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Mike Hall

Deputy takes leave of absence to campaign against Painter

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff's Office Patrol Sgt. Mike Hall is taking a two-month leave of absence without pay plus vacation time to campaign for sheriff against his boss, Sheriff Gary Painter.

Whether he wins or loses in the March 14 three-way race for the Midland County Republican Party nomination for sheriff, Hall may be without a job when he returns to work on May 1.

"Hopefully," Hall simply said of reclaiming his $37,400-salaried job after the campaign. His requested leave, Hall tersely wrote the sheriff on Jan. 18, is "for political reasons."

Hall, 52, and District Attorney's Investigator Patrick Bostick are running separate campaigns to oust the 52-year-old Painter from office.

Painter resigned as patrol lieutenant for Sheriff Dallas Smith in 1984, defeated Smith in the Republican primary election and then prevailed in the November 1984 general election.

Until the 2000 race, Painter said that no deputy sheriff had challenged him.

Bostick, who was a sheriff's deputy for several years in the 1990s, is not taking time off from his $41,000 job to campaign "for a change" in law enforcement leadership.

"I can't do that," Bostick, 42, said. "I've got a family to support. I'm campaigning and working a 40-hour job."

Bostick said that he had "promised my boss (District Attorney Al Schorre) that I'd give him 40 hours a week."

Bostick said that he as sheriff would "serve and protect the residents of Midland Coun-

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Salary debate stirs up tax issue

■ School board members may have to choose between teacher salaries and facility improvements.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

At Saturday's budget meeting, the Midland Independent School District discussed the possibility of increasing teacher salaries to the tune of a $3.5 million budget increase. In that same meeting, a six-cent tax hike was mentioned as a possible funding option for that increased budget. The 6 cents would raise an estimated $2.2 million and would mark the third straight year taxes had been raised. MISD raised property taxes by 4 cents in 1999 and 8 cents in 1998.

To add to the budgetary quagmire, the board also set into motion action to call a September election to renovate secondary facilities. The total dollar amount hasn't been discussed yet, but is expected to be from as low as $50 million to as high as $110 million. Successful passage of a bond issue would almost guarantee another tax increase in 2001.

■ MISD board to consider teacher salaries at today's meeting./4A

The combination of those factors could put board members in the position of having to prioritize and make some hard decisions.

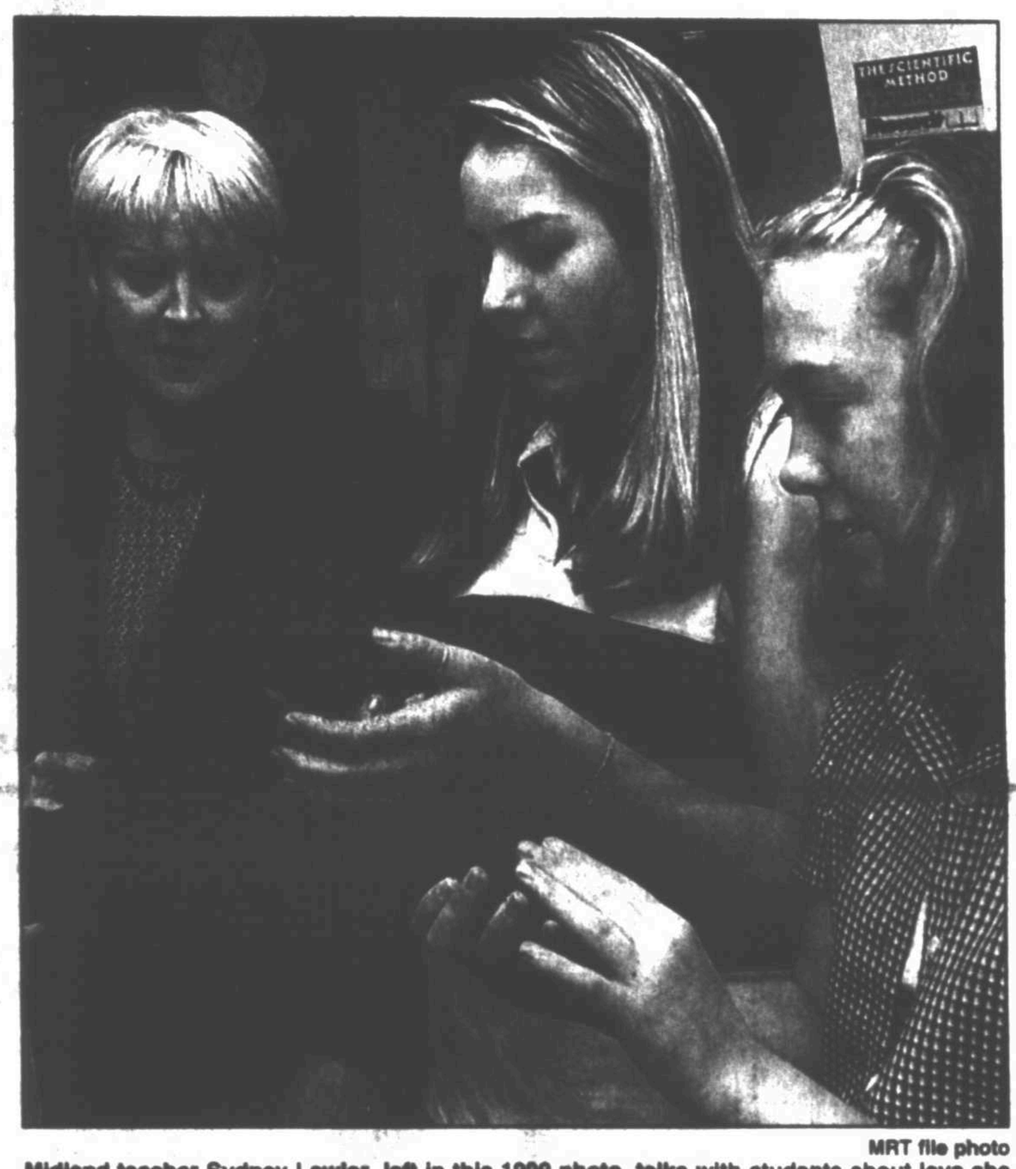
"At this time, I have a lot of things to consider," said trustee Martha Manulik. "What I'm going to have to weigh is that our facilities are the most important problem we face in our district today."

She added that salaries are important and that teachers should always be a top consideration but, "Any budgeting I'm involved in is going to revolve around working with this community on a bond issue. That's got to take first priority."

Trustee Shane Boring raised another idea that could face voters at the polls in September. With the recent passage of a sales tax referendum to build a new sports complex and the recent increase in school taxes, voters could be reaching their tax threshold.

"I think it could be a stretch to do that (raise taxes and pass a bond issue), but I'm not saying it's not

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MRT file photo
Midland teacher Sydney Lawler, left in this 1999 photo, talks with students about lava she brought back from a trip to Italy. Ms. Lawler teaches eighth-grade science at Goddard Junior High School and geology at Midland College and travels during her off-months to visit volcanoes.

There are currently no funds available for police officer raises, Menchaca says

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

There are currently no city funds available to give the Midland Police Department a raise, according to City Manager Designee Rick Menchaca.

A recent study by the Midland Municipal Police Officers Association showed Midland to be paying 19 percent less than the average of Texas cities of similar population. On Tuesday the results of that study were distributed to council members and city management.

Officer Darin Clements, treasurer of the MMPOA, wouldn't specify how large a raise was being sought but did say it was more than 10 percent.

"You're talking money we don't have right now," Menchaca said of the $659,000 raise for the department. "The only extra would be increases in sales tax revenue. We've had two good (sales tax revenue) months. We'll see what December looks like in the next two weeks."

Menchaca says there needs to be a solution that addresses the needs of all 900 city employees, not just police.

"It's more than just giving them a raise," said Menchaca. "We've got 900 employees .... We want to make sure our employees are competitively paid .... It's a delicate balancing act."

Regardless of how much the police want, Mayor Bobby Burns says he would never support a property tax or sales tax increase. "I absolutely will not vote to raise taxes at all," said Burns. "But, I'm very proud of our Police Department. We've got to find other ways to work with them. we can accomplish a lot of goals without rais-

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Airport director to take off for job in Florida

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Midland Director of Airports Ken Day has accepted a job as airport director with the Boca Raton Airport in Boca Raton, Fla. Day has been a Midland city employee since January 1987.

"The Airport Authority offered me a position and I accepted that position contingent on working out the contractual agreement," said Day.

Day won't submit his letter of resignation until the Boca Raton Airport Authority confirms his new contract on Feb. 10.



Day

Wolfgang Kurpiers, treasurer of the airport authority, said Day was approved by a 7-0 vote.

"He just had a little edge on everybody," said Kurpiers. "We looked at a lot of different factors — experience, ability to manage. He came out on top. He has outstanding credentials."

Day described the airport as a general aviation facility, much smaller than Midland International Airport.

"There's a lot of things they're doing that I'm very excited about," said Day, such as working with the community and solving noise problems.

"The airport has grown significantly over past couple years," said Kurpiers. "Boca Raton is a resort area. A lot of corporations are relocating to Boca Raton and bringing their planes. We wanted somebody as soon as possible. We have been without a director since September."

"I've had discussions with Rick (Menchaca, city manager designee)," said Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler. "We'll be assessing the situation pending Ken's official notification."

Hackler said Assistant Director of Airports Marv Esterly is a candidate for Day's position, if Day does leave.

"He's an excellent choice," said Hackler. "Any way you stack it, it's a real loss for the city. Ken is one of the best aviation directors in the state. He has a one-of-a- kind style. He relates well with different types of people, especially in a political environment. He's exceptional on the financial side."

"We all wish him well," said Mayor Bobby Burns. "In my opinion he'll do well wherever he goes."

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Ed Todd



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Blizzard cripples North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Four months after Hurricane Floyd's devastating floodwaters, North Carolina struggled Wednesday with the aftermath of a "white hurricane" — a record 2-foot snowfall in a part of the country that doesn't have much experience with blizzards.

The snowstorm left thousands of people stuck in cold, dark homes and paralyzed Raleigh and other communities.

"I'm 45 years old and I've never seen it like this. Our fire trucks couldn't go anywhere. Our ambulances couldn't go anywhere," said Rick Harris, emergency management coordinator in rural Montgomery County, outside Charlotte.

Floyd drenched eastern North Carolina with 20 inches of rain Sept. 16 and caused at least 51 deaths in the worst flooding in state history. Monday night's snowstorm, accompanied by ice and winds, knocked down trees and plunged homes and businesses into darkness.

Raleigh Mayor Paul Coble, snowbound Wednesday like many of his constituents, described the storm in terms people in North Carolina are certain to understand: "a white hurricane."

More than 140,000 homes and business remained without electricity Wednesday in North and South Carolina. The storm was blamed for one traffic death in North Carolina and two in South Carolina. Two people were found outside; they were presumed to have died from exposure in South Carolina.

A Virginia man with Alzheimer's disease was found dead outside Wednesday from what a medical examiner said appeared to be hypothermia.

The Rev. Anne Beach, pastor of the Biscoe Presbyterian Church in Montgomery Couty, said her church shelter was running out of food to feed people whose homes lost electricity.

"We have plenty of cans of soup, but nothing much to go with it," she said. "I'm just praying for the loaves and the fishes to multiply."

The storm dumped 20.3 inches at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, breaking Raleigh's previous single-storm record of 17.8 inches from March 2, 1927. It also set a record for snowfall

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AP Photo
A North Carolina Department of Transportation plow clears the road along tractor trailers on northbound I-85 near Durham, N.C., Wednesday. More than 20 inches of snow fell on the area Tuesday stranding many motorists.

Allegations of ties with Islamic militants haunt Turkish state

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — For almost a decade, Islamic militants terrorized Kurds in southeastern Turkey, executing their enemies with a single shot to the head or a swing of a long blade called the "sword of Islam."

Turkish police are now cracking down on the group, arresting militants and uncovering dungeons and torture cells. The campaign has raised the difficult question of whether the state turned a blind eye or even helped create a group that went unpunished as it killed thousands of people, including hundreds of anti-government Kurdish rebels.

Last week, authorities discovered dozens of savagely tortured bodies, including that of one woman, Konca Kuris, beneath the group's hide-outs.

Outraged commentators and even some politicians contend the state's crackdown has come only because the group, Hezbollah, is no longer useful now that the main Kurdish militant group, Abdullah Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, has largely been defeated.

"Hezbollah has completed its mission," said Faik Bulut, an expert on Islamic terrorist groups. "It has been squeezed and squeezed like a lemon."

Hezbollah, which is not linked to the Lebanon-based guerrilla group of the same name, was formed in the impoverished southern city of Diyarbakir in the early 1980s, when the PKK was becoming powerful in the surrounding countryside.

The militants, who distinguished themselves by wearing shirts over their pants to hide their long knives, were staunchly anti-communist and killed hundreds of PKK members.

The group was at its height in the early 1990s, at the same time that the PKK controlled most of the countryside.

Turkey's military has denied any links with Hezbollah, but the denial has not silenced speculation that the organization, which never attacked soldiers or police, was supported by local politicians, police and paramilitary forces.

"It is not possible for an organization to do things like Hezbollah without collaborating with traitors within the state and receiving their support," said Mesut Yilmaz, leader of the Motherland Party, which is part of the governing coalition.

Eyup Asik, a former state minister, said that in 1993 he informed then-Interior Minister Ismet Sezgin that Hezbollah was killing people in the southeastern town of Batman. He said the government never took action.

It is not the first time the state has been accused of using radical groups to eliminate its enemies.

A 1997 government report said that the state used death squads made up of ultra-nationalists to kill Kurdish rebels, journalists and Armenian militants.

The crackdown on Hezbollah began earlier this month, when police attacked the group's safe house in Istanbul, killing Huseyin Velioglu, the leader of the organization's most militant wing.

Following the shootout, the government arrested hundreds of militants who led police to uncover 33 corpses buried in basements and gardens throughout the country. Most of the dead had their arms and legs tied behind their backs.

All the victims were naked and some bore signs of torture, such as missing ribs and broken bones.

Many of the victims were Kurdish businessmen who refused to pay zakat, an Islamic tax, to the group. Others were not Kurds, including Kuris, an Islamic women's rights activist who apparently first backed Hezbollah but angered its members when she demanded that women pray alongside men.

Police discovered a Hezbollah videotape in which Kuris was seen being interrogated and tortured for 35 days, newspaper reports said.

The group tortured some people by dripping burning nylon on their naked bodies during interrogations, which were videotaped, according to Mehmet Arica, a former Hezbollah member turned police informant. Arica said the leadership watched the videotapes to review the sessions and decide on the victims' fates.

Militants injected people with tranquilizers and moved them from city to city in refrigerators or couches, the daily Sabah newspaper reported.

According to military intelligence reports, Hezbollah killed 500 Kurdish rebels and is blamed for another 5,000 mysterious killings in the region.

Turkish officials say the group is backed by Iran, a claim that Tehran denies.

Ilnur Cevik, editor in chief of the Turkish Daily News, was pessimistic that the crackdown would lead to significant change.

"All that will happen will be the elimination of some militants while the state officials, who fed them and directed them, will remain unknown and we will face another cover up," Cevik wrote in an editorial.

But some others said they hoped for change.

"This is the day for settling accounts," Mehmet Ali Birand wrote in the same newspaper. "The state is cleaning out the dirt within."

China attempts to tighten control on Internet

BEIJING (AP) — China has extended its vague state secrets law to the Internet, ordering companies to register software used to transmit sensitive data and threatening punishment for any government secrets sent onto the Web.

The regulations, announced Wednesday, could scare off foreign firms eager to tap China's booming Internet market. They also underscore the communist leadership's ambivalent desire to exploit the Internet for business while constricting information considered threatening to its rule.

Everyone, from Internet sites to chat-room users, must gain approval from agencies protecting government secrets before publishing previously unreleased information on the Web, according to the States Secrecy Bureau regulations released in the People's Daily.

"It's like saying you want to develop railroads and then throwing down a different gauge track not used anywhere else in the world," said William Soileau, an information technology lawyer with Denton Hall in Beijing.

Perhaps most chilling for business are regulations requiring companies and individuals to register with the government, by Monday, all software used to protect transfers of sensitive information. They require companies to hand over the serial numbers and list the employees using the software, possibly making it easier for the government to track use.

So-called encryption software is used to prevent prying into everything from electronic mail to banking settlements. Popular products like Netscape Web browsers contain encryption software, as do some Microsoft products.

China passed the regulations quietly in October. But the foreign business community became alarmed when the commission published a follow-up directive in November.

That order said that foreign companies wishing to sell products using encryption software — such as programs that operate Web sites — would have to submit the source code, or software blueprints. Software deemed unacceptable would have to be replaced with Chinese encryption software.

"This can potentially compromise the trade secrets of companies," said Jay Hu of the United States Information Technology Office, an industry lobbying group.

The clampdown also highlights government fears about the use of encrypted communications by political dissidents and the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement. Falun Gong followers have used e-mail and the Internet to meet and hold protests in defiance of a six-month ban.

Chinese Web sites have displayed a liveliness unfound in the traditional and wholly state-controlled media. In recent months, Web sites have carried reports on tests of a new submarine-launched missile and a wide-ranging corruption scandal that has threatened to ensnare a senior party leader — both unreported by official media.

That lack of restraint comes despite repeated government regulations meant to bring the Internet under control. China has set up a special police force to monitor the Internet and, in criminal trials, has accused political dissidents and leaders of Falun Gong of disseminating anti-government views and state secrets on the Web.

Still, Internet use soars. Official media reported that in the last six months of 1999, users more than doubled from 4 million to 8.9 million.





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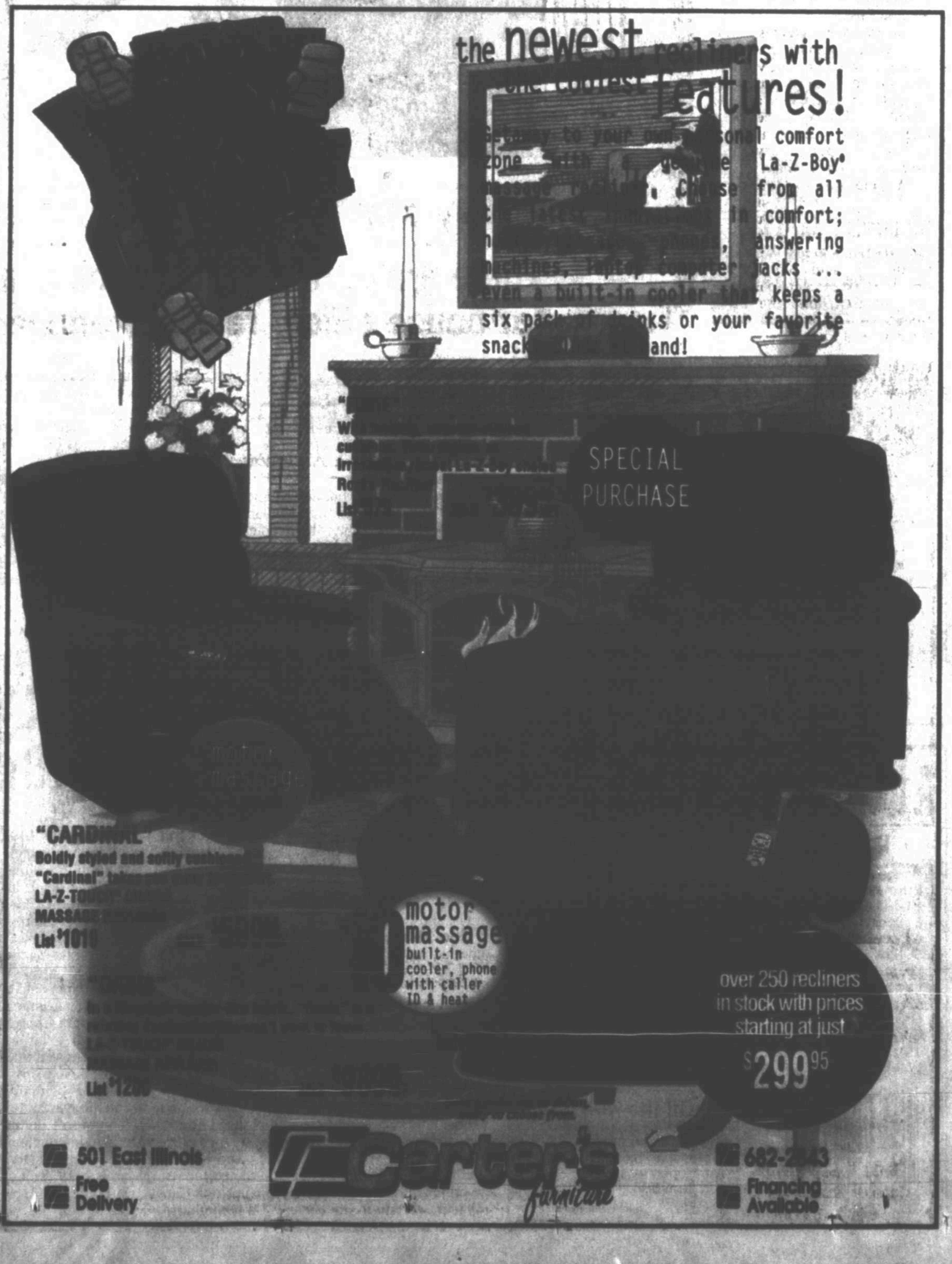
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Gathering aims at educating public on Holocaust

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — In the first such international gathering of its kind, world leaders and activists came together Wednesday to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in the face of rising neo-Nazism.

Prompted by a lack of awareness among youth, the Swedish government organized the forum as part of a Holocaust education campaign in its own country. Six million Jews and 5 million others — including Gypsies and homosexuals — were killed during World War II at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters.

"In another few years, the generation of the Holocaust, the living witnesses, will be gone," Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak told some 600 delegates. "Even now, Holocaust deniers and neo-Nazis ... are operating in the open."

As he spoke, three neo-Nazis were on trial in the southern Swedish city of Helsingborg, charged with distributing racist videos and compact discs.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said that education was imperative "so that ordinary people shall never again ... turn ordinary places into execution chambers."

Schroeder warned against the spread of Neo-Nazism in Europe and said increased international cooperation and the use of police and the judiciary were needed to fight racism.

The three-day conference opened with Holocaust survivor Tana Ross, who read a poem about the need to speak out.

The meeting was the first of its kind to bring together world leaders and activists to discuss the Holocaust, and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel suggested Sweden make it an annual event.

"Why not declare that this is only the first," he said. "From now on have an annual Stockholm conference on humanity and conscience."

Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson, who was applauded by the forum for inroads he has made in World War II education, agreed to work to create an annual forum.

The conference comes at a time when Sweden is reevaluating its wartime role and confronting increasingly visible neo-Nazi activity. A 1997 survey showed that nearly one-third of youths between the ages of 12 and 18 did not believe the Holocaust happened. However, questions have been raised recently about the survey's numbers and the way it was conducted.

The forum coincides with Holocaust Remembrance Day — marked on Thursday in several countries — and ceremonies were to be held at Stockholm's largest synagogue and in parliament.

The World Jewish Congress ended two days of meetings in Stockholm on Wednesday that focused on the distribution of funds from legal settlements over slave labor for Holocaust survivors and their relatives.

The congress honored Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who saved up to 20,000 Jews in Budapest, Hungary, from deportation to Nazi death camps.

Woman in glass house attracts crowds in Santiago

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Daniela Tobar woke up Wednesday, walked to the bathroom, undressed and took a shower — as scores of people watched.

The 21-year-old actress is spending two weeks in a house in central Santiago made of nothing but glass, part of a project designed to gauge how the public feels about a person's right to privacy.

"The idea is for her to live a completely normal life," said architect Arturo Torres, who developed the idea with a colleague. "We want to show a way of life which is unusual."

Scores of people gather along the sidewalk each day, gawking as Tobar does laundry, cleans, eats, receives visitors — even goes to the bathroom. Every corner of the 8-foot-by-8-foot structure can be seen from the sidewalk.

"As I stepped out of bed, the crowd starting chanting, 'Undress,' Undress!'" she complained.

Torres said the project cost about $23,000. Half the money was contributed by Fondart, a government cultural agency.

Tobar began living in the house on Monday. Police visited her late Tuesday, suggesting the project be stopped. But Torres said he told them that "we had all the necessary permits." A City Hall spokesman confirmed that.



AP Photo

Spectators reflections are visible as they watch Chilean actress Daniela Tovar prepare to take an afternoon shower. The 21-year-old actress is spending two weeks in the house, part of a project designed to gauge how the public feels about a person's right to privacy.

South Africa legislates against discrimination

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — South Africa's Parliament, once the rubber stamp for apartheid legislation, came full circle Wednesday when its upper house approved a law banning unfair discrimination.

The bill will outlaw all forms of prejudice based on race, gender, sexual persuasion, disability and other grounds. If approved by the lower house and president as expected, the bill also will prohibit hate speech.

"Our past history of unfair discrimination has left its indelible mark on South African society," Justice Minister Penuell Maduna said when introducing the legislation in the National Assembly. "It requires concrete measures to ensure that human dignity, the achievement of equality, the advancement of human rights and freedoms, non-racialism and non-sexism become endemic in society."

Under the proposal, which is required by the Constitution, people accused of discrimination will have to prove their innocence and may be ordered to pay damages. Special equality courts will be set up to deal with complaints.

The predominantly white opposition Democratic Party voted against the law, objecting to provisions enabling the justice minister to appoint magistrates and judges to the equality courts without adequate consultation.

"We cannot vote for a bill that undermines the Constitution," said the party's human rights spokeswoman, Dene Smuts.

The most vocal critic has been South Africa's insurance industry, which claims it will enable policy holders to challenge all underwriting decisions and thus bring large increases in premiums and costs.

The New National Party, heir of apartheid's architects, said that despite the bill's weaknesses, it was necessary to address the injustices of the past.

Earlier drafts specifically banned discrimination on the basis of socioeconomic status and against AIDS victims. These provisions were watered down after an outcry from business organizations. The government has said it will consider reinstating them.

"I think these are very crucial grounds on which people are discriminated against on a daily basis," said Thabani Masuku, an analyst with the Institute for the Democracy in South Africa.

China launches satellite into orbit

BEIJING (AP) — China put a 5,000-pound communications satellite into orbit Wednesday, using one of its biggest rockets for the launching, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The Long March 3A rocket lifted off from the Xichang launching center in southwestern China at 12:45 a.m. and put the Zhongxing-22 satellite in orbit 30 minutes later, Xinhua said.

The domestically made satellite will be used for ground communications and supervised by China Telecommunications and Broadcasting Satellite Corp., Xinhua said.

The Taiwanese Defense Ministry issued a brief statement saying it was familiar with the satellite and that it posed no threat to Taiwan. China and the island of Taiwan have been ruled separately since civil war in 1949, but Beijing says they eventually must reunite.

The launching was the fourth for the Long March 3A since its debut six years ago, Xinhua said. China's state-run aerospace industry plans to use the rocket next year to send up an Italian-made telecommunications satellite, the first time the Long March 3A will be used on an international launch.

For a decade, China has hoped that its cheaper launch services would attract foreign capital and spur development in its aerospace industry.

But its aspirations were set back by a string of failures in the mid-1990s, including the explosion of a Long March 3B rocket seconds after liftoff that killed six people on the ground.

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Did King Arthur really exist?
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In the Western world, few legends have been so revered as that of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table. But how much truth lies at the root of the legend has puzzled scholars for centuries. Now a discovery on the English coast of Cornwall has archeologists and historians wondering if they've found the answer.
Researchers from the University of Glasgow found a stone tablet during their excavation of an ancient castle at Tintagel. The inscription on the flat slate — *Pater colisvificit Artognov* — was translated to mean, Arthnou, father of a descendent of Coll, has had this built. The stone, like a painter's signature, proclaimed the castle's owner.
The similarity between Arthnou and Arthur was close enough that some experts see it as proof that this was the home of the famed King Arthur. Arthnou is known to have been a mighty chieftain who fought more than a dozen battles against invaders in the 12th century. And artifacts at the castle suggest it was home to people of nobility.
But whether this was the Arthur of legend is still a mystery.
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Low lower 20s	Low near 20	Low lower 20s

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 50s. Winds will be from the northwest at 10-20 mph.

Tonight will bring increasing clouds with a low in the lower 20s.

Friday's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a high in the mid-40s. Friday night will be mostly cloudy with a low around 20.

Saturday will be partly cloudy with a high in the lower 50s.

After an overnight low of 29, Wednesday's high was 60, compared to the old record high for that date of 81, set in 1953. The record low of 15 was set in 1940.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Wednesday ....0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday .....0.00 in.
Total for month .....0.61 in.
Total for year .....0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date) .....0.25 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 60
low 29
Normal high 57
Normal low 29

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Sunset ... 6:17 p.m.

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Akron,Ohio	21	13	sno	
Albany,N.Y.	23	20	.18	cdy
Albuquerque	63	49	cdy	
Allentown,Pa.	m	24	cdy	
Amarillo	37	28	mm	
Anchorage	39	18	.01	sno
Asheville	24	17	clr	
Atlanta	33	21	cdy	
Atlantic City	31	21	clr	
Austin	47	43	m	
Baltimore	32	19	.02	clr
Baton Rouge	47	29	m	
Billings	43	18	sno	
Birmingham	34	20	cdy	
Bismarck	28	0	cdy	
Boise	43	32	cdy	
Boston	30	27	.08	cdy
Bridgeport	31	23	.15	cdy
Brownsville	73	63	cdy	
Buffalo	17	17	cdy	
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Chattanooga	34	21	clr	
Cheyenne	42	22	.01	sno
Chicago	22	7	cdy	
Cincinnati	20	14	clr	
Cleveland	19	18	.25	sno
Colorado Springs	42	19	.06	sno
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Columbus,Ga.	38	25	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	17	13	.04	clr
Concord,N.H.	27	22	.22	cdy
Corpus Christi	66	53	m	
Dallas-Ft Worth	40	37	sno	
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Daytona Beach	48	33	clr	
Denver	39	22	.01	sno
Des Moines	21	4	clr	
Detroit	17	8	clr	
Duluth	16	-5	clr	
El Paso	74	47	clr	
Elkins	20	13	sno	
Erie	22	20	sno	
Eugene	47	32	.01	cdy
Evansville	26	11	cdy	
Fairbanks	26	8	sno	
Fargo	13	-6	cdy	
Flagstaff	39	38	.26	cdy
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Fort Smith	34	25	sno	
Fort Wayne	14	1	mm	
Fresno	53	48	cdy	
Goodland	33	23	sno	
Grand Junction	43	17	.66	cdy
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Great Falls	42	17	cdy	
Green Bay	19	6	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	32	20	clr	
Harrisburg	32	22	cdy	
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Helena	40	23	cdy	
Honolulu	70	65	cdy	
Houston	48	37	m	
Huntsville	33	18	cdy	
Indianapolis	20	11	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	38	24	sno	
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Shreveport	37	32	cdy	
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Springfield,Mo.	28	14	sno	
Syracuse	21	18	.12	sno
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Topeka	29	17	sno	
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Tupelo	33	19	cdy	
Waco	42	36	m	
Washington,D.C.	34	22	.01	clr
W.Palm Beach	70	41	clr	
Wichita	28	24	.02	sno
Wichita Falls	37	34	sno	
Wilkes-Barre	22	19	.01	sno
Wilmington,Del.	30	23	.02	clr
Yakima	32	32	cdy	
Youngstown	21	14	.03	sno
Yuma	73	60	clr	

SNOW: It was like war zone, Charlotte man says

(From 1A)

in a month, giving Raleigh a total of 28.2 inches. The previous mark was 20 inches, in January 1893.

Travel was especially treacherous along Interstate 85 just south of the Virginia-North Carolina line. The road was virtually shut down for several hours Tuesday night and Wednesday morning by jackknifed and abandoned tractor-trailers.

The Raleigh-Durham airport was closed until this morning. Spokesman Mike Blanton said 120 people were stranded in the airport's two terminals Tuesday and Wednesday, but a hotel chain fed them at no charge.

Blanton said the airport was closed for several hours during Hurricane Floyd in September and Hurricane Fran in 1996, but never for two days.

The nor'easter swept up the East Coast from South Carolina, dropping heavy snow inland. The Northeast got up to 2 feet of snow, which snarled roads and closed schools and government offices, but most places were almost back to normal on Wednesday.

Raleigh and Richmond, Va., which got 11 inches, were still largely paralyzed Wednesday.

"My guess is from what they're saying is it's going to be Sunday before you start to see any real movement," the Raleigh mayor said.

Stewart McGough, a First Union Bank employee from Charlotte, deserbed downtown Richmond as a ghost town when he arrived Tuesday night after several hours of treacherous travel.

"It was like a war zone — a demilitarized zone of sorts," he said.

National Guardsmen in Humvees in North Carolina and Virginia helped state troopers reach traffic accidents. The vehicles also served as ambulances and helped take people to shelters.

Some Raleigh residents emerged from their houses and apartments Wednesday for the first time since snow began falling Monday night. About 80 people got in line outside a supermarket, where managers permitted only a few customers inside at a time because only a few employees had come to work.

Some customers needed supplies; others were just breaking the monotony of being inside for more than a day.

"It's fun for the first couple of days, but then it becomes a nuisance," said Eric Ricks, who was in line with his fiancee, Denise Edwards.

Ms. Edwards said she had spent her enforced confinement working on wedding plans.

"I've got him cornered to do the invitations," she said. "I'm addressing them, and he's stuffing them."

POLICE: Cuevas thinks 10 percent raise is too much

(From 1A)

ing taxes."

Burns says for property and sales tax both, he would be opposed to an increase.

Councilman Jose Cuevas says a 10 percent raise is too much.

"From what I've heard, this should be broad — not just police (getting the raise)," said Cuevas. "We need to look at our entire employee base. We all fill a role. There's no doubt that police officers are very near and dear to the public. We all need to keep open minds. The spirit of cooperation be will one of working through the issue for the betterment of the community."

Cuevas said the City Council may have to consider tapping into the city's general fund reserves. 75 percent of the fund's $46.7 million is spent on city business, including police. The final 25 percent — roughly $12 million — is kept in reserves and invested. According to Menchaca the reserve is rarely spent, but invested instead and maintained to achieve good bond ratings on projects such as Midland International Airport and the upcoming sports complex.

"We have to use reason," said Cuevas. "Both parties have to work in a spirit of cooperation for the betterment of the community. We have 800 other employees. We do have a limited budget. I think there's going to be a spirit to do something for everyone. We didn't get into the mess is one year so let's take our time and get out of it over time."

If the public were to support a tax increase for police salaries, Councilman Juluis Brooks said, he'd vote for it. "If we are so proud of our Police Department, let's pay them for their work," said Brooks. " We know that somewhere down the line we are going to have to give the policemen an increase in pay. We've got to have a big sales tax increase or raise taxes — one of the two. We don't want them leaving Midland to go apply for another job somewhere else."

Councilman Dale Brown admitted that without a tax increase the police wouldn't be given a raise. "We cannot add that expense to our budget without revenue to offset it," said Brown. "We have to make some judgment from the council's standpoint ... . Council wouldn't be willing to raise taxes without the approval of citizens. We don't want to get in a spot where we can't keep our police force."

If the police don't get the money they want from council, the issue could end up on a referendum ballot come the November elections. That could prove divisive. In 1989 the fire and police departments were denied a 10 percent raise in a referendum vote, 55 percent to 45. In May, the citizens of Amarillo will consider a 12 percent increase for their Police Department.

"We ought to be able to come to something before we do that (referendum vote)," says Brown. "It would mean that I certainly hope we could get it resolved without doing that. If it goes to voters it would be just because it has implications of a tax increase, rather than we just can't agree with the police."

Councilman Lee Wood said a decision needed to be made by comparing all benefits — not just base salary — to other cities. "I think when reviewing the salary structures of police, No. 1, they should be compensated fairly ... they're the ones out there protecting us every night," said Councilman Lee Wood. But, he said, "we have to look at the entire package — benefits, salary — before an intelligent decision can be made."

TEACHERS: Lara thinks bond issue has top priority

(From 1A)

possible. I think we need to be very careful how we present everything," said Boring, who would prefer to find a way to raise teacher salaries and renovate secondary facilities.

George Lara and James Fuller also expressed a desire to accomplish both ends.

"I think for the most part teachers deserve an increase in salary," said Fuller. "I would hope that, by this time, the community recognizes the dire need to address secondary facilities."

He added that he has no qualms about raising taxes to fund the salary increase, although he's not suggesting that a tax increase is imminent. In fact, Fuller referenced Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr.'s comments on Saturday, that the district is nearing the state-mandated limit on local property taxes.

"We have to be very careful because we are very close to the cap and I would be careful before I move in the direction of even approving a tax raise."

As for whether a tax increase would harm the bond issue, Fuller is hopeful that wouldn't happen. He wouldn't speculate as to the outcome of an August tax increase followed by a September bond referendum but did say it would be appropriate to put the decision to the public.

"We have alerted the community and given them significant lead time to think about the importance and the need for them (secondary improvements)," Fuller said.

Lara voiced similar views, "I'm in support of raising taxes to obtain and acquire good qualified teachers."

He added, however, that the bond issue has to be given top consideration. And with top consideration given to a bond, teacher raises might not make the cut.

"If we are really serious about a bond issue, we have to be very cautious not to inflate the tax burden to our community," Lara said. "I'm afraid we are going to have to pick just one.

"In my opinion, we are in dire need of both. But, given the nice increase in salary that teachers got last year, we may have to compromise and go with the bond."

Pat Hodges took a lonely stance, saying she would not support raising taxes to raise salaries. Although she was supportive of teachers and teacher pay raises, she didn't feel it should come at an additional cost to taxpayers. She was in agreement regarding the district's priorities.

"If we raise taxes, I'd be very concerned whether or not we could pass a bond," said Ms. Hodges. "To me, improving the secondary schools is more important right now."

Board President Becky Oekerman was less committed to any one course of action than the rest of her board.

"I'm still in personal consideration about the level of teacher raise I'm comfortable with and I'm going to think about it and study it some more," said Ms. Oekerman.

She also hadn't come to a final determination about whether she would support a tax increase and would not answer questions regarding a bond issue's chances of passage.

She did concede, however, that passage of a bond would result in higher taxes in 2001.

"Any time you pass a bond issue, you are agreeing to pay for what you build. And the way you pay for them (bonds) is through the taxes you raise," concluded Ms. Oekerman.

Trustee Glen Bufler was ill and could not be reached for comment. The board plans to call for the September bond issue in July. The budget is historically approved in August or September.

Board to consider teachers' salaries at today's meeting

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

At today's meeting, the MISD school board will vote on whether to raise first-year teacher salaries from $29,700 to $31,000.

"This gives us an opportunity to tell prospective teachers exactly what they would be making next year," said Executive Director of Personnel Tom Holland. "If we are able to announce that early, we have a better chance of hiring teachers."

Holland explained that many metropolitan school districts have recently been in the habit of announcing salary schedules early to assist in recruiting. West Texas districts have not historically done that. Holland's thinking is that by beating other area districts to the punch, MISD would be more competitive.

ECISD currently has a starting salary of $30,500 and MISD would have to raise salaries above that just to recruit teachers coming out of UTPB.

"It sure helps us in recruiting," said Holland. "The $31,000 puts us within $2,000 of what suburban areas are offering and I can talk to them about the lower cost of living and the value of living in a medium-size community."

Approving that salary increase, however, will take the first step toward improving other salary increases. Currently, teachers with four or fewer years experience make below $31,000. If the new starting pay is approved, then those levels would have to be increased as well.

"That's not going to come up until June," said Holland, "But this salary will obviously have an impact."

Teachers with four years experience make $30,900 this year — $100 less than the proposed starting pay.

"I understand why they have to do it, because unless you are from here, a young person doesn't want to come out here and work, because there is nothing to do in Midland," said Linda Hancock, past president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association in Midland. "But, it's just not fair."

She added that starting teacher salaries would be raised at a higher percentage than that of experienced teachers. First year teachers would get a 4.4 percent raise compared to a proposed 3.5 percent raise — including step raises — for experienced teachers.

Those first-year teachers also will be the subject of another agenda item. Holland is asking permission to hire 30 unassigned teachers for 2000-2001. Those 30 teachers would be hired for positions that aren't readily apparent but are historically hard to fill. Holland usually asks permission to hire 50 such teachers.

"We know that we probably need fewer than what we've done in the past," Holland said.

The district announced at its Saturday budget retreat that the district is some 2,000 students below peak enrollment of 1999-2000. As a result, MISD expects to hire only 150 teachers this year as opposed to 200 plus in previous years.

The board will meet at 4 p.m. in the board room at 615 W. Missouri.

NASA renews efforts to contact Mars Polar Lander

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA sent command signals toward Mars on Wednesday to try to learn if a faint signal picked up by a radio dish at Stanford University came from the missing Mars Polar Lander.

Mission officials, who had earlier abandoned hope that the lander would make contact, stressed Wednesday that the new try was a long shot and that results would not be immediate.

The command signals order the lander to send a signal to the Stanford Earth receiving station Wednesday afternoon. They are to be repeated today.

Processing of data collected by the dish was expected to take days, said a spokeswoman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Scientists lost contact with the lander Dec. 3 as it was about to enter Mars' atmosphere. It was the second Mars mission NASA lost contact with in three months.

Efforts to contact the lander during December and earlier this month included commands telling the craft to send a radio signal to the Stanford dish.

HALL: Painter approves of deputy's leave

(From 1A)

ty ... with new, fresh, energetic leadership" dedicated to a "more progressive, more pro-active and a more community-oriented Sheriff's Office. That's what I am after."

Hall, who said that he wants to "bring law enforcement back to Midland County," may be losing his deputy's job for the sake of his campaign. "Sometimes people just have to stand up."

Will Hall retain his old job?

"I can't answer that question until the time comes (on May 1)," Painter said on Wednesday in acknowledging that he is approving Hall's request for leave of absence beginning Feb. 24 and for using his vacation and holiday time beginning Saturday.

In a Jan. 25 letter to Hall, Painter wrote, "I applaud your requesting a leave of absence" to focus on his campaign.

"Your running for the office of Sheriff while still employed here has created a tremendous amount of turmoil and had a negative impact on the patrol section," Painter wrote.

Hall, who has worked for Painter since 1986, opted not to comment on Painter's "turmoil" comment.

In granting the leave request, Painter said that Hall's "position in patrol cannot be left vacant due to scheduling problems, the conflicts it would create, overtime burdens and a requirement in our community-policing (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant that all positions must be filled and maintained or we face having to repay over $400,000 to the (federal) government."

Further, Painter noted that the Midland County Policy Manual says that an employee who seeks to return to work from a leave of absence without pay "will be separated and paid accrued benefits ... if no vacancy exists and a reasonable effort to place the employee in another position has been unsuccessful." Further, the policy states that "Every effort will be made to reinstate the employee in the same, or comparable, position."

Capt. Ed Krevit, who commands the sheriff's Public Safety Division, noted in a Jan. 20 memorandum that Krevit, Lt. Rory McKinney and Sgt. Richard Gillette concurred that Hall's leave would "have a negative impact on the Patrol Section" and that Hall's slot, if vacated, should be "filled immediately ... ."

Painter said that Hall is "doing the smart thing" in taking leave of his job to campaign for election. "I think he needs to get all the time that he wants to give him a fair chance.

"In 1984 when I found I could no longer work for Dallas Smith, that I had had enough, I resigned and ran against him," Painter recalled.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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U.N. decides on former nuclear agency chief for Iraq inspections

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Hans Blix, the retired chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, is slated to become the new lead U.N. weapons inspector for Iraq — a compromise appointment that raised questions Wednesday even before it was formalized.

The Security Council gave its unanimous approval to the Swede after a tortuous month of negotiation to find a candidate all 15 members could agree on. After consultations Wednesday morning, U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke announced that consensus had been reached and Secretary-General Kofi Annan formally nominated Blix.

"Let those who saw divisions in the international community know that I am speaking now on behalf of a united, unanimous Security Council," said Holbrooke, the current council president.

Russia, France and China last week rejected Annan's first nominee, Rolf Ekeus, who headed the first inspection agency in Iraq until he became Sweden's U.S. ambassador in 1997.

France proposed Blix in a bid to compromise and the United States lukewarmly went along for the sake of consensus, diplomats said.

Blix, who was vacationing in Antarctica and unavailable for comment, will lead the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, which was created by the Security Council in December to replace the Special Commission. The commission pulled out of Iraq ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes in December 1998 and was barred from returning.

While U.N. officials and ambassadors alike praised the council's unanimous consensus, some diplomats and arms control experts raised doubts about whether Blix would be aggressive enough to uncover whatever remains of Iraq's weapons program.

Blix, a former Swedish foreign minister, was director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1981 until he retired in 1997.

The IAEA had been conducting regular inspections in Iraq as called for by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty well before the agency was charged in 1991 with helping to uncover and destroy Iraq's banned weapons program.

Yet prior to 1991, the IAEA had discovered no evidence of Iraq's nuclear weapons program. It was only after more intrusive inspections were launched and documents found that the extent of the program became known.

"For (Blix) to be credible he's going to have to pledge to take a much tougher line than the IAEA has done in insisting upon solid evidence to support Iraqi claims," said Paul L. Leventhal, president of the Nuclear Control Institute, a frequent critic of the IAEA's work in Iraq.

And Iraq raised questions about its willingness to cooperate with the new weapons inspection agency altogether, saying the resolution that created the agency was "unworkable."

"Devil or angel, the new chairman will not change much in the scheme which has been prepared by the United States," Iraqi Ambassador Saeed Hasan said. "This resolution is not implementable, is not working and will not work."

Iraq, however, has generally been more responsive to the IAEA, which was much less confrontational than the Special Commission in uncovering Iraq's weapons programs.

Students force way into strike-closed Mexican university

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Students and professors tore down a barricade at Mexico's premier university Wednesday to confront striking students who have occupied the campus for nine months.

Crowds forced open a gate at the 280,000-student National Autonomous University's campus in Mexico City and tore down wires and poles, allowing scores of people to enter. There were scattered skirmishes, but no reports of serious injuries.

Strike leaders elsewhere on campus maintained their barricades, blocking thousands of students and teachers who were unable to get inside.

As police helicopters circled overhead, some strikers wearing ski masks and bandanas screamed obscenities at students trying to get in. Those who managed to get through the barricades spoke with the strikers, urging them to end the standoff which has paralyzed Latin America's largest university.

"This will end only if individual schools of students and faculty sit down together and work things out," said Estella Sanchez, a chemistry professor who spoke with striking students from her department. "Most of us on both sides don't want the strike to continue, but we can't proceed without an exchange of ideas."

But the strikers maintained the walkout is far from over.

"We can't end the strike without a consensus, but what we can do is reopen the dialogue," said Alex, a striking chemistry student who declined to give his last name.

The strike at the university popularly known by its Spanish acronym, UNAM, began in April to protest a plan to increase annual tuition from a token few cents to the equivalent of $140. Administrators backed off the fee increase, but strikers' demands grew to include sweeping policy changes and a call for greater student control.

Adding to Wednesday's confusion were students against the strike who entered campus but then weren't allowed to leave. With strikers blocking all entrances, one large group of students and professors who had slipped inside had to ask strikers for special permission to exit the campus confines.

Wednesday's action comes one day after the university's rector, Juan Ramon de la Fuente, went to the campus to deliver results of a referendum showing overwhelming support for an end to the walkout. Strikers and a throng of photographers, however, kept him from reaching the barricaded gates.

In newspaper ads published Wednesday, students who support de la Fuente's proposal to end the strike urged their supporters to go to the university Wednesday to confront the hard-line strikers. The strikers said they would welcome dialogue — but not on the campus.

Germany continues with nuclear waste shipments

BERLIN (AP) — Germany will resume transports of highly radioactive waste from nuclear power plants after a nearly two-year ban triggered by safety concerns, the government said Wednesday.

The nuclear safety agency announced it had approved shipments from three power plants to a temporary storage site at Ahaus near the Dutch border after safety rules were tightened.

The rail transports have been a focal point for German anti-nuclear protesters for years, often triggering clashes with police escorting the sealed containers.

Some of the waste will travel about 250 miles from Neckarwestheim in southwestern Germany. Transports aren't expected to resume until August because of lengthy approval procedures, officials said.

The previous German government suspended the transports in May 1998 after radioactive contamination beyond legal levels was detected on the outside of the containers.

Since then, waste has been piling up in limited storage sites at Germany's 19 nuclear plants, some of which are threatened with closure unless transports resume this year.

The transports have been a contentious issue in the government's negotiations with the energy industry on weaning Germany off nuclear power.

Environment Minister Juergen Trittin, a member of the Greens party, issued a statement Wednesday warning operators that demonstrations could heat up again unless they join in sincere talks to phase out nuclear energy.

German nuclear power operators have contracts with nuclear waste reprocessing plants in Britain and France, and Trittin had sought a permanent ban on waste exports by Jan. 1. But Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder overruled Trittin after an outcry from the operators and threats from London and Paris to seek compensation if the lucrative contracts were canceled.

The Federal Radiation Safety Office in Berlin said it had approved the transport of the waste from nuclear plants at Biblis, Neckarwestheim and Philippsburg, all in western Germany.

Greenpeace, the environmental group, was quick to criticize the decision.



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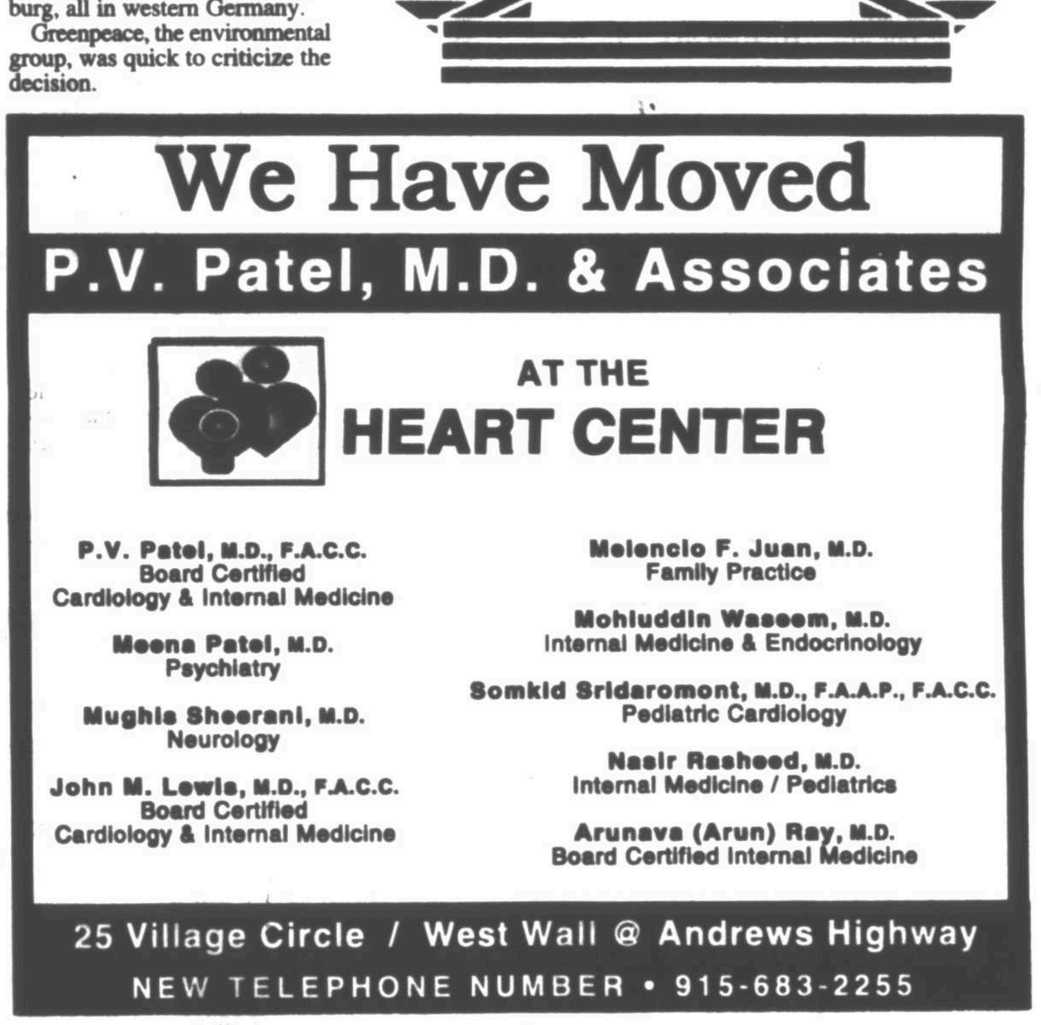
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Livestock show's benefits not only in cash prizes

Young people participating in last weekend's 48th annual Midland County Livestock Show collected a total of about $95,000 in total winnings and add-ons for all their hard work. That was a tidy sum of money.

But the prize money they walked away with was only a part of the value the young people will glean in coming years from their activities in the 4-H Club and the Future Farmers of America.

While in today's fast-paced urban society, few youngsters may have the opportunity to choose, raise and show their own farm and ranch animals, and necessarily reap the rewards of doing so, those rewards are still meaningful to a large number of Americans who understand the importance of the agribusiness end of our society.

Like many other endeavors, the full benefits of the youth agriculture programs cannot be judged solely by their simple monetary value.

Those rewards include not only learning how to care for the animals, but also the economics of purchasing animals, paying for their feed and health needs, grooming them regularly, training them for showing, as well as acquiring the skills of making a presentation at the livestock show.

The value of that agricultural education for the young people of Midland County was something known and alluded to often by Charlie Green, the longtime Texas Agricultural Extension agent to whom this year's show was dedicated. He has long been a top supporter of the livestock program for children and youths here. It's largely to his credit that the livestock show is so well embraced by the community today.

Another aspect of the program that deserves notice is the fact that businessmen who purchase the show animals underscore the benefit of the program with their dollars. This is a tremendous program for the youths of this county that will continue to help them throughout their lives.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2000. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

On this date:

In 1832, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" under the pen name Lewis Carroll, was born in Cheshire, England.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo I spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church ban on women priests.

In 1981, President Reagan greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran.

Ten years ago: In Romania, four top associates of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu went on trial, charged with abetting genocide.

Five years ago: About 5,000 mourners gathered at the site of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its liberation.

One year ago: The Republican-controlled Senate blocked dismissal of the impeachment case against President Clinton and voted for new testimony from Monica Lewinsky and two other witnesses.

Thought for Today: "All history is modern history." — Wallace Stevens, American poet and author (1879-1955).

GEORGE WILL

Campaign will soon end for many contenders

DES MOINES, Iowa — The poet Swinburne insisted that even the weariest river winds somewhere safe to sea. The same cannot be said of today's presidential candidacies. All but two of which will soon end, in an atmosphere out of Poe.

Trounced in Iowa, Bill Bradley must win New Hampshire: if next Tuesday night he is 0-2 he will have to wait 35 days for another chance to win something — March 7. Then there are 21 primaries in eight days, a pace that favors Al Gore, who is supported by the Democrats' muscular factions.



Will

If Iowa's results convince New Hampshire's independents that the only remaining race is the Republicans', John McCain will benefit. But probably not for long. He has made a shrewd and gallant fight, concentrating his resources — scant money, abundant media support — where they might have a large multiplier effect. But George Bush is the only Republican running a continental campaign.

There is no love lost between Bradley and Gore, and Bradley has enough of the two key resources — money and stubbornness — to persevere through March. However, if he loses in New Hampshire, party leaders will press him to quit rather than force Gore to burn money in the 15 states that vote March 7. Gore will need large reserves of cash to campaign through the convention in August. Bush certainly will campaign, especially if, as his aides hope, he has ample money left when McCain subsides.

But already, the pre-convention phase of campaign 2000 is almost over. However, most Americans are unstirred, as was Iowa, where turnout was low in spite of all the attention lavished on it. So perhaps this year, as in 1996, most Americans of voting age will not vote. But before nonvoting triggers the quadrennial autopsy on democracy, note that nonvoting has a history.

Political scientist Jane Mansbridge has studied voting in 17th century Dedham, Mass.: "Even though no more than 58 men were eligible to come to the Dedham town meeting and to make the decisions for the town, even though the decisions to which they addressed themselves were vital to their existence, even though every inhabitant was required to live within one mile of the meeting place, even though each absence from the meeting brought a fine, and even though the town crier personally visited the house of every latecomer half an hour after the meeting had begun, only 74 percent of those eligible actually showed up at the typical town meeting between 1636 and 1644."

Sociologist Michael Schudson says that 18th century participation rates were much lowe — 15 to 25 percent of adult male Bostonians, 10 to 25 percent in New England generally, 20 to 40 percent in New York and Pennsylvania, generally under 50 percent in Connecticut. Schudson says that "in the Concord where Ralph Waldo Emerson boasted of 'the whole population of the town having a voice,'" town meeting participation averaged 42 percent.

Time was, voting for candidates for federal offices seemed unimportant because the federal government did too. A man who grew up in a small Missouri town in the 1870s recalled that the post office was the only evidence of the federal government: "No other federal activity was known except to those few who paid customs duties on imports or excise taxes for the manufacture of whiskey, tobacco and matches or bought revenue stamps to validate their bank checks."

Now the federal government is everywhere, including in ways that make voting seem unimportant. And other disincentives for political participation proliferate.

Campaign "reformers" stigmatize as a "problem" participation in politics by contributing money. The absence of term limits, combined with sophisticated, computer-driven gerrymandering, virtually guarantees that the vast majority of congressional races are uncompetitive. (In 1998, 94 representatives were elected unopposed.) Judges and bureaucracies impervious to elections make many of the decisions most important to people, from the location and curricula of schools, to racial quotas in employment.

Among institutional impediments to voting, poll taxes are long gone, and nowhere is registration burdensome. But many people who believe, irrationally, that a high voter turnout is intrinsically good now favor voting on the Internet. Arizonans can vote that way during the four days prior to the Democratic primary on March 11. California's Gov. Gray Davis says that "within five to seven years Americans will be casting ballots on the Internet just as easily as they can buy stock on Ameritrade today."

Such improvers would improve democracy by making voters out of people who are too slothful or uninterested to leave their homes in order to vote. Such improvers would expunge from our civic liturgy a communitarian moment, the Election Day coming together for the allocation of offices. So enjoy what remains of this year's campaign, before the arrival of "virtual voting."

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CHARLEY REESE

George W. Bush is ready to make prime time debut

DES MOINES, Iowa — One year ago I spent an hour with Texas Gov. George W. Bush on the eve of his second inaugural. Then, he seemed a little puzzled that he was already being spoken of as the "leader" who could retake the White House for Republicans. His answers to questions were cautious, and he seemed more comfortable in his shoes than his skin.



Reese

Last Sunday, on the eve of the Iowa primary, I saw a different George Bush. He is confident without being cocky. He is more spontaneous, as when he goes forward at the First Assembly of God service, joining scores of men desiring to be better fathers and husbands.

I ask Bush the cause of the nation's moral decline. It isn't solely, or even mainly, President Clinton's fault, he tells me. "I think the current embarrassment over the president's behavior undermined in the short run a cultural shift (back to basics). But renewing the culture is a job that takes more than a president. Parents need to recommit to their families. This will require millions of individual decisions, including decisions about what movies and TV to watch. The president doesn't cause bad fathering or out-of-wedlock births, but a president can help usher in a new culture."

Bush pledges "the most ethical administration in history." Didn't President Clinton promise the same thing? "Yes, but he fell 41 presidents short," says Bush.

Bush is a realist when it comes to divisive issues such as abortion. A president can't lead where the people don't want to go, but he says a president can begin to speak and act in ways that promote a life ethic: "I will do my best to lead the country to appreciate life. Until the people understand and appreciate life it is hard to affect legislation." He thinks his visible support of centers that assist women with unplanned pregnancies and his emphasis on adoption and abstinence until marriage will help move more of the public in his direction.

Is he ready for political combat from the Democrats? He says he is but believes the people are "fed-up with ugly politics," and he intends, if nominated, to run a positive campaign. But he isn't naive: "I'll defend myself if I have to should the opposition resort to the same old slash-and-burn tactics. Politics is like judo, and I intend to use my opponent's punch to my advantage."

Bush thinks it is to his advantage that his skills are underestimated: "So were Reagan's, who was derided because of his acting background. But he became one of our greatest presidents."

And what about the concerns over his supposed lack of depth that I heard raised by some Iowans attending a Steve Forbes rally. "I understand there are stages to a campaign," he says. "After all, I witnessed a great man (his father) called a 'wimp' in 1988. The punditry loves to label people, so my first stage was, 'he doesn't believe in anything; he doesn't stand for anything; he never answers a question; he won't give a speech with meaning.' That stage has evaporated because I have been making major policy addresses with substantial back-up. I haven't needed to change my tax and defense plans because these were thought out from the beginning, and it is the foundation from which I am going to lead." He says he has no doubt he can handle the job.

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ART BUCHWALD

Internet shopping spree obliterates cabin fever

This is what happened in my neighborhood during the snowstorm. Victor sold his company on the Internet to Mousetrap for $4 billion. Mrs. Victor bought a new 20-carat diamond ring at Bulgari's Home Shopping Network, and Victor Jr. refused to go back to college since he purchased a new Porsche on Amazon.



Buchwald

Robespierre bought stock in Mousetrap from Charles Schwab. He then sold it because Mrs. Robespierre wanted a new house shown on www.sothebys. After buying it, Mrs. Robespierre decided to tear it down and build a French chalet on Yahoo.

Fortune had stock options in Victor's company and cashed them in to invest in a new Broadway show on Netscape, which closed in New Haven. Mrs. Fortune found several passionate letters in her husband's e-mail from a dancer in the show. She found a lawyer on Infoseek and sued for divorce.

When it snowed for the second day, people in the neighborhood were awash in computer deals. The German company Zits bought out Rothko Steel, and Sampson was told he would have to move to Frankfurt if he wanted to stay with the firm. Mrs. Sampson hired the same divorce lawyer as Mrs. Fortune because she refused to move to Germany.

Gladstone, who is 25 years old, plugged in to the family's firm in Boston and was made president of Arrhythmia Software. He agreed to fire his father for poor performance.

Cynthia O'Leary became the director of Dogdays HMO, but when she applied through Barnes & Noble to be a member of the Starlight Country Club, she was turned down. She is now suing for discrimination.

Also, her company has lost $300 million by tying in with the Hong Kong stock market.

We have an investment club on the block that meets at a different house every week. Everyone had the flu the week AOL bought Time Warner. We blamed each other, and now the club is out of business.

The trick to being online is to hit the right numbers on the computer at just the right time. The only one in the neighborhood who knows how to do this is Grossbart, who is 16 years old. Grossbart can tell what we are all doing. He broke into Amazon's security code and found out Joan Rivers' password.

Our neighborhood is no better or worse than anybody else's. We believe money is more important than happiness, and no matter what people say we can take it with us.

Forehead told me, "If I can't buy a private plane on my computer, it isn't worth buying at all."

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Today in History

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

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Phil Gramm (R), 370 Russell Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 or call (202) 224-2934, Fax (202) 228-2856.

Governor: **George W. Bush (R)**, State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas 78701 or call (512)463-2000, Fax (512) 463-1849.

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Mexican government gives upbeat assessment of fight against drugs

By Niko Price
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Citing improvements in technology, strategy and coordination, top Mexican officials gave an upbeat evaluation

? Mexico doesn't have to worry much about winning "certification" in the United States' annual evaluation of countries' cooperation in combatting drugs. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said this month that cooperation has been "at a very good level."

So in the Mexican government's annual report on the progress of anti-drug efforts, officials delivered a barrage of figures and plans they said showed they came far in 1999.

"We can't declare victory, but without a doubt the results that we are evaluating today show the seriousness of our institutional resolve," said Interior Secretary Diodoro Carrasco.

Carrasco said the overall budget for the fight against drugs — those funds split among the attorney general's office, the interior secretariat, the army and the navy — increased 167 percent in the 2000 budget, from 1.6 million pesos ($172 million) to 4.3 billion pesos ($462 million).

It wasn't clear whether the increase represented a one-time spending spree for new equipment, or whether Mexico's drug budget is simply skyrocketing.

In a separate meeting with a small group of foreign correspondents, Mexico's top anti-drug prosecutor said an ambitious plan announced a year ago to buy high-tech equipment and improve coordination between government agencies fighting drugs — principally judicial and military forces — has been a success.

"The coordination groups are working," said Mariano Herran Salvatti, who leads the anti-drug operations of the attorney general's office.

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— Diodoro Carrasco, interior secretary

Officials cited more drug seizures — a 7 percent rise in 1999 cocaine seizures over 1998, a 47 percent rise in marijuana seizures, an 82 percent rise in heroin seizures and a 418 percent increase in seizures of opium gum, which is the raw material for heroin.

Government agents eradicated 38 percent more acreage of marijuana fields in 1999. And although there was a drop of 8 percent in eradication of heroin-poppy fields, Herran attributed that to a shift in growing patterns.

He said farmers have begun to use genetically engineered poppy plants that grow many bulbs, rather than the traditional single-bulb plants, and are therefore able to produce much more opium gum on the same acreage.

New strains of marijuana that look like squat Christmas trees also have come into widespread use, he said, allowing farmers to produce more intensively and to harvest the plants sooner, increasing the annual production.

But although Herran said 46 of the 10,775 drug-related detentions in 1999 were of high-level officers, authorities didn't arrest any of the top leaders of Mexico's main drug-smuggling groups.

And officials offered no estimates of how many drugs were making their way to the market, making their true success hard to gauge.

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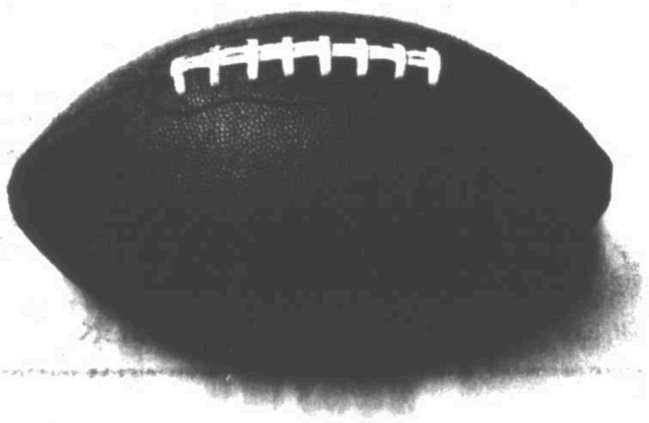
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Americans have a mixed view of Clinton

By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sheri Johansen says she doesn't like Bill Clinton much because "he seems like the playboy type." But when asked about the job he's done as president, she thought a minute and then said grudgingly: "I just don't like him personally ... but I like what he's done."

The mixed feelings of the delicatessen cashier from Newport, Ore., are shared by many Americans as the president prepares to give his last State of the Union address.

Clinton's job approval ratings spiked to almost 70 percent when news of the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, dropped slightly after it ended and have leveled off at about 60 percent, give or take a few percentage points. People feel differently about him personally, however, and are about evenly divided on that question.

Clinton supporter Nancy Bunch, a 51-year-old homemaker from Howell, Mich., said: "I've been happy with him and I think he's done a good job, especially with the economy. His private life is totally different from what he's doing in Washington."

But she fears his problems will hurt Vice President Al Gore's bid to succeed Clinton, "because Gore's been with him through all of this."

Recent polls have indicated that most Americans think Gore has personal integrity, yet an earlier poll of voter attitudes by the Pew Research Center offered troubling signs for the vice president. Some voters, notably social conservative Democrats, held Gore's close association with Clinton against him. In the Democratic Iowa caucuses Monday night, Gore and Bill Bradley split the vote of the 44 percent of the voters who view Clinton unfavorably, exit polls indicate.

Presidential scholar Charles Jones suggested the tension for Americans in balancing attitudes about the personal and professional Clinton may be at the heart of the political phenomenon commonly referred to as "Clinton fatigue."

"What Clinton did was to successfully present us with a hell of a dilemma," said Jones, a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin. "When people came around and asked, 'Should we get rid of this guy?,' people heard it as, 'Are you for good times, or are you concerned about what he's done?'"

The majority response to keep the status quo "was almost a hedonistic answer," he said, and now many people find it "kind of embarrassing." The phenomenon is probably less Clinton fatigue than "dilemma exhaustion," and when people are now asked if they want it to continue, they say: "'Now's the time to stop. I don't want it to continue,'" he said.

When the Gallup organization recently tried to separate feelings about Clinton's job performance from feelings about him as a person, it asked people what they thought of him personally, apart from whether they approved or disapproved of his job as president. Only about a third of respondents said they viewed him favorably.

"I look at him as the president that we deserved," said Matthew Ream, a financial analyst from Parker, Colo. "It's kind of sad. In general, people elect the kind of person that most resembles them."

More than half the people in a recent Pew poll think Clinton's accomplishments will outweigh his failures, while just over a third thought his failures would prevail.

"As long as the good times and the good conditions continue, it will give people a favorable view of him, both with his approval ratings and his legacy," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"Much is made of the fact that his job approval has been regularly higher than most people thought it should be," said Jones. "Why isn't it at 80 percent? We're in the greatest period of prosperity we've ever seen."

The last two-term president, President Reagan, retained high personal popularity ratings even when his job approval dipped as a result of the Iran-Contra scandal. In early 1987, just under half approved of the job he was doing, but three-fourths approved of him as a person, a Gallup poll indicated.

"They always liked the guy as a person, even when they didn't approve of the job he was doing," said Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll.

Clinton's personal popularity is measured along partisan lines. Independents are split, most Republicans view him unfavorably and most Democrats — four out of five — approve of him.

Poll results

Associated Press

Some recent poll results about President Clinton, the State of the Union, his legacy and his popularity. When results don't total 100 percent, the remainder either didn't know or refused to answer.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president? (CNN-USA Today-Gallup)
- Approve, 63 percent
- Disapprove, 35 percent

Is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable or unfavorable? (Associated Press)
- Favorable, 47 percent
- Unfavorable, 48 percent

Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president, what do you think of Clinton as a person? Would you say you approve or disapprove of him? (CNN-USA Today-Gallup)
- Approve, 31 percent
- Disapprove, 64 percent

In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Clinton administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments? (Pew)
- Accomplishments will outweigh failures, 51 percent
- Failures will outweigh accomplishments, 37 percent

Thinking about Bill Clinton's upcoming State of the Union address, do you consider this year's State of the Union to be more important than those of past years, less important, or about as important as past years? (Pew)
- More important, 16 percent
- Less important, 22 percent
- Same, 52 percent

(Last year, 27 percent said it would be more important and 16 percent said less important)

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 1,633 adults was taken Jan. 7-10 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Associated Press poll of 1,022 people was taken Jan. 7-11 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Pew Research Center poll of 1,091 adults was taken Jan. 12-16 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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Hatch quits presidential run, endorses Gov. Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Orrin Hatch dropped out of the presidential race Wednesday and endorsed George W. Bush, a man he once quipped would be a good president only after spending eight years as Hatch's No. 2.

He said his admiration for Bush had grown during their months on the campaign trail.

"I believe Governor Bush is the one who can unite the party and bring the White House back to us," Hatch said as he announced his own withdrawal. He made the announcement at the Capitol, his wife Elaine by his side.

"Now that I am out, I think Governor Bush is the only person who can get things done, cut marginal tax rates so that we can keep this economy going, improve our schools."

Hatch, 65, said he may have waited too long to start his long-shot candidacy. He got into the race last summer, months or years after other candidates.

Hatch raised and spent about $2.5 million for his campaign, rejecting an additional $1 million in possible federal matching funds. He had hoped to raise $36 million.

Hatch plans to return to Utah on Friday and is expected to announce his intention to seek a fifth term in the Senate this fall.

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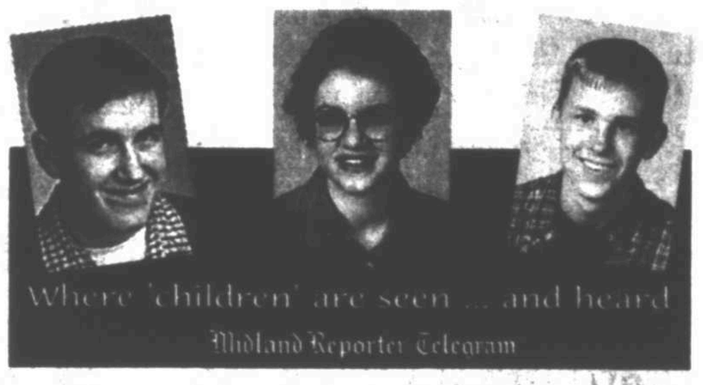
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Foundation says Jefferson likely the father of slave's children

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — More than a year after a DNA test suggested that Thomas Jefferson had a son by his slave Sally Hemings, the foundation that owns Jefferson's home acknowledged that he probably was the father of one, if not all six, of her children.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, which owns Monticello, released its findings Wednesday in response to an October 1998 DNA test that concluded a Jefferson male likely fathered Hemings' youngest son, Eston.

"Although paternity cannot be established with absolute certainty, our evaluation of the best evidence available suggests the strong likelihood that Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings had a relationship over time that led to the birth of one, and perhaps all, of the known children of Sally Hemings," Daniel P. Jordan, the foundation's president, said at a news conference.

"Whether it was love or lust, rape or romance, no one knows and it's unlikely that anyone will ever know," Jordan said.

Jefferson, who was president from 1801 to 1809, was accused publicly in 1802 of fathering several children by Hemings. Scholars have been divided over the issue.

"It's about time that someone is validating what oral history has confirmed for years," Shay Banks-Young, a Hemings descendant who lives in Columbus, Ohio, said in a telephone interview.

James Truscott, head of the Monticello Association, a group of descendants from Jefferson's daughters Martha Jefferson Randolph and Maria Jefferson Eppes, declined to comment because he had not seen the foundation's report.

That group is planning to release its own report on Jefferson descendants later this year, which will also look into the relationship between Jefferson and Hemings. The Monticello Association generally has not embraced the idea that Jefferson and Hemings had a sexual relationship.

Shortly after the 1998 DNA study was released, Jordan appointed a research committee at the Jefferson Memorial Foundation to study the relationship. Committee members reviewed historical and scientific documents and talked with descendants of Monticello slaves and others with knowledge of the Jefferson-Hemings connection.

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Attorney general's ruling blocks museum at UTPB

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The proposed construction of a new building to house the Presidential Museum at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin has hit a snag or an outright roadblock, depending on who's talking. Attorney General John Cornyn issued an opinion Tuesday that effectively said UTPB cannot use $2.5 million of public funds to build the museum on its campus.

State Rep. George "Buddy" West sponsored a rider to the 76th Legislature's $96 billion biennium budget for the purpose of building the museum. The Presidential Museum is currently housed in the old Ector County Public Library and if constructed at UTPB the building would be leased to the Presidential Museum free of charge.

Cornyn's opinion came in response to a request by Midland County Attorney Russell Malm.

"I just thought it was wrong and I asked for the attorney general to rule on it," said State Rep. Tom Craddick, who asked Malm to request the opinion. "As far as I'm concerned, I thought it was an inappropriate appropriation and that's what they've ruled."

West says Craddick's motivation goes somewhat deeper, however. In May, West, who sits on the House-Senate Appropriations Conference Committee, led a 3-2 vote to quash a 1999 Texas Tech Health Sciences Center pediatrics measure. That $3 million grant would have established a pediatrics residency program at Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

"That kind of made him mad and he's just doing a little retaliating," said West, of Craddick's action.

Craddick denied the claim, saying his only concerns revolve around the correct use of public funds.

"It was not retaliatory. I thought it was misdone and misappropriated," said Craddick, adding that he doesn't have any bad feelings.

As for the future of the museum, West said it's not over yet.

"The UTPB situation can be corrected very easily," said West. He added that he will be meeting with several people in coming weeks to rectify the situation. He said one option available is to appeal the opinion.

West raised another concern. "I don't want it to have an effect on any other school. The opinion has the potential of shutting down construction on numerous campuses throughout the state," West said.

"I don't see how it could," responded Craddick.

Either way, the opinion does provide the latest chapter in what could or could not be a famous feud, again depending on who's doing the talking.

"Mr. Craddick has fought UTPB since its inception and will continue to fight as long as he's alive," said West. "I want to point out, however, that this is not a Midland-Odessa fight. This is a difference of how to do things ethically and it's between Buddy West and Tom Craddick."

Craddick said there was no fight and stated emphatically that he had no hard feelings toward West.

MEN AT WORK



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Jerry Henley, left, and his son Jay De Henley, mount beams to form the frame for what will eventually be a new Allen's Auto Repair Shop. Located on Midland Drive just north of Illinois, the new shop should be completed in two to three months.

Midland girl, 14, latest to join ranks of runaways

◆ More than 600 children go missing each year in Midland County alone

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer



Silver Nichols has been missing since Jan. 19.

Silver Nichols has always been a stubborn child, her mother said, and, like many other teen-agers, is always looking for fun and wants to do things her way. All her friends get to do fun stuff and go places, she has often told her mother — a story likely heard by many parents.

But, at 14, Silver Nichols has taken her youthful rebellion a step beyond family arguments. Last week, she took a toothbrush, a fresh tube of toothpaste and a jacket with a Blue Asphalt logo across the back and joined the ranks of hundreds of Midland and Midland County children and teenagers who run away from home each year.

Now, Jack and Beverly Nichols have been looking for their daughter since Jan. 19, wondering who she is with, where she is staying, and what she is doing.

"She looks a little older than she is, likes attention and is generally a sweet girl," Mrs. Nichols told the Reporter-Telegram. Her daughter is 5-feet 6-inches tall, 125-130 pounds, with blue eyes and shoulder-length, blonde hair. She is thought to be in Midland, and "kept hidden by the crowd she has been hanging out with," added Mrs. Nichols. "Someone out there is hiding her and we don't know who." It is a crime to harbor a known runaway.

Her disappearance was a surprise despite earlier warnings. "I knew we had some problems," Mrs. Nichols said of their family situation, "but I didn't know the extent until two weeks before Christmas."

It was then they discovered their 14-year-old daughter was leaving the house at night after the family went to bed, Mrs. Nichols said.

"She would sneak out after we went to bed, usually around 9:30 p.m., and try to be back in before we got up in the morning."

It was that night, just days before Christmas, that Silver was stopped by the Midland Police Department for joyriding in her grandmother's car. The Nichols family said they have since learned she had sometimes taken their car at night, as well.

Then, one day last week, she stayed home from Robert E. Lee Freshman High School, claiming to have a severe case of cramps. Sometime during the day, she locked the bedroom door and went out the back window. Her disappearance was reported to the Midland County Sheriff's Office and an investigation revealed a number of footprints under her bedroom window.

Silver Nichols hasn't been seen by her parents since, although she does call a friend from time to time to say she is all right and the friend passes the news on to Silver's parents.

She has, however, been seen by others and Mrs. Nichols said she is concerned about who her daughter is with.

"She just doesn't know how to say 'no' and will not accept responsibility for her actions," said her mother.

"I love her and I want her to come home. Somehow," said her tearful mother, "we'll work it out."

Mrs. Nichols is not alone. Midland County took 214 reports of runaways in 1999. The city of Midland took 476 in 1999, down from 523 in 1998, according to Joanna Ganaway of the MPD juvenile division. That comes to 690 — nearly two every day of the year.

"A report is taken on each missing juvenile and is entered into the Texas Crime Information Center, and into the National Crime Information Center as well. Then, we would look for her (or him) following any leads that may be reported," Sgt. Terry Cowin, of the county sheriff's juvenile department.

"Even if there is no information, officers on the street would be looking out for her. Normally, they will have a picture. It's not all they do, of course, but during the process of patrol, they would be looking for her."

The runaways may be missing only a couple hours or it could be several weeks, noted Cowin. "We have some we haven't located in the last two years."

The ages run as young as seven and as old as 17, after which they are no longer runaways. "We classify the really young ones as missing persons," Cowin added. Most runaways fall into the 13- to 15-year-old range.

"They just go home, most of them. Some stay out a little longer," said Cowing. "Most of them stick around the town they live in. There are a few cases where they go out of the area. They might go anywhere, maybe with a boyfriend or just strike out on their on. I have seen one gone as far as the state of Washington," noted Cowin. "It's usually a disagreement with family, or they may be involved in drugs or a rebellion. "

"They are 13-17 mostly, but as young as 10. Under that, they are lost children, regardless," Ganaway said. "Most of the time, it's a flight from parents — parents won't let them go out or do this or that. Mostly, they are back within a few hours or the next day."

Ganaway said that a report is taken and faxed to the juvenile division. "If there's anything to go on, like an address, we go check. After a report, we check with schools and friends. We have a good rapport with the school police and we see who (runaways) run around with," she said.

"Midland is still small enough where people know people. If they are found, they are taken home. We can't take them to Culver, because they have not committed a crime (for being a runaway)," said Ganaway.

However, if the apprehending officer believes something has happened, such as the child saying "daddy beats me," then the officer reports to the supervisor, and, if necessary would contact Child Protective Services to check on the home situation. "A story can be made up, so it is up to the officer and the supervisor. It's their discretion and they see it all the time," said Ganaway.

"Most (runaways) are during school breaks and they usually come back before school starts. They are usually staying with friends," noted Ganaway. "I've been here six years and there are no long-time cases and no tragedies."

Board grants tax abatement to Hanover Compressor

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Members of the board of directors of the Midland County Hospital District did their part for economic development Wednesday, agreeing to a tax abatement for a local manufacturer.

Dennis Clayton, director of economic development for the Midland Chamber of Commerce, told board members that Hanover Compressor is seeking an abatement of new taxes on its existing business. The company is in the process of completing a $2 million expansion on 16 acres of land on Interstate 20 near Midland International Airport and West Texas Caterpillar.

Accompanied by Butch Strunk, who assists Hanover with its acquisitions and construction, Clayton explained that Hanover would create a minimum of 15 new jobs — not counting the construction jobs created by building the new facility — and adding value to an undeveloped piece of property as conditions to receiving the abatement. Midland County and Midland College had already agreed to the abatement.

He emphasized the abatement request was not for existing taxes but to freeze Hanover's taxes at their current level and to phase in the increased tax rate over the next five years as the property appreciates.

Questioned by board members Jess Parrish and Jim Cosner about why other existing businesses couldn't ask taxing entities for similar abatements, Clayton explained that new job creation and adding value to a property, thus expanding the tax base, were criteria that had to be met in order to receive an abatement.

With Cosner opposing, the remaining board members agreed to the abatement.

Hanover also learned Wednesday that the Texas Department of Economic Development had approved a city of Midland application to designate Hanover as an enterprise zone project because it will bring $2.4 million in capital investment to a new facility, equipment and machinery, and create 25 jobs. As part of the zone, Hanover will receive incentives such as sales and use tax refunds.

Board members Parrish, Cosner, Ora Williams, Dr. David Orr, Steve Kuzmich and board President Bob Dimit were joined by a new board member, Leigh Ann Lane, who works for Arco Permian. She was sworn in as a board member in District 3, succeeding Jane Vaughan, who resigned in December to take a job in New Mexico.

"I'm looking forward to serving District 3 and the taxpayers and will try to represent them and provide quality health care at a reasonable price," said the 20-year Midland resident.

Board President Bob Dimit reported that the third month of the hospital's fiscal year 2000 had been extremely busy, with 6,139 actual patient days reported, up from the budgeted 5,795 patient days.

Revenues were $10.9 million, up from the budgeted $10.8 million and the $10.6 million reported for the same month a year earlier. But, Dimit reported, expenses were $10.8 million, up from the $10.5 million budgeted for the month and from the $10.22 million recorded a year earlier, leaving the hospital with an operating excess of $96,973, or an excess-to-gross-revenue margin of 0.51 percent.

Accounts receivable have improved 38 percent and long-term debt, he said, is down 4 percent from the previous year, at $50.5 million, down from $52.3 million, and the debt-to-asset ratio of 30 percent is "outstanding."

Though he called December a break-even month, Dimit said "We have some revenues to fall back on in the event of a bad month."

Closing of mall theater still a mystery to most

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Midlanders remain puzzled by the closing of the four-screen movie theater at Midland Park Mall last Friday.

"We have no further comment beyond our original statement" that employees of the mall theater would be offered jobs at other Hollywood Theater locations, said David Lyons, director of marketing and advertising for Wallace Theaters in refusing to comment further on reasons for the closing of the theater.

Wallace Theaters, based in Portland, Ore., purchased Dallas-based Hollywood Theaters in September 1999, merging the two entities into Wallace Theater Corp. II.

David Ross, general manager at Midland Park Mall, said "We are currently talking with tenants about various uses for that space. We expect to have it filled this year."

Some, he said, would be businesses new to Midland and others would be established in the local market but new to the mall.

Ross acknowledged that bringing in a new theater operator was one of the options corporate officials are exploring.

He said Wallace Theater's lease at the mall was not up when it closed the theater, "But they did work with my corporate office on the closure. An arrangement was made."

Midland Park Mall is owned by Simon Property Group.

Asked if theaters in malls were still a profitable operation, Ross said, "What I've seen in the industry is that theater operators are moving away from mall use to larger, free-standing use. And that trend has to do with the size of the theater. You put in 20-screen megaplexes and they need a lot of space and height, and in malls there are height restrictions."

Which is not to say that theaters don't still go into mall locations, Ross added.

"At Simon's Mall of Georgia," he said, "a huge theater just opened in the middle of the mall."

The closing of the Midland Park Mall theater leaves Midland with 10 first-run screens at the Tall City Ten, and two four-screen second-run theaters, North Park in North Park Shopping Center and Cine 4 on Cuthbert, for a total of 18 movie screens.

ED TODD

Accepting life is all about pushing that throttle to the firewall

Nowadays, the term "acceptance" has crept and then rushed into pop-psychology usage as if the concept of acceptance would mitigate woes, fears and dreads or, perhaps, purge them from consciousness.

More and more, as the years wear on, I reflect on how my forebears handled certain stresses in life.

Among their number, of course, were aging, marriage, the workaday routine, politics, neighbors, money worries, retirement, their children, the state of the community and world, and, of course, death and the journey into the hereafter.

Foremost, my forebears handled the aging process gracefully. They complained not. Unlike so many people in society, they didn't rebel against aging. And, to my recollection, they didn't survey the drugstore shelves or listen to barkers hawking the elixir of life or all sorts of medicines and herbs and minerals and vitamins guaranteed to do this or that.



Name here

They were intimately familiar with the life cycle from the joys and challenges of new life to the sorrows and voids of death. All the while, they sought the calming effects and power of prayer.

The other day, I asked someone just how she and her husband managed to survive decades of marriage and the conflicts that accompany same.

She said one word: "Acceptance."

Translated, the message varied from "What you see is what you get" and "Don't expect to change him" (or her).

It has been my experience, perhaps due to my obstinacy and resistance to change, that it takes a ton of mettle to change oneself — to alter entrenched habits and behavioral patterns. Some things are just ingrained, natural, you might say, and are just so.

Of course, that doesn't keep all of us from exploring, developing, and putting to the test our talents and gifts, such as they are, meager or bountiful. Going full steam into life is analogous to an aviator shoving that "throttle to the firewall" on the take-off climb. Before the preflight check and the liftoff, it just might be a practical idea to map out a plan.

Acceptance? Well, yes. But if I were to advise myself, which is rarely wise, I'd say thusly: "Get on with life and tarry not. Separate the grains of wheat from the chaff and get along with life." That's what I would say. The payoff is in the doing.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for 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.

The **Permian Basin Stamp Club** will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

Project ADAM (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at ClayDesta, 694-5624.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Mr. Gatti's.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital, Room E-12

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

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

Davidian lawyers complain that government's denial of gunfire is not adequate

WACO (AP) — Lawyers for Branch Davidians who are suing the government over the 1993 Waco raid complained Wednesday that the government's newest denial of gunfire by federal forces falls short of being complete.

Attorneys representing the Defense Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms formally denied, in an answer dated Monday, that anyone in federal law enforcement or the active-duty military fired on the Davidians on April 19, 1993.

The plaintiffs, whose wrongful-death lawsuit goes to trial in mid-May, contend that aerial infrared surveillance footage shot by the FBI on the siege's final day offers definitive proof that government agents fired on the Davidians' compound as it burned.

The Justice Department, in a Sept. 8, 1999 answer to the plaintiffs' interrogatory, said FBI agents fired no shots. But the response didn't address the question of gunfire by military personnel or those affiliated with other federal agencies.

Government lawyers promised repeatedly to broaden their response, but failed to do so until this week — days after the plaintiffs' lawyers asked a federal judge to compel them to do so. Their amended answer includes sworn statements by ATF and Defense Department lawyers denying gunfire by personnel in their agencies.

The Treasury Department, which is ATF's parent, said "to the best of our knowledge, information and belief" no one employed by Treasury or under its "supervision, direction or control" fired on the Branch Davidians on April 19.

The Defense Department, which acknowledges members of its elite Delta Force were on the scene during the 51-day siege in an observational role, made a similar statement "based on currently available information."

That language found little favor with plaintiffs' lawyers Michael Caddell and Jim Brannon.

"Why can't they answer that question flat out 'yes' or 'no'? No qualifiers. No conditions. No loopholes or escape clauses," Caddell said. "If you don't have enough information to answer it after six and a half years, when are you going to get it?"

Caddell said he will reiterate his request that U.S. District Judge Walter Smith order the government to completely answer the plaintiffs' gunfire question.

Said Brannon: "I don't believe that's an adequate answer. And I believe the court ought to require them to say, 'You didn't or you did.' You don't get to say 'based on currently available information.'"

Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner said the Defense Department will "provide our definitive answer to this question once we have had an opportunity to interview all relevant DOD witnesses."

The Justice and Treasury departments offered no immediate comment.

The deadly standoff began Feb. 28, 1993, when ATF agents raided the Davidians' rural compound outside Waco to serve weapons warrants. The siege ended in a fiery inferno 51 days later after the FBI launched a tear-gassing operation designed to flush the Davidians out.

Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died that day, some from the fire, others from gunshots. The government maintains the Davidians died by their own hands.

TNRCC in tug-of-war between environmentalists, automakers

By Mike Crissey
Associated Press

IRVING — Environmentalists on Wednesday blasted the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for what they say is a feeble plan to clean the state's air.

"They have a paper fix and a weak paper fix at that," state Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, said during a protest before a public hearing on air pollution.

"The plan before you is vastly inadequate at least and is simply the first step in the last 20 years."

The TNRCC has scheduled a series of public hearings this week across the state on proposed air emissions rules. About 150 people packed the Irving Public Library to capacity Wednesday night, and most of those who commented had nothing positive to say.

Across the state and especially in North Texas, some of the most contentious issues have been state regulatory measures aimed at Texans' cars, such as stricter inspections and reformulated fuel.

"Essentially what we are here to say is that the state plan doesn't do enough fast enough," said Tom Smith of Public Citizen.

"If any of these fail, and we expect they will, we will not meet the levels we need to by 2007."

"What we want are stronger measures," said Molly Seay of the Dallas Sierra Club. "They have overly optimistic assumptions across the board."

Officials in North Texas have proposed a set of rules to reduce pollution, most of them dealing with cars and trucks. Among them are tougher vehicle inspections and restrictions on the use of diesel-powered construction equipment.

Other recommendations include using California's guidelines for diesel and gas formulas and launching a vehicle buyback program to retire 5,000 older vehicles each year.

"We are still in favor of those we don't want to see the state back off of them," Ms. Seay said.

In previous meetings across the state, environmentalists have urged Texas officials to look toward California, while auto industry supporters have said the federal government has the best plan.

"We now have a federal program that is virtually identical to the California program in terms of its emission levels," said Gregory Dana, vice president of the Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers.

Before a May deadline, the TNRCC must adopt a set of rules the Environmental Protection Agency will find acceptable or face more rigid standards and possibly slashed highway funding.

In Houston recently, TNRCC Commissioner Ralph Marquez said, "Everything's on the table, which ideas will survive and which will change depend on the comments we get during the public hearings."

Many of the proposed rules are narrowly targeted to the regions of the state with the worst air pollution: Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston and Beaumont-Port Arthur.

Auditor finds mismanagement in state jobs program

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state auditor Wednesday reported finding "gross fiscal mismanagement" in a multimillion-dollar job creation program at the Texas Department of Economic Development.

"The department does not provide adequate fiscal and administrative oversight of Smart Jobs contracts or keep accurate financial records of the $201 million fund balance," the audit states.

"These problems place state funds at great risk of waste and abuse by employers who receive contracts to train employees," the audit states.

For example, the department could not guarantee that the people actually were being trained with the millions of dollars the agency was granting to employers across the state.

The department distributes Smart Jobs funds by contracting with Texas employers to train new employees or improving the skills of existing workers.

The Legislature appropriated $108 million to the program in 1998, making it the largest program within the department, according to the audit.

Cindy Reed, the audit manager and eight-year veteran, said auditors rarely find an organization in such poor shape that it earns the designation of gross fiscal mismanagement.

"This is the first one that I have ever had," she said.

Jeff Moseley, executive director of the economic development department, called the findings "sobering" and promised to make improvements.

"The department takes this report very seriously and discussions with the auditor's office have produce solid action steps which have been applied to our business operation," Moseley said.

Moseley came to the agency last April, a month after the audit began. "I think the governing board and I realized there were problems, but we did not know how serious," he said.

After receiving a draft of the audit a few weeks ago, Moseley reorganized the Smart Jobs program. Its previous director was reassigned.

Obituaries



June Weatherby

On January 25, 2000, Carolynn "June" Weatherby joined the Lord in heaven. She was born May 14, 1932 to William James and Clara Emma Wasson-Post in Breckenridge, TX. June worked at the First National Bank of Midland, and later worked at the Midland Central Appraisal District. Those who knew her were blessed with having her in their lives. She left behind many friends and family members who will miss her dearly. She was a comforting spirit with a heart of gold.

June is survived by her two sisters, Nancy Dye of Breckenridge, TX and Jeanne Cozart of Carbon, TX; and her brother, J. C. Post of Lukachukai, AZ. She is survived and loved by her four children, James Stacy and his wife, Pam; Bobby Stacy and his wife, Joy; Cindy Stacy Davidson and her husband, David; and Jolene Weatherby Mullins and her husband, Stoney. Blessed and known as "Nana" by her grandchildren, June Marie, Jonathan, Michael, David, James William, Becky, Amanda, Megan, Scott, Stormy, Hannah, Chris, and Marshall; and two great-grandchildren, Austin and Michaela.

Her parents; an infant son, Terry Lynn Weatherby; and one grandchild, Shawna Kay Stinson, preceded her in death.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believed in God, believed also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
St. John 14:1-4

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2000 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dan Shields officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Robert Kmiec, Jerry Gilmore, Bobby Reeves, Dave Shepard, Harold Allen, and Rick Huntington. Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Stegall, Jerry Bundick, Dennis Rambo, Robert Brown, Ken Bland, Jonathan Stacy, David Stacy, Michael Stinson, Marshall Mullins, Scott Parker, and Chris Parker.

Memorials may be made to Hospice, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

Jeanne Rand

Jeanne (Hixon) Rand, 72, of Winchester, Massachusetts and Moultonborough, New Hampshire, beloved wife of the late Arthur E. "Red" Rand, died Monday, January 24, 2000 at the Aberjona Nursing Home in Winchester.

She was born May 25, 1927 in Boston, Massachusetts.

She was a homemaker for her husband, four daughters, and son. She was a member of Moultonborough Women's Club, Women's Republican Club of Winchester, Massachusetts, and the Theta Club of Melrose, Massachusetts.

She was the loving mother of Cynthia Sanborn of Windham, Maine, Elizabeth Wedel of Midland, Texas, Mary Lou Horn of Reading, Massachusetts, Ginette Abbanat of Cornwall, New York, and R. Thomas Rand of Winchester, Massachusetts. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; and two cousins, Roger Woodworth of Boston, Massachusetts and Ronald Woodworth of Norwood, Massachusetts.

Private funeral services will be held under the direction of Costello Funeral Home of Winchester.

Memorials may be made to the Moultonborough Public Library, P. O. Box 150, Moultonborough, New Hampshire 03254.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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.

Troy Hunt

Troy Lee Hunt went to be with the Lord on January 24, 2000. He passed away after a lengthy illness at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born to H. L. and Lu Ann Hunt on April 18, 1923 in Itasca, Texas.

As a young man he joined the Army, and was injured with back and head wounds while on duty in World War II.

Troy and his wife, Billie, moved to Midland in 1953, and he started Aaron's Plumbing Company, Troy's Metal Buildings and Troy's Car Wash. He was active in these companies until the time of his death.

He was a member of Cottonflat Baptist Church, the VFW, American Legion, West Texas Singles, and Ballroom Dance Society.

Troy is preceded in death by his wife, Billie Marie Hunt; and two sisters, Ruby Upchurch and Bell Williams.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna Burrows and her husband, Ed; a son, Troy Thomas and his wife, Janna, of Midland; one sister, Louise West of Whitney, Texas; five grandsons, Steve Quain and his wife, Stacy, of Midland, Brian, Jason, and Daniel Hunt of San Marcos, Texas, and Michael Hunt of Midland; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many longtime friends.

Even though the work Troy started here on earth is finished, the accomplishments will last in the hearts of those who loved him for years to come.

Services were held at Thomas Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Steve Quain, Brian Hunt, Jason Hunt, Daniel Hunt, Michael Hunt and Robert Burton. Honorary pallbearers are Tommy Gibson, Wayne Laird, Max Scharbauer and Arnold Pillows.

Willie Hudnall

Willie Gene Hudnall was born January 24, 1931 in Tullos, LA to Henry and Jessie LaCroix Hudnall. He passed away at his home in Midland on January 25, 2000.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2000 at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with Gale Wilson, Hospice of Midland chaplain, officiating. Services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Hudnall moved to Midland in 1948. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Texas Electric for 33 years, retiring in 1987. He married Kay Hakata on September 30, 1975 in Odessa. He was a member of VFW Post 4372 in Odessa and also the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Hudnall of Odessa; his sons, William Hudnall of Odessa and Cullen Hudnall of Midland; his daughter, LaTeresa Jennette of Odessa; stepson and daughter, Dan Hakata of Las Vegas and Jill Broughton of Midland; his brother, Bob Hudnall of Odessa; sister, Ann Brantley of Odessa; thirteen grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Death Notices

Harold Jauz

Harold J. Jauz, 81, died Monday, Jan. 24, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 28, 1918 in the Bronx, N.Y.

He moved to the Midland area in July of 1956. He was an accountant with Shell Oil Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene O. Jauz on July 27, 1999.

Survivors include a son, Clayton J. Jauz of Naples, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Robert Gould III

WICHITA FALLS — Former Midlander Robert Simonton Gould III, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Wichita Falls.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the sanctuary of the Fain Presbyterian Church, 2201 Speedway Avenue, Wichita Falls, with the Rev. Isaac Butterworth officiating.

He was born March 17, 1930 in Wichita Falls.

He was a retired safety engineer. He was moderator of deacons and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Ariz. He instructed first aid for the Los Angeles American Red Cross. He volunteered for Meals-on-Wheels in Wichita Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Delia Stone Gould; and a sister, Robert G. Conley.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Andrews Gould; a daughter, Janet Rainey, both of Wichita Falls; two sons, Gary Gould of Lubbock and Robert Gould of Wichita Falls; three brothers, John Gould and Ben Gould, both of Midland, and Thomas Gould of Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, a stepgranddaughter, a stepgreat-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Guy Talamantez

BIG SPRING — Guy Talamantez Sr., 44, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, at a Big Spring hospital.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 6, 1955 in Big Spring.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a driver for Raudin McCormick Limousine Service.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Talamantez of Midland; two sons, Guy Talamantez Jr. and Gabriel Talamantez, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Cassandra Mitchell of Seagraves; his mother, Patsy Cavazos of Big Spring; his father, Paul R. Talamantez Sr., and stepmother, Aricely; five brothers, Paul Talamantez Jr., of San Angelo, Johnny Talamantez of Big Spring, Pablo Talamantez, James Talamantez and Roy Talamantez, all of Waco; five sisters, Irene Carpenter of Big Spring, Arlene Baldazo of Fort Worth, Paula Perez, Maribel Rodriguez and Sally Talamantez, all of Waco; his grandmother, Dora Hernandez of Big Spring; one grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pauline Vaughan

STANTON—Pauline Shipp Vaughan, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at a Stanton hospital.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Friday in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock with the Revs. Cleve Haley and Milton H. Jochetz officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 21, 1908 in Iowa Park.

She was a longtime resident of the Lubbock and Lamesa areas. She worked for hotels in Lamesa, Lubbock and Dallas for years. She was a foster grandparent at Lubbock State School for 14 years. She was a former member of Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by a son, Allen Wayne Vaughan; a granddaughter, Sandra Kay Kizziar; five brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda J. Jochetz of Stanton; a sister, Merle A. Dean of Spartanberg, SC; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arnold Lloyd

BIG SPRING — Arnold James Lloyd, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born April 5, 1917 in Comanche.

He moved to the Knott Community in the early 1930s. He farmed there for many years, and was a mechanic, retiring in 1976. He was Baptist. He had served on the school boards at Knott and Ackerly.

Survivors include his wife, Lora Louise Ditto Lloyd of Big Spring; two sons, Douglas Lloyd of Big Spring and Jimmy Lloyd of Torrence, Calif.; two daughters, Bobbie Sue Beall, of Big Spring, and Lana Salter, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, Judson Lloyd, of Big Spring; a sister, Ruby Rogers, of Comanche; 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Thelma Corcoran

MESQUITE—Thelma Corcoran, 86, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, in Mesquite.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 20, 1913 in Ladonia.

She moved to Big Spring in 1931, and to Mesquite in 1997. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include a daughter, June DeVoy of Mesquite; a son, James S. Corcoran of Odessa; a sister, Lucille Long of Mesquite; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Thelma Coleman

Thelma Coleman, 43, died Monday, Jan. 24.

Funeral services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

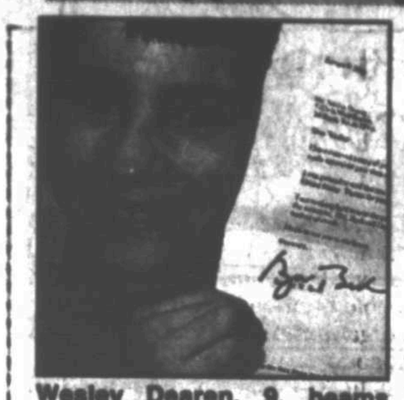
Bobbie Hull

Bobbie Hull, 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at a Midland nursing home.

Services are pending with Bates-Cooper Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Today's Funerals
KATHERINE CRUMLEY
11 a.m. Crestview Baptist Church, Lamesa
JUNE WEATHERBERLY
2 p.m. Ellis Chapel
"We do not so much as need the help of our friends as the confidence of their help in need."
-Epicurus
Ellis Funeral Home

Braggin' Rights



Wesley Dearen, 9, beams alongside a letter he received from Gov. George W. Bush.

LETTER FROM BUSH

If **George W. Bush** wins the election in November, a Midland fourth-grader can proudly say that he has a personal letter from the president.

Wesley Dearen, 9, a student at Anson Jones Elementary School, recently received a letter signed by Gov. Bush.

"I was speechless," Wesley said.

Bush wrote the youngster after reading "Ice Creatures of Uranus," Wesley's entry in the National PTA Reflections contest. In the story, the creatures want to steal the North and South poles and kill all earthlings. The president — George W. Bush — devises a plan to save the world, Wesley writes.

Wesley's parents, Midland author **Patrick Dearen** and **Mary Dearen**, longtime Reporter-Telegram employee, thought Bush would enjoy reading the story. A short time after they sent a copy to the Bush family, Wesley received the governor's letter, which reads in part: "I have received a copy of your essay, 'The Creatures of Uranus.' I really appreciate your mom sharing it with my family. I was pleased to read that you think I will be the next President of the United States. ... Mrs. Bush and I are very glad to hear that you enjoy reading so much. I hope to see you in the future."

"It's exciting," Wesley said. " I've never gotten a letter from a governor before."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

STANTON — **Virginia E. Bryant**, better known to those who love her as "Duckie," celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 20. A party in her honor is planned at Sunbridge Health Care Center.

Mrs. Bryant first arrived in Midland in the early 1920s, when she also was in her early 20s and just married to Louis Bryant. Some of her earliest Midland memories include muddy streets, cows and railroad noises. Her husband worked for Harvey Houses in food service.

Three months or so after moving to Midland the young couple relocated to San Francisco, where Mrs. Bryant lived for the next 50 years. After she retired in her 70s, she moved to Long Beach, Calif., for another 20 years.

But life can be a circle, and Mrs. Bryant came back to the Midland area a few years ago to be near her sister, **Lula Wilson**, who will soon be 97.

Happy birthday, Mrs. Bryant!

ATTA BOYS AND GIRLS!

The city of Midland's employee recognition program, "Exceeding Expectation," recognizes employees who have demonstrated positive attitudes and performed their jobs above and beyond the call of duty.

The following employees have been so recognized: **Paula Aguirre, Millibee Bray, Bernie Sotelo** and **Amanda Williams**, finance-customer service; **Russell Brooks, Andy Chandler, Russ Conley, Vaughn Donaldson, Wayne Dorlay, Sammy Fields, Andy Glasscock, Brian McGary, Randall Norton, Jerry Petree, Rick Sorenson** and **David Stacy**, fire; **JoAnn Cambron, Jim Comptom, Melissa Hale, Jeffrey Jordan, Robert LaCroix, Karen Parks, Todd Smith** and **Cameron Walker**, engineering and development-planning division; **Jackie Cottongame**, CISD-dispatch; **Tommy Greenwood**, utilities-solid waste; **Ross Hataway** and **Liz Thornton**, police; **Linda Henner**, utilities-w&ww; **Ann Long**, CISD; **Kaylah McCord**, city secretary; **Felicia McCubbin** and **Shannon Sherman**, community services-health department; **Dianna Moore**, finance-accounting; **Don Shepley** and **Angi Swindell-Wright**, airport; and **Nancy Tate**, municipal court.

Way to go, y'all!

The City of Midland welcomes nominations for this honor from the citizens of Midland.

ATTA BOY, PART II

The Texas Classroom Teachers Association has named KMID-TV of Midland and managing editor/anchor **Mike Barker** as recipients of a 1999-2000 Silver Apple Award in the broadcast category for excellence in covering public education issues.

The selection was based on a series of stories prepared by Barker between Sept. 1, 1998-Aug. 31, 1999 for the station's "Assignment Education" segment.

The station will receive a wall plaque; Barker will receive a desk plaque and a cash prize, and will be honored at an awards banquet Feb. 26 in Houston, in conjunction with TCTA's 2000 convention.

Barker, who has been managing editor/anchor of Big 2 News since 1995, has been in journalism for 30 years.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Texas Department of Transportation has named **Robert Watts**, vegetation manager for the Odessa District, as winner of the Environmental Achievement Award. Watts was honored with a special tree planting dedication ceremony Jan. 25 in Odessa.

Watts' erosion-control efforts include Texas' first use of effluent water for irrigation and a temporary watering system for the grass along Loop 250 embankments in Midland. He also designed water truck-fed gravity flow drip systems and retro-fitted irrigation systems to use drip irrigation.

Starting today, *Braggin' Rights* will run on Thursday instead of Friday.



During the holiday season, members of Downtown Midland Kiwanis Club donated a playhouse for the young residents of High Sky Children's Ranch. Showing the new playhouse are Kiwanis members Dennis Bade, Bob Hicks, Greg Banner, Bill Lanier, Bill Stella and David Konesheck, along with Jackie Carter, executive director of High Sky Children's Ranch.

Fed watchdogs question comptroller's solicitations

By Chris Williams
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Government watchdog groups and organized labor have denounced the state comptroller's policy of soliciting donations from companies that could profit from her plans to integrate more government functions with the World Wide Web.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office has mailed solicitations seeking $10,000, $25,000 and $50,000 contributions from individuals and companies to support her e-Texas project. Those same companies can bid for state contracts in the future.

"Its very questionable," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, which monitors money in politics. He said miserly companies could be punished while generous donors receive state contracts later.

"The contributions look like they are going to play a role in this either way," McDonald said Wednesday.

"If the biggest donors to the fund wind up with the contracts we will know that it was a way to curry favor," he said.

Mark Sanders, a Rylander spokesman, said the solicitation packets were sent only to companies and individuals who asked for them.

Sanders said he did not know how many were sent. The same information is also available on the comptroller's Web site.

The e-Texas project will study ways the Internet could make state government smaller, cheaper and more efficient. Its 14 task forces will focus on everything from financial management to transportation. The overall project will cost about $400,000.

The four-page solicitation letter reminds potential donors that their contribution will not disqualify them from receiving future state contracts. However, companies with pending disputes with the comptroller's office cannot contribute money, according to the letter.

Sanders said Rylander promised during her campaign that private sources, not taxpayers, would fund the e-Texas project. She is fulfilling that promise with funds from well-intentioned donors who want better government, he said.

The contention that contributors will have the inside track on future contracts was "hogwash," Sanders said.

"Citizens and businesses are contributing to e-Texas because they want smaller and smarter government," Sanders said.

The solicitation packets offer to place the names and logos of companies that contribute $25,000 or more on official e-Texas letterhead and the e-Texas project Web page.

Sanders said only one company has contributed to the e-Texas project. He was not sure if Maximus Inc. of Virginia made its $10,000 contribution after receiving a letter.

Sanders noted that in 1999, the Legislature gave the comptroller the authority to collect the contributions.

A chorus of public interest groups and unions have criticized the policy.

Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause Texas, said taxpayers should pay for the e-Texas project so there are no questions about conflicts of interest when donors win contracts to implement it.

Woodford scoffed at the notion companies or individuals would spend up to $50,000 simply for more efficient state government.

"They don't make these big contributions because they want good government," she said. "They consider this an investment for future contracts."

Texas AFL-CIO President Joe D. Gunn said he saw no charity in buying space on state letterhead and Web pages.

"That's not a gift. Its advertising," he said. "The businesses are promoting their brand names on the backs of taxpayers."

Lawmaker says he'll try to eliminate use tax

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A spat between the state comptroller and land commissioner points out a problem with the state's use tax, Sen. Tom Haywood says.

Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, on Wednesday said he was beginning to draft legislation that would eliminate the use tax on individuals.

"By eliminating this tax, I hope to hand over a little more freedom to the people of Texas, along with their hard-earned tax dollars," he said.

Similar to the state sales tax, the use tax is levied on purchases made outside Texas. When the Legislature passed it along with the sales tax in 1961, the use tax was aimed at keeping in-state retailers from suffering a competitive disadvantage.

Earlier this month, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander notified her fellow Republican officeholder, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, that he may owe taxes on items purchased overseas during the past seven years.

Mark Sanders, spokesman for the comptroller, said state law prohibits officials from discussing Dewhurst's case. The Dallas Morning News reported that the tax could apply to hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of furniture, art and other items Dewhurst and his wife bought overseas.

Dewhurst has said he will pay whatever he owes but believes the tax should be repealed, and he has been contacting legislators about the issue.

Haywood said he agrees the tax shouldn't apply to individuals.

"Comptroller Rylander was correct in her actions to collect any taxes that might be owed to our state, but my position is that we should not be collecting this type of tax in the first place and I will continue working to keep government out of our wallets," Haywood said.

The use tax allows collection of up to 8.25 percent in taxes on any purchases made outside of Texas. This includes goods purchased via the Internet, by mail order from catalogs without Texas offices, or in other states or countries.

The comptroller's office says the tax generates about $1 billion a year for state government, most of which is paid by businesses.

Besides the tax questions, the issue has set up a potential political face-off between two Republican officeholders who could run for lieutenant governor in 2002 — should Gov. George W. Bush win the White House and current Lt. Gov. Rick Perry move up. Both Ms. Rylander and Dewhurst are in their first terms in their present posts.

Judge imposes harsh penalties for phone noises in courtroom

DENTON (AP) —Those who carry a cell phone into Judge Philip Vick's courtroom may need it later for their one call from jail.

During the last two years, Vick has issued 25 contempt-of-court citations for pagers or cell phones ringing in his court. Offenders have to immediately pay the district court clerk $100 or be thrown in jail.

Six of the 25 contempt of court charges initiated by Vick, who presides over 158th District Court, have been against lawyers.

Vick said it's all about decorum — and not distracting from the focus of a case.

"It's the same as a lawyer putting his feet on the table or coming to court in a pair of shorts," the judge said.

How cell phones manage to make their way into Vick's courtroom have to do with security checks, which have been reduced. Federal courthouses protections are stringently upheld, but county and state courthouses have differing policies, sometimes leaving it up to the discretion of the judge.

That means the problem isn't just confined to Vick's courtroom.

In Rockwall County, Judy Perser, the 382nd District Court administrator, said everyone is asked to turn off cell phones and set pagers to vibrate before entering court.

Dallas County officials say cell-phone use during jury orientation is a continual problem, but it hasn't drawn fines yet. Potential jurors are notified during the selection process of the need to silence their handsets and pagers in orientation films, by jury service personnel and by posted notices.

Public and governmental frustration with cell phones has been on the upswing since a 1997 study in the New England Journal of Medicine found that talking on a handset while driving quadrupled the risk of an accident and was almost as dangerous as being drunk behind the wheel.

Although other Texas counties haven't started to impose penalties, the harsh punishment Vick imposes for cell phones has caught the eye of others.

"The other judges tell me that when a phone rings or a pager beeps in their courtrooms, people dive to shut them off," Vick said.

Cameraman's family donates JFK assassination film to museum

By Sherri Chunn
Associated Press

DALLAS — The last original duplicate of Abraham Zapruder's home movie capturing President John F. Kennedy's assassination now belongs to a museum overlooking the famous motorcade route downtown.

Officials of the Sixth Floor Museum announced Wednesday that the Zapruder family had agreed last month to donate the 26-second film and its copyright, along with hundreds of related items, to the museum that chronicles Kennedy's life and death as well as the assassination investigation.

The donation, following months of negotiations with the Zapruder family, is the "most important and most generous gift" ever received by the 11-year-old museum, said Andy Stern, chairman of the museum's board of directors.

The museum occupies the sixth floor of the old Texas School Book Depository building, where the Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald positioned himself to gun down the president.

Zapruder, a dressmaker who worked across the street from the book depository, perched on a nearby concrete pedestal to film Kennedy's motorcade through Dallas for his grandchildren.

He ultimately captured the assassination sequence, believed to be the shooting's only complete visual record.

Zapruder ordered three so-called first-generation copies of the film the day of the assassination. The original film and two copies that he gave to the Secret Service are stored at the National Archives. The third copy was given to the museum.

The Assassination Records Review Board in 1997 declared the original film to be the permanent possession of the people of the United States.

Last year, an arbitration panel ordered the U.S. government to pay the heirs $16 million plus interest for the original film. The family announced their intention to transfer the copyright's ownership to a public institution in August, after the arbitration panel reached its ruling.

If the government had assumed the copyright, the film could have fallen into the public domain, meaning images from the film could have ended up on coffee mugs, T-shirts, album covers and Web sites.

Jeff West, the museum's executive director, said, "Essentially, this establishes us as the official gatekeepers. The museum will serve as steward to this remarkable national treasure, ensuring that it is adequately protected and treated with a dignity that avoids exploitation."

Zapruder family members did not attend Wednesday's news conference. But relatives released a statement saying they are confident the museum "will continue to administer the film in the spirit of our father and grandfather, Abraham Zapruder.

State nursing home fines total $1.6 million

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has collected a record $1.65 million in civil penalties in a campaign to crack down on abuse and neglect of the elderly, Attorney General John Cornyn announced Wednesday.

The penalties were collected from nursing homes and assisted living facilities where violations occurred, Cornyn said.

The 1999 penalties were more than three times the amount collected in 1998.

"I have always said that protecting those who can't protect themselves is a top priority. These numbers send a clear message that if you abuse and neglect the elderly, you will be held accountable," Cornyn said.

The attorney general's office assesses civil penalties against facilities where the health and safety of residents has been threatened. The Texas Department of Human Services refers cases to the attorney general for review and possible legal action.

According to the office, 42 lawsuits were filed last year against 53 facilities in Texas. Nine have been settled and two are set for trial.

"The Sweetest Person in the Permian Basin"

In conjunction with the Camp Fire Boys & Girls' Annual Candy Sale, we are looking for nominees for the "Sweetest Person in the Permian Basin." Because Camp Fire's motto is "To Give Service," we are looking for that individual who has unselfishly served their community. Please nominate someone and pass this information along to others.

Entries must be received by January 28, 2000
Return the Nomination Form below by...

FAX: 570-0887 or MAIL: Camp Fire Boys & Girls, 2300 Butternut Lane, Midland, Texas 79705

The Sweetest Person in the Permian Basin
NOMINATION FORM

Name of nominee: _____
Address of nominee: _____
Phone # of nominee: _____
Please describe why you think your nominee is the "Sweetest Person in the Permian Basin":
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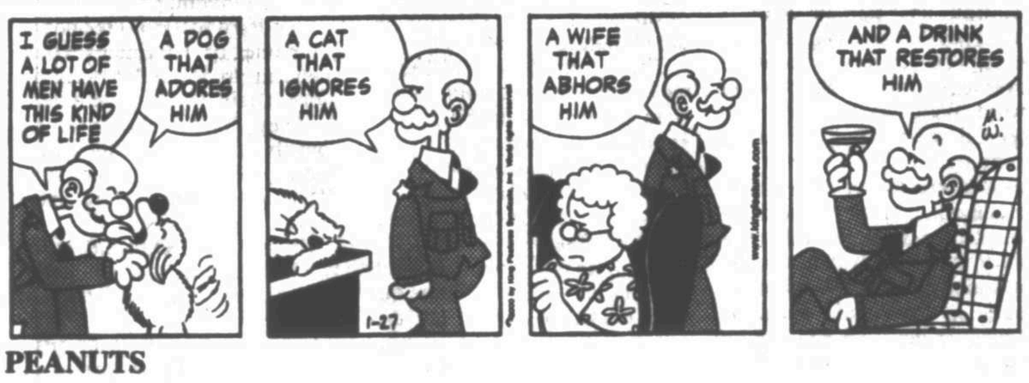
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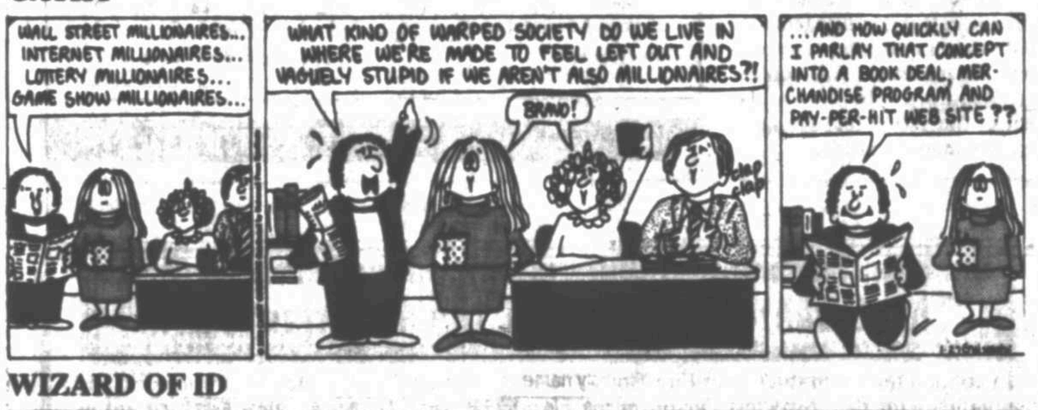
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000:
You are unusually dynamic this year. You can get up close and personal, yet you can also detach and see the big picture. You are full of ideas and creative solutions. Others seek you out. In fact, you often need to isolate yourself in order to get anything done. If you are single, you meet people in your day-to-day life. Romance flourishes, though you might not want to announce to the world what is going on. If attached, allow for more private times together. SCORPIO pushes you to perform at the highest level.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Express your concern over partnership matters and the direction in which they have been heading. Choose your words carefully. Let another feel comfortable with what you are saying. Your sensitivities emerge with a friend. Clear out confusion. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Get into work as quickly as possible. Concentrate on quiet work first. Later, others seek you out. A boss or co-worker could amuse you. Others hear you. Your words make an impact. Be willing to take that seminar or workshop. Tonight: Let another decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Loosen up about what is happening. Take time with a loved one, who will appreciate your efforts. A meeting is important. Dig into a project. You know what others expect, and you can meet their demands professionally. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others depend on your nurturing and caring more than you realize. Establish limits with a child or friend. Recognize that you can't play the day away. Let your creativity come out when dealing with work. Streamline what you can. Tonight: Start thinking about the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Return messages as soon as you get in. Formulate plans. Schedule meetings. Reach out for those you need in order to get a project launched. Discuss your thoughts with a trusted co-worker. Be open to another's point of view. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with finances head-on. Another has a different point of view about a budget and wants to spend more than you do. Communication gets your creative juices flowing. Allow more laughter into your work life. Clear out any confusion by confirming plans. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Getting another to talk isn't a problem, but getting someone to slow down and be quiet proves to be challenging. Remain in contact with your needs when dealing with finances. A child or new friend could be sugarcoating a situation. Careful! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Do your investigating, questioning and decision-making in the morning. Others come forward, and you actually might end up with too much information for comfort. Beam in what you need. Ask for another's support. Others clearly want to help. Tonight: Top cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use the morning hours to clear out any key projects. You might not agree with others' tactics, but you work well as a team. A co-worker reveals a lot about his feelings. You might not be ready to deal with all this! Tonight: Vanish and think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others tug on you, or is it your sense of responsibility that comes into play here? Be realistic about your capabilities. Perhaps you need to deal with your feelings. Make an important meeting. Entice another into joining in on a project. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal with behind-the-scenes matters at work this morning. Screen calls if need be. Take a stronger role in the work arena. Others will bend for you. Intuition helps you deal with a boss or higher-up. You know which way to go. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to relate on an interpersonal level comes out. You might not understand another until you imagine what it is like to be him. Seek out others' input before you come to a conclusion. Emphasis is on long-term plans at work. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

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Dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948), actress Bridget Fonda (1964), actress Mimi Rogers (1956)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

10 Minus 1 Equals Nine

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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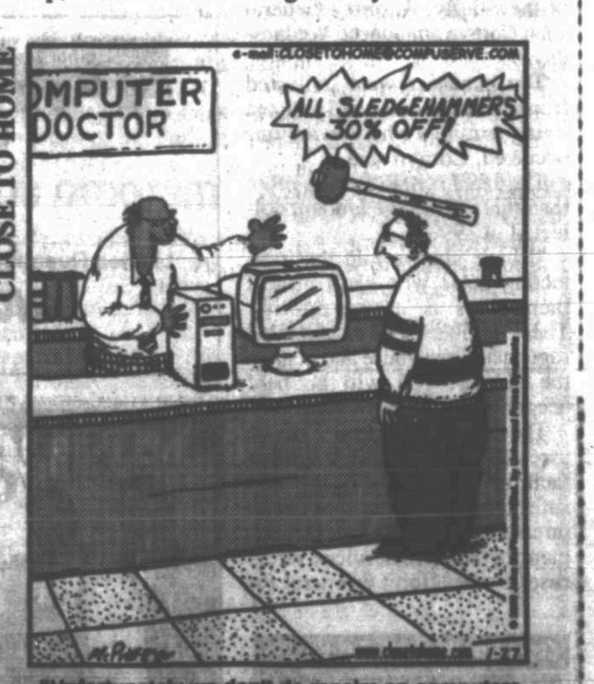
The late Terence Reese, perhaps the greatest player/writer ever, once watched helplessly as his partner, declaring four spades, frittered away trick after trick and, instead of making 11 tricks, ended with just eight.

"Could I have done better?" his partner inquired. "Well," retorted Reese, "double dummy you could have gone down three!" North must have had the same sort of feeling as South butchered this deal.

South's jump overcall of four spades was impeccable. West's double was a little feisty, but it might have paid a handsome dividend had the South hand been a little different.

West led the two of hearts, and East made the technically correct play of the nine. Since West was certainly not underleading the ace on this auction, the play of the nine was made to reveal the location of the queen — that might have been important later in the play. Declarer won with the queen and, anxious to trump a couple of heart losers, attempted to cash the ace. West ruffed and returned a trump, and there was no way declarer could avoid losing two diamonds and another heart — down one.

This is a situation that crops up more often than you might think, and there is a simple maneuver to ensure making the contract. At trick two South must lead a low heart, and the defenders are helpless. Defender can then ruff a heart, draw trumps and concede two diamonds, making exactly 10 tricks.



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"I TELL PEOPLE IT'S A TATTOO, BUT I MADE IT WITH A FELT-TIP PEN."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"He said 'blanket of snow.' Aren't blankets s'posed to keep you warm?"

TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING — January 27, 2000

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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
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 843	Wheel of Fortune 195	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 8832		State of the Union 8076				News 8078887	Hy Pyatte (11:35)	Unhappily Married	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 97069	The Road to Fame 27668		State of the Union 21737		The Nanny 709892		Jerry Springer 283378		News/Radio 911195	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 8344	Entertainment Tonight	Diagnosis Murder: Murder at Midterm 66534 (TVPG)		State of the Union 86388				News 27668379	Late Show With David Letterman (10:30) 2280380		CSI (11:36) 6227114
(9) KWES	9	9		News 6882	Survivor 7244 (TVPG)	Friends 4882 (TVPG)	Frasier 8768 (TVPG)	State of the Union 39766				News 8833640	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 7128693		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	12	12	19	News 25602	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 75840				Richard Roberts 84718		News 86114	Joyce Meyer 26834	Duane Sherlff Ministries	Sunset Baptist 41869
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 799447		Wonders of the African World/Henry Louis Gates Jr.		Mystery!: Touching Evil II (Part 1 of 2) 917788 (TV14-L)				Telecourse 280978			
(8) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3382114		Rivera Live 3388834		The News With Brian Williams 33888388		Hardball With Chris Matthews 3381488		Rivera Live 5787176	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 187534	Caroline in the City					News 980718		MacGyver: Pirates 883806 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 186848 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air										
(15) FAM		14		Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?					Hidden Secrets of Magic		The 700 Club 186806		Who's Boss?	Partridge
(20) DISC		20	26	Alaskan Wild 345853 (TVG)		Prison Tech 8441824		Mysteries of Twilight Zone		Fearsome Legends 840006		Prison Tech 843196		Mysteries of Twilight Zone	
(21) AMC		21	31												
(22) TNN		22	35	The Waltons 712379 (TVG)						Travis Tritt		Dallas 987973 (TVPG)		In-Fisherman	Bassmasters
(23) TNT		23	29	ER 766586 (TV14)											
(24) BRAV		24	53	Moonlighting 356737							Inside the Actors Studio				
(25) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 511602		Live From L.A. 831486		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 776080	
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(28) CNN		28	32	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 186282		Larry King Live 184602		CNN NewsStand 184486		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 760080	
(29) ESPN		29	30	Match Up o/Millennium		Match Up o/Millennium		College Basketball: Cincinnati at Louisville 985176				SportsCenter 986611		College Basketball 987186	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Cowboys and Cossacks 986378 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 173380 (TV14-V)						Walker, Texas Ranger 172821 (TV14-V)		SBL Stallings: Body Electric 7987788 (TV14-S)	
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(45) FSN		43	29	Football News 84282	The Last Word 48534	Sports Tonight	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks 686602					College Basketball (JIP): UBC at Oregon 10195			Fox Sports News 99027
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(47) E!		47		Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries	The Brady Bunch: The E! True Hollywood Story 179640				H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild on Ice 771282	
(49) TVL		48	24	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Emergency! 3588114		Dragnet	Adam-12	Andy Griffith	Beaver	Honeymoon.	Sanford/Son	A-Team 3814701	
(46) ODSY		49		Avonlea 703621		Snowy River: McGregor						Lonesome Dove: Outlaw		The Young Riders 527388	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	New Spaces	Curb Appeal	Designing	Kitchen	House Hunt	Dream	New Spaces	Curb Appeal	Designing	Kitchen
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PEOPLE TODAY

Many celebrities are rooting for Rams

LOS ANGELES — **Connie Stevens, Steve Allen** and **Nell Carter** are all rooting for the St. Louis Rams to win the Super Bowl, but **Merv Griffin** isn't hoping for a win by the California defectors.

"Does this mean if the Rams win they'll come back to L.A.? I'm picking Tennessee by a touchdown," Griffin said Tuesday when asked his prediction in the Rams' matchup against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

Some other Los Angeles celebrities asked for their opinions on the big game were siding with the Rams, who moved to St. Louis in 1995.

"We've always been Rams fans whether they're in L.A. or St. Louis," Allen said on behalf of himself and wife, Jayne Meadows.

Ms. Carter, best known as the star of the old NBC comedy "Gimme a Break," likes the Rams for a variety of reasons.

"I'm going for the Rams because the team paces themselves better and work more like a unit," she said. "I would like the Rams defensive line to all be here in my house. I'd be a happy woman."

Stevens predicted the score would be Rams 42, Titans 38.

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ARLINGTON, Va. — **Ed McMahon** is going into cyberspace to look for the stars of tomorrow.

The former "Star Search" host and **Johnny Carson** sidekick has launched www.nextbigstar.com, a national talent search Web site.

"The Internet is here and it cannot be ignored," McMahon, 76, told USA Today. "It's exploding. Going on the Web is going to be much bigger than 'Star Search,' because so many people will see it."

Contestants must send in videotaped performances in one of 10 categories — including music, comedy, cheerleading and modeling — plus a $19.95 entry fee.

Viewers can watch the performances and vote for their favorites online starting April 15.

Winners will get cash prizes of $1,000 to $10,000, depending on the category.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — In what could be his final rally, the **Rev. Billy Graham** plans to hold a four-day religious revival in Alltel Stadium this fall.

"I consider it a great privilege and a joy to accept an invitation to conduct a crusade in Jacksonville," the 81-year-old evangelist said in a statement Tuesday. "Due to my age, and health, this could possibly be my last major citywide crusade."

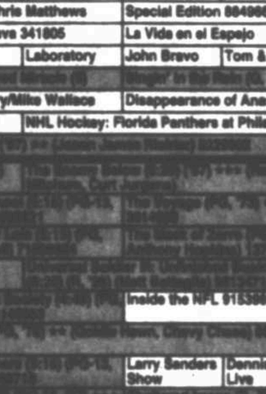
Graham, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, has found that his balance has been affected, said Cliff Barrows, the ministry's music director.

He has been receiving treatment and therapy from Mayo Clinic doctors in Minnesota and Jacksonville.

The dates of the fall gathering will be set after the National Football League schedule is published in April to avoid a conflict with Jaguars games in their home stadium. The preferred dates are Nov. 2-5.

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — The city of San Rafael hoped to clean up with a high-profile New Year's Eve party featuring **Bonnie Raitt** and a $22,000 balloon drop. Instead, it took a $1.2 million bath.



City takes a beating with New Year's Eve Bonnie Raitt concert.

That's how much city officials said was lost on the highly publicized event when only 5,000 people bought tickets instead of the 11,000 needed to break even.

"The loss is extremely serious — it's nothing anyone anticipated," Mayor Al Boro said Tuesday.

The money represents 2.5 percent of the city's 1999-2000 budget. It will be paid with city funds and an anticipated surplus.

The $225-to-$300-a-head bash, just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, was designed to celebrate a downtown renaissance and raise $104,760 for a proposed public plaza.

The event featured more than a dozen entertainers, including Ms. Raitt and **Huey Lewis & The News**, along with canopy tents, mirrored disco balls and motorized cable cars.

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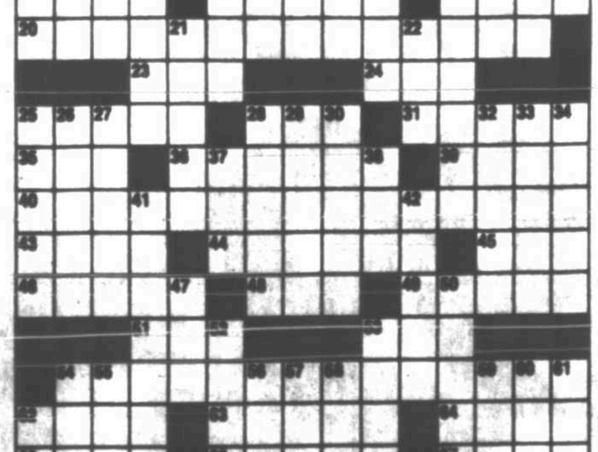
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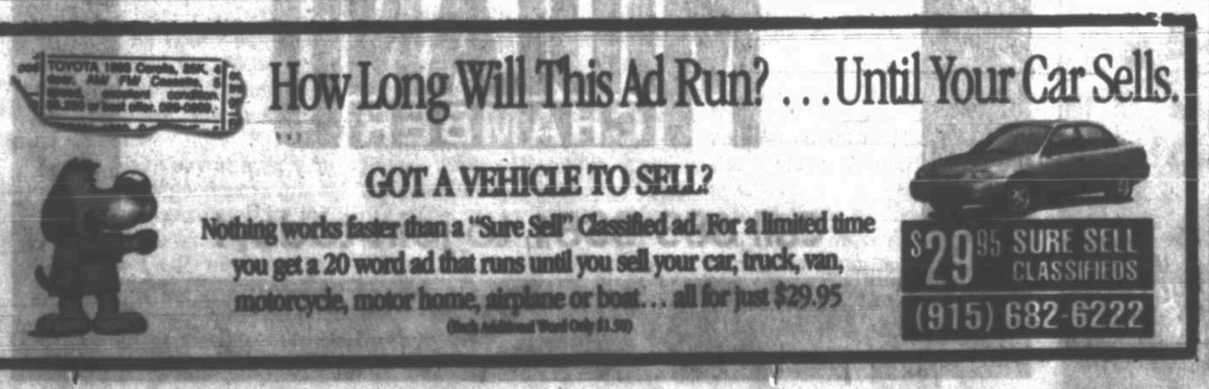
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Greenspan pledges more Fed openness

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alan Greenspan pledged that in a fourth term he would promote greater openness at the traditionally secretive Federal Reserve as well as pursue the central bank's traditional goal of keeping inflation pressures from derailing the economy.

Appearing for his Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday, Greenspan also repeated his strong preference that the soaring federal surpluses be used to reduce the national debt rather than being diverted to tax cuts or higher spending.

But Greenspan did lend support to a decision the Clinton administration has made in its new budget to seek a boost in restrictive federal spending caps in light of the rising surpluses.

Greenspan said he would prefer that the government adhere to the current caps that were established as part of the 1997 balanced budget law. But he said that increasing those limits slightly to allow more government spending on discretionary programs was preferable to engaging in "spurious mechanisms to evade them," as Congress has done in the past two years.



AP Photo
Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan is sworn in on Capitol Hill Wednesday prior to testifying before the Senate Banking Committee's confirmation hearing on his nomination to a fourth term as chairman.

Greenspan, held in almost as high regard in Congress as he is on Wall Street, breezed through his Wednesday Senate confirmation hearing.

Members of the committee gave him a large share of the credit for America's current good times with the lowest unemployment rates in three decades, low inflation and an expansion that next month will set the all-time record for longevity.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who chairs the Banking Committee, praised Greenspan for "doing more than anyone else on the planet" to foster the current prosperity.

Gramm said he hoped to have Greenspan's nomination voted out by his committee next Tuesday and approved by the full Senate later in the day.

Wall Street, which had fallen sharply Monday on fears of what Greenspan might say in his congressional testimony this week, took Wednesday's appearance in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 3.10 at 11032.99.

Greenspan did not directly comment on what the Fed's next move might be on interest rates. Private economists widely believe that the central bank will boost rates at its meeting next week by a quarter point, the fourth move since last June to slow the surging economy to keep inflation at bay.

In his testimony before the committee, Greenspan promised to continue efforts to allow the public greater insight into the decision-making process at the traditionally secretive central bank.

Cuban boy to be reunited with grandmothers

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Elian Gonzalez and his grandmothers arrived Wednesday at a "neutral site" for a reunion that had to be arranged by the U.S. government because of the personal and political passions swirling around the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

Elian was driven to a nun's house in Miami Beach to see his grandmothers, who had flown in from Washington and were then brought to the home in a helicopter.

The grandmothers came to the United States last week to appeal directly to the American people and Congress to send the boy back to his father in Cuba. Elian's relatives in Miami want him to stay and are fighting a U.S. government order sending him back.

The grandmothers were to see Elian privately, with the boy's Florida relatives nearby in the house.

Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said the women would not be allowed to take the boy home with them afterward. A lawyer for Elian's relatives, Spencer Eig, said the visit was expected to last two hours.

A few people tossed flowers at the car that took the women from the helicopter to the house. Some demonstrators outside the home cheered and others booed as the grandmothers were driven by.

The grandmothers had also flown to Miami on Monday but left town without seeing Elian. They said they were uncomfortable going to the house in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood where the relatives have been caring for the boy. Anti-Castro Cuban immigrants have been holding protests around the home.

Mariela Quintana and Raquel Rodriguez had not seen their grandson since before he left Cuba for the United States with his mother, who died along with 10 other people when their boat capsized. Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast on Nov. 25.

The reunion was being held at the home of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, president of Barry University. O'Laughlin, 70, has a history of helping immigrants and had said she would serve as "welcomer" and "hugger."

On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott indicated he has no solid plans for handling legislation next week to give Elian U.S. citizenship, which would remove the boy from the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the agency that ordered him back to Cuba.

"There are a lot of extenuating circumstances," Lott said. "Obviously it could come up next week. But there are a lot of people looking at this issue and there may be developments between now and then."

To take effect, the measure would have to pass both houses and be signed by President Clinton, who has not ruled out a veto.

The two grandmothers met with several members of Congress this week and asked them not to pass such a bill.

"It's our right to see our grandson and take him back home," said Mrs. Quintana, the child's paternal grandmother.

Despite no prospect of taking Elian with them, his grandmothers were still looking forward to the visit.

"I don't know if I'll cry or if I'll laugh," Mrs. Rodriguez, Elian's maternal grandmother, told CNN on Tuesday.

Eig said Elian was "a little bit afraid to go all by himself because he's afraid they might be forced to take him back to Cuba."

Study says teen drug use higher in rural areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adolescents in small-town and rural America are much more likely than their peers in urban centers to have used drugs, according to a private study released Wednesday. The report urges the government to reverse the alarming trend by funding the war on drugs in nonmetropolitan areas as well as it does in foreign countries like Colombia.

Eighth-graders in rural America are 104 percent likelier than those in big cities to use amphetamines, including methamphetamines, and 50 percent likelier to use cocaine, according to the study released by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

The study also found that eighth-graders in rural areas are 83 percent more likely to use crack cocaine, and 34 percent more likely to smoke marijuana than their urban counterparts.

"While people may erroneously associate drug abuse with urban communities, drug abuse attacks our small cities and rural areas with equal ferocity," said Barry McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The figures, based primarily on 1999 data, were presented at the U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meeting in Washington.

The threat of drugs to teens and children "is aggravated in small and mid-size town, cities and counties that lack the resources and experience available to large metropolitan concentrations to combat this problem," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., president of the research group.

Califano called on the Clinton administration and Congress to put together an "emergency aid" package to fight drugs in rural America that would match "dollar-for-dollar" the two-year, $1.6 billion aid plan the Clinton administration proposed to Colombia, in part to assist with anti-drug efforts there.

McCaffrey countered that the administration had already increased treatment funding by 26 percent over the past four years to $3 billion, and pointed to the office's August 1999 report which showed that drug use among those aged 12-to-17 was down 13 percent in the previous one-year period.

"The impact of these counter-drug efforts will be felt not just in Bogota, Colombia, but in Boise, Idaho and Boston, Massachusetts," McCaffrey said.

Califano's group used five different sets of data, from public and private anti-drug organizations, to come up with their results, and also studied data from state and local law enforcement agencies.

Each data set defined big cities and urban centers in different ways, but in general, classified rural areas as those with populations of 50,000 or less, and urban centers as those with populations of 1 million or more.

The study also found that:

- Eighth-graders in rural areas were 70 percent likelier to have gotten drunk, and 29 percent likelier to drink alcohol.
- Eighth-graders were more than twice as likely to smoke cigarettes, and nearly five times more likely to use smokeless tobacco.
- Among 10th-graders, use rates in rural areas exceeded those in large urban areas for every drug except marijuana and the methamphetamine known as ecstasy.
- Among 12th-graders, use rates in rural America exceeded those in large urban areas for cocaine, crack, amphetamines, inhalants, alcohol, cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

NATION IN BRIEF

■ Baby suffocates on Pokemon toy

INDIANAPOLIS — A 4-month-old boy suffocated in his crib on a Burger King Pokemon ball — the subject of a nationwide recall after a similar death last month.

Zachary Jones was found dead Tuesday of what an autopsy determined was asphyxiation, said Deputy Police Chief Lana Schneider of suburban Lawrence.

The toy — a hollow plastic ball that opens clamshell-style — had been left in Zachary's crib by his step-grandmother. She came back later to find him with half the ball covering his nose and mouth, Schneider said.

"A 4-month-old baby cannot move things from their face, and basically it suffocated," Schneider said.

The balls, given away by Burger King in children's meals, measure about 3 inches in diameter and contain a Pokemon toy.

■ Judge lauds defendant

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A judge praised a nursing home employee for admitting negligence in a patient's death, then sentenced her to the maximum — almost 2 1/2 years in prison.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell saved his anger Tuesday for the nursing home that hired Shirley House, whose record included 32 arrests and two prison terms for crimes including assault, fraud and larceny.

"If people with that record can work in nursing homes, I guess we need to examine who should be allowed to work in nursing homes," Bell said.

A jury in November convicted Ms. House, 48, of neglect of an elderly adult for the 1997 death of Mary Kellough, 84.

Ms. House found Ms. Kellough on the floor and put her back in bed but failed to tell anyone, delaying medical care. The woman died four days later of a brain hemorrhage. Only then did Ms. House tell supervisors what had happened.

"Jail and prison is not the end of the world," Ms. House told the judge. "Her family has really weighed heavy on my heart. Whatever happens today, I'm ready."

■ Race riot commission to meet

TULSA, Okla. — A state commission will consider next week whether reparations are owed for losses in Tulsa's 1921 race riot, which historians believe was one of the nation's deadliest racial clashes.

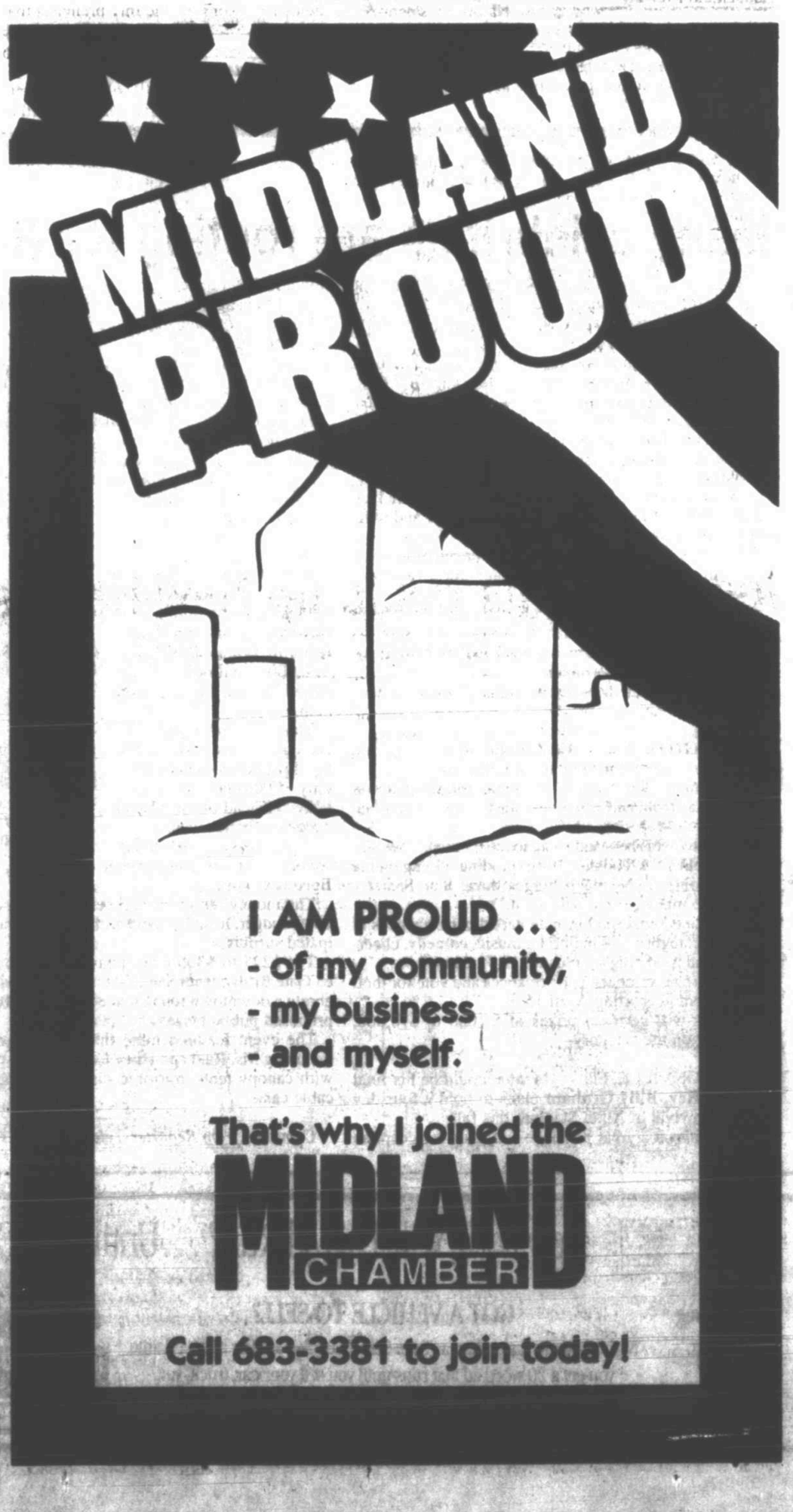
The Tulsa Race Riot Commission will meet Feb. 4, and chairman Bob Blackburn said Wednesday he expects it will vote on reparations.

The 11-member panel, which has spent two years investigating the riot, must make a recommendation about reparations to state lawmakers by Feb. 7.

A subcommittee of the commission has proposed a $33 million reparation package that would include scholarships, a museum and tax breaks to encourage business development — in addition to direct payments to more than 70 survivors.

The violence that broke out May 31, 1921, led to the destruction of Tulsa's black business district. Some historians estimate as many as 300 people died, but that figure remains in dispute.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.





States demand youngest drivers train longer

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Annie Hennigan is behind the wheel of the family car, Dad right next to her with pointers: A bit of gas now, slow it down here. The 16-year-old is learning more than how to drive. She is learning patience.

Not just patience behind the wheel, but patience to wait for the day she can drive like an adult. Unlike her older brother and sister before her, she has to wait at least six months longer for that right. So do other teen-agers in half the country.

Shaken by high numbers of serious accidents among the youngest drivers, the nation is embracing a new approach to putting teen-agers on the road. The goal: Slow the transition from back seat to driver's seat, and give teen-agers more time to learn, to mature.

In half the nation, driving privileges now come in three phases, with each step bringing more responsibility. Only if teen-age drivers pass the first two steps without tickets or crashes do they get full privileges.

Now Annie must wait at least six more months. Not much time in the eyes of her father, Bob. But for Annie, who would like to drive teammates to next summer's softball games, it is a huge chunk of high school life.

"It's been — '16. ... Yeah, I can drive. Freedom.' But now it's kind of like freedom but not freedom," she says.

For legislators, the concern was safety, and the statistics were frightening:

■ The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that as a group, 16-year-olds die in car accidents at nearly three times the rate of the general population. Its analysis of 1996 accidents found that 35 of 100,000 16-year-old drivers were killed in accidents. In the general population, 12 drivers died per 100,000.

■ Teen-age drivers (ages 15 to 20) make up only 7 percent of the driving population but are involved in 14 percent of all crashes and in 21 percent of fatal wrecks.

In 1997, only Florida licensed teens in three steps: the traditional learner's permit, which allows teens to drive only with an adult; a new intermediate license that let teens drive alone, with restrictions; and full privileges.

The American Automobile Association and the Insurance Institute launched a nationwide campaign endorsing the steps and adding three rules: Parents must train their children. Teens cannot drive with teen passengers. And teens must be limited in driving alone at night.

"You need more practice time to be licensed to cut hair than to train someone to drive a three-ton piece of machinery," says the AAA's Kathleen Marvaso.

Now, 25 states and Washington, D.C., have adopted three-step programs with at least one additional rule. Only California and Massachusetts have all three rules. Most naysayers are in the South and West, where rural legislators are resistant.



AP Photo
Bob Hennigan gives his daughter, Anne, a few pointers about driving as they prepare to exit a bank parking lot in Worcester, Mass., Wednesday. New laws in Massachusetts and 24 other states require a three-step licensing program for younger drivers, postponing full driving privileges to give teens more time to learn and mature behind the wheel.

Atlanta brings in big events, but there's little to do

ATLANTA (AP) — This city is a master at bringing huge events to town: the 1996 Olympics, the 2000 baseball All-Star Game, Sunday's Super Bowl and countless conventions every year.

But when the meeting lets out or the event is over, just try to find a good time around all those downtown hotels and convention centers. The action is in neighborhoods outside of downtown.

Unlike its competition, Atlanta has no Broadway, no French Quarter, no dazzling casinos. After dark, downtown has more in common with a Midwest farm town than an Olympic city.

"When I lived there you could shoot a cannon through downtown after 10 o'clock and not hit anybody," said Patti Shock, former chairwoman of hospitality management at Georgia State University and now chairwoman of the tourism and convention department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Local partyers generally prescribe Buckhead, a well-to-do enclave five miles north of downtown with several theme-oriented bars and chain restaurants.

Downtown, there is Underground Atlanta, a subterranean mall foundering near bankruptcy. A near-empty Hooters was the only establishment open this week in Kenny's Alley, a once-bustling collection of bars at Underground.

"You get every chucklehead in town saying, 'Oh, you've got to go to Buckhead, you've got to go to Underground,' and then they go away saying, 'That's it? That's Atlanta's downtown?'" said Robert Holland, the city's best bartender according to a local alternative newspaper reader poll. "What a hellish vision of Atlanta (visitors) must have."

Mark and Kathryn Carpenter of Jacksonville, Fla., said they had more fun partying in Miami before last year's Super Bowl.

"Everybody said go to Buckhead, so we went to Buckhead. But we weren't impressed," Mark Carpenter said Wednesday. "Too many bars and lots of traffic."

Officials at the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau insist that the city is a complete entertainment package and that no one cares whether the socializing occurs downtown or somewhere near it.

Besides Buckhead, areas such as Little Five Points, east of downtown, and Virginia-Highland, northeast of downtown, command most of the nightlife.

"We're not talking about sending you an hour away. We're talking about a five-mile radius of the core city," said Bill Howard, the bureau's vice president of marketing, tourism and communications.

"What you really find in Atlanta is not that much dissimilar in what you find in other major cities," he said. "Atlanta is a city that has a business district, a convention district, a sports district and a local entertainment district."

Billy Payne, who successfully steered the city's bid for the 1996 Olympics, argues that the games helped Atlantans rediscover downtown and spurred a renaissance of urban development. As people return to downtown to live, he said, nightlife is sure to follow.

Nerve gene discovery offers hope for spinal cord injuries

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

Scientists have identified a gene that prevents the brain and spinal cord from rewiring themselves after an injury, pointing the way to new treatments that might someday help paralyzed "Superman" star Christopher Reeve and 250,000 Americans like him.

Dubbed "Nogo" because of its inhibiting effect, the gene produces a protein that prevents nerve-cell connections in the central nervous system from regenerating after they are cut. Experiments in rats showed that when the protein is blocked, the spinal cord can repair itself.

Neurologists hailed the work as a landmark step. But they cautioned that other factors may also inhibit nerve regrowth.

"It is important not to give patients false hope," said Dr. Ben Barres, a professor of neurology at Stanford University. "But I think there are a lot of grounds for optimism now."

The findings were reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature by scientists in Switzerland, England and the United States.

If the scientists are right, they have solved an old mystery: Why can't connections in the central nervous system — the brain and spinal cord — repair themselves, when connections in the peripheral nervous system — everything else — can?

The answer is that Nogo is present in the central nervous system but not the other nerves. Nogo may exist to hardwire the brain and spinal cord — or fix them in place — after they have developed, and prevent them from going wild.

A team led by Martin Schwab of the Brain Research Institute at the University of Zurich in Switzerland has been working on Nogo for 15 years, and created an antibody that blocks the Nogo-created protein.

In test-tube experiments, nerves dissected from rats were exposed to the antibody. The nerves regrew several hundred nerve connections known as axons, or the tiny branches that transmit impulses from one nerve cell to the next, Schwab reported.

In an additional set of experiments that were not published in Nature, Schwab's team said it partially cut the spinal cords of rats, paralyzing the animals, then gave the rodents the antibody for two weeks. The nerves regrew, and the animals resumed normal activities such as grabbing food pellets and climbing a rope.

"We see these animals' recovery functionally," said Isabel Klusman, a medical biologist who works with Schwab.

Researchers said the Nogo research may lead to a three-pronged therapy involving a Nogo blocker, some agent to boost nerve growth, and some kind of cell transplant.

Schwab's team never identified the actual gene. That was done by two separate teams, one at the pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham in England, the other led by Dr. Stephen Strittmatter at Yale University.

Some 11,000 people injure their spinal cords each year, primarily in car wrecks, as football star Derrick Thomas did last Sunday. Reeve has been paralyzed from the neck down, using a respirator to help him breathe, since a 1995 fall from a horse.

Researchers are more cautious than Reeve, but the actor, whose foundation helped finance some of the Nogo research at Yale, said the discoveries are part of a growing body of advances that he believes will allow him to walk again someday.

Reeve said he hopes to take part in human tests by Schwab in about five years, once work has progressed to the point he would feel safe.

"It will be a question of money and time," Reeve said from his office in Bedford, N.Y. "But the field now is very alive and there is suddenly a lot of progress being made."

Independents could tip New Hampshire scales

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

■ News analysis

MANCHESTER, N.H. — New Hampshire Republicans weren't the largest group of voters watching Wednesday's double-barreled debates. Nor were Democrats. Independents are the big bloc in this state's politics, and they were getting a rare chance to size up both presidential fields at once.

"It's one-stop shopping," said Terry Blair, a single mother from Manchester. One of 274,000 registered independents, Blair was tuning into the 90-minute Republican debate at 7 p.m. and — "after a break for bath time" — was catching the Democrats at 9.

New Hampshire independents outnumber the state's 265,000 Republicans and 194,000 Democrats, and they can vote in either primary Tuesday. That's why voters like Blair are so important to the seven major-party candidates, particularly Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley.

"In a tight race — and we've got close races on both sides of the fence this year — the independents can make all the difference," Republican state chairman Steve Duprey said.

State analysts say at least one-third of the independents support Republicans almost every election. They react to the tax-cutting, small government GOP message but just like the "independent" label.

Another one-third, or slightly less, of self-described independents generally support Democratic candidates and issues.

Twenty-five percent or so of the registered independents are "true independents" and swing between parties — a fraction of New Hampshire's total voting population, said Robin Marra, director of polling at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire.

"That's the universe that Bradley and McCain are fighting over," he said. "It's small, but potentially significant."

McCain and his party seem to be winning the battle thus far. The number of self-described independents who said they would support Republicans climbed from 36 percent to 52 percent in the past month, Marra said.

The trend benefits McCain, who leads front-runner George W. Bush among independents by a 2-to-1 margin. The Arizona senator has portrayed himself as a straight-talking reformer to draw even or ahead of the Texas governor in most state polls.

Independents support Bradley over his party's front-runner, Vice President Al Gore, by about 10 percentage points. Like McCain, Bradley supports campaign finance reform. His laid-back style and promises to fashion a new kind of politics are particularly appealing to independents.

But the former New Jersey senator has lost his lead to Gore in state polls, and is fresh off a big loss in Iowa's caucuses. If undecided independents begin to sense Gore pulling away, they may bolt to the better race and back McCain.

"If I'm George Bush, I'm watching the Democratic debate and rooting for Bill Bradley," Duprey said.

McCain and Bradley are not the only candidates courting independents.

Gore criticized Bradley on Wednesday for not supporting the administration's first welfare overhaul initiative. "I would call upon him ... to change his position, get with the program of welfare reform that works," said the vice president, whose aides believe that welfare reform is popular among independents.

After staking out staunch conservative ground on abortion in Iowa, Bush quickly moderated his tone in New Hampshire and portrayed himself as the most mainstream and electable candidate.

For Bradley and McCain, this may be the time to focus on party regulars.

"At this point, because the number of undecided independents is relatively small I would tell both (McCain and Bradley) to shore up — or in Bradley's case, build up — their support in the party bases," Marra said. "Independents got you into the ballgame, but you can't win it without party regulars."

Bradley has the biggest problem there; polls show that Gore does much better among Democrats than his underdog rival. McCain and Bush have been splitting the GOP vote evenly, though pollsters surveying the state this week say McCain may be slipping a bit.

Blair had stopped outside a video store to talk about the debate. She was holding a pizza box in one hand and using the other to keep her antsy 5-year-old daughter, Shannon, from splashing in street slush.

"I don't know who I'm going to vote for yet. There's a little I like about all of them. I wish I could take what I like about each and roll it into one very good candidate," s! 1/2

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Gary Rothrock, left, an LPN for the Veterans Hospital in Leavenworth, Kan., reads the bar code from patient Paul Snyder Friday. VA hospitals are using a bar code system to prevent mistakes while giving patients medication.

Medical community seeks way to prevent incorrect diagnoses

By Lauren Neerguaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A string of doctors failed to diagnose Gail Devers' severe thyroid disease, despite classic symptoms, until she had dropped to 87 pounds, medical mistakes that the "fastest woman in the world" spent years overcoming to win Olympic gold.

"No one should have to go undiagnosed for years with a condition that is so serious, yet so easy to test for and treat," Devers told Congress on Wednesday, as lawmakers struggled with how to combat medical mistakes estimated to kill up to 98,000 hospitalized Americans a year.

The prestigious Institute of Medicine stunned the nation in November when it announced that death toll and called for quick action to make health care safer.

The report didn't attempt to calculate how many Americans are killed by medical mistakes outside of hospitals or have experiences like Devers', in which mistakes injure but fortunately do not kill.

The institute's study stirred immediate consternation in Congress because of two recommendations: that the nation mandate reporting of serious errors so experts can spot patterns of problems, and that Congress create a federal Center for Patient Safety to examine ways to prevent errors and set safety standards.

Some doctors' groups strongly oppose mandatory error reporting for fear it would spur lawsuits, and some lawmakers question the need for a safety center when federal health agencies today could research healthcare quality.

Nor has the Clinton administration decided how to address the issue.

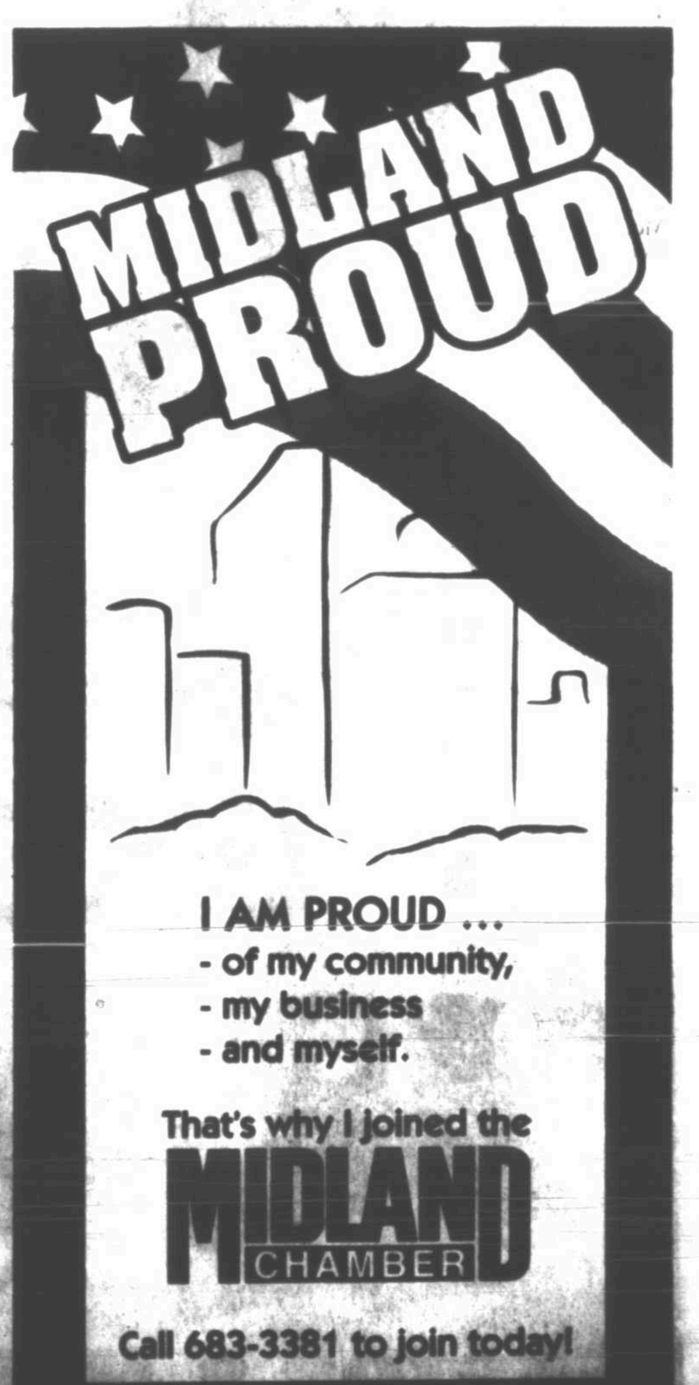
"The public has a right to know" about serious errors and what each hospital is doing to correct them, said Dr. Lucian Leape of the Harvard School of Public Health, a co-author of the Institute of Medicine report.

A national center for aviation safety with a budget of $100 million makes airline travel safer, and medicine deserves the same, Leape told the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Good health workers make mistakes, because they're human, he said.

"Is there anybody in this room that hasn't written '1999' on a check" this year, he asked. When a health worker "writes down the wrong number, patients get hurt."

But if experts could analyze what errors are made in which hospitals and why, they could set up systems to prevent them instead of just firing or suing the worker, which does no good, he said.



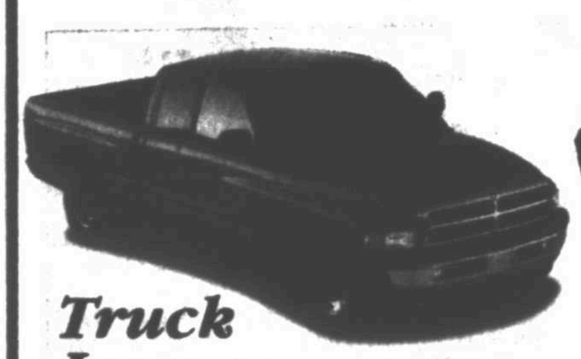
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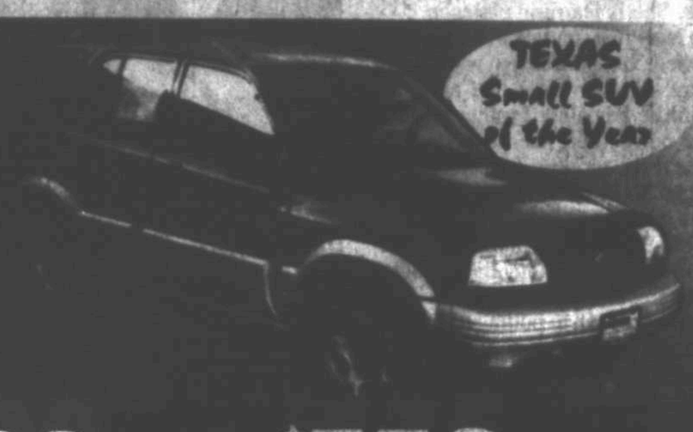
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Cowboys Crown Campo

■ Dallas stays in-house as longtime defensive coordinator is promoted to head coaching slot by Jones.

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dave Campo walked the Dallas Cowboys sideline for 11 years before owner Jerry Jones realized he could be a good head coach.

On Wednesday, Jones made Campo the coach of one of the high-profile teams in sports, the Dallas Cowboys.

Campo, who has been with the team since Jones bought it in 1989, was ready for the job even before it was offered Wednesday morning. He's been ready practically since predecessor Chan Gailey was fired Jan. 11.

"Dave came within 24-36 hours and had a very detailed plan of how he would run the team," Jones said. "I knew we were on the same page."

Campo is the fifth coach the Cowboys have had and, like the other four, he's a first-time NFL head coach. Gailey, though, is the only one who didn't win a Super Bowl.

Campo, 52, was given a five-year contract worth $800,000 to $1 million per season. That's the same length as Gailey's deal, but for more money.



Campo understands the demands of the job because he's worked for Gailey, Barry Switzer and Jimmy Johnson. Campo was among the group of assistants Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami.

"I believe I have an advantage because I was here when we were 1-15 and I was here when we were Super Bowl champions," Campo said. "I want to bring back that championship attitude."

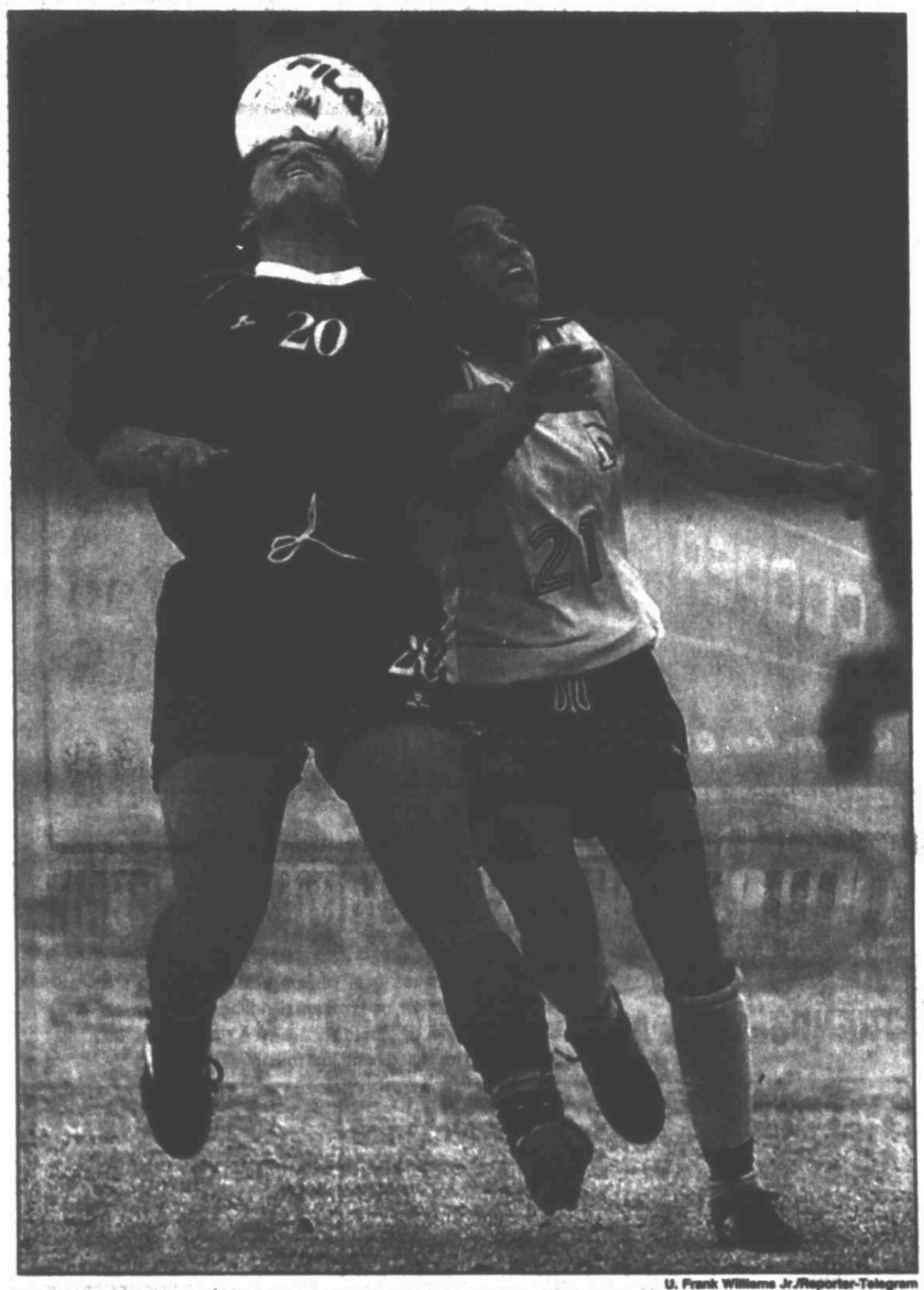
The team has lacked more than attitude. The Cowboys have won only one playoff game since the last title in 1995 and are 24-24 the last three seasons with two first-round playoff losses.

Dallas was 8-8 this season, mainly because of prob-

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AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, right, announces the hiring of Dave Campo as the new head coach of the Cowboys Wednesday in Irving. Campo, the Cowboys' defensive coordinator since 1995, has been with the team since Jerry Jones bought it.



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Lee's Morgan Pinter (left) heads the ball while she is defended by Midland High's Megan Dozier in Wednesday's District 4-5A girls soccer opener. Lee got off to an excellent start with a 4-0 victory.

Johnson's hat trick leads Lee over MHS

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Two late goals by Midland Lee's Linsey Johnson turned a close game into a rare 4-0 soccer rout over Midland High Wednesday at the new Midland High soccer field. The goals also etched Johnson's name in the Lee record book.

LEE
Midland Lee 4
Midland High 0

Johnson totaled three goals in the game. That not only gave the Lady Rebels (7-1) a win in their District 4-5A opener, but it allowed Johnson to tie the school's career goal-scoring record of 58 set by Ritha Belizaire, who graduated in 1998. Oddly enough, Raffi Belizaire recorded assists on Johnson's first and second goals, helping Johnson to catch Raffi's own sister.

"I'm really excited," Johnson said. "I didn't realize how close I was until just before the season. And I didn't expect to come out and tie it in this game."

After nothing but low-scoring one-goal games between these two programs over the last three years, Johnson may have been right not to expect a field day. And it was a close game until very late.

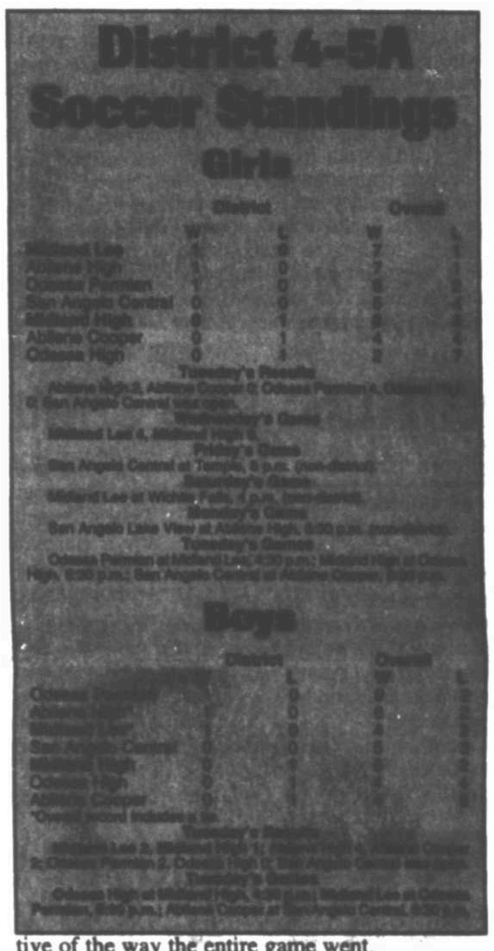
Lee's first goal, by Johnson, came in the 19th minute, but the second goal, by Belizaire, didn't come until the 60th minute of the game. They were scored in similar fashion: both times MHS goalkeeper Emily Schigut came out to try to break up a breakaway, and she succeeded in taking the ball from the first Lee player, but another Lady Rebel got the rebound in front of an open net.

"Everyone gave 100 percent, from the defense up to the offense," Johnson said. "Our goals were mostly off ricochets, but that was because we were putting pressure on them up top."

There was agreement from the MHS side.

"They put a lot of pressure on us," said MHS coach Scott Hodkinson, whose team fell to 6-4. "They've got a lot of talent and speed up front, and we weathered it pretty well. In the first 15 or 20 minutes, we played a strong and aggressive game."

Johnson's last two goals came quickly, in the 68th and 70th minutes, making the final score not indicative of the way the entire game went.



District 4-5A Soccer Standings

Girls

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland Lee	1	0	7	1
Abilene High	1	0	7	1
Odessa Permian	1	0	6	1
San Angelo Central	0	0	5	2
Midland High	0	1	6	4
Abilene Cooper	0	1	4	4
Odessa High	0	1	2	7

Tuesday's Results
Abilene High 3, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 4, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central was open.
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Midland Lee 4, Midland High 0.
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San Angelo Central at Temple, 5 p.m. (non-district)
Saturday's Games
Midland Lee at Wichita Falls, 4 p.m. (non-district)
Monday's Games
San Angelo Lake View at Abilene High, 6:30 p.m. (non-district)
Tuesday's Games
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Boys

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	1	0	6	1
Abilene High	1	0	5	1
Midland Lee	1	0	5	2
San Angelo Central	0	0	4	2
Midland High	0	1	3	3
Odessa High	0	1	2	5
Abilene Cooper	0	1	1	5

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"4-0 sounds bad, but we're a young team and we're still coming together," Hodkinson said. "They (the Lady Bulldogs) played with heart and they played with a lot of aggressiveness."

Lee had two keepers share the shutout, as freshman Hillari Neely played the first half and senior Brandice Zachry, a four-year varsity veteran, played the second half. The plan was to get Neely some

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Titans brave cold day in preparing for game

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Hands shivering, Chris Sanders carefully lifted the steaming, Styrofoam cup to his lips.

"I don't even drink coffee," said the Tennessee Titans receiver, trying futilely to get warm. "I am today."

Indeed, this is the year they held the Super Bowl in Atlanta — and the Winter Olympics broke out.

The teams arrived Monday, shortly after an ice storm paralyzed much of the metro area. That was followed by a jolt of unseasonably cold weather — some 20 degrees below normal for this time of year in Atlanta.

Making matters worse, Tennessee's media functions were held in a giant tent outside the team's luxury hotel. Attempts at heating the temporary structure were futile on a 26-degree morning, with a wind chill of minus 8.

"I thought they would have heat in here," Titans tight end Larry Brown said, huddled at a table with a hood covering his head. "Oh, man, it's freezing."

The St. Louis Rams were more fortunate. They met with reporters in a large ballroom within their suburban hotel, prompting several players to show up in short-sleeved T-shirts.

All-Pro tackle Orlando Pace winced when told of the Titans' arrangements. This being the NFL, however, there was no room for pity.

"I'm just happy we're in this cozy situation," Pace said.

By afternoon, he wasn't feeling so warm. Both teams had to practice outside — the Titans at Georgia Tech, the Rams at the Atlanta Falcons' complex in suburban Suwanee — and the mercury climbed to only 33 degrees with gusty winds.

"It's ridiculous," Rams coach Dick Vermeil complained. "But there's nothing you can do about it except try to survive."

St. Louis practiced in winter jackets, gloves, thermal underwear, wool caps and thermal neck and face warmers. Equipment manager Todd Hewitt rented six heat blowers, stationing them at the end of the practice field. Between drills, most players huddled around the blowers like moths drawn to light.

The only indoor facility in the area is the Georgia Dome, site of Sunday's game. But the arena was set aside Wednesday and Thursday for rehearsing the pre-game and halftime shows.

Temperatures were expected to climb above freezing on Thursday and the Dome will be available the following day if conditions worsen, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. The forecast called for possible snow — that's right, snow.

"It's just an unfortunate circumstance that no one has any control over," Aiello said. "This is a very unusual weather pattern."

The Titans used up the ballroom space within their hotel for other team functions, so the tent was set up in the parking lot, said Jim Steeg, vice president of special events. The NFL has used similar arrangements at other — albeit warmer, much warmer — cities in recent years.

Steeg said 12 additional heaters will be brought in Thursday.

Back home, both teams have indoor practice facilities, but the Titans used theirs only twice this season. Coach Jeff Fisher favors working outside on grass and said the cold

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AP Photo
Tennessee Titans defensive end Kenny Holmes pulls on his sweatbands on his way to the team's practice Wednesday in Atlanta. The Titans had to contend with freezing temperatures during their first workout.

Budge, first ever winner of Grand Slam, dies at 84

By Dan Robrish
Associated Press Writer

Don Budge, who swept all four major tennis tournaments in 1938 to become the sport's first "Grand Slam" winner, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest. He was 84.

He died at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pa., hospital spokeswoman Mary Leone said.

Budge was injured in a car accident in northeastern Pennsylvania on Dec. 14 when he lost control and drove off the road. He was hospitalized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., until Jan. 8, when he was transferred to a nursing facility near his home in Dingmans Ferry. Budge was taken to Mercy Hospital on Jan. 17.

Budge had a complete game built around a whiplash backhand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a strong serve with power and accuracy off the ground and volleyed effectively.

Budge played in the shadow of a developing World War II and had a comparatively brief career. He found himself sandwiched between Bill Tilden's heyday in the 1920s and the emergence of a breed of tough, young professionals who hit the ball at 120 mph and competed for purses that soared into millions of dollars.

"I respected him a lot for his achievements," Pete Sampras said from the Australian Open. "I only met him a couple of times, but he was a very nice and friendly person."

Budge was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1964, and selected one of Tennis Magazine's 20 greatest players of the 20th century.

"What impressed me, and what distresses me now, he epitomized what we were all taught as tennis players so lacking now: Look like a champ, act like a champ, try to play like a champ," Ted Schroeder, a top American player of the same era, said from the Australian Open.

During Centre Court ceremonies at Wimbledon in 1998, Budge was introduced as "the tall redhead-

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Women's bowling champion Wagner coming to Toss-Out

Staff Report

Cactus Lanes will host the Toss-Out Classic on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Lisa Wagner, known as the queen of women's bowling with 32 championships, will give an exhibition and compete in a challenge match during the tournament. The Classic, which will benefit the Special Olympics program in Midland, will include three preliminary rounds, the step-ladder finals and the challenge match when Wagner meets the champ in a three-game battle.

The regular tournament champions wins $1,000 (based on a maximum field of 64) along with a plaque, plus an extra $100 if he or she beats Wagner in the challenge match. Wagner will donate $100 to Special Olympics if she loses. Wagner will bowl scratch while her opponent gets to include his or her handicap.

All handicaps will be based on 90 percent of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 210.

The first round of the Classic will be six games with each bowler tossing out the worst two games. The top 32 advance. Pinfall does not carry over from round to round.

The second round is four games with the lowest score tossed out and 16 will make the cut. Round three is a three-game set with the top two scores counting and five will move to the step-ladder finals.

Players seeded No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 bowl one game with the winner meeting the No. 2 seed. The winner of that match then faces the No. 1 seed to determine the champion.

The prize fund includes 10 places, ranging from $1,000 for first to $60 for tenth. Entry fee is $60 with 10 percent going to Special Olympics.

Entry blanks are available at bowling centers throughout West Texas and should be returned to J. Rathgeber, Tournament Director, Cactus Lanes, 3920 W. Wall Ave., Midland, Texas, 79703.

Wagner is scheduled to give a clinic on Sunday, Feb. 27 for the Midland Women's Bowling Association. The fee is $15 per bowler and Wagner is donating all the money to Special Olympics.

Wagner, 38, was Rookie of the Year in 1980 and has since won 32 tour titles, including the U.S. Open and Women's International Bowling Congress Queens.

Wagner is the first woman to win $100,000 in a single season (1988), the third year she was named Player of the Year. She is a member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame and will be inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame in May.

Wagner was named Bowler of the Decade of the 1980's after becoming a Bowlers Journal All-American seven times and a WIBC All-American six times. She was runner-up to Marian in the voting for the Woman Bowler of the Century.

WJCAC Basketball Today

Women

Western Texas at No. 22 Midland College

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College is 16-5 overall and 4-1 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Western Texas is 2-18 overall and 0-5 in the WJCAC.

Coaches: Midland College — Ron Jones (6th year). Western Texas — Valery Jackson (3rd year).

Notes: The Lady Chaparrals pounced on their fourth victim in the WJCAC on Monday with a convincing 80-47 victory over South Plains. Even though Coach Jones wasn't entirely pleased with his Lady Chaps' overall effort, the win was the fourth blowout by MC in conference play. It was a good win for MC considering it's always been tough to play at the Texan Dome. Monday's was only the fourth win in seven tries there... The Lady Chaps are on a roll but they better not overlook Western Texas. Despite the Lady Westerners poor overall record, they have remained competitive in each game. The latest setback was a 62-57 loss at New Mexico Junior College... Midland High product Heidi Lange returned to action on Monday after missing two games with a sprained knee injury and had six points against SPC... It's not that the Lady Chaps needed another great night from Julie Rampley ,but the sophomore from Hereford was held to just seven points against SPC after back-to-back 27-point performances...

Next: The Lady Chaparrals head to New Mexico Junior College at 6 p.m. (MST) Monday.

STATISTICS
Midland College Women

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	PTS	AVG
Fatime Ndiaye	21	152	91	58	362	17.2
Julie Rampley	21	95	44	29	257	12.2
x-Nana Lobete	9	33	41	23	89	9.9
Chanovia Rhodes	21	89	94	62	200	9.5
Loren Montecillo	21	62	83	43	167	7.9
Shekinah Brazzle	21	52	64	46	162	7.7
Kanedria Wilson	21	55	40	30	155	7.4
Heidi Lange	19	44	24	14	130	6.8
Nikki Maloney	20	33	44	32	104	5.2
Nicole Villarreal	18	29	8	1	86	4.8
Mia Battle	17	32	21	12	79	4.6
Tynesha Gregory	18	12	2	2	31	1.7
Jennifer Roemisch	13	5	3	2	14	1.1
Mishka Bailey	14	5	8	3	13	0.9
Totals	21	678	568	357	1,849	88.1

x-no longer with team

3-point goals: Rampley 38, Villarreal 27, Lange 28, Wilson 14, Brazzle 12, Maloney 6, Gregory 5, Battle 3, Roemisch 3.

Men

New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College

When: 8 p.m.

Where: Chaparral Center.

Records: Midland College is 18-3 overall and 5-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. New Mexico Military Institute is 10-9 overall and 1-4 in the WJCAC.

Coaches: Midland College — Junsie Cotten (1st year). NMMI — Reggie Franklin (9th year).

Notes: The Chaparrals survived the battle for first place with a huge 75-70 win at South Plains College on Monday. With the victory over the Texans, the Chaps have surpassed last year's win total of 17... In contrast to last season, the Chaps have won every close conference game. Monday's was the fourth close conference game the Chaps have had. Take away the 35-point win over Clarendon and MC has won the other WJCAC games by a combined 22 points... The Broncos should give the Chaps another tough test despite their 1-4 start in conference play. The Broncos are coming off an 87-82 loss at New Mexico Junior College... MC is the hottest team in the WJCAC with an 11-game winning streak and has won the last 14 of 15... MC owns an 8-1 record at home this season — the only loss coming against No. 1 Barton County... The Chaps did not crack the latest NJCAA men's basketball poll but were among others receiving votes to place them at No. 26...

Next: Midland College heads to New Mexico Junior College for an 8 p.m. (MST) matchup on Monday.

STATISTICS
Midland College Men

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	PTS	AVG
Eugene Costello	21	152	179	158	503	23.9
Teohn Conner	21	95	35	24	245	11.6
Ricky Duff	21	92	55	31	216	10.4
Alvin Brooks	21	58	41	25	175	8.3
Armon Tillman	21	58	33	18	144	6.9
Quannas White	20	31	33	23	91	4.6
Jason Williams	11	20	13	7	47	4.3
x-Jermaine Allen	2	2	2	2	8	4.0
Armon Whitaker	21	19	36	30	74	3.5
Jerome Beasley	19	34	9	5	75	3.9
Adrian Martin	21	21	39	13	55	2.6
Macklin Thornton	12	12	19	9	29	2.4
C.J. Young	15	5	15	7	17	1.1
Totals	21	600	500	335	1,680	80.1

3-point goals: Costello 54, Brooks 34, Conner 31, Tillman 10, Whitaker 6, White 6, Allen 2, Thornton 2, Duff 1.

x-academically ineligible

Davenport ends Capriati's bid

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Lindsay Davenport stopped Jennifer Capriati's sentimental journey back to the top for the moment and reached her first Australian Open final against, who else, three-time defending champion Martina Hingis.

Even with a slight limp from a strained groin, Davenport outslugged Capriati from the baseline in an error-strewn 6-2, 7-6 (4) victory Thursday that reflected the precarious health of both players. Hingis, bidding to become the first player in the open era to win the Australian four straight times, notched her eighth consecutive victory over Conchita Martinez, 6-3, 6-2.

"Martina definitely owns this court," Davenport said. "But beating her three matches last year, I'm going in with confidence. Each time I overpowered her."

Davenport wore a bandage around her left thigh and came up sharply, wincing in pain, after several shots early in the match, which was played under the closed roof because of a light rain. Capriati occasionally clutched the abdominal muscles she strained earlier in the tournament.

Davenport exposed the flaws in Capriati's game at this stage in her inspiring comeback, keeping her pinned to the baseline much of the match and making her race from side to side. Capriati rarely came to the net, as she had against lesser opponents, and couldn't keep her groundstrokes in play enough to pressure Davenport.

"She was doing all the running and getting tired," said Davenport, who has strained muscles on the left side of her abdomen and groin. "It's great to get through that match. She has gone through so much and I think it's great that she's come back. I know she'll be around for many more years."

Davenport, who won the U.S. Open in 1998 and Wimbledon last year, will be playing her third Grand Slam final against the winner of the Martina Hingis-Conchita Martinez semifinal.

GIRLS: Lee shuts out Midland High

(From 1C)

much-needed experience, Lee coach Mike Simpson said.

"We've got a freshman who doesn't have any varsity experience, and we've got a senior who's going to graduate," Simpson said. "We've got to get her (Neely) ready. I don't want to go into next year and have to break in a keeper."

Neither Neely nor Zachry had to do much. Midland High only got off five shots on goal, and Neely had two saves and Zachry one. Simpson credited the Lady Rebels' defenders — Kristie Taylor, Barbara Butts, Katie Williams and April Rankin — with keeping the ball away from the keepers.

Schigut, MHS' keeper, had a lot of work to do, though. She made 10 saves, but she couldn't do it all herself.

"Lee's a good team," Hodkinson said. "If you give them enough chances, they'll put the ball in."

NOTE: Lee has a non-district road game scheduled in Wichita Falls on Saturday, but Simpson said it may be called off because of bad weather. A decision will be made Thursday night, he said.

Midland Lee 4, Midland High 0

Midland Lee	1	3	4
Midland High	0	0	0

First half: 1. Lee, Linsey Johnson, 19th minute. Second half: 2. Lee, Raffi Belizaire, 60th minute. 3. Lee, Johnson (Belizaire), 68th minute. 4. Lee, Johnson, 70th minute.

Shots: Lee 16, MHS 5. **Saves:** Lee 3 (Hillari Neely 2, Brandice Zachry 1), MHS 10 (Emily Schigut 10). **Corners:** Lee 3, MHS 7. **Fouls:** Lee 8, MHS 6.

BUDGE: Player won Slam in 1938

(From 1C)

ed Californian with the greatest backhand ever." His mark on the game, in fact, was much greater.

Born June 13, 1915, in Oakland, Calif., John Donald Budge was a superb athlete who played all popular team sports, including baseball and basketball. When he was 13, his brother Lloyd, who played on the tennis team at the University of California, persuaded Don to take tennis seriously.

Nine years later, Budge beat Germany's Baron Gottfried Von Cramm in what is considered to be one of the best Davis Cup matches ever.

That same year, 1937, Budge won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships. In 1938, he became the first player to sweep all four major titles — Wimbledon and the championships of Australia, France and the United States.

The feat, dubbed a "Grand Slam" by tennis writer Allison Danzig, has been equaled by only four other players since.

"In the recent light of Andre Agassi achieving a career grand slam, Dad's accomplishment becomes all the more stellar," said David Budge, one of his sons, a music and film publicist in Los Angeles.

It was the only time in his career that Budge played the French or Australian championships. After reaching the Wimbledon semifinals in 1936, Budge took five months off the following winter to change his game, taking the ball earlier and improving his forehand.

He had a 92-match, 14-tournament winning streak that began early in 1937. He won Wimbledon easily, then on July 20, met Von Cramm on the grass courts of the All-England Club.

While in the dressing room before beginning the match, Von Cramm received a telephone call. As Budge listened, Von Cramm, an anti-Nazi, listened, then ended the call by saying politely, "Ja, mein Fuhrer." It was Adolf Hitler.

By the time the two took the court, the best-of-5 competition was tied a two victories apiece. Budge triumphed 6-8, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 8-6, giving the United States the victory.

"Don, this was absolutely the finest match I have ever played in my life," Von Cramm told him. "I'm very happy that I could have played it against you, whom I like so much."

Budge received the James E. Sullivan Trophy as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete in 1937 and was The Associated Press athlete of the year in 1938. As a child, his first love was baseball, and later in life he met one of his heroes, Joe DiMaggio, at a New York restaurant.

"You know, Don, I always envied you," DiMaggio told him. "As a kid, I dreamed of becoming a tennis champion."

Budge replied: "That's funny. I always wanted to be a baseball player."

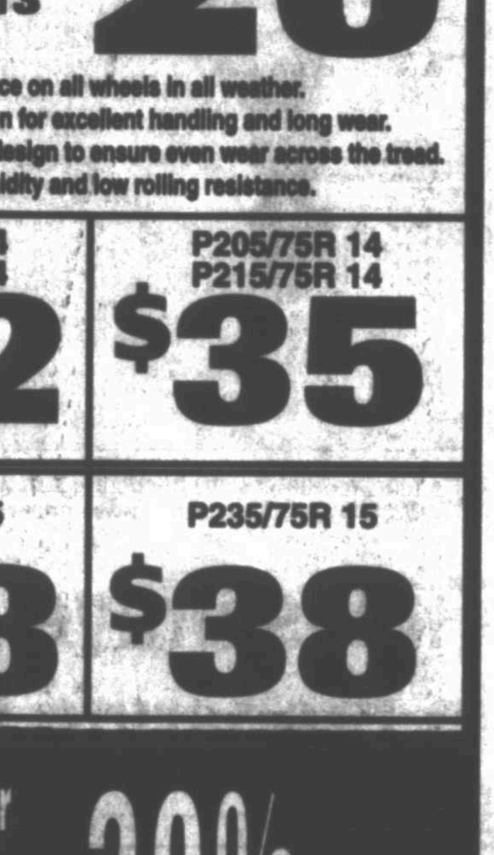
After his 1938 Grand Slam, Budge turned pro and dominated in an era when professionals were not allowed to play tournaments, including the major championships.

"I was the amateur champion for two years and then the pro champion for many years after that," Budge once said. "There was no one who could beat me. Just think of how many more Wimbledons I could have won."

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday. In addition to David Budge, he was survived by his second wife, Loriel Budge, and another son, Jeffrey Budge.

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DEPAUL 71, No. 10 FLORIDA 69

FLORIDA (14-6): Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 8-14 4-5 22, Haslem 5-10 4-8 14, Dupay 0-1 2-2 2, Weeks 1-3 2-2 4, Harvey 2-4 1-2 5, Nelson 5-10 2-2 13, Hamilton 1-1 0-0 2, Bonner 2-5 0-0 4, Parker 1-4 1-4 3. Totals 25-53 16-25 69.

DEPAUL (13-6): Richardson 5-12 3-5 17, Simmons 5-6 5-8 15, Hunter 4-4 2-2 10, Burno 1-4 3-4 5, McPherson 3-5 3-8 9, Tulley 1-2 0-0 2, Avery 0-1 1-2 1, Hartfield 2-3 0-0 6, Baker 1-10 2, Williams 2-7 0-1 4. Totals 24-47 17-26 71.

Halftime—DePaul 46, Florida 32. 3-Point goals—Florida 3-11 (Wright 0-1, Miller 2-4, Weeks 0-1, Nelson 1-3, Bonner 0-1, Parker 0-1), DePaul 6-13 (Richardson 4-7, Burno 0-2, Tulley 0-1, Hartfield 2-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Florida 36 (Haslem 9), DePaul 29 (Richardson 9). Assists—Florida 14 (Nelson 4), DePaul 16 (Burno 8). Total fouls—Florida 23, DePaul 24. A—10,515.

No. 15 OKLAHOMA ST. 71, KANSAS ST. 56

OKLAHOMA ST. (15-2): Jonzen 2-6 1-2 5, Montonati 6-10 2-3 14, Mason 8-18 3-3 23, Alexander 4-10 0-0 10, Adkins 3-9 0-0 9, Williams 2-3 0-2 4, Keep 0-0 0-0 0, Gottlieb 1-3 2-3 4, Webber 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-60 8-13 71.

KANSAS ST. (8-9): Buchanan 3-5 0-0 7, Kitt 4-7 0-2 8, Howell 1-4 0-4 2, Morrison 7-12 2-3 21, Groves 5-19 2-4 14, Kimm 0-0 0-0 0, Reynolds 0-0 0-0 0, Dix 0-1 0-0 0, Leonard 1-2 2-2 4, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-50 6-15 56.

Halftime—Oklahoma St. 36, Kansas St. 26. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma St. 9-23 (Mason 4-9, Adkins 3-7, Alexander 2-6, Gottlieb 0-1), Kansas St. 8-24 (Morrison 5-9, Groves 2-13, Buchanan 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 39 (Mason 10), Kansas St. 33 (Kitt 11). Assists—Oklahoma St. 22 (Adkins 9), Kansas St. 10 (Morrison 5). Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 15, Kansas St. 14. A—10,278.

No. 16 KENTUCKY 75, GEORGIA 69

KENTUCKY (14-6): Prince 6-15 2-4 14, Allison 2-6 2-3 7, Magloire 8-12 3-3 19, Bogans 5-7 3-4 14, Smith 3-8 1-3 10, Blevins 1-3 0-0 3, Tackett 0-1 0-0 0, Stone 0-1 0-0 0, Camara 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 28-57 13-19 75.

GEORGIA (9-10): Evans 4-10 4-4 12, Jones 2-8 0-0 5, Coleman 13-19 0-0 26, White 1-5 4-5 7, Layne 5-14 3-5 17, Temen 1-3 0-3 2, Fields 0-0 0-0 0, Dryden 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 11-17 69.

Halftime—Kentucky 43, Georgia 37. 3-Point goals—Kentucky 6-20 (Smith 3-8, Bogans 1-2, Allison 1-3, Blevins 1-3, Tackett 0-1, Prince 0-3), Georgia 9-21 (Layne 4-11, Jones 1-5, White 1-3, Temen 0-2). Fouled out—Jones, Coleman. Rebounds—Kentucky 35 (Magloire 10), Georgia 36 (Coleman 12). Assists—Kentucky 11 (Smith 4), Georgia 14 (White 5). Total fouls—Kentucky 17, Georgia, 19. A—10,137.

No. 20 VANDERBILT 81, SOUTH CAROLINA 69

VANDERBILT (13-3): Williams 2-4 2-2 6, Langhi 7-18 5-5 21, LaPointe 1-2 0-0 2, Prater 6-7 0-0 13, Strong 1-2 0-0 2, Coulibaly 0-1 0-0 0, Howard 1-8 0-1 3, Jones 5-8 0-0 12, Lekkwuwa 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 24-51 7-8 61.

SOUTH CAROLINA (9-10): Davis 5-12 2-4 12, Kinloch 2-3 0-0 4, Petravicius 3-4 1-3 7, Lucas 2-10 0-0 4, Eidson 5-12 0-0 11, Ross 1-3 0-0 3, Bradley 0-0 0-0 0, Kraft 1-2 0-0 3, Clemmons 0-0 0-0 0, Grant 1-4 0-0 2, Kitchings 7-15 0-2 14. Totals 27-65 3-9 60.

Halftime—South Carolina 33, Vanderbilt 27. 3-Point goals—Vanderbilt 6-16 (Jones 2-2, Langhi 2-5, Prater 1-1, Howard 1-7, Williams 0-1), South Carolina 3-14 (Eidson 1-1, Kraft 1-2, Ross 1-3, Grant 0-2, Davis 0-3, Lucas 0-3). Fouled out—Petravicius. Rebounds—Vanderbilt 42 (Langhi 11), South Carolina 27 (Kinloch 6). Assists—Vanderbilt 14 (Prater, Strong 4), South Carolina 14 (Lucas, Eidson 4). Total fouls—Vanderbilt 14, South Carolina 14. A—8,218.

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 79, Texas A&M 72
Texas 74, Oklahoma St. 44

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 94, Akron 72
E. Michigan 83, Ohio 67
Indiana 83, Northwestern 62
Kansas 90, Missouri 71
N. Illinois 73, Cent. Michigan 63
Nebraska 79, Colorado 65
W. Michigan 75, Ball St. 72

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 71, Portland 53

SOUTH
Belmont 86, Austin Peay 81, OT
N.C.-Asheville 57, High Point 43
W. Carolina 71, Coll. of Charleston 43
W. Carolina 71, Coll. of Charleston 43
Winthrop 75, Elon 59

EAST
Bucknell 69, Colgate 57
Connecticut 84, Boston College 77
Georgetown 61, West Virginia 43
Holy Cross 67, Providence 66
Lafayette 63, Lehigh 66
Marist 59, Iona 45
Marist 59, Iona 45
Notre Dame 69, St. John's 49
Rutgers 62, Seton Hall 46
Villanova 44, Miami 34
Yale 70, Hartford 57

Top 25 Women

No. 1 CONNECTICUT 84, No. 19 BOSTON COLLEGE 77

BOSTON COLLEGE (16-4): Murphy 5-12 5-5 16, Macklo 1-6 2-3 4, Cournoyer 3-8 0-0 6, Bouchard 9-17 5-5 25, Stapherson 7-10 4-4 18, O'Banion 0-0 0-0 0, Conway 3-7 0-0 8. Totals 28-60 16-17 77.

CONNECTICUT (18-0): Abrosimova 8-9 2-2 20, Cash 1-4 0-0 2, Sauer 1-2 1-2 3, Bird 3-7 4-4 12, Ralph 1-5 3-4 5, Schumacher 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 3-4 2-3 8, Hansemeyer 0-1 2-2 2, Johnson 2-2 0-0 6, Williams 11-14 2-3 24. Totals 31-49 16-20 84.

Halftime—Boston College 42, Connecticut 39. 3-Point goals—Boston College 5-11 (Conway 2-2, Bouchard 2-5, Murphy 1-3, Stapherson 0-1), Connecticut 6-10 (Abrosimova 2-2, Johnson 2-2, Bird 2-5, Ralph 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston College 23 (Cournoyer 6), Connecticut 29 (Williams 7). Assists—Boston College 10 (Stapherson 4), Connecticut 21 (Ralph 9). Total fouls—Boston College 18, Connecticut 18. A—10,027.

No. 5 NOTRE DAME 69, ST. JOHN'S 49

NOTRE DAME (16-2): Henderson 3-4 1-2 7, Ivey 3-6 2-3 8, Riley 7-9 2-2 16, Green 4-10 8-11 16, Ratay 3-9 3-4 9, Haney 0-0 0-0 0, Swanson 1-1 0-0 2, Hernandez 2-6 0-1 4, Barkadale 0-3 0-0 0, Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Siemon 2-3 3-4 7. Totals 25-51 19-27 69.

ST. JOHN'S (6-12): Pericic 0-5 0-0 0, Smith 3-9 4-6 10, Myles 2-5 5-5 9, Thompson 8-21 2-6 20, Bowles 1-11 1-2 3, Warner 0-0 0-0 0, Cole 0-1 0-0 0, Bowen 0-1 0-0 0, Iton 2-6 0-1 4, Johns 0-1 3-4 3, Jorif 0-0 0-0 0, Stith 0-6 0-0 0, Mrdjen 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 16-67 15-24 49.

Halftime—Notre Dame 33, St. John's 19. 3-Point goals—Notre Dame 0-3 (Ivey 0-1, Ratay 0-2), St. John's 2-15 (Thompson 2-6, Bowen 0-1, Mrdjen 0-1, Iton 0-2, Bowles 0-2, Pericic 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Notre Dame 46 (Lee 9), St. John's 40 (Smith 10). Assists—Notre Dame 18 (Green 6), St. John's 6 (Pericic 2). Total fouls—Notre Dame 19, St. John's 22. A—285.

No. 13 RUTGERS 62, SETON HALL 46

SETON HALL (6-6): Moreno 4-9 3-3 11, Fuller 2-5 5-8 9, Murray 0-0 0-2 0, Townsend 0-2 0-0 0, Rouse 3-8 0-0 8, Ashmon 1-2 1-2 3, Lindqvist 3-12 0-1 9, Willis 2-3 2-5 6, Jefferson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-40 11-19 46.

RUTGERS (13-4): Lillard 1-2 0-0 2, Miles 1-7 0-0 2, Sutton-Brown 3-3 6-7 12, Stewart 1-2 0-0 2, Pointer 5-11 5-6 16, Gilmore 0-1 0-0 0, Clermonte 0-0 0-0 0, Eggleston 0-0 0-0 0, Hall 3-3 1-1 7, Horton 1-4 0-0 2, Washington 5-10 1-1 12, Fowler 1-8 0-0 2, Walton 1-1 0-0 3, Boonen 0-1 0-0 0, Cunningham 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 22-55 15-17 62.

Halftime—Rutgers 26, Seton Hall 20. 3-Point goals—Seton Hall 5-15 (Lindqvist 3-9, Rouse 2-3, Moreno 0-3), Rutgers 3-10 (Walton 1-1, Washington 1-2, Pointer 1-3, Stewart 0-1, Horton 0-1, Fowler 0-1, Gilmore 0-1). Fouled out—Willis. Rebounds—Seton Hall 32 (Moreno, Willis 7), Rutgers 33 (Pointer 5). Assists—Seton Hall 10 (Rouse 4), Rutgers 13 (Pointer 9). Total fouls—Seton Hall 18, Rutgers 19. A—2,601.

No. 23 OKLAHOMA 79, TEXAS A&M 72

OKLAHOMA (16-3): Hill 1-5 3-4 5, Hardeman 1-2 0-1 3, Caufield 5-13 8-9 19, Dales 5-11 1-3 11, Whaley 10-15 1-2 23, Taylor 5-9 2-5 12, Cunningham 1-1 0-0 2, Seeley 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 30-63 15-24 79.

TEXAS A&M (9-8): Rose 3-10 0-0 7, Sharpe 4-9 6-6 16, Jones 4-9 0-1 8, Alexander 3-8 2-2 8, Saunders 10-15 2-3 22, Banahan 3-4 0-1 6, Jones 2-4 0-0 5, Washington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-59 10-13 72.

Halftime—Oklahoma 30, Texas A&M 30. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma 4-9 (Whaley 2-2, Hardeman 1-1, Caufield 1-2, Seeley 0-1, Hill 0-1, Dales 0-2), Texas A&M 4-12 (Sharpe 2-3, Jones 1-2, Rose 1-5, Banahan 0-1, Saunders 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma 36 (Hill 10), Texas A&M 36 (Sharpe 11). Assists—Oklahoma 22 (Hardeman, Dales 5), Texas A&M 23 (Alexander 9). Total fouls—Oklahoma 16, Texas A&M 20. A—1,885.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Tennessee 22, Buffalo 16
Washington 27, Detroit 13
Sunday, Jan. 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
Miami 20, Seattle 17
Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Jacksonville 62, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 14, Washington 13
Sunday, Jan. 16
St. Louis 49, Minnesota 37
Tennessee 19, Indianapolis 16
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 14
St. Louis 11, Tampa Bay 6
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Atlanta
St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 5:25 p.m. (ABC)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Odds for Super Bowl as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

NFL
Super Bowl
At Atlanta

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
St. Louis	7	Tennessee

NFL Injuries

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for the Super Bowl as provided by the league:

Sunday

ST. LOUIS (15-3) VS. TENNESSEE (16-3) — **Rams:** PROBABLE: WR Torry Holt (shoulder); DE Grant Wistrom (shoulder); PK Jeff Wilkins (knee). **Titans:** OUT: S Marcus Robertson (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: QB Steve McNair (toe); CB Steve Jackson (toe); WR Yancey Thigpen (foot); RB Rodney Thomas (back).

NFL Draft Order

NEW YORK (AP) — The order of selection for the National Football League's draft to be held April 15-16 (x-subject to coin flip; y-Super Bowl loser picks 30, Super Bowl winner picks 31):

1. Cleveland
2. Washington (from New Orleans)
3. San Francisco
4. Cincinnati
5. Baltimore (from Atlanta)
6. Philadelphia
7. Arizona
8. Pittsburgh
9. Chicago
10. Denver
11. N.Y. Giants
12. Washington (from Carolina)
13. Tampa Bay (from San Diego)
14. x-Baltimore
14. x-Green Bay
16. New England
17. Oakland
18. N.Y. Jets
19. Dallas
20. Detroit
21. Kansas City
22. Seattle
23. Carolina (from Miami)
24. Washington
25. Minnesota
26. Buffalo
27. Tampa Bay
28. Indianapolis
29. Jacksonville
30. y-St. Louis
31. y-Tennessee

PBA Carter Classic

DALLAS (AP) — Standings Wednesday after the first round of qualifying from the Don Carter Classic at Don Carter's All-Star Lanes-West with name, hometown and six-game pinfall totals:

1, Steve Jaros, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,470. 2, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 1,465. 3, Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 1,459. 4, Mark Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,441. 5, Justin Hromek, Andover, Kan., 1,415. 6, John Mazza, Bay City, Mich., 1,395.

7, Greg Kemp, San Antonio, 1,394. 8, Eric Forkel, Northridge, Calif., 1,388. 9, Wayne Webb, Brentwood, Calif., 1,387. 10, Brian LeClair, Chatham, N.Y., 1,384. 11, David Brewster, Carrollton, Texas, 1,383. 12, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,382.

13, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,380. 14, Curtis Woods Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 1,370. 15, Roger Bowker, Ocala, Fla., 1,366. 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 1,362. 17, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,360. 18, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,350.

19, Kevin Mitchell, Tulsa, Okla., 1,349. 20, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,346. 21, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 1,345. 22, Johnny Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 1,339. 23 (tie), Chris Barnes, Wichita, Kan., and Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 1,336. 25, Dennis Horan, Temecula, Calif., 1,333.

26, Chris Castro, Dallas, 1,331. 27, Dave Wodka, Henderson, Nev., 1,330. 28, Tom Baker, Buffalo, N.Y., 1,329. 29, David Ozio, Beaumont, Texas, 1,328. 30 (tie), Mike Edwards, Oklahoma City, and Rick Lawrence, The Colony, Texas, 1,327. 32, Lee Johnson, Bloomington, Ind., 1,324

33, Vinny D'Ambrosio III, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,320. 34, Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, 1,315. 35, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,313. 36, John Burkett, Dallas, 1,311. 37 (tie), Ritchie Allen, Daytona Beach, Fla., Chris Hayden, Tampa, Fla., and Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,309.

Senior PGA Stats

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Senior PGA Tour statistical leaders through the MasterCard Championship, which ended Jan. 23:

Scoring Average
1, George Archer, 69.00. 2 (tie), Hale Irwin, Graham Marsh, Dana Quigley and Lee Trevino, 69.67. 6 (tie), Hubert Green and John Jacobs, 70.33. 8 (tie), Jim Colbert and Vicente Fernandez, 70.67. 10, 2 tied with 71.00.

Driving Distance
1, Jim Ahern, 295.2. 2, John Mahaffey, 291.8. 3, Ray Floyd, 289.0. 4, Graham Marsh, 288.8. 5, John Jacobs, 284.2. 6, Dana Quigley, 282.2. 7 (tie), Hale Irwin and Jack Nicklaus, 280.8. 9, David Graham, 280.2. 10, Gary McCord, 279.7.

Driving Accuracy Per
1 (tie), Hubert Green and Allen Doyle, 83.3%. 3, Tom Jenkins, 81.0%. 4 (tie), Jim Colbert and Graham Marsh, 78.6%. 6 (tie), Joe Inman, Hale Irwin and John Mahaffey, 76.2%. 9, Lee Trevino, 73.8%. 10, 2 tied with 71.4%.

Greens in Regulation
1, John Jacobs, 65.2%. 2, Dana Quigley, 61.5%. 3, Hale Irwin, 79.6%. 4, Bruce Fleisher, 77.8%. 5 (tie), Dave Eichelberger, John Mahaffey and Vicente Fernandez, 75.9%. 8, Gary McCord, 74.1%. 9, 3 tied with 72.2%.

Total Driving
1 (tie), John Mahaffey and Graham Marsh, 8. 3, Hale Irwin, 13. 4, Ray Floyd, 17. 5, Dana Quigley, 18. 6, Jim Ahern, 25. 7, Bruce Fleisher, 27. 8, Lee Trevino, 28. 9, Jim Colbert, 30. 10, Bob Dickson, 31.

Putting Average
1 (tie), Lee Trevino and Tom Weiskopf, 1,708. 3, Jim Colbert, 1,714. 4, George Archer, 1,718. 5, Hubert Green, 1,735. 6, Hale Irwin, 1,744. 7, Gary McCord, 1,750. 8 (tie), Graham Marsh and Allen Doyle, 1,771. 10, Vicente Fernandez, 1,780.

Birdie Average
1 (tie), Jim Colbert, Hale Irwin and Graham Marsh, 4.33. 4 (tie), Bruce Fleisher, Ray Floyd, Hubert Green, Dana Quigley, Lee Trevino and Tom Weiskopf, 4.00. 10, 8 tied with 3.67.

Eagles (Holes per)
1 (tie), George Archer, Bob Duval, Larry Nelson, Leonard Thompson, Allen Doyle and Jim Ahern, 54.0.

Sand Save Percentage
1, John Jacobs, 75.0%. 2, Graham Marsh, 71.4%. 3 (tie), Lee Trevino and Hugh Baiocchi, 66.7%. 5, Larry Nelson, 62.5%. 6, Tom McGinnis, 61.5%. 7, Fred Gibson, 60.0%. 8, Joe Inman, 54.5%. 9, 5 tied with 50.0%.

All-Around Ranking
1, Graham Marsh, 51. 2, Dana Quigley, 56. 3, Hale Irwin, 60. 4, Ray Floyd, 72. 5, Lee Trevino, 73. 6, Jim Colbert, 81. 7, Bruce Fleisher, 85. 8, George Archer, 88. 9 (tie), John Jacobs and Vicente Fernandez, 90.

NBA Results

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	26	14	.650	—
New York	25	15	.625	1
Philadelphia	24	18	.571	3
Boston	19	23	.452	8
Orlando	19	24	.442	8 1/2
New Jersey	17	24	.415	9 1/2
Washington	13	30	.302	14 1/2
Central Division				
Indiana	27	15	.643	—
Charlotte	22	18	.550	4
Milwaukee	23	19	.548	4
Toronto	22	19	.537	4 1/2
Detroit	21	20	.512	5 1/2
Cleveland	17	25	.405	10
Atlanta	15	25	.375	11
Chicago	8	31	.205	17 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	27	13	.675	—
San Antonio	27	15	.643	1
Minnesota	23	16	.590	3 1/2
Denver	18	21	.462	8 1/2
Houston	18	25	.390	11 1/2
Dallas	15	26	.366	12 1/2
Vancouver	11	30	.268	16 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	33	9	.786	—
Portland	31	10	.756	1 1/2
Sacramento	26	14	.650	6
Seattle	27	16	.628	6 1/2
Phoenix	24	16	.600	8
L.A. Clippers	10	31	.244	22 1/2
Golden State	8	32	.200	24

Wednesday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Toronto 120, Washington 105
Phoenix 93, Philadelphia 87
Orlando 111, Boston 89
Milwaukee 112, Sacramento 104
Vancouver 116, Utah 99
New Jersey at Seattle, (n)

Thursday's Games
Orlando at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Miami at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 6 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Suns 93, 76ers 87
PHOENIX (93): Robinson 6-14 5-10 19, Gugliotta 7-11 3-3 17, Longley 1-2 2-2 4, Hardaway 12-21 2-2 27, Kidd 1-11 3-3 5, Rogers 2-5 0-0 6, Miller 1-5 0-0 2, Chapman 1-3 5-6 8, Day 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 33-77 20-26 93.
PHILADELPHIA (87): Lynch 4-8 2-2 11, Hill 2-3 3-10 7, Ratliff 6-13 2-2 14, Iverson 7-28 4-8 18, Snow 2-9 3-4 7, Owens 0-0 0-0 0, McKie 3-6 1-2 8, Geiger 3-10 3-5 9, Hughes 6-13 1-2 13, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-90 19-35 87.

Phoenix	22	27	21	23— 93
Philadelphia	17	26	20	24— 87

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-18 (Rogers 2-2, Robinson 2-4, Chapman 1-2, Day 1-2, Hardaway 1-5, Gugliotta 0-1, Kidd 0-2), Philadelphia 2-11 (Lynch 1-1, McKie 1-2, Snow 0-1, Hughes 0-1, Iverson 0-6). Fouled out—Gugliotta, Rogers. Rebounds—Phoenix 55 (Kidd 13), Philadelphia 66 (Ratliff 13). Assists—Phoenix 26 (Kidd 8), Philadelphia 21 (Iverson 7). Total fouls—Phoenix 26, Philadelphia 21. Technicals—Gugliotta, Hill. A—19,450 (20,444).

Raptors 120, Wizzards 105
WASHINGTON (105): Murray 3-7 2-2 9, Howard 11-15 0-0 22, White 6-9 5-7 17, Hamilton 5-13 5-6 15, Strickland 6-9 3-6 15, Austin 1-3 0-0 2, Whitney 2-6 4-4 8, Jordan 0-2 0-0 0, Aa.Williams 6-8 5-7 17. L.Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Proft 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 40-73 24-34 105.
TORONTO (120): Jo.Thomas 4-5 0-0 8, Oakley 4-7 0-2 9, Davis 1-4 3-4 5, V.Carter 10-22 5-6 26, Christie 8-10 2-2 21, McGrady 7-14 6-9 20, Willis 3-8 2-2 8, Bogues 4-5 3-4 11, Curry 3-7 2-2 10, Stewart 1-1 0-3 2, Lang 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-86 23-34 120.

Washington	28	33	19	30—105
Toronto	31	27	32	30—120

3-Point Goals—Washington 1-7 (Murray 1-4, Hamilton 0-3), Toronto 7-13 (Christie 3-3, Curry 2-5, Oakley 1-1, V.Carter 1-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 45 (White 10), Toronto 47 (Willis 9). Assists—Washington 24 (Strickland 13), Toronto 35 (Oakley 8). Total fouls—Washington 28, Toronto 29. A—17,582 (19,800).

Magic 111, Celtics 89
BOSTON (89): Walker 10-17 4-5 26, McCarty 2-13 2-2 7, Potapenko 4-8 3-4 11, Griffin 2-8 4-4 8, Anderson 3-8 1-1 8, Battie 0-2 1-2 1, Cheaney 2-4 0-0 4, Overton 4-6 0-0 10, Barros 1-4 4-4 7, Fortson 3-5 1-2 7, Ellison 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 20-24 89.
ORLANDO (111): Outlaw 5-7 3-5 13, Wallace 5-6 2-3 12, Amaschi 7-11 2-2 16, Abdul-Wahad 7-12 5-5 19, Armstrong 3-5 2-2 9, Dolsac 3-7 1-2 7, Atkins 2-4 2-2 6, Maggette 1-2 6-6 9, M.Williams 2-5 3-4 7, Gatling 1-3 5-10 7, Garrity 3-3 0-0 6, Strong 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-65 31-43 111.

Boston	20	26	17	26— 89
Orlando	26	16	35	30—111

3-Point Goals—Boston 7-24 (Overton 2-3, Walker 2-6, Barros 1-3, Anderson 1-3, McCarty 1-7, Cheaney 0-1, Griffin 0-1), Orlando 2-3 (Maggette 1-1, Armstrong 1-2). Fouled out—McCarty. Rebounds—Boston 44 (McCarty 13), Orlando 42 (Abdul-Wahad, Wallace 7). Assists—Boston 22 (Anderson 7), Orlando 25 (Armstrong 8). Total fouls—Boston 34, Orlando 23. Flagrant fouls—Battie. A—14,101 (17,248).

Bucks 112, Kings 104
SACRAMENTO (104): Williamson 1-2 0-0 2, Webber 5-16 1-4 12, Divac 5-6 1-2 11, Anderson 8-18 3-4 24, J.Williams 4-11 2-2 11, Funderburke 2-6 5-8 9, Corbin 6-11 0-0 14, Pollard 3-9 3-4 9, Martin 1-7 2-2 4, Barry 2-7 0-1 5, Delk 1-2 0-2 3. Totals 38-87 17-29 104.
MILWAUKEE (112): G.Robinson 9-18 0-0 21, S.Williams 7-12 3-4 17, Johnson 4-9 4-7 12, R.Allen 7-18 6-6 22, Cassell 6-18 8-10 20, Del Negro 3-6 0-1 6, Thomas 3-7 1-2 7, Ham 1-2 3-4 5, Traylor 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 40-90 27-36 112.

Sacramento	26	24	25	27—104
Milwaukee	26	35	28	21—112

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 11-37 (Anderson 5-10, Corbin 2-6, Delk 1-2, Webber 1-3, Barry 1-6, J.Williams 1-6, Martin 0-4), Milwaukee 5-14 (G.Robinson 3-5, R.Allen 2-7, Del Negro 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 70 (Divac 12), Milwaukee 60 (Johnson 15). Assists—Sacramento 28 (J.Williams

New coach will be perceived as little more than a puppet

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

■ Commentary

Jerry Jones introduced his new puppet Wednesday, which is not a personal indictment of Mr. Dave Campo.

But like it not, true or not, it's the perception Campo will now have to live with, locally and nationally.

Valley Ranch is the only place in the history of the NFL where a highly successful defensive coordinator can be promoted to head coach and immediately lose respect. Such is the pox Jerry has placed on his own head-coaching house.

Was Campo, having been a valuable, trusted and productive Cowboys assistant for 11 years, the right hire in these most troubling of football times?

Absolutely not. But again, that is also not a personal indictment of Campo. There could be no right hire, at least not in the true definition of what the title of head coach should mean, and has to mean if success is going to be achieved.

Jerry has stripped the job down to dune buggy status — four tires and a roll bar.

Unfortunately, whomever the choice, the new guy was going to be slapped with an immediate image problem. It's that puppet thing again. Which is that Jerry thing again. And now a nice man like Dave Campo is branded, fair or not fair.

In introducing Campo, 52, Wednesday as his third head coach in three years, Jones proudly observed that after his homework and research, he interviewed no candidate from outside the organization. His logic was that the research and homework pointed straight to Campo.

But if we can deal with the truth for one second, absolutely no qualified candidate from the outside even came close to surfacing. Jerry, Jerry, Jerry — your reputation has spread like poison ivy. Any real candidate with head coaching aspirations either realized on his own, or was advised by others, that the Cowboys' job carries the kiss of a cobra.

That said, the very best thing to happen in all this was Jones being forced to stay in-house.

The job came down to only insiders — Campo or special teams coach Joe Avezzano.

From personal observation only — meaning I'm not privy to what is said in the coaches' meetings — Avezzano has the stronger and more forceful personality of the two. In dealing with Jones, that is needed.

But Campo also fully understands the weird ground rules at Valley Ranch. After 11 years, one would assume he has picked up a few tricks that might be useful when Jones plunges off the roof on him.

Jerry is the owner, the president, the general manager, the team mouthpiece, the team power, and he darn sure wants to be first in line when the glory is handed out. If there is ever going to be any more glory for the Cowboys.

But by Jones making the decision to stay in-house, he eliminated an unnecessary time factor. As Chan Gailey soon learned, no matter what you might think you know about dealing with Jones, many surprises are coming, none of them pleasant, and all of them time consuming to deal with.

In a job where there was no right hire, at least Campo was a choice that went in the right direction. That direction was in-house. Because the new head coach would not have the benefit of making his own staff selections — another Jerry law — it was another reason to go the only way Jones could go. Although how much input will Campo have in hires on the offensive side, since his specialty is defense?

It would, of course, have been nice Wednesday to hear Campo finish his acceptance speech during the Valley Ranch media conference. But Jerry, who had rambled too long before introducing Campo, jumped in, interrupted Dave, and then told us again, that by gosh, Campo was the head coach in charge of all areas of the team, including offense.

Hmmmm. I suppose that meant Jones wasn't hiring just a defensive coordinator, a reference to head coach Gailey really being just an offensive coordinator.

But does Jerry already have the offensive staff in place for Campo? Would that be Jack Reilly as offensive coordinator? Reilly is the former quarterbacks coach here under offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese. Will Zampese move back to Valley Ranch and serve as Reilly's part-time consultant? Will Jason Garrett be convinced to retire as a player and become quarterbacks coach, something Troy Aikman would certainly favor?

It would be nice to think these are decisions Campo will make. He is, after all, the new head coach. But until proved otherwise, the perception will be this is simply another Jerry puppet.

Players enthusiastic over hire

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas safety Darren Woodson expected an NFL team to hire away Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Campo as a head coach years ago.

So when Campo's big break came Wednesday in Dallas, Woodson was among the most excited.

"We've been backing Campo a long time," Woodson said. "I thought two or three years ago he should've gotten a head coaching job, if not here then somewhere. He's a very respected person around here."

Campo was the secondary coach when Woodson arrived in 1992. In 1995, Campo became defensive coordinator. Woodson said he's seen the coach change for the better.

"We've seen Campo grow," he said. "He used to be feisty as a position coach. He seemed to mature as a defensive coordinator."

Campo's emotions still overtake him at times, which defensive tackle Chad Hennings said is a good thing.

"That makes it a little exciting for the players," Hennings said. "It makes it fun to play football."

Quarterback Troy Aikman has been with the team as long as Campo, but their relationship has taken place off the field because they worked on opposite sides of the ball. Aikman has always heard good things about Campo so he had no problems with the hiring.

Aikman was most happy to hear that Campo will use an offense that will try throwing the ball deep.

"We proved you can run the football pretty good and not score points and not win games," Aikman said. "You've got to be able to make big plays to score points and win games."

Houston appears apathetic over Titans success

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The city that twice welcomed the playoff-vanquished Oilers by appreciatively packing the Astrodome seems to be treating the now-departed club with a collective yawn.

Come Super Bowl Sunday, some hard-core fans will cheer for the Tennessee Titans, who were the Houston Oilers until owner Bud Adams moved the franchise after the 1996 season. Others have sworn off the team and will root for the St. Louis Rams, themselves transplants from Los Angeles.

"I'd say 75 percent of my callers support the team," said KCOH-AM sports-talk host Ralph Cooper, adding that many believe former Mayor Bob Lanier forced Adams to accept a lucrative offer from Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee's thrilling victory over the Buffalo Bills on Jan. 8 drew a whopping 38 percent fewer viewers than the Saturday wild-card matchup a year before between the Miami Dolphins and Buffalo Bills, according to Nielsen Media Research.

CAMPO: Coordinator taking over

(From 1C)

lems with the Gailey-directed offense. Campo's unit allowed just 13 points in four of the losses, which is why he believes a quick turnaround is possible.

"I could quote a lot of statistics here, but let me give you just one: The Tennessee Titans were 8-8 last year and they're playing in the Super Bowl," he said.

Jones doesn't want Campo wearing two hats like Gailey did. New offensive and defensive coordinators could be hired as soon as Thursday.

New England quarterbacks coach Jack Reilly, who had the same job in Dallas in 1997, is the front-runner to lead the offense. He's expected to bring back the system Dallas used during its championship years.

The top candidate for the defensive job is secondary coach Mike Zimmer. Campo spent six seasons overseeing the secondary before becoming coordinator.

Jones' 15-day search for a coach hardly extended outside team headquarters, but he described the process as "a thorough, thorough decision on my part."

Jones said he never seriously considered hiring someone from outside the organization because he decided quickly that Campo or special teams coach Joe Avezzano had the qualities he wanted.

One of the attractions with Avezzano was the high profile he's cultivated as the vein-bulging screamer who stalks the sideline. Campo is more anonymous because he spent the last five years working from the coaches box.

But players say Campo — whose small size, glasses and graying blonde hair make him look more like a college professor than a coach — can be just as fiery.

"He may only be 5-6 or 5-7, but he really gets after guys," safety Darren Woodson said.

Troy Aikman has been with the Cowboys as long as Campo, but they've never worked directly together. The quarterback is looking forward to their new relationship.

"Dave is a very energetic guy, very enthusiastic," Aikman said. "Jimmy was a lot like that."

Campo's longtime experience working for Jones should come in handy considering the authority the owner-general manager wields.

"Jerry and I have the same philosophy and that's to win the Super Bowl," Campo said. "We've been together and we know how we each think. I think that makes it a little easier."

Campo and kicking coordinator Steve Hoffman are the only coaches remaining from Johnson's initial staff.

Campo is the fourth member of the Class of '89 to become an NFL coach, joining Dave Shula, Norv Turner and Dave Wannstedt. Butch Davis, who was defensive coordinator after Wannstedt and before Campo, is the coach at the University of Miami.

Campo also continues a trend of teams promoting assistants to coaches. The New York Jets did it with Al Groh and the Miami Dolphins with Wannstedt.



LOCAL SPORTS

Hale debuting new motorbike

Midland's Blaine Hale will open the 2000 racing season by debuting his new 2000 Wells Cargo Trailers Pro Stock Kawasaki at the 10th annual Pro Stock Super Bowl in Houston.

The Pro Stock Super Bowl is a four-day event beginning today. Hale's new bike will incorporate space age material along with Titanium, aluminum and carbon fiber, making the bike lighter than the model Hale raced last year.

Hale has been credited in the racing community with having the world's quickest and fastest Kawasaki motorcycle, which attained totals of 7.43 seconds at 184.23 mph in Reading, Pa. last year. Hale is sponsored by Advanced Auto Parts and Kwik Kar Lube Center.

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"All they told us," he said, "is there's 2,000 people decorating the dance floor."

Spectacle over sport.

Titans quarterback Steve McNair, vapor rolling off his lips with every word, wasn't looking forward to spending the rest of the week on a frozen practice field.

"If it's this cold, I don't want to be outside," McNair said. "But it's something we're going to have to deal with."

His teammates focused on getting warm. Good luck.

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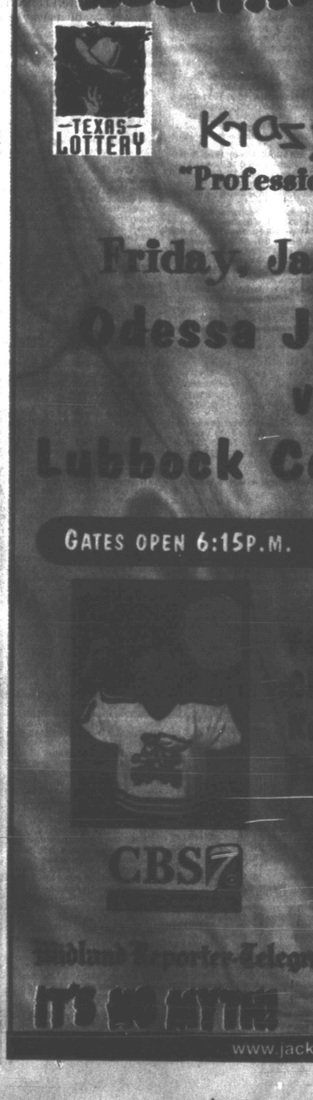
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Midland Purple 79, Odessa Crockett 48. Purple (12-1): A.J. Lawrence 18 points, 13 rebounds; Herb City, 11 points, 10 steals; Otis Flitz, 10 points, 15 rebounds; Trevor Stokes, 15 assists, 8 points; Anthony Jackson 12 assists, 8 points; Cody Seth, 12 rebounds, 8 points.

MCA receives No. 7 ranking

The Midland Classical Academy varsity boys basketball team is ranked seventh in the 1A Conference in the Texas Christian Athletic League.

MCA is also the top ranked team from the western region, making it the favorite to make the state tournament, which will be held Feb. 24-25 in Galveston. The girls varsity is also ranked 17th.

In most recent action, the MCA boys and girls teams both placed third at the Rankin JV Tournament.

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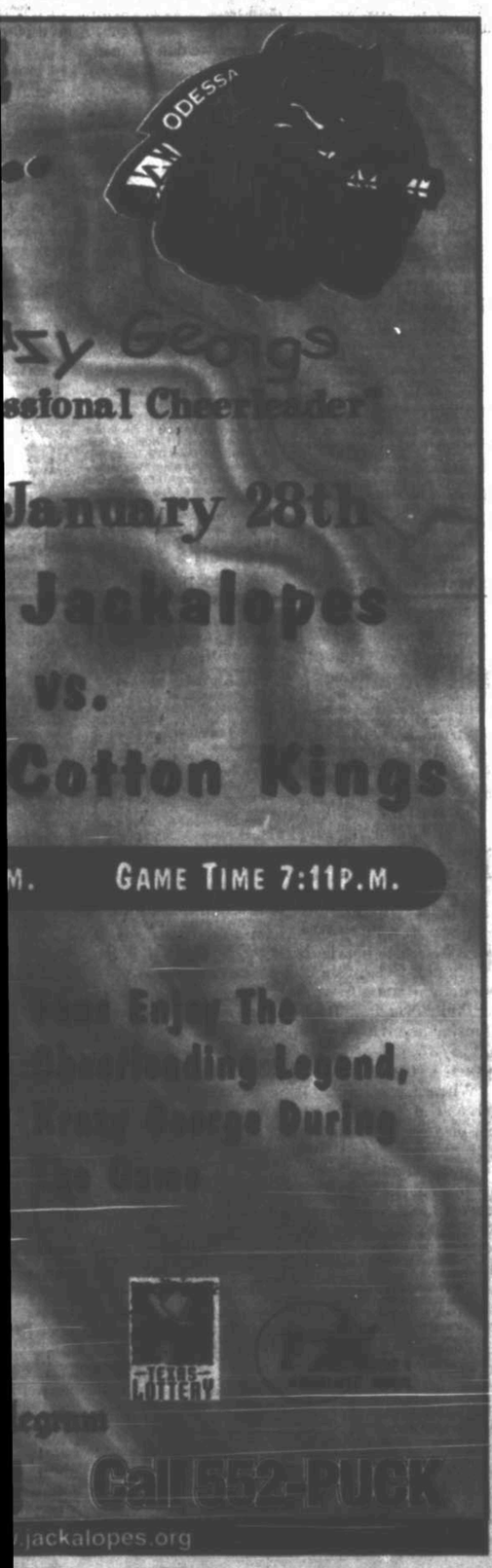
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Atlanta officials don't think the frosty conditions will have a negative impact on the city's chances of playing host to another Super Bowl. Of course, it must be noted that temperatures were much balmier Wednesday in the next two Super Bowl cities: 53 in Tampa, 64 in San Diego.

The Titans, whose home has been Houston, Memphis and Nashville in the past four years, weren't going to let anything ruin their first Super Bowl.

"We've been dealing with adversity, we've been dealing with all this other junk for years," offensive lineman Brad Hopkins said. "Cold weather at the Super Bowl is certainly not going to hinder us."

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Bucks defeat Kings in shootout, 112-104

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ray Allen had 22 points and Sam Cassell added 20 points and 13 assists as Milwaukee outgunned Sacramento 112-104 Wednesday night in a matchup of two of the NBA's top three offensive teams.

Chris Webber was ejected in the third quarter for cursing referee Bill Spooner after a series of calls went against the Kings. His outburst came near the end of a 24-7 Bucks run spanning the second and third quarters that put the game away.

In an exciting, run-and-gun game with little defense played on either end, Glenn Robinson had 21 points as all five Bucks starters posted gaudy individual numbers. Scott Williams had 17 points and 14 rebounds, while Ervin Johnson had 12 points and 15 rebounds.

One night after scoring a season-high 29 points against Charlotte, Nick Anderson led the Kings with 24.

Magic 111, Celtics 89

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tariq Abdul-Wahad scored 19 points to lead four starters in double figures and Orlando shot 60 percent to win its third straight.

After a 46-46 tie at halftime, Orlando outscored Boston 35-17 in the third quarter to send the Celtics to their third straight loss.

John Amaechi added 16 points, Bo Outlaw 13 and Ben Wallace 12. Orlando's fifth starter, Darrell Armstrong, had nine points and eight assists.

Boston played without Paul Pierce, its second leading scorer, who missed the game with a sore hamstring.

■ NBA Roundup

Raptors 120, Wizards 105

TORONTO — Vince Carter survived a hard foul from Juwan Howard and scored 26 points on his 23rd birthday as Toronto beat Washington.

Carter, who scored 12 points in the third quarter as the Raptors went on a 24-5 run, was clotheslined by Howard late in the run as he went up for an alley-oop dunk. Carter later converted a spectacular alley-oop on a pass from Tracy McGrady to give the Raptors a 111-90 lead.

Doug Christie scored 21 and McGrady had 20 points and six assists for Toronto.

Suns 93, 76ers 87

PHILADELPHIA — Penny Hardaway, in his third game back from the injured list, had a season-high 27 points and Clifford Robinson scored six of his 19 points in the final two minutes.

Tom Gugliotta had 17 points and Jason Kidd added 13 rebounds and eight assists for the Suns, who bounced back from a loss at Indiana one night earlier and won for the fourth time in five games. Allen Iverson had 18 points, Theo Ratliff had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Larry Hughes had 13 points and a season-high 10 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Grizzlies 116, Jazz 99

SALT LAKE CITY — Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 30 points and Mike Bibby added 28, leading the Grizzlies to their first-ever victory over the Jazz.

The Grizzlies entered the game 0-17 against Utah, making the Jazz the only Midwest Division foe they had never beaten in the franchise's five-year history.

When Abdur-Rahim and Bibby weren't nailing jumpers, Michael Dickerson was sinking the Jazz's hopes from the 3-point line. Dickerson finished with 18 points and went 4-of-6 from 3-point range.

SuperSonics 95, Nets 92

SEATTLE — Chuck Person inbounded the ball, got it back and drilled a 3-point shot — all in the final 1.7 seconds — to give Seattle the victory.

Person got the return pass from Emanual Davis and hit the game-winner on his only shot of the game.

Vin Baker led the Sonics with 23 points, Shammond Williams had 18 and Gary Payton and Ruben Patterson had 17 each. Stephon Marbury scored 24 points, but turned the ball over twice down the stretch.



AP Photo

Toronto Raptors' Tracy McGrady goes for the basket as Washington Wizards' Jahidi White, right, tries to block during first half NBA action in Toronto Wednesday.

No. 5 Arizona routs intrastate rival by 27

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Gilbert Arenas scored a career-high 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting and fellow freshman guard Jason Gardner added 16 points for Arizona as the No. 5 Wildcats (17-3, 6-1 Pac-10) routed Arizona State 82-55 Wednesday night.

Only a late spurt by Arizona State prevented the Wildcats from recording their most one-sided road victory ever in the series. The biggest win for Arizona in Tempe was 101-73 in 1988. The largest margin in the series is 40, a 99-59 Arizona victory in Tucson that same season.

Tanner Shell and Tommy Smith each scored 10 points for the Sun Devils (11-7, 3-4), who lost their third in a row.

DePaul 71, No. 10 Florida 69

CHICAGO — Bobby Simmons scored DePaul's final five points after the Blue Demons blew a 21-point second-half lead before holding on.

Florida (14-4) used its press and fastbreak to rally and take its only lead, 67-66, on Brett Nelson's two free throws with 2:55 left. The two fouls shots capped a 33-11 run.

Quentin Richardson scored 17 points for DePaul (13-6) and Simmons finished with 15. Mike Miller scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half for Florida, but his last-second pass to Brent Wright sailed out of bounds and ended the Gators' chances.

No. 16 Kentucky 75, Georgia 69

ATHENS, Ga. — Tayshaun Prince scored six of his 14 points down the stretch and No. 16 Kentucky beat Georgia, the Wildcats' 13th straight victory over the Bulldogs.

Kentucky (14-5, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) won its fourth straight overall and 10th in 11 games. Georgia (9-10, 2-5) last beat the Wildcats on Jan. 8, 1994, a 94-90 overtime victory.

Georgia tied it 64-64 with 3:47 to play on a basket by Anthony Evans. But Prince and Jamaal Magloire, who led Kentucky with 19 points, then led an 11-5 spurt over the rest of the game.

No. 20 Vanderbilt 61, South Carolina 60

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Dan Langhi scored 21 points, including the go-ahead free throws with 0.3 seconds left for the Commodores (13-3, 4-2 Southeastern Conference).

Langhi, who had 11 rebounds, took an inbounds pass and was fouled as he went up for a shot. The 88.3 percent foul shooter made both.

Tony Kitchings had a career-high 14 points for South Carolina (9-10, 1-5), which led 60-57 with 1:01 to play.

No. 15 Oklahoma St. 71, Kansas St. 56

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Desmond Mason had 23 points and 10 rebounds as the Cowvoys moved into a four-way tie for first place in the Big 12.

Mason had four 3-pointers as the Cowboys (15-2, 4-1) won their fourth straight over Kansas State, which had its losing streak extended to five games, its longest since 1997. Galen Morrison had 21 points for the Wildcats (8-9, 1-5).

■ Top 25 Men

Tech stays winless in Big 12 with loss

Associated Press

WACO — DeMarcus Minor scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the second half to push Baylor to a 71-57 victory over Texas Tech Wednesday night.

Baylor led 32-24 at the half, but the Red Raiders (9-7 overall, 0-5 Big 12) pulled to 44-43 with 11:31 left. The Bears (10-7, 1-5) put the game away with a 17-1 run midway through the second half.

The win breaks Baylor's 22-game Big 12 losing streak that dates back two seasons.

Baylor first-year coach Dave Bliss said the key for the Bears was capitalizing on turnovers. Baylor scored 15 points off 16 Tech turnovers.

"This is a great win for us because we don't get a lot of them," Bliss said. "We talked at halftime about knowing they would make a run in the second half. We were able to weather that run and build ourselves another cushion."

Texas Tech, the only Big 12 team that hasn't won a conference game this season, went nine minutes without a basket during one stretch of the second half. Tech coach James Dickey, who fell to 11-7 against Baylor, said he thought his team's play was flat at times.

"I thought we missed some easy shots," Dickey said. "I thought they did a nice job of ball movement and we were slow to react."

Baylor, meanwhile, made nine of 22 3-pointers. Travis Stukes, who finished with 15 points, hit three of four shots from outside the 3-point arc in the second half.

The Bears also received double-digit scoring from Terry Black with 14 points and Jamie Kendrick with 10.

■ Texas Teams

Brodney Kennard led the Red Raiders with 15 points, while James Ware added 12. Tech was playing without starting center Andy Ellis, out for the rest of the season with a shoulder injury.

Iowa St. 65, Texas A&M 58

AMES, Iowa — Kantrail Horton hit a 3-pointer to atone for a late turnover and start a 10-0 run that carried Iowa State to a victory over Texas A&M.

Iowa State (17-3 overall, 5-1 Big 12) proved to be stronger down the stretch after A&M, coming off an upset of Oklahoma State, rallied from a 10-point deficit to twice take the lead.

An 11-1 run capped by Aaron Jack's three-point play pulled the Aggies (6-11, 2-4) into a 52-51 lead with 4:20 left. After Jamaal Tinsley put Iowa State back ahead with a pull-up jumper on the baseline, Jamaal Gilchrist swiped the ball from Horton and drove for a layup to put the Aggies back on top, 54-53 with 3:32 to play.

Twenty seconds later, Horton got open in the left corner against the A&M zone and knocked in the 3 to make it 56-54. Iowa State, sluggish most of the game, then came alive to finally take control.

Marcus Fizer, held to three points in the first half, sank two free throws, then scored on a putback, battling for the rebound after he missed his first attempt. Tinsley sank a free throw to make it 61-54 and hit two more after an A&M turnover for a 63-54 lead with 41.9 seconds left.

North Texas 75, New Mexico St. 73

DENTON — Four players on the North Texas squad scored in double digits and overcame Billy Keys' 33 points to beat New Mexico State.

The Eagles (5-11, 3-2 Big West) shot 77 percent from the free-throw line to keep the game close. UNT trailed by as many as 11 in the first half, but cut the deficit to three at the half, 41-38.

Keys hit a 3-point shot to open the half and increased the lead to 44-38. UNT then went on a 12-6 run to tie the game at 50 with 16:36 remaining.

Chris Davis led North Texas with 19 points. Deginald Erskin had 15 points and Jason Miller had 13. Brandon Gilbert scored 14 and blocked four shots.

Guard Zack Norvell had 14 points for New Mexico (12-5, 3-2). Deveeno Hines had 8 points and Mikko Noopila added 7.

South Florida 87, Houston 77

TAMPA, Fla. — Scott Johnson had 18 points and Reggie Kohn added 17 as South Florida nearly blew a 21-point, first-half lead on its way to a victory over Houston in a Conference USA game.

At the half, South Florida was still out in front 55-37. The South Florida advantage was cut, though, to 77-72 with 6:15 left before Chonsey Asbury's basket and two free throws by Johnson put the Bulls back up by nine.

Gee Gervin had 29 points for Houston (8-11, 2-4), which has dropped six of its last eight games. Gervin had 19 points in the first half.

South Florida (12-7, 3-3) went 8-of-12 from 3-point range and took a 55-37 halftime lead. The Bulls had six players score in double figures.

Ex-con working with Mavs' troubled Smith

By Michael Murphy
Houston Chronicle

While Dallas Mavericks rookie Leon Smith was with his team, representatives of the National Basketball Players Association were concerned the franchise did not surround the troubled teen-ager with people who could provide proper guidance. But the union has paired Smith, 19, with a man who spent time in prison for forgery and has convictions for theft and solicitation of prostitution.

Delton Carter, known as D.C., is an employee at Westside Tennis Club, where the Rockets practice. It is at the Rockets' practice facility that Carter met Smith, who was in the care of players union president Billy Hunter and Purvis Short, the NBPA's director of player programs.

In 1990, Carter was sentenced to five years for four counts of felony forgery but served less than six months before being paroled. He was also convicted of misdemeanor theft in 1994 and convicted of solicitation of prostitution, a Class B misdemeanor, in 1997 and was sentenced to 10 days.

Carter has been supervising Smith's afternoon workouts in Short's absence and escorting the 6-11 center to Rockets games, where they have been guests of Linda and Jim McIngvale, who own Westside Tennis Club and Gallery Furniture.

Short said it was he who approached Carter about working with Smith, and admits he did not run a background check on Carter and was unaware of his history.

But sources questioned the wisdom of pairing Smith, who has a Feb. 3 court date in Chicago to face misdemeanor charges of aggravated assault, damage to property and violation of a protection order, with Carter.

"Did we run a background check? No," Short said Wednesday. "Should we have done that? In retrospect, I guess I would have to say yes. But in my opinion, and I am not speaking for the (players) association, whatever he (Carter) has done, he has paid his debt to society. Everybody has problems in their past. He's atoned for that.

"It was my recommendation (that Carter work with Smith). A lot of it was because he worked for Mac (Jim McIngvale) and Linda. I felt there was no need for a background check."

Smith, a Chicago high schooler who was attempting to jump to the NBA, was suspended without pay by the Mavericks on Dec. 6 after a series of incidents that included two arrests within a 24-hour span. Smith then attempted suicide, swallowing 250 aspirin Nov. 14.

Smith spent the next month in a Dallas psychiatric facility before coming to Houston, where he has been supervised by Short, for workouts in anticipation of a release by the Mavericks.

No. 1 UConn ends No. 19 BC's streak

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — The longest winning streak ever at Boston College is history.

No. 1 Connecticut needed a second-half rally to snap the 19th-ranked Eagles' 12-game run on Wednesday with an 84-77 win. Tamika Williams led the Huskies with 24 points, one shy of her career high, and seven rebounds.

The Huskies (18-0, 7-0 Big East) remain the only undefeated Division I women's team. To stay perfect, they had to contend with BC's speedy, nearly all-guard lineup that took advantage of 15 turnovers in the first half to take a 42-39 lead at the break.

Although UConn shot 73 percent in the first half, the Huskies were outrebounded 10-2 on the offensive boards. That disparity, said Williams, fired up the Huskies in the locker room.

"When (Coach Geno Auriemma) came in, he pointed out all the post players and said we're not stepping up," said Williams. "We just all got kind of mad and we came out and every possession we were looking for the ball. We wanted to score every time."

UConn opened the second half with a 21-8 run. Williams capped the spurt by converting a three-point play to give UConn a 60-50 lead with 11:44 remaining. Her next basket a minute later pushed the lead to 62-50, the Huskies' largest of the game.

Injuries had whittled the Eagles' rotation to just six players, but BC (16-4, 5-1) showed no signs of slowing, cutting the 12-point lead to four on a 3-pointer by Allison Murphy with 6:20 left.

With less than four minutes remaining and UConn up 78-73, Williams made a steal, then forced BC into a turnover on the Eagles' next possession. Shea Ralph, who had nine assists for the Huskies, found Williams under the basket with 2:08 left for an 80-73 lead.

BC pulled within three with 44 seconds left, but 4-for-4 free throw shooting by the Huskies iced the game.

Injuries have forced BC Coach Cathy Inglese to go with four different starting linueps in four straight games. Among the missing is rebounding leader Becky Gottstein, out six weeks with a stress fracture in her right foot.

"We wanted to play a lot of zone," said Inglese. "We knew we'd have to play with four guards at one point. With UConn you don't want to make too many changes. I don't think we could have done a better job with that."

Auriemma said his team was defensively and mentally unsound in the first half and had high praise for the Eagles. The Huskies stumbled into early foul trouble in the first half and were in the bonus with just over 10 minutes to play against the top free-throw shooting team in the league.

"I never thought we were going to stop them," said Auriemma. "And even when we did stop them they scored. They made some tough shots. They created their own offense and that's what impressed me most."

The Huskies outrebounded the Eagles 29-23. Williams' seven boards were a game-high.

Svetlana Abrosimova had 20 points for UConn. Cal Bouchard had 25 points for Boston College.

■ Top 25 Women

No. 5 Notre Dame 69, St. John's 49

NEW YORK — Ruth Riley scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half and No. 5 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to 12 games with a victory over St. John's.

The victory gave the Fighting Irish (16-2, 7-0 Big East) their longest winning streak since the 1990-91 season, when they won a school-record 15 straight. The Irish, who also won 11 straight last season, have not lost since a 71-61 defeat to defending national champion Purdue on Dec. 8.

St. John's (6-12, 1-7) led 14-13 on a basket by Latasha Thompson before the Irish went on a 12-1 run to lead 25-15 with 8:19 remaining in the half. Behind Danielle Green's 11 first-half points and some solid defense, Notre Dame led 33-19 at halftime despite 15 turnovers and held St. John's to a season-low 19-percent shooting (6-for-32).

In the second half, the Red Storm came within 52-42 with 6:35 remaining. But Notre Dame went on a 15-0 run, holding the Red Storm without a field goal for five minutes until Aiysha Smith's layup made it 67-44 with 1:40 remaining.

No. 13 Rutgers 62, Seton Hall 46

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Karlita Washington scored 10 of her career-high 12 points in a game-ending 28-8 run and No. 13 Rutgers defeated Seton Hall in the Pirates' first game since a dormitory fire killed three students last week.

No. 23 Oklahoma 79, Texas A&M 72

COLLEGE STATION — Phylesha Whaley had 23 points to lead No. 23 Oklahoma to a victory over Texas A&M, the Aggies' sixth straight loss.



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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq	398386	28⅝	–4⅜
Lucent s	236603	58⅞	+7/16
PhilMor	187396	21⅛	–7/16
McDnlds s	165052	35½	–4⅝
AmOnline s	162364	60	–1½

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RobtHalf	36⅛	+10⅛	+35.9
FriedBR	9⅛	+1⅞	+24.0
SuperTel s	16¹¹/₁₆	+2⅜	+18.1
NewbNk	28	+4⅜	+17.6
Hanna	12	+1¾	+17.1

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arista	33⅜	–11 7/16	–25.4
TerrNov	21⅝	–8⅞	–24.4
AK Steel	12⅜	–3⅝	–23.6
WellCS	10¹³/₁₆	–3⅛	–23.5
Ryland	16⅜	–2⅝	–15.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,698
Declined	1,355
Unchanged	474
Total issues	3,527
New Highs	47
New Lows	129
Volume	1,342,500,240

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nasd100T n	115207	179½	–8½
SPDR	51581140	135⅞	+1⅞
Identix	44167	9⅝	–⅜
CelSci	16049	4⅞	+11/16
AdvPhot	13937	5⅛	–⅝

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cmputrn	4⅜	+1¼	+40.0
AdvMag	8	+2⅜	+37.6
InSiteVis	5⅝	+1⅝	+36.8
EsexBc	2	+½	+33.3
ThCardio	9⅞	+1⅝	+24.4

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MorgnGp	6½	–1⅛	–15.5
SevenSeas	2¼	–⅜	–14.3
Dryclean n	3¼	–½	–13.3
Endorex	4⅛	–⅝	–13.2
Nstor	5⅛	–11/16	–12.0

DIARY

Advanced	306
Declined	309
Unchanged	159
Total issues	774
New Highs	28
New Lows	18
Volume	69,184,140

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Qualcom s	678921	124⅛	–24⅜
PagingN	439078	115⅛	+17⅝
MCI Wld s	272045	41 11/16	–1½
Intel s	239634	96½	–5⅛
Microsft s	238077	99⅛	–3 7/16

GAINERS ($2 or more)

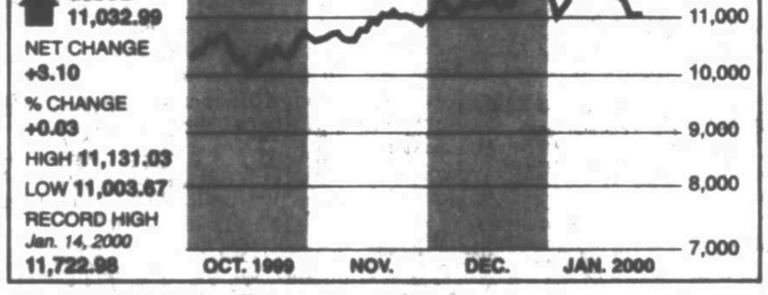
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amrign	7 11/16	+4 3/16	+119.6
PHC Inc	2	+1	+100.0
PixTech	3⅞	+1 9/16	+67.6
BioShld wt	3⅜	+1 1/16	+45.9
CoyoteNt	10	+3	+42.9

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChkFree	60 41/64	–19 15/64	–24.1
Techolone	3 1/16	–⅝	–23.4
Cardima	2 25/32	–25/32	–22.5
EngCnv wt	6 3/16	–1¾	–22.0
InqaraPh	3⅛	–⅞	–21.9

DIARY

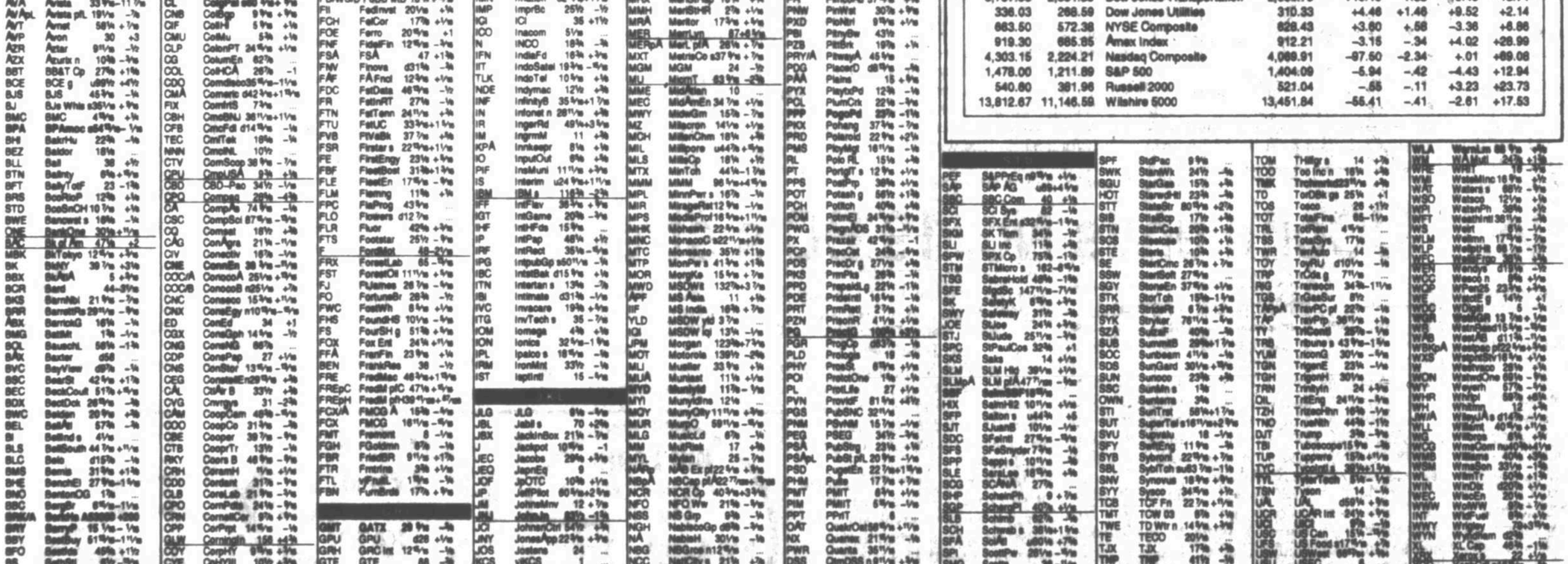
Advanced	1,968
Declined	2,095
Unchanged	868
Total issues	4,931
New Highs	184
New Lows	85
Volume	1,656,577,700



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
11,750.26	9,063.26	Dow Jones Industrials	11,032.99	+3.10	+.03	–4.04	+19.92
3,797.05	2,651.89	Dow Jones Transportation	2,884.79	+10.10	+.38	–10.49	–13.74
336.03	268.59	Dow Jones Utilities	310.33	+4.46	+1.46	+9.52	+2.14
663.50	572.38	NYSE Composite	628.43	+3.60	+.58	–3.36	+8.86
919.30	685.85	Amex Index	912.21	–3.15	–.34	+4.02	+28.99
4,303.15	2,224.21	Nasdaq Composite	4,069.91	–97.50	–2.34	+.01	+89.08
1,478.00	1,211.89	S&P 500	1,404.09	–5.94	–.42	–4.43	+12.94
540.80	391.96	Russell 2000	521.04	–.55	–.11	+3.23	+23.73
13,812.67	11,146.59	Wilshire 5000	13,451.84	–55.41	–.41	–2.61	+17.53

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE



NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	5-yr Chg %Rtn
AAL Mutual A:		
CalGr	38.15	+.09+60.7
MidCap	15.33	–.09+35.2
Muncl	10.24	...+10.3
AARP Invst:		
BalSAB n	19.21	+.02+29.3
CalGr n	69.83	–.42+107.7
GlobInc n	14.29	+.01+15.6
GlbGr n	20.70	+.04+84.3
GthInc n	49.04	+.08+42.2
TxFBd n	17.25	...+12.1
USStkn n	26.69	–.11 NS
AIM Funds A:		
Agrsv p	64.86	–1.14+72.1
BlChip	32.73	–.10+63.4
BlCpOpAp	50.62	–.12+101.8
CapDevp	19.80	–.01+66.2
ChartAp	17.95	–.07+97.3
Const p	41.19	–.51+80.2
EuroAp	20.08	+.27+77.9
GlbAgGp	30.11	–.07+88.9
GlGrAp	27.48	+.21+100.7
HYdAp	7.97	...+7.3
IntEqAp	26.35	+.47+76.8
SalGrp	26.22	–.39+106.2
Sumll	22.39	–.39+140.5
Valp	48.26	+.11+108.0
WeingAp	29.82	–.46+115.3
AIM Funds B:		
BalB t	32.64	–.09+59.5
BlChpB t	29.63	–.12+87.4
CapDvB t	18.33	–.01+64.5
ChartB t	17.70	–.07+82.9
ConstB t	40.27	–.49 NS
GlAgGB t	28.29	–.07+85.8
GlGrB t	26.62	+.20+97.4
HYldB t	7.97	...+4.9
IntEqB t	25.52	+.45+72.7
SGrthB t	24.56	–.37+101.2
ValuB t	48.63	+.11+103.1
WeingB t	28.57	–.42+110.3
AIM Funds C:		
AdvFinC t	18.62	+.03+28.3
Value t	48.84	+.10 NS
AIM Global Theme:		
TelcomAp	36.25	–.45+170.7
TelcomB t	34.68	–.43+166.7
AMF Funds:		
Aggsty	9.84	...+17.3
ARK Funds:		
ValEq n	13.28	–.08+62.5
Accessor Funds:		
SmMdCp	27.43	–.09+66.3
Acorn Funds:		
AcornF n	16.81	+.02+72.9
Intl n	36.13	+.15+108.0
Aetna CI I:		
GrwInc t	14.39	–.08+64.9
Alger Funds B:		
CapAprt t	15.61	–.27+166.4
GrwthB t	14.29	–.12+118.5
SmCap t	10.84	–.08+67.8
Allegheny Funds:		
OTCStkInv	27.58	–.08+102.5
MidCpGroN	32.97	–.31+62.5
Alliance Advisor Cl:		
PGlaRx	35.26	+.09+135.8
Alliance Cap A:		
Allianp	7.51	...+70.8
BondAp	12.35	+.03+13.5
GrInc p	3.49	+.03+60.2
GlbFp	55.00	+.83+83.0
MCAAp	10.24	...+13.7
NtlAgAp	7.25	+.02+33.5
PGlaAp	34.80	+.08+130.1
QuasrAp	27.89	–.11+17.5
TechAp	131.01	–2.16+182.8
Alliance Cap B:		
QuBalp	12.35	+.03+11.2
GlbHiB t	41.89	+.39+68.0
GrIncB p	9.41	+.02+68.4
HYldB t	8.91	+.01 NS
IntGBt	7.27	+.01+30.4
PGlaBp	32.92	+.07+128.7
QuasarB t	24.89	–.09+14.7
TechB t	123.80	–2.05+178.8
Alliance Cap C:		
PrGlbC t	32.97	+.07+128.7
GrIncC t	3.41	+.03+68.3
GrthC t	41.69	+.39+89.0
TechC t	123.88	–2.04+178.7
AmSouth		
Value	19.78	+.07 NS
Amer AAdvant Inst:		
IntlEqInv	18.69	+.07+47.8
S&PInst	19.17	–.09+80.1
Amer Century Advr:		
IncGro n	32.27	–.10 NS
Amer Century Invr:		
Balanced n	16.72	–.01+35.7
CalHYTF n	10.64	+.01+12.6
CalIntTF n	25.02	–.05+65.8
GNMA n	10.06	...+16.2
GR n	41.15	–.03+68.4
Growthl n	31.85	–.30+119.3
Heritage	15.59	–.25+73.1
IncGro n	32.29	–.10+84.9
IntlDis n	18.66	+.33+174.8
IntlGrol n	14.46	+.14+124.5
NewCrop n	18.34	–.11+230.6
SelMid n	61.29	–.10+106.7
SGov n	9.19	...+14.5
SmMid n	7.22	...+66.3
TgtI05 n	11.40	–.04+20.0
TgtI2005 n	24.61	+.21+32.7
Ultra n	43.59	–.84+107.1
Valuelnv n	5.39	+.03+26.3
Vista n	23.23	–.59+75.1
Amer Express A:		
BlChip	11.86	–.03+71.0
Bond	4.72	...+15.9
Discover	10.70	–.05+18.4
DEI	8.79	+.07+57.2
EqSel	16.15	–.04+69.0
EqVal	10.54	+.10+39.0
Extr	3.77	...+13.9
Fed	4.73	...+18.4
GlobBd	5.65	–.01 +42.1
GlbGr	9.82	+.09+72.4
Growth	80.15	–.82+91.4
HYld	4.24	...+11.0
Intl	13.40	+.09+81.6
MapPa	10.28	–.02+33.7
Mutual	12.30	+.04+33.3
NwDi	36.12	–.25+66.0
PlanOp	7.84	–.04+76.4
Sel	8.43	+.01+16.5
SmCoIndx	8.61	–.03+34.9
Stock	28.61	+.09+85.4
Strat	23.37	–.02+102.9
TE 05	9.76	...+10.7
Util	8.58	+.03+49.1
Amer Express B:		
BlChipT	11.69	–.03+68.2
Bond t	4.72	...+13.9
DEI t	8.79	+.07+63.7
EqVal p	10.54	+.10+36.6
Extr t	3.77	...+11.4
Fed t	4.73	...+13.6
GlbGr t	9.66	+.08+68.6
Growth t	49.17	–.83+87.1
Intl t	13.32	+.09+81.2
MutInvT	12.30	+.04+33.2
NwD t	34.25	–.25+64.4
Strtgy t	21.63	–.40+136.9
Util t	8.58	+.03+67.1
Amer Express Y:		
BlChip	11.86	–.03+71.8
Growth	80.47	–.82+91.9
HiYld	4.24	...+11.2
Mutual n	12.30	+.04+33.7
Stock n	28.61	–.09+85.4
American Funds:		
ABalp	14.08	+.06+33.0
Amcp p	18.62	+.02+102.5
AMutp	22.91	+.14+38.8
Bondp	12.91	+.01+17.8
CapIBp	21.60	+.35+29.4
CapIVp	14.78	–.02 +8.8
CapWGp	28.98	+.14+68.9
Expanp	41.35	+.49+82.0
Fdmtp	32.39	+.07+78.1
Govtp	12.56	...+15.2
Gwthp	29.62	–.11+100.1
HiTrp	13.75	...+81.7
Himkm	14.61	...+12.7
Incop	15.42	+.04+28.3
Intlp	12.66	–.01+15.4
ICAp	31.59	+.12+75.9
NEcop	29.62	+.14+138.2
N Perp	28.99	+.15+100.2
NwWrld	28.19	+.15 NS
SmCp p	41.41	+.13+89.3
TxExp	11.40	+.01+12.8
Wshp	28.31	+.31+49.6
Amer Skandia B:		
JanCapB	23.42	–.20 NS
AmerindxT n	34.23	+.04+54.3
Aquila Funds:		
HiTF A	10.69	–.01+10.2
Armada Funds:		
Bondl p n	8.52	...+15.1
EqGroI p n	28.98	–.18+88.8
Eqinc p n	15.31	+.07+31.8
Eqldxl n	12.11	–.05 NS
Artisan Funds:		
Intl	28.00	+.43+143.5
SmCap	13.64	–.08+28.7
BEA Instl Funds:		
IntlEq	24.49	+.14+78.6
BNY Hamilton Instl:		
Eqlnc n	16.37	+.11 NS
LgCpGth n	16.31	–.13 NS
BT Index Funds:		
InstEqIx	178.41	–.74+90.8
InvEqIx	175.41	–.74+89.5
BT Instl Funds:		
InstAsstAll n	13.81	...+61.9
IntlEq n	17.91	+.12 NS
BT Investment Fds:		
InvstEq n	31.09	+.21+77.7
Babson Group:		
Growth n	20.69	–.16+77.0
Value n	41.90	–.03+24.7
Barclays Glob Inv:		
AsiXj	12.29	+.01+84.1
S&P 500	25.84	–.11+49.3
UST All	...	... 0.0
Baron Funds:		
Asset	58.43	+.86+55.2
Growth	32.67	+.22+76.8
SmCap	17.52	–.02 NS
Bay Rosenberg:		
US SmCp	9.92	...+44.9
Bear Stearns Fds:		
S&PStrA	31.17	–.52+113.4
Berger Group:		
Grinc p n	19.12	–.15+129.3
NewGrp p	37.83	–.39+292.1
100 p n	18.63	–.25+84.5
SCVInst n	21.12	+.07+80.5
SCVInv n	21.09	+.07 NS
SmCoGp	6.90	–.10+154.1
Bernstein Fds:		
ShtDur	12.24	...+15.9
IntDur	12.42	...+16.0
CaMu	13.44	...+11.9
DivMu	13.23	...+11.9
NYMu	13.10	...+12.0
TxMgdInv	20.64	...+43.6
IntlVal	20.43	+.01 NS
EmMkts	21.21	–.06 –4.0
BlackRock B&C:		
IntlEqCr	28.91	–.12+62.5
BlackRock Instl:		
CoreBd	9.07	+.01+17.4
IntlEql	26.93	–.12+88.4
IntTBd	8.91	...+18.1
IntEq	15.80	+.19+83.0
LgCpGth	23.78	–.29+130.9
LgCpVal	14.48	+.09+38.0
Manpd	9.63	...+16.8
MgDDEq	23.46	–.27 NA
PATFInc	10.30	...+12.8
SelEq	21.19	–.12+81.8
SCpGth	38.30	...+120.3
SCpVal	14.79	–.02+16.4
Boston 1784 Fds:		
Growth n	24.34	–.40+68.9
IntlEq n	18.61	+.21+69.4
Brandywine Fds:		
Fund n	42.36	–.17+62.4
Bruce Funds:		
SmCap	22.03	–.13+138.3
Brinson Funds:		
GblEq n	13.23	+.04+38.0
US Eqty n	15.83	+.07+30.7
CGM Funds:		
CapDv	26.39	–.51+31.7
Mdl	38.27	–.14+30.0
Calvert Group:		
SocialAp	31.37	–.11+49.1
TxFU	10.67	+.01+11.2
Chase Funds:		
BalncdPr	37.76	–.10+69.0
CorEqPr	31.03	–.17+100.0
EqGrPr	68.26	–1.86+135.5
EqIncPr	48.49	+.13+74.8
IntlmdPr	19.62	+.60+18.3
IntrmBd	11.69	+.01 NA
StrTrGP	11.89	...+14.7
SmCapPr	23.03	–.19+58.1
Chase Vista A:		
CapGrp p	40.53	–.48+38.7
Grinc p	38.68	+.16+60.0
Chase Vista B:		
Grinc t	38.09	+.16+48.8
Chase Vista Sel:		
Bond	37.63	+.04+16.5
EqInc	24.63	+.07+42.4
IntmdTF	10.15	+.01+14.4
LgCapGr	47.42	–.89+141.9
TF Inc	9.57	...+12.5
CitiFunds I:		
LgCpGr	22.18	–.39+82.9
Citizens Funds:		
CitInSt	31.07	–.45+121.4
Clipper	63.59	+.48+44.0
Cohen & Steers:		
RltyShrs	38.80	–.11 +1.3
Columbia Funds:		
Balance n	24.21	–.10+55.4
CornStr n	27.88	–.21+68.1
Grth n	47.60	–.40+87.1
Spcl n	31.79	–.42+87.6
Commerce Funds:		
Growth	39.42	–.39+88.7
Concert Alloc A:		
GrthA	16.39	+.05+68.6
HiIncA	17.15	+.02+68.4
Concert Alloc B:		
GrthB t	16.35	+.04+63.4
Concert Inv I:		
Grinc t	18.63	–.01+61.8
Grwth t	25.13	–.17+101.5
CS Cap Mkt Fds:		
InstFX t	7.71	–.03+14.6
InstSt t	13.66	+.14+71.8
LgGrw	25.83	–.32+117.2
LgVal	11.30	+.03+45.9
MidNet	7.50	... NS
CalvertGroup:		
SocialBal	19.16	–.15+129.3
NewGrow p	37.83	–.39+292.1
100 p n	18.63	–.25+84.5
SCVInst n	21.12	+.07+80.5
SCVInv n	21.09	+.07 NS
SmCoGp	6.90	–.10+154.1
Dreyfus Founders:		
Bal p n	10.32	–.03+38.3
BasicGr n	10.31	–.08 NS
DiscvBn	42.66	–.05 NS
Discv n	42.66	–.04+161.8
GoMinn n	7.44	–.02+85.3
GrowthB t	23.70	–.08 NS
GrowthT	23.70	–.08 NS
GrInc n	7.44	–.03 NS
GthIn n	23.70	–.09+109.8
IntlEqp n	18.02	+.17 NS
IntlEqIn n	18.03	+.18 NS
MidCpGr n	8.13	–.12 NS
MidCpGR n	8.13	–.12 NS
NewLead n	28.26	+.16 NS
PremptR n	26.27	+.16 NS
WldGrI n	24.30	+.01 NS
WldGrT	24.29	+.01 NS
Dreyfus Premier:		
CalVtyp	28.95	+.16+48.9
LtdYldEp	10.43	... NS
TchGrwAr	53.92	–1.18 NS
ThrdCnZ	13.99	–.09+100.3
WWGrA	37.33	–.07+76.2
WWGrI	36.17	–.07+71.3
Eaton Vance Cl A:		
CapE	551.37	–.39+84.1
TxMgdGA	22.32	–.01+63.2
UtilA	11.78	+.07+100.9
Eaton Vance Cl B:		
HIncB t	7.38	+.01+30.7
NatlMB t	8.14	+.01 +7.1
TxMGB t	21.75	–.02+76.9
Eaton Vance Cl C:		
TxMGCp	20.90	–.01 NA
Enterprise Group:		
GwthAp	23.30	–.22+90.2
GwthB	22.60	–.22+87.1
Evergreen A:		
BalA	10.59	–.02 NS
BlChpA	35.07	–.18 NS
FoundA	22.10	–.14+82.4
GlobLfSA	20.77	–.08+122.4
Evergreen B:		
EmgGr t	26.32	–.23+48.1
FoStkB t	21.68	–.13+48.0
GrInc t	30.46	–.02+44.6
OmegaB t	31.19	–.43+111.1
Evergreen C:		
MuniGr	--	-- 0.0
PrimCL	--	-- 0.0
SMDurC	--	-- 0.0
Evergreen Select:		
CoreEq	58.52	–.59 NS
Equity	53.92	+.21+67.8
Found	5.71	... NS
HiYldBd	8.38	+.01 NS
IntlGrow	149.55	–1.00 NS
SmlCpGrw	40.57	–.51 NS
StkSel	218.77	+.59 NS
Strat	14.13	–.08 NS
TotRetBd	9.86	+.01+19.6
ValGrowt	28.94	–.13 NS
Evergreen Y:		
EmgGrY	26.17	–.23+50.6
FoundY	22.11	–.14+83.4
GrowthY	31.17	+.01+48.8
IncGroY	21.99	–.08+39.9
IntGrY	9.21	+.08 NS
PremEqY	10.87	... NS
PremMY	--	-- 0.0
SmlCpY	19.00	–.10+80.0
ValueY	18.99	+.23+58.1
Excelsior Funds:		
BlueRidg	10.01	–.35+84.0
YsFund	10.21	–.35+86.1
FFTW Funds:		
USStrat	9.65	...+15.7
FPA Funds:		
Cptl	28.83	–.29+27.8
Retire	10.32	+.01 +6.8
Federated A:		
AmLdrs	24.29	+.05+63.7
FedEqIn	22.22	–.03+66.1
HiInBd	9.20	–.01+16.4
InstIntEq	44.04	–.19+139.7
InstMny	1.00	...+4.8
InstSmCA	10.27	–.01+18.4
InstSmCo	30.54	+.49+139.7
InstUtil	11.04	–.01+49.2
MidCpOp	28.76	+.49+232.7
StrInco	9.69	+.01 +7.9
USGovA	7.44	+.01+15.3
UtlFdA	11.67	–.03+43.4
Federated B:		
AMLdrB t	24.21	+.05+60.3
EqIncB	22.20	–.03+61.6
HiInBd t	10.28	–.01+13.7
InstSmCB	37.55	+.46+226.3
StrIncB	9.11	+.01+11.6
Federated P:		
GNIIP	8.24	+.02+15.6
UltF	11.67	–.03+43.4
Federated Instl:		
GrowthS	10.67	...+16.4
Gov1–3	10.29	...+15.7
Gov5–10	10.29	...+15.1
HiYld	8.12	–.01+14.9
InstTrS	8.79	+.01+17.4
MidCapI	28.84	+.28+178.5
MidCpS	28.57	–.12+86.5
StockTr	34.41	+.11+64.4
Fidelity Adv Foc B:		
TechB t	36.30	–.80 NS
Fidelity Adv Foc T:		
TechT	35.82	–.82+213.4
Fidelity Advisor A:		
EqGrA t	68.13	–.59+122.8
GlbOppA	43.40	+.05+62.3
Fidelity Advisor B:		
EqGrB m	66.21	–.59+118.2
EqInB m	24.83	+.29+38.3
GlobOpB m	19.47	+.02+86.8
GrOppB m	43.33	+.04 NS
HYldB	11.19	–.01+19.9
Fidelity Advisor C:		
EqGrCp	68.11	–.58 NS
GrOppCp	43.42	+.05 NS
Fidelity Advisor I:		
EqGrI n	71.47	–.61+125.7
EqInI n	25.00	+.27+62.7
GrOppI n	43.78	+.04+63.9
Fidelity Advisor T:		
BalancT	17.61	+.03+40.5
EqGrT p	70.09	–.60+122.1
EqInT	24.78	+.27+40.5
GlobalT	19.67	+.01+100.1
GrOppT	43.67	+.05+61.5
HYldT	11.24	–.01+22.2
MidCpT p	19.61	–.04+106.2
OverseaT	22.68	+.27+68.4
SmCpT p	21.73	–.15 NS
Fidelity Freedom:		
FF2000 n	12.92	+.01+48.7
FF2010 n	14.71	...+64.8
FF2020 n	16.15	...+78.6
FF2030 n	16.61	+.01+83.7
Fidelity Invest:		
AggrGr n	59.71	–.53+239.0
AMgr n	18.17	–.05+66.7
AstMgGr n	18.88	–.03+59.3
AstMgIn n	12.02	...+29.6
Balanc n	15.01	+.05+55.2
BluChp n	68.56	–.33+100.8
CapApp n	29.35	+.03+105.5
Cplncr n	9.25	...+35.1
Contra	68.89	–.12+93.1
Convrtin	14.80	–.03 NS
CnvSc n	24.62	–.34+83.4
Destl	22.62	–.09+57.4
DestII	15.70	+.01+95.8
Disci	31.49	+.01+66.9
DivGr n	24.32	+.27+65.4
DivStr n	27.33	+.01+74.8
Eqlnc n	52.58	+.07–28.9
EqInc II	19.25	+.03+61.2
EqPor	35.67	–.46+88.9
Export	21.09	+.08+66.8
Fidel n	41.34	+.04+103.1
FltRt	22.49	–.15+68.2
GNMAn	10.27	+.01+16.8
Govtn	9.31	+.01+16.2
GroCon n	68.88	–.68+181.2
Grolnc n	45.14	+.03+72.1
Highinc r	11.79	–.01+26.9
Indepn	9.71	...+18.7
IndGrn	9.26	...+18.5
InGrn	28.00	+.33+78.9
IntVal n	19.05	+.30+80.7
IntGBn	8.85	+.01+16.7
Japan r	24.62	+.59+143.0
JpnSmlr	22.15	+.70+205.1
LatAm r	21.29	–.11+111.4
LowPr	22.64	–.08+31.5
Magellin	131.03	–.03+86.6
MidCap n	23.27	–.05+112.0
MuniInf	48.50	–.01+214.4
OTC n	67.89	–1.17+167.7
Overseas	45.81	+.53+71.2
Pacbas r	26.31	+.40+84.9
Puritn	18.64	+.09+40.6
RealE n	14.70	–.02 –3.2
RetGrn	25.92	–.04+132.0
STBF n	8.48	...+16.6
SmCpStr n	16.03	–.13+32.6
SmCpSt n	13.29	–.10 NS
SEAsia r	16.15	+.21 +7.1
StkSln n	30.35	–.07+70.2
Trend n	70.69	+.13+61.2
USBIn n	10.13	+.01+16.4
Utilty n	25.84	–.22+111.8
Value n	40.54	+.16+80.4
Wrldwn	19.19	+.14+60.5
Fidelity Selects:		
Biotech r	59.60	+1.60+30.8
Brokrg r	60.73	+.88+210.9
Brokr r	48.14	+1.04+110.8
Comput	108.66	–3.12+229.2
DvCmSy r	68.05	–.44+59.5
Electr r	86.17	–3.66+342.3
EngSvr	35.67	–.46+88.9
Health r	120.77	+.77+85.6
Leisr r	90.04	–.36+147.0
Natgas r	28.00	+.30 –4.0
Softwr	80.31	–1.43+192.1
Tech r	157.23	–1.40+219.0
Telcm r	80.41	–1.09+193.9
Transp r	33.17	+.37+48.9
Utilitr r	67.34	–.71+136.8
Fidelity Spartan:		
CAMuIn n	11.40	...+14.0
EqIdx n	49.80	–.21+69.5
GNMAIn n	9.89	+.01+17.2
IntmMu n	9.35	...+13.4
IntMuIn n	10.67	+.01+18.1
MuIn n	09.47	–.39+69.5
MAMuIn n	11.01	–.01+12.8
MunIns n	11.79	...+12.8
NYMuI n	11.74	...+12.7
StkMkIn	9.80	...+12.1
TotMktIn n	17.17	–.14 NS
Fifth Third Instl:		
QualGr	24.41	+.04 NS
First Investors:		
GrowthA	43.93	+.21+138.4
GrowthB t	47.49	–.49+100.1
GrowthT	48.34	–.48+101.3
First Union Funds B:		
JCGGrB t	46.04	–.48+188.8
First Union Funds:		
JCGGrI	46.59	–.74+103.1
ParkAvA t	18.26	–.74+87.8
ParkAvB t	18.26	–.74+87.8
Stock n	64.98	–.69+103.6
HiGrPOC	15.42	+.05 NN
Harbor Funds:		
Bond	10.65	+.01+19.9
CapApp	50.34	–.29+147.9
Intl	39.72	–.04+47.3
IntGr	21.09	+.19+48.3
Harris Insight:		
Equity	13.97	–.08+40.4
Indxl	31.76	–.12+89.5
Hartford Fds A:		
AdvocAp	16.57	–.04+59.6
CapAppAp	32.49	–.15+157.1
StkAp	22.71	–.11+66.6
Hartford Fds B:		
Advp t	16.41	–.04+59.3
CapAppB p	31.65	–.15+151.8
StckB p	22.19	–.10+61.6
Heartland Fds:		
Value n	39.72	–.01+29.9
Highmark Funds:		
Growth n	18.63	–.10+69.1
IncEqs n	12.66	+.03+60.6
Vlifdm n	28.44	–.02+61.5
Hirtle Callaghan:		
FxdInc	9.32	... NN
InstBond	9.41	... NN
Homestead Funds:		
Value n	22.31	+.15+62.9
Hor Man	20.89	+.10+18.3
Hotchkis & Wiley:		
Intl	25.31	+.08+34.0
ICAP Funds:		
Equity n	42.51	+.27+69.6
IDEX Funds A:		
JCGGblA p	43.93	+.21+138.4
JCGGrP p	47.49	–.49+100.1
JCGGrT	48.34	–.48+101.3
IDEX Funds B:		
JCGGblB t	46.04	–.48+188.8
IMS Funds:		
InstMCI	39.69	... NS
InstmCI	22.24	... NS
IRA Funds Instl:		
Equity	27.32	–.28 NS
IntlInst	30.66	–.33+101.0
Invesco:		
Balp n	17.48	+.02+69.8
BlChGr n	8.07	–.04+139.8
Dynmp n	29.64	–.33+171.2
Eqlnc n	12.03	+.01+64.5
Equity n	28.03	+.30+112.3
Financp n	25.65	+.77+91.8
Gldp n	46.66	+.14+76.1
Grow n	28.84	–.01+85.1
HYInv n	8.34	–.01+66.1
Latwp n	41.39	+.55+169.1
Multip n	8.03	+.01+16.0
SmCoEq n	19.94	–.09+141.5
Tech n	64.93	–2.19+282.3
Tothn n	53.79	–.81+357.3
TotRtn p	27.85	+.06+32.0
Ivy Funds:		
IntlAp	44.36	–.16+33.8
IntlB t	44.06	–.16+30.8
JP Morgan Funds:		
SmCoOp	21.34	–.18 NS
JP Morgan Instl:		
Bond	9.26	...+18.8
DiscEq n	17.38	–.09+80.4
Disea	14.89	–.01+64.4
IntlEqyn	14.16	+.10+47.3
SmallCo n	19.11	–.14+89.3
Janus:		
Balncd	23.85	+.05+84.9
Enterpr	63.57	–1.81+283.7
Eqinc	25.45	+.09+146.8
Fdinc n	9.30	...+21.5
Fund	44.84	–.11+146.3
GlLifeSci n	19.99	+.07 NS
Gifech	32.75	–.59 NS
Grinc	42.48	–.20+166.4
Mercury	45.08	–.54+241.9
Olympus	54.85	–.75+287.8
Ornstee	37.64	+.48+150.4
SpSitu	23.89	+.01+182.7
Twen	80.44	–1.14+239.2
Ventur	134.49	–.35+275.9
WrldW	76.49	+.23+141.4
Janus Aspen Instl:		
AggGr	85.06	–1.45+275.6
Balanced	28.22	+.08+104.9
CapAppr	33.19	–.37 NS
Growth	33.90	–.07+133.8
IntlGr	39.00	+.48+149.5
WrldwGr	47.86	+.20+150.8
JapanFd	15.48	+.22+142.5
John Hancock A:		
BondAp	14.07	+.02+16.3
FrlndAp	15.09	+.22 NA
GlfactA	86.81	–1.87+264.9
GvincAp	8.80	+.01+16.4
LgCpGApp	23.64	–.13+81.0
SpSvcAp	27.22	–.04+109.2
RgBkA	38.47	+.95+17.8
SlrCpGAp	15.88	...+115.1
SvInvAp	22.78	+.22+44.3
StrInAp	7.19	+.01+21.9
TFBdA	9.80	...+11.8
John Hancock B:		
CorEqB p	30.79	–.03+67.9
FrlndB p	14.98	+.22+80.7
GlfCtrB p	82.33	–1.78+257.3
HYldB	6.30	...+12.2
LgCpVlB t	26.97	–.04+104.7
RgBkB t	36.27	+.95+15.4
SlrCpGB t	14.43	–.01+110.4
SvInvB p	22.74	+.22+41.2
StrIncB	7.19	+.01+19.4
John Hancock Instl:		
IndpCorr	14.71	–.02+71.9
Kaufin p	6.37	–.01+49.9
Kemper Funds A:		
BluChA	21.24	+.01+71.3
CalTxA	6.85	+.01+11.5
DrHiRA	25.45	+.10+17.8
GrthA	18.21	–.21+76.6
HiYldA	6.44	...+21.5
InstUSGv	9.10	...+14.3
StrInA	8.54	+.01+15.5
TxExAp	12.37	–.01+11.0
Liberty-Colonial A:		
FedGrA	9.86	+.01+15.2
FundA	9.89	–.01+48.3
HiYldA	8.44	...+21.6
InstUSGv	9.10	...+14.3
StrInA	8.54	+.01+15.5
TxExAp	12.37	–.01+11.0
Liberty-Colonial B:		
FundB t	9.88	–.01+48.0
HiYldB t	8.44	...+18.8
StrInB t	8.54	+.01+12.9
USGlbB t	10.19	–.01+61.1
UtilB t	22.28	+.08+48.1
Liberty-St A B&C:		
GrInB	19.77	–.16 NS
Liberty-Stein Roe:		
CapOp	37.96	–.75+48.9
DiscGrow	17.43	+.01+16.9
GrStSt	55.73	–.44+113.6
MidWd	9.46	...+11.1
YldInv	34.51	–.39+65.9
Lindner Funds:		
AstAlloc	23.39	–.03+16.1
Lipper Funds:		
LPEuEA	--	-- 0.0
Longleaf Partners:		
Partners	20.09	+.27+46.9
Realty	12.17	–.01 –5.4
SmCap	18.33	+.10+42.0
Loomis Sayles:		
Bond	11.58	+.03+25.2
Lord Abbett A:		
AffilA p	14.76	...+58.2
BdDebAp	8.97	–.01+21.5
GwthAp p	20.56	+.01+87.8
GvScAp	2.41	...+16.2
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OIL PRICES
Wednesday $27.84
Previous $28.28

POSTED
Wednesday $25.00
Previous $25.50

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday $2.523
Previous $2.616

Heating oil rises

Soaring heating oil prices climbed still higher Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, supported by fast-rising consumption on the frigid East Coast and new evidence of shrinking inventories.

Heating oil rose 2 percent, approaching last Friday's nine-year high in an emotional market still dominated by world oil powers' discipline on lowered production as well as the Northeastern cold snap.

The contract for February delivery rose 1.75 cent to 92.13 cents a gallon after hitting 96 cents — 2 1/2 cents above last Friday's high.

Analysts said the market reversed course after officials of Saudi Arabia and Norway suggested they think the world oil glut has been erased. That led to speculation that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might not be certain, after all, about extending its oil cut agreement from March through September.

In addition, inventory data confirmed a large decline in heating oil stockpiles.

The U.S. Department of Energy said stocks of distillate, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, fell 8.2 million barrels in the week ended Friday. The American Petroleum Institute reported similar figures on Tuesday.

Crude oil stockpiles fell 2.4 million barrels, the Department of Energy said.

Crude prices wound up declining for the day, and heating oil gave up most of its gains.

March intermediate crude fell 44 cents to $27.84 a barrel; February unleaded gasoline fell 1.80 cent to 74.99 cents a gallon; February natural gas fell 9.3 cents to $2.523 per 1,000 cubic feet.

March Brent crude from the North Sea fell 41 cents to $26.13 a barrel on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading today.

The euro was quoted at $1.0011 in late European trading, down from $1.0046 Tuesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at $1.0010.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 105.85 Japanese yen, down from 105.95; 1.6098 Swiss francs, up from 1.6048; 1.4366 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4380.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6396, down from $1.6492.

In midday trading in New York the dollar bought 105.79 yen, and the pound was worth $1.6390.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately, though they remain in use. Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 1.9533 German marks, up from 1.9465; 6.5511 French francs, up from 6.5282; 2.2008 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1925; 1,933.76 Italian lire, up from 1,926.45.

Gold falls

Gold closed in London at $285.10 bid per troy ounce, down from $287.40 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was $285.62, down from $287.35. Gold fell $4.00 in Hong Kong to $284.75.

Silver closed in London at $5.19 bid per troy ounce, down from $5.25.

Energy Dept. acts to ease recent surge in oil prices

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department will delay deliveries to its emergency oil reserve in hopes of easing the recent surge in fuel prices and will closely monitor heating oil markets, Secretary Bill Richardson said Wednesday.

The administration has been under pressure to act as oil prices have edged close to $30 a barrel from a low of less than $12 a barrel a year ago. Also, heating oil and diesel fuel prices have risen rapidly.

The department will renegotiate contracts to postpone delivery on 5 million barrels of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Louisiana and Texas, he said.

"Given today's market conditions, it simply makes sense," Richardson said.

The action is intended to put more oil into the market and ease prices. But many economists question whether it would have much impact.

The move came a day after Richardson ruled out releasing oil already in the emergency reserve to influence the oil markets, saying the reserve should be used to deal with supply emergencies and should not be used to manipulate the markets. No withdrawal from the reserve is planned, officials said.

The government is in the process of accepting 28 million barrels of oil as a "royalty-in-kind" payment from producers drilling on government land. About 10 million barrels have been delivered, but delivery of the next 5 million barrels will be postponed, Richardson said.

"The companies have indicated a willingness to discuss putting additional oil into the SPR (later) if we postpone delivery dates," he said.

Energy experts question whether a relatively small release of oil from the reserve or diversion of deliveries greatly would affect prices.

Robert Ebel, director of energy and natural security at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank, said only a huge release of oil would have a major effect.

"I don't think that's politically doable," Ebel said at a recent energy conference.

The reserve holds about 580 million barrels, equivalent to 62 days of oil imports.

Richardson said his department would more closely monitor the heating oil markets to "make certain that ... oil product suppliers can move heating oil to those who need it most."

Richardson said he planned to meet next month in Boston with state officials and industry representatives to examine why the rise in heating oil prices.

Also Wednesday, the president of the American Trucking Associations urged President Clinton to withdraw oil from the government reserves to counter soaring prices in diesel fuel.

Walter McCormick, the ATA's president, said in a letter that diesel fuel, which is made from the same distillate as heating oil, jumped 47 percent the past year, including an 11-cent increase last week. Heating oil prices have nearly doubled in some parts of the Northeast in recent weeks.

Midland dealership receives Five Star designation

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Unfurling a banner bearing five of the familiar DaimlerChrysler star emblems, Village Lincoln Mercury Dodge became the automaker's latest Five Star dealer.

"The Five Star designation is not for everyone," said Scott Bartholomew, district manager for DaimlerChrysler's Dallas zone, which encompasses the upper half of Texas and lower half of Oklahoma. "It takes a lot of extra work, a lot of classes, a lot of training and a lot of documentation and I applaud the dealers that take the initiative. We don't just give this away."

Fred Stella, the dealership owner, said he was proud to point out that Village Lincoln Mercury was the second dealership under his ownership to receive the designation.

Leta Marler, who coordinated the effort to receive the designation for Village, said that the process involves constant mapping and tracking of customer satisfaction.

"We're constantly looking for ways to improve our customer service and customer satisfaction," she said. "I'm always following up with customers by telephone within seven days of the sale or service, surveying them on how they were treated, how satisfied they were with their service and treatment. The last question I always ask is 'What can we do to make our service better.' I track and trend that to try to improve our service."

Tim Smith, technical specialist with DaimlerChrysler, said that the program seeks to identify the best practices — each step in everyday operations that dealers can take to make the customer happy.



Village Lincoln Mercury was awarded the 5 Star recognition from Chrysler.

"The process goes so far as to map the customer's experience as soon as he walks onto the lot, his perception of the dealership, the people. And one of the unique things is that we found the dealer's employees have to be happy in their job before they can provide customer satisfaction, so dealers have to do internal surveys."

Ms. Marler observed that more was involved than taking classes from DaimlerChrysler, she said.

"It involved changes in the way people thought, showing them that what had been done for years was not working any longer."

The members of the service department, she said, are proud to have received the designation and "are now focused on customer satisfaction."

DaimlerChrysler has been developing the Five Star program for at least two years, Bartholomew said, and enough dealers have been certified that it can promote it nationally.

But, said Bartholomew, who is responsible for dealers in Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Amarillo, the program is not for all dealers because that would diminish the program. DaimlerChrysler is looking at ways to toughen the requirements and "we're also looking at ways to toughen the requirements for existing five-star dealers," he said. "They're asking for new challenges."

Energy industry to continue to change, chamber board told

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland's dominant industry, oil and gas, is feeling better with prices well above the $20 level, reported Buddy Sipes, chairman of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the board's monthly meeting Wednesday.

He reported to board members that, in conversations with members of the industry with the higher energy prices, "companies have been replenishing their capital. Drilling activity should be better this year as executives have been revitalizing their companies and are now ready to resume activity."

He offered a word of caution, however, that changes are expected to continue to alter the industry.

"This came from a conversation I had a couple of weeks ago with Scott Sheffield, who said that service companies have consolidated, the majors have and are continuing to consolidate, refiners have consolidated, and the only segment that hasn't consolidated are the independents and Scott said they were going to have to," Sipes said. "The talk on Wall Street is that of the top 200 independent operators in the United States, only 20 will still be alive 10 years from now. That's a surprising forecast."

The forecast, he said, underscored the need for economic development.

"We have to have some movement on economic development," he said in discussing the February 23 economic development conference scheduled for the Midland Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. "We're generating enough enthusiasm and concern. With this conference we want to ignite that enthusiasm and concern and fan the fires until all members of the community are ready to do something about economic development and see that we aren't going anywhere in the future if we don't do something."

Don Davis, chairman of the economic development division, reported that Midland College hopes to hear very soon about a request for a $1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to help open the Advanced Technology Center on Cuthbert Street, a training center to be operated in conjunction with the Midland Independent School District with support from the chamber.

Chamber President Marvin Wynn introduced new Convention and Visitors Bureau employee Tim Manning to the board, explaining that he was hired as a result of a reorganization of the CVB. Nancy Swallow, he said, will now oversee servicing of sporting events in the city, while Manning and Cynthia Button will be in charge of sales for sporting events and conventions.

He added that he hopes to make a major CVB announcement in a matter of days.

In other reports:

- The chamber's annual membership drive will be held Feb. 7-14.
- Midland Center's revenues were up 4 percent over the previous year and are 10 percent above budget.
- The newly revived Education Committee is establishing its mission and goals, said Chairman Janet Pritchett, who said the committee will first focus on accomplishing the goals devised by the Vision 2000 Education Task Force.

WHOM TO WRITE

Venture capital investment — today and tomorrow

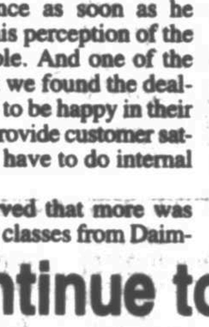
M. Ray Perryman

Almost a hundred years ago, the Age of Flight was born in the bicycle shop of Orville and Wilbur Wright. Today, weekend tinkerers are birthing ideas that will certainly soar far beyond the skies of our imagination as this century unfolds.

Creativity cannot be eliminated. History is replete with examples of individuals overcoming outside attempts to control their existence, their livelihoods, and even their thinking. Vision and venture are intricately woven into the fabric of human existence.

Since 1790 when the United States Patent Office opened, nearly six million patents have been issued. Many of the proposed inventions never got beyond artists' renderings, and hundreds of others only saw the light of day as prototypes. Some probably deserved to die on the vine, but others might have made life more pleasurable had the money been made available to ensure development, production, and marketing.

The Wright brothers' eight-year research that made powered air flight possible cost about $1,000. Today, the ideas encapsulated in garages and in cardboard boxes under beds require many times that amount to emerge into potential marketable products. Unfortunately, finding funds to facilitate that process is often a hit-or-miss proposition.


Perryman

One of the most prevalent questions asked today is: "How does the inventor in Portland, Oregon, get together with the venture capitalist in Portland, Maine?" Better still, "How does one even know the other exists?"

It used to be that when a person had an idea and needed money to pursue research and development, the door was always open at the local bank. There, amidst smiles and handshakes, loans were often made or other sources of funding identified to help wannabe entrepreneurs embark upon their pilgrimage.

Today, the story is a bit different. Many of the banks are simply branch offices of national giants that use computers to crunch numbers; it may be difficult or impossible for these statistics to measure the value of a person's initiative or potential. In fact, even locally-owned banks are not in the venture capital business. The funding sources are more obscure and difficult to find, a fact which can slow down the creative process (or at least the benefit from it).

With the booming economy which we are now experiencing, the amount of money available to move new ideas and products off the drawing board appears to be substantial. Venture capital investment has increased from about $6 billion just five years ago to some $30 billion last year. Although much of this growth was driven by Internet-related investment, funds did flow into all industrial sectors. With the current nourishing of the entrepreneurial spirit, the need for even more money in the future is inevitable.

Some analysts believe the growth in venture capital cannot be sustained. They reason the costs involved are spiraling and law firms and consultancies start-ups usually depend on are nearly swamped. There is also the concern that there is a shrinking pool of potential employees with backgrounds in marketing and media, necessary elements in helping a company stake a claim and build an identity.

Add to these elements the fact that the competition for the available money is growing more fierce, and the person with a promising idea might have some cause to worry. But we are a long way from even thinking about hitting the panic button. I believe sources of funding will continue to multiply over the years ahead and that the advancement in new concepts for products and processes will continue to persist.

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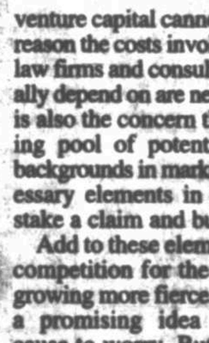
Preferred Personnel announces that two staff members have received certification.

LINDA NOBLES, vice president of operations, has earned the designation Certified Personnel Consultant.

GINGER WITTE, candidate coordinator, has earned the designation Certified Temporary Specialist.

ALBUQUERQUE — Furr's Supermarkets has named PHIL GRASSO director of deli merchandising. He previously worked for Fleming Foods as operations director for deli/baker and food service and was deli vice president for Jitney Jungle Stores, Ingles and Safeway. He will be responsible for all deli merchandising and marketing plans.

Bank of America Texas has appointed LEE Q. VARDAMAN credit products executive. A 14-year veteran of Bank of America and its predecessors, he will support commercial banking client managers across the state by leading the credit products officer team and working with them to develop financing solutions for clients. He will also serve as one of 15 credit products executives on the Bank of America Credit Products Council, a national forum for sharing issues, ideas and opportunities to optimize the client experience in the commercial credit process.


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This week in Hispanic history

JANUARY 27

In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order establishing a permanent civil government for the Panama Canal Zone.

In 1994 Carlos Roberto Reina of the Liberal Party was sworn in as president of Honduras. He was elected on a platform of promoting economic growth and respect for human rights in a nation that had been troubled by atrocities carried out by the nation's armed forces.

JANUARY 28

In 1853 Cuban national hero Jose Marti was born in Havana. In 1871 he was sentenced to prison for his role in organizing a revolt against Spain and later exiled from Cuba. In New York he organized the Cuban Revolutionary Party in 1891, combining revolutionary groups from throughout the United States. On May 19, 1895, he was killed at Dos Rios, Cuba, during a military assault against Spanish troops. Seven years later Cuba obtained its independence from Spain. In addition to his revolutionary activities, he was a well-known poet and writer.

In 1909 the United States ended its control of Cuba.

JANUARY 29

In 1948 talk show host Cristina Saralegui was born in Havana, Cuba. She fled from Cuba in 1960 and in 1979 became editor of the Spanish-language version of Cosmopolitan. In 1989 she became host of "The Cristina Show" on Spanish-language television. She also started a daily radio program. She is seen and heard in the United States and 12 Latin American countries.

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Mama never made tortillas like this

Modernizing the Hispanic tradition of tortilla and tamale making

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

In 1955 Mama and Papa Bernard opened a one-room building and made homemade corn tortillas every day. They were one of only three tortilla companies in the entire Permian Basin.

Today, Bernard's Tortillas is still a family-owned business and still uses the same recipe Mama and Papa used 45 years ago.

Homer Bernard has taken the reins of his family's business, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the past four and a half decades. Although the operation is modern, Bernard said the basic concept is still the same. "We use the exact same ingredients as Mom and Dad did," Bernard said. "The only difference is now we do it on a larger scale."

The result — 83 restaurants and grocers stores around the Permian Basin buy Bernard's for their stores and recipes.

Wall Street Bar & Grill manager Lisa Johnson said she buys their product because it tastes good and is made locally.

"They have been in Midland a long time and I think a Midland based company deserves Midland business," Ms. Johnson said. "They have a good product that suits our needs here so we buy from them."

Luby's Cafeteria manager Todd Hamilton said that the reason they choose Bernard's is the freshness.

"I think it is the freshest product available in the area," Hamilton said. "They are reliable with service that is above and beyond what we ask. And we like them and they like to eat here."

Tampico Spanish Inn kitchen manager Efrain Perales, chuckled at the question as to why they bought from Bernard's saying no else can beat them.

"They have the best price for the best product," Perales said. "We have been here a long time and they have been here with us."

Bernard said being able to change how the business is done without changing what the business does has helped make them a favorite in Midland.

"When we first started it was only mom and dad, and they used about 50 pounds of corn every week," Bernard said. "Now we use up to three tons a day."

Another major change for the tortilla company is the use of automatic machines. Bernard said the only machine his parents toiled with was a hand-operated crank.

Now the only things not done by machine is the moving of corn from the washing to the grinding machines, placing the masa into the corn tortilla machine, wrapping the tamales into the corn husks and packaging the corn tortillas into bags.

The base for the operation is corn.

There are two hoppers outside the building, each of which hold 45,000 pounds of corn. At its busiest, the company empties both hoppers weekly. However, now they can only finish one.



Photos by Tim Fischer

Homer Bernard, owner of Bernards Tortilla Factory, shows off some of the modern equipment that makes the family business, started by his parents in 1955, able to supply 83 area restaurants and grocery stores.

The corn is pumped directly into the building and into large tubs that look like 50-gallon drums split in half. The corn is taken to a machine where it is washed and prepared to be ground into masa.

The masa is taken to the corn tortilla machine, where it is loaded and flattened into a 14-inch strip of masa that is used to make the tortillas. The leftover bits are recycled into the machine.

The tortillas are cooked; then a conveyer belt carries them to a cooling machine. "We can't pack the tortillas until they have cooled off," Bernard said. "As they roll along, they cool off and roll back up to the counter."

At the end of the machine the tortillas are counted and stacked automatically. "Once a dozen have stacked, the machine sends them down to the people who pack the tortillas," Bernard said. "Today we just have two rows going, but most of the time we have four."

When all four lines are rolling, the machine is able to kick out 580 tortillas a minute.

Tuesdays, however, are special because that is the day everyone makes tamales. The process is the same up to the point were the masa is put into a machine.

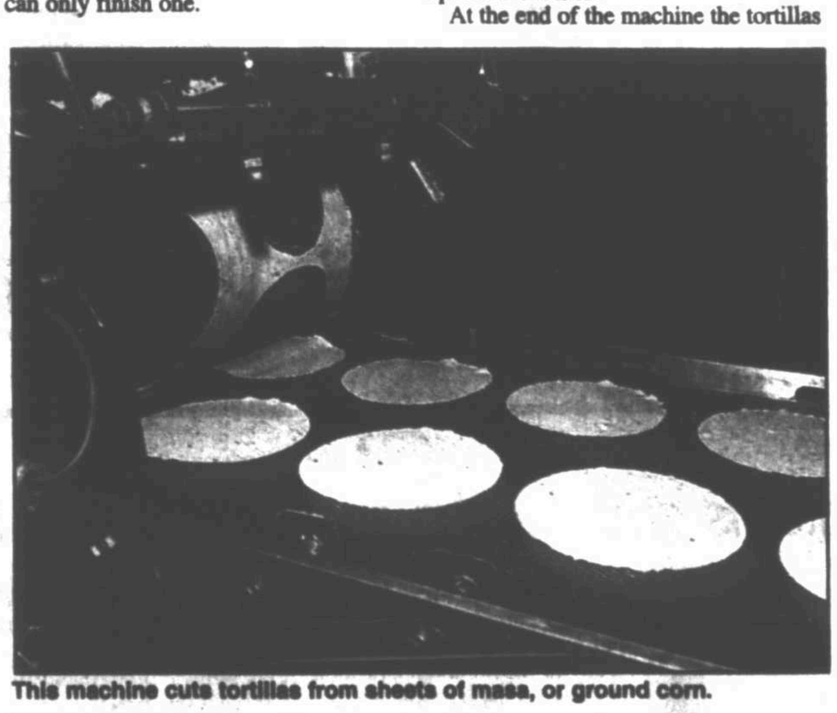
Masa and tamale meat are placed in a two-chambered machine — meat on one side, masa on the other. Once inside, the meat is pushed through a narrow opening surrounded by a wider opening through which the masa is pushed. That results in a meat-filled, masa-wrapped tamale. Once out, the tamale is ready to be hand-wrapped in a corn husk.

Bernard said the company produces 1,200 dozen tamales a week. "We only cook them as we need them," he said. "We cook 80 or 90 dozen at a time and will cook more as needed."

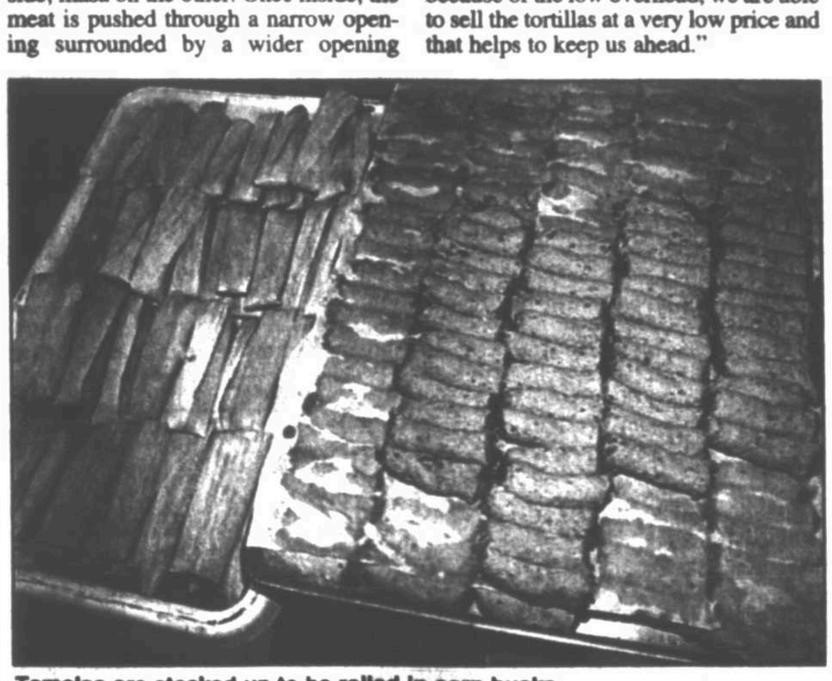
The rest of the tamales are frozen in a giant walk-in freezer.

Counting the delivery driver, the company has six employees.

"We do need a lot of people because of the machines," Bernard said. "And because of the low overhead, we are able to sell the tortillas at a very low price and that helps to keep us ahead."



This machine cuts tortillas from sheets of masa, or ground corn.



Tamales are stacked up to be rolled in corn husks.

TV company from Mexico to supply programs to HTVN

FORT WORTH (PRBusinesswire) — Hispanic Television Network, Inc. (OTC BB:HTVN) announced today that it has entered into a Letter of Intent with MVS Multivision Television of Mexico whereby MVS will supply a variety of programs to HTVN.

MVS will supply News, Sports and Entertainment programming for HTVN's new Hispanic network. The agreement includes existing programs along with an agreement to jointly develop new shows.

MVS Communications, located in Mexico City, has operations, which include Radio, Cable, Internet, Network Delivery and programming that extend beyond Mexico into Central and South America. MVS Television is the 3rd largest supplier of original programming in Mexico.

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FACE

Good service is most important thing a business can provide



Acosta

When I was younger, my entire family and I went to eat at this restaurant for my grandmother's birthday. It was a nice place, but not a fancy place — meaning you didn't have to wear a tie, but you couldn't wear shorts and a T-shirt.

One of the things that made the place so nice was the way the way the staff treated us.

Our drinks never dropped below half empty. If a fork hit the ground a new one was on the table in a matter of moments, and if you asked a wait person for something, they did it. There was no, "Let me find your waiter," or "I'll be with you in a minute." All we heard was "yes ma'am, no ma'am, yes sir, no sir, is there anything else I can do for you ma'am."

That has always stuck in my mind as the perfect example of customer service. If I need a fork, I really don't care who brings it to me — I just want one.

Why do I bring this up?

My family went through a hard time dealing with some people on the day of my uncle's wedding.

My father and my cousin went to pick up their tuxedos for the wedding. My father put on the jacket, only to find that the sleeves are too long.

No big deal, it happens.

He told the lady about the sleeves and took the rest of the tux home, as did my cousin.

When they got home they noticed the shirts looked kind of big. My dad tried his on, and it looked like he was wearing a tent. The shirt was almost big enough to button in the back. The collar was so big he could put his fist inside. My cousin's shirt was in the same condition.

No big deal, it happens — but it shouldn't.

So dear old dad went back to the place. Before he could say a word he saw his coat. I personally don't know how to hem a jacket, but I know it is not supposed to look like sweatpants. The coat was all crumpled at the end of the sleeves and you could see the

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Top 20 Tejano Hits

1. *Por Eso Te Amo* by Palominos
2. *Otra Vez A La Cantina* by Michael Salgado
3. *El Tiki Tac* by Elida Y Avante
4. *Fuiste Mala* by Kumbia Kings
5. *Sonador Eterno* by Intocable
6. *No Quiero Estar Solo* by Jay Perez
7. *Se Baila Asi* by Tigrillos
8. *Solamente Mia* by Masizzo
9. *Se Fue Mi Amor* by Kumbia Kings
10. *Dejalo Al Tiempo* by Intenso
11. *El Amigo Que Se Fue* by Intocable
12. *El Cazador* by Bobby Pulido
13. *Mil Botellas* by Jay Perez
14. *Tu No Me Lo Das* by Control
15. *Contigo* by Intocable
16. *Me Enamore* by Tropa F
17. *Inolvidable* by Intenso
18. *Me Hace Llorara* by Masizzo
19. *Duele* by Elida Y Avante
20. *Mi Chatita* by Michael Salgado

From KMRK Tejano 96.1 for the past week

After Che, Fidel and Evita, same old problems are in Latin America

By Bart Jones
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Evita. The Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Mexican Revolution. Dirty wars, debt crises, dictators.

Latin Americans had a tumultuous 20th century, afflicted by revolutions, coups and civil wars.

They are in a new century now — but still struggling to overcome the problems that gripped the region in 1900: mass poverty, corrupt governments, social injustice and authoritarian rule.

"In Latin America the entire 19th century and a great part of the 20th century was a battle between dictatorships and democracies," says Venezuelan historian Guillermo Moron. Until recently, "this battle was won by the dictators."

In Venezuela, one of the top suppliers of oil to the United States, this struggle is being played out dramatically. A former military coup leader has risen to the presidency pledging to address the ills that have troubled the South American country for years.

Critics say President Hugo Chavez may represent a return to the days of the strongman, like his idol and 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar promising to ride in on a white horse and single-handedly resolve the country's problems.

Chavez's self-styled "peaceful revolution" closed out a century that began with a Latin American revolt that reverberated far beyond the region. The 1910 Mexican Revolution led by Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa was the 20th century's first great uprising of the poor masses, preceding the Russian Revolution by seven years and the communist victory in China by nearly four decades.

By 1917 the Mexican rebels produced a constitution that "was absolutely unprecedented for its time," says Mary Roldan, a professor at Cornell University. It promised land reform, free education, the right to unionize, even maternity leave.

"It held out this kind of beacon of hope, that there was this possibility for national transformation," Roldan says.

The revolution never fulfilled its promise, though, and many of Mexico's problems persist. In 1994, a new group of rebels taking the name Zapatistas rose up against the Mexican government in the name of social justice.

Half way through the 20th century, another beacon of hope sprang up in Latin America, this time in Argentina. Juan Peron and his wife, Eva, popularly known as "Evita," brought the downtrodden into power.

Seeking to perfect populist government, Juan Peron gave workers unheard of benefits and Evita personally handed out clothes, money and candy.

Even today "if you talk to someone who was the child of a factory worker who became a Peronist and as a result of that had holiday vacations or free dental care, Peron was a god and Evita was a saint, and Argentina has been going downhill ever since," says Roldan.

But the Perons also polarized Argentina, with the middle class and rich saying they destroyed the economy and led the country into fascist rule. In 1976, Peron's third wife, Isabel, was overthrown as president in a coup that ushered in a military dictatorship and an infamous "dirty war" against suspected leftists.



AP Photo
People gather to look at sale items in a store window which reads "super liquidation," in Rio de Janeiro, Feb.1, 1999. The World Bank says one-fourth of Latin Americans live on a dollar a day or less, while the United Nations calculates that some 204 million people, about 40 percent of the population, can't meet their basic needs. The region is plagued by the world's greatest gap between rich and poor.

The other great turning point for the region came in 1959, when Fidel Castro overthrew Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. Among Castro's companions was an Argentine doctor named Ernesto "Che" Guevara, who became a worldwide symbol of the struggle for justice.

Castro quickly clashed with the United States, leading to the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 and the Cuban Missile Crisis the next year. This faceoff took the planet to the edge of nuclear war, until the Soviet Union agree to remove missiles it had put in Cuba.

Castro embraced communism and built health and education systems that became models for Third World countries. But the island needed huge subsidies from the Soviet Union, and plunged into economic crisis after European communism fell in 1989 and Cuba's trade with Soviet bloc nations plummeted.

Yet Castro remains in power. His survival "speaks of a process with deep roots in the Cuban society that no one can deny," says Teodoro Petkoff, a former 1960s guerrilla leader in Venezuela who became sharply critical of communism.

Recent years saw Latin America shed centuries of dictatorship. Civil wars in Central America and military dictatorships in countries like Argentina and Chile gave way to democratically elected governments. Decades of statist economics were jettisoned to bring back free-market economies.

But a heavy debt load run up in the 1980s has held back economic development, and free-market policies produced disappointing growth in the 1990s, says Michael Shifter of the Inter-American Dialogue, a leading Washington-based think tank on hemispheric issues.

Most Latin Americans are poorer now than they were in 1980, he says. The World Bank says a fourth of Latin Americans live on a dollar a day or less, while the United Nations calculates that 40 percent of the population can't meet basic needs.

A mass exodus from the countryside and a population explosion from 70 million people a century ago to nearly 500 million people today has turned once tranquil cities into teeming, filthy and dangerous places. In much of the region public schools remain poor, justice systems are wracked with corruption and governments are bloated and inefficient.

And now leaders promising to look for new solutions are rising to the forefront. Chavez, a former paratrooper who led a failed 1992 coup then was elected president in December 1998, is wildly popular among Venezuela's poor, while he stokes fear in the wealthy elite.

He says he is searching for a "third way" between communism and the "savage capitalism" of the new globalized economy. His assault includes a rewriting of the nation's constitution and new laws that could leave him in power until 2013.

His detractors fear Chavez, along with Peru's Alberto Fujimori, may be at the forefront of a new wave of leaders going back to strongman rule — who spout populist rhetoric but fail to deepen democracy.

"After Fidel Castro set the stage in 1959 it is hard to think of another leader that has captured the attention to the extent that Chavez has today in Latin America," Shifter says.

ACOSTA: Woman at Tuxedo rental store gave Dad 'the run-around'

(From 8C)

four or five stitches the lady made to hem the jacket.

My dad told her what it looked like, she said, "Well that's all we can do," which began to anger my father.

Here is some background information about my dad dealing with places that treat people badly: About four years ago I was trying to get a loan to buy a computer. I filled out the paperwork at my place of banking, only to find out that none of my credit cards were in my name.

I am Richard Anthony Acosta and my father is Richard Albert Acosta. Apparently, the credit people, using my name and address rather than my Social Security number, had been putting my credit history under Richard A. Acosta at my address, so they were all going under my dad's name and not mine.

I called the credit people, and ranted and raved for hours and hours to no avail. So I called my father and told him what had happened.

He said, "Who did you talk to ahd what is their number?"

About 30 minutes passed; the phone rang and it was my dad.

"Someone is fixing to call you. After you get off the phone with them, go to the credit union," he said.

Sure enough about two minutes went by before the phone rang. The same credit people I talked to a moment ago called me back.

"Mr. Acosta, we are so sorry for the inconvenience. I want you to know that we are fixing the problem right now and we will see to it that it never happens again."

I know what I told them and it did not work. I have no idea what my dad told them, but whatever it was, it really fixed that guy's wagon.

Back to the woman at the tuxedo place.

After telling her what the jacket looked like, my dad told her that his shirt and my cousin's shirt were much too big. Once again she said that was the best the store could do.

They argued for a bit, then she said, "Hold on, let me make a call."

When she got off the phone, she told my father to go to another place where there would be some shirts for him and my cousin, and that she would work on the jacket while he was away.

Dad drove across town to the mall, only to have the sales person at the mall say, "I told that woman that I didn't have anything for you. I'm sorry she sent you down here."

That set dad off, especially when he got back to the original place and the jacket looked worse that before, and the woman told him, "I never told you they had shirts for you."

Long story short: After fighting with those people for three hours, the store paid for two brand new shirts, and gave my father his money back on the two rentals.

TI employee to receive National Hispanic in Technology Award

DALLAS (PRNewswire) — Dr. Gabriel Rincon-Mora of Texas Instruments is the recipient of the 2000 National Hispanic in Technology Award. Selected from a distinguished national group of nominees, the senior design engineer will receive the award during the 22nd annual National Technical and Career Conference in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 28.

The National Hispanic in Technology Award, recognized by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), honors the top Hispanic engineer who has made outstanding contributions in the fields of engineering and/or science.

"We are pleased that Gabriel is being recognized for his talent and contributions to the fields of science, technology and engineering," said Richard K. Templeton, president of TI's Semiconductor Group. "TI is a stronger company because of our diverse culture. We are committed to increasing opportunities for women and minorities."

Dr. Rincon-Mora, a senior design engineer and a member of TI's group technical staff, serves as an adjunct professor for Georgia Institute of Technology. His work at TI and Georgia Tech was instrumental in establishing a multi-million dollar TI sponsorship of the engineering program. Dr. Rincon-Mora is the inventor, author and designer of numerous patents, publications and products in the field of analog integrated circuit design.

Dr. Rincon-Mora received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Florida International University in 1992 and his masters in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1994, where he received his doctorate in 1996.

TI's diversity programs have been recognized as innovative and are paving the way to measurable progress. The company has been named to Hispanic Magazine's "Corporate 100" best companies for Hispanics five times. In addition, a number of TI employees have received similar prestigious awards including the "Black Engineer of the Year Awards" and the "Women of Color Technology Awards," recognizing employees' contributions to engineering, science and technology.

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TV: Both companies hope this is beginning of long lasting relationship

(From 8C)

HTVN Chief Executive Officer, Alan Luckett, stated, "It is an honor for us to work with MVS Television. This agreement provides us with top quality programming from Mexico that will represent the core of our programming for the foreseeable future."

Both companies, HTVN and MVS, have expressed an interest in expanding this relationship beyond programming supply and distribution and plan to develop a long lasting relationship.

HTVN is the parent company of CIN, Cadena Independiente Nacional, a new Hispanic network alternative. HTVN Network is satellite delivered digitally 24 hours per day from the HTVN offices in Fort Worth, Texas. The network has over 40 affiliates and 16 owned television stations broadcasting to over 20 million US homes.

The rapid growth of HTVN follows other media companies' expansions including Hispanic Broadcasting Company (Nasdaq:HBCCA.O), Telemundo (NYSE:SNE.N), Univision Communications (NYSE: UVN.N), StarMedia Network (Nasdaq:STRM.O) and Spanish Broadcasting (Nasdaq:SBSA.O) to target the explosive Hispanic population. HTVN's strategy of rapid station acquisition and premier programming now puts it in an aggressive position to compete with Univision and Telemundo in the U.S. Hispanic television market.

"The Hispanic market is grossly under served in the area of programming and underrated in purchasing power of the Hispanic population which is the single largest ethnic and cultural minority in the U.S.," Luckett said.

Company officials point to the recent entry by America OnLine (NYSE:AOL.N) into the Latin American market as validation of the mounting interest in Latin America from American Media and Technology companies.

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Drypers overcomes challenges to improve bottom line in Latin America

MOJI DAS CRUZES, BRAZIL (NYT) — At lightning speed, mammoth sewing machines shoot aloe vera or baking soda into the lining of disposable diapers.

Another machine spits out ink that decorates diapers with the lipstick kisses and signature of Brazilian superstar Xuxa.

The last assembly line in this factory makes a no-frills diaper called Baby Pop (short for Popular) that's decorated only with ladybugs on the waistband.

The economy diaper line is Houston-based Drypers' effort to react to the effects of Brazil's devaluation of its currency, the real.

The January 1999 devaluation was one of a series of events in Latin America that soiled Drypers' earnings. The change in the value of the real alone caused the cost of raw materials to increase by 50 percent.

At the same time, the disposable diaper maker was reeling from an August 1998 fire that destroyed its Argentine operation and a price war in Mexico that gutted its sales.

Drypers has survived the beatings and learned important lessons about international markets along the way.

The string of negative events forced it to restructure its operations.

In Argentina, Drypers suffered its biggest losses from the fire. It then saw its sales fall because of the reduced buying power from the currency devaluation of its customers in neighboring Brazil.

So Drypers moved some of its Argentine production to its factories in Malaysia and Mexico. The factories in those locations allowed it to stay out the price war and beef up its overall production.

It reduced its work force in Argentina by not replacing retiring employees, cutting 17 people from a total of 97.

In Brazil, the company increased efficiency by shutting down its oldest production line.

Conditions have improved since this time last year for the diaper maker. Mexico's diaper price war is over, Drypers has rebuilt its plant in Argentina into a new and better facility, and Brazil has survived its economic crisis.

DEAR ABBY

Daughter is grateful she shared words of love with her dad

DEAR ABBY: Over the years you have printed many letters about the importance of telling the people you care about that you love them.

Van Buren

About four years ago, I took heed. When talking to my dad, with whom I was very close, I closed with, "I love you, Daddy." He seemed surprised, and then responded, "I love you, too, honey." From then on, every time I ended a conversation with my dad, we had the same exchange.

My dad went to sleep in his home last Nov. 26 and didn't wake up. I want you to know how grateful I am that you woke me up. You have no idea how comforting it is to know the last words we said to each other were those of love. Thank you, Abby, for waking me up before it was too late. — BONNIE BARNETT, IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR BONNIE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved father. I may have given you the message, but you had to be receptive and ready to hear it and take action.

It takes only a moment to say, "I love you," or to express appreciation. And as important as the spoken word is, the written word can be enjoyed over and over again. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The New Orleans reader who commented on a letter to a catering company brought back memories. Our son was active in a church youth group that needed an electrical modification in the room the group was using. He asked an electrical contractor in the church to do the work and later offered to pay. The contractor told him the work was gratis. Our son then wrote him a letter of thanks.

Two weeks later the contractor died of a heart attack. I spoke to his widow at the funeral. She told me her husband actually cried when he got my son's letter. He had done dozens of small jobs gratis at the church and was usually thanked with a word — but that was the only time he ever got a letter of thanks.

Our son is now chairman of the department of religious studies at a large university. He certainly learned the importance of a written note. — PAUL A. MILLER, WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR PAUL: You sound like a proud parent — and you have every right to be. You raised an intelligent and considerate son.

DEAR ABBY: Many of us in our office are wondering about something that happened at our office Christmas luncheon. All the employees were given a $35 gift certificate for food from a local grocery store. We were then encouraged to give it to a local charity (no pressure, of course). A box was provided at the door for us to drop off our gift certificates for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We think it is inappropriate to give a gift and then suggest that it be donated. What do you think? — THE OFFICE GANG

DEAR OFFICE GANG: I agree with you. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with all he or she pleases. Regardless of how gently it was done, for a boss to "encourage" the employees to forgo the gift and make a donation was still arm-twisting. I'm all for charity — but not when it's done in that manner.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Sensitive Nose in Garden Grove, Calif.," who complained because his seatmate on a plane wore too much perfume, I would like to share some advice my older sister gave me when I was a teenager.

I'm not sure who said it originally, but here's the quote: "A scent is not to be announced, but to be discovered." It's a guideline I use to this day when I apply my perfume. — DIANE IN OMAHA

DEAR DIANE: I agree 100 percent with that philosophy. And it applies to men as well as women.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HILDA L. SCHUMANN DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of January, 2000. Letters Testamentary were issued to MAX A. SCHUMANN, JR. as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Hilda L. Schumann, Deceased.", being Cause No. P-12,688 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Max A. Schumann, Jr., c/o Kerr & Ward, L.L.P. P.O. Box 2858, Midland, Texas, 79702, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2000.

KERR & WARD, L.L.P.
BY: William M. Kerr, Jr.
Attorneys for Max A. Schumann, Jr., Independent Executor of the Estate of Hilda L. Schumann, Deceased

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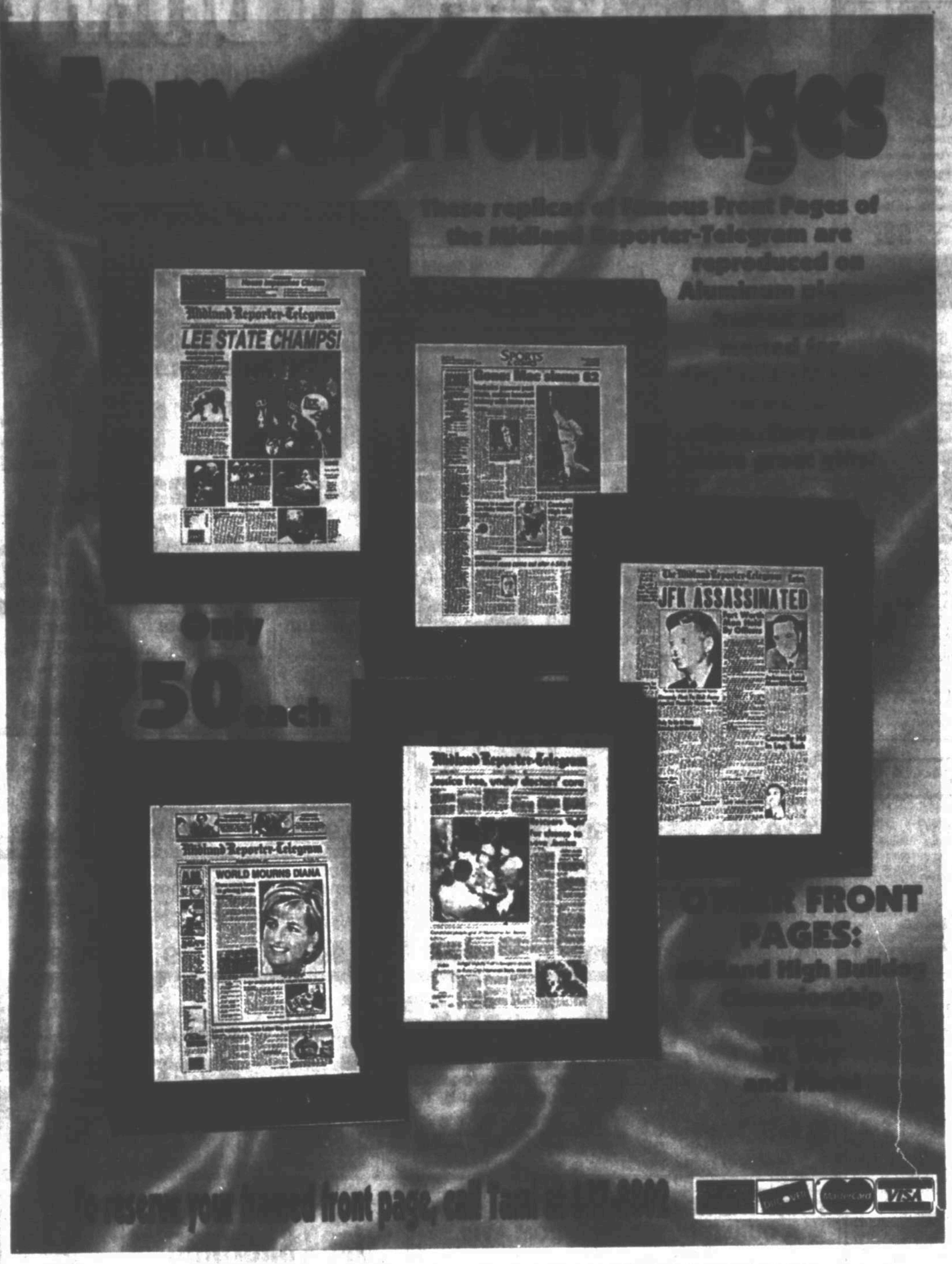
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215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

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CHEVROLET 1996 Blazer. 4 Door, fully loaded, luggage carrier, CD player, low mileage. $16,500. xxx-xxxx.

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216 Sport/Utility Vehicles

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NISSAN 1988 Pathfinder SE-V6, 4x4, 2 door, 122K miles, black. Interior/ body in excellent condition, runs great $6,000. 697-7733.

FORD 1999 Expedition, Eddie Bauer, 4x4, Laser Red, loaded+, 14,500 miles, new condition, 2 years/ 20K warranty, $29,900 firm, 697-7733.

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220 Trucks

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225 Commercial Vehicles

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2000 33' Grandaire, 17' slide out room, sleeps 9, microwave, washer/ dryer. Recently widowed, must sacrifice! $15,000, best offer. 699-1689.

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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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→NEW TODAY←

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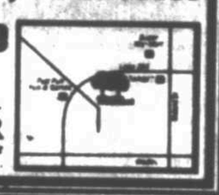


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3306 Canemont 3/2	$87's
4508 Lanham 2/2/2	$71's
1602 McDonald 3/2	$69's
1902 Ward 3/2/2	$68's
4503 Brookdale 3/2	$58's
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