week and are expected to make a decision on the new coach by Feb. 15.

Browning could not be reached for comment Monday night.

Browning has coached the Bulldogs for the past four seasons, compiling an overall 17-21 record at MHS. His 1999 Bulldogs posted a 7-3 mark, the best record since MHS was 9-1 under Doug McCutchen in 1988. Prior to that, you have to go back to the 1972 season under John Reddell to find another 7-3 team for the Bulldogs.

Browning has not made the state playoffs with MHS, but he was on the lip of the cup the past two seasons, playing for a state berth in the final game of both seasons.

MHS lost to eventual state champion Midland Lee, 35-28, in the final regular season game of this year. MHS was at Lee's 10-yard line late in the game, perched for the tying touchdown before an interception by Lee's T.J. Glover stopped the drive. Had MHS won that game, the Bulldogs would have made the state playoffs for the first time since 1951.

Browning was also an offensive line coach at Lee from 1978 to 1985 before leaving Midland to become the head coach and athletic director at Class 4A Willis. Since then Browning has been an assistant coach at the college level at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Appalachian State and Oklahoma State before returning to the high school ranks as head coach at Corpus Christi King in 1995.

Prior to coaching at Lee, Browning coached at Lubbock Coronado, Fort Worth Southwest and Texas Tech, where he also played his college football.

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Midland and Odessa are all even on court in District 4-5A

While walking through the land of District 4-5A basketball:

Midland vs. Odessa: There always seems to be some added interest when Midland teams meet Odessa teams in district play in any sport, but there have already been some interesting matchups between the two cities thus far. Midland has won three games against Odessa and Odessa has won three games against Midland.



Williamson

The Odessa High girls are 2-0 against Midland teams and host Lee's girls tonight. The MHS boys own one win against OHS, but had to come from 14 points back to pull out a road win. The MHS girls are 1-1, losing to OHS and beating Permian and play Permian again tonight. The Lee boys have lost their only meeting to Odessa, losing to Permian. The Lee boys travel to Odessa High tonight.

Double Digitless: Abilene Cooper beat the Lee boys, 45-44, last Friday at the Chap and may have performed a first since the days when there was a jump ball after every basket scored. Cooper got the win without having one player hit in double digits.

Hottest of the Hot: Midland High's Edrea Rogers, a junior who is averaging 18.4 points per game has had 31 and 24 points in her last two outings as the Lady Bulldogs have pulled into position to make a run at the state playoffs. Rogers had been playing with an injured shooting hand, but it looks like the injury is a thing of the past, considering her assault of the basket recently. The AHS game was her second 30-point game of the season.

Coming Through: Midland High's Randy Gardner, carrying a 9.5 scoring average, is beginning to put up some numbers recently. He had 17 points against Abilene High Friday and 16 in a loss to San Angelo Central on Tuesday. Both were road games. Gardner, a tight end in football, is being highly recruited in that sport.

Taking Over: Midland Lee's Chris Packer, who had 18 points against Abilene Cooper, entered District 4-5A play as the Rebels' second leading scorer, but he has taken over the team scoring lead from Wendell Smith. Packer is now averaging 15.2 points per game while Smith stands at 13.9.

Fresh Start: Midland Lee freshman Adrianne Ross is having little trouble breaking into the wars of District 4-5A. She hit 20 points in an overtime loss to Cooper Friday and she is averaging 17.7 points per game and has electric moves on the court.

Biggest Win: The Lady Dawgs' sound 62-52 win over Abilene High Friday has to be the biggest single victory of the season for any local team. That win came on the road and has placed MHS in position to make a playoff run.

Biggest Losses: This could be a flat-footed tie between the Permian and Lee boys. Permian owns an overtime loss to San Angelo Central and a three-point loss to Cooper. Lee got beat at the buzzer, 74-71, by Midland High and dropped that 45-44 decision to Cooper Friday. Turn those four games around and the league would have a much different look. Still, the leaders are winning the clutch games.

Hurting: Everyone is well aware of the numbers Chanie Sutherland has put up in her four years at OHS, but it may turn out that the injury to Lindsey Casey spells the difference in OHS' season. Casey missed Odessa High's last game and the Lady Bronchos fell to Abilene High. This was a team some thought might skate through 4-5A play uncontested. Now some are wondering if OHS can survive down the stretch. It's an important factor, too, since the OHS girls have never won a 4-5A district championship in any sport.

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LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland High

Opponent: Odessa Permian Panthers.
Where: At Chaparral Center.
When: Game time is 7:30 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 20-5 for the season and 4-1 in District 4-5A play while Permian is 10-14 and 2-2 in league play...
4-5A Significance: This is the last game of the first half for MHS and the Bulldogs can finish the half in no worse than a tie for first place with a win. For Permian, this could be the last chance to stay in the thick of the 4-5A chase. At 2-2, the Panthers are in fourth place, one game out of the playoff hunt. They can not afford another loss to a league leader.
Notes: MHS is coming off a 67-59 road win against Abilene High after falling to San Angelo Central, its first district loss in three years... Permian has suffered back-to-back losses to Central and Abilene Cooper after starting district play at 2-0... The Panthers lost in overtime to Central by two points and lost by three points to Cooper. They were tough losses since both of those teams are ahead of Permian in the standings... Against Central, Permian got 20 points from Greg Houpe, 14 from Herschel Williams and 10 from Roy Williams... Against Abilene High, MHS got 17 points from Randy Gardner, 12 from Blake Johnston, 11 each from Lacquente White and Ronnie Brewster and another 10 from Chris Oldham. The Bulldogs are tough to stop when the scoring is spread around like that.
Next: The Bulldogs draw the open date Friday before playing crosstown rival Midland Lee to open the second half of the 4-5A schedule Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Midland High Boys Statistics (20-5, 4-1)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Blake Johnston	25	187	141	580	23.2
Ronnie Brewster	25	130	96	370	14.8
Randy Gardner	25	79	81	238	9.5
Lucquente White	25	82	30	182	7.3
Chris Oldham	25	46	28	136	5.4
Kalyn Poor	22	24	8	68	3.1
Alfonso Franco	21	17	7	52	2.5
Tyler Shumskie	22	25	4	54	2.5
Aaron Saddler	1	1	0	2	2.0
Brian Pond	16	9	4	25	1.6
Jarvis Brown	16	9	5	25	1.6
Blake Huggins	23	13	9	35	1.5
Will Smith	14	3	13	19	1.4
Ryan Hightower	23	6	8	24	1.0
Roget King	16	5	2	14	0.9
Jason South	18	3	7	13	0.7
John Alcala	20	2	4	9	0.5
Ray Johnson	4	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	4	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Johnston 63, White 27, Oldham 15, Brewster 14, Poor 12, Franco 10, Pond 3, Hightower 4, Brown 2, King 2, Alcala 1.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Odessa High Bronchos.
Where: At the Odessa High gym.
When: Game time is 7:30 p.m.
Records: Midland Lee is 10-13 for the season and 1-3 in District 4-5A play while Odessa High is 14-9 and 1-3 in league play...
4-5A Significance: The two teams are tied for fifth place in the District 4-5A race, both at 1-3. That means that both desperately need to put together a winning streak and both feel like this is the place to start.
Notes and quotes: Lee is coming off a heartbreaking 45-44 loss to Abilene Cooper and also suffered a loss at the buzzer, 74-71, to Midland High. Lee could easily be 3-1 instead of 1-3, but the hole is still there. "There is nothing like a hole to have to dig yourself out of, but that's where we are," said Lee coach Jon House. OHS is coming off an open date, time spent preparing for Lee... Even though Lee scored only 44 points against Cooper on Friday, the Rebels got 18 points from Chris Packer and 12 points and 10 rebounds from 6-7 sophomore Eric Winston...
Next: Lee will end first half play against San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee Boys Statistics (10-13, 1-3)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Chris Packer	23	133	52	350	15.2
Wendell Smith	23	121	40	319	13.9
Cory Simmons	23	68	22	192	8.3
Kyle Shatzer	23	63	37	179	7.8
Eric Winston	11	35	15	85	7.7
Kevin Trout	23	47	31	126	5.6
Paul Logan	11	13	3	29	2.6
Cornell Hunt	22	16	10	46	2.1
T. J. Glover	6	6	0	12	2.0
Brooks Stevens	7	2	10	14	2.0
Justin Simpson	22	13	7	37	1.7
Ryan Vinson	13	6	6	19	1.5
David Salgado	14	5	0	10	0.7
Isaac Washington	3	0	0	0	0.0
Vance Butler	3	0	0	0	0.0
Blake Howard	1	0	0	0	0.0
J.J. Jackson	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Smith 37, Simmons 34, Packer 32, Shatzer 16, Hunt 5, Simpson 3, Trout 3, Vinson 1.

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: Odessa Permian Lady Panthers.
Where: At Chaparral Center.
When: Game time is 6 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 16-7 for the season and 4-2 in District 4-5A play while Permian is 2-19 and 1-5 in loop play.
4-5A Significance: The MHS girls have moved into playoff contention with two consecutive wins and are tied with Abilene High for third place, both at 4-2. MHS must keep pace. Permian, on the other hand, is 1-5 and probably out of the league hunt.
Notes: This is the worst possible time to catch Permian. The Lady Panthers have won only two games this season, but they are coming off a 68-55 win over San Angelo Central where Shawn'Tia Thomas had 14 points and Natasha Moses had 13... But MHS is hot. The Lady Bulldogs, on Friday, defeated Abilene High on the road to tie the Lady Eagles for third place. Junior Edrea Rogers lit up the scoreboard with 31 points while Laura Koch had 12 and Page Price 11. That was probably the biggest win of the year for the Lady Bulldogs, who are now playoff contenders.
Next: The Lady Bulldogs have an open date Friday, the last until the end of regular season play, then play crosstown rival Midland Lee Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Chap Center.

Midland High Girls Statistics (16-7, 4-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Edrea Rogers	23	172	58	423	18.4
Laura Koch	23	101	51	254	11.0
Jenny Jones	14	50	32	151	10.8
Rebecca Nobles	14	46	15	107	7.6
LaQuori Harris	23	41	53	139	6.0
Becky Valdez	14	19	21	59	4.2
Page Price	20	32	22	87	4.4
Terri Meldrum	11	13	11	40	3.6
Tracie Jones	19	23	15	61	3.2
Lauren Lucas	17	12	19	43	2.5
Catherine Wade	14	10	8	28	2.0
Amy Schantz	17	6	12	24	1.4
Jill Knottek	6	2	0	4	0.7

Three-point Goals: Rogers 21, Jones 19, Harris 4, Koch 1, Meldrum 1.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Odessa High Lady Bronchos.
Where: At the Odessa High gym.
When: Game time is 6 p.m.
Records: Midland Lee is 12-10 for the season and 2-4 in District 4-5A play while Odessa High is 18-5 and 5-1 in loop play.
4-5A Significance: Lee, at 2-4 and two games out of the playoff picture, needs wins in a hurry. And this game comes against league leading Odessa High, which is tied with Abilene Cooper at 5-1 for the District 4-5A lead.
Notes: Odessa High drew the open date last Friday and the Lady Bronchos needed it since they were upset by Abilene High in the previous game while playing without the talented Lindsey Casey... Casey has an ACL injury and it is not known if she will return tonight. OHS, which has not won a District 4-5A championship in any sport, needs Casey down the stretch... Lee is coming off 56-54 overtime loss to Abilene Cooper, a game that could end up hurting the Lady Rebels a great deal. Against Cooper, Lee got 20 points from freshman Adrianne Ross and 12 from Shamera Bryson. Danielle Dickey hit a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer to send the game with Cooper into overtime.
Next: The Lady Rebels host San Angelo Central for a 6 p.m. game on Friday at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee Girls Statistics (12-10, 2-4)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Adrianne Ross	22	146	69	390	17.7
Shamera Bryson	22	78	44	214	9.7
Rochelle Warren	21	80	28	189	9.0
Andrea Long	22	49	12	126	5.8
Danielle Dickey	22	42	33	122	5.5
Julie Jay	22	31	24	86	3.9
Shandi Neatherlin	21	22	23	67	3.2
Michele Kennerly	21	19	19	57	2.7
Michelle Byrd	19	14	0	32	1.7
Jade Jones	21	5	5	15	0.7
Kim Strambler	2	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Ross 26, Long 18, Dickey 5, Byrd 4, Bryson 4, Warren 1.

Lady Bearkats facing key District 4-A game

Staff Report

The Garden City girls basketball team brought a string of six straight district titles into this season. Tonight, Garden City faces perhaps the biggest threat to that string.

The Lady 'Kats travel to Mertzon to take on Irion County at 6:30 tonight in an early District 4-A showdown. Garden City is 2-0 so far in district play and 17-2 overall, while Irion County is 3-0 and 20-4.

It's the matchup that will decide the 4-A frontrunner. It might even decide the eventual district champion — unless the top teams aren't careful.

"The district is pretty strong from top to bottom," said first-year Garden City coach Mike Wallace. "Coaches say it all the time, but it could happen: somebody could step up and beat somebody."

Nevertheless, Wallace seems to have picked a good situation in which to start his head coaching career after 14 years as an assistant in Big Spring. Garden City has a strong program, having advanced at least as far the regional quarterfinals in each of the last three years. Last year's team finished 26-3 after losing in that round to Vega, the eventual state champions.

Only three players return from last year's team, but two are starters — post M'Lynn Niehues and guard Kyndra Batla (the other returnee is Jill Hoelscher). But those players and their teammates have done enough to go 17-2 with losses only to Grady and to Trent. the latter of which is still undefeated (17-0).

The boys game starts at 8 p.m. in Mertzon. Garden City's boys are 0-3 and 4-14, while Irion County is 2-1 and 18-3.

Burkett signs with Tampa Devil Rays

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — On the eve of what could be a record day in salary arbitration, nine more players settled Monday and free agent John Burkett agreed to a deal with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Seventy-eight players were set to exchange proposed salaries with their teams Tuesday and the focus was on a pair of New York Yankees: shortstop Derek Jeter and closer Mariano Rivera.

Jeter won $5 million in arbitration last winter and Rivera $4.25 million. It was possible Jeter could exceed the record amount requested, $9 million by teammate Bernie Williams in 1998.

New York countered Williams at $7.5 million that winter, the most offered by a team, and the sides settled at $8.25 million. After the season, when Williams was a free agent, the Yankees signed him to an $87.5 million, seven-year contract.

Most players and teams settle before hearings.

Settling Monday were San Diego right-handers Donne Wall ($2 million for two years) and Brian Boehringer ($830,000); Padres outfielder Ruben Rivera ($700,000); Toronto first baseman David Segui ($4,325,000); Blue Jays right-hander John Frascatore ($1.85 million for two years); San Francisco right-hander Felix Rodriguez ($1.4 million for two years); Chicago Cubs left-hander Felix Heredia ($625,000); Cincinnati left-hander Gabe White ($630,000); and Milwaukee outfielder Mark Sweeney ($515,000).

MEN: Chaps seal win at free throw line

(From 1C)

OC took its last lead in the game on a steal and a layup by Maurice Turner with 5:10 to go in the contest. Turner proved to be a much-needed spark for the Wranglers as he finished with a team-high 16 points.

Both teams would again switch leads until Quannas White scored a layup to give the Chaps a 72-70 advantage with less than two minutes to go.

Keyron Wilkerson had a chance to tie the game for the Wranglers at the free-throw line but only hit one of two free tosses with 1:30 remaining. Free throw shooting proved be a thorn on the side of the Wranglers as they made only 5 of 13 at the line. It's the little things, like not converting at the free-throw line, that have become huge in the Wranglers' struggling season.

"If we had shot better at the free-throw line and not given up so many rebounds, who knows? Maybe we win by 10-15 points," said OC coach Orlando Ontiveroz.

For the final minute, the game still remained very much in the air as neither team could hold onto the ball or hit a big shot. That was until Costello was fouled by Taron Barker with 10 seconds on the clock.

"I wanted the ball in my hands at the end of the game," said Costello. "If we lost, I would take the blame. But if we won, it would be a team win."

Costello came through with two big shots at the line for a 74-71 advantage. But there was still time remaining for the Wranglers to tie the game.

The ball was placed in Wilkerson's hands. Wilkerson put up a 3-pointer but hit the back of the rim and into the hands of Martin, who was quickly fouled by Barker.

The freshman from Mexico City, who hadn't scored a point all night, hit the game-clinching free throws to give MC the all-exhausting victory.

"We didn't do a good job of shooting free throws against Howard (a 66-63 win last Thursday)," Cotten said. "I thought it was great for our team for Eugene and Adrian to both hit two big free throws to win this game."

For OC, the headaches continue but Ontiveroz may have seen a good sign with the hard play of his Wranglers.

"Hopefully, our guys understand that if you don't play hard every night, it's obvious you're going to get beat," Ontiveroz said. "We have to have that same type of effort every night. If we do that, I think we have a shot at going to Lubbock (the site of the Region V playoff tournament). If not, this long season will continue."

To go with Costello's 22, Teohn Conner added 14 and Tillman chipped in with 13 for the Chaps.

Costello and Conner have been through these battles with OC before. For Tillman, it was a whole new situation, but one he relished.

"I liked the crowd atmosphere," he said. "I think the loudness just makes you play harder."

Playing back-to-back emotional games against Howard and Odessa must be draining for the Chaps. Cotten said that's just part of playing in the WJCAC.

"I think it can only help our team come February and March," Cotten said.

Costello added, "These games aren't that tough when you're on the winning side."

Midland College 78, Odessa College 71
Midland College (16-3, 3-0): Alvin Brooks 3-5 0-0 7, Eugene Costello 6-8 7-9 22, Armon Whitaker 0-0 1-2 1, Teohn Conner 4-7 2-2 14, Armon Tillman 5-7 3-4 13, Ricky Duff 3-7 3-4 9, Quannas White 2-4 0-0 5, Adrian Martin 0-2 2-2 2, Jason Williams 0-1 1-2 1, Jerome Beasley 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 34-65 19-25.**
Odessa College (4-14, 0-3): Kendrick Barnes 1-1 0-2 2, Cornelius Wright 1-2 0-1 2, Jimmy Bryant 5-7 1-1 11, Taron Baker 4-10 2-4 13, Felix Rivera 1-2 0-0 2, Ellis Sherrod 4-7 0-0 8, Willie Puckett 6-14 2-4 14, Maurice Turner 8-9 0-0 16, Cody Avery 0-0 0-0 0, John Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Keyron Wilkerson1-6 1-2 3. **Totals 31-68 5-13 71.**
Halftime: MC 43, OC 39. 3-point goals: MC 9 (Conner 4, Costello 3, Brooks 1, White 1), OC 4 (Barker 3, Bryant 1). Total Fouls: MC 14, OC 21. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: MC MC 24, OC 11. Rebounds: MC 35 (Duff 5, Martin 5), OC 23 (Puckett 6).

WJCAC STANDINGS



WOMEN	Conf. W	Conf. L	Season W	Season L
Howard College	3	0	15	4
Midland College	2	1	14	6
Odessa College	2	1	12	7
New Mexico JC	2	1	7	9
South Plains	1	2	9	9
Clarendon	1	2	7	8
Frank Phillips	1	2	7	9
Western Texas	0	5	2	17

Monday's Results
Midland College 66, Odessa College 56; Howard College 66, Frank Phillips College 45; New Mexico Junior College 80, South Plains College 68; Clarendon 63, Western Texas 60.
Thursday's Schedule
Clarendon at Midland College; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico Junior College at Howard College; South Plains at Western Texas.

MEN	Conf. W	Conf. L	Season W	Season L
Midland College	3	0	16	3
South Plains	3	0	9	9
Howard College	2	1	10	8
New Mex. Military	1	2	10	7
Clarendon	1	2	9	7
Frank Phillips	1	2	5	10
New Mexico JC	0	3	6	12
Odessa College	0	3	4	14

Monday's Results
Midland College 78, Odessa College 71; Howard College 84, Frank Phillips College 80, OT; South Plains College 91, New Mexico Junior College 80; New Mexico Military Institute 91, Clarendon 72.
Thursday's Schedule
Clarendon at Midland College; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico Junior College at Howard College; South Plains at New Mexico Military Institute.

Pack naming new coach today

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Mike Sherman, the Seattle Seahawks' offensive coordinator and a former Green Bay assistant, will be hired as the new coach of the Packers, a team source told The Associated Press on Monday.

Sherman likely will be introduced at a 9 a.m. news conference on Tuesday, the source told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A longtime college assistant coach with just three years of NFL experience, Sherman suddenly emerged as general manager Ron Wolf's choice when the GM's early favorites — former Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer and Rams offensive coordinator Mike Martz — took themselves out of the running.

The Post-Crescent of Appleton and ESPN first reported Sherman's hiring.

Sherman and his agent were on their way to Green Bay on Monday night, the source said. Wolf was returning to Green Bay from Mobile, Ala., where he was scouting at the Senior Bowl.

Wolf fired Ray Rhodes and his staff on Jan. 3 after the Packers completed an 8-8 season, Rhodes' first in Green Bay. The GM cited a team-wide lack of discipline and focus, and he vowed his new coach would create a "well-disciplined, tough and hard-nosed football team."

Sherman, who has no head coaching experience, spent two years as Mike Holmgren's tight ends coach in Green Bay before moving to Seattle with Holmgren last January, where he doubled as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach.

Sherman apparently made a strong impression when Wolf interviewed him in Green Bay on Saturday. Wolf said the search for Rhodes' replacement would be "a lengthy process," yet he settled on Sherman just two weeks after firing Rhodes.

Wolf and team president Bob Harlan, who was traveling, did not return phone calls Monday night.

Like Holmgren in 1992, Sherman comes to the Packers with no head coaching experience, but a background in the disciplined, hard-nosed style of football favored by Wolf. Wolf apparently chose a coach who would keep the West Coast offense that brought the Packers their recent success.

WOMEN: MC romps over OC by 42

(From 1C)

not just ones following painful losses.

"We should be able to depend every night on our intensity, our defense and our rebounding," Jones said. "Every night, we've got to go out and prove ourselves as a basketball team.

"Maybe it (the loss) was a wakeup call," he said. "We won't know until later."

LADY CHAP NOTES: Midland High product Heidi Lange did not suit up for the Lady Chaps Monday after spraining her knee in practice. Jones said he didn't think the injury was serious, though... Rampley's 6-of-8 three-pointer performance is a school record at 75 percent. Pam Hicks hit 4-of-6 (66.7 percent) in 1996... Rampley had scored 26 points in a 110-65 win over Rose State on Nov. 18... Rampley was one point away from the highest point total by a Lady Chap this year. Fatime Ndiaye scored 28 against Vincennes (Ind.) in a 75-57 win on New Year's Day...

Midland College 98, Odessa College 56
Odessa College (2-0, 12-6): Summer Spamon 3-13 1-2 7, Teffany Sample 3-7 1-1 7, Latashia Taylor 1-4 0-0 2, Kim Cole 4-5 3-6 12, Breanna Evans 4-16 6-8 15, Tiffany Taylor 2-5 0-0 4, Natasha Aldridge 1-3 0-0 3, Shanetra Hodge 1-5 0-0 2, Tiffany Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Shaletra Hodge 1-5 0-0 2. **Totals 21-66 11-16 56.**
Midland College (2-1, 14-6): Tynesha Gregory 2-2 0-0 5, Loren Mostacilla 5-5 0-3 10, Jennifer Roemisch 1-2 0-0 3, Mishka Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Shekinah Brazzle 4-5 5-6 14, Kanedria Wilson 3-9 0-0 7, Nikki Maloney 5-12 2-2 13, Julie Rampley 10-13 1-2 27, Mia Battle 2-6 0-0 4, Fatime Ndiaye 2-4 0-0 4, Chanovia Rhodes 3-10 5-8 11. **Totals 37-69 13-21 98.**
Halftime: MC 47, OC 25. Three-point goals: MC 11-19 (Rampley 6-8, Gregory 1-1, Roemisch 1-1, Brazzle 1-1, Wilson 1-4, Maloney 1-4), OC 3-17 (Cole 1-1, Aldridge 1-2, Evans 1-4, L.Taylor 0-1, T.Taylor 0-1, Shanetra Hodge 0-1, Shaletra Hodge 0-1, Sample 0-2, Spamon 0-4). Rebounds: MC 48 (Rhodes 9), OC 38 (Shaletra Hodge 5). Total fouls: MC 19, OC 13. Fouled out: Mostacilla. Technical fouls: None.

BASKET: Dickey denies any anger

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place with the respective head coaches," Weiberg said.

He indicated that Range would be allowed to officiate at Big 12 games in the future.

The Big 12 requires that both coaches be present when officials are discussing a controversial call. Watkins said he left the court based upon Range's confirmation that the basket was good.

In the weekly teleconference with league coaches on Monday, Dickey took issue with remarks that characterized his school's report of the incident as angry.

"That could not be further from the truth. What we did was follow channels. All we did was give information," he said.

He also took pains to praise the A&M players.

"They came in, did what they had to do, and I don't want that to be lost in this situation," he said.

Asked if Watkins should have brought his team back onto the court for the overtime, Dickey said:

"You have to ask him that. I have enough trouble coaching my own team."

Weiberg said he had no problem with Watkins. Watkins said during the teleconference call that he was unaware Range had been suspended.

He said he decided to put his team on the bus "when they told me the game was over and the basket was good."

Watkins added: "At that point, I didn't need to debate anything or wait around for anything."

LOCAL SPORTS

Local gymnasts score in meet

Members of the Midland Gymnastics Center competed in the 2000 TEGA Winter Classic meet over the weekend.

The boys Class 5, Age 11-up team won the team title with 131.20 points. Results are as follows:

Girls

Level 5, Age 10: Rachel Brady: 4. vault, 7.45; 6. bars, 6.75; 5. beam, 6.55; 4. floor exercise, 7.75; 5. all-around, 29.05. Ashtan Ziemke: 3. vault, 7.5; 3. bars, 7.6; 4. beam, 6.55; 6. floor, 7.4; 4. all-around, 29.05.
Level 6, Age 10: Tori Morgan: 1. beam, 7.75; 7. all-around, 7. 30.74.
Level 8, Age 10: Nikki Manning: 3. vault, 7.85; 4. bars, 6.25; 4. beam, 7.15; 4. floor, 6.25; 4. all-around, 29.50.

Boys

Class 6, Age 10: Bryce Cashell: 1. floor, 8.4; 3. PH, 7.0; 1. rings, 8.7; 7. vault, 9.3; 1. HB, 8.4; 1. PB, 8.7; 1. all-around, 50.50.
Class 6, Age 11-Up: Lee Rivera: 1. floor, 8.4; 1. PH, 7.3; 2. rings, 7.2; 4. vault, 9.3; 3. PB, 8.0; 3. HB, 8.5; 2. all-around, 46.70. Eli Hinez: 2. floor, 8.0; 3. PH, 6.5; 3. rings, 6.3; 6. vault, 8.8; 4. PB, 7.5; 2. HB, 7.1; 3. all-around, 44.20. Casey Delmasso: 4. floor, 7.7; 4. PH, 5.3; 4. rings, 6.5; 1. vault, 9.6; 2. PB, 8.1; 4. HB, 5.1; 4. all-around, 41.30. Team also won first place with 131.20.
Class 4, Ages All: Eric Martinez: 2. floor, 7.8; 8. PH, 4.7; 9. rings, 5.2; 2. vault, 8.45; 3. PB, 6.2; 3. HB, 6.4; 5. all-around, 38.75.

Results from mixed doubles

Here are the results from the Armstrong Mixed Doubles 2000 tennis tournament at the Midland College Tennis Center over the weekend.

Mixed Doubles

Quarterfinals: Fort-Raindl def. Navarrete-Shorties, 6-3, 6-1; Levens-Stephen def. Woody-Woody, 6-4, 6-0; Amiet-Maxey def. Pollard-Wright, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Davis-Fowler def. Mehl-Mehl, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Semifinals: Fort Raindl def. Levens-Stephen, 7-6 (5), 6-3; Davis Fowler def. Amiet-Maxey, 6-1, 6-3.
Finals: Davis-Fowler def. Fort-Raindl, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Consolation Finals: Pollard-Wright def. Woody-Woody, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Basketball

Seventh Grade Boys
Midland Christian 53, Wink 19. For MC: Jonathan Beal, 10 points; Joe Bob Ratliff, 10 points; Bud House, 10 points.
Eighth Grade Boys
Midland Christian 33, Wink 32. MC: Craig Sparkman, 11 points. W: Gil Shackleford 19. Blake Morphew hit the winning free throw. MC is now 7-3.
Eighth Grade Boys Coahoma Tournament
First Round: Greenwood 72, Stanton 16. GW: Brian Zachry, 12 points; Ky Smith, 17 points; Trey Robinson, 10 rebounds.
Championship Game: Greenwood 46, Forsan 12. GW: Brian Zachry, 12 points; Kris Hatley, 10 points.
Big Spring 32, Greenwood B 30. GW: Dustin Traylor, 15 points.
Greenwood A 43, Big Spring 30. GW: Ky Smith, 14 points, 13 rebounds.
Eighth Grade Girls
Midland Christian 46, Wink 38. MC: Kandyl Washburn, 12 points; Melissa Donnell, 11 points. MC is now 10-6.
Seventh Grade Girls
Midland Christian 55, Wink 31. MC: J.B. Sosa, 16 points; Jacci Vallee, 12 points. MC is now 12-4.
Freshman Girls
Lee Freshman White 61, Bonham 54. LF: Landry Hollfield, 18 points, 13 rebounds; Ashley Hightower, 16 points; Adrienne Monroe, 16 points, 12 steals. White finished last quarter with only four players.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	12	.667	—
New York	23	14	.622	1 1/2
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	3
Boston	17	20	.459	7 1/2
Orlando	16	23	.410	9 1/2
New Jersey	15	22	.405	9 1/2
Washington	12	27	.308	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	25	12	.676	—
Detroit	21	16	.568	4
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	4
Charlotte	19	17	.528	5 1/2
Toronto	20	18	.526	5 1/2
Cleveland	16	21	.432	9
Atlanta	13	23	.361	11 1/2
Chicago	5	29	.147	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	11	.686	—
San Antonio	24	14	.632	1 1/2
Minnesota	19	16	.543	5
Denver	17	19	.472	7 1/2
Houston	13	24	.351	12
Dallas	12	25	.324	13
Vancouver	10	27	.270	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	7	.821	—
Portland	28	9	.757	3
Seattle	25	13	.658	6 1/2
Sacramento	23	12	.657	7
Phoenix	21	15	.583	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	26	.278	20 1/2
Golden State	7	30	.189	24

Monday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Boston 105, Washington 101
Milwaukee 107, Atlanta 101
Philadelphia 101, New Jersey 96
Seattle 82, L.A. Lakers 81
Golden State 113, Orlando 100
New York 105, Detroit 94
Charlotte 115, Toronto 94
Minnesota 101, Indiana 100
Houston 121, Dallas 111
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers (n)

Tuesday's Games

Chicago vs. Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m

Rockets 121, Mavericks 111

HOUSTON (121): W.Williams 7-10 1-1 17, Bullard 4-6 2-2 12, Miller 2-3 0-0 4, Francis 8-15 14 15 31, Anderson 3-8 3-5 10, Thomas 6-12 8-10 20, Gray 1-2 0-1 2, Olajuwon 0-4 0-0 0, Mobley 7-13 3-5 17, Drew 3-8 0-0 8. Totals 41-82 31-39 121.

DALLAS (111): Ceballos 11-21 17-20 39, Nowitzki 3-13 4-4 10, Bradley 2-5 0-0 4, Finley 14-22 1-1 31, Strickland 3-13 0-0 6, H.Davis 1-5 2-2 4, Buckner 2-6 1-1 5, Rooks 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 4-8 0-0 10. Totals 41-94 25-26 111.

Houston	**35**	**25**	**30**	**31—121**
Dallas	**22**	**20**	**40**	**29—111**

3-Point Goals—Houston 8-25 (Bullard 2-3, W.Williams 2-4, Drew 2-6, Anderson 1-4, Francis 1-5, Mobley 0-3), Dallas 4-19 (Finley 2-3, Jones 2-5, Bradley 0-1, H.Davis 0-2, Ceballos 0-2, Strickland 0-3, Nowitzki 0-3). Fouled out—Bradley, Ceballos. Rebounds—Houston 56 (Thomas 12), Dallas 49 (Ceballos 9). Assists—Houston 26 (Francis 11), Dallas 18 (Strickland 7). Total fouls—Houston 27, Dallas 29. Technicals—Bradley. A—15,080 (18,187).

Warriors 113, Magic 100

ORLANDO (100): Wallace 1-1 0-0 2, Outlaw 6-9 0-0 12, Amaechi 3-6 1-2 7, Abdul-Wahad 6-15 7-8 19, Armstrong 6-21 3-3 18, Doleac 4-6 0-0 8, Gatling 4-7 2-3 10, Atkins 4-8 0-0 9, Parker 1-4 2-2 4, Maggette 1-4 0-0 2, Garrity 2-4 1-2 6, Strong 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 39-86 16-20 100.

GOLDEN STATE (113): Caffey 3-8 1-3 7, Jamison 14-22 4-6 32, Marshall 9-16 2-3 20, Mack 1-3 0-0 2, Blaylock 8-16 0-0 20, Farmer 3-8 2-5 8, Jacobson 4-9 1-2 9, V.Cummings 4-9 4-4 12, Young 0-0 1-2 1, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 47-92 15-25 113.

Orlando	**30**	**21**	**25**	**24—100**
Golden St.	**26**	**26**	**23**	**38—113**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 6-13 (Armstrong 3-4, Strong 1-1, Garrity 1-2, Atkins 1-4, Gatling 0-1, Parker 0-1), Golden State 4-13 (Blaylock 4-8, Jacobson 0-1, V.Cummings 0-1, Mack 0-1, Marshall 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 51 (Wallace 7), Golden State 55 (Marshall 13). Assists—Orlando 19 (Armstrong 6), Golden State 30 (Blaylock 8). Total fouls—Orlando 21, Golden State 20. Technicals—Farmer. A—8,893 (19,596).

Knicks 105, Pistons 94

DETROIT (94): Hill 5-21 5-6 16, Laettner 10-16 3-4 23, Mills 4-10 0-0 11, Hunter 0-4 1-2 1, Stackhouse 5-14 9-11 19, Williams 3-5 1-4 7, Vaught 1-2 0-0 2, Crotty 4-5 0-0 9, Curry 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 35-81 19-27 94.

NEW YORK (105): L.Johnson 6-11 1-2 14, Sprewell 8-15 5-9 23, Ewing 6-16 2-3 14, Houston 5-16 2-2 13, Ward 4-8 0-0 9, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Camby 10-14 2-2 22, Childs 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 44-90 12-18 105.

Detroit	**24**	**19**	**25**	**26—94**
New York	**19**	**32**	**28**	**26—105**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 5-16 (Mills 3-7, Crotty 1-1, Hill 1-3, Laettner 0-1, Hunter 0-2, Stackhouse 0-2), New York 5-14 (Sprewell 2-4, L.Johnson 1-2, Ward 1-3, Houston 1-4, Childs 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 48 (Williams 12), New York 58 (Camby 15). Assists—Detroit 22 (Stackhouse 9), New York 24 (Houston 6). Total fouls—Detroit 19, New York 24. A—19,763 (19,763).

SuperSonics 82, Lakers 81

SEATTLE (82): Patterson 6-11 3-3 15, Baker 1-8 1-4 3, Grant 2-7 0-0 4, Payton 14-27 3-5 36, B.Barry 5-8 4-4 17, Lewis 2-4 3-4 7, Foster 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Person 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 30-74 14-20 82.

L.A. LAKERS (81): Rice 4-13 3-4 13, Green 1-4 0-0 2, O'Neal 13-21 4-10 30, Bryant 6-18 3-4 15, Harper 4-10 0-0 9, Fox 1-4 0-0 2, Fisher 4-8 2-2 10, Horry 0-5 0-0 0, George 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-83 12-20 81.

Seattle	**28**	**18**	**20**	**16— 82**
L.A. Lakers	**25**	**20**	**17**	**19— 81**

3-Point Goals—Seattle 8-26 (Payton 5-10, B.Barry 3-6, Foster 0-1, Lewis 0-2, Davis 0-2, Person 0-5), L.A. Lakers 3-21 (Rice 2-6, Harper 1-5, Green 0-1, Fisher 0-2, Fox 0-2, Bryant 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 52 (Baker 13), L.A. Lakers 56 (Bryant 14). Assists—Seattle 15 (Payton 7), L.A. Lakers 19 (O'Neal, Harper 6). Total fouls—Seattle 20, L.A. Lakers 18. Technicals—Baker, Fox. A—18,997 (18,997).

Bucks 107, Hawks 101

MILWAUKEE (107): Robinson 5-16 2-2 15, S.Williams 3-11 6-7 12, E.Johnson 3-4 0-2 6, Cassell 11-19 6-6 31, R.Allen 10-19 1-1 23, Thomas 4-9 2-2 11, Del Negro 2-6 0-0 5, Manning 2-5 0-0 4, Traylor 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-89 17-20 107.

ATLANTA (101): Jackson 6-14 3-3 17, Henderson 7-14 6-6 20, Mutombo 1-3 3-4 5, A.Johnson 2-8 0-0 4, Rider 7-18 1-2 15, Wright 6-9 2-2 14, L.Ellis 6-9 1-1 13, Terry 5-7 3-5 13, Crawford 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 19-23 101.

Milwaukee	**31**	**21**	**29**	**26—107**
Atlanta	**24**	**30**	**19**	**28—101**

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 10-14 (Cassell 3-4, Robinson 3-5, R.Allen 2-3, Del Negro 1-1, Thomas 1-1), Atlanta 2-12 (Jackson 2-6, Henderson 0-1, A.Johnson 0-1, Rider 0-4). Fouled out—S.Williams. Rebounds—Milwaukee 49 (S.Williams 14), Atlanta 50 (L.Ellis 13). Assists—Milwaukee 18 (Cassell 11), Atlanta 23 (Terry 8). Total fouls—Milwaukee 22, Atlanta 23. Technical—Atlanta delay of game. A—19,445 (19,445).

76ers 101, Nets 96

NEW JERSEY (96): Gill 3-11 1-2 8, Van Horn 7-14 5-6 20, Cage 0-0 0-0 0, Kittles 6-16 0-0 13, Marbury 11-23 8-12 31, Feick 0-3 1-2 1, Burrell 2-4 0-0 5, McIlvaine 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 5-9 2-2 12, Perry 0-0 0-0 0, Newman 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 36-83 17-24 96.

PHILADELPHIA (101): Lynch 3-6 0-2 6, Hill 3-9 1-2 7, Ratliff 3-7 7-9 13, Iverson 11-28 10-11 34, Snow 3-9 0-0 6, Geiger 2-5 7-7 11, McKie 4-9 4-4 14, Hughes 4-9 2-2 10, Owens 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-83 31-37 101.

New Jersey	**29**	**19**	**28**	**20— 96**
Philadelphia	**31**	**26**	**25**	**19—101**

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 7-25 (Newman 2-2, Gill 1-2, Burrell 1-2, Marbury 1-4, Kittles 1-6, Van Horn 1-6, Harris 0-3), Philadelphia 4-9 (McKie 2-3, Iverson 2-4, Snow 0-1, Lynch 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 48 (Van Horn 14), Philadelphia 62 (Lynch 11). Assists—New Jersey 21 (Marbury 9), Philadelphia 17 (Iverson 5). Total fouls—New Jersey 27, Philadelphia 22. Technical—Newman. A—20,062 (20,444).

Celtics 105, Wizards 101

BOSTON (105): Walker 12-29 7-8 31, Pierce 12-16 10-10 34, Potapenko 4-8 5-6 13, Anderson 2-8 1-2 6, McCarty 1-5 4-4 7, Battie 1-3 0-0 2, Cheaney 0-2 0-0 0, Overton 1-1 0-0 2, E.Williams 1-4 2-2 4, Fortson 1-1 2-2 4, Barros 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 36-80 31-34 105.

WASHINGTON (101): Howard 12-17 7-9 31, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, White 3-7 0-1 6, Hamilton 3-10 3-4 9, Strickland 9-16 6-7 24, Austin 3-5 1-2 7, A.Williams 2-5 6-6 10, Murray 2-5 5-5 10, Whitney 0-1 2-2 2, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 30-36 101.

Boston	**23**	**24**	**31**	**27—105**
Washington	**28**	**23**	**23**	**27—101**

3-Point Goals—Boston 2-7 (Anderson 1-1, McCarty 1-3, Pierce 0-1, Walker 0-2), Washington 1-4 (Murray 1-1, Strickland 0-1, Hamilton 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 44 (Walker 11), Washington 43 (Smith 9). Assists—Boston 24 (Anderson 7), Washington 19 (Strickland 6). Total fouls—Boston 27, Washington 31. Technicals—Boston illegal defense, Walker. A—14,441 (20,674).

Hornets 115, Raptors 94

TORONTO (94): V.Carter 11-22 2-2 24, A.Davis 4-11 5-5 13, Stewart 1-2 2-4 4, Christie 5-13 3-4 14, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Willis 5-15 1-2 11, Bogues 3-7 0-0 6, McGrady 4-7 1-2 9, Jo.Thomas 5-6 1-5 11, Lang 0-3 0-0 0, Marks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-90 15-24 94.

CHARLOTTE (115): Mason 3-8 8-10 14, Coleman 8-16 6-9 24, Campbell 8-11 7-11 23, Wesley 3-7 2-2 9, Jones 7-13 10-14 25, B.Miller 1-4 4-4 6, Robinson 2-2 1-2 5, B.Davis 1-3 3-3 5, R.Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Hawkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-68 41-55 115.

Toronto	**30**	**20**	**20**	**24— 94**
Charlotte	**28**	**20**	**40**	**27—115**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 1-6 (Christie 1-2, Williams 0-1, V.Carter 0-3), Charlotte 4-9 (Coleman 2-4, Wesley 1-2, Jones 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 50 (Stewart 8), Charlotte 57 (Coleman 11). Assists—Toronto 20 (V.Carter 6), Charlotte 27 (Wesley 9). Total fouls—Toronto 36, Charlotte 22. Technicals—Mason, Charlotte coach Silas. A—20,278 (23,799).

Timberwolves 101, Pacers 100

INDIANA (100): Rose 7-14 2-2 16, Davis 3-8 2-2 8, Smits 9-14 2-2 20, R.Miller 5-13 5-5 17, M.Jackson 3-4 6-6 13, Perkins 2-4 0-0 4, Croshere 2-8 8-10 13, Mullin 2-7 0-0 5, Best 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 35-79 25-27 100.

MINNESOTA (101): Mitchell 1-3 0-0 2, Garnett 16-26 5-6 37, Nesterovic 1-2 1-2 3, Sealy 7-16 1-1 16, Avery 2-12 0-0 4, J.Smith 6-9 4-6 16, Szczerbiak 2-4 1-1 5, Peeler 4-9 0-0 8, B.Jackson 4-12 2-2 10. Totals 43-93 14-18 101.

Indiana	**28**	**20**	**29**	**23—100**
Minnesota	**29**	**16**	**22**	**34—101**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-14 (R.Miller 2-5, M.Jackson 1-1, Croshere 1-3, Mullin 1-4, Rose 0-1), Minnesota 1-6 (Sealy 1-1, Garnett 0-1, B.Jackson 0-1, Peeler 0-1, Avery 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 48 (Croshere 13), Minnesota 52 (Garnett 13). Assists—Indiana 24 (M.Jackson 11), Minnesota 33 (Garnett 7). Total fouls—Indiana 19, Minnesota 24. Technicals—Davis. A—16,731 (19,006).

NBA Leaders

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Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Iverson	27	291	208	840	31.1
Hill	36	363	271	1017	28.3
O'Neal	37	422	179	1023	27.6
Malone	35	326	256	909	26.0
Duncan	38	344	256	945	24.9
Webber	33	333	140	820	24.8
Carter	37	348	188	906	24.5
Payton	37	319	141	877	23.7
Rider	32	285	141	752	23.5
Mourning	36	327	174	828	23.0
Robinson	37	337	130	847	22.9
Finley	36	329	130	823	22.9
Stackhouse	36	254	282	818	22.7
Allen	38	297	183	855	22.5
Garnett	34	311	113	755	22.2
Marbury	36	267	206	775	21.5
A-Rahim	37	262	239	774	20.9
Houston	36	281	142	752	20.9
Walker	36	272	138	719	20.0
Robinson	34	243	116	661	19.4

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Mutombo, Atl	144	246	.585
O'Neal, LAL	422	743	.568
Mourning, Mia	327	605	.540
Patterson, Sea	161	299	.538
Davis, Ind	172	331	.520
Sealy, Minn	168	326	.515
Webber, Sac	333	649	.513
Wallace, Port	233	457	.510
Malone, Utah	326	640	.509
McDyess, Den	245	484	.506

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
O'Neal	37	164	378	540	14.6
Mutombo	35	139	355	494	14.1
Duncan	38	149	362	511	13.4
Garnett	34	107	307	414	12.2
Feick	35	151	263	414	11.8
Webber	33	86	278	364	11.0
Williams	36	136	242	378	10.5
Davis	36	139	222	361	10.0
Mourning	36	90	269	359	10.0
A-Rahim	37	98	268	366	9.9

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Kidd, Phoe	36	358	9.9
Cassell, Mil	37	353	9.5
Payton, Sea	37	333	9.0
Brandon, Minn	34	305	9.0
Van Exel, Den	35	304	8.7
Stockton, Utah	35	294	8.4
Marbury, N.J	36	297	8.3
Williams, Sac	34	273	8.0
Jackson, Ind	36	286	7.9
Knight, Clev	36	273	7.6

NHL Standings, Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	13	5	3	64	146	114
Philadelphia	25	14	6	1	57	136	104
Pittsburgh	18	22	3	5	44	137	129
N.Y. Rangers	16	20	7	3	42	114	122
N.Y. Islanders	10	28	6	1	27	96	146

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	26	16	4	3	59	135	113
Ottawa	24	15	6	2	56	125	111
Boston	14	19	13	2	43	116	129
Buffalo	17	21	6	1	41	114	122
Montreal	14	24	6	1	35	96	114

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	27	14	3	3	60	143	105
Washington	19	17	7	1	46	114	113
Carolina	17	20	8	0	42	113	125
Tampa Bay	11	26	6	4	32	120	158
Atlanta	11	28	5	3	30	99	160

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	27	12	6	0	60	137	96
Detroit	27	13	5	1	60	158	115
Nashville	16	24	5	3	40	119	135
Chicago	15	24	6	2	38	128	140

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	17	5	1	54	132	116
Calgary	20	19	5	1	46	102	121
Edmonton	14	19	12	5	46	115	121
Vancouver	14	21	8	4	40	110	128

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	24	16	5	0	53	136	120
Dallas	23	17	5	2	53	107	101
San Jose	21	21	5	3	50	129	120
Los Angeles	18	18	7	3	46	130	125
Anaheim	19	21	5	1	44	109	115

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Monday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Washington 6, Tampa Bay 3
Atlanta 3, Boston 3, tie
Florida 3, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 2, Phoenix 0
New Jersey 5, Carolina 2
Chicago 5, San Jose 4, OT
Toronto at Vancouver, (n)
Buffalo at Anaheim, (n)

Tuesday's Games

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Panthers 3, Flyers 1

Philadelphia	**0**	**1**	**0 — 1**
Florida	**0**	**1**	**2 — 3**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Zelepukin 6 (McGillis, Recchi), 1:46 (pp). 2, Florida, Parrish 15 (Johnson), 16:27.

Third Period—3, Florida, Svehla 9 (Laus, Niedermayer), 9:35 (pp). 4, Florida, Svehla 9 (Mellanby), 19:42 (en).

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 9-13-10—31. Florida 9-8-6—23. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 6; Florida 1 of 5. Goalies—Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck 18-11-5 (22 shots-20 saves). Boucher (18:22 third, 0-0). Florida, Vernon 11-6-1 (31-30). A—17,029 (19,088).

Thrashers 3, Bruins 3

Atlanta	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**— 3**
Boston	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**— 3**

First Period—No scoring.

Second Period—1, Atlanta, Brunette 18 (Murphy), 4:17 (pp). 2, Atlanta, Donovan 3 (Johnson), 11:22.

Third Period—3, Atlanta, Tamer 1 (Donovan, Karlsson), 11:35. 4, Boston, McLaren 5 (Samsonov, Thornton), 13:03 (pp). 5, Boston, Thornton 11 (DiMaio), 13:16. 6, Boston, Andreychuk 18 (Carter, Thornton), 19:30.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Atlanta 5-14-6-4—29. Boston 9-13-14-3-39. Power-play Opportunities—Atlanta 1 of 5; Boston 1 of 10. oalies—Atlanta, Fankhouser 2-5-2 (39 shots-36 saves). Boston, Dafoe 9-11-8 (29-26). A—16,745 (17,565).

Senators 4, Islanders 3

Ottawa	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**— 4**
N.Y. Islanders	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Ottawa, Prospal 11 (Sarault, Alfredsson), 16:49. 2, New York, Connolly 7 (Czerkawski, Weekes), 17:29.

Second Period—3, New York, Isbister 15 (K. Jonsson), :17 (pp).

Third Period—4, New York, Green 4 (Heward, Scatchard), 7:03. 5, Ottawa, McEachern 18 (Kravchuk, Prospal), 13:06 (pp). 6, Ottawa, York 3 (Bonk, Dackell), 14:34.

Overtime—7, Ottawa, Hossa 16 (Kravchuk), 3:57.

Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 1 of 7; New York 1 of 3. Goalies—Ottawa, Tugnutt 12-7-4 (25 shots-22 saves); New York, Weekes 8-13-5 (45-41). Attendance—7,247 (16,297).

Avalanche 2, Coyotes 0

Phoenix	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
Colorado	**2**	**0**	**0**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Colorado, Sakic 8 (Forsberg), :13. 2, Colorado, Podein 6 (Rolston, Sakic), 13:20. Penalty—Daigneault, Pho (ob.-holding), 7:17.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Podein, Col (high-sticking), 9:56; Reid, Col (ob.-holding stick), 10:25; Drake, Pho (cross-checking), 11:25; Tkachuk, Pho (goalie interference), 20:00.

Third Period—None. Penalties—Forsberg, Col (hooking), 10:46; de Vries, Col (elbowing), 14:36.

Shots on goal—Phoenix 9-13-5—27. Colorado 15-10-5—30.

Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 4; Colorado 0 of 3.

Goalies—Phoenix, Esche 2-5-0 (30 shots-28 saves). Colorado, Denis 6-4-2 (27-27). A—18,007 (18,007).

Devils 5, Hurricanes 2

Carolina	**0**	**1**	**1**	**— 2**
New Jersey	**1**	**1**	**3**	**— 5**

First Period—1, New Jersey, Morrison 3 (Sykora, Elias), 9:28 (pp).

Second Period—2, Carolina, Ranheim 7 (Malik, Kron), 2:12. 3, New Jersey, Madden 8, 9:14 (sh).

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Oliwa 6 (Lemieux, Goneau), 4:55 (pp). 5, New Jersey, Elias 16 (Rafalski), 9:55. 6, Carolina, Gelinas 6 (Kron, Ranheim), 16:22 (pp). 7, New Jersey, Holik 16, 17:59.

Shots on goal—Carolina 5-11-6—25. New Jersey 12-6-14—32. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 1 of 4; New Jersey 2 of 3. Goalies—Carolina, Richaud 3-4-1 (32 shots-27 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 27-9-5 (25-23). A—11,042 (19,040).

Blackhawks 5, Sharks 4

San Jose	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0— 4**
Chicago	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1— 5**

First Period—1, Chicago, Nylander 12 (Sullivan, Gilmour), 14:32 (pp). 2, Chicago, Daze 17 (Cote, McCabe), 18:53 (pp).

Second Period—3, Chicago, Daze 18 (Marha, Mironov), 3:54 (pp). 4, San Jose, Korolyuk 13 (Damphousse, Friesen), 10:37 (pp). 5, Chicago, Nylander 13 (Sullivan, McAmmond), 18:13.

Third Period—6, San Jose, Marleau 11, 2:40. 7, San Jose, Suter 4 (Damphousse, Nolan), 7:36 (pp). 8, San Jose, Ricci 13 (Damphousse, Friesen), 15:47 (pp).

Overtime—9, Chicago, Gilmour 17 (Amonte), :56.

Shots on goal—San Jose 3-8-10-0—21. Chicago 7-7-5-1—20. Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 3 of 9; Chicago 3 of 6. Goalies—San Jose, Shields 15-17-4 (20 shots-15 saves). Chicago, Thibault 10-15-4 (21-17). A—14,019 (20,500).

Capitals 6, Lightning 3

Washington	**1**	**2**	**3**	**— 6**
Tampa Bay	**0**	**2**	**1**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Washington, Zednik 10 (Dahlen, Bulis), 19:44.

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Tucker 11 (Kubina, Modin), 4:00 (pp). 3, Washington, Dahlen 6 (Gonchar, Bulis), 7:31 (pp). 4, Washington, Halpern 6 (Gonchar), 14:41 (pp). 5, Tampa Bay, McAlpine 2 (Gratton, Tucker), 17:26.

Third Period—6, Washington, Gonchar 9 (Halpern, Sacco), 3:06. 7, Tampa Bay, Martin 4 (Petrovicky, Rominski), 6:58. 8, Washington, Dahlen 7 (Bulis, Reekie), 12:27. 9, Washington, Simon 11 (Konowalchuk), 19:27.

Shots on goal—Washington 10-10-9—29. Tampa Bay 6-8-7—21. Power-play Opportunities—Washington 2 of 7; Tampa Bay 1 of 3. Goalies—Washington, Kolzig 16-14-7 (21 shots-18 saves). Tampa Bay, Parent 0-2-0 (29-23). A—8,323 (19,758).

IHL Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Cleveland	25	13	6	56	137	129
Grand Rapids	26	11	3	55	123	98
Orlando	23	12	5	51	127	105
Milwaukee	20	15	5	45	105	111
Cincinnati	18	17	4	40	114	113
Michigan	15	21	3	33	93	108
Detroit	12	27	4	28	98	156

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Manitoba	23	14	8	54	141	142
Utah	24	11	4	52	129	99
Long Beach	20	18	6	46	126	143
Houston	20	13	5	45	108	94
Chicago	20	13	4	44	111	111
Kansas City	16	16	5	41	128	132

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are only denoted in the SOL column, not the loss column.

Monday's Game

All-Star Game

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Monday of the $9.1 million Australian Open tennis championships at Melbourne Park:

Men

Singles

First Round

Michael Hill, Australia, def. Bernd Karbacher, Germany, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Chris Woodruff, United States, def. Martin Damm, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Rainer Schuttler, Germany, def. Juan Antonio Marin, Costa Rica, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Todd Woodbridge, Australia, def. Jan Siemerink, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Franco Squillari, Argentina, def. Joseph Sirianni, Australia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Nicolas Escude, France, def. Jim Courier, United States, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Richard Krajicek (9), Netherlands, def. Fabrice Santoro, France, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

Tim Henman (11), Britain, def. Jerome Golmard, France, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (7).

Andre Agassi (1), United States, def. Mariana Puerta, Argentina, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Fredrik Jonsson, Sweden, def. Jacobo Diaz, Spain, 4-6, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Sebastien Grosjean, France, def. Goichi Motomuro, Japan, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Mariano Zabaleta, Argentina, def. Felix Mantilla, Spain, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, def. Andrea Gaudenzi, Italy, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 13-11.

Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, def. Jan-Michael Gambill, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-4.

Hicham Arazi, Morocco, def. Julian Alonso, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Slava Dosedel, Czech Republic, def. Julien Boutter, France, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

James Sekulov, Australia, def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Andreas Vinciguerra, Sweden, def. Hernan Gumy, Argentina, 7-6, (2), 6-1, 6-1.

Mikael Tillstrom, Sweden, def. Sebastien Lareau, Canada, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Mark Philippoussis (16), Australia, def. Noam Okum, Israel, 6-4, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Fernando Vicente, Spain, def. Alberto Berasategui, Spain, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.

Paradorn Srichaphan, Thailand, def. Karol Kucera (14), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Andrew Ilie, Australia, def. Jeff Tarango, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 4-6,

Francis taking tips, leads Rockets over Mavericks, 121-111

Associated Press

■ NBA Roundup

DALLAS — Steve Francis is growing up on the fly, following the advice of future Hall of Fame center Hakeem Olajuwon.

The rookie point guard scored a career-high 31 points and had 11 assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks 121-111 on Monday night.

"He (Olajuwon) keeps telling me to be aggressive," Francis said. "I'm still feeling things out. When I have the ball, I'm thinking about creating for my teammates first. If the defense backs off me, then I have to take the shot and it was there tonight."

Nobody on the Mavericks could handle Francis, who was 8-of-16 from the floor and 14-of-15 free throws.

"He's so talented," said Olajuwon, who returned to action after missing 22 games because of an inguinal hernia. "He should never have a bad game. Even if he doesn't score, he can still create things for the rest of us. A bad game for him would be a good game for most guys."

Kenny Thomas, also a rookie, added a career-high 20 points and matched his career-high with 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who won their third straight to match their longest streak of the season. Cuttino Mobley and Walt Williams had 17 points each.

Olajuwon had been out of action since Nov. 26. He went scoreless for the first time in his career, playing 14 minutes and missing four shots. Olajuwon did have an impact, however, with seven rebounds and three blocks.

"It will take me a while before I get comfortable out there again," Olajuwon said. "But I was still able to do some things. I'm just trying to fit in."

Dallas' Cedric Ceballos scored a season-high 39 points, 19 in the third quarter, before fouling out with 45.2 seconds left. Michael Finley added 31 points for Dallas, which had won three of its previous four games.

Dallas got as close as 99-97 on Dirk Nowitzki's two free throws with 3:32 to play.

But Francis hit a layup, then converted two free throws on Houston's next possession with 2:46 to go for a 103-97 advantage. After Finley's drive with 2:32 left, Matt Bullard connected on a 3-pointer to extend the Rockets' advantage to 106-99.

The Mavericks were unable to get closer than five points the rest of the way.

"That was a big three," Francis said. "That put us over the hump."

Ceballos scored Dallas' final 15 points of the third quarter, including a steal and layup with five seconds left in the quarter, to reduce Houston's lead to 90-82 entering the final quarter.

The Rockets came out with more energy than the Mavericks, rolling to a 35-22 first-quarter lead. Houston was ahead 60-42 at halftime.

"I'm very disappointed with our performance in the first half," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I didn't expect it. I thought we were on a roll. I didn't believe this team would not be ready tonight."

Knicks 105, Pistons 94

NEW YORK — Latrell Sprewell shut down Grant Hill and scored 23 points, and Marcus Camby added 22 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Knicks past Detroit , snapping the Pistons' three-game winning streak.

Sprewell was the primary defender on Hill, who shot just 5-for-21 and scored 16 points — more than 12 below his average. Hill came in averaging 36.1 points in his previous seven games.

Patrick Ewing added 14 points and 10 rebounds for New York, Larry Johnson scored 14, and Allan Houston had 13.

Christian Laettner scored 23 and Jerry Stackhouse 19 for the Pistons, who also had a four-game road winning streak snapped as they lost for just the second time in 11 games.

SuperSonics 82, Lakers 81

LOS ANGELES — Gary Payton's 3-pointer with 15.9 seconds remaining capped a 36-point performance and lifted Seattle over Los Angeles.

The victory was the fifth straight for the SuperSonics since they blew a 19-point third-quarter lead in a 110-100 home loss to the Lakers on Jan. 8. The Lakers, whose 32-7 record is the NBA's best, have lost just three of 27 games since Nov. 21.

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 30 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Kobe Bryant added 15 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

Warriors 113, Magic 100

OAKLAND, Calif. — Antawn Jamison had a career-high 32 points as Golden State snapped its 12-game losing streak with a victory over Orlando, which has lost seven straight.

Donyell Marshall added 20 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists. The Warriors, who took control with a 16-0 run early in the fourth period, got their first win since general manager Garry St. Jean replaced P.J. Carlesimo as coach on Dec. 27.

Tariq Abdul-Wahad had 19 points for Orlando.

76ers 101, Nets 96

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 34 points, hitting 30 for the 11th time in 12 games, as Philadelphia beat New Jersey.

The Sixers won their third straight and improved to 14-5 when Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, hits for 30 or more.

New Jersey's Stephon Marbury scored only five of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, when he and Iverson started guarding each other. The Nets lost their second straight and are 13-7 since a 2-15 start.

Celtics 105, Wizards 101

WASHINGTON — Paul Pierce scored 18 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter and Antoine Walker had 31 points and 11 rebounds in Boston's victory over Washington.

Juwan Howard had a season-high 31 points for Washington, and Rod Strickland added 24.

Bucks 107, Hawks 101

ATLANTA — Sam Cassell had 31 points and 11 assists and hit a crucial baseline jumper with 12.6 seconds remaining as Milwaukee beat struggling Atlanta.

Ray Allen added 23 points for Milwaukee. Alan Henderson had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Atlanta.

Hornets 115, Raptors 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Playing its first home game since the death of co-captain Bobby Phills in a car wreck five days earlier, Charlotte used a 25-0 surge to rout Toronto.

The run, one point short of the club record helped the Hornets end a seven-game losing skid.

Timberwolves 101, Pacers 100

MINNEAPOLIS — Malik Sealy banked in a 3-pointer as time expired to push Minnesota past Indiana.



AP Photo

Houston Rockets guard Steve Francis (3) drives toward the net as he is pressured by Dallas Mavericks guard Erick Strickland, left, during the first quarter of their game Monday night.

Rude welcome doesn't hurt Kafelnikov in his return to Aussie Open

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, public enemy No. 1 to Australian tennis fans, lay on the court grimacing in pain on the verge of a first-round knockout.

For all the sparse crowd cared, the second-seeded Russian could have stayed down and slipped out of town Tuesday.

But after several minutes of treatment by a trainer for a groin pull at 5-4 in the second set, Kafelnikov rose as if in defiance of those who wished him gone. He then won five straight games and went on to a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Germany's Jens Knippschild.

Kafelnikov had riled Australians during the Davis Cup last September by badmouthing popular teen-ager Lleyton Hewitt, before and after losing to him, and comparing the court in Brisbane to a "potato field."

Kafelnikov would like to forget that, but knows Australians won't.

"I don't remember what happened in the Davis Cup, although I do remember," he said.

He preferred to attribute the virtual boycott of his match against Knippschild to the poor quality of play rather than lingering hard feelings. Kafelnikov was suffering both from a back injury that hit him last week and the groin pull that occurred in this match.

"It wasn't a pretty match. In fact, it was an ugly match," said Kafelnikov, who watched 20 aces zip past him while he benefitted from 74 unforced errors by Knippschild. "I can play three or four times better. It's a matter of timing, when I will get back in form. I had a lot of pain in my back and I had to tough it out and I did. I'm very proud of myself."

Kafelnikov then joined in the chorus of complaints about the Australian Open's souped-up courts, calling them "ridiculously fast compared to last year."

Compounding the problem, he said, were balls that have been pumped with more pressure.

Fourth-seeded Nicolas Kiefer is one of those baseliners who is likely to encounter problems on these courts. He reached the second round with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Guillermo Canas.

In women's matches, No. 1 Martina Hingis cruised past her struggling close friend, Mirjana Lucic 6-1, 6-2; No. 6 Barbara Schett downed Meilen Tu 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-4; and No. 13 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario beat Julia Abe 6-2, 6-2.

In three sets without a single baseline rally, Pete Sampras pranced on the hard, hyper-fast center court Monday night as if he were back on the grass he loves at Wimbledon.

For those who like power tennis, it was as beautiful as it was brutal. For those who prefer a bit of finesse and touch, it was utterly boring.

Sampras began his pursuit of a record 13th Grand Slam title with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Australian Wayne Arthurs in a match that featured the best and worst of high-speed tennis.

They served, they volleyed, then they served and volleyed again. Except for the few passing shots on returns, and the 25 aces and 11 double faults between them, that was it.

"I'm not going to be rallying too much this next week or so," said Sampras, who won six of his 12 major titles on the fast Wimbledon center court. "I'm going to be coming in on both serves and being aggressive. It's a little bit too quick to stay back. I'm treating the match like tonight like I was playing on grass."

The surface would have been perfect for the net-charging Rafter, Sampras said, and his absence because of a shoulder injury removes a major threat.

"Some players like it, some players don't," Sampras said of the courts. "It's obviously in the mind, but I'm sure a lot of players are complaining. I think they can probably slow it down for next year because it's a touch too quick. But there is nothing we can do about it now."

Andrei Medvedev likened the court to an ice rink, but Andre Agassi seemed happy with it. Though a baseliner, Agassi has the reflexes to handle the speed.

Sampras cranked up his hardest serve on the first point of the match against Arthurs, sending an intimidating 130 mph message.

Aggies fall to earth in rout by Jayhawks

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — There was no last second controversy this time.

Kenny Gregory scored 15 points and led a second-half run as No. 7 Kansas used superior height and balance to beat Texas A&M 78-57 Monday night.

Kansas (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) overcame Texas A&M's (5-10, 1-3) early defensive stand for a 38-29 halftime lead and the Aggies hung with the favored Jayhawks until the Kansas offense broke it open. The Aggies were bolstered by a controversial last-second victory over Texas Tech on Saturday night but this time they weren't even close.

Leading 45-39 with 16:51 to play, Kansas went on a 27-9 run and took a 72-48 lead with 3:21 left to play. Gregory had 10 of his 15 points in the second half.

"I think the key to our team is our depth, we try to wear teams out," Gregory said. "You can see it in a guy's eyes when he's winded. We try to bury a team as soon as possible, not leave them any hope to come back in the last five minutes."

The taller Jayhawks outrebounded the Aggies 55-32, led by Drew Gooden, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"Rebounding was one of the keys for Kansas," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We got lost on some assignments. We were in position some times but they would tap the ball to their teammates.

"Kansas has great balance but they've been doing that all year."

Kansas has won seven games in a row since losing 84-70 to Illinois on Dec. 18.

The balanced Kansas offense didn't score at its usual 86-point per game pace, but the defense shut down the Aggies. Tomas Ress hit a basket in the closing seconds for 10 points, Texas A&M's only scorer in double figures.

"Defense, rebounding and depth were the big factors tonight," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "I felt we had size and depth as our strong points, but I've been a little disappointed in our defense.

"Our offense has been pretty darn good at times."

Kansas guard Jeff Boschee went 0-for-5 from 3-point range, ending a string of 38 consecutive games with at least one 3-pointer. Kansas was 2-for-11 on 3-pointers.

The Aggies tried to jump on the Jayhawks from the start and their aggressiveness netted them four steals in the first 8:28. They even managed an early 14-10 lead before an excited Reed Arena crowd of 12,175, a record for the two-year old arena.

"When we walked out of the tunnel tonight and saw the crowd, that's the way we want it here every night," Watkins said. "We had some good moments, we had a lot of good looks. Kansas constantly kept the pressure on us and eventually it wore us out."

Kansas' 11-man rotation paid off and the Jayhawks took the lead for good on a basket by Gooden with 7:56 to go in the half. Kansas built a 36-26 edge late in the first half as the Aggies had only three points over the final 4:12.

"Kansas is a great team and they just keep sending fresh guys at you," A&M guard Jamaal Gilchrist said. "I was nervous before the game but I've been waiting all my life to play in a game like this."

Plane carrying Missouri team forced into emergency landing

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A chartered plane carrying the University of Missouri basketball team made an emergency landing Monday night because of fears the plane was losing pressurization.

The DC-9 charter with 34 people on board, including the crew and the Missouri traveling party, landed safely at the Springfield airport after passengers heard a "swishing" noise, said Gary Cyr, Springfield's assistant director of aviation.

Emergency vehicles were sent to the runway after the tower was notified of a possible problem at 8 p.m.



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Dollar higher

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against most leading currencies in European trading today but fell against the yen.

The euro slipped to $1.0090 in late European trading from $1.0142 Friday and the British pound fell to $1.6308 from $1.6377. But the dollar fell to 104.78 yen from 107.40 Friday. The yen rose as Japan's central bank left monetary policy unchanged and as the main Tokyo stock index rose to a 29-month high.

U.S. currency markets were closed today in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Other late dollar rates in Europe today, compared with late Friday, included: 1.5994 Swiss francs, up from 1.5920; and 1.4502 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4491.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately, though they remain in use. Based on euro rates late today, the dollar was worth: 1.9380 German marks, up from 1.9279; 6.4998 French francs, up from 6.4658; 2.1838 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1724; and 1.918.81 Italian lire, up from 1,908.78.

Gold rises

Gold closed in London at $285.30 bid per troy ounce, up from $283.30 on Friday.

In Zurich the bid price was $285.05, up from $282.95.

Gold rose $1 in Hong Kong to close at $285.15.

Dell vs. Gateway

AUSTIN — Dell Computer Corp. has a new neighbor: Gateway Inc., the rival that has been selling computers directly to customers since it was founded in 1986.

Gateway was set to open its first Austin-area store Tuesday, a few miles from Dell, the Round Rock-based company that also has made its fortune in direct sales.

Gateway senior vice president Todd Bradley said the San Diego-based company is not intimidated by powerhouse Dell.

"We speak to 50,000 consumers every day," Bradley said. "We know the consumer space better than anybody."

Dell, which became the largest seller of personal computers in the United States by catering to large corporations and organizations, recently has targeted the consumer and small business market. Its factory outlet in North Austin is its only physical store.

Although Gateway trails Dell in revenue and profits — Dell's $18.5 billion in revenue in the first nine months of this fiscal year is three times that of Gateway's $6.2 billion — Gateway controls nearly 14 percent of the consumer market versus Dell's 2.6 percent.

"They're one of the few that's actually profitable (in the consumer market)," Dell founder Michael Dell told the Austin American-Statesman.

But don't expect Dell to start opening stores just because Gateway is moving in.

"Any time you talk about bricks and mortar, that adds costs to the equation," said Janet Mountain, general manager of Dell's consumer business division.

"The Internet is open all the time," she said. "You don't have to leave home."

Luncheon

Dick Cheney, chief executive officer of Halliburton Co., will address a joint section and business study luncheon of the Society of Petroleum Engineers Tuesday. The luncheon will be held at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $15.

Austin upstart eyes area communication service

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

An Austin upstart is preparing to take on established cable and telephone providers Cox Communications and Southwestern Bell.

ClearSource, a Texas corporation less than three years old, has filed with the cities of Midland and Odessa for a franchise to begin providing cable, telephone and Internet service to the two cities.

The company is seeking a 15-year agreement with a 5 percent franchise fee payable to the city, an agreement similar to that held by Cox.

Midland held its first reading on the franchise application in early January, with the final two required readings set for January 25 and February 8. Odessa will hold its two required readings on the same dates.

Chad Weaver, first assistant city attorney with the City of Midland, said ClearSource first approached city officials three or four months ago.

Cox and Southwestern Bell hold non-exclusive franchises, he said, and the city has welcomed any company wanting to compete with the two, "but it is very expensive to build a new system. The start-up costs have prohibited many people from coming into Midland. The city's position is that it benefits the consumer for competition to be available and we've hoped companies would look at Midland."

Midlanders, he said, should be pleased they will have a choice in cable, Internet and telephone service.

'They plan to offer a new age of ... service, and anytime you have competition it's good for Midland.'
— Bobby Burns, mayor of Midland

ClearSource Director of Public Affairs Ray Perez said that his company plans to spend $47 million to construct a fiber optic network to provide cable, local and long distance telephone and Internet service to Midland and Odessa, which it considers to be one market.

According to Perez, the company targets smaller markets in the 100,000 to 300,000 population range and its target customers are residential and small business users.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said ClearSource "appears to be a company that could have an impact on Midland. They plan to offer a new age of Internet and telephone service, and anytime you have competition it's good for Midland."

He said he also liked the fact that the company linked the two cities together, a trend he said could make the area more attractive to new industries.

Like Burns, Charlie Moore, operations manager for Cox's West Texas operations, said his company welcomes competition, believing it benefits the consumer. Having two companies offering cable service will give customers a measuring stick by which to evaluate service.

"We believe our service is outstanding and we give back to the community in terms of donations and participation in community events," Moore said.

Cox recently completed a $10 million upgrade of its Midland system, he pointed out, and is in the process of rolling out digital television service throughout the city. This spring, the company will begin offering high speed Internet access through cable modems, and Moore said telephone service is on the way.

He advised customers to evaluate the two companies and said Cox plans to compete for customers.

"It's established that 6 percent of customers jump for price reasons, that's a given," he said. "That next 25 percent is the battlefield and we've been working hard on our customer service."

ClearSource, he said, will have a tough row to hoe in establishing itself, "but we welcome them."

Likewise, Linda Foster, external affairs manager for Southwestern Bell, said her company welcomes competition.

"Competition makes us better," she said, "as you can see if you compare the phone company before the break-up and what we have now."

ClearSource will build a hybrid fiber collector network, installing a fiber optic network along the streets and alleyways. A coaxial cable will connect it to the individual houses and businesses, where splitters will divide the three services and customers will be able to receive cable, telephone, Internet or a combination of the three services. The network will follow existing systems, Perez said — if the cable, electric or phone lines or on a pole, ClearSource's lines will be on that pole; if the lines are buried, the company's lines will be buried.

It is a labor-intensive task, he said, and the company expects to hire 50 people this first year, including a general manager, operations manager and installers and will employ 90 total when the system is operational.

"These are good high-tech jobs," he said.

He cautioned that once the company receives its franchise from the two cities, customers won't receive service for about a year.

"In November 1998, we were awarded a franchise in Waco and it was November 1999 when we first began offering service," he said, adding that service won't be available to all residents for three years.

The reason it will take so long, he explained, is that after the cities grant the company its franchise, they will have to find a location to base the network and begin the construction from there.

Pharmaceutical giants Glaxo Wellcome, SmithKline Beecham agree on merger

■ The deal would create the world's largest drugmaker

By Bruce Stanley
Associated Press

LONDON — British pharmaceutical heavyweights Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC reached agreement to merge into the world's largest drugmaker, the companies announced Monday.

The merger would create a company valued at $182.4 billion and with a 7.3 percent share of the global pharmaceutical market.

The company expects $1.6 billion in pretax cost savings after three years. The group said job cuts were expected, but it released no other details.

"It is inevitable that redundancies will arise as a result of bringing the two companies together," the companies said in a statement.

The planned merger still must be approved by the Federal Trade Commission and the European Union.

Under the planned deal, Glaxo shareholders would hold a 58.8 percent stake in the new group, while SmithKline would hold a 41.3 stake.

The new company would have its corporate headquarters in London. Its new operational base would be in the United States.

The planned merger demonstrates the pressure facing even the biggest names in the pharmaceutical industry to consolidate with rivals as a way to afford the rising costs of developing and selling new medicines. It is also likely to trigger a new round of takeovers and mergers throughout the industry.

Only last week, Pfizer Inc. emerged as the likely winner in the battle for U.S. drugmaker Warner-Lambert Co. Bowing to pressure from its investors, Warner-Lambert management said they would negotiate a buyout from Pfizer, backing away from a previously announced merger deal with American Home Products Corp. If that deal goes forward, the combined group would have 6.5 percent of the global market.

Talks between Glaxo and SmithKline were only formally announced on Friday. Previous discussions between the two groups collapsed two years ago over differences between their top executives.

Glaxo's strength lies in its top anti-migraine drug, Imitrex, and in treatments for asthma and viral infections including HIV.

SmithKline's top products include the antibiotic Augmentin, the anti-depressant Paxil and a new diabetes drug, Avandia. It also has a strong vaccines business.

After news emerged that the companies were in merger talks, analysts said a consolidation would make sense. The two companies have complementary drug portfolios, and a merger would let them pool their research and development funds and would give the merged company a bigger sales and marketing force.

On Friday, after announcing that talks had resumed, both companies saw their U.S. shares surge on the New York Stock Exchange. Glaxo rose $2.25 to $60.25, while SmithKline rose $3 to $69.75.

Worldwide pharmaceutical sales of the combined company would total $17.8 billion, based on 1998 annual figures. That would surpass the $15.9 billion in sales of a combined Pfizer-Warner-Lambert.

$182 billion merger

British pharmaceutical Glaxo Wellcome PLC announced it will buy SmithKline Beecham PLC, creating the world's largest drugmaker. If approved, the new company, called Glaxo SmithKline, will have its headquarters in London and operational base in the United States. Glaxo shareholders will hold 58.75 percent of the new group, SmithKline 41.25 percent.

GlaxoWellcome

- Manufactures antibiotics, antivirals, dermatologicals, smoking cessation pills, respiratory drugs and new products for asthma, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

1998 sales $13,248 million
1998 net income **$3,047 million**
Employees 54,350
Headquarters **Middlesex, UK**
Fiscal year ending December 1998

SB SmithKline Beecham

- Manufactures vitamins, antismoking patches, toothpaste, antidepressants and vaccines; breaking ground in genomic medicine.

1998 sales $13,416 million
1998 net income **$2,052 million**
Employees 58,300
Headquarters **Middlesex, UK**
Fiscal year ending December 1998

Source: Hoover's AP

Shareholders worried about declining stock price at Luby's

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Luby's management is defending its record in the face of shareholder concern over a 41 percent drop in the restaurant chain's stock price.

About 400 shareholders gathered last week to complain about everything from overly prominent smoking sections in the restaurants to the fact that two members of the board of directors don't own Luby's Inc. stock.

Luby's has 226 cafeteria-style restaurants in 10 states. About three-fourths are in Texas. The company's customers are usually in the 45- to 54-year-old and 55- to 64-year-old age ranges.

President and chief executive Barry J.C. Parker said the San Antonio-based company's stock is undervalued in view of the company's sales and profits.

"If you will take a look at our sales and earnings over the last 24 months compared to our stock price, you will see that although our sales and earnings are virtually identical, our stock price has been almost cut in half," Parker said.

Luby's stock closed at $10.81 1/4 Friday, down 41 percent from its 52-week high of $18.31 on April 21.

Third-quarter sales fell 2 percent from a year ago — reflecting both the closing of 10 restaurants and a decline in sales at stores open at least 18 months. On the flip side, the company has reported saving on food costs by consolidating purchasing and cutting administrative costs.

Parker said the entire restaurant industry has been in the doldrums for the past year and that 70 percent of publicly traded restaurant companies have seen their stock price decline.

Several chains, however, are expected to post fourth-quarter earnings gains of 20 percent or more over a year ago, according to analysts. The group includes Applebee's International Inc., Outback Steakhouse Inc., Cheesecake Factory Inc. and Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., which owns Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Analysts say those restaurants are prospering because the strong economy has put more money in the pockets of consumers, who are eating out more often.

Luby's has 226 cafeteria-style restaurants in 10 states, although about three-fourths are in Texas. The chain has been experimenting with redesigned stores with larger menus and also with "community restaurants" in smaller towns.

The company recently sold its interest in a joint venture to develop seafood restaurants with a small Texas restaurant company.

Parker said Luby's long-term prospects are good because the two fastest-growing age groups in the country — 45- to 54-year-olds and 55- to 64-year-olds — are Luby's kind of customers.

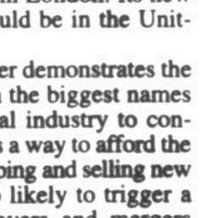
Laura Bishop, the company's chief financial officer, said strong performance from redesigned food-to-go operations will boost same-store sales.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

The 'problem' of investing extra savings

By Eric Tyson

Q: Through frugal living and following the principles that you advocate, we maximize our contributions to our various retirement accounts, investing 20 percent of our take-home pay in T. Rowe Price mutual funds. We also make extra mortgage payments every month, have eliminated all credit-card debt and have built sufficient savings to weather emergencies, all without sacrificing a comfortable lifestyle. What do we do with any extra investment funds derived from additional savings, pay raises, etc.? I am inclined toward one of two options: Vanguard index funds or a Vanguard variable annuity. The low-cost annuity still has insurance expenses not present in an index fund, and I am not sure that the tax deferral of the annuity will outweigh a tax-efficient index fund. We are in the 33 percent tax bracket, and we have a 20-year or more time horizon. Any thoughts?


Tyson

A: Of course, most people wish they had your problem! Congratulations on following a sound financial course.

I think the two options you're considering — index funds or a variable annuity — are both reasonable ones. However, be careful in assuming that index funds all have high levels of tax efficiency, as they do sometimes make capital gains distributions.

A relatively new breed of mutual funds is specifically managed to minimize capital gains distributions. Vanguard has several "Tax-Managed" funds you should consider: Tax-Managed Capital Appreciation fund, which invests in larger capitalization U.S. stocks; Tax-Managed Small Capitalization, which invests in smaller U.S. stocks; and Tax-Managed International, which invests in overseas stocks.

Another option for you to consider is to put even more into paying down your mortgage. By historic measures, stocks today are not cheap. That said, in the long run, if you are investing in well-managed stock funds, you should be able to earn a higher return than the cost of your mortgage.

Finally, you could consider investing in real estate or small business if you seek long-term growth and wish to invest in a tax-friendly way.

Q: The third quarter of 1999 hit me hard with losses in my retirement account. I have a majority of the money invested in aggressive funds. I am 52 years old and would like to know which way to go with my investment elections. Should I stick with the aggressive funds or switch to another fund? This money is invested at Fidelity.

A: One quarter (three months) is a short time in the investment world. At your age, you could have 50 percent to 70 percent invested in stocks. Given your apparent nervousness, if you have more than this portion in stocks, I would recommend that you consider scaling back.

I would recommend that you place at least one-third of your stock market money into overseas funds. Also, if all your money is in one fund, you should diversify into others so that your stock returns aren't dependent upon the success or lack thereof of one money manager.

Analyzing where you stand in terms of retirement planning should help you determine how aggressive or not you need to be to accomplish your retirement goals. Order T. Rowe Price's free retirement planning guide (800) 638-5660 or use the retirement worksheets on Vanguard's Web site (www.vanguard.com).

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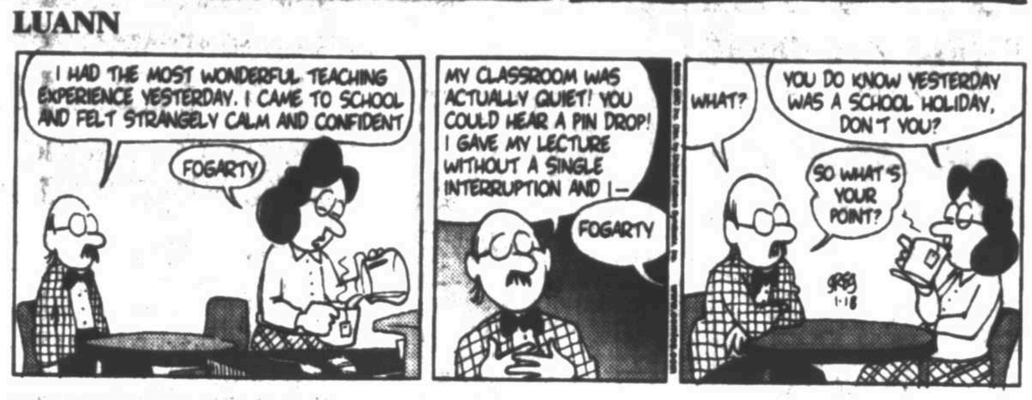
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BEETLE BAILEY



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000:

You are unusually gifted, both professionally and personally. You know when to let go and have a good time. Be careful, however. You could find that your feelings are more fragile than in previous years. Co-workers love to tease you as well as work with you. You pull the financial wild card. If you are single, romance knocks on your door all year. You might meet someone quite special this spring. Check this one out carefully, though. If attached, your relationship develops an intense quality. Be willing to be vulnerable. You bond on an even deeper level. GEMINI works well with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Talks begin. The unexpected occurs. Extremes mark feelings and spending, but right now you really don't care. Allow more play in your life. With friends, you chat up a storm. Communicate your meaning clearly. Don't hold back from discussing what is on your mind. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Expenses get out of control if you aren't careful. Resist a "devil may care" attitude with cash. Your work draws an element of the unexpected. You can do it all if you flex with the moment. Your instincts tell you which way to go with a controversial money matter. Tonight: Pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You don't always understand what is going on with others. Still, laughter makes up a big part of your day. Having a sense of humor helps you and others. Know what you want, then talk about ways to make it so. Friends chip in. Tonight: It is your call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Sometimes it is best to say little and simply observe. An associate tries to explain, though you might see his attempt as humorous. Understand what is happening with another. Get into the moment and funny happenings. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Back up your words. Another challenges the sincerity of what you say. Your sense of understanding comes through. Let laughter become a bigger part of your day-to-day life. Network and get together with others. You do well in groups right now. Tonight: Do exactly what you want to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others look to you. Assume responsibility. You find work conditions ever-changing; it takes talent to flex on this level. Understand your limits, yet accept the new. Personal pleasures add a light touch to your life. Make it OK to have a fun break on the phone. Tonight: Working late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Let your mind lead, but refuse to get caught up in picayune details. Another likes what he hears. Jovial exchanges lighten up the day. Your imagination, when harnessed, lets the impossible become possible. Tonight: Slide in a favorite CD and take a drive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Dealing with a partner is nothing less than a pleasure. You find another informative, humorous and indulgent. You see eye to eye. However, remember your limits. Understand what is happening with a child or the apple of your eye. Tonight: How about some quality time?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are game for whatever comes down your path. Allow more humor and happiness into your life. You might not agree with everything you hear, and you could be slightly jolted. Creativity is stimulated when you brainstorm. Others seek you out. Tonight: Say yes to a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Get into work. Use your knowledge and savoir-faire. You could be surprised by what occurs financially. Intuition and good, sound thinking mix as you demonstrate your natural talents. Others trust you with responsibilities. Tonight: Get into a more vigorous exercise program.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your unpredictability works with a loved one or child. Communication, touched with flirtation, charges your own creativity. Express your ideas, and be open to a friend's. Others seem jovial and receptive to fun. Tonight: It all happens naturally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You demonstrate unusually sound thinking. Let go of any restrictions that you had clung to before. A boss or someone you put on a pedestal lets you know just how much he approves of your actions. Tonight: Order in.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Kevin Costner (1955), filmmaker John Boorman (1933), inventor Ray Dolby (1933)

PEANUTS



SHOE



GARFIELD



CATHY



WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT



GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

You Never Know What happens

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 5 4
♡ 9 7
◇ A Q 6 2
♣ 9 7 5

WEST
♠ Q 6 3
♡ Q 8 5
◇ 10 3
♣ K Q 8 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 8
♡ K 6 4 3
◇ J 8 5
♣ J 6 3

SOUTH
♠ J 7 2
♡ A J 10 2
◇ K 9 7 4
♣ A 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♣

When you are short a trick or two to make your contract and have no apparent way to set up additional tricks, play off your long suit. You would be surprised by what could develop.

A simple, straightforward five-card-major auction led to the normal contract of three no-trump. The only problem was that, with a likely 3-2 diamond split, there were only eight tricks available and no way to develop a ninth before the opponents took five. But, thanks to good card-reading, declarer proved otherwise.

West led a low club to East's jack, which was allowed to hold, and declarer captured the club continuation with the ace. There was no safe way to develop a ninth trick in the majors, so declarer played off four rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy.

Consider West's predicament. A spade discard would probably give declarer a ninth trick in that suit, and to pitch a club would be throwing away a winner, thereby allowing declarer to work on hearts for a ninth trick. So West parted with two hearts perforce and, placing the cards exactly, declarer was able to take advantage of that.

Declarer led a heart to the ace, removing West's remaining card in that suit, then crossed to dummy with the king of spades and exited with the nine of clubs. West could cash three club tricks to complete the defensive book, but then he had to lead away from the queen of spades into declarer's combined A-J tenace, and the contract was home.



"Tom built a dollhouse for the girls with a full basement."

ZITS



BABY BLUES

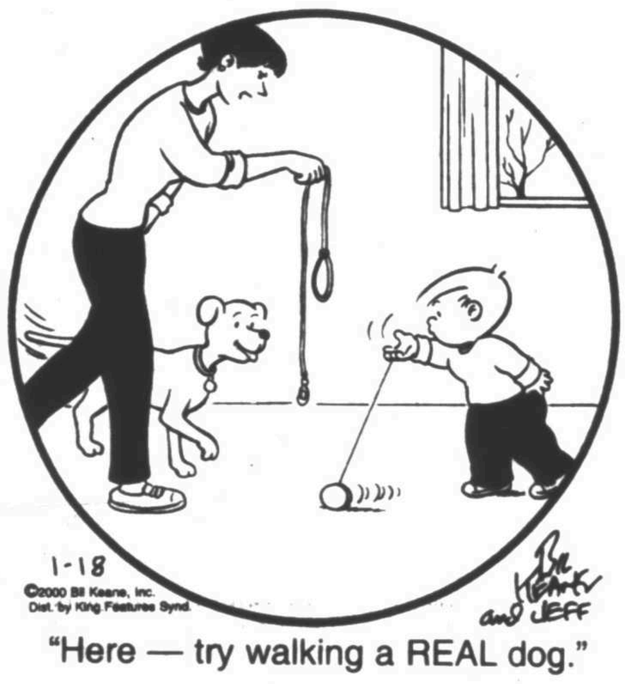


DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHEN DID WE OPEN A DAYCARE CENTER?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Here — try walking a REAL dog."

TV TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING — January 18, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(5) KMID	2	3	2	News 975	Wheel of Fortune 925	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 2609		Dharma & Greg 4789	Sports Night 3296	NYPD Blue: A Hole in Juan 9963		News 6879079	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
(6) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 744699	That '70s Show 47857	Malcolm in the Middle	Party of Five: Fear and Loathing 73857		Mad About You 59090	The Nanny 89055	Jerry Springer 98708		NewsRadio 89095	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 4873	Entertainment Tonight	JAG: Life or Death 69883		60 Minutes II 42383		Judging Amy: Zero to Sixty 82147		News 2082031	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 2860302		Late Night With Conan
(9) KWES	9	9		News 5321	Extended 6873 (TVPG)	Just Shoot Me 9031	3rd Rock From the Sun	Will & Grace 9079	Veronica's Closet 4586	Dateline NBC 76055		News 5232892	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 7429506		Late Night With Conan
(10) KMLM	42	12	19	News 18037	John Hagee 87499	The Light of the Southwest 40741				Richard Roberts 60321		News 58234	Joyce Meyer 31654	Dunne Sheriff Ministries	Rev. Ottermess 19664
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 909876		Inside the Animal Mind, a Nature Miniseries 118437		Nova: Lost on Everest 194857 (TVPG)		Frontline: The Killer at Thurston High 487079		Telecourse 211383			
(8) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3082166		Rivers Live 3868586		The News With Brian Williams 3671050		Hardball With Chris Matthews 3881437		Rivers Live 5087128	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 397963	Caroline in the City	[illegible]				News 190147		MacGyver: The Road Not Taken 193234 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 937741 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	[illegible]									
(12) FAM		14		Who's Boss?	Comedy	[illegible]									
(20) DISC		20	26	The Rivers of Life 829854		Cheerleaders 721925		The New Detectives		Exploring the Unknown		The 700 Club 369234		Who's Boss?	Comedy
(21) AMC		21	31	[illegible]		Moviemakers: R. Brooks		[illegible]		The FBI Files 750437		Cheerleaders 720298		The New Detectives	
(22) TNN		22	35	The Waltons 922708 (TVG)		Rockin' Bowl 700673 (TVG)				Championship Bull Riding		Dallas 1073302 (TVPG)		Outdoor	R. Brooks
(23) TNT		23	28	ER: Tribes 915418 (TV14)		NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets 839470					Inside NBA				Outd'r Mag.
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 566166		[illegible]									
(25) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 721031		Live From L.A. 741695		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 995769	
(27) DISN		27	41	[illegible]		[illegible]								Zorro 449925 (TVG)	Mickey Mouse Club
(29) CNN		29	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 365383		Larry King Live 374031		CNN NewsStand 394695		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 987798	
(28) ESPN		29	30	College Basketball: Iowa at Indiana 191760				College Basketball: Tennessee at Florida 103505				SportsCenter 182012		NBA 2Night	NFL 2Night
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Trinity 198708 (TVPG)		[illegible]				Letourneau: Live 389983					
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 8141079		The X-Files 8127499		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 8133068		The X-Files 8489147	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Sweeps 547060 (TVPG)		Biography: Sidney Sheldon: Storyteller 749321 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: Copycat Crimes 725741		Love Chronicles 745505 (TVPG)		Law & Order 748682 (TVPG)		Biography: Sidney Sheldon: Storyteller 339498 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33		Trauma: Life in the ER: Last Stand 917876 (TVPG)		Trauma: Life in the ER 100499 (TVPG)		Life After Death 119147 (TVPG)		Life After Death 196383 (TVPG)		Trauma: Life in the ER 192470 (TVPG)		Life After Death 791925 (TVPG)	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 955695	Rugrats 946147	The Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter 935031	Brady Bunch 299525	Brady Bunch 207760	All in the Family	The Jeffersons 522741	I Love Lucy 819963	Mary Tyler Moore	Happy Days 678225	Laverne and Shirley
(35) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Star Jones 732186 (TVPG)		Chicago Hope: Lamb to the Slaughter 373437 (TV14-L)		[illegible]				Golden Girls 937065	Golden Girls 937675	Designing Women	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39		The Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	The World of Nature 7655854		Global Family 7263692	Safari 7258499	Earth Rescue 9965514	Nature Beat	The World of Nature 7655825		Global Family 1883339	Safari 7636383
(42) UNI		42	13	Sonadoras 82012 (TVPG)		Nunca Te Olvidare 44383		Tres Mujeres 53031 (TV14)		Primer Impacto: Edicion Nocturna 73895		Primer Impacto Extra	Noticiero: Ultima Hora	Viviana a la Medianoche 58498 (TVPG)	
(43) FSN		43	29	Football News 21383	Under the Helmet	Hardcore Football 38383		Goin' Deep 37031		Fox Sports News 57895		Fox Sports News 27654		Toughman Champ.	The Last Word 89215
(44) COM		44		Search of the Unsolved	Win Ben Stein's Money	[illegible]				Premium Blend	Comedy Central Pres.	Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live: Jeff Daniels 8043673 (TVPG)	
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PEOPLE TODAY

Jim Bakker gets back into the pulpit

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Fallen televangelist **Jim Bakker** is back in the pulpit, preaching mercy, forgiveness and understanding and planning a new TV network.

Bakker and his first wife, **Tammy**, were the first couple of televised religion until he was convicted in 1989 of defrauding followers of $158 million.

"Some of you hate me. I can tell," Bakker told more than 2,700 people gathered Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church. "How many of you want to go to heaven?"

As people raised their hands high in the air, Bakker pointed into the congregation and said, "You've got to love me."

Bakker, 60, said he is planning a new 24-hour network with fellow minister and former football star **Reggie White**.

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — **Kirk Douglas** said his new film "Diamonds" is "my most important movie" because it was a triumph over the stroke he suffered in 1996.



Kirk Douglas calls his latest film, "Diamonds," his "most important movie."

The 83-year-old actor got a standing ovation Sunday from 650 people as he introduced "Diamonds" during the Palm Springs International Film Festival. It was a homecoming of sorts for Douglas, who sold his desert home after the stroke.

"You know, when you have a stroke, you must speak slowly to be understood," Douglas told the crowd. "And when you speak slowly, people listen."

Douglas plays a stroke victim in "Diamonds," his first movie since his stroke. "I thought I would never make another movie unless silent movies came back," he said, drawing a laugh.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — **Rep. John Kasich** and his wife are the parents of twin girls.

Emma and **Reese** were born Sunday at Ohio State University Medical Center. They are the first children for the Ohio Republican and his wife, **Karen**.

"Karen is doing great, and the babies are doing great," Kasich said.

The twins were not due until next month. They are expected to remain in the hospital for several days until they gain weight. Reese was born at 4 pounds, 3 ounces, and Emma, 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Kasich, first elected to Congress in 1982, is retiring this year.

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RACINE, Wis. — About 250 people gathered in a Racine movie theater for the Midwest premiere of "A Map of the World" and a chance to meet **Jane Hamilton**, whose book the movie is based on.

On the party menu: cider from Ela Orchards, the apple farm run by Hamilton's husband. Hamilton lives and writes on the orchard, in nearby Rochester.

"A Map of the World" is the story of a Chicago couple — played by **Sigourney Weaver** and **David Strathairn** — who leave the city for farm life.

The movie made its Los Angeles debut Dec. 1 and was shot in Canada. The premiere, a fund-raiser to renovate the Rochester public library, cost $50 a person.

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — **Annette Bening** says she really worked hard to make her "American Beauty" character likable.

On paper, the actress said, all the film's characters seemed unlikable.

"I just felt for her," Ms. Bening, a Golden Globe nominee for best actress in a drama, said during Saturday's gala kicking off the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

"I always feel a little bit like that, like I'm fighting for whomever I'm playing, but particularly in Caroline's case because she's so flawed and so imperfect," the actress said. "I think that's why I loved her."

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HONOLULU — Authorities are weighing whether to file drug charges against pop star **Whitney Houston**, who allegedly was found with half an ounce of marijuana at an airport security checkpoint but boarded her flight before police arrived.

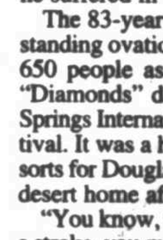
Hawaii County Prosecutor Jay Kimura said he would wait for the results of a police investigation before deciding whether to charge the 36-year-old singer.

He said the most likely charge would be promoting a detrimental drug, an offense punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a $1,000 fine.

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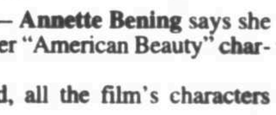
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INTERIM BANK CHARTER AND CONSOLIDATION

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 380, Dallas, Texas 75207, to form New Bank, N.A., One Wall Plaza, 306 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701, for the purpose of merging and consolidating New Bank into Community National Bank with the result that 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Community National Bank would be owned by New Bank, N.A.'s parent, Midland Bancshares, Inc.

Notice is also hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 500 North Akard, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas, 75201-3394, for consent to consolidate Community National Bank, 601 East Florida Street, Midland, Texas 79701, with New Bank, N.A., One Wall Plaza, 306 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701. It is contemplated that the main office and branch offices of the above named banks will continue to operate at the same locations and with the same services.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC § 1828(c) and CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two week intervals over a 30-day period beginning December 17, 1999 and ending January 17, 2000.

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Baker Petrolite Corporation (BPC) welcomes our neighbors to attend our public meeting at Building A, Ector County Coliseum on January 26, 2000 @ 8:00 am. BPC will proudly discuss our operations as a service to the oil and gas industry, our commitment to the safety of employees and the community, and our responsibility to protect the environment.

The purpose is to inform our neighbors that Baker Petrolite Corporation is committed to enhancing the community by supporting community efforts, continuous improvements in protecting the public and the environment, and meeting our local customer's needs. Seating may be limited. Please RSVP by 01/24/00 by calling the number listed below. For further information, contact D'Ann Wilkinson @495-7213 Baker Petrolite, Health Safety, Environmental Contact.

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222 Suburbans & Vans

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222 Suburbans & Vans

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225 4x4 Vehicles

DODGE 1979 Ram Charger, removable top, 360 engine, $2,000 or make offer. Call 570-5874/ 687-3510.

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1993 WILDERNESS- Fifth wheel. 27' long. Excellent condition, mauve interior $8,900. Call 915-268-1353

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1987 WINNEBAGO Chieftan 33' Motorhome. Excellent condition. 51,000 Miles. Fully loaded with every available option. $21,000 or best offer. 381-4315.

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VERY NICE Motor home. 1985 34' SouthWind. Like New. Dual air, new tires, rides on air bags. 50K. $17,500. 915-687-2190.

280 Boats & Motors

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1976 QUACHITA, 18' fiberglass, Fish -N- Ski, inboard/ outboard, 140 HP, trolling motor, tandem trailer. $1,850. Call 682-9007.

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1987 Phathom Bass Boat 15' 4", 88 horse power Evinrude, trolling, fish finder, two wet wells, lake ready. $4,000. 687-0744.

CAJUN 1997 1700 ESPIRIT- 17 foot fish and ski, 112HP, 2 fish finders, 2 wells, keelguard, trolling. $8,900. 683-3071

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COOK- Temporary position. Must have experience as restaurant cook. Pay $6 to $7/ hour. To apply, come by Manpower, 4000 N. Big Spring, Ste. #113 in the Ehrön Building.

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