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Gailey gone?

Jerry Jones seems ready to shake things up and has triggered speculation that Cowboys coach Chan Gailey won't be back./1C



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The Environmental Troubadour dazzled some Midland first-graders with songs and stories about recycling and preserving the environment./1B

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Commissioners' Court honors Lee football team, Safe Place

Rebel parade today

The citizens of Midland finally will get the chance to honor their returning hometown heroes today. A parade will be held in honor of the Lee High Rebel football team at 5 p.m.

In December, the Rebels won their second straight 5-A state title, becoming the first Midland school to win back-to-back UIL state championships in any sport.

The parade will start in the parking lot of Fairmont Church of Christ, Fairbanks Drive and Midland Drive, proceed south on Midland Drive to Neely Avenue and end up at the Lee High School field house on Tarleton Street. The parade will be capped off by a community rally at the high school. State Rep. Tom Craddick and Mayor Bobby Burns will make presentations at the rally.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

In spirit for a while, the "wonderful morning" in Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday could have been a scene, without the musical score, from the 1950s musicals "Oklahoma!" and "April Love" or out of the 1960s "The Music Man."

The cast was Lee High School's football coach John Parchman and his 30-plus players on the Lee High School state championship football team who quietly gathered in gray football jackets.

They were being celebrated in Midland County Courthouse's Commissioners' Court for "back-to-back state football championships in 1998 and 1999.

"This was an incredible year," Commissioner Randy Prude said on what he characterized as a "wonderful morning" when he presented Parchman and team with a certificate of appreciation.

Prude, a 1970 Lee High School graduate who noted that the school's 1969-70 team mustered a 0-10 record, said he did "not want to jinx the team." Rather, "I'm looking for a repeat (championship)."

"No problem," Parchman responded without a flinch.

The football players introduced themselves and named their positions on the team.

Sheriff Gary Painter, whose son, Justin, was on the championship teams, said, "It's the greatest feeling in the world to be associated with such a wonderful football team and some wonderful kids."

Parchman said that he, his staff, and the players "just appreciate the people of Midland being so friendly to us and so nice to us. In readying for the 2000 season, "We've just got a lot of work to do between now and

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Commissioners' Court honored the Lee High School football team, state champions, Monday morning.

Queen of the sky

Flying Fortress to be on parade in Remembrance of War series at CAF

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Of all World War II aircraft, perhaps most illustrious, at least among the heavy bombers, was the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress.

"It took us out (to war) and got us back (home)," reflected Midlander Eddie Krupa, a B-17 ball-turret gunner over Europe in World War II more than 55 years ago.

"After every mission, the captain would say, 'We've done our job for the government, boys,' " Krupa, a 75-year-old Midland electrician, recalled.

" 'Let's take care of ourselves and get ourselves home.' "

Krupa, who flew missions before, during and after the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion and over Belgium in the Battle of the Bulge, will be among B-17 crew members who will detail their experiences in the Flying Fortress in the seminar, "Tribute to the Big Bird," at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Confederate Air Force (CAF) Hangar at Midland International Airport.

The "Tribute to the Big Bird" seminar is the first of the 2000 Remembrance of War series sponsored by the CAF's American Airpower Heritage Museum and will feature B-17 pilots and other aircrew members, such as Frank Hawk, a B-17 bombardier over Europe.

Both Krupa and Hawk were based in England with the "mighty" 8th Air Force of the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF).

"The truth of the matter is, the B-17 is truly the queen of the sky," said CAF Col. Bill Coombes, a World War II historian who is moderator of the series. "No matter who you are or where you are, you knew about a B-17."

Of the 12,731 Boeing Aircraft Company-designed B-17s produced from the 1935 prototype through the war's end in 1945, only about 40, including a dozen on flying status, are in existence. And

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Above, Frank Hawk, left, and Eddie Krupa stand in front of the B-17, known during World War II as the 'queen of the sky,' at the Confederate Air Force. At left is the detail on the back of Krupa's jacket, which he wore during the war.

Photos by Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Some on council question need for position of public information officer

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

On a day when City Council members are scheduled to decide who will be the next city manager, it seems another personnel issue has surfaced at City Hall. Some councilmen have expressed doubt in whether the city of Midland needs a public information officer (PIO), the position currently occupied by Tina Jauz.

"There have been rumblings in City Hall as to whether we need a PIO," said Councilman Jose Cuevas. "That will be looked at in the next budget year. That's a lot of money. I'm not convinced we're getting our money's worth. I'm not a big supporter of PIOs. I think that we have plenty of staff in-house that can handle (PIO responsibilities), whether it's an executive secretary or other secretaries who are just as competent to compile and seek information."

Councilman Lee Wood expressed the same concern.

"I question the need for a PIO," Wood said. "The position's current form needs a lot of work, not the person. The PIO has not gone the way I hoped. I thought it was going to be a public information director, and I don't think that has happened. I don't know whose fault that is, or maybe we need to eliminate the position altogether."

Adding fuel to the fire has been Ms. Jauz' two raises within the past three months. Before Nov. 1, her annual salary was $37,500. As of Jan 1, 2000, it stood at $42,072.

The first raise, on Nov. 1, 1999, was a 6.8 percent raise authorized by Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler that increased her salary to $40,068. The second raise was authorized on Jan. 1 by City Manager Mike McGregor.

Hackler defended Ms. Jauz' first raise saying her presence and responsibility had increased. In addition, Ms. Jauz had not received a raise since October of 1997.

"Back in May, the council had a priority to enhance the PIO program," said Hackler. "We reviewed her performance, and the increase was based on her performance."

In regard to the second raise, Ms. Jauz said that McGregor, whose final day of full-time employment with the city is Jan. 31, had approached her and asked if there was anything he could help her with before he left. She said she told McGregor she wanted to straighten out her future tuition reimbursement for the Master's in Public Administration she's working toward at Sul Ross University in Alpine. McGregor then gave her another raise instead of tuition reimbursement.

Councilman Don Washburn expressed dissatisfaction with McGregor's handling of the tuition reimbursement issue. "The problem with doing a raise is the raise would've been there once she finished school," said Washburn. "I don't think that was handled properly."

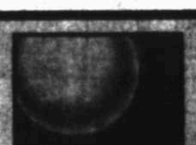
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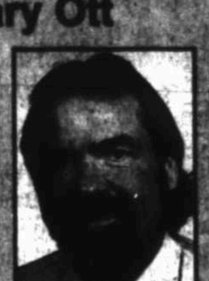
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Gary Ott



It's almost impossible for a child to look unhappy eating an ice cream cone

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Local attorney plans run for school board

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

What a difference a weekend makes. On Friday, no candidates had announced their intentions to seek one of the three available seats on the Midland Independent School Board and none of the three incumbents had decided if they would even run.

District 3 Trustee Glen Bufler, District 5 Trustee Martha Manulik and District 6 Trustee Pat Hodges remain undecided about their intentions to run. But at least one candidate has come forward.

Local attorney Dale Strauss intends to run for the District 3 seat, currently held by Bufler.

Strauss has lived in Midland and practiced law here since 1979 when he earned his law degree from the University of Texas. He is the father of three children — one graduate of Lee High School and two others still attending MISD schools. He practices business law with the Bullock, Scott, Neisig and Owens law firm.

"I served on the Vision 2000 Education Committee," said Strauss of his decision to run for the school board. "I think one of the most important things for Midland over the next decade is going to be education and the welfare of our kids."



Strauss

He said the process of determining education goals over the next 10 years played a large part in motivating him. The education committee determined that the three top goals of education in Midland should be: 1) Improve and expand all MISD facilities, utilizing multi-use plans whenever possible; 2) Recruit and retain knowledgeable, motivated and caring teachers and administration; 3) Create or emphasize a variety of programs involving the entire community to improve the educational climate and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens.

Strauss said those three goals come about as close to his platform as anything.

"We need to address facility needs and we need to address teacher recruitment and retention. That includes compensation," Strauss said.

Strauss also said he decided to run because he feels the school board needs to take a different direction.

"I think the issue is the board needs to be like a board, setting the direction through policy and not trying to manage the day-to-day details of how the schools and the system are run."

He also said something very similar to what Bufler said about the duties of the board. Strauss said the district needs to get its focus back on the education of children.

According to Strauss, uniform issues and the Agreed Judgment lawsuit have served to side-

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High 74	High 75	High 77
Low 35	Low 39	Low 39

Today is to be mostly sunny and spiked by southwesterly winds at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. The high temperature is to be between 70 and 75 degrees. Tonight is to be mostly clear with a low between 35 and 40 degrees.

Wednesday is to be sunny and warm. The peak temperature is to be in the mid-70s. The low temperature is to be around 40. Thursday is to be sunny with a high in the upper 70s, and the overnight low is to be in upper 30s or low 40s.

The record high temperature for Jan. 10 is 76 degrees in 1935, and the date's record low is 5 degrees in 1962.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.61 in.
Total for year	0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.12 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	70
Low	32
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

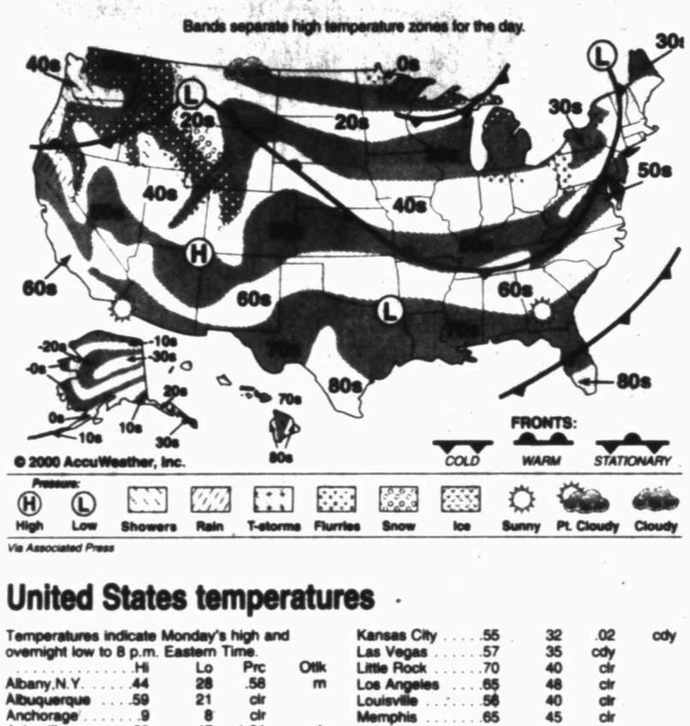
Pollen count

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

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:03 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 11.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	44	28	.58	m
Albuquerque	59	21	clr	
Anchorage	9	8	clr	
Asheville	60	47	1.01	clr
Atlanta	63	56	1.36	clr
Atlantic City	58	42	.35	clr
Baltimore	50	42	.44	cdy
Billings	37	26	sno	
Birmingham	64	55	.79	clr
Bismarck	33	17	.07	cdy
Boise	37	32	.08	sno
Boston	47	39	.69	m
Buffalo	45	35	.15	sno
Casper	31	28	.01	clr
Charleston,S.C.	69	58	.21	clr
Charlotte,N.C.	65	45	.77	clr
Cheyenne	35	27	clr	
Chicago	46	40	.11	cdy
Cincinnati	52	41	.01	cdy
Cleveland	53	41	sno	
Columbus,Ohio	53	39	.03	cdy
Concord,N.H.	42	30	.42	cdy
Dayton	50	42	.05	cdy
Denver	46	28	clr	
Des Moines	49	30	.01	cdy
Detroit	47	35	.14	sno
Duluth	32	30	.08	sno
Evansville	57	41	cdy	
Fairbanks	-31	-40	cdy	
Fargo	29	13	cdy	
Flagstaff	50	16	clr	
Grand Rapids	42	38	.25	sno
Great Falls	32	23	.04	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	60	44	.53	clr
Hartford Spgfld	45	35	1.23	m
Helena	31	23	cdy	
Honolulu	80	70	.04	clr
Indianapolis	52	43	.10	clr
Jacksonville	73	62	.03	clr
Juneau	29	26	m	
Kansas City	55	32	.02	cdy
Las Vegas	57	35	cdy	
Little Rock	70	40	clr	
Los Angeles	65	48	clr	
Louisville	56	40	clr	
Memphis	65	45	clr	
Miami Beach	81	70	cdy	
Milwaukee	42	37	.08	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	36	33	cdy	
Nashville	62	44	clr	
New Orleans	75	57	.26	clr
New York City	59	43	.69	m
North Platte	40	13	cdy	
Oklahoma City	66	30	clr	
Omaha	48	28	cdy	
Orlando	82	59	.01	clr
Pendleton	36	33	.17	m
Philadelphia	59	43	.36	clr
Phoenix	68	39	clr	
Pittsburgh	56	40	.04	sno
Portland,Ore.	40	40	.24	m
Providence	54	38	.06	m
Raleigh-Durham	66	49	.94	clr
Rapid City	36	19	cdy	
Reno	54	43	clr	
Richmond	62	44	.47	cdy
Sacramento	58	42	m	
St Louis	59	43	.02	clr
Salt Lake City	38	36	.30	clr
San Diego	62	46	clr	
San Francisco	59	50	m	
Santa Fe	53	10	clr	
Seattle	36	35	.15	sno
Shreveport	72	39	.01	clr
Sioux Falls	42	19	cdy	
Spokane	31	22	cdy	
Syracuse	44	30	.44	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	79	65	.09	cdy
Topeka	55	34	cdy	
Tucson	71	35	clr	
Tulsa	65	33	clr	
Washington,D.C.	52	43	.02	cdy

State forecast

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	64	41	
Amarillo	54	26	
Arlington	70	45	
Austin	76	33	
Beaumont	67	46	
Brownsville	82	60	
Burnet	74	35	
College Station	73	35	
Conroe	71	38	
Corpus Christi	76	46	
Corsicana	72	43	
Cotulla	79	37	
Dalhart	53	27	
Dallas	70	38	
Del Rio	80	32	
Dryden	74	40	
El Paso	59	46	
Fort Stockton	64	44	
Fort Worth	69	36	
Galveston	63	53	
Georgetown	m	m	
Harlingen	83	56	
Hondo	77	32	
Houston	70	47	
Junction	72	26	
Kingsville	79	47	
Laredo	81	45	
Longview	71	37	
Lubbock	57	32	
Marfa	57	23	
McAllen	81	52	
New Braunfels	73	41	
Palacios	71	47	
Paris	64	36	
Rockport	73	55	
San Angelo		66	31
San Antonio	75	36	
San Marcos	75	37	
Terrell	70	35	
Tyler	71	45	
Victoria	73	46	
Waco	71	41	
Wichita Falls	65	33	
Wink		32	

BOARD: Strauss says main focus should be education of our children

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track the school board from its primary focus.

"The focus has been on noneducation issues. They're issues that have to be addressed by the board but it keeps everybody from focusing on education," Strauss said. "Midland should be striving to be recognized as the best school system in the state of Texas."

He said that by improving Midland schools, Midland will improve itself.

"Above all else, I wish everyone in Midland would understand how important it is to have the best educational system."

Strauss added that his decision to run is not related to the performance of any current board member.

"I'm not saying anyone on the board is doing a bad job. That's not the point," Strauss said. "I just think that maybe a change in perspective would be helpful."

As for the incumbent, Bufler was actually encouraged by Strauss' interest.

"I encourage people to get involved and run. Don't think that just because I won that I'm doing a great job. And if you don't think I'm doing a good job, then run," Bufler said, adding that whoever runs should put children and education at the forefront.

He added that Strauss' decision does not nudge him in any direction regarding his decision to run. "I've got plenty of time to make this decision."

Board Secretary Don Furgeson is expected to call an election at the Jan. 27 board meeting. District officials did not immediately know the final deadline for filing.

POSITION: Mayor says Midland needs PIO

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last week, McGregor decided on Monday to rescind the raise and give Ms. Jauz tuition reimbursement instead.

"We're going to take that second raise away," McGregor said. "I didn't want her to get the bad press. We're going to go back to that and try to avoid the controversy."

But McGregor maintains that the Nov. 1 raise was legitimate because Ms. Jauz does two jobs, at City Hall and with the Police Department, while in most cities there are two separate PIOs.

Such is the situation in Odessa.

Odessa PIO Becki Murphy handles City Hall activities, and officer Sherrie Thompson handles media relations for the Police Department. Ms. Murphy makes $30,792 a year and has a $25 a month car allowance.

"I take care of everything that isn't police," said Ms. Murphy. "Police is very active and has a lot of media contact on a daily basis. I don't know how Midland is but we both stay busy over here. I have plenty to do on my side and she (Ms. Thompson) has plenty on hers."

Ms. Thompson was unavailable for comment.

From the police side, Chief John Urby said Ms. Jauz has been an invaluable presence in dealing with the news media and marketing the Police Department. Under current salary structures, Ms. Jauz' base salary is higher than that of the city's highest paid sergeant who makes $39,204 a year. Many sergeants make more than that based on monthly education and certification bonuses. But, in comparing base salary, Ms. Jauz makes more.

When asked if a PIO is more valuable than a sergeant, Urby said, "I deal with police salaries. Dealing with a PIO, that's really out of the realm with normal police work. I can't compare or contrast. I think a police officer should make more than anyone in society. I feel my sergeants are No. 1. I think officers should make more money in the rank they occupy. There should be a pretty good gap in salaries between the ranks. I don't know where (the PIO) would fit in that. Most of her commitments are in City Hall."

Despite McGregor's comment, Cuevas disputes the idea that Ms. Jauz does twice the work.

"I don't buy into that," said Cuevas. "You're not doing 100 percent of both. You're not doing twice as much work. Public information is public information. That surprises me."

In regard to police matters, Cuevas said, "I think the police are more than qualified to designate a licensed peace officer to dispense information. I don't think the PIO has the knowledge to dispense peace officer information. The police officer first-hand knows logistics and parameters involved and he can give out information immediately."

Despite some of the anti-PIO comments from council members, Mayor Bobby Burns said the city of Midland needs a PIO.

"We need something like a PIO," Burns said. "It's something we'll evaluate later, at budget time. With a little good luck, we'll name a new city manager and put a lot of responsibility with him (making that decision). It's important for us to give accurate information to the people. That's our goal with the PIO."

Although Washburn has concerns about the PIO position, he feels it should be addressed by the new city manager. "I don't think it's council's job to micro-manage that position," Washburn said. "But, I do think the city manager should look at that position, to make sure we're getting our money's worth."

Councilman Juluis Brooks agreed, saying he feels the PIO is necessary, that Ms. Jauz has done a good job, but that it will be the new city manager's responsibility to deal with the future of the PIO position.

Councilman Dale Brown said he wasn't sure whether the city needed a full-time PIO, although he recognized the dispensing of information to the public as being important.

Councilman Berry Simpson said the city of Midland is large enough that it would need a PIO and that Ms. Jauz has done a good job in fulfilling that role.

Ms. Jauz said she welcomes all criticism but at the same time feels she's performed her job to the best of her ability.

"I take care of my responsibility and do it on a daily basis," said Ms. Jauz. "Along with an evaluation, I welcome any suggestions on how to better this position; things I need to be doing or improve on. Let me know and I'll be happy to facilitate it. It's very difficult to meet the expectations of seven different people on City Council and you only hope that you are. I believe I've become a valuable tool to the city and I've grown in the responsibilities I've taken on."

Duties of the city of Midland PIO, as stated on Ms. Jauz's resume, include the following:

- Serving as a spokesperson for the city and Police Department;
- Coordinating interviews for the Police Department;
- Writing press releases;
- Coordinating public awareness campaigns;
- Creating public relations and recruiting packets;
- Handling open-records requests;
- Being on-call 24 hours to respond to emergency situations;
- Organizing biannual meeting with media representatives;
- Gathering news clippings;
- Training city staff on news media relations and interview skills;
- Establishing and maintaining positive relations for the city;
- Attending training and development programs; and
- Maintaining confidential information.

COURT: Safe Place recognized as beacon in Midland

(From 1A)

then.

"And we are enjoying these victories right now," Parchman said. "It also gives us an opportunity to get some closure in and start on the new year."

Of what contributes to the making of a championship team, Parchman said, "We have great kids who have a great work ethic. And we've got a tremendous staff that are veteran coaches with a lot of experience that genuinely care about kids.

"When you get a lot of people caring for each other, they will work hard with each other," Parchman said. "And they are all different in certain ways, but they all have a common bond that holds them together. It's a neat thing. It's kind of like the Marines. Once you've done it, it changes you forever. We hope it's a good change."

Another change, for the good, was represented in the role that Midland's Safe Place, a haven for battered girls and women and the women's children, plays in helping abused girls and women escape from their past and remold their lives in building up their self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence.

"Recovery is a precious word," said Cherry Hill, a Safe Place licensed professional counselor whose organization was saluted by the Commissioners' Court for being "one of those beacons that makes Midland a great place to live."

Girls and women whose lives have been trashed and shredded through abuse and who become lost in their turmoil turn to Safe Place and its 90-day program and continuing care to begin "the healing process."

Vicki Fowler, a victims advocate at Safe Place and a former client there, said her "ex-husband had beat me with a baseball bat" in an abusive relationship. (Eventually, the ex-husband was found guilty in court of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, was fined $500 and sentenced to probation for four years.)

To survive, Ms. Fowler resorted to Safe Place.

"I didn't know how I was going to make it through the day," Ms. Fowler reflected. "I thought it (the abusive relationship) was my fault. I felt totally worthless, humiliated and ashamed."

Soon, she learned that she wasn't alone and found the path to recovery.

"I'm one of the lucky ones," she said. "I feel very fortunate. I never thought I'd love anybody again or trust anybody."

She did find love and trust and remarried. "I learned that all men weren't bad.

"I started loving myself again," Ms. Fowler said. "There is life after abuse. There is hope. There is a better way to live."

Ms. Hill noted that she feels as "impassioned about it (her Safe Place ministry) today as I did seven years ago" when she become a counselor there.

"It's a precious opportunity," she said. "God put me there" in helping abused girls and women to "change from victims to survivors.

"What I do is help them realize their options, their personal empowerment. As advocates, we do not make decisions" for their clients, Ms. Hill said. "We just allow them to see that they are worthwhile" even though "their worth has been shattered" through abuse. "Once they begin to realize their worth, they can make their own decisions, move on into an abuse-free life."

Safe Place, which has space for 64 residents, works with girls and women from age 14 "all the way up to 78. I have a huge population about from 24 to 28 and a large population over 50. It (abuse) is every age, every socioeconomic level, every color, every religion. It knows no bounds."

In 1999, Midland's Safe Place counseled about 1,000 women and 500 children.

In their order of business, the commissioners:

- Approved early-voting hours for the March 14 Democratic Party and Republican Party primary elections at Midland Park Mall: Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 5, noon to 5 p.m.; March 6 through March 10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting hours at the Midland County Elections Administrators Office at 709 W. Washington Ave., Midland, are: Feb. 28 through March 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 4, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 5, noon to 5 p.m.; and March 6 through March 10, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- In a 3-1 vote, approved a "step (pay) raise" for a deputy in County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves' office. Ms. Reeves reasoned that "more responsibility (begs) more pay." Commissioner Louisa Valencia, who voted against the 5 percent pay raise, said she would hope "to give a step raise throughout the courthouse" and to county government's 425 employees. In 1996 and in 1998, previous administrations of the Commissioners' Court gave county employees, respectively, 5 percent and 3 percent cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) pay raises.
- Appointed Don Hellinghausen to the board of directors of the Midland County Housing Authority in succeeding Medferd Owen, who resigned from the board. County Judge Bill Morrow characterized Hellinghausen as "Mr. Housing in Midland" and a "faithful, hard worker."
- Designated the Midland County Public Library as an alternative meeting place for the Commissioners' Court.
- Authorized County Librarian Sandra Wegner to apply for a $120,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund state grant to be complemented by more than $45,000 in local pledges.
- Authorized County Judge Bill Morrow to issue payments of less than $150 for emergencies, such as travel pay for witnesses in court trials.
- Discussed the clean-up of the County Barn, in far southeast Midland, under supervision of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "The old, typical (underground) gasoline tanks ... are being cleaned up," noted Commissioner Mike Bradford. "The issue now has moved to the surface." The County Barn is being used for repairing radios, storing archives, impounded vehicles and storing the sheriff's vehicles.

FORTRESS: CAF kicks off Remembrance of War series

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most of those are in museums. About 6,000 B-17s were lost in combat.

Two B-17s are in the CAF Ghost Squadron: Sentimental Journey and Texas Raiders. Other B-17 survivors include Memphis Belle and Shoo, Shoo Baby.

By war's end, America had produced 296,431 warplanes in the Allied forces' campaign to defeat the Axis powers. Only a smattering of those fighters, bombers, trainers, transports and liaison aircraft remain.

"What made the B-17 effective was it was easy to fly for people who weren't highly trained aviators," Coombes noted. "And it was also very strong. And it could withstand all sorts of combat damage."

Krupa, who was assigned to the 381st Bomb Group, flew 37 missions, including two uncredited missions, mostly in an aircraft named Ice 'Col' Katy.

Hawk, a 79-year-old Midland jeweler, was assigned to the 95th Bomb Group and flew 27 missions.

"A lot of times it really was (the 'wing-and-a-prayer' airplane)," Hawk said of the Flying Fortress. "Lots of times, they came in on two engines. We came in on three one time with no problem other than everybody was shaky."

The four-engine B-17 in which Hawk flew several missions was named Superstitious Aloysius, which was named after a good-luck elf. The aircraft ended up in the North Sea on the return flight of its 16th mission. Hawk wasn't aboard the flight. The crew was rescued by a British patrol.

Coombes noted that 58,000 USAAF 8th Air Force aircrew members were killed in combat in a war that claimed more than 405,000 American lives.

"Everybody wanted to get back home, to get back to their family," Hawk said of the strong incentive to win the war for freedom's cause. "There were naturally a lot of tense moments. Anybody who says they weren't scared at times is lying to you. The main thing, we wanted to get it over with and get back home."

The Remembrance of War series also includes:

- "The Doolittle Raid," featuring B-25 Mitchell pilot Col. Travis Hoover, at 2 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the CAF Hangar;
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- "To Honor Those Who Served," a Memorial Day ceremony featuring Medal of Honor winner George O'Brien of the Korean War, at noon on May 29 in CAF Memorial Garden;
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- "The Nagasaki Mission," featuring Col. Fred Olivi, co-pilot of the B-29 Bockscar carrying an atomic bomb over Japan, at 2 p.m. Aug. 5 in the CAF Hangar;
- "Liberating the Death Camps," featuring Mike Jacobs, a Holocaust survivor and founder of the Center for Holocaust Studies in Dallas, at 2 p.m. Sept. 16 in the CAF Hangar;
- "Veterans Day Patriotic Salute," featuring Midland's Rusk Elementary School students in tribute, at noon Nov. 10 in the CAF Hangar; and
- "Cinema and the CAF," showing of the 1968 World War II movie, "The Battle of Britain," and featuring pilots who flew in the film, at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the CAF Hangar.

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Putin dismisses top Yeltsin aide, reshuffles Cabinet

MOSCOW (AP) — Expanding his control of the government, acting President Vladimir Putin on Monday removed a top Kremlin aide at the heart of alleged government corruption and demoted two senior ministers.

The Kremlin said Pavel Borodin had been removed as head of the Kremlin property department, a multibillion-dollar empire that oversees buildings, estates and businesses. Borodin has been investigated by Swiss and Russian prosecutors for his alleged role in a major kickback scheme.

Putin, who has been distancing himself from former President Boris Yeltsin's administration, promoted several allies to improve handling of the economy. The shuffle could increase hopes of reviving stalled economic reforms.

The acting president's popularity, already the highest in recent Russian political history, continues to rise, with a poll Monday showing that 56 percent of people want him to be president, up from 49 percent on Dec. 27.

Putin's nearest rival, Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov dropped from 19 percent to 14 percent in Monday's poll by the All-Russia Center for Public Opinion, which had a margin of error of 4 percent.

Yeltsin unexpectedly resigned Dec. 31, making Putin acting president. Putin's tough, no-nonsense style appeals to people eager for energetic leadership after years of drift under Yeltsin. The removal of unpopular Yeltsin aides is likely to further boost Putin's popularity ahead of the March 26 election.

On Monday, Putin demoted First Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Aksyonenko to railway minister, the post he held before his links with Yeltsin's inner circle led to his promotion to No. 2 in the Cabinet last year. Viktor Khristenko, another Yeltsin holdover, was demoted from a first deputy prime minister to deputy prime minister.

Putin also shuffled the Cabinet's top economic officials — a move analysts said was aimed at reducing the influence of tycoons who had close ties to Yeltsin.

"This shows that Putin is independent of vested interests behind the Kremlin," said Roland Nash, chief economist at investment bank Renaissance Capital.

But other top Yeltsin aides retain key posts and Putin has not ordered an investigation into corruption allegations. Putin gave Yeltsin immunity from criminal prosecution.

Putin promoted several allies, giving Aksyonenko's post to Finance Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and making Emergencies Minister Sergei Shoigu a deputy prime minister. Kasyanov is regarded as a pro-Western reformer who wants to get market reforms moving. Russian media speculated he could be named prime minister if Putin wins election.

Borodin has been linked to a Swiss construction company that allegedly bribed Kremlin officials in exchange for lucrative construction contracts. Media reports have claimed that Borodin received kickbacks from the firm, Mabetex, and made money available to Yeltsin and his daughters.

Yeltsin's daughter, Tatyana Dyachenko, was removed from her Kremlin post last week. The Kremlin has denied the allegations, as did Borodin and Mabetex.

Borodin was moved to a mostly ceremonial post as state secretary of the Russian-Belarusian union.

Russian media have linked Aksyonenko to controversial tycoon Boris Berezovsky, the subject of frequent accusations of corruption and political manipulation at the highest levels during the Yeltsin years.

Russians claim to repel rebel attacks amid high casualties

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Russian forces holed up in a well-fortified building sprayed the streets of this Chechen town with automatic weapons fire Monday, trying to fend off mounting rebel attacks to retake the town.

After heavy fighting during the day, rebels fired on the local military commandant's building as darkness fell.

In Argun, another key town taken by Russia weeks ago, rebels launched an attempt at sundown to storm the local railroad station, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported, citing the Russian Interior Ministry.

Russian helicopter gunships rocketed rebel positions in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, on Monday and Moscow admitted for the first time that its forces had suffered major losses as resurgent rebels put Russian troops on the defensive.

Russian forces took Argun and Shali, 12 miles east and southeast of Grozny, in December while ground troops closed in on the capital. But rebels mounted attacks on the towns Sunday.

Rebels surrounded Russian troops at the local commandant's building in Shali on Sunday and demanded they surrender, residents said Monday. A Russian tank then fired into the crowd of rebels and civilians, killing several dozen people, said one eyewitness, Apti Paitayev.

Russia claimed earlier Monday to be "mopping up" in Shali and Argun, indicating they had the rebels under control, but the reported resumption of rebel attacks as night fell underlined the rebels' determination.

"This is just the beginning of a series of actions intended to free the areas occupied by the Russians," rebel chief of staff Mumadi Saidayev told The Associated Press.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said Monday that rebels killed 26 Russian soldiers and wounded 30 during the last 24 hours. Russia has claimed for weeks that its losses are no more than one or two a day, despite persistent reports by soldiers in Chechnya that casualties are much higher.

Since Russian ground troops entered Chechnya in late September, they had made steady progress toward Grozny and encircled the city by mid-December. But their drive into the city, which began on Dec. 25, has stalled in the face of intense rebel resistance.

Rebels meanwhile have begun attempts to take back Russian-held towns. They attacked Alkhan-Yurt and Alkhan-Kala last week, before undertaking the assaults on Shali and Argun.

Talk of resignation rallies pope's backers

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Just the mere mention of the "r" word — as in resign — was enough to rally a defense Monday of Pope John Paul II.

Praise for the 79-year-old pontiff's stamina came pouring in less than 24 hours after Italian media reported that an influential German bishop had called on the pope to step down for health reasons.

The ANSA news agency reported Sunday that Bishop Karl Lehmann, head of the German bishops' conference, had called for the pope's resignation, saying the church needs a strong man.

Lehmann insisted Monday that he was misinterpreted. "I'm convinced we have a strong pope," he told Italian state television. "I was totally misunderstood in the manner in which my words were reported."

While questions about the pope's future given his frail health have long been raised among the rank-and-file faithful, such talk by a bishop breaks long-held Vatican taboos.

For years, John Paul has suffered hand tremors associated with Parkinson's disease. He tires easily and, since hip surgery in 1994, he has had difficulty walking and climbing stairs.

In an interview broadcast Sunday on German radio, Lehmann was asked if he thought the pope should resign this year. He replied that if John Paul "were to have the feeling that he was simply no longer capable enough to lead the church, (then) I believe that he would have the strength and the courage to say, 'I can no longer fulfill that which needs to be done.'"

Despite Lehmann's insistence that he in no way meant to suggest the pope should resign, papal backers in Rome rushed Monday to John Paul's defense.

The pope "shows himself to be fully able, now, as in the past, of carrying out with full personal responsibility his office of universal pastor of the church," Cardinal Camillo Ruini told Avvenire, the newspaper of the Italian bishops' conference.

John Paul made no mention of the controversy Monday during his annual address to diplomats accredited to the Holy See. His speech, while frequently slurred, was clear during the address.

But in an unusual step, the Holy See's press office rushed out a note calling attention to a remark made by the dean of the diplomats, the envoy from San Marino, Giovanni Galassi.

Although the general expectation is that popes serve until death, there is precedent for papal resignation.

On Sunday, Lehmann mentioned the 1294 resignation of Celestine V, but also stressed how impressed he was by John Paul's "extraordinary presence of mind and ... high energy" in recent weeks.

John Paul has given no indication he's considering stepping down, although he has made clear a pope must be in full command of his powers to shepherd the Roman Catholic Church.

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Gore announces new money, commitment to combat AIDS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With AIDS the No. 1 killer in sub-Saharan Africa, killing 10 times more Africans than war, Vice President Al Gore pledged Monday to put the continent's AIDS crisis on the world's security agenda and outlined a new U.S. effort to fight the epidemic.

Presiding over the first Security Council meeting to address a health issue, Gore announced that the White House has asked Congress for $150 million for vaccine research and prevention programs in Africa and will convene a meeting of business leaders in Africa to start developing prevention programs in the workplace.

"We tend to think of a threat to security in terms of war and peace," Gore said in the first speech by a U.S. vice president to the 15-member body. "Yet no one can doubt that the havoc wreaked and the toll exacted by HIV/AIDS do threaten our security."

AIDS is now the leading killer in sub-Saharan Africa, a region where poverty and wars have already taken a heavy toll. In 1998, 200,000 people died as a result of armed conflicts in Africa, compared to about 2.2 million from AIDS.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke scoffed at reporters' suggestions that Gore was using his U.N. appearance to further his campaign for the Democratic nomination for president.

"None of what he's doing here today has any direct impact on the present phase of the primary season, which is intense and being conducted in two states which are far away from here," Holbrooke said.

He added that the Clinton administration has approached several members of Congress about the request for the extra $150 million in the proposed budget and that "support has been quite strong."

The AIDS activist group ACT-UP criticized the amount, calling it "a drop in the funding bucket." The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, a Chicago-based organization of 6,800 doctors in 43 countries, agreed that $150 million was not enough but said it would help save lives "and every life has infinite value."

Several African ministers of health addressed the open meeting, thanking Gore for the pledge of new money and describing in detail how desperately it was needed.

Namibia's health minister, Dr. Libertine Amathila, said AIDS was devastating her country's economy, robbing families of breadwinners and children of their parents.

"It is immoral that the worst affected continent has the lowest access to care," she said, urging wealthy countries make drugs to treat those infected with HIV available at prices Africans can afford.

She cited statistics from UNAIDS, a Geneva-based organization of epidemiologists and statisticians who study AIDS, that show only $165 million was spent on AIDS prevention in Africa in 1996, while estimates suggest that between $800 million and $2.5 billion a year is needed.

"It is worth pondering how the international community successfully mobilized hundreds of billions of dollars over the last few years to minimize the impact of that 'other virus' — Y2K," the executive director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, told the council.

An estimated 23.3 million Africans south of the Sahara currently have HIV or AIDS, U.N. statistics show.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said high AIDS death rates among Africa's elite, including public servants, threatened the ability of some countries to govern effectively. High infection rates among police and armed forces also have left African countries ill-equipped to face security threats, he said.

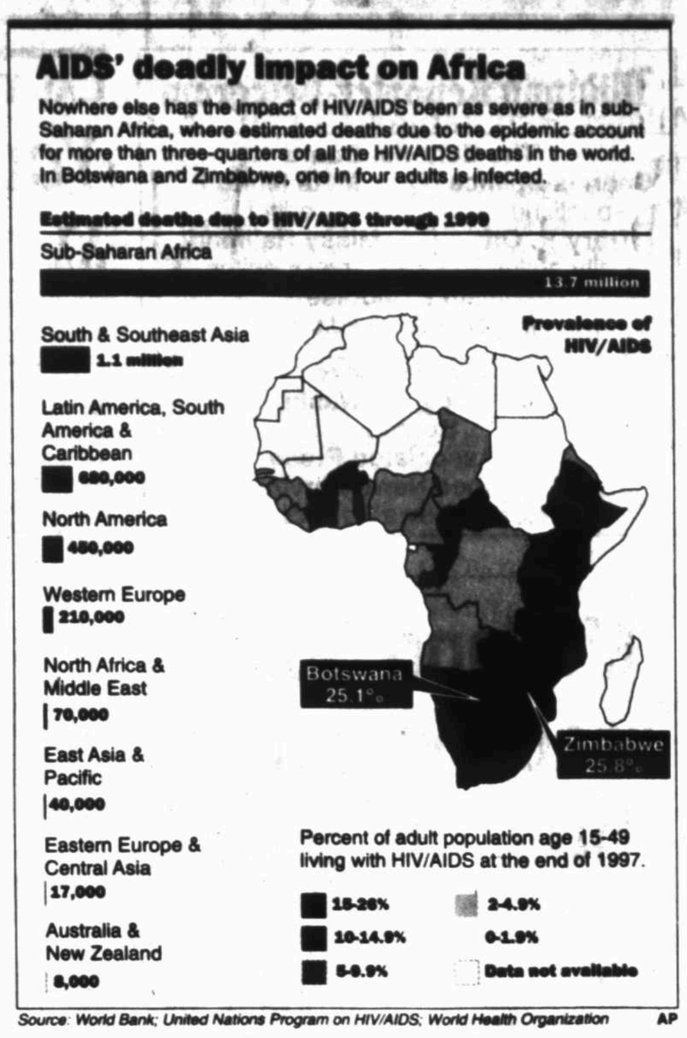
"In already unstable societies, this cocktail of disasters is a sure recipe for more conflict," Annan said. "And conflict in turn provides fertile ground for further infections."

Last month, Annan invited dozens of representatives from Africa, U.N. agencies, donor governments, voluntary organizations and businesses to draw up a plan to reduce infection rates in Africans between the ages of 15 and 24 by 25 percent before 2005.

On Monday, he invited the Security Council to join the effort.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn said such a partnership was the only way to combat the epidemic effectively.

"In a number of countries, we're losing teachers faster than we can replace them. We're losing judges, lawyers, government officials, persons in the military," he said. "And unless we act, this will continue and there will surely be continued instability in the continent."



Opposition leaders draw up joint strategy against Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — For the first time in more than two years, all major opposition parties in Serbia agreed Monday to join forces in their struggle to topple Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The agreement demands, among other things, that Milosevic's government end "state terrorism." If honored it could mark a turning point for Serbia's traditionally fractured pro-democracy parties in their decade-long effort to undermine Milosevic's strong grip on power.

"We have agreed on a document about the strategy of the struggle against the regime of Slobodan Milosevic, as well as the fight for early democratic elections," said Vuk Draskovic, the main opposition leader.

The opposition deal followed a six-hour meeting of representatives of 17 political parties, organized by Draskovic and his Serbian Renewal Movement. In a setback, however, one of those present, Momcilo Perisic, a former general and ex-head of the Yugoslav army, refused to sign the joint document.

The document demands that Milosevic's government schedule early, nationwide elections by the end of April. The opposition parties pledged to cooperate before, during and after the elections and to hold a first joint rally in March.

The document also called for an end to "state terrorism" by Milosevic's government and the abolishment of the repressive laws on who controls the media and the universities.

In a letter to leaders of the United States, the European Union, Russia and China, the opposition demanded an urgent end to a ban on international air traffic and oil trade. The letter also called for remaining international sanctions against Serbia to be lifted once Milosevic agrees to schedule elections.

If the opposition parties manage to stick to the agreement, it could considerably increase pressure on Milosevic, whose popularity has plummeted since NATO bombing last year and the resulting loss of Kosovo province, now administered by international military and civilian authorities.

Perisic said he refused to sign the document because he believed that the opposition should try to topple Milosevic in the Yugoslav parliament first. But all other opposition leaders said they will deepen their cooperation in the future.

"Cooperation by the opposition is an imperative, because it reflects the struggle for survival," declared Vladan Batic, representative of the Alliance for Change coalition. "We wanted to show the regime and the world that the opposition can unite."

Since the end of the bombing, the opposition parties have tried to hammer out a joint strategy, but the efforts, as well as a wave of street protests against Milosevic, have failed because Draskovic refused to join in.

Recent opinion polls in Serbia have indicated that a united opposition would win the elections.

On the eve of the opposition meeting, the state-run media unleashed a torrent of fresh accusations against Draskovic, blasting him as traitor.

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'Midland Spirit' reaches out to boy, his bike

A letter from Kitty Srubar of Midland, which appeared in Friday's Reporter-Telegram, relating how her 12-year-old son's bicycle had been stolen when he rode it to a nearby fast-food restaurant three days before Christmas to pick up the family's lunch, touched the hearts of a number of Midlanders.

On Friday the newspaper received a number of telephone calls from individuals who wanted to contribute toward a replacement bicycle for the young man. In fact some of the calls were from companies or individuals who wanted to replace the bicycle outright themselves.

An overwhelmed Ms. Srubar contacted the Reporter-Telegram to explain that an organization had already given her son a bicycle to replace the one that was stolen and saying that her intention was never to evoke the reaction that the letter did. The fact that the boy's bicycle has been replaced by caring individuals gives an uplifting end to what was in the beginning a sad story.

There's seems to be no more heartless an act than for a thief to watch a child ride a bicycle up to a place of business, climb off and go inside, leaving his bike outside, than to steal the bicycle. It only made the incident worse that it occurred just before Christmas, and that the Srubar family had been enduring hardship anyway since Kitty Srubar's husband recently lost his job and Ms. Srubar's mother died.

Perhaps it was the fact that the family had endured more than a little grief that made the situation so unbearable for those Midlanders who said, "Enough is enough" and called in an effort to at least make up for the stolen bicycle. The motivation to ease the suffering for a helpless child is perfectly understandable and the reaction of reaching out to those in need is not untypical of Midlanders. In fact, Midland seems fortunate to have quite a number of residents who simply cannot sit idly by and watch a wrong carried out against one of its inhabitants.

That is good; injustice should not be tolerated. Midlanders care about those around them and will look after those who call this city home. That is just another of the ways in which the wonderful "Midland Spirit" manifests itself. We are proud to call Midland home.

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2000. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1757, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut Six orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev visited Lithuania, where he sought to assure supporters of independence that they would have a say in their republic's future.

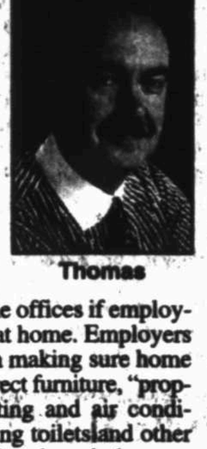
Five years ago: President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama held a low-key summit in Washington, playing down differences over trade. A 9-year-old girl survived a Colombian airliner crash that killed the other 52 people aboard near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena.

One year ago: President Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers, with the White House claiming the perjury and obstruction allegations fell short of high crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers rebutting: "If this is not enough, what is?"

CAL THOMAS

Your home isn't the government's castle — yet

When English jurist Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634) observed that "a man's house is his castle," he could not have foreseen the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The other day that unaccountable regulatory beast within the Department of Labor claimed briefly the authority to regulate the surroundings of the nearly 20 million people who have a home office and work at least part time at home. But threats of a political uprising prompted Labor Secretary Alexis Herman to say, "Never mind."


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Before withdrawing a federal interpretation that was made following a request from a Texas employer, OSHA asserted jurisdiction over home offices if employers allow employees to work at home. Employers might have been charged with making sure home offices had ergonomically correct furniture, "proper" lighting, ventilation, heating and air conditioning, safe staircases, working toiletsland other things required of more traditional workplaces.

The media played this up as "helping" people. This is the view the media take of all government programs and regulations, even those that fail, because it isn't success that matters, only intent. One network interviewed an employer who had discovered a home office in which wooden beams were unevenly placed on file cabinets to serve as support for a computer. Extreme cases are always used by government to force change on the public, which then must succumb to whatever the government wants us to do. Once a precedent is established, it is difficult to stop further government intrusions.

As with virtually everything else that occurs in the Clinton administration, the OSHA regulation was more about politics than safety. Writing in the Jan. 5 Wall Street Journal, Eugene Scalia, a Washington attorney, observed: "There is a method to OSHA's madness. The policy is part of a string of recent initiatives intended to court union leaders as the presidential primaries approach .... For labor unions, at-home workplaces are a nightmare. How do you unionize workers who don't come to the office? (If they go on strike, do they picket their own homes?) Hence OSHA's policy, and its undoubted effect: to drive up the cost of having employees work at home and thereby discourage one of the most valuable efficiencies of the digital economy."

Had this not been an election year, the policy might have been pursued, but the Clinton administration clearly wanted to avoid the specter of federal police storming private homes in a replay of the Branch Davidian fiasco in Waco, Texas, so it pulled the plug for another day. And there will be another day. Normally government deprives us of our rights and money by increments. In this case, its true intentions were too quickly revealed.

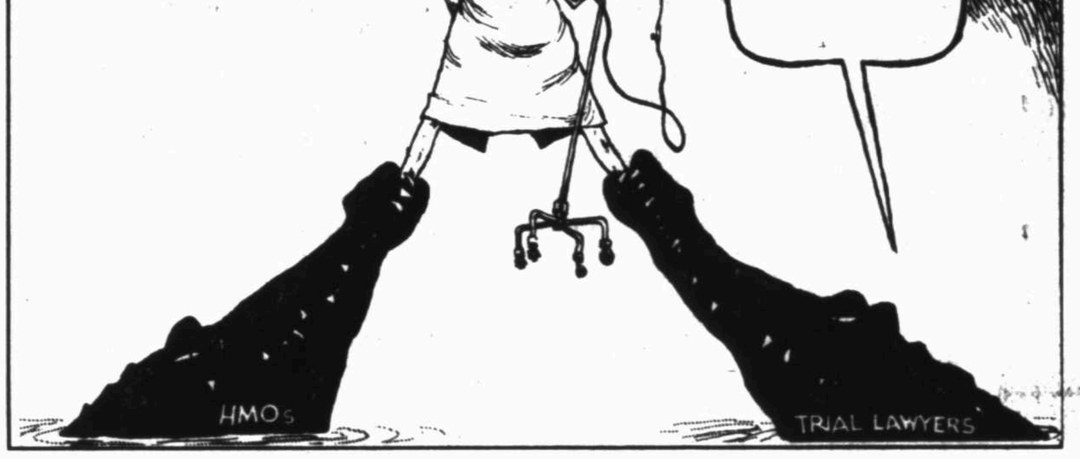
Government will always seek new ways to invade our lives unless it is stopped. It cannot tolerate widespread independent success because if people are successful without government, they will have less need of government. The influence, cost and craving for new tax revenue by government will then decline, along with its associated political power. Similarly, that's what the debate over taxing the Internet is about. Allowing such an independent entrepreneurial invention to prosper without government interference might alert people that they can prosper without government. If you're a government or political careerist, that's worse news than a stock-market plunge.

Legitimate questions were raised about how far OSHA could, or would, go had the ruling been allowed to stand. In addition to its stated mission of making sure home offices are up to government standards (how many people would be satisfied with the boss or his/her representative making a house call and noticing what else goes on in their home?), would the government also penalize employees if they smoked at home? What other Fourth Amendment protections could be violated? And how long would it be before government, having established the precedent of invading your "castle," declared that employers are not as well equipped as government to make home-office workers comply with government regulations and federal agents start knocking on your door — or breaking it down? And what other government agency might have followed OSHA through your door, across your carpet and into whatever other part of your home it decided was necessary to make you conform, in your interest of course, to what government says you must do?

We used to call this "Big Brother" when the Soviets did it.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Russia's new leader rhymes with Rasputin

WASHINGTON — What if Bill Clinton, this past New Year's Eve, had resigned and turned the presidency over to Al Gore? Incumbency would have helped Gore gain the nomination and perhaps the election. But both men would have been properly denounced for undermining our constitutional elections.

That's the trick that Boris Yeltsin played on Russians in his no-prosecution deal with the KGB's Vladimir Putin. But they are not being denounced; on the contrary, Russophiles here are hailing the manipulation as a great boon to "reform."


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Acting President Putin (pronounced POO-teen, rhymes with Ras-POO-teen) rocketed to popularity on Russian jubilation about the massacre of dark-skinned Chechens who dare to demand independence. He needed a snap election before the blood lust cooled and Russian body bags began returning home.

Putin could not wait until the election scheduled in June, at the end of Yeltsin's term; such a delay might have given political rivals a chance. Instead he moved to capitalize on his reputation as ruthless conqueror and took charge right away as the appointed head of state.

The reaction of the U.S. government should be coolly correct. We should neither help nor hinder his rise. His apparent alternatives — the Arabist Yevgeny Primakov and the Communist Gennady Zyuganov — are vainly competing to be equally bloodthirsty.

Unfortunately, the Time magazine columnist who moonlights as our president chose to embrace Moscow's position in describing the savage attack on Chechnya's capital. Columnist Clinton piously hoped that thousands of civilians would not be killed in what he called Putin's campaign to "liberate Grozny."

That verb turns truth on its head. It is the Chechens who seek to liberate themselves from Russian rule. The Russian militarists are the ones raining bombs and shells on people who want the same independence as Georgians and Ukrainians. For Clinton to characterize the rape of Grozny as "liberation" is an abomination.

Putin, who chose the hunting knife as his symbol (handing out knives to Russians courageously shelling the city), says Chechnya is "the place where Russia's fate is being decided." That military campaign is the essence of his political campaign. He cannot afford to fail — or to take heavy losses — before Election Day, which is why his sponsors induced Yeltsin to quit and move the elections three months closer.

Those sponsors are two of the men who divvied up the spoils after the breakup of the Soviet Union. One is Anatoly Chubais, the "reformer" moving to control the Media-Most empire; another is the media and oil oligarch Boris Berezovsky, whose man has just been reappointed presidential chief of staff.

Their task, after last week's coup de main, is to present Putin (means "born on the road") to the electorate as a man on horseback out to crush the terrorists trying to tear Mother Russia asunder. At the same time they will portray the KGB apparatchik to the West as a family man, genial karate black belt, closet democrat and credit-worthy borrower.

Will their Janus pitch work? Never underestimate the xenophobia of the Russian public or the love of a new face by American eliteniks. A non-Yeltsin at last — a youthful Russian president who does not stagger, rattle the nuclear saber or go on toots.

Will Putin win? He is not in a race with other Russian politicians, who will run for the exercise but admit they have little hope. Putin is in a race with disillusionment — that moment when Russians realize that the Chechens won't be beaten without heavy losses, that the flight of capital will continue under Chubais-Berezovsky, and that military spending robs Russia of its ability to compete.

Because his deal with Yeltsin and his Kremlin backers has shortened that race to an 86-day dash, he is widely expected to beat disillusionment to the wire. After his legitimation, as his stock drops, Putin will be tempted to use his military to "liberate" the near-abroad and to use his controlled media to express assent and his KGB to suppress dissent.

Putin's ascension was quite a trick. We have a cunning and energetic adversary. We should do nothing to finance his clique's power or further his tiger's ride.

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CHARLEY REESE

Russia is more dangerous than we might think

Most Americans, including me, know nothing about Vladimir Putin, the new Russian president. Therefore, speculation about what he will do is pointless. But I do know that Russia is continuing to modernize its nuclear strategic forces.

It is easy to get the impression from news reports that Russia is falling apart, and in some of its civilian sectors that is true. But the Russians long ago embarked on a nuclear modernization program, and they are currently deploying a new intercontinen tal ballistic missile that is both rail and road mobile. Russia has also embarked upon building new ballistic-missile submarines.


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Furthermore, the Russians are modernizing and improving their blast-proof command-and-control centers connected by a deep underground railroad that can evacuate the government leadership in time of war. In addition, they are building a gigantic underground facility several hundred miles from Moscow at Yamantau Mountain. Some 20,000 to 30,000 workers are employed on this project, which U.S. intelligence estimates is the size of metropolitan Washington. U.S. intelligence, however, does not know the purpose of the facility. Western observers are not allowed in the area.

Unfortunately, the Clinton administration has the same attitude toward American security as it does toward Clinton's personal misadventures: Whatever they say is, is! And they are telling the American people, despite evidence to the contrary, that the Russian government is just bending over backward to cooperate in disarmament projects. In fact, the General Accounting Office has reported that Russian scientists being paid by the American taxpayers to work on now weapons projects are still working on weapons of mass destruction. The Russians have not ratified the START II agreement.

Furthermore, the Russians and Chinese have entered into several strategic agreements. Because the Russians are sharing missile technology and because Clinton has authorized the sale of advanced computers and allowed U.S. firms to sell the Russians other technology related to missile development, it is unlikely that the government's case against a Chinese-American is anything but scapegoating. The U.S. government has not charged the gentleman with espionage, only with violating security rules by taking c lassified documents home to work on them. This is a quite common practice. The Clinton administration has always taken a cavalier attitude toward security.

Clinton likes to say that Americans are no longer targeted by nuclear missiles. This is, first of all, a lie because the CIA reports that the Chinese ICBMs are aimed at American targets. In the second place, so-called de-targeting is just public-relation s nonsense. It is unverifiable, and, even if the Russians are telling the truth, re-targeting the United States would take less than 15 minutes, and that, too, is something unknowable to American intelligence.

I'm not trying to be an alarmist. I just want to point out to you that the fact that the American press has been so negligent in its reporting on national-security matters does not alter the fact that the Clinton administration has harmed American nation al security. People, on their own, ought to realize that the chief role of a president is to make sure the nation is secure and safe from foreign attack. If the American people continue to elect left-wing (expletive deleted), they may wake up one morning to find their cities burning. There is no love lost between either the Russians and the Americans or the Chinese and the Americans.

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Judge ousts Rebel preacher from Alabama church

YORK, Ala. (AP) — New faces started showing up at sleepy York Presbyterian Church when pastor Martin Murphy joined an organization that few members of the gray-haired congregation knew much about: The League of the South.

Suddenly, the little church near the Mississippi line was drawing younger people from miles around. The cracked asphalt parking lot — once nearly empty on Sundays — was brimming with cars plastered with Confederate flags and slogans like "Southern Independence Now!"

Today, both Murphy and his followers are gone. Not with the wind, but by court order.

Acting on a lawsuit by old-line leaders of the 120-year-old church, a court evicted Murphy and his people from York Presbyterian, where they had gained a voting majority. A judge ruled that Murphy and a band of rebels covertly took over the church to promote the League, which wants the South to secede from the Union again.

Murphy is holding services at a follower's home for now, and visiting preachers are conducting services in the red brick church. Each side claims about 20 people, and each is still using the York Presbyterian name.

Murphy, who quit the League as dissension grew within the church, has no use for two church members who sued, Aubrey Green and J. Everett Cobb. The Bible says Christians should never sue Christians, Murphy said, and courts have no right to be involved in church matters.

Green, 75, disagrees. "I'm a veteran of World War II. I was shot in Germany. I just couldn't tolerate anyone with secessionist views," he said.

Neither side denies that York Presbyterian began changing after Murphy got involved with the League, based in Tuscaloosa.

Murphy, who arrived at York Presbyterian in 1992 after the congregation helped pay his way through seminary school, had a quiet ministry until he joined the group in 1997. A native of Lauderdale, Miss., Murphy liked its emphasis on things Southern.

"They say they want to return Christianity to the land. That impressed me," said Murphy, 53. "But more than that, I'm a Southern boy. I believe in our Southern culture, and most people don't realize that includes blacks. But I also want to preserve my culture."

The church's pews soon began filling up with League of the South sympathizers, and most older members quit coming. A toy Confederate soldier holding a battle flag adorned Murphy's desktop, and a portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee hung behind his desk.

At least four League officers joined the church despite being from outside York, a town of about 2,800. They included they group's national president, Michael Hill, who drove 120 miles round trip from his home in Tuscaloosa to attend.

While Murphy didn't preach secession, opponents began hearing what they thought were faint traces of "Dixie" in sermons. Murphy once talked about the "confederacy" of tribes that formed the Hebrew nation, Green said.

Neither the old nor the new congregation has any blacks, but that in itself is not uncommon.

One day, Green said, Murphy asked him to join the League as they talked in the pastor's study. "He asked my wife in the sanctuary," Green said.

Neither joined, but they had ammunition for a lawsuit that was filed last year after Murphy's supporters defeated a move by opponents to remove him. In September, Murphy's supporters voted again to keep him as pastor after the church was dismissed from the Tennessee-Alabama Associate Reformed Presbytery over its League ties.

But Circuit Judge Eddie Hardaway ruled Dec. 29 that Murphy violated church rules by using York Presbyterian to promote the secessionist organization. He ordered Murphy and his followers out, evicting the pastor and his wife from their church-owned home.

The judge handed over control of the building and $41,000 in bank accounts to Green, Cobb and other elders. The same group now has the power to say who is a member of the church, something they have yet to address.

Judge orders Cuban boy to stay in U.S. until March

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida judge on Monday ordered 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to remain in the United States until March, a ruling that delighted the Cuban boy's relatives in Miami and defied a federal government order that he be sent back to Cuba by Friday.

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez issued a temporary protective order so she can hear arguments filed by Elian's Miami relatives, who are seeking temporary custody of him. The order requires Elian to remain in the area until the March 6 hearing.

Waving a copy of the ruling, Lazaro Gonzalez, the great-uncle who is seeking temporary custody of Elian, yelled "Victory for Elian!" in Spanish before going inside the family's home in Little Havana.

"Today is a great day for Elian," said his attorney, Spencer Eig. "(The ruling) will provide Elian Gonzalez his day in court."

If Lazaro Gonzalez is appointed Elian's guardian, he could seek political asylum for the boy.

Elian was found Thanksgiving Day off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, clinging to an inner tube after his mother, stepfather and others drowned while attempting to reach the United States.

In a case that has touched off huge protests in Miami and Cuba, the Immigration and Naturalization Service ruled last week that Elian should be returned to his father in Cuba by Friday — a ruling endorsed by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno.

The INS said it found that the boy had a close relationship with his father and was ordering Elian back to Cuba because he "belongs with his father."

But the judge said Monday that the petition from the boy's Miami relatives "contains sufficient verified allegations that if emergency relief is not granted and Elian is returned to Cuba he would be subjected to imminent and irreparable harm, including loss of due process rights and harm to his physical and mental health and emotional well-being."

INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said the agency had no comment until its lawyers had a chance to examine the ruling. Another INS spokesman, Mike Gilhooly said: "The INS has no plans to do any enforcement action on Elian. We have no plans to change the custody arrangement of him being with his Miami family." He did not elaborate.

Bernard Perlmutter, director of the University of Miami's Children and Youth Law Clinic, said the judge's decision was "politically popular," but legally wrong. He said the INS can ignore Rodriguez's decision and return the boy to Cuba.

By the time the ruling was announced, thousands of Cubans were already crowding around the U.S. Interests Section in Havana for a pro-Elian rally. Hassan Perez, president of the government's Federation of University Students, called the ruling "illegal and arbitrary."

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, said his ex-wife did not get his permission to take Elian out of Cuba. Gonzalez, with the backing of the Cuban government, has demanded that his son be returned. But Elian's relatives in Miami say they can give him a better life off the communist island.

As part of Rodriguez's ruling, Gonzalez was ordered to appear at the March hearing. Her order said that his "failure to appear may result in a decision adverse to his interests." Gonzalez has said that he would not travel to the United States to retrieve his son.

Rodriguez, of Puerto Rican heritage, was elected to the Miami-Dade Circuit Court bench in 1998 and was transferred to family court in the fall after being accused of campaign finance violations by her rival. She denied wrongdoing and an investigation continues.



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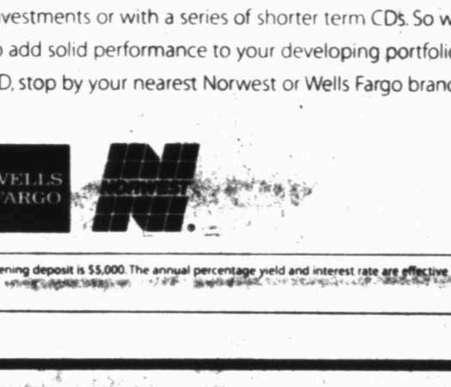
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Stepped-up efforts urged against domestic violence

NEW YORK (AP) — A mother doused with gasoline and set afire. The pregnant girlfriend of a pro football player. A woman desperate to get her ex-husband arrested.

Police say each was a recent victim of the grimmest oxymoron in the criminal justice lexicon: intimate murder.

On average, nearly four American women are killed each day by a husband, ex-husband or boyfriend. The nation has made impressive strides in confronting domestic violence, but high-profile cases of the past month have hammered home the fact that difficult, costly challenges remain.

"When you see these headlines, it's very frustrating," said Bonnie Campbell, director of the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office. "We have a ways to go in terms of changing attitudes. I expect that will take decades, but we're making progress."

According to the latest figures from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of women killed in intimate murders dropped from 1,600 in 1976 to 1,326 in 1996.

Still, improvements are needed in many areas, activists say: more space in battered women's shelters, more domestic-violence awareness programs for judges, more money to hire more staff for casework, more communication among different agencies.

"If we want them to do all those additional things, we need to give them the money to hire the personnel," said Michaele Cohen, executive director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. "They have real concerns about being able to do the job right."

Maryland was the scene of one of the most wrenching recent killings, involving a woman who knew she was in danger and took repeated legal steps to protect herself. Janice Lancaster's ex-husband killed her with a shotgun last week, then killed himself, as a judge's order for his arrest on harassment charges lay unprocessed in a clerk's office.

Elsewhere:

n In Texas, prosecutors charged a businessman last week with arranging the 1997 murder in Florida of his ex-wife. Her quadruplet toddlers from a later marriage were found crawling around in her blood.

n In North Carolina, pro football player Rae Carruth faces charges of masterminding the fatal drive-by shooting of his pregnant girlfriend. The child survived.

n In California, a mother who obtained a restraining order against her estranged husband died last week after he set her on fire.

Murders like those in Maryland and California — where the victims sought protection — are especially dismaying to anti-violence activists.

Rita Smith, executive director of Denver-based Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said better early-warning systems are needed, even in the cases where a woman did not complain to police.

"It's rare that someone just out of the blue decides to kill his wife," Smith said. "The signs of escalation, and stalking behavior that these guys give off are not being paid attention to the way they need to."

Over the past five years, nearly $1.4 billion has been allocated to state and local programs under the 1994 federal Violence Against Women Act. Congress is expected to renew and strengthen the act this year, increasing shelter space and toughening penalties for interstate stalking.

The act comes under scrutiny Tuesday as the U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on whether a former Virginia Tech student can sue two men who allegedly raped her. In March, a federal appeals court threw out Christy Brzonkala's lawsuit, saying Congress overstepped its powers when it allowed rape victims to sue for financial damages.

Recent federal and state initiatives have made it easier for women to escape abusive relationships, so much so that many more shelters are needed to accommodate the demand. One result has been a dramatic decrease in the number of men killed by abused women who felt there was no other way out.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of men killed by female partners fell from 1,357 to 516 between 1976 and 1996.

"Overwhelmingly, the men are killed by women in self-defense," said Kim Gandy, a vice president of the National Organization for Women. "But the women are in greatest danger after they leave. The men are pursuing, not defending."

When embittered men do pursue, a woman's best option might be to seek a protection order from the courts. But Campbell said this can be a fateful decision.

"The act of leaving, that act of independence, may be a trigger for more violence and sometimes homicide," she said. "And leaving isn't just that one day. It's a process that can go on for many months. It's a hard thing for the justice system to monitor, but we have to find ways to do it."

Columbine shootings reshaped politics of gun control

DENVER (AP) — Last April, Gov. Bill Owens was sitting in his office, ready to sign legislation to expand the right to carry concealed firearms. Then gunshots rang out at Columbine High School.

The Republican governor didn't sign the measure on his desk, and asked lawmakers to take all gun legislation off the table, which they did.

Now, nine months later, Owens has come out in support of gun-control measures.

And despite some opposition from Owens' party, which controls both houses of the state Legislature, the measures have a pretty good chance of passing.

Columbine has clearly changed the politics of gun control in Colorado, a Western state that has long cherished the Second Amendment.

"If you look at before Columbine, the Legislature was looking at laws to make at least concealed weapons and some other aspects of guns easier," political pollster Paul Talmey said Monday. "Whereas, today they are looking at a whole series of bills that would regulate guns, gun purchases."

Owens said Columbine forced officials to "look at what we have on the books and ask ourselves, 'Are there areas where in fact, given this new examination, where we do have some loopholes?' And in fact, I think there are."

Two teen-age gunmen stormed Columbine High School in suburban Littleton on April 20, killing 12 classmates and a teacher before committing suicide.

In the aftermath, Owens did his homework on weapons laws.

"I couldn't have told you what a straw purchase was before Columbine," he said, referring to the practice of buying a gun for someone who legally cannot do so. Owens also said he was unaware that background checks were not conducted by unlicensed gun dealers at gun shows.

Now Owens is proposing to ban straw purchases, require safe storage of firearms, raise the age to buy a handgun from 18 to 21, include juvenile records in background checks and require criminal background checks at gun shows.

"These are key proposals from him that would not have been considered a year ago," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who has fought for gun control laws at the state and federal level since 1992.

"When I was in the Legislature, any bill that came to the House and the NRA didn't support it, it was DOA. Now we have a Republican supporting gun restrictions. That is extraordinary in Colorado," she added.

Columbine seemed to give gun-control bills a similar boost in other states.

For example, even gun control advocates were surprised when California legislators passed bills limiting handgun sales to one a month and strengthening the assault weapons ban. And in Pennsylvania, a bill requiring gun buyers to purchase trigger locks passed last year after failing in a previous session.

One of the Republicans who opposes Owens' measures is state Sen. Maryanne Tebedo, who sponsored a concealed-carry measure last year. She acknowledged that the issue has become emotionally charged because of Columbine but plans to try to pass the bill again.

Ms. Tebedo said having background checks at gun shows would force people to buy guns illegally and added that conservatives see safe-storage regulations as an intrusive step by the government.

"My constituents are telling me not to vote for any gun control," she said.

Other opponents of gun-control laws, including the National Rifle Association, are accusing advocates of trying to exploit Columbine.

"Advocates for more restrictive gun control will use whatever horrible tragedy there is in the media to push their legislative agenda," said NRA chief lobbyist James Baker.

"I don't think you can dismiss Columbine. It raised the profile of the issue even higher than it was. But I don't think the politics of the issue have changed at all," he said.

Administration moves to alter farm programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will propose "significant changes" in federal farm programs this year to provide growers with more assistance when crop prices are low, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Monday.

"We have an obligation to bring some specific proposals to the table and we will," Glickman said.

He declined to discuss the recommendations under discussion, which are expected to be part of the president's proposed 2001 budget. But the administration has been developing a new subsidy program that would be tied to swings in farm income and is similar to a plan proposed last year by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, according to congressional aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

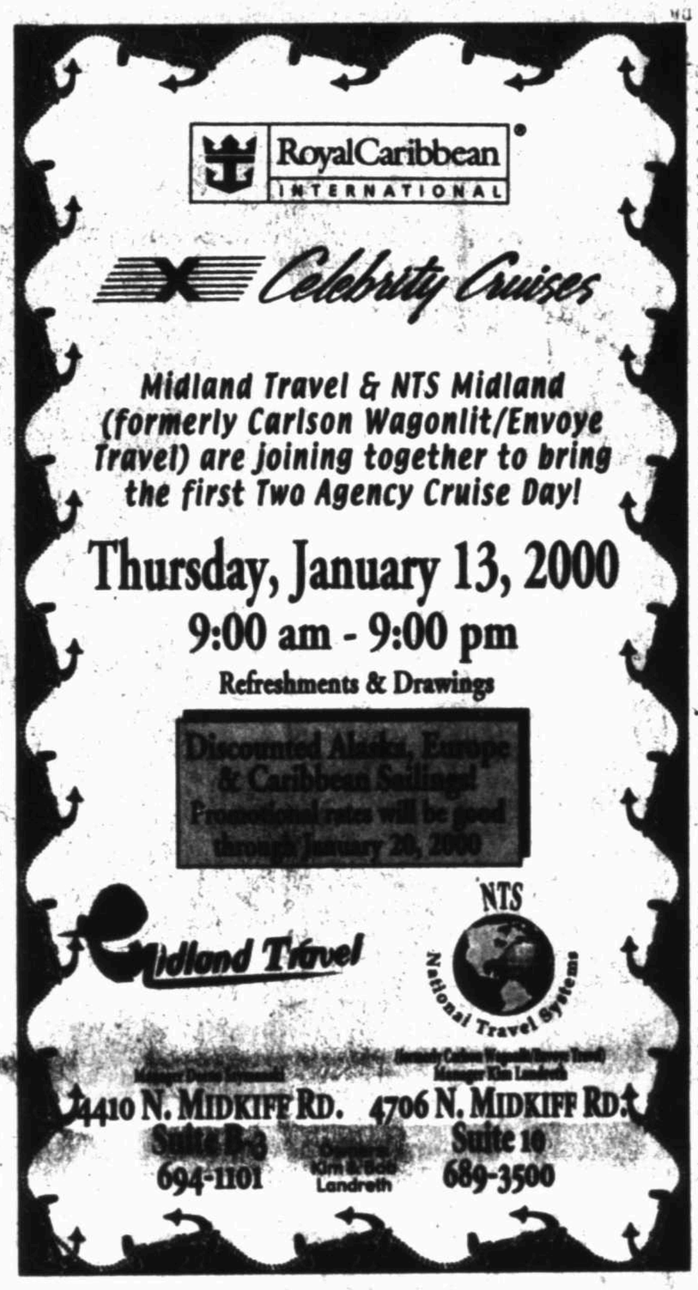
"The devil is in the details. The difficulty has always been coming up with something that you can reach a coalition, a consensus, about," Glickman said at a news conference where he outlined his priorities for 2000.

Congress has approved multi-billion-dollar bailouts of the farm economy in each of the past two years following a collapse in grain prices in 1998 and economists expect little improvement in 2000. The government predicts farmers' crop receipts will drop about 2 percent this year.

Last Friday, the administration announced that the 2001 budget would include an extra $1.3 billion for farm conservation programs, partly to help farmers cope with the depressed commodity prices.

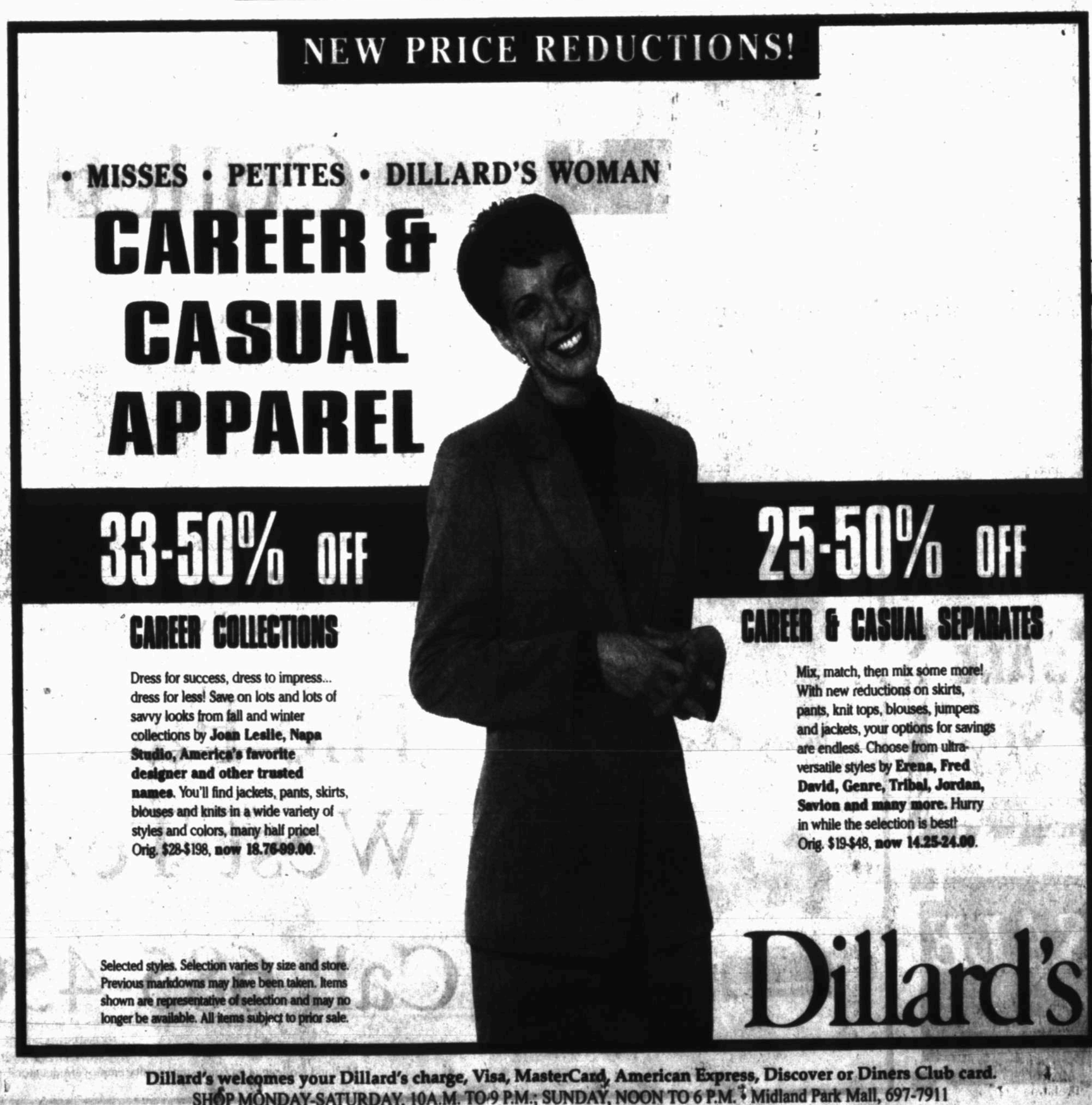
Also Monday, Glickman said that the government was unlikely to require the labeling of food that contains genetically-engineered ingredients. Despite pressure from consumer groups, the administration insists that biotech crops are essentially the same as crops bred by conventional means.

President Clinton said last fall that Congress needed to "revise, revamp and improve" the 1996 Freedom to Farm law because it did not take adequate care of farmers when crop prices dropped significantly. The measure ended a Depression-era system of price supports and replaced it with fixed annual payments.









SBC files to offer long distance service

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

SBC Communications Corp., the parent company of Southwestern Bell, sought permission Monday to begin offering long distance service in Texas.

Jim Shelley, president of regulatory affairs with SBC, said "This is a historic day." The company, he said, decided to file its application after receiving unanimous endorsement from the Texas Public Utility Commission that it had opened its local telephone service markets to competition, a major requirement to being allowed to offer long distance service.

The process is expected to take 90 days and if the FCC grants SBC's request, the company could begin offering long distance service in the Midland area soon after, said SBC Spokeswoman Audrey Ponzio, though she had no specific time frame.

Bob Ferguson, president, federal relations, for SBC, declined to provide specifics of the phone company's marketing plan because "We're 90 days away from entering the market and we're not eager to show our competitors what our marketing plan will look like."

He did say the company would not charge minimum monthly fees and would be offering long distance service as stand-alone service or in packages with different services, from local telephone service to Internet or wireless service.

With its filing, estimated to be 200,000 pages contained in 196 boxes, SBC has effectively become the gunslinger confronting his two main competitors and saying 'Draw.'

Both AT&T and MCI WorldCom say they'll accept the challenge.

"We oppose the filing mainly because, to this day, in Texas customers who move from Southwestern Bell to AT&T local service still have problems," said Kerry Hibbs, public relations manager of the southwest region for AT&T. "The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 said Southwestern Bell must send customers over to a competitor easily and accurately. It's getting better and Southwestern Bell is getting closer to the finish line. But we will definitely fight the filing with the FCC."

MCI WorldCom, in a statement, said "SBC's bid for long distance service authority in Texas is premature. Unlike the situation in New York, substantial barriers to competition still exist in Texas. SBC's electronic interfaces with competitors are inadequate and it is incapable of handling large volumes of orders because of excessive manual handling. In addition, SBC's plan to prevent 'backsliding' is weak."

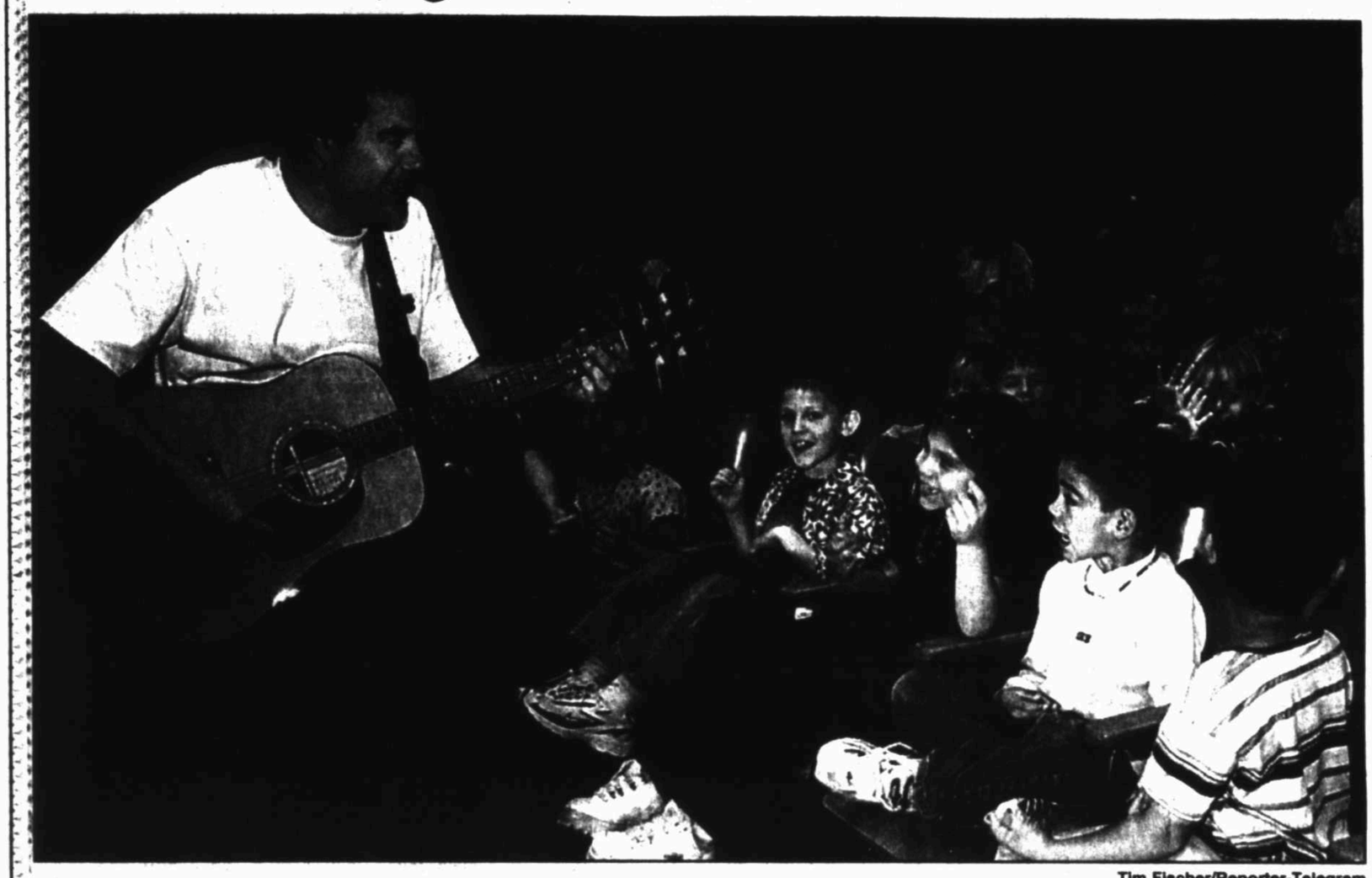
Bell Atlantic became the first "Baby Bell" to win permission to offer long distance service late last year and is offering that service in New York State. Ferguson said Texas is even more competitive than New York, where Bell Atlantic has only 74 competitors.

In a conference call discussing the application, Shelley said that about 240 competitors are operating in Texas and competitors have won over 1.4 million lines or 12 percent of all lines, in Southwestern Bell's service area. Of the competitors, 48 provide services over their own facilities and 114 resell service from Southwestern Bell.

Hibbs countered that "When Bell talks about 240 competitors, they're talking about companies going after the business customers in the big cities. That's not the competition that was intended by Congress when it passed the Telecom-

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A song and dance about the habitat



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Bill Oliver, the Environmental Troubadour, sings about the environment to students from Bonham, Crockett and Bowie Elementary Schools Monday afternoon at Alamo Junior High School.

Environmental Troubadour brings message to Midland children

By Jennifer Cherry
Staff Writer

The Environmental Troubadour dazzled Midland first-graders with his songs and stories about recycling and preserving the habitat around them Monday in the Alamo Junior High Auditorium.

The Troubadour, a type of minstral or singer, is actually Bill Oliver of Austin. His presentation was sponsored by Keep Midland Beautiful.

Oliver, who tours throughout the country, said his music programs began because of his "concern about the consumption of the world and the loss of wild places."

Indeed, he called it, "conspicuous consumption."

During his performance children sang, "You have to have a habitat to carry on," and "If we don't waste the water, the water won't waste away."

"The main word I want kids to remember is habitat," Oliver said.

He added that many of his songs, while sung mostly to children, are not directed towards any certain age group.

"The songs I write are for people who seem to have a youthful streak in them," Oliver said.

The Troubadour will perform for some 1,450 first graders by the time he concludes his efforts here later today, said Cindy Lanning, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful. This is his fifth year to perform for the first graders in Midland.

Sandra Figuerua, a teacher at Milam Elementary, said the children enjoyed the Troubadour's performance, although some of his messages "might have been a little over their heads."

By the sound of the first grader's laughs, songs

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Midlanders to honor civil rights leader

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Next Monday, Americans will join together to honor one of its greatest heroes with the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. And, Midlanders will honor the slain civil rights leader this upcoming weekend.

Local MLK Day festivities will begin Saturday at the Midland Community Center, formerly the Northeast YMCA at 2300 Butternut. The Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs (MBCE) will host a Census 2000 Count and Generations Project from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The first round of activities will combine education regarding the importance of the census with the importance of individuals. Families are being asked to bring picture albums and genealogical displays of their families to the event.

"Because Dr. King's actual birthday is Saturday the 15th, we determined to begin the celebration of Dr. King's legacy by putting emphasis on the census," said James Fuller. "But not only on the census but on the individuals, that individuals not only count as a number and as a figure statistically for the government but they count within their community and their families.

"We are having persons to emphasize the very thing Dr. King emphasized as it relates to the importance of families and how they can make a change by getting involved in their communities. That's the impetus from children to adults, parents and grandparents. We are covering the whole spectrum."

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, activities will continue at the Midland Community Center with a seminar: "Becoming Bankable." The seminar is co-sponsored by MBCE and the Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprises.

"This program is one of the aspects of Dr. King's legacy that very few people know about," Fuller said. "It's the economic side of Dr. King's legacy, of course."

Fuller said that part of King's message was to encourage African Americans to

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New HealthSouth administrator to keep hospital on course

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The new administrator at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa says he plans to continue steering the hospital in its present direction.

"We have an excellent staff and they've done a good job of building up the hospital's programs and census," said Bill Grey, who comes to the post from Mansfield General Hospital in Mansfield where he served as administrator.

The hospital employs 200 people, 160 full-time and 40 part-time, in both administrative and patient care positions.

In the last year, the hospital added a "Day Program" where outpatients can spend several days a week at the hospital, have lunch and receive different therapies. Grey likened it to day care and said it would allow the patients to receive more intensive therapies than a one- or two-hour session.

He said he plans to add other new programs and therapies, possibly what he called an ER admit program for patients who visit an emergency room but don't meet Medicare criteria for admittance to an acute-care hospital like Midland Memorial or Westwood Medical Center, but could meet the criteria for a rehabilitation hospital.

Memorial Rehabilitation Center, down Loop 250 from the hospital, is a competitor, he acknowledged, but added "I feel we can coexist. We have for a number of years."

The two facilities, he pointed out, can offer different programs and specializations.

Dr. Harold Rubin, President of Midland Memorial Hospital, owner of Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, said that the hospital is always working to refine its programs.

"We have a fine program and an excellent staff and excellent physician providers," Rubin said.

He added that "the hospital is doing well and is running at maximum capacity. We seem to have good support from physician providers in Midland and Odessa."

At the present time, HealthSouth's 60 beds are full but Grey doesn't expect any expansion anytime soon, saying that on the average, there are sufficient beds, staff and accommodations to meet demand.

Most of the patients are from the immediate area, but the hospital does draw patients from outlying towns. An aggressive marketing campaign that began last year in outlying

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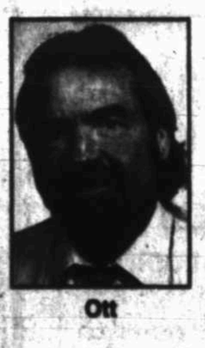
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Bill Grey, the new administrator at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital talks about his new role while in a physical therapy area in the hospital.

GARY OTT

It's almost impossible for a child to look unhappy eating an ice cream cone

More rambling thoughts ...

— It is virtually impossible for a child not to look happy when he is eating an ice cream cone, especially if he gets it all over his face.



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— There are certain people who just give the appearance, especially on a Monday morning, that it is best not to speak to them.

— Line from a country-western song: "Pass me by if you're only passing through."

— There aren't many worse feelings than suddenly realizing you don't have your wallet and you're not sure when you last saw it.

— Most of us, I suspect, have something of a personal relationship with our favorite grocery store. And in a peculiar sort of way, it feels like we're cheating on it when we go to a different place.

— Hard to believe, but it was 29 years ago this week that "All in the Family" made its debut on national TV.

— Overheard: "That person has delusions of adequacy."

— Also overheard: "He's got a full six-pack, but he lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together."

— It is kind of sad when you come to the end of a good book.

— I always liked the word "berserk."

— "Dreary" is a good one, too.

— Just wondering: Why can some people "get your goat", but not your donkey or your elephant or even your jack rabbit?

— Unwarranted vanity would be amusing if it wasn't so sad.

— A well-scripted, often-rehearsed one-liner is rarely as funny as you had hoped it would be.

— It was Oliver Goldsmith who first said, "Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs."

— You know you are getting on up in years if you can remember when purchasing a car with an air conditioner made you the toast of your neighborhood.

— It's the same with color TVs.

— It is terribly unfair, of course, but it seems to me that when something bad happens in a city it can never completely rid itself of that negative image, like Dallas being where President Kennedy was killed or Selma, Ala. being the site of so much racial discord back in the turbulent 1960s.

— Admit it, now. When you hear about a person you don't particularly like going through his entire inheritance with nothing to show for it, it gives you, in a morbid sort of a way, a certain pleasure.

— Question: What is Deja Moo? Answer: The feeling that you have heard this bull before.

— Benjamin Franklin once said, "Half the truth is often a great lie."

— For what it's worth: The prediction here is that Tiger Woods will eventually break most, if not all, of Jack Nicklaus' golf records.

— All things considered, I'd rather buy things in person than on the Internet.

— Of course, I'm weird. I'd rather do ANYTHING in person than on the Internet.

— More times than not, horror movies just aren't that scary.

— I've never understood people who voluntarily wear their shoes around the house.

— Kick those things off, for crying out loud, and go barefooted.

— And today's final quote comes from Gelett Burgess, who once said, "When the waitress puts the dinner on the table, the old men look at the dinner. The young men look at the waitress."

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Area briefs

Alzheimer's meeting

"Advance Directives and DNR Orders" will be the topic of the monthly caregiver series presented by the Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association. The series will be presented Tuesday, January 18, in the classroom at Westwood Medical Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Presenters will be Attorney Jerry Zant, Social Worker Mark Mercer, and Emergency Medical Technician Julie Satcha. There is no charge to the public and two Type II CEUs will be available through Midland College for $10. A similar presentation will be given in Odessa Thursday, January 20, in the Alzheimer's office at 707 Jefferson from 7 to 9 p.m. Presenters will be Ms. Satcha and Dr. Spear. Two Type II CEUs will be available through Odessa College for $10.

FCA meeting

A lunch for individuals interested in becoming a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the Permian Basin is set for 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 800 W. Texas. The lunch is sponsored by the state FCA Chapter.

Volunteers from the chapter in El Paso will be at the lunch to answer questions and provide information.

The 40-year-old nationwide organization's goal is to "present the gospel to athletes, coaches and all whom they influence."

Athletic background is not required, and the ministry is looking for people who want to share Christianity through athletics on junior high, high school and college campuses.

To confirm a seat at the luncheon, call 689-3935 today.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

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

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship. 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club, 7:30 p.m. General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 699-0202.

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

Midland Chapter No. 253 OES, 7:30 p.m. 1600 W. Wall St.

Lymphedema Support Group, 4 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland-Odessa, 520-1687.

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

Police Reports

Sheriff charges 'politics as usual'

Charging "politics as usual," Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said on Monday that "unsubstantiated allegations" have been "made by one employee against another" in the Midland County Detention Center — the main jail.

The sheriff did not specify the character of the allegations and did not indicate if the employees were deputy jailers, jailers, or clerks.

"There have been no charges (filed)," Painter said. "The investigation is continuing."

Painter, 52, is opposed in his bid for reelection to a fourth four-term in office.

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Midland Police Department
Sunday

Burglary of vehicle: The burglary of a 1993 two-door Nissan 240SX was reported at 7:34 a.m. at 2613 N. Midland Drive.

Criminal mischief: A broken windshield on a 1994 Mazda was reported at 11:30 a.m. at 113 N. Dewberry Drive.

Theft: A theft was reported at 1117 E. Spruce Ave.

Assault: Dean Allen Phillips reported at 10 p.m. that he was forced out of his 1982 AMC Concord automobile at 1400 Cloverdale Road and assaulted and that someone drove off his car.

Monday

Assault: Jesus Valverde Jr. reported at 3:30 a.m. that he was assaulted but site of the assault was not determined.

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Midland County Sheriff's Office
Sunday

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 2200 N. County Road 1140.

Vandalism: Vandalism to a vehicle was reported at 6:40 p.m. at 5905 E. County Road 57.

Monday

Burglary: A representative of West Texas Cat Rental at 3:48 a.m. reported the theft of a Caterpillar backhoe at 3800 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Theft: A representative of Tergerson's Fine Foods Inc. at 8:55 a.m. reported the theft of aluminum loading ramps at 3801 S. County Road 1200.

Burglary: The theft of a television set was reported at 10:20 a.m. at 6803 Farm-to-Market Road 1213.

Vandalism: An attempt to steal a vehicle was reported at 1:01 p.m. at 3910 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

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

Paralyzed Wedgwood church shooting victim returns to school

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas (AP) — The football player paralyzed below the waist in a Baptist Church shooting has returned to school here.

For the first time since the Sept. 15 church massacre, Justin Laird on Monday rejoined his classmates at Brewer High School in the west Fort Worth suburb. The shy 16-year-old returned to class without any fanfare.

"Justin is back with us today. Everything is great," said Dale Brock, the principal at the 1,200-student school. "We kept it pretty low key. Justin is a shy kid who didn't want a lot of attention."

Most of his classmates didn't even know that Laird was going to be back in class on Monday, the first day of a new nine-week school term.

"The neat thing about it is we didn't advertise it. He's just back with us," Brock said. "It's been great. He's well-liked here and it is one of those things where the other kids are glad to see him back, they are patting him on the back and shaking his hand.

"He has a big smile on his face and is getting back to the kid I remember before the tragedy."

Larry Gene Ashbrook killed seven people and wounded Justin and six others before shooting himself the night of Sept. 15 during a youth rally at Wedgwood Baptist Church in southwest Fort Worth.

Laird's parents, who have shielded the teen-ager from the media, took Justin to school and got him settled before classes began Monday.

Obituaries



Joseph Reese

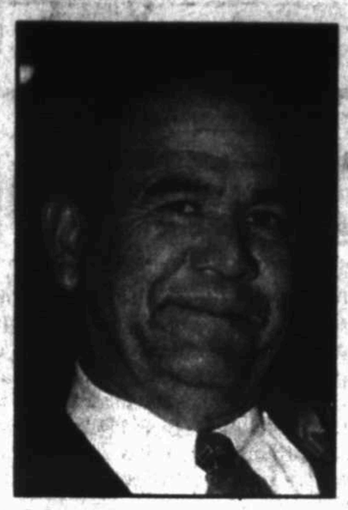
Joseph M. Reese was born April 30, 1925 in Miami, Florida to Joe Hugh Reese and Adele Helene Brossier Reese. He was reared in Miami, where he graduated from Gesu High School in 1943. He entered the US Army during World War II and was in the Pacific and European Campaigns. After his discharge, he entered the University of Miami and earned a degree in Geology in 1950. Upon graduation, he moved to San Antonio and joined Petroleum Research and Development. He moved to Midland in the mid-1950s with Zapata Petroleum. In 1959, he became an independent consulting geologist and was currently active in the oil industry. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, AAPG and West Texas Geological Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Nell Reese of Midland; a son, Andrew Thomas Reese of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Jeanne Elaine Reese and husband, Casey Cravens of Dunedin, New Zealand and Jennifer Lynn Reese and husband, Steven Eric Johnson of Austin; two sisters, Elise Grady of San Jose, California and Jeanne Cason of Cape Canaveral, Florida; and two grandchildren, Benjamin Reese Cravens of Dunedin, New Zealand and Samuel Erik Johnson of Austin, Texas.

Mr. Reese died Saturday, January 8, 2000, at his Midland residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to St. Vincent De Paul or a charity of choice.



Abraham Gonzalez

Abraham V. Gonzalez Sr., 58, died Saturday, January 8, 2000, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Ozona, Texas. He was born to Raul and Isabel Gonzalez on October 17, 1941 in Edinburg, Texas, where he was raised and educated. He later met and married Evangelina Urias in 1963 in Ft. Stockton. He was a truck driver for Scurlock Permian Corporation for 25 years. Then he went to work for BML Trucking, where he was currently working. He was a member of Templo Jerusalem. He is preceded in death by a brother, Roberto Gonzales; and a sister, Delia G. Aguilar.

A prayer service is scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Templo Jerusalem, 1205 S. Belmont. The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 10 a.m. at Templo Jerusalem with Rev. Manuel J. Hernandez officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Evangelina "Eva" Gonzalez of Midland; two sons, Abraham Gonzales Jr. and wife, Marisa, of Midland, and Daniel Gonzalez and wife, Patricia, of Midland; his mother, Isabel Gonzalez of Edinburg; two brothers, Eladio Torres of Edinburg and Raul Gonzalez of Crane; five sisters, Emma Gonzalez and Gabriela Hendrix of Edinburg, Alicia Gomez of Laredo, Anna Maria Vento of Harlingen, and Romana Medina of Big Spring; two grandsons, Emanuel Gonzalez and Patrick Gonzalez; and two granddaughters, Daisy Gonzalez and Bianca Gonzalez, all of Midland; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Medina, Gus Holgin, Jaime Sanchez, Mario Sanchez, Fred Lopez, Jesse Gonzales, Joe Marquez, and Samuel Marquez.



Jose Machuca

Jose B. Machuca, 50, died Sunday, January 9, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born to Jose R. Machuca and Eloise Baeza on September 22, 1949 in Kent, Texas. At an early age he moved with his family to Toyah, Texas, where he was raised and educated. While in school he enjoyed being in all sports. He later met and married Daquina Silvas in 1972 in Pecos, Texas. The couple moved to Midland in 1972. He worked for Central Texas Iron Works in Midland for ten years and later worked for Albertson's until 1988. Two sisters, Alicia and Adela Machuca precede him in death.

A prayer service is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel. The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, January 12 at 10 a.m. at Reyes-Garcia Chapel with Pastor Roy Langley officiating. Interment will follow at Toyah Catholic Cemetery in Toyah, Texas at 3 p.m. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Daquina S. Machuca of Midland; two sons, Javier Machuca and Jesse Machuca, both of Midland; a daughter, Marcrina Rodriguez of Midland; five brothers, Guadalupe Machuca of San Antonio; Dulces Machuca and Roberto Machuca of San Angelo; Dolores Machuca of Toyah, and Jesus Manuel Machuca of Midland; two sisters, Virginia Gomez of Midland and Elvira Garcia of Monahans; three grandsons, Alejandro Machuca, Christian Rodriguez and Phoenix Rodriguez, all of Midland; and numerous nephews and nieces.



Maxine Chapman

Maxine Chapman was born May 21, 1923 in Ft. Worth, Texas to Fred C. Hartin and Lena Belle Watson Arnold Hartin. She lived in Arlington and attended North Texas Agricultural College and Arlington State College, both in Arlington. She has been a resident of Midland since 1960. She and her husband helped organize the local chapter of Association of learning Disabilities and also served as officers in the Texas Association of Learning Disabilities. She was a member of Midland Faceters Guild, Texas Faceters Guild and Midland Gem and Mineral Society. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharron Merrill of Arlington, Mary McMahon of Crowley, Susan Benton of Midland, Lisa Chapman of Midland; a son, Clifford J. "Chip" Chapman, Jr. of Midland; sisters, Bea Tyrrell of Florida, Ruth Sloan of Arlington, Ann King of Ft. Worth, Mary Strickland of League City; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three nieces and four nephews.

Mrs. Chapman died Saturday, January 8, 2000, at a skilled nursing facility.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Paul United Methodist Church with Reverend Robert Kirk officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Robert Chapman, Edward Chapman, Keith Copper, Johnny Rowbotham, Randy Bryant and Jerry Savage.

The family requests memorials be directed to Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 3389, Midland, Texas 79702.

Death Notices

Rafael Valdez

Rafael S. Valdez, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at a Midland retirement village.

Mass is to be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Pecos. Burial is to follow at Mount Evergreen Cemetery. Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 11, in the Pecos Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born Sept. 29, 1921, in Balmorhea.

He recently moved to Midland, and had lived most of his life in Pecos. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Lionel Valdez and Adolfo Valdez, both of Midland, and Tomas Valdez of Pecos; two daughters, Corina Matta and Viola Bombara, both of Midland; four brothers, Enrique Valdez of Tucson, Ariz., and Fidel Valdez, Mike Valdez and Merjildo Valdez, all of Loving, N.M.; three sisters, Herminia Dutchover of Balmorhea, and Tina Armendariz and Amelia Franco, both of Loving, N.M.; 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mortimer Merritt

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Former Midlander Mortimer M. Merritt, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at a Carlsbad health center.

Funeral services are to be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Grace Episcopal Church with the Rev. Thomas Gray officiating. Burial with military honors by the Carlsbad Veteran's Honor Guard is to follow at the Carlsbad Cemetery under the direction of Denton Funchess Funeral Home. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. today, Jan. 11, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1913, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

While living in Midland, he was an independent oilman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen M. Merritt in 1998; and a brother, Robert H. Merritt.

Survivors include a son, Laurance H. Merritt of Ojai, Calif.; a daughter, Mary B. Merritt of Orlando, Fla.; three step-daughters, Karen E. Johnston of Carlsbad, Linda E. McKnight of Houston and Elodie E. Brown of Midland; a sister, Mary M. Macconnel of San Diego, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Joe Dewbre

CLYDE — Funeral services for Joe Everett Dewbre were Friday, Jan. 7, at First Assembly of God Church in Morton with the Revs. Forest Srader and Jimmy R. Bennett officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

He was born April 17, 1928, in Crosbyton.

He was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Morton and lay minister with the Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Cora Langdon, Goldie Singleton and Mattie Billington; and three brothers, Virgil Dewbre, Bill Dewbre and R.Z. Dewbre.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Estelle Bennett Dewbre of Clyde; two sons, Justin Dewbre of Mesquite and Randy Dewbre of Abilene; two daughters, Kathie Curfew of Midland and Lynnie Rosebery of Austin; two sisters, Lucille Freeman of Eden and Mary Schultz of Levelland; a brother, Percy Dewbre of Morton; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Nurses Hospice, P. O. Box 13483, Odessa, Texas 79768-3483.

Bill Weaver

LAMESA — Bill Weaver, 90, died Sunday, Jan. 9, at his residence.

Memorial services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Don Stribling officiating.

He was born Nov. 18, 1909, in Gordon.

He was a farmer and gin owner. He received world-wide recognition as a leader in the cotton farming industry. He was an elder and member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Texas Ginners Association.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Grace Junis; and a step-daughter, Patricia Shook.

Survivors include his wife, Iwanda Gilbert Weaver of Lamesa; and two step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity that will benefit Lamesa and Dawson County citizens.

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.

Kenneth French

BIG SPRING — Kenneth "Frenchie" French, 54, of Big Spring, died Sunday, January 9 in a local hospital.

Funeral services are to be at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 13 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Major Roy Tolcher of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial is to follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 19,1945, in Big Spring and, after serving in the U.S. Army, worked in the oil fields until becoming disabled.

Survivors include his foster parents, Pat and William McNew, of Big Spring; three sisters, Wanda Tubbs, Beverly Smithie and Debra Myrick, all of Big Spring; and a brother, W.J. McNew of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Buddy French, and his mother, Lorene Freitag.

Alice Schultz

Alice Schultz, 67, died Monday, Jan. 10, at her home.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Betty Flowers

Betty Flowers, 59, died Monday, Jan. 10, at her Midland residence.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Funeral Home of Odessa.

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Attorneys argue search of suspect's home was illegal

Several FBI agents testified that Mrs. Smith consented to the search, during which officers found rap lyrics written by Daymon Smith (the suspect), sneakers, various ammunition and a pistol later determined to belong to Mrs. Smith.

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A federal judge Monday heard arguments whether to exclude evidence seized from the house of a man accused of killing a Longview bank teller during a botched robbery.

U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield must decide whether the items taken from Daymon Maurice Smith's home should be considered in his trial for the Jan. 7, 1999 slaying of Betty Paddie.

A grand jury in May indicted Smith in Ms. Paddie's killing and the wounding of bank manager Elizabeth "Libby" Flahie at First Federal Savings Bank of North Texas in Longview.

Smith, 21, and co-defendants Charles Lee Stephens, 22, and Kenneth A. Tatum, 20, all of Marshall, were all charged with the botched bank robbery. The three are also accused in two other robbery-slayings in East Texas between November 1998 and January 1999.

Authorities say the trio is responsible for the kidnapping-killing of Overton First State Bank President Ronnie Ritch and the shooting of retired minister Robert Ely during a robbery at a Longview auto dealership.

Monday, attorneys called to the stand several FBI and police officers to describe last winter's raid and the subsequent search of Smith's Marshall house. His attorneys argue that police did not have consent or probable cause to search the house.

FBI agents searched the house after a SWAT team, believing Smith was inside, entered the home, several officers testified.

Smith's grandmother, Armarie Smith, testified how she left the house after a Marshall police officer called and told her to leave so the SWAT team could search for Smith. She described looking out to see a number of police vehicles and the officer who directed her out of the building.

"There's no use locking the door if all that's out there," Mrs. Smith testified.

Several FBI agents testified that Mrs. Smith consented to the search, during which officers found rap lyrics written by Smith, sneakers, various ammunition and a pistol later determined to belong to Mrs. Smith.

Police described her as cooperative and helpful, though worried her grandson might be hurt during his capture.

"She knew we needed to find Daymon Smith, and she assisted us in every way," FBI agent Jeff Millslagle testified.

Heartfield set no timetable for ruling on the motion, but attorneys said they expect a decision as early as this week.

Smith, Tatum and Stephens are to be tried separately later this year, each for separate but related charges. Tatum is charged in Ely and Ritch's killings, while Stephens is accused of participating in all three incidents.

If convicted, each faces a life sentence or the death penalty.

Heartfield moved the cases to Beaumont last year at the request of defense attorneys, who argued that heavy media coverage of the cases tainted the jury pool around Marshall, about 150 miles east of Dallas. Marshall is the federal court over the Longview area.

The judge has barred prosecutors and defense attorneys from talking about the case with the media.

Sheriff Welling allowed to run for re-election

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

STANTON — Any controversy surrounding Sheriff Mike Welling's candidacy for re-election has been eliminated, according to Martin County Democratic chairman George Costlow. Welling will be allowed to run for his third term.

Welling said he had originally considered not running, but he changed his mind afterward.

Welling had verbally requested his $600 filing fee back last Monday. He then returned Wednesday, said he had changed his mind, gave his money back and said he did want to run for sheriff. But, the filing deadline had been that Monday.

To clarify the situation, Costlow said he contacted the Secretary of the State's office in Austin. Officials there informed him that one can only withdraw from a race if they issue a written notification. Welling's request was verbal, not written.

"According to the election code, he has to withdraw in writing," Costlow said. "So he never withdrew. We're going to go ahead and report him as being in the race. It's just another one of those gray areas."

Costlow said Welling had been involved in a prior "gray area" because he doesn't live in Martin County. He resides in Dawson County. But, he is qualified to run for sheriff in Martin County because he owns a home there.

KING: Organizers invite everyone to celebration

(From 1B)

be independent business owners and to patronize businesses owned by African Americans.

"Unfortunately and somewhat ironically and tragically, desegregation contributed greatly to the demise of businesses within numerous African American communities across the country. The viable African American business district is no longer," Fuller said.

Saturday's seminar is not just for African Americans, however.

"It is and it isn't. We never want to put ourselves in the position that it is just for minorities," Fuller said.

The program will be to help individuals learn how to secure financing and resources in order to gain economic freedom.

"This is for everybody with an emphasis on historically underutilized businesses and women, whether green, purple or polka dot — whatever," Fuller said, adding that such is the idea of the entire celebration.

The celebration of MLK Day is one recognizing his contributions to all men, according to Fuller. "It's a statement which recognized the universality of the man, his message and his life. He is a man for all seasons, for all people, for all nations for all countries. He is a universal manifestation of what is important for making life better for all humanity," Fuller said.

Therefore, the entire community is welcome at any activity celebrating the holiday.

The celebration will be continued Sunday with the annual Symbolic March.

According to Robbyne Hocker Fuller, the march will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Paul C.M.E. Church at 409 S. Lee Street. The march will end up Hollowell United Methodist Church at 400 S. Marshall.

That's really exciting," said Ms. Fuller. "We actually walk and sing as we go."

She said assembly for the march will begin at 2:15 p.m. and that participants are encouraged to bring signs and banners, "that reflect the spirit, legacy and contemporary concerns of the celebration."

Once at Hollowell, the celebration will continue with singing, dance and individual presentations. The Koinonia Liturgical Dance Troupe from Dallas will perform with Angela Norris Johnson directing. She also will direct the Umoja dancers, a youth dance troupe from Midland. The Abell Junior High School Honor Choir and the Southeast Senior Citizens Singers also will perform.

Ms. Fuller reitefated that everyone is invited to the celebration.

Howard County commissioners apply for Internet enhancement program

By Art Sinclair
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Howard County commissioners on Monday voted to submit a grant to the state of Texas for 18 new computers as part of the Internet enhancement program.

The grant from the Texas Infrastructure Fund is for $145,000. The county will match 10 percent of the grant funds. Sixteen new computer workstations will be used to create a new computer-training program. County employees will be trained in the new computer lab. Classes for the public also will be offered.

At present, 20 to 40 public users log on at the Howard County Library each day. County Librarian Loraine Redman will be in charge of the program. Ms. Redman told commissioners at their Monday morning meeting that the grant is written and ready to submit to the state. It is a noncompetitive grant that must be applied for by Friday.

In other action by the Commissioner's Court, Sheriff Bill Jennings was given permission to go out for bids on four new or used vehicles for the sheriff's department. The four vehicles are budgeted for $75,000 and are part of the sheriff's policy of updating equipment in his department.

Howard County commissioners are considering a wellness program that will require a complete physical for any prospective new employees. Sheila Chandler, marketing coordinator for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, outlined the program to commissioners. The projected cost for a physical would be around $100 for each new employee. Commissioners agreed that it is a good program and could reduce the number of potential medical claims.

SINGER: Children get to be in an imaginary rock band

(From 1B)

about beach clean-up seemed to be the most popular. Children got to be in an imaginary rock band and participate in an imaginary beach party.

"My favorite part is when the kids get up to do the guitar," Mrs. Lanning said.

Oliver said that part of the show gets wild sometimes because students try to pretend they are in a head-banging band.

The Environmental Troubadour is one of two projects Keep Midland Beautiful sponsors each year that includes students. This year, the organization piloted a program that "actually got students involved in a project where they could see recycling and reuse," said Ron Moss.

Keep Midland Beautiful called several area agencies to find out what items those agencies needed most. During the first two weeks of November, each of the nine elementary schools were drop-off points for these needed items, Moss said. The oldest groups of children were responsible for gathering the items and advertising the project to the younger children in each school.

"Teachers liked it because there were no parameters," Mrs. Lanning said.

"For the first year, I thought it was extremely successful," Moss said.

Each school is given copies of Oliver's songs and the sheet music to them at the end of the Troubadour's performance, Mrs. Lanning said.

Each child also leaves with an activity book that "deals with the importance of trees to the environment and waste reduction through reuse and recycling," according to Mrs. Lanning.

The Troubadour's shows conclude today with performances at 9:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Alamo Junior High School Auditorium, 3800 W. Storey.

HOSPITAL: Grey says his heart is in science of medicine, brain in business

(From 1B)

towns, from Alpine and Marfa in one direction to Colorado City in the other, could bring the out-of-town patient population up to as much as 25 percent, he predicted.

Grey's new position is his first with HealthSouth, an Alabama-based corporation with 2,000 locations in all 50 states, the United Kingdom, Puerto Rico and Australia. But, he said, in his 15 years in hospital administration, he had heard of the corporation.

Raised in Jacksonville, Fla., he sees his position as the best of both worlds.

As a child, he said, "I had a desire for medicine — I had good grades in biology. But I ended up with a major in economics and a master's degree in health care administration. My heart was in the sciences but my brain was in the business side. Mix them together and you get this position."

He received his bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in healthcare administration from Duke University.

His new position brings him back to West Texas. He previously worked as chief financial officer of Odessa Women and Children's Hospital, now known as Odessa Regional Hospital. While in Odessa, he met his wife, Jerrine. The couple has a 6-year-old son, Marshall, and a 1-year-old daughter, Morgan.

Grey said he plans to be active in the community, joining Midland Westside Rotary Club. He once volunteered with the United Way of Odessa and Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Springfield, Mo.

He also plans to continue the hospital's community involvement. The hospital has adopted a stretch of Highway 191 by Midland International Airport, provides food and goods to Project Graduation and supports fund-raising efforts by associations like the American Cancer Society and American Diabetes Association.

PHONE: SBC says it is required to ensure open telecommunications market

(From 1B)

munications Act of 1996."

Shelley said that the company had undergone a very tough two-year review overseen by the PUC and Telcordia Technologies, a third party firm that certified SBC's Operational Support Systems were operational and able to provide non-discriminatory access to competitors.

Priscilla Hill-Ardoin, senior vice president, FCC with SBC, stated that "We have enormous financial incentives to ensure we have an open market. In receiving certification from the PUC, we voluntarily agreed to $289 in penalties if we don't meet conditions to foster competition."

Ferguson said that if SBC wins approval to offer long distance service, consumers will benefit as the company's competitors begin to compete vigorously for market share.

Agreed Shelley, "This has been a long, tough process, but a fair process. And it's brought us a step closer to bringing consumers the benefits of competition envisioned in 1996."

New Dentist in Midland



Dr. Mike Connally has moved to Midland from Rockdale, TX. He earned his degree at Baylor College of Dentistry. After purchasing HealthFirst Dental in Midland, Dr. Connally will provide his patients with General Family Dentistry with a special focus on prevention, cosmetics, and dental implants. Originally from Midland, he and his wife, Jenny, have returned home to raise their family and build a practice. Dr. Connally invites you to stop by and say Hello!"

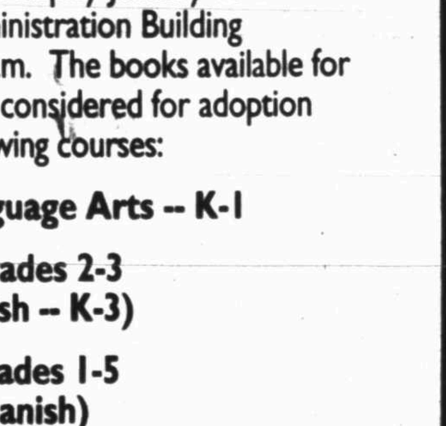
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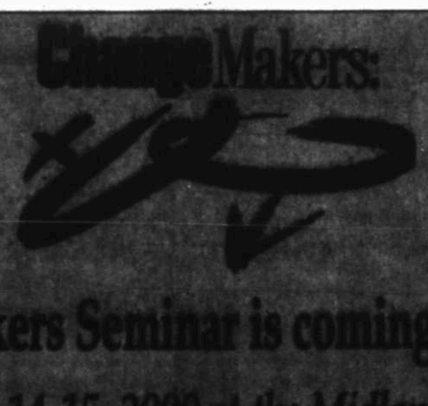
Science -- Grades 1-5
(English/Spanish)

Literature -- Grades 9-12

If a citizen or parent requests a public hearing by 5 p.m.
January 24, 2000, the hearing will be conducted
February 7, 2000, at 7 p.m. in the MISD Board Room.

For further information, call 689-1094

ChangeMakers:



ChangeMakers Seminar is coming to Midland

January 14-15, 2000 at the Midland Center

ChangeMakers: a powerful two-day interactive seminar developed by the Medical Institute of Sexual Health of Austin for educators, medical professionals, community leaders, parents, and policy makers. The Medical Institute's goal is to bring communities together to equip and empower our youth and promote health for tomorrow's future! The seminar will be led by two dynamic professionals from the Institute, Marcia Ball, R.D.D. and Jennie Cerullo, Phd.

Seating is limited. Registration may be made by calling 570-7743

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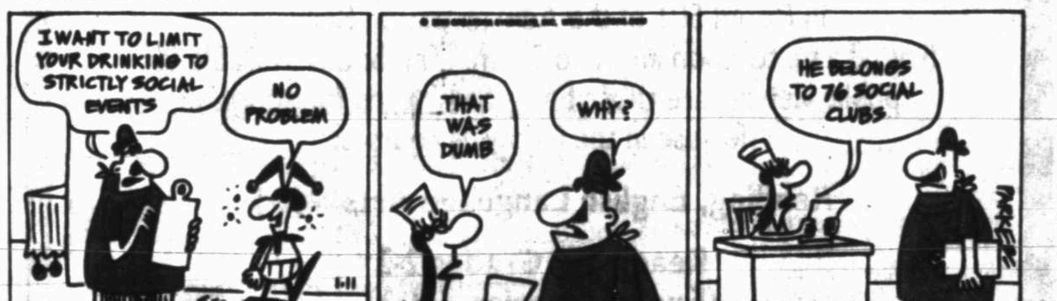
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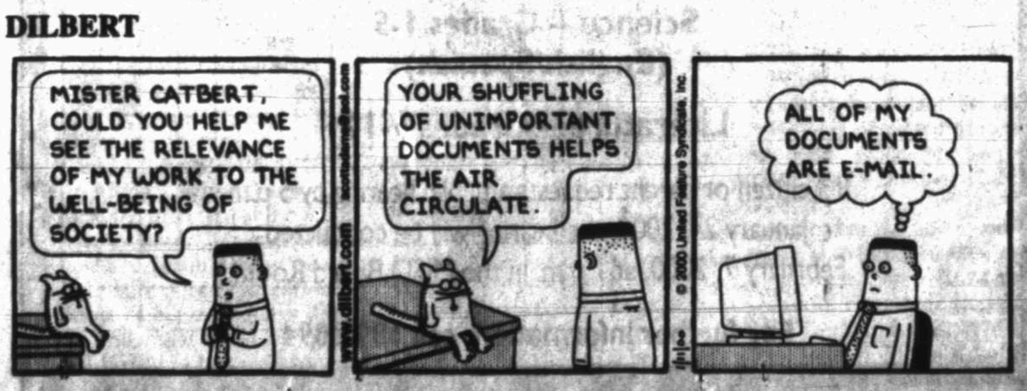
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000:

You'll break past boundaries this year in an effort to reach others. Don't hold back from being the person you are. Others will enjoy your more gregarious self and will respond heartily. You naturally beam in others, because of your strength of personality and your unusual views. If you are single, be careful not to hook up with someone who won't be there for you. You might be overly sensitive. If attached, you'll need time alone to recharge. Be open with your partner about your needs, and you'll get a positive response. PISCES enjoys tapping into your mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You go overboard today no matter what you are dealing with. Allow others to express their feelings. Someone in your life really knows how to stir your emotions. Financial matters become clearer in the next day or so. Brainstorm, talk and sort out your thoughts. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Say what you mean. Wishes can materialize now. You set another straight as you talk about a trip or opportunity. Do not indulge in office gossip. Take the high road if possible. Another helps you see the big picture. Tonight: Live in the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Accept responsibility, even if you feel that someone has gone off the deep end. Don't expect others to see situations as you see them. A problem or restriction will come to the table for resolution and can be eliminated in the near future. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Make calls. Decide to open doors in your life rather than close them. You might often feel restricted, but right now you can jump over hurdles and clear your way to your goal. Listen to a partner who is full of ideas, suggestions and support. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Another clearly lures you out of the doldrums. Though you might want to take this day off to indulge, work calls you. You get a lot done, thanks to another's input. You will view your professional interests differently as the result of information gained. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others open up, and you gain a different perspective. Listen to what a child or loved one shares. Brainstorm with partners; you come up with new ideas that work. Make a point of checking into a class or a seminar. Seek the new, not the tried-and-true, for now. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Get into work, choosing not to feel pressured. Listen to feedback from family and co-workers. Others understand a lot more than you realize about you and your needs. Don't sell out. Recognize what is acceptable. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity and flirtatious manner are fed by another's talk and, perhaps, a most interesting call. You might make a major partnership decision now, only to reverse it in the near future. You don't have all the facts. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Discussions revolve around home, family and increased security. Your optimistic ways bring others toward you. With this jovial mood, you might have a difficult time settling in. Don't fret about funds — just get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Make that additional effort. Chat and be gregarious. Your positive nature emerges with others. Keep talking. Share your feelings with a child or loved one. You might change your mind about a child or a new friendship. Be open to information that comes forth. Tonight: Get together with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your intuition frequently serves you well when dealing with others. You understand a lot more than you realize about money and how it works. Don't minimize your knowledge. A friend tries to distract you and does an excellent job. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Beam in what you want. Friends support you in every way they know. Brainstorm, network and make new contacts. You can turn a dream into a reality if you want. You'll clear the air as you speak your mind. Decide to help others understand you better. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

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BORN TODAY
Musician Clarence Clemons (1942)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Richard Cummings (1932-1999)

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 6 3
♡ 6
◇ 10 6 2
♣ A Q 7 6 2

WEST
♠ J 9 7
♡ 10
◇ Q J 9 8 7 3
♣ K 10 8

EAST
♠ 8 4 2
♡ K Q 8 5
◇ A K 5 4
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q 5
♡ A J 9 7 4 3 2
◇ Void
♣ J 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

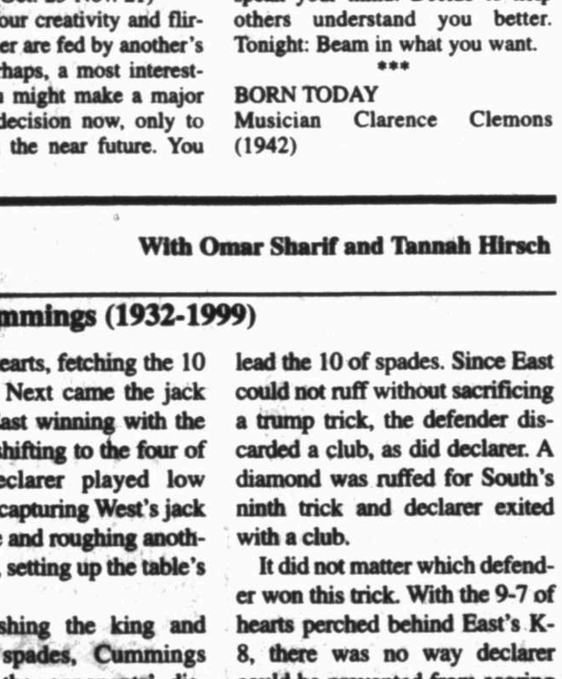
Dick Cummings, a stalwart of the powerful Australian teams which, in the '60s and '70s, vied strongly for world honors, died in Sydney last October. As a player he was an aggressive bidder and fine technician. His daily columns combined erudition and wit — a rare combination.

This deal, which won the brilliancy prize at the 1980 World Team Olympiad, is from a match between Indonesia and Australia. His four-heart rebid was typical of his style. He then proceeded to show that he needed neither the club finesse nor the percentage play of a heart to the jack to land his contract.

He ruffed the opening diamond lead in hand and cashed the ace of hearts, fetching the 10 from West. Next came the jack of hearts, East winning with the queen and shifting to the four of spades. Declarer played low from hand, capturing West's jack with the ace and roughing another diamond, setting up the table's 10.

After cashing the king and queen of spades, Cummings completed the opponents' discomfiture by crossing to the ace of clubs, spurning the finesse, to lead the 10 of spades. Since East could not ruff without sacrificing a trump trick, the defender discarded a club, as did declarer. A diamond was ruffed for South's ninth trick and declarer exited with a club.

It did not matter which defender won this trick. With the 9-7 of hearts perched behind East's K-8, there was no way declarer could be prevented from scoring the nine of trumps for the fulfilling trick.



Mrs. Zanski's 15-minute slide presentation quickly set the tone for her parent-teacher conference with the Murdocks.

ZITS



BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



"BOY, THIS MILLENNIUM SURE IS GOIN' BY A LOT SLOWER THAN THE LAST ONE."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, it's not, Mommy. See? I can lift it with one hand."

TV TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING — January 11, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 661	Wheel of Fortune 343	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 3614		Dharma & Greg 9063	Sports Night 8188	NYPD Blue: Loogie Nights 9998		News 6033275	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 10430	That '70s Show 90188	Malcolm in the Middle	Party of Five: Day After New Year 26188 (TVPG)		Mad About You 78853	The Nanny 86904	Jerry Springer 49481		News/Radio 80898	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 4904	Entertainment Tonight	JAG: Into the Breach 98188		60 Minutes II 74508		Judging Amy: Spoil the Child 67072 (TVPG-L)		News 2853527	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 2031898		Late With Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9		News 2324	Seinfeld 6904 (TVPG)	Just Shoot Me 9362	3rd Rock From the Sun	Will & Grace 5782	Veronica's Closet 4817	Dateline NBC 23898		News 5403188	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 7663701		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 19850	John Hagee 33430	The Light of the Southwest 37102				Richard Roberts 80324		News 54508	Joyce Meyer 63256	Duane Sheriff Ministries	Rev. Otterness 78275
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 859879		Inside the Animal Mind, a Nature Miniseries 710940		Nova: Battle Alert in the Gulf 910148 (TVG)		Frontline: The Case for Innocence 320782			Telecourse 194614		
(6) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3846362		Rivers Live 3822782		The News With Brian Williams 3642546		Hardball With Chris Matthews 3846633		Rivers Live 5241324	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 247966	Caroline in the City	The First Power (R, '90) ★ (Lou Diamond Phillips, Tracy Griffith) 221188				News 234350		MacGyver: Prisoner of Conscience 589427 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night: Liar's Poker 210072 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (7:05) (R, '92) ★★★ (Annabella Sciorra, Rebecca De Mornay) 1979411				Dolores Claiborne (8:05) (R, '95) ★★★ (Kathy Bates, Jennifer Jason Leigh) 83697345					
(14) FAM		14		Who's Boss?	Comedy	Closet ('97) ★★ (Elizabeth Perkins) 484850				Exploring the Unknown		The 700 Club 219237		Who's Boss?	Comedy
(20) DISC		20	26	Meanest Animal in World?		Maximum Security Prisons		The New Detectives		The FBI Files 683140		Maximum Security Prisons		The New Detectives	
(21) AMC		21	31	L Mobster (8:30) 225685		Visions of Light: The Art of Cinematography 1840888				Foreign Correspondent (8:45) ('40) ★★★★ 85719898				The Land That Time Forgot	
(22) TNN		22	35	The Waltons 865411 (TVG)		Rockin' Bowl 683904 (TVG)				Life & Times of Osmonds		Dallas 936363 (TVPG)		Outdoor	Outd'r Mag.
(23) TNT		23	28	ER 858121 (TV14-L)		NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Minnesota Timberwolves 712701					Inside NBA	Above the Rim (R, '94) ★★ (Duane Martin, Leon) 3933237			
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 416169		1492: Conquest of Paradise (PG-13, '92) ★★ (Gerard Depardieu) 797083						Shadows and Fog (PG-13, '92) ★★ (Woody Allen) 332838			
(26) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 604362		Live From L.A. 691898		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 838492	
(27) DISN		27	41	The Witches (PG, '90) ★★★ (Anjelica Huston, Mai Zetterling) 7767927			The Neverending Story (7:40) (PG, '84) ★★★ (Barret Oliver, Noah Hathaway) 2787289			Rabbit (5:30) (Part 2) (R, '98) ★★ (Jason Robards, Nolan Thornton) 78828527				Zorro 322256 (TVG)	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 248614		Larry King Live 257362		CNN NewsStand 244898		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 820492	
(29) ESPN		29	30	College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan State 160661				College Basketball: Kentucky at Auburn 910668				SportsCenter 485053		Super Bowl	NHL 2Night
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Ares 622351 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 233782 (TV14-V)		Solo (PG-13, '96) ★★ (Mario Van Peebles, Barry Corbin) 233256				Walker, Texas Ranger 232063 (TV14-V)		Silk Stalkings: The Baby Sitter 855188 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 8305275		The X-Files 6381695		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 8304546		The X-Files 8643343	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Rage 497053 (TVPG)		Biography 699324 (TVPG-L)		Investigative Reports: The Cold Case Files 4 608072		Love Chronicles: Arranged Marriages 695508 (TVPG)		Law & Order: The Pursuit of Happiness 698695 (TVPG)		Biography 264430 (TVPG-L)	
(33) TLC		33		48 Hours: Kidnapped 867879		Trauma: Life in the ER 383530 (TVPG)		Crash Science: What Happened? 383350 (TVPG)		Crash Science: The Driver 983594 (TVPG)		Trauma: Life in the ER 733071 (TVPG)		Crash Science: What Happened? 674256 (TVPG)	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 805898	Rugrats 889850	The Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter 818382	Brady Bunch 178256	Brady Bunch 180091	All in the Family	The Jeffersons 405072	I Love Lucy 765986	Mary Tyler Moore	Happy Days 975256	Laverne and Shirley
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Christine Lahti 682169 (TVPG)		Chicago Hope: Second Chances 216140 (TVPG-V)		Justice for Annie: A Moment of Truth Movie ('95) ★★ (Peggy Lipton, Susan Ruttan) 226994				Golden Girls 947508	Golden Girls 956256	Designing Women	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39		The Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	The World of Nature 7810850		Global Family 7434186	Safari 7413695	The Thin Green Line	Nature Beat	The World of Nature 7819121		Global Family 8812825	Safari 7897879
(42) UNI		42	13	Sonadoras 95343 (TVPG)		Nunca Te Olvidare 97614		Tres Mujeres 53102 (TV14)		Primer Impacto: Edicion Nocturna 93898		Primer Impacto Extra	Noticiero: Ultima Hora	Viviana a la Medianoche 79492 (TVPG)	
(43) FSN		43	29	Football News 74614	The Last Word 65966	Fox Sports Rewind	Cowboys Press Conf.	Hardcore Football 80362		Goin' Deep 77898		Fox Sports News 70985		Fox Sports News 14492	
(44) COM		44		Search of the Unsolved	Win Ben Stein's Money	The Mark Twain Prize Honoring Richard Pryor		Sam Kinison: Why Did We Laugh? 9285508		Premium Blend	Comedy Central Pres.	Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live: Roseanne Barr 8214169 (TVPG)	
(46) ANIM		46		Fun. Animals	Aquanauts	Wildlife	Wildlife	Big Cat Diary	The Keepers	Emer. Vets	Wild Rescue	Wildlife	Wildlife	Big Cat Diary	The Keepers
(47) E!		47		Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries	Robert Downey Jr.		Wild on the Mediterranean		H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild on the Rocks 831614	
(48) TVL		48	24	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Emergency! 3013362		Dragnet	Adam-12	Andy Griffith	Beaver	Honeymoon.	Sanford/Son	A-Team 8864409	
(49) ODSY		49		Avonlea 863053		Snowy River: McGregor		Tornado! (PG, '96) ★★ (Bruce Campbell) 888949				Lonesome Dove 838625		The Young Riders 670430	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	Ground	Gardener	Room/Room	Decor. Cents	Homes ...	Modern	Ground	Gardener	Room/Room	Decor. Cents
(51) MSNBC		51		Hardball: Chris Matthews		Special Edition 8303817		News With Brian Williams		Legends With Matt Lauer		Special Edition 8302186		News With Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52		Catalina y Sebastian		Senora 939968		El Amor de Mi Vida 634576		Discovery en Espanol		Noticiero	Ocurrio Asi 351188		Buscando
(60) TOON		60		Chicken	Laboratory	Courage/Dog	Tom & Jerry	Bugs & Daffy 9276850		Flintstones	Scooby Doo	Courage/Dog	Chicken	Batman	Dragon Ball
(61) TCM		61		The Vanishing Virginian (5)		Crisis ('69) ★★ (Cary Grant, Jose Ferrer) 6584633				The Mortal Storm ('40) ★★★ (Margaret Sullavan) 6189140				The Gazebo ('59) 1972343	
(62) HIST		62	32	20th Century/Mike Wallace		Born Killers: Leopold, Loeb		The Big House 3091140		The Chunnel 3011904		Civil War Journal 3014091		Born Killers: Leopold, Loeb	
(63) ESPN2		63		NFL 2Night	College Basketball: Syracuse at West Virginia 5979904			College Basketball: Xavier at Dayton 6408343					NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL 2Night
(64) SCIFI		64	39	The Sentinel 1296701		The Sentinel 8715459		The Sentinel 8791879		Lexx: The Series 8704343		Poltergeist: The Legacy		Friday the 13th 6789121	
(53) PLEX				The Princess Bride (5:15) (PG, '87) ★★★ (Cary Elwes, Robin Wright)				Taps (PG, '81) ★★ (Timothy Hutton, George C. Scott)				Young Frankenstein (10:10) (PG, '74) ★★★★ (Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle)			
(65) FLIX		65	20	Love With the Proper Stranger (5) ('64) ★★★ 8178904		Chains of Gold (R, '91) ★ (John Travolta, Marilu Henner) 7422814				Groundhog, U.S.A. (5:45) (R, '94) ★★ (Jamie Lee Curtis) 89077972		No Looking Back (R, '98) ★★ (Lauren Holly, Edward Burns) 1321140			
(66) SHOW		66	16	Maxie (5:15) (PG, '85) ★★ (Glenn Close) 71362072		The Hoop Life 240072 (TVMA-LV)		Beggars and Choosers 226492 (TVMA-LS)		Rude Awakening	Linc's 400186	A Merry War (PG-13, '97) ★★ (Richard E. Grant, Helena Bonham Carter) 7097898			
(67) TMC		67	15	A Few Good Men (4:15)	Disturbing Behavior (6:35) (R, '98) ★ (James Marsden, Katie Holmes) 47946362			Species II (R, '98) ★ (Michael Madsen, Natasha Henstridge) 2229979			Aberration (9:30) ('98) (Simon Bossell, Pamela Gidley) 48948345			Iron Heart (11:10) (R, '98) ★ (Britton Lee) 19987276	
(68) HBO		68		Beaches (5:45) (PG-13, '88) ★★ (Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey) 3628699				The Thin Red Line (R, '98) ★★★ (Sean Penn, Adrian Brody) 876883						Dennis Miller Live	Witness Protection
(69) HBO 2		69		Wounded (5:15) (R, '97) (Madchen Amick, Adrian Pasdar) 69078614				Roads (R, '98) ★★ (Peter Coyote, Kyle MacLachlan) 6082276				Life of Crime 2 (9:45) 58320189 (TVMA)			
(70) HBO 3		70		Gloria (5) (R, '80) ★★ (Sharon Stone) 1717846			Larry Sanders Show	Dennis Miller Live		Oscar and Lucinda (R, '97) ★★★ (Ralph Fiennes, Cate Blanchett) 81298908		Belle de Jour (10:15) (R, '67) ★★★ (Catherine Deneuve, Jean Sorel) 81518904			
(71) MAX		71		Animal Cops 684527 (TVPG)		The Object of My Affection (R, '98) ★★ (Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd) 479788				The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (R, '90) ★ (Andrew Dice Clay, Wayne Newton) 6996492				Testing the Limits (10:45) (R, '98) 74288184	
(72) MAX 2		72		Greener Fields (4:45)	Easy Money (6:30) (R, '83) ★★ (Rodney Dangerfield, Joe Pesci) 65841997			If ... Dog ... Rabbit ... (R, '98) (Bruce Dern, John Hurt) 6389604				Irma Vep (8:50) ('96) ★★ (Maggie Cheung, Jean-Pierre Leaud) 94769633		A Merry War 6480453	

PEOPLE TODAY

Clark to lead U.S. through 5 more new years

BURBANK, Calif. — **Dick Clark** said Monday he has signed on to host the New Year's Eve countdown to midnight in Times Square for another five years.

Clark, 70, also said "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve" on ABC has been expanded to 3 1/2 hours, up from an hour and a half.

"It gives us the opportunity to feature many more performers and guests," said Clark, who hosted his 28th consecutive Times Square show two weeks ago.

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MALIBU, Calif. — A photographer was arrested for investigation of stalking after he allegedly followed singer **Barbra Streisand** and her husband, actor **James Brolin**, twice while they were driving.



A photographer was arrested on stalking charges after Barbra Streisand and James Brolin reported to police that they were being followed.

The couple drove to a Los Angeles County sheriff's station Saturday afternoon when they noticed they were being followed by somebody in a van as they traveled on Highway 101, **Deputy Cruz Solis** said.

Hours later, they noticed a man following them again on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, where they have a home, Solis said. They flagged down a deputy, who stopped the driver.

Photographer **Wendal Wall**, 28, was held for investigation of stalking on $1 million bail, police said.

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LONDON — **Cherie Blair**, the wife of **Prime Minister Tony Blair**, reported a train passenger to the authorities Monday for failing to buy a ticket.

The culprit: Cherie Blair.

Mrs. Blair, a lawyer, planned to pay the approximately $15 fare from London's Blackfriars Station to Luton, north of the capital, when she boarded the train Monday morning, her husband's office confirmed.

But the ticket booth was closed and Mrs. Blair needed to be on time for a court date. So she boarded the train without a ticket and upon arrival informed the ticket inspector that she hadn't paid.

Blair's office said she paid the full fare, plus an excess charge of about $16.

"She is an upstanding citizen," said the prime minister's spokesman, speaking with customary anonymity. "These things happen."

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LOS ANGELES — **Gloria Estefan** is joining some prestigious company.

The entertainer will be the 27th recipient of the Award of Merit during next week's American Music Awards. The tribute recognizes "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public."

Previous Award of Merit winners include **Bing Crosby**, **Irving Berlin**, **Johnny Cash**, **Ella Fitzgerald**, **Perry Como**, **Benny Goodman**, **Chuck Berry**, **Elvis Presley**, **Stevie Wonder**, **Michael Jackson**, **Loretta Lynn** and the **Beach Boys**.

Twenty other awards will be handed out during Monday's ABC special from the Shrine Auditorium. **Whitney Houston**, **Britney Spears** and **Shania Twain** lead American Music Award nominees with three apiece.

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LONDON — **Michael Caine**, one of the most prolific actors around, says he's taken up a new activity during his rare gaps between projects — he's writing a novel.

"There's no authors like **Martin Amis** or any other great writers trembling in their boots at the thought I'm writing this," Caine said.

Caine said he has completed a first draft of his novel, which he called "a thriller to amuse me, and I hope it will amuse other people, that's all."

He confessed his plot needs some tweaking, however, noting that one of his characters inadvertently gets killed twice.

And of course, he also said he's working on a new film project, a gangster movie called "Shiner."

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ACROSS

1 Joe Friday portrayer
5 Some is recycled
10 Lackluster
14 Prefix with lateral
15 Juliet's love
16 Lake, in Spain
17 Ramshackle
19 Big pitcher
20 Deli offering
21 Author Kingsley —
22 Noted short story writer
24 Like loafers
26 Singer Clapton
27 Always
28 Chinese restaurant appetizer
32 Resist authority
34 Dudley of film
35 Olympics chant
36 Forum farewells
37 Boisterous
38 Feds
39 Whiz lead-in
40 Home with a flap door
41 Dressed for court
42 Still open
44 Sledding spot
45 Hall of Famer Speaker
46 Drinking spree
48 High wire garb
51 Feels under the weather
52 Woo, the old-fashioned way
54 Wedding dance
55 Modesty
58 Lay — thick: flatter
59 Boxer Griffith
60 Sunrise locale
61 Wise guy
62 More level-headed
63 Oklahoma Indian

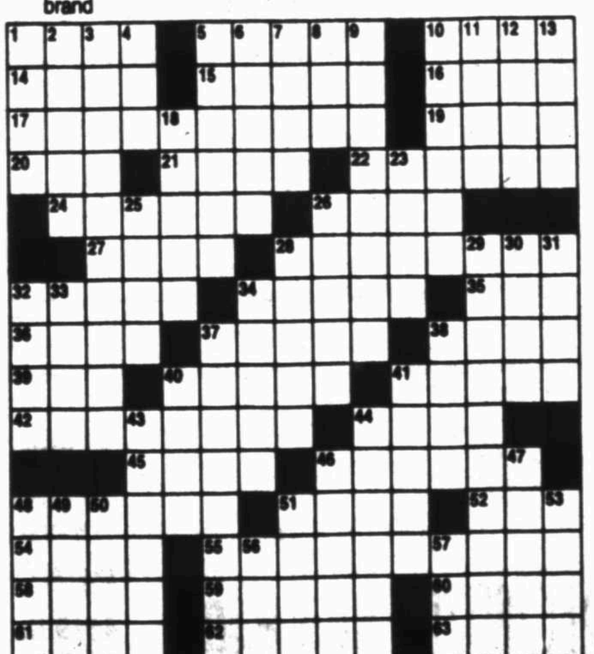
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1 Hoses down
2 Burton Broadway hit
3 Buzzers
4 Highchair wear
5 Shock wave
6 "The Thinker" sculptor
7 Andy's pal
8 — up: clinch
9 Like some degrees
10 Swindle
11 Park place
12 Antiquing aid
13 British Conservative
18 Boutonniere site
23 Add to the staff
25 Composer Charles
26 Lyric poem
28 Scattered, as seed
29 Roadster feature
30 Words of understanding
31 Marching group
32 Spaghetti sauce brand
33 Fifty-fifty
34 Sulks
37 Really enjoys
38 Winner's medal
40 Fruit pie
41 Dishwasher cycle
43 Natural gas component
44 "Catch-22" novelist Joseph
46 Sacred writings
47 "Tin Cup" actress Rene
48 "— means war"
49 Smidgen
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Guards call for special session for increased security and pay

By Jin Vertuno
Associated Press

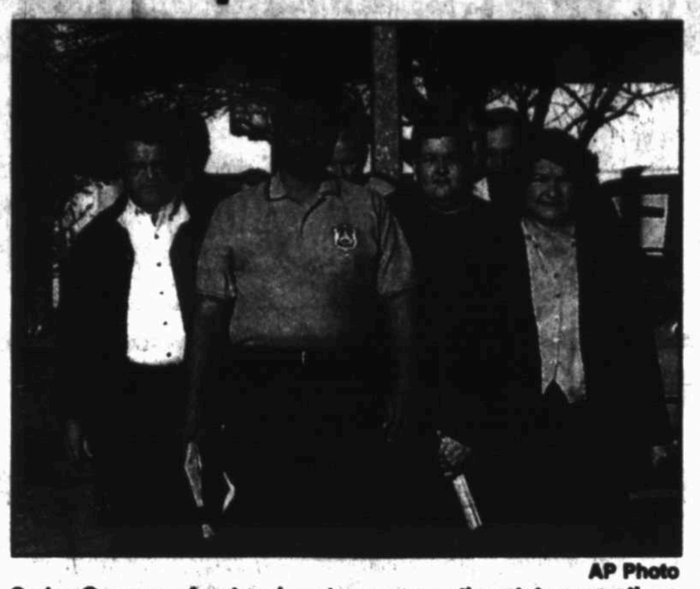
AUSTIN — State prison guards called for greater staffing and higher salaries Monday, presenting Gov. George W. Bush's office a petition with 3,300 signatures demanding that he call a special session of the Legislature to address the problem.

The petition capped a week-long candlelight vigil for former guard Danny Nagle, who was stabbed to death last month at a prison in Beeville, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Nagle had participated in a Dec. 4 rally on the Capitol steps on the same issues. He was killed Dec. 17.

"We don't want Danny Nagle's death to be in vain," said Carlos Carrasco, an officer with the union representing prison guards. "We don't want to be here in another year saying, 'Governor, someone else has died.'"

Texas has about 28,000 guards watching over some 151,000 inmates. Guard levels are about 1,700 short of what has been approved by the Legislature.



AP Photo

Carlos Carrasco, front and center, representing state corrections officers, carries petitions calling for a special session of the Texas Legislature as he leads a group toward the Capitol on Monday, in Austin.

Union officials blamed Nagle's death and a riot at the same facility just days later on the staff shortage. He was the first Texas correctional officer killed in 17 years.

Although the vigil is over, Carrasco said the petition be circulated around the state for several months to drum up support.

Bush, front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, was campaigning in New Hampshire and Michigan on Monday. A Bush spokesman, Mike Jones, said the governor supports pay raises for prison guards but won't call the Legislature into a special session. Lawmakers' next regular session is in 2001.

Bush advocated spending $53 million for guard raises last session, Jones said. The plan was not approved by the Legislature. He also noted that state prison officials have set up a special committee to push for higher salaries in the wake of Nagle's death.

Texas, which has the second-largest prison system behind California, ranks 46th among the states in pay for guards. First-year salary for a correctional officer is $21,744 a year. The 1998 national average was $22,300. After 2 1/2 years, a guard's salary tops out at $26,724, compared with the national average of $34,404, according to the Corrections Yearbook.

A Scripps Howard analysis of assaults on prison guards showed that attacks have more than doubled in the past five years. Statewide, there were 6,001 such assaults in Texas prisons from 1995-99, the analysis showed.

Assaults range from hitting and shoving guards to spitting and throwing urine and body waste on the officers.

The increase can be blamed partly on the growing number of inmates over the last decade, prison spokesman Larry Todd said. Texas had about 92,000 inmates in 1994.

Low salaries make it difficult to keep quality guards, said Willie King, a guard at a state jail in Humble.

"If a guy is working out with the weights and he's pumped up and walks up to you in a threatening manner, it can be dangerous," said King, an 11-year veteran.

A vibrant state economy makes it hard to attract guard candidates, Todd said.

"It's a dangerous job that's not for everyone," said Todd. "They can make more money in the free world. When we try to recruit an officer, they find he or she can make more money (elsewhere) with less stress and less danger."

Guards around the state will wear green ribbons on their uniform in support of pay raises, a gesture that has been approved for all agency staff by TDCJ Executive Director Wayne Scott, Todd said.

DEAR ABBY

Lessons best taught at home are crowding school classes

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, one of your readers recommended that schools add anger management classes to the curriculum. I am a schoolteacher, and I don't know how we're going to fit any more into our curriculum and do it effectively.



Van Buren

We teach drug awareness, tobacco awareness, AIDS education, kids voting, helmet safety and stranger danger, to name a few. Oh, yes — we also teach reading, writing, math, language, social studies, science, health, music, art and physical education.

Why does our society expect schools to teach it all? Whatever happened to parenting? Parents should be taking the classes on how to be parents. Perhaps that would leave the "school" subjects to the teachers. — **PHOENIX EDUCATOR**

DEAR EDUCATOR: I agree that it's unfair to demand that schools teach children that which should be taught at home by the parents. However, the majority of families these days have two working parents, and consequently many children are virtually raising themselves.

The task of parenting is more difficult when the parent is gone the majority of the time — but it's not impossible. The best things parents can give their children are time and undivided attention. They should listen to their children with a discerning ear. It takes patience, setting a good example, organizing one's priorities and choosing one's battles. For parents who feel that knack is beyond them, many books have been written on the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a man for four years now. Two years ago he asked me to marry him, but he still hasn't set a date or given me a ring.

Whenever I bring up the subject, he gets angry and says, "When the time is right." Well, in my book, don't you normally wait to pop the question until the time is right and then offer the ring as a symbol of love and commitment?

He is 42 years old, has never been married and still lives at home with his mother. He says he could never leave her alone. His mother — a wonderful woman whom I love dearly — is 75 years old, but remains very active and still works 35 hours a week. She says he has never helped her financially, although he makes a decent living.

I'm beginning to grow weary of waiting for "the right time." What do you think of this situation? — **THE WIFE-IN-WAITING**

DEAR WAITING: He has told you directly that he could never leave his mother. She's in excellent health and, from your description, is vigorous — so you could be "waiting" for this man to get off the dime for a very long time. Let me go on record: Waiting for someone to die is the longest wait in the world.

If it's marriage you want, it's time to move on and find an eligible man. This one's already taken.

DEAR ABBY: Please answer this for me. Is it all right to visit relatives or friends without calling first? I say it's rude, and my husband says there is nothing wrong with it. He thinks people will just be surprised. — **EMBARRASSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I recommend always calling to ask if it's convenient to visit.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Pipe bomb explodes at school

BLANCO (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded Monday in a Blanco High School field after a bomb squad removed it from a boys' bathroom and detonated it. No one was injured.

An athletic coach found the device around 10 a.m. at the school about 40 miles southwest of Austin.

Bill Guthrie, emergency management coordinator for Blanco County, said school officials evacuated the school and called the sheriff's department when they determined the device was "legitimate." He would not specify what caused officials to make that determination.

Two units from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms as well as the Austin Bomb Squad went to the school, where they used a robot to remove the device to an outdoor field between the gymnasium and the agriculture building. The bomb squad used a laser-guided gun to detonate the pipe bomb, Guthrie said.

No buildings were damaged in the explosion.

ATF officials worked with the bomb squad late Monday to retrieve evidence and look for suspects, Guthrie said.

"This is the first time this has happened and we hope that it will be the last," he said.

About 300 students were evacuated after the principal made a short announcement telling students to prepare to leave the building without their belongings, said senior Jeremy Ernst, 17.

He and friend Ricky Trotter, 17, were parked in front of the building as officers searched the school hours after the evacuation. Both students said they were shocked and frightened.

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Wilkins taking reins as Trinity goes to 11-man

■ Former Permian coach returns to sidelines as Kitto will stay on as assistant.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

A Texas high school football coaching legend is returning to the gridiron front lines.

For the first time since the 1985 season at Odessa Permian, Trinity athletic director John Wilkins is taking over as head football coach of the Chargers.

Wilkins, who compiled a record of 148-16-6 with the Mojo with 10 district championships and two state championships, was just itching to return to the sidelines as the head play-caller. After being approached by parents, players and administrative officials, the 57-year-old Wilkins talked it over with his wife and decided to give it another shot and return to coaching.

"It was an opportunity to come back as we're making a transition from six-man to 11-man football," said Wilkins, who will remain as Trinity's athletic director. "Over the past two years, I've gotten to know these kids, to really respect them and to love them. It was an opportunity to come back into the game. After due consideration, it was decided that it was something we wanted to do and it would be fun to do. I hope that it's going to be fun for the players also."


Wilkins



Kitto

Next year, the Chargers will move to 11-man football in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 3A division.

"(Going to 11-man) is going to be a big transition for everybody," Wilkins said. "I think that's the reason we had some different people here at Trinity who wanted me to help make that transition."

Karl Kitto, who coached the Chargers for three seasons and recently guided Trinity to the Texas Christian Athletic League championship, will remain at Trinity and serve as an assistant coach under Wilkins. The rest of Kitto's staff will also remain at Trinity as assistants.

Wilkins said that it wasn't that people were unhappy with the job Kitto did but they just felt Wilkins would help make the move into 11-man football a little easier.

"Coach Kitto will be an integral part of our staff," Wilkins said.

Kitto, who guided the Chargers to a 18-17 record in three years with two district titles, two state final appearances and helped turned a once downtrodden varsity football program to a championship one, had mixed feelings about the move.

"We had a great year and John saw how much fun we were having and he's got a lot of expertise to get this thing started and turned into what we really want to do. If I can help in anything that's what I'll do," said Kitto, 59.

Kitto said the move was a surprise to him.

"I kind of sensed it that maybe he (Wilkins) wanted to coach," Kitto said. "He's got the expertise in it so you don't argue with success."

Kitto, whose son Clint is a sophomore at Trinity, said there wasn't any hesitation about him staying at the school.

"(Wilkins) asked me if I wanted to stay here and within a half-second he was the coach, I told him I wanted to stay here and keep things going," Kitto said. "I can't say I'm not disappointed but I can see that it will work out real well."

Wilkins was at Permian for 15 years — 13 as head coach — and what he did at the school will forever be legendary. In 1999, Wilkins was named "District 4-5A Coach of the Modern Era" by the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

"Basically it will be the old Permian offense and defense," said Wilkins about the Chargers' style of play for the 2000 season. "Coach (Doak) Huddleston will be our defensive coordinator and he'll have some things he would want to add as far as our total package goes. From an offensive standpoint, we'll stem from the basic Wing-T but I'm sure we'll do some other things too to try to take advantage of the talent we do have."

With Wilkins taking over, the expectations will undoubtedly be raised. Wilkins makes no guarantees.

"I don't know if we'll win a game to be honest with you," Wilkins said. "We're going into unknown territory. It's been 15 years since I've been on the field so I'm no miracle worker by any means. I can safely say that our kids will be well prepared. Our kids are hungry and they want to compete. We'll just see how it turns out at the end. If it doesn't work out I may just have to fire myself."

Wilkins has already met with the players and has

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COWBOYS CONSIDER CHANGES

Which way do they turn now?

Jones promising shakeup amidst disappointment

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones isn't going to take this quietly.

The same mistakes that doomed his Dallas Cowboys to an 8-8 regular season haunted them again Sunday in a 27-10 wild-card loss to Minnesota. It's the second straight year the Cowboys have been flattened in the first round of the playoffs and Jones, the owner and general manager, sounds ready to shake things up to try and keep it from happening again.

"The way we plan for things, we can't operate with results like this," said Jones, who spent $41.5 million in bonuses on this team. "We have to give ourselves a better chance to win.

"Everybody's disappointed. We had much higher expectations this year."

After a four-year span in which Dallas won three Super Bowls, the Cowboys have won one playoff game the past four years. They are 24-24 over the last three regular seasons and 0-2 in the playoffs.

The first step in any shakeup is usually firing the coach and Jones already has triggered speculation Chan Gailey won't be back for a third season.

After expressing support for the coach a few weeks ago, Jones refused to comment Sunday on Gailey's status, although he said, "I don't blame an individual player at all."

As they walked to the locker room Sunday, Gailey was about 15 feet ahead of Jones. The owner made no effort to catch up.

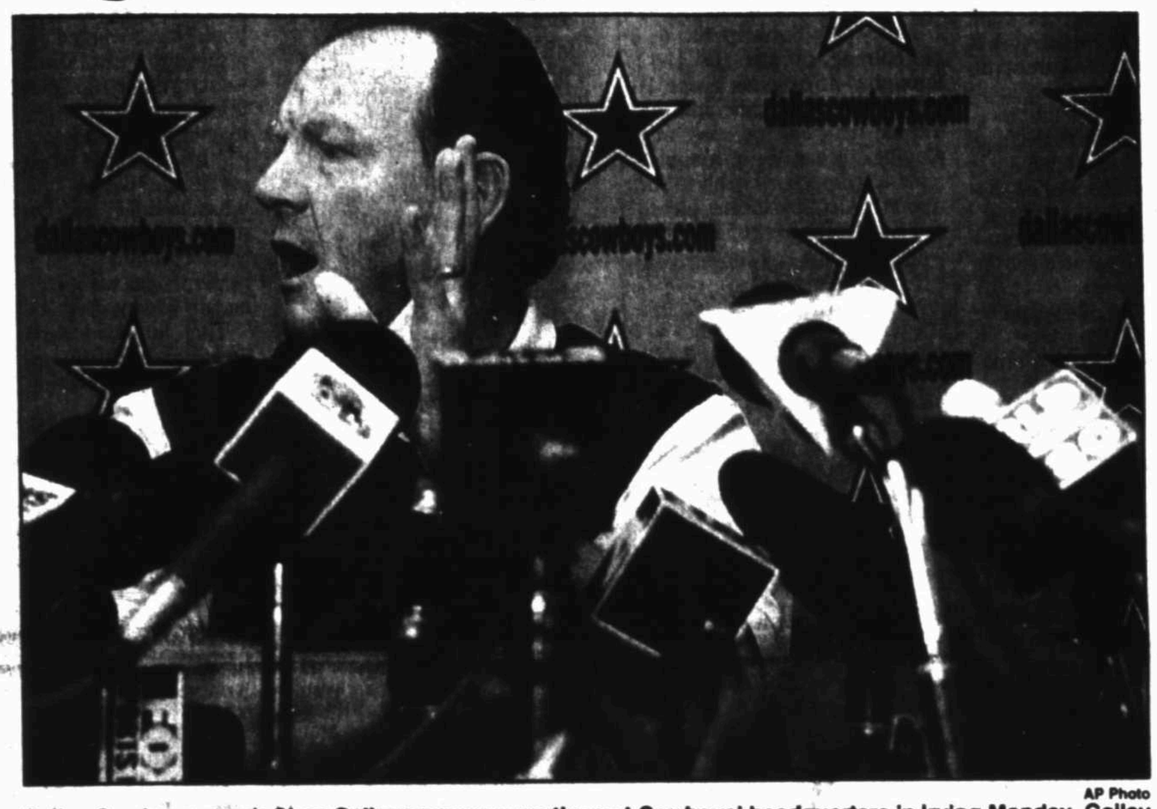
Maybe Jones already was thinking about the personnel decisions he faces.

The list begins with Deion Sanders, whose contract can be voided to avoid a $12.7 million hit on next season's salary cap. Whether Jones re-signs him, and at what price, goes a long way in determining how much is left for everyone else.

"I would like to come back," said Sanders, who wants at least $8 million. "But there are things that need to be addressed."

Counting Sanders' existing contract,

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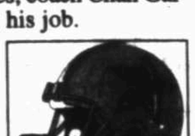
AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey answers questions at Cowboys' headquarters in Irving Monday. Gailey fielded questions about his future with the franchise after a disappointing 27-10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings in Sunday's NFC wild-card playoff game.

Gailey's status left hanging

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Even after an hourlong meeting Monday with Dallas Cowboy owner Jerry Jones, coach Chan Gailey doesn't know if he'll be keeping his job.

Gailey said the talk centered on personnel issues such as free agents and college players available for the draft. The second-year coach said he resisted flat-out asking Jones if he is considering changing coaches.



"Did I want to? Probably," Gailey said. "It's better to let him. Instead of me commenting on anything, when he gets ready to make a statement, he'll make a statement."

Although Gailey didn't ask the big question, he would like an answer, he agreed.

"The sooner the better," said Gailey, who for the first time this season at Valley Ranch wasn't wearing a Cowboys shirt or hat.

Gailey's job is in jeopardy because Dallas followed an 8-8 regular season with a 27-10 loss to Minnesota on Sunday. It was the team's biggest defeat of the season and marked the second straight year the Cowboys were knocked out in the first round of the playoffs.

Last season, Gailey's first with the Cowboys, Dallas went 10-6 and won the NFC East, then were eliminated 20-7 by Arizona.

Jones' support of Gailey has gone from absolute to abstract in recent weeks. Instead of standing solidly behind the coach, Jones has stood aside with his lips shut — figuratively and literally.

Jones told the media he wanted to reserve comment for a few days before discussing the coach's status.

Gailey said he senses he could be fired because of what he's read. Jones, though, has never directly said publicly that he's considering making a change.

"No, but he gets asked the question and he doesn't deny it," Gailey said. "That's what I read in the paper."

Jones was not immediately available for comment. Team spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the owner will be

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MC ladies don't stop streaking

■ Chap women open WJCAC by routing Frank Phillips to maintain conference win string.

Staff Report

BORGER — The No. 11 Midland College Lady Chaparrals opened defense of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference title Monday night in convincing fashion.

MC pounced on Frank Phillips College 101-53 to improve to 13-4 overall and 1-0 in conference. The Lady Plainsmen fell to 6-8 overall and 0-1 in WJCAC play.

The Lady Chaps took a 55-28 lead at the break and really started the slaughter with a 14-0 run to start the second half. Midland College's defense was solid throughout the night as it held FPC scoreless for almost five minutes in the second half.

"I thought defensively we played with real good energy from start to finish," said Midland College's sixth-year coach Ron Jones. "I thought we had good attitude, good mental preparation and good intensity for the entire 40 minutes.

"I think that our defense is just getting better. I believe we're only going as far as our defense takes us."

Taking the long trip to Borger and having a bull's-eye on them as defending conference champs, there could've easily been a let down. Not so for the Lady Chaparrals.

"I told the team that the first road game is always really tough and usually there's a chance to stumble," Jones said, "but I'm really happy with the way we played and the way we approached this game."

Shekinah Brazzle led five Lady Chaps in double figures with 19 points, Loren Mostacilla added 15, Julie Rampley and

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Road can't keep Chaps from victory

Staff Report

BORGER — Midland College's first-year coach Junsie Cotten said it simply, "It was a road win."

It wasn't the prettiest of showings for the Chaparrals but like Cotten said, it was a road win as Midland College opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Monday night with an 81-72 victory over Frank Phillips College.

Midland College improved to 14-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play, while the Plainsmen dropped to 4-9 overall and 0-1 in WJCAC action.

"We came in with the mindset that we were just going to come in and win the ballgame but that wasn't the case," said Cotten. "We were not mentally prepared to play."

After a 40-34 lead at the half, the Chaps finally stretched it out to a 61-51 advantage with 11:32 to go in the contest.

Frank Phillips, however, would not go away as it cut MC's lead to 74-70 with less than two minutes to go. MC finally pulled away courtesy of its defense, but the thought that the Chaps could've let this game slip away has Cotten concerned.

"We had too many mistakes in this game and I think we took them (Plainsmen) lightly," Cotten said. "But we're 1-0 in this league and we have Howard coming in on Thursday. We have to be ready to match their physical play and we have to be better mentally prepared than what we were tonight."

Eugene Costello led the Chaps with 29 points, which included five 3-pointers.

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Mavericks interested in a 'reformed' Rodman


AP Photo
Karl Malone, left, tries to steal the ball from Dennis Rodman in the NBA Finals in Salt Lake City in 1998. New Dallas Mavericks owner-in-waiting Mark Cuban is considering signing flamboyant Dallas-born forward Rodman.

By Charles Richards
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks are one of three teams that have expressed an interest in Dennis Rodman since he appeared on network television last week — with normal hair and no earrings — and expressed a desire to play again in the NBA, his agent confirmed Monday.

On Jan. 3, in the first Tonight Show of 2000, a "serious" Rodman said if and when the Los Angeles Lakers wanted him, he would be ready to play.

"After that appearance on the Tonight Show, we got three calls — not including the Lakers," Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, told The Associated Press on Monday.

"They'd all like Dennis to play for them, and yes, Dallas is one of the clubs interested. It's all preliminary at this point. Dennis would prefer to play for Phil Jackson. If not for the Lakers, he'd like to play for a team he could help lead to the championship," Chasman said.

Rodman has been trying to get back into the NBA since the Lakers cut him last April, but his interest was kindled when they hired Jackson, for whom Rodman played with the Chicago Bulls.

The Lakers, who have the NBA's best record, haven't shown an interest in taking another chance on Rodman.

Mark Cuban of Dallas, who got rich with Broadcast.com and is now in the process of buying the Mavericks, told The Dallas Morning News on Sunday that he is considering a run at the 38-year-old power forward, a Dallas native and seven-time NBA rebounding champion.

However, Rodman has created disturbances on his teams through skipped practices and off-court legal troubles. Since November, he has been arrested twice — for drunken driving, and for a fight with wife Carmen Electra in Miami.

Before the Lakers cut him last April, he left the club at one point and was frequently a distraction. However, Cuban said he has no philosophical reasons against signing Rodman, a Dallas native whose trademark became a different color hair for each game.

Chasman said Rodman's "sincerity and desire to play again" came through in his interview last week with Tonight Show host Jay Leno.

"His hair was normal color. He was-

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LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland High

Opponent: San Angelo Central Bobcats.

Where: At Central High School.

When: Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 19-4 for the season and 3-0 in District 4-5A play while Central is 16-7 and 1-1 in league play.

4-5A Significance: San Angelo Central appears to be one of the up and coming teams in 4-5A. Many think the Bobcats are ready to make a playoff run. So, this makes this a dangerous game for the 3-0 Bulldogs since it is on the road.

Notes & Quotes: MHS still has a 42-game 4-5A on court winning streak alive, the longest winning streak in district history... The Bobcats are coming off a 69-61 win over Odessa High to even their district record at 1-1. MHS is coming off a huge 63-47 win over Abilene Cooper. The Bulldogs erased an 11-point deficit in that contest to win going away. Blake Johnston scored 21 points, 11 in the fourth quarter. But MHS had plenty of help as Chris Oldham had 11, Randy Gardner 11 and Ronnie Brewster 12... "We've been down to teams before, but this team just seems to know its going to win no matter what happens," said Chris Oldham. MHS has been behind in all three district games this season. The Bulldogs came from behind to defeat Midland Lee at the buzzer. Got down by 14 to OHS and 11 to Cooper in the first half of both games.

Next: The Bulldogs travel to Abilene High for a 7:30 p.m. game Friday.

Midland High Boys Statistics (19-4, 3-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Blake Johnston	23	177	136	552	24.0
Ronnie Brewster	23	122	95	353	15.3
Randy Gardner	23	65	76	205	8.9
Lucquente White	23	52	30	157	6.8
Chris Oldham	23	44	19	122	5.3
Kalyn Poor	22	24	8	68	3.1
Alfonzo Franco	20	16	5	47	2.4
Tyler Shumskie	20	20	4	44	2.2
Aaron Saddler	1	1	0	2	2.0
Brian Pond	16	9	4	25	1.8
Jarvis Brown	16	9	5	25	1.8
Blake Huggins	23	13	9	35	1.5
Will Smith	14	3	13	19	1.4
Ryan Hightower	22	5	8	21	1.0
Roget King	16	5	2	14	0.9
Jason South	18	3	7	13	0.7
John Alcala	20	2	4	9	0.5
Ray Johnson	4	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	4	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Johnston 60, White 22, Oldham 14, Brewster 14, Poor 12, Franco 9, Pond 3, Hightower 3, Brown 2, King 2, Alcala 1.

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: San Angelo Central Lady Bobcats.

Where: At Central High School.

When: Game time is 6 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 14-7 for the season and 2-2 in District 4-5A play while Central is 7-13 and 0-4 in loop play.

4-5A Significance: If the state playoffs were to start the day, the Lady Bulldogs would miss the boat. MHS dropped its second District 4-5A game in a row Friday, losing to Abilene Cooper, 58-42, at home. Fortunately, San Angelo is now on the agenda and the Lady Bobcats are already off to an 0-4 league start. An MHS loss tonight would spell real trouble, but a win keeps playoff hopes on track.

Notes: The Lady Bobcats were thumped by league leading Odessa High (5-0) 59-32 last Friday... Odessa Permian and San Angelo are both 0-4 and the only two teams currently not in the playoff hunt.. The 2-2 Lady Bulldogs trail OHS, Abilene High and Cooper in the league standings. Only three teams make the state playoffs, so MHS must win tonight to stay on track. Against Cooper, Laura Koch had 14 points and Edrea Rogers 10 in a game where MHS was outscored in every quarter with the exception of a 15-15 tie in the second.

Next: The Lady Bulldogs travel to Abilene High for a 6 p.m. game on Friday. AHS is one of the teams ahead of MHS in the standings so it will be a crucial road game.

Midland High Girls Statistics (14-7, 2-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Edrea Rogers	21	150	47	368	17.5
Jenny Jones	14	50	32	151	10.8
Laura Koch	21	89	45	224	10.7
Rebecca Nobles	14	46	15	107	7.6
LaQuori Harris	21	38	42	122	5.8
Becky Valdez	14	19	21	59	4.2
Page Price	18	27	16	70	3.9
Terri Meldrum	11	13	11	40	3.6
Tracie Jones	17	22	13	57	3.4
Lauren Lucas	15	12	16	40	2.7
Catherine Wade	14	10	8	28	2.0
Amy Schantz	15	6	12	24	1.6
Jill Knottek	6	2	0	4	0.7

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

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Hawks crush WTC

BIG SPRING — The Howard Lady Hawks opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference play by crushing Western Texas 84-48 Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The win by the Lady Hawks (1-0 in conference, 13-4 overall) sets up Thursday's matchup at Midland College, which also won Monday 101-53 over Frank Phillips.

Grace Gantt and Koretha Johnson each had 15 points to lead Howard, while Taneisha Harris and Vanessa Lehrmann each added 13 apiece. Western Texas falls to 2-15 overall and 0-1 in the WJCAC.

Howard College 84, Western Texas College 48

Western Texas (0-1, 2-15): Carasco 0 0-0 0, Fincher 0 4-4 4, Russell 0 0-0 0, Moore 1 0-2 3, Ellis 0 2-2 2, Brown 3 2-2 8, Williams 2 2-2 6, Jackson 1 2-2 5, Hubbard 1 1-3 4, Waters 0 0-0 0, Cavazos 1 2-4 5, Ross 1 0-2 2, Wilson 1 7-8 9. Totals 11 22-31 48.

Howard College (1-0, 13-4): Harris 6 1-1 13, Ashley 0 0-0 0, Nix 3 0-0 8, Thomas 3 0-0 9, Ross 2 3-3 7, Lehrmann 5 3-3 13, Gantt 5 5-8 15, Johnson 6 0-1 15, Jackson 2 0-0 4. Totals 32 12-16 84.

Halftime: HC 41, WTC 22. 3-point goals: WTC 4 (Moore, Jackson, Hubbad, Cavazos), HC 8 (Johnson 3, Thomas3, Nix 2). Total Fouls: WTC 13, HC 23. Fouled Out: None.

WTGSA holding meeting

On Saturday, Midland will host the annual West Texas Girls Softball Association meeting at the Holiday Inn starting at 1 p.m.

All league officials including umpires, competitive and recreation coaches, or interested parents are invited to attend.

Some of the items to be discussed will be:

1. Any rule changes that may need to be implemented for the all-star games.
2. The location of the annual Rec teams all-star games.
3. Schedule of local tournaments.
4. State, Regional and National tournament updates.
5. Oregon University coaches clinic.
6. State umpires school to be held in Midland.
7. ASA summer softball camp to be held in Midland.
8. ASA Women's Olympic Softball team.

Teams can join the West Texas Girls Softball Association, which is sanctioned by ASA, for a registration fee is $10. A scorebook and the 200 Official ASA Softball Rulebook will be provided for each coach that registers his team. Teams can also purchase insurance at a reduced rate for one calender year.

Magic Soccer Club tryouts

The Magic Soccer Club will be holding tryouts for U-12 through U-15 boys on Thursday at Bowie Elementary from 4:30-6 p.m. If you are currently playing, please bring a signed release from your coach to the tryouts. Any questions, please call Chad Peterson at 520-0615.

Basketball

Girls

Freshman

Midland Freshman White 41, Odessa Crockett 39. White 8-1. White: Brandy Parker 18 points; Adrienne Monroe 12 points; Landry Holifield 10 rebounds; Shaquita Taylor 12 rebounds.

8th grade

Midland Christian 33, Greenwood 30. MCS (9-4): Kendyl Washburn 14.

7th grade

Midland Christian 40, Greenwood 24. MCS (9-3): Jacci Vallee 12, Amy Stretcher 10.

Boys

Freshman

Midland Christian 72, Big Spring 68. MCS (8-8): Adam Elliott 10, Cody Crossland 14, Zac Schwarz 18, Shane Wright 17.

8th grade

Greenwood B team 39, Midland Christian 22. Greenwood: Ben Dean 10, Chris Caver 12.

Greenwood A team 73, Midland Christian 28. Greenwood: Jeremy Audas 14, Matt Boss 10, Chris Hatley 12, Ky Smith 15 points, 11 rebounds, Trey Robinson 11.

7th Grade

Midland Christian A 48, Greenwood 32. MCS: Jordan Forsch 10 points and 12 blocked shots; J. W. Wilson 10, Joe Bob Ratliff 12.

Correction

A picture on the front of Saturday's sports page incorrectly identified a Midland High boys basketball player. The player was Lucquente White. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Colts' runner James picked NFL's best offensive rookie

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Edgerrin James gave the Indianapolis Colts the edge this season. In doing so, he was a near-unanimous choice as The Associated Press' NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

James, the fourth overall pick in last April's draft, rewarded the Colts' faith with an All-Pro year. The running back from the University of Miami known as "The Edge" rushed for 1,553 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also caught 62 passes for 586 yards and four scores.

Only Marshall Faulk, who was dealt by the Colts to the Rams last spring to make room for James, had more total yardage. Such impressive numbers, plus serving as a catalyst in the Colts' record turnaround from 3-13 to 13-3, earned James 49 of the 50 votes from a nationwide panel of media members in balloting announced Monday.

"What happened to the other one vote?" James said with a laugh. "It should have been 50."

Cleveland Browns receiver Kevin Johnson got the other vote.

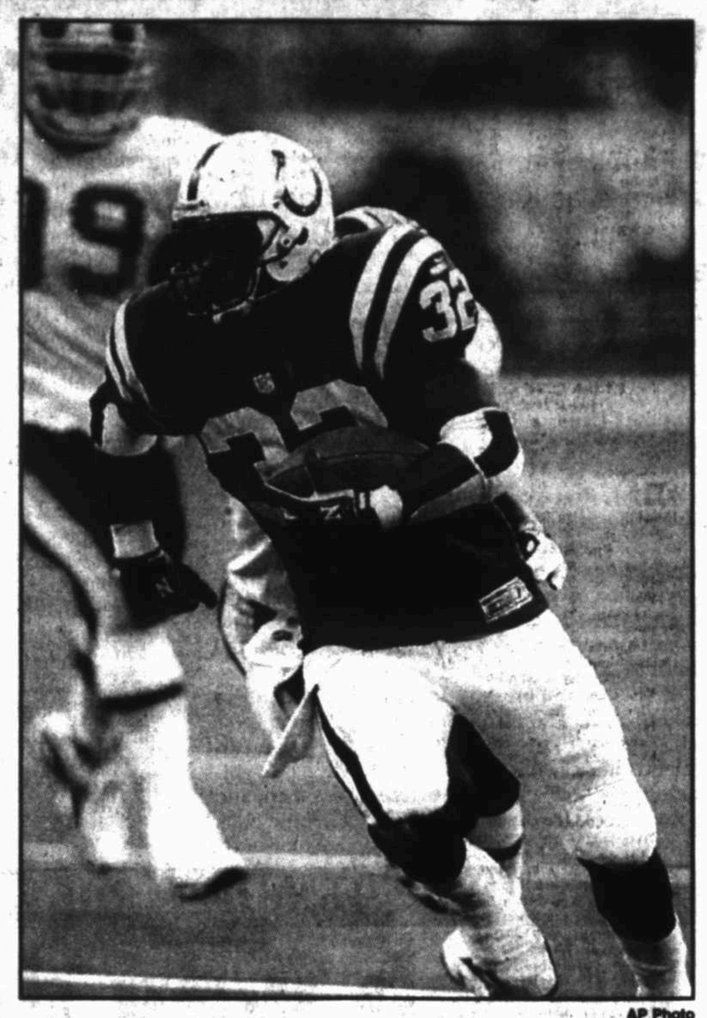
"I said, for myself, I want to make my mark in the NFL," James said. "This is the highest level and this is where it goes down in history. I want to play as many years as I'm able, so I wanted to get here and make plays and play."

Coincidentally, James got a lift from watching the way Faulk performs. He emulated the veteran so well that they were the All-Pro running backs this year.

James was at the center of a controversy on draft day when Colts president Bill Polian drafted him instead of Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner who wound up in New Orleans.

The Saints didn't get much from their investment, which cost them every other 1999 pick and the first and third this year. Williams couldn't stay healthy and the Saints went 3-13.

The Colts got everything they could have wanted from James, a sensation from the first day of training camp right through to the clinching of the AFC East, the league's best division.



AP Photo

Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James (32) runs away from a Washington defender. James was a near-unanimous choice as The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

"It's amazing when someone comes in like he did and does what he did," quarterback Peyton Manning said. "Right from the beginning, you could see Edgerrin was willing to work hard and do what it takes to succeed."

That included early-morning meetings and film sessions, all with the idea of making an immediate impact.

"You try to make it look easier than it is," said James, who certainly did that. "This comes from spending a lot of time ever since I got drafted — I got there at 6:30 in the morning at the meeting room and went to work."

James joins the likes of Jim Brown, Gale Sayers, Franco Harris, Tony Dorsett, Marcus Allen, Eric Dickerson, Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith and Faulk among running backs to win the award. Faulk is the only other Colt to win the honor, in 1994.

Minnesota receiver Randy Moss was the 1998 winner.

"I want to keep going and keep doing well," James said. "You can't be a one-year wonder."

Little experience left in playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Here's why the NFL playoffs are as wacky as the 1999 season:

Dan Marino's 16 postseason starts are more than the combined starts of the quarterbacks remaining in the playoffs.

Jacksonville's Mark Brunell is second with six. Brad Johnson and Jeff George have two each, Steve McNair has one (Saturday) and Peyton Manning, Kurt Warner and Shaun King will be making their first starts.

Guess what? The teams quarterbacked by Manning, Warner and King are heavy favorites this week as the Super Bowl sweepstakes move to the second round.

Miami (10-7) at Jacksonville (14-2)

Jacksonville's only losses this year were to Tennessee, and they would have played the Titans if Seattle had beaten Miami. So while the Dolphins played Sunday as they had in their 7-1 start and not their 2-6 finish, this matchup would seem to be a relief for the Jaguars.

But Jacksonville has lost Tony Boselli and Brunell will play with a bad knee, meaning he won't be as mobile as usual behind an offensive line that's without the NFL's best tackle. Miami's defense, seemingly worn down in the waning weeks of the regular season, had six sacks in Seattle on Sunday and held the Seahawks to just 171 yards, 32 in the second half.

That makes Fred Taylor, he of the hamstring problems, the most important Jaguar. Without Boselli, he'll have to work harder. But if he succeeds, he can keep the pressure off Brunell long enough for him to find Keenan McCardell and Jimmy Smith.

The Miami offense will run and run and run — it even ran Sunday on a couple of third-and-5s. It ran so much it ended up giving Marino time to make three big plays on the winning drive.

Washington (11-6) at Tampa Bay (11-5)

The Redskins probably will be without Stephen Davis, the NFC's leading rusher, as well as two starting offensive linemen, left tackle Andy Heck and center Cory Raymer.

That doesn't bode well against what might be the league's best defense, particularly after a restful bye week. King, Tampa Bay's rookie quarterback, is probably too green to carry the Bucs to the Super Bowl, but the defense should tear up the Skins' backup offensive linemen.

Advantage Bucs.

Minnesota (11-6) at St. Louis (13-3)

The Rams won by an average of 25 points a game this year at home, albeit against mediocre to poor opposition.

The Vikings are neither mediocre nor poor. They have the weapons to take advantage of a St. Louis secondary that may be overrated — Todd Lyght is going to the Pro Bowl, but a lot of teams picked on him this season.

One more advantage for Minnesota is George. He's had 10 bumpy years of NFL experience, although Sunday's win over Dallas was just his second playoff game. Warner had a fairy tale season and was the league's MVP. But playoff pressure is something else.

Still, it's hard to see the Rams slipping, particularly at home. If the offenses are equal, the Rams have the better defense and their special teams have been a weapon all season.

Advantage Rams.

Tennessee (14-3) at Indianapolis (13-3)

As its record shows, Tennessee isn't a typical wild-card team. On the other hand, the Titans would be packing their bags if not for one freak play.

But the Titans can't play this game as they did the Bills — McNair has to throw against an average secondary and he has to scramble. Manning and friends will score, even against the good Tennessee defense, and the Titans will have to stay with them.

There's also the Jevon Kearse factor.

He was responsible for nine points against the Bills, making up for a conservative game plan on offense. Manning has a quick release and plays like he's 30, not 23. But it's his first playoff game, too.

Slight edge Colts.

JONES: Owner must deal with salary cap

(From 1C)

the Cowboys have more than $65 million committed to 34 players next season. That's roughly $3 million over the salary cap and 19 players shy of a full roster.

While getting around the cap has never been a problem for Jones, he's starting to question the benefit of loading up on high-priced veterans and filling in with cheaper players.

In 1999, that strategy bought him:

- A 3-0 start, followed by a 5-9 finish.
- No back-to-back wins after Oct. 3.
- Eight straight road losses.

The Cowboys only made the playoffs because the NFC was so weak. They almost eliminated themselves by late-season losses to the New York Jets and New Orleans Saints, only to get in with a final weekend victory over the sagging New York Giants.

But then the same problems that doomed Dallas all season continued against Minnesota in the playoffs.

The Cowboys opened by driving to the Vikings' 1, then kicked a field goal. Sanders fumbled a punt, leading to a Minnesota field goal.

After going up 10-3, the Cowboys then left a trail of penalties, turnovers and other breakdowns and the Vikings followed it to 24 unaswered points. The 17-point loss was Dallas' worst of the season.

"We had a lot of games that seemed to go the way this particular game did," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They never really did anything to stop us. We stopped ourselves."

The Cowboys were ahead in the fourth quarter of six of their eight regular-season losses and were within a touchdown in the other two. Instead of drawing comfort from being close, it was another source of frustration.

Emmitt Smith, who, at age 30, enjoyed his best year running in the last three seasons, described the team as "showing signs of brilliance, showing signs of being a very good ball club, but a team that couldn't put it all together."

Injuries were partly to blame.

Dallas put 13 players on injured reserve. Neck injuries suffered by Michael Irvin and Daryl Johnston are likely to end their careers.

The Cowboys played one game this season without Aikman, Smith or Irvin, something they hadn't done since 1989. Befitting their bizarre season, they won.

GAILEY: Cowboys coach standing firm

(From 1C)

involved in NFL meetings later this week and could be tied up for days.

Gailey was Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator when Jones hired him to replace Barry Switzer in February 1998. Jones, who wanted a creative offensive mind, proclaimed "Chan's the man!" and even wrote into the contract that Gailey would always call the plays.

Many of this season's problems came from the Cowboys' inability to move the ball, especially in the second half of games. Dallas lost four games despite holding the other team to 13 points.

Gailey said he doesn't believe that being the head coach and offensive coordinator is too much for him. He said that he and Jones did not discuss whether Gailey should start looking for a coordinator.

He said he would be willing to hire a coordinator "if I had a guy."

Gailey said he wouldn't hire anyone who doesn't share his philosophy. If someone were brought in with a different mindset, "I probably wouldn't be the head coach," he said.

But Gailey is, and he'll keep doing his job until told otherwise, he said.

"I'm going to keep working as hard as I can," he said, "until they say don't come back."

COACH: After 14 years, Wilkins returns

(From 1C)

had regular meeting with his coaching staff planning for spring practice and next season. The Chargers will have 18 lettermen back from the 1999 TCAL championship team which went 9-4.

Back when Wilkins was roaming the sidelines at Permian, the coach was known to be a fiery individual who never settled for second best and wanted his players to give it 100 percent all the time. Wilkins said he's mellowed a little since his early days with Mojo.

"I was less intense when I left Permian than when I started," Wilkins said. "I don't want to lose the intensity to prepare our kids to compete and do well. I'm doing this for fun. I don't have to do this. I've been to the mountain top and won state championships in Class 5A. I want to coach these kids because I like them, respect them and love them. I want to be a part of this thing and take them to the next level."

MEN: Chaps survive battle with FPC by 9

(From 1C)

Teohn Conner added 11 and Armon Tillman had nine for the Chaparrals.

Midland College will host Howard College Thursday night at 8 in Chaparral Center in the WJCAC home opener for the Chaps.

Midland College 81, Frank Phillips College 72

Midland College (14-3, 1-0): Alvin Brooks 3 2-5 8, Eugene Costello 9 6-7 29, Armon Whitaker 2 1-4 5, Teohn Conner 5 0-2 11, Armon Tillman 2 4-4 9, Macklin Thornton 0 0-0 0, Ricky Duff 4 0-0 8, Quannas White 0 0-0 0, Adrian Martin 3 0-0 6, Jason Williams 0 0-0 0, C.J. Young 0 0-0 0, Jerome Beasley 2 1-2 5. Totals 30 14-25 81.

Frank Phillips (4-9, 0-1): Nelson 5 0-0 9, Orr 2 1-1 5, Allen 8 2-2 24, Sidney 7 4-4 19, Bannarbie 3 0-0 8, Daggett 0 1-4 1, Ramsey 3 2-2 8. Totals 27 10-13 72.

Halftime: MC 40, FPC 34. 3-point goals: MC 7 (Costello 5, Conner 1, Tillman 1), FPC 8 (Allen 6, Sidney 1, Nelson 1). Total Fouls: MC 14. Fouled Out: Bannarbie.

WJCAC STANDINGS

WOMEN	Conf. W	Conf. L	Season W	Season L
Midland College	1	0	13	4
Howard College	1	0	13	4
Odessa College	1	0	11	6
New Mexico JC	1	0	9	8
South Plains	0	1	8	8
Clarendon	0	1	8	7
Frank Phillips	0	1	3	8
Western Texas	0	1	2	15

Monday's Results
Midland College 101, Frank Phillips 53; Odessa College 71, South Plains College 59; Howard College 84, Western Texas 48; New Mexico Junior College 87, Clarendon 66.
Thursday's Schedule
Midland College vs. Howard College; Odessa College at Western Texas; New Mexico Junior College at Frank Phillips; Clarendon at South Plains College.

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

Monday's Results
Midland College 81, Frank Phillips 72; South Plains College 75 at Odessa College 68; Howard College 90, New Mexico Military Institute 80; Clarendon 78, New Mexico Junior College 74.
Thursday's Schedule
Midland College vs. Howard College; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute; New Mexico Junior College at Frank Phillips; Clarendon at South Plains College.

WOMEN: MC wins by 48

(From 1C)

Chanovia Rhodes had 14 apiece, and Nikki Maloney chipped in with 12.

Up next for the Lady Chaps is a home date with Howard, which won 84-48 over Western Texas in what should be another great matchup of the two best teams in the WJCAC.

Women

Midland College 101, Frank Phillips College 53

Midland College (13-4, 1-0): Tymesha Gregory 1 0-0 3, Loren Mostacilla 6 3-5 15, Nicole Villarreal 0 0-0 0, Jennifer Roemisch 0 0-0 0, Heidi Lange 3 0-0 9, Mishka Bailey 0 0-0 0, Shekinah Brazzle 7 3-3 19, Kanedria Wilson 3 0-2 6, Nikki Maloney 4 4-5 12, Julie Rampley 5 1-2 14, Mia Battle, Fatime Ndiaye 4 1-1 9, Chanovia Rhodes 5 4-4 14. Totals 38 16-22 101.

Frank Phillips (6-6, 0-1): Colligan 2 2-2 6, Wilroy 2 4-4 9, Kinnear 1 2-2 4, Martinez 2 0-0 6, Monden 3 0-0 7, Robertson 4 0-0 8, Swaim 3 2-2 9, Brewer 2 0-2 4. Totals 19 10-12 53.

Halftime: MC 55, FPC 28. 3-point goals: MC 9 (Lange 3, Rampley 3, Brazzle 2, Gregory 1), FPC 5 (Martinez 2, Monden 1, Swaim 1, Wilroy 1). Total Fouls: MC 13, FPC 18. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

NBA Standings
By The Associated Press
All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	11	.656	—
New York	20	13	.606	1 1/2
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	3 1/2
Orlando	16	19	.457	6 1/2
Boston	14	19	.424	7 1/2
New Jersey	14	20	.412	8
Washington	11	23	.324	11

Central Division

Indiana	22	11	.667	—
Milwaukee	20	15	.571	3
Detroit	18	15	.545	4
Toronto	18	15	.545	4
Charlotte	18	16	.529	4 1/2
Cleveland	15	19	.441	7 1/2
Atlanta	12	21	.364	10
Chicago	5	26	.161	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	12	.667	—
Utah	22	11	.667	1/2
Minnesota	17	14	.548	4 1/2
Denver	17	15	.531	5
Dallas	10	23	.303	12 1/2
Houston	10	23	.303	12 1/2
Vancouver	10	24	.294	13

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	29	5	.853	—
Portland	25	8	.758	3 1/2
Seattle	21	13	.618	8
Sacramento	19	12	.613	8 1/2
Phoenix	19	13	.594	9
L.A. Clippers	10	23	.303	18 1/2
Golden State	6	27	.182	22 1/2

Monday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Vancouver 112, Boston 103
New Jersey 99, Orlando 94
Cleveland 111, L.A. Clippers 106
Milwaukee 137, Charlotte 87
San Antonio 93, Utah 86
Dallas at Portland (n)
Denver at L.A. Lakers (n)

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 6 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Spurs 93, Jazz 86

UTAH (86): Russell 5-11 3-3 15, Malone 7-14 9-11 23, Polynice 3-7 1-1 7, Stockton 2-7 2-2 6, Hornacek 3-8 2-3 9, Eisley 7-12 0-0 16, Lewis 1-3 0-0 2, Ostertag 2-6 0-0 4, Gilliam 0-3 0-0 0, Vaughn 1-3 1-3 4. Totals 31-74 18-23 86.

SAN ANTONIO (93): Jackson 2-4 2-2 8, Duncan 16-28 14-16 46, Robinson 2-5 0-0 4, A.Johnson 2-7 0-0 4, Elie 2-4 2-2 6, Porter 5-8 2-3 16, Rose 0-4 0-0 0, Daniels 3-7 1-1 7, Kersey 0-1 2-2 2, Walker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-68 23-26 93.

Utah	23	18	27	18—86
San Antonio	21	20	18	34—93

3-Point Goals—Utah 6-10 (Eisley 2-2, Russell 2-3, Vaughn 1-1, Hornacek 1-3, Stockton 0-1), San Antonio 6-9 (Porter 4-4, Jackson 2-2, Duncan 0-1, Daniels 0-1, Elie 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 45 (Malone 11), San Antonio 42 (Duncan 14). Assists—Utah 24 (Stockton 10), San Antonio 15 (A.Johnson 6). Total fouls—Utah 26, San Antonio 26. Technicals—Gilliam, Robinson, San Antonio coach Popovich, Elie. A—17,944 (20,557).

Grizzlies 112, Celtics 103

VANCOUVER (112): Abdur-Rahim 3-8 8-11 14, Harrington 11-14 5-5 27, Reeves 1-3 4-4 6, Dickerson 5-15 5-8 16, Bibby 12-20 3-4 33, Lopez 0-0 2-4 2, Long 2-7 5-6 9, Ekezie 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 1-5 0-0 3, Palacio 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-74 32-42 112.

BOSTON (103): Walker 7-18 0-0 15, Williams 4-8 1-1 9, Potapenko 8-13 3-4 19, Anderson 7-20 7-8 22, Pierce 8-16 5-7 23, Cheaney 2-6 0-0 5, Battie 2-3 0-0 5, Barros 1-3 0-0 2, Fortson 1-1 1-2 3, Ellison 0-0 0-0 0, Overton 0-0 -0 0, McCarty 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-88 17-22 103.

Vancouver	23	29	31	29—112
Boston	30	29	23	21—103

3-Point Goals—Vancouver 8-10 (Bibby 6-6, Dickerson 1-2, Scott 1-2), Boston 6-16 (Pierce 2-4, Battie 1-1, Walker 1-3, Cheaney 1-3, Anderson 1-4, Williams 0-1). Fouled out—Pierce. Rebounds—Vancouver 53 (Harrington, Long 12), Boston 48 (Walker 11). Assists—Vancouver 22 (Dickerson 8), Boston 25 (Anderson 8). Total fouls—Vancouver 22, Boston 30. A—14,876 (18,624).

Cavaliers 111, Clippers 106

L.A. CLIPPERS (106): Taylor 3-14 0-0 6, Odom 8-14 9-9 28, Olowokandi 2-6 1-2 5, Hudson 4-11 5-6 14, Anderson 9-19 9-9 29, Nesby 5-8 3-3 15, Murdock 2-5 1-2 6, Piatkowski 1-3 0-0 3, Closs 0-0 0-0 0, Avent 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 28-31 106.

CLEVELAND (111): Murray 7-16 5-7 20, Kemp 6-14 5-6 17, Bryant 2-5 0-0 4, Knight 2-7 7-8 11, Sura 6-10 6-8 20, Miller 8-11 1-2 18, Henderson 3-5 2-4 8, DeClercq 3-4 3-4 9, Person 2-9 0-0 4, David 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-82 29-39 111.

L.A. Clippers	18	29	38	21—106
Cleveland	27	22	28	34—111

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 10-18 (Odom 3-4, Anderson 2-3, Nesby 2-4, Murdock 1-1, Piatkowski 1-3, Hudson 1-3), Cleveland 4-6 (Sura 2-4, Miller 1-1, Murray 1-1). Fouled out—Odom, Kemp, DeClercq. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 40 (Odom 7), Cleveland 62 (Kemp 7). Assists—L.A. Clippers 19 (Anderson 5), Cleveland 31 (Knight 14). Total fouls—L.A. Clippers 33, Cleveland 30. A—11,475 (20,562).

Nets 100, Magic 94

NEW JERSEY (100): Gill 4-15 3-4 11, Van Horn 8-15 1-1 20, Cage 3-7 0-0 6, Kittles 3-7 0-0 8, Marbury 7-18 8-8 22, Feick 1-6 0-0 2, Burrell 5-9 0-0 13, Harris 3-10 2-5 9, Newman 3-6 1-2 9, Eschmeyer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-93 15-20 100.

ORLANDO (94): Maggette 0-4 0-0 0, Wallace 5-8 4-4 14, Amaechi 2-7 1-1 5, Abdul-Wahad 1-7 0-0 2, Armstrong 11-19 6-6 29, Gatling 4-7 0-0 8, M.Williams 2-7 1-1 5, Outlaw 5-8 6-10 16, Garrity 4-12 1-2 11, Atkins 1-4 2-4 4, Doleac 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 21-28 94.

New Jersey	25	24	31	20—100
Orlando	30	25	15	24—94

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 11-24 (Van Horn 3-5, Burrell 3-6, Newman 2-2, Kittles 2-5, Harris 1-3, Gill 0-1, Marbury 0-2), Orlando 3-9 (Garrity 2-5, Armstrong 1-3, Atkins 0-1). Fouled out—Marbury. Rebounds—New Jersey 63 (Feick 13), Orlando 55 (Wallace 14). Assists—New Jersey 22 (Marbury 9), Orlando 17 (Armstrong 8). Total fouls—New Jersey 27, Orlando 20. Technicals—Orlando Illegal Defense 3. A—12,664 (17,248).

Bucks 137, Hornets 87

CHARLOTTE (87): Mason 3-5 0-0 6, Coleman 3-7 0-0 6, Campbell 4-5 4-6 12, Wesley 8-16 2-2 23, R.Davis 3-9 5-5 11, Miller 3-11 4-4 10, Phills 4-8 0-0 8, B.Davis 1-4 0-0 2, E.Robinson 2-9 1-1 5, Fuller 2-5 0-0 4, Hawkins 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 16-18 87.

MILWAUKEE (137): G.Robinson 5-16 2-2 13, S.Williams 6-7 2-2 14, Johnson 4-5 0-0 8, R.Allen 10-16 3-3 26, Cassell 5-10 6-6 18, Del Negro 5-7 0-0 10, Traylor 4-7 0-0 8. Totals 55-86 14-15 137.

Charlotte	18	29	19	21—87
Milwaukee	31	38	31	37—137

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 5-11 (Wesley 5-10, R.Davis 0-1), Milwaukee 13-23 (Thomas 6-7, R.Allen 3-8, Cassell 2-3, Workman 1-1, G.Robinson 1-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 35 (Miller 8), Milwaukee 48 (Johnson 13). Assists—Charlotte 24 (Campbell 5), Milwaukee 46 (Cassell 12). Total fouls—Charlotte 12, Milwaukee 18. Technicals—Charlotte Illegal Defense, Mason, R.Davis. A—13,159 (18,717).

Ski Results

Men's World Cup

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Results Sunday of a men's World Cup slalom race (heat times in parentheses):

1. Angelo Weiss, Italy, 2 minutes, 1.27 seconds (1:03.40-57.87).
2. Kjetil Andre Aamodt, Norway, 2:01.71 (1:02.59-59.12).
3. Matjaz Vrhovnik, Slovenia, 2:01.75 (1:03.00-58.75).
4. Ole Christian Furuseth, Norway, 2:01.93 (1:02.84-59.09).
5. Mitja Kunc, Slovenia, 2:02.13 (1:03.52-58.61).
6. Harald Christian Strand Nilsen, Norway, 2:02.78 (1:04.12-58.66).
7. Thomas Stangassinger, Austria, 2:02.80 (1:04.10-58.70).
8. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:02.94 (1:03.18-59.76).
9. Johan Brolenius, Sweden, 2:03.13 (1:04.55-58.58).
10. Fabrizio Tescari, Italy, 2:03.17 (1:04.03-59.14).
11. Kristinn Bjornsson, Iceland, 2:03.19 (1:04.05-59.14).
12. Joel Chenal, France, 2:03.36 (1:04.14-59.22)
13. Marco Casanova, Switzerland, 2:03.43 (1:03.21-1:00.22).
14. Martin Hansson, Sweden, 2:03.57 (1:05.54-58.03).
15. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 2:03.79 (1:05.32-58.47).
16. Rainer Schoenfelder, Austria, 2:04.04 (1:05.02-59.02).
17. Mika Marila, Finland, 2:04.19 (1:05.44-58.75).
18. Michael Von Grusenigen, Switzerland, 2:04.45 (1:04.38-1:00.07).
19. Andrzej Bachleda, Poland, 2:04.46 (1:05.10-59.36).
20. Urs Imboden, Switzerland, 2:04.53 (1:05.36-59.15).
21. Mario Reiter, Austria, 2:04.58 (1:05.19-59.37).
22. Kilian Albrecht, Austria, 2:04.62 (1:05.19-59.43).
23. Jure Kosir, Slovenia, 2:04.72 (1:05.00-59.72).
24. Sergio Bergamelli, Italy, 2:04.77 (1:05.57-59.20).
25. Christian Mayer, Austria, 2:04.86 (1:05.34-59.52).
26. Andrej Mildavc, Slovenia, 2:05.32 (1:04.97-1:00.35).
27. Heinz Schilchegger, Austria, 2:05.34 (1:05.57-59.77).

Hans-Petter Buraas, Norway; Finn Christian Jagge, Norway; Didier Plaschy, Switzerland; did not finish second run.

Bode Miller, Franconia, N.H.; Ed Podivinsky, Canada; and Darin McBeath, Canada; did not qualify for second run.

Sacha Gros, Vail, Colo., and Erik Schlopy, Park City, Utah, did not finish first run.

Combined Standings (Downhill and slalom)

1. Kjetil Andre Aamodt, Norway, 4 minutes, 04.00 seconds (2:02.29-2:01.71).
2. Hermann Maier, Austria, 4:08.41 (2:00.51-2:07.90).
3. Paul Accola, Switzerland, 4:09.59 (2:02.80-2:06.79).
4. Stephan Eberharter, Austria, 4:10.18 (2:00.56-2:09.62).
5. Werner Franz, Austria, 4:11.77 (2:02.31-2:09.46).
6. Josef Strobl, Austria, 4:12.03 (2:00.95-2:11.08).
7. Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 4:12.27 (2:02.80-2:09.67).
8. Fritz Strobl, Austria, 4:13.44 (2:02.04-2:11.40).
9. Kristian Ghedina, Italy, 4:13.69 (2:00.88-2:12.81).
10. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 4:13.91 (2:01.20-2:12.71).
11. Ed Podivinsky, Canada, 4:14.25 (2:03.13-2:11.12).
12. Fredrik Nyberg, Sweden, 4:14.78 (2:03.84-2:10.94).
13. Antoine Deneriaz, France, 4:14.86 (2:03.24-2:11.61).
14. Hannes Trinkl, Austria, 4:14.86 (2:00.68-2:14.18).
15. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 4:18.25 (2:02.59-2:15.66).
16. Patrick Jaerbyn, Sweden, 4:22.17 (2:03.49-2:18.68).

Overall World Cup Standings (After 15 events)

1. Hermann Maier, Austria, 1020 points.
2. Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, Norway, 624.
3. Stephan Eberharter, Austria, 570.
4. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 496.
5. Josef Strobl, Austria, 430.
6. Kristian Ghedina, Italy, 391.
7. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 341.
8. Christian Mayer, Austria, 311.
9. Hans Knauss, Austria, 272.
10. Fredrik Nyberg, Sweden, 257.
11. Michael Von Gruenigen, Switzerland, 253.
12. Fritz Strobl, Austria, 251.
13. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 249.
14. Paul Accola, Switzerland, 238.
15. Werner Franz, Austria, 237.
16. Thomas Stangassinger, Austria, 236.
17. Joel Chenal, France, 231.
18. Hannes Trinkl, Austria, 209.
19. Didier Plaschy, Switzerland, 200.
20. Matjaz Vrhovnik, Slovenia, 166.

Also

21. Ed Podivinsky, Canada, 164.
41. Darin McBeath, Canada, 77.
44. Daron Rahlves, Truckee, Calif., 72.
52. Chad Fleischer, Vail, Colo., 51.
58. Bode Miller, United States, 42.
71. Kevin Wert, Canada, 30.
75. Luke Sauder, Canada, 25.
83. Thomas Vonn, Newburgh, N.Y., 21.
91. Sacha Gros, Vail, Colo., 15.

(tie) Christopher Puckett, Crested Butte, Colo., 15.

97. Dane Spencer, Boise, Idaho, 12.
100. Jeff Durand, Canada, 10.

(tie) Erik Schlopy, Park City, Utah, 10.

111. Casey Puckett, Crested Butte, Colo., 6.

World Cup Slalom Standings (After four events)

1. Thomas Stangassinger, Austria, 236 points.
2. Didier Plaschy, Switzerland, 200.
3. Kjetil Andre Aamodt, Norway, 194.
4. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 192.
5. Matjaz Vrhovnik, Slovenia, 166.
6. Angelo Weiss, Italy, 136.
7. Finn Christian Jagge, Norway, 111.
8. Jure Kosir, Slovenia, 104.
9. Kristinn Bjornsson, Iceland, 103.
10. Rainer Shoenfelder, Austria, 93.
11. Mitja Kunc, Slovenia, 78.
12. Harald Christian Strand Nilsen, Norway, 76.

(tie) Matteo Nana, Italy, 76.

(tie) Ole Christian Furuseth, Norway, 76.

15. Christian Mayer, Austria, 75.
16. Markus Eberle, Germany, 74.
17. Mika Marila, Finland, 67.
18. Hans-Petter Buraas, Norway, 65.
19. Tom Stiansen, Norway, 63.
20. Kalle Palander, Finland, 58.

Also

38. Sacha Gros, Vail, Colo., 15.

NFL Playoffs

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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

Miami at Jacksonville, 11:35 a.m. (CBS)
Washington at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 16

Minnesota at St. Louis, 11:35 a.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23

AFC championship, TBA (CBS)
NFC championship, TBA (FOX)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 30

at Atlanta, 5:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6

at Honolulu (ABC)

NFL Early Entires

NEW YORK (AP) — Players who have announced their decision to make themselves available for the NFL draft to be held on April 15-16 with position and school:

LaVar Arrington, lb, Penn State
Rodregis Brooks, cb, Alabama-Birmingham
Plaxico Burress, wr, Michigan State
Kwame Cavil, wr, Texas
Cosey Coleman, g, Tennessee
Na'il Diggs, lb, Ohio State
Shaun Ellis, de, Tennessee
Bubba Franks, te, Miami
Deon Grant, fs, Tennessee
Jonathan Gray, ol, Texas Tech
Darrell Jackson, wr, Florida
Sebastian Janikowski, pk, Florida State
Ben Kelly, cb, Colorado
Jamal Lewis, rb, Tennessee
Tariq McDonald, wr, Arizona State
Lewis Sanders, cb, Maryland
Marvel Smith, ol, Arizona State
Travis Taylor, wr, Florida
Raynoch Thompson, lb, Tennessee
Dez White, wr, Georgia Tech.

NFL Draft Order

NEW YORK (AP) — The order of selection for the National Football League's draft to be held April 15-16. Super Bowl champion will select 31st and the runner-up 30th (x-subject to coin flip; y-subject to playoffs):

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. y-Carolina (from Miami)
24. y-Washington
25. y-Minnesota
26. Buffalo
27. y-Tampa Bay
28. y-St. Louis
29. y-Tennessee
30. y-Indianapolis
31. y-Jacksonville

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with C Matt Nokes on a minor-league contract. Promoted scout Tom Giordano to special assistant to the general manager for major league scouting.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Lee Mazzilli first-base coach and Bob Didier major-league catching instructor.

Carolina League

WINSTON-SALEM—Names Brian Harper assistant general manager.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed F Adrian Griffin on the injured list. Activated F Walter McCarty from the injured list.

CHICAGO BULLS—Signed G Chris Carr and G Dedric Willoughby to 10-day contracts.

International Basketball League

IBL—Announced San Diego Stingrays coach David Gaines has taken a position with the community relations and marketing departments of the franchise and assistant coach Jeff Malone has been promoted to coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS—Announced the retirement of Kent Falb, trainer.

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PENSACOLA BARRACUDAS—Named Kevin Porter coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS—Placed RW Jamie Langenbrun on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 8. Recalled LW Ryan Christie from Michigan of the IHL.

East Coast Hockey League

MISSISSIPPI SEA WOLVES—Announced that C Cody Bowtell and D Trevor Gillies have been recalled by Lowell of the AHL. Signed RW Brad Goulet.

Central Hockey League

MEMPHIS RIVERKINGS—Waived D Benoit Cassan.

Western Hockey League

CALGARY HITMEN—Acquired G Rastislav Stana and RW Corey Hintz from Moose Jaw for G Sean Connors and RW Anders Luvdahl and acquired RW Shaun Sutter and D Shaune Draper from Medicine Hat for future considerations.

KELOWNA ROCKETS—Traded LW Kevin Korol to Regina, RW Lubomir Pistek to Saskatoon and D Bread Fehr to Medicine for future considerations.

REGINA PATS—Traded G Chad Yaremko to Lethbridge and RW Allan Manness to Seattle for future considerations.

LETHBRIDGE HURRICANES—Traded C Todd Hornung to Swift Current for future considerations.

SPOKANE CHIEFS—Traded D Kris Callaway to Portland for G Jason LaBarbera.

PORTLAND WINTER HAWKS—Traded D Matt Walker to Kootenay for D Jesse Ferguson and future considerations.

COLLEGE

HOLY CROSS—Named Mike McCaffrey men's lacrosse coach.

TEMPLE—Named Robert Ciervo director of academic support for student athletes.

UNLV—Named Craig Wederquist defensive line coach.

Senior Masters

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Results Sunday of the American Bowling Congress Senior Masters at The National Bowling Stadium:

Playoffs

George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C. Pappas def. Kevin Dornberger, Sioux Falls, S.D. Dornberger, 198-182

Pappas def. Tesfa Semiz, Wallington, N.J., 224-214

Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C. def. Pappas, 210-209

Championship

Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla. def. Breihan, 236-192.

Money

1. Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla. 236 (1 game) $18,000
2. Donald Breihan, Columbia, S.C. 402 (2 games) $12,000
3. George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C. 631 (3 games) $6,000
4. Tesfa Semiz, Wallington, N.J. 214 (1 game) $5,000
5. Kevin Dornberger, Sioux Falls, S.D., 182 (1 game) $4,000.

NHL Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	25	12	5	2	57	129	103
Philadelphia	24	11	6	1	55	130	93
Pittsburgh	18	19	3	5	44	131	118
N.Y. Rangers	14	20	7	3	38	103	117
N.Y. Islanders	10	24	6	0	26	86	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	15	4	3	55	129	105
Ottawa	21	14	6	2	50	114	103
Buffalo	17	20	5	1	40	113	120
Boston	14	18	10	2	40	109	121
Montreal	12	24	5	1	30	89	111

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	23	14	3	3	52	126	98
Carolina	17	17	8	0	42	107	111
Washington	15	17	7	1	38	98	105
Tampa Bay	10	23	6	4	30	106	139
Atlanta	10	26	4	3	27	90	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	11	4	1	59	152	104
St. Louis	25	11	6	0	56	128	89
Nashville	15	22	5	2	37	110	125
Chicago	13	23	6	2	34	119	132

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	17	5	1	46	119	110
Edmonton	14	17	11	5	44	108	112
Calgary	18	19	5	1	42	96	120
Vancouver	13	19	8	3	37	103	120

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	22	15	5	0	49	131	115
Dallas	21	16	5	1	48	101	96
San Jose	20	20	5	3	48	124	113
Los Angeles	18	15	7	2	45	123	115
Anaheim	18	19	5	1	42	104	108

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Monday's Game

Phoenix 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Coyotes 2, Islanders 2

Phoenix	0	1	1	0 — 2
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1	0 — 2

First Period—1, New York, Isbister 13 (penalty shot), 9:21.

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Lumme 6, 4:36.

Third Period—3, Phoenix, Quint 2 (Tocchet, Doan), 1:48. 4, New York, Muckalt 8 (Scatchard, Chara), 5:59.

Overtime—None.

Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 3; New York 0 of 1. Goalies—Phoenix, Burke 4-6-2 (37 shots-35 saves). New York, Weekes 8-10-5 (32-30). A—8,891 (16,297).

NHL Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through Jan. 9

	GP	G	A	PTS
Jagr, Pit	39	32	39	71
Recchi, Phi	41	18	37	55
Turgeon, StL	38	21	32	53
Nolan, SJ	45	27	25	52
Roenick, Pho	36	21	28	49
Bure, Fla	32	28	20	48
LeClair, Phi	41	23	20	43
Amonte, Chi	42	20	23	43
Yzerman, Det	42	19	23	42
Shanahan, Det	40	24	17	41
Bure, Cal	42	20	21	41
Lindros, Phi	37	17	24	41

NCAA Basketball

Top 25 Men

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Cincinnati (62)	14-1	1,740	3
2. Arizona (5)	13-2	1,640	5
3. Stanford	12-1	1,563	1
4. Auburn (2)	13-1	1,518	4
5. Connecticut	11-2	1,440	2
6. Duke	11-2	1,376	8
7. Syracuse (1)	11-0	1,359	7
8. Kansas	12-2	1,242	9
9. Indiana	12-1	1,156	10
10. Florida	12-2	1,071	6
11. Michigan St.	11-4	1,004	11
12. Tennessee	14-1	943	15
13. North Carolina	11-4	864	14
14. Oklahoma St.	12-1	775	16
15. Texas	9-3	631	17
16. Oklahoma	13-1	618	20
17. Ohio St.	9-3	616	13
18. Maryland	11-4	466	12
19. Tulsa	14-1	459	22
20. Kentucky	10-4	429	25
21. DePaul	11-3	384	23
22. Illinois	9-4	316	19
23. Temple	8-3	245	—
24. LSU	13-1	224	21
25. Louisville	10-3	156	—

Others receiving votes: Utah 126, UCLA 93, St. John's 92, N.C. State 65, Iowa St. 26, Oregon 24, San Francisco 13, Xavier 11, Gonzaga 10, SMU 9, Vanderbilt 8, Wisconsin 8, Notre Dame 7, Ball St. 6, Wake Forest 5, St. Bonaventure 3, Seton Hall 2, Bowling Green 1, Delaware 1, Michigan 1, Mississippi 1, SW Missouri St. 1, Southern Miss. 1, Weber St. 1.

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Louisiana-Lafayette 84, Texas-Pan American 71
S. Arkansas 98, Harding 92
Texas Tech 51, Centenary 41
Trinity, Texas 68, Haverford 50
W. Texas A&M 71, Abilene Christian 68

MIDWEST

Augsburg 90, Macalester 84
Baker 79, Graceland 69
Bethany, Kan. 83, Avila 69
Bethel, Minn. 82, St. Olaf 68
Case Reserve 80, Kenyon 75, OT
Cent. Methodist 84, Evangel 69
Cleveland St. 80, Sacred Heart 50
Grand View 79, Peru St. 67
Gustav Adolphus 63, Carleton 55
Illinois Weslyn 85, North Park 78
Mayville St. 68, Presentation 60
Mid-Am Nazarene 93, Lindenwood 81
Missouri Valley 78, Benedictine,Kan. 71
Mount St. Joseph 76, Earlham 71
St. Thomas, Minn. 79, Concordia, Moor. 76
Valparaiso 89, Belmont 86, OT
Wichita St. 80, Wyoming 71
Wis.-Eau Claire 71, Wis.-River Falls 65
Wis.-Oshkosh 80, Wis.-LaCrosse 78
Wis.-Platteville 69, Wis.-Stout 65
Wis.-Whitewater 97, Wis.-Superior 90

FAR WEST

Denver 84, Air Force 72
New Mexico 71, Colorado St. 70

SOUTH

Georgia St. 79, Stetson 64
83, OT
S. Carolina St. 71, Howard 63
Texas Southern 80, Grambling St. 73
The Citadel 67, W. Carolina 63

EAST

Connecticut 77, Texas 67
Hartford 79, New Hampshire 59
Penn St.-Behrend 76, Fredonia St. 53
St. John's 75, Georgetown 66

No. 5 CONNECTICUT 77, No. 15 TEXAS 67

TEXAS (9-4): Muoneke 5-13 2-5 12, Mihm 7-14 3-5 18, Wagner 2-15 4-4 10, Williams 1-5 0-0 3, Clay 2-9 1-2 5, Wyatt 0-1 0-0 0, Owens 2-6 3-9 7, McColpin 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly 5-9 0-0 12, Ogden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-72 13-25 67.

CONNECTICUT (12-2): Deng 2-4 0-0 4, Freeman 2-6 3-8 7, Voskuhl 4-8 1-3 9, Mouring 7-13 2-2 21, El-Amin 4-12 5-6 14, Robertston 2-4 2-2 6, Wane 0-2 3-4 3, Cox 0-1 2-4 2, Saunders 2-2 4-4 8, Renn 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 24-54 23-35 77.

Halftime—Connecticut 36, Texas 29. 3-Point goals—Texas 6-23 (Kelly 2-4, Wagner 2-11, Mihm 1-1, Williams 1-3, Muoneke 0-1, Clay 0-3), Connecticut 6-10 (Mouring 5-6, El-Amin 1-2, Deng 0-1, Freeman 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas 42 (Mihm 10), Connecticut 48 (Voskuhl 11). Assists—Texas 17 (Clay 5), Connecticut 17 (El-Amin 8). Total fouls—Texas 26, Connecticut 19. A—16,294.

Top 25 Women

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Connecticut (45)	12-0	1,125	1
2. Tennessee	11-2	1,057	2
3. N.C. State	14-0	1,045	3
4. Louisiana Tech	10-2	991	4
5. Penn St.	12-2	909	6
6. Notre Dame	11-2	842	8
7. Georgia	15-2	831	7
8. Iowa St.	11-2	771	10
9. Rutgers	10-2	734	11
10. Auburn	12-2	703	5
11. Duke	14-1	673	14
12. Illinois	14-4	606	15
13. Tulane	14-0	511	19
14. UCLA	8-4	486	17
15. North Carolina	9-4	444	9
16. Texas Tech	11-2	402	13
17. LSU	11-3	401	16
18. Purdue	9-4	386	12
19. UC Santa Barbara	11-3	279	22
20. Arizona	12-2	265	18
21. Kans



AP Photo

Connecticut's Khalid El-Amin (42) attempts to stop the advance by Texas's Ivan Wagner (5), while teammate Jake Voskuhl (43) holds off Texas players William Clay, far left, and Chris Mihm (4) from taking the pass during the first half at The Hartford Civic Center, in Hartford, Conn.

Meeting helps No. 5 Huskies get past No. 15 Texas by 10

Associated Press

■ Texas Teams

HARTFORD, Conn. — It wasn't quite one of those team meetings that usually turn things around after some emotions are bared. After all, it was just two guys. But it worked.

Connecticut point guard Khalid El-Amin called a meeting with backcourtmate Albert Mouring and it's been what the fifth-ranked Huskies have been looking for.

"The day before the Pittsburgh game I told Albert I wanted to talk to him," El-Amin said of last Saturday's road victory. "I told him there was no way we could do it without him. We needed him to shoot so people couldn't play a box-and-1 on me or a zone against us. He's too good a shooter for that."

Since the talk, Mouring has gone 9-for-11 from 3-point range and that included making his first five against No. 15 Texas on Monday night in a 77-67 victory.

The Huskies (12-2) had won 11 straight games until losing to Notre Dame, which played almost all zone, last week. Mouring's shooting seemed to relax the Huskies in the first game in the Hartford Civic Center since then and helped them to a 56-39 lead with 12:35 to play.

"That was the second terrific game for Albert Mouring," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said, referring to his career-high 22 against Pittsburgh and 21 against Texas. "He's starting to feel more confidence in himself. The past six or seven games he's been very consistent for us."

Mouring's fifth 3 in as many attempts gave the Huskies their biggest lead in the very physical game that featured a lot of whistles and little action and it seemed they would coast to the win. But the Longhorns (9-4) went on a 15-3 run as Connecticut scored once in 11 possessions and were within 59-54 with 4:46 left on two free throws by Ivan Wagner.

That's when El-Amin, who led Connecticut to the national championship last season, took over and was responsible for scores on the next three possessions.

He found freshman Tony Robertson on the break for a layup that made it 61-54. After Chris Mihm scored for Texas, El-Amin and Connecticut center Jake Voskuhl worked a nice screen and roll play that saw the big man dunk for a 63-56 lead.

Texas again answered on a hook shot by Mihm, but El-Amin extended the lead by working the same screen and roll with Voskuhl only this time the guard didn't pass to the center and instead nailed a 3-pointer for a 66-58 lead with 3:01 to play.

"Khalid was terrific," Calhoun said. "That's what he does for us. Teams can't play him straight up or they get hurt."

The Longhorns got within 71-67 on a 3-pointer by Wagner with 25 seconds left but Mouring and Edmund Saunders each made two free throws and Saunders scored on a layup after a steal by El-Amin for the final margin.

El-Amin had 14 points and eight assists. Voskuhl had nine points and 11 rebounds in his matchup with Mihm, which drew 22 NBA scouts.

The Huskies finished with 10 blocked shots and also got some solid minutes from reserve center Souleymane Wane.

"I think we couldn't do this last year," Calhoun said. "We wouldn't block 10 shots on you, against anybody. Two centers had 17 rebounds between them tonight. Souleymane's a much improved player. Jake's improved."

Mihm finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, scoring eight points over the final six minutes. Gabe Muoneke and Darren Kelly each added 12 points for Texas.

"It was frustrating. I couldn't even see the other guy coming and by the time I got into my shot, he was right there," Mihm said of Connecticut's inside defense. "Jake did a great job of really fighting me out there and making it hard to get the ball. I couldn't get into an offensive groove."

Texas, which shot 33 percent (24-for-72), really hurt itself at the free throw line, going 13-for-25 as it had a three-game winning streak snapped.

"They made some great defensive plays. I don't think there's anything wrong with getting your shots blocked. The difference was when they had to make the 3s they made them," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "You dig yourself a hole when you miss free throws and it puts a lot of pressure on your offense."

Connecticut shot 44 percent (24-for-54) and led by Mouring's 5-for-6, went 6-for-10 from 3-point range.

Texas Tech 51, Centenary 41

LUBBOCK — James Ware hit two 3-pointers in a 40-second span, helping Texas Tech fight off Centenary and claim a 51-41 victory Monday.

Ware, a former Midland College player who finished with 10 points, made his first 3-pointer at the 4:21 mark, giving the Red Raiders (9-3) a 45-37 lead. Moments later, Ware's second 3-pointer found the mark, and Tech had a comfortable 48-37 lead that held up the rest of the way.

Centenary (5-9) fought back from a 25-18 halftime deficit, pulling within 39-35 on a pair of free throws by Ed Dotson with 8:45 remaining, but the Gents could get no closer.

Tech pushed its halftime margin to 37-27 in the opening stages of the second half when Rayford Young converted back-to-back 3-pointers. The Gents refused to go away, fighting back within 37-33 at the 10:56 mark.

Young was the only other Red Raider player in double figures with 14 points. Andy Ellis grabbed 11 rebounds and scored nine for Tech.

Ronnie McCollum led Centenary with 20 points.

Right now, there's nobody close to holding that Tiger

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Five down, six to go.

Golf's longest winning streak, for years thought to be unapproachable, crept closer into view Sunday in the Mercedes Championship, the start of a new season on the PGA Tour that had a familiar ring. Tiger Woods won again.

"Winning is kind of a habit for him right now," said Ernie Els, the two-time U.S. Open champion who matched Woods eagle-for-eagle, birdie-for-birdie until the world's No. 1 player finished him off on the second hole of a playoff.

What better setting for Woods to extend golf's longest winning streak in 46 years. Maui is renowned for its monster waves, and Woods could be riding this one toward a place in history.

Not since Ben Hogan in 1953 has a player won five straight tournaments. When Woods tees it up again in a couple of weeks, he'll try to match the six straight PGA Tour events that Hogan won in 1948.

The ultimate prize? Byron Nelson's record of 11 consecutive victories in 1945, the one record in golf deemed even more untouchable that Jack Nicklaus' 18 professional majors.

"Yeah, I believe someone can do it," Woods said before the tournament. "You need luck. But you also need to play well. In that stretch, I'm sure he didn't win every tournament. I'm sure somebody probably gave him a tournament or two here and there, which you're probably going to need to have happen."

That wasn't the case on the windy Plantation Course at Kapalua, where Woods and Els staged one of the most dramatic duels in years.

Tied for the lead at the start of the final round, neither player led by more than one stroke during the final 20 holes. Both made an eagle on the final hole in regulation, both made birdies on the first sudden-death hole.

Woods finally won with a birdie putt on the next hole, No. 1, by dropping a putt only he thought he could make — 40 feet, down the hill but into the grain with 2 1/2 feet of break.

"If you believe in something so hard, for some reason it only happens when you're in a crunch situation, when all the pressure is there," Woods said. "If you truly believe that you can make the putt, you can make the stroke, the ball will go in."

It did, and Woods picked up right where he left off seven weeks ago.

In Spain, under floodlights the second week of November, he made a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to beat hometown favorite Miguel Angel Jimenez. Under cloudy skies on the hilly terrain above the Pacific Ocean, Woods was just as impressive.

"It was just a great, great fight between us," Woods said. "To hit the shots that we did, at the times we did ... Ernie and I have had some good battles so far. It's been great."

For his part, Els proved he has the game to challenge Woods. He was better from tee to green, even longer with his drives in several cases. Over four days and 74 holes on a wind-ravaged course, Els made par or better on all but two holes.

When Woods took a one-stroke lead on the 10th hole, Els responded by knocking down the flag on the par-3 11th for a birdie. When Woods reached the 633-yard closing hole in two, Els bashed his 3-wood even closer.

"The more I play with him in these kinds of situations, the better for myself," Els said. "We'll see next time."

For all the talk about Woods' chief rival, no one has had more confrontations on the back nine with him than Els. Woods came from eight strokes behind to catch him — and then beat him in a playoff — in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand two years ago, and he outlasted him again in the Disney Classic only three months ago, winning by a stroke.

Els whipped Woods in a 36-hole Sunday at Bay Hill in 1998, and also held him off to win the Nissan Open in Los Angeles last February. Still, Els has seen enough of Woods to never be surprised by anything, especially a 40-foot birdie putt struck with authority on greens that require caution.

"You have to have a little bit of heart and a bit of guts to hit that hard," Els said. "If he missed the hole, he was 4 feet by. But he was probably thinking he was going to hole it. That's exactly what he did."

Woods has been doing that a lot, lately. His victims during his five-tournament winning streak include Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III, Jimenez and Els twice. Four of those victories have been by one stroke — the last two in a playoff — another testament that Woods' head may be as good as his swing.

The good news for the rest of the PGA Tour is that Woods is taking off the next couple of weeks. But the message his victory sent was daunting.

Stopping him will require great golf, and even that isn't always enough.

"I don't know for the other players, but it definitely feels like I'm still improving, still hitting better shots," he said.

And, above all, still winning.

Niners looking to cut payroll

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — A group of veterans, including Steve Young and Jerry Rice, have been asked to take "big-time" pay cuts as part of the San Francisco 49ers' bid to reduce next season's $24 million salary cap overrun.

Linebacker Ken Norton Jr., offensive guard Ray Brown, safety Tim McDonald and center Chris Dalman also have been asked to renegotiate their contracts and reduce their salaries, general manager Bill Walsh said Monday.

Walsh said the team hopes to keep all six, but that it may not be realistic. Under their current contracts, the six would count $28.5 million against next season's projected $62.2 million cap.

No more than 10 other players will have their contracts restructured in hopes of gaining additional cap relief. The organization is trying to limit the restructuring of player contracts to avoid a future cap crisis.

There is no timetable in the negotiations, other than the March 1 deadline for compliance with the cap, Walsh said.

In the case of Young, who missed the final 13 games of the season because of his fourth concussion in three years, he also would have to receive medical clearance before resuming his career.

On other matters, Walsh, 68, dismissed speculation of a rift between him and coach Steve Mariucci.

"It's a good story, the old coach and the young coach don't get along," Walsh said. "I'm sorry, but there simply isn't anything to it."

Walsh also denounced as "a form of age discrimination" media suggestions that he's too old and no longer has the energy to oversee the rebuilding of the 49ers, who went 4-12 this season. It was their worst finish in 20 years.

While calling himself a "short-timer," Walsh said he planned to be on the job for at least another year and might even hang around to finish out his three-year contract.

"I don't regret this. It's what I wanted to do," said Walsh, the Hall of Fame coach who led the 49ers to three Super Bowl wins in the 1980s and returned to run the club's football operations a year ago.

Walsh said he spent much of last week talking individually to the six, presenting proposals that would reduce their salaries by inserting hard-to-reach incentives that would soften the cap crunch.

"We're talking about some big-time salary cuts," Walsh said. "We're going at it right now but it's going to be tough. We could be the Titanic right now, sitting on the bridge and just sailing along."

Rice and Young have both said they would consider taking pay cuts to remain with the 49ers, but no deals have been reached with any of the six.

"In some cases it will work. In some it won't," Walsh said. "Have you heard of people wanting to take pay cuts? But we can't continue operating under the current format.

"Generally, the response was positive. They all want to be here. But they want to feel confident they're going to have a chance to win. They have to believe we have a chance to win."

Walsh said with some cooperation from the players and good personnel decisions by management, the 49ers can quickly rebound from their disastrous season.

No. 2 Tennessee women use second half rally for victory

Associated Press

■ Top 25 Women

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee needed a halftime pep talk to shake off the effects of Saturday's loss to Connecticut, but regained form in time to avoid another defeat.

After suffering through a subpar first-half performance against unranked Arkansas, the No. 2 Lady Vols used a superb second-half effort to rally for a 79-69 win Monday night. Kara Lawson scored a career-high 25 points and Michelle Snow added 24 to lead the Lady Vols, who earned the school's 800th victory.

Tennessee (12-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) rebounded from the loss to No. 1 Connecticut despite a poor first-half performance that left it trailing by 13 points at halftime. Arkansas (9-4, 0-1) was led by Wendi Willits with 16 points.

Tennessee recovered quickly in the second half, using a 20-6 run in the first 6- 1/2 minutes to retake the lead at 46-45. Lawson, who also had 10 rebounds, and Snow led the offensive charge, combining for 13 points in the spurt.

Another slump by the Lady Razorbacks — who failed to score during a 7-minute stretch against a tenacious Tennessee defense — allowed the Lady Vols to take control at 64-52 with seven minutes left. The Lady Vols caused 27 turnovers.

"We looked like we just wanted to get the first half out of the way," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt. "We were flat and showed little emotion. I told them at halftime we would have to turn it around with defense. They responded well in the second half.

"I have no idea why we only played 20 minutes, but we'll take it."

Tamika Catchings, who added 13 points, and Snow carried the offensive load down the stretch for Tennessee. Willits tried to rally Arkansas, hitting two late 3-pointers, but the Lady Razorbacks couldn't challenge Tennessee in the final minutes.

A huge rebounding edge (52-22) also made a difference for the Lady Vols in the second half. They scored 24 second-chance points. Guards Lawson and Semeka Randall had 10 rebounds each.

"Lawson and Randall's offensive rebounds were the difference," Arkansas coach Gary Blair said. "We had no answer for their guards going in for offensive rebounds."

Tennessee was at its worst in the first half.

The Lady Vols struggled offensively the entire half, shooting just 27 percent from the field. Arkansas didn't shoot much better in the first half, but managed to stay close and took its first lead at 9-8 on Celia Anderson's layup at 12:20.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Tennessee's April McDivitt and Lawson alllowed the Lady Vols to regain the lead, but a 16-2 run by the Lady Razorbacks gave Arkansas a 26-18 lead with 4:24 left in the half. Tennessee's play was lifeless the rest of the first half.

"We learned a lot about this team," Summitt said. "It concerns me that we didn't come out with great intensity. What's important is that it concerns them. I told them that we can't feel sorry for ourselves (for losing to Connecticut). Nobody else in America does."

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 90, South Alabama 33

RUSTON, La. — Leon Barmore became the 15th women's college basketball coach to reach 500 victories as No. 4 Louisiana Tech romped past South Alabama.

No. 6 Penn State 82, Minnesota 30

MINNEAPOLIS — Penn State held Minnesota to its lowest point total in 26 years, and Andrea Garner scored 22 points to lead the sixth-ranked Nittany Lions to a victory .

Clemson 60, No. 15 North Carolina 59

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Krystal Scott scored all of her 16 points in the second half, helping Clemson upset No. 15 North Carolina for its first Atlantic Coast Conference victory.

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Jazz get blues off Duncan

■ Spurs' superstar scores 46 to lead San Antonio over Utah.

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — With Spurs fans chanting, "MVP, MVP," Tim Duncan played the part.

Duncan scored a career-high 46 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 93-86 victory over the Utah Jazz, and back into first place in the NBA's Midwest Division.

"It felt good," said Duncan, who outscored Utah 19-18 in the fourth quarter. "It felt better to get the victory. After giving the effort we gave, it would have been bad to get a loss. It was a huge win. We needed it bad. We've played well two games in a row and now with this third game we keep rolling."

The Spurs, who now lead the Jazz by a half game, had only two players in double figures as Terry Porter added 16 points.

Duncan, who also pulled down 14 rebounds, was 16-of-28 from the floor and 14-of-16 at the free throw line as he topped his previous career-high of 42 points.Duncan scored 49.5 percent of his team's points, the highest percentage in the NBA this season.

"He shot the ball every time he touched it," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's a special player and he had it rolling. We got the ball in his hands and kept going to him because he was having a great night."

Karl Malone scored 23 points to lead Utah, Howard Eisley added 16 and Bryon Russell had 15.

"We couldn't do anything with Duncan tonight," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "He is a tremendous player and an obvious MVP candidate. He scored on almost every possession in the final quarter down the stretch."

Utah closed the third quarter with a 10-2 run capped by Eisley's 3-point field goal with 46 seconds remaining that gave the Jazz a 68-59 lead going into the fourth.

Trailing 70-61 after a dunk by Greg Ostertag, San Antonio rallied with a 17-4 run, capped by a breakaway dunk by Antonio Daniels with 6:11 to play. With Duncan dominating in the low post, San Antonio stretched its advantage to 84-78 on Duncan's jump shot with 1:56 to play.

Two free throws by John Stockton brought Utah to 84-82 with 1:13 remaining.

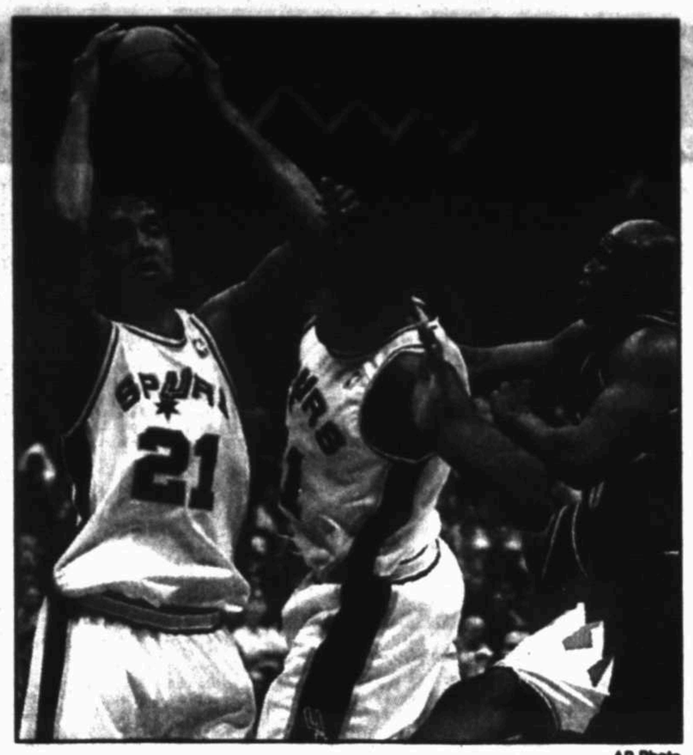
Porter put the game away for San Antonio with consecutive 3-pointers in the final 51.1 seconds. His second gave San Antonio a 90-84 lead with 16.9 seconds to play.

"Terry Porter was great off of the bench," Popovich said. "This was a big win against a great team. When both teams get together they make it a playoff situation. It feels great."

Utah scored its final eight points at the free throw line, with Malone connecting on a pair to bring the Jazz to within 90-86 with 10.8 seconds remaining. Porter and Duncan answered with three free throws in the final 10.3 seconds to seal the victory.

"This is not surprising, he played fantastic," Daniels said of Duncan. "We are not surprised he scored 46 points. I didn't know anyone could score 46 points off the glass, but nobody is surprised with that performance."

Duncan had 14 of San Antonio's 20 second quarter points as the two teams played to a 41-41 halftime tie.



AP Photo

San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) grabs a rebound in front of teammate Malik Rose and Utah Jazz's Olden Polynice, right, in the first half in the Alamodome in San Antonio, Monday.

■ NBA Roundup

Trail Blazers 107, Mavericks 94

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scottie Pippen had 17 points, including three 3-point baskets in the decisive third quarter, to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a win over the Mavericks.

The Blazers led 52-51 early in the third when Pippen hit his first 3-pointer from the corner. Pippen hit two more long shots during the next three minutes as the Blazers went on an 18-8 run from which the Mavericks didn't recover.

Damon Stoudamire and Detlef Schrempf also scored 17 points for Portland, which has won 15 of its last 16 games against the Mavericks. Schrempf had 14 points in the fourth, when the Blazers took an 18-point lead.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 19 points and Cedric Ceballos added 18 points and 11 rebounds. Rookie guard Damon Jones made four of his five 3-point baskets in the fourth quarter, finishing with 15 points.

Grizzlies 112, Celtics 103

BOSTON — Mike Bibby scored 33 points and Othella Harrington had 27, both career highs, as Vancouver ended a successful roadtrip with a win over Boston.

Vancouver, which has the NBA's third worst record, was 4-1 away from home and evened its record under interim coach Lionel Hollins at 6-6. The Grizzlies were 4-18 before Brian Hill was fired.

Michael Dickerson added 16 points for Vancouver. Boston was led by Paul Pierce with 23 points and Kenny Anderson with 22.

Nets 100, Magic 94

ORLANDO, Fla. — Stephon Marbury scored 22 points and Keith Van Horn added 20 points and 10 rebounds as New Jersey won for the 12th time in its last 17 games.

Darrell Armstrong led all scorers with 29 points and had eight assists. Bo Outlaw came off the bench to add 16 points 10 rebounds.

Marbury added nine assists and Jamie Feick had 13 rebounds for New Jersey.

Cavaliers 111, Clippers 106

CLEVELAND — Lamond Murray scored 20 points against his former team and Brevin Knight had 14 assists and hit some big free throws as Cleveland won its third straight.

Bob Sura added 20 points, rookie Andre Miller had 18 and Knight made seven free throws in the final 2:16 for Cleveland, which needed to rally to win its eighth straight over Los Angeles.

Bucks 137, Hornets 87

MILWAUKEE — Ray Allen scored 26 points to lead the Bucks' fearsome offensive attack as Milwaukee trounced Charlotte.

The defeat was the worst in franchise history for the Hornets, who lost their sixth straight game with a listless performance in the final game of a six-game road trip.

Lakers 130, Nuggets 95

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points, 19 rebounds and nine assists, and Kobe Bryant scored 30 points as the Lakers won their 15th straight.

The victory avenged one of the Lakers' five losses this season — a 93-82 defeat at Denver on Nov. 18, when Bryant was sidelined by a broken hand.

The Lakers' 30-5 record is the NBA's best and they are on their longest winning streak since 1990-91, when they won 16 straight.

Bryant, who finished 12-of-18 from the floor, made his first eight shots and scored 17 points as the Lakers rolled up a 43-18 first-quarter lead.

Fisk, Perez headline possible Hall of Fame announcements

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Carlton Fisk hit more home runs than any catcher in history and when he connected for his most famous one of all, Tony Perez got a close-up look.

The former World Series rivals — and one-time teammates — hope to soon be linked again. Fisk and Perez are considered the leading candidates for election to the Hall of Fame when results are announced at 2 p.m. EST Tuesday.

"I'm close," Perez said recently. "I hope this is the year. It would be the greatest thing that happened in my career."

Relievers Goose Gossage and Jeff Reardon and starter Jack Morris lead the list of 14 first-timers on the ballot. Gary Carter, Tommy John and Bruce Sutter also are among the 30 eligible players.

Last year, Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount swept into the Hall on their first try, leaving little room for anyone else to get the required 75 percent in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

This time, with no sure-fire rookies, there's a better chance for holdover hopefuls such as Fisk and Perez. But this might be their best opportunity for awhile — next year, Kirby Puckett, Dave Winfield, Lou Whitaker, Don Mattingly and Dave Stewart become eligible.

"This is the ninth time I've been in the voting, and every year is the same," Perez said. "I'm not getting too anxious. You get used to waiting after waiting so many years."

The Veterans Committee will hold its vote on Feb. 29 in Tampa, Fla. Former manager Sparky Anderson and longtime Minnesota star Tony Oliva will be considered by the panel for the first time.

Induction ceremonies will be July 23 at Cooperstown, N.Y. The annual Hall of Fame game will be played the next day, matching Cleveland and Arizona.

Fisk caught the most games in major league history (2,226) and hit 351 of 376 career home runs while playing the position. But his most memorable shot did not count in that total.

Fisk won Game 6 of the 1975 World Series when he homered in the bottom of the 12th inning at Fenway Park, watching and waving the whole way. Once the ball hit the foul pole, he took off and passed Perez, the Cincinnati first baseman.

Perez finished with 379 career home runs. He also had a few that do not appear in his total — many fans do not recall that a day after Fisk's famous shot, Perez homered in Game 7 to help the Big Red Machine rally for a 4-3 victory and the championship.

Perez has 1,652 RBIs, the most among players not in the Hall. Still, he is often overlooked in the glare of his Reds teammates — Pete Rose, Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan.

Fisk made his major league debut with Boston in 1969 and stayed with the Red Sox through 1980, playing that last season with Perez. He left amid a lot of acrimony and then spent from 1981 to 1993 with the Chicago White Sox.

"I would say most of the people in the Midwest view me as a White Sox," he said. "As I travel around, because of that '75 World Series moment, most of the people throughout the country think I just finished my career in Chicago, played two or three years."

Last year, Fisk returned to the Red Sox as a special assistant to the GM. That led to speculation Pudge would wear a Boston cap on his plaque, provided he joined the Hall's 244 members.

Relievers have rarely fared well in Hall elections, with Hoyt Wilhelm and Rollie Fingers the only ones to make it. Gossage and Reardon, however, were hoping for good showings.

Gossage recorded 310 saves and was a dominant stopper with his frightening fastball while Reardon had 367 saves.

Morris went 254-186 and was best known for his 1-0, 10-inning shutout in Game 7 of the 1991 World Series that lifted Minnesota over Atlanta. Other players on the ballot for the first time are Hubie Brooks, Bill Gullickson, Dave Henderson, Charlie Hough, Kent Hrbek, Bruce Hurst, Steve Sax, Lonnie Smith, Rick Sutcliffe, Bob Welch and Willie Wilson.

Carter (324 homers), John (288 wins) and Sutter (300 saves) are among the holdover candidates, along with Bert Blyleven (287 wins), Jim Kaat (283 wins), Jim Rice (.298, 382 homers) and Dale Murphy (398 homers, two MVP awards).

Sele spurns Orioles, signs with Seattle for $15 million

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Aaron Sele, who has one of baseball's best curveballs, threw one off the field, too.

After his deal with Baltimore came apart over his physical, Sele quickly agreed Monday night on a $15 million, two-year contract with the Seattle Mariners.

"This thing is like a star falling out of the sky," new Mariners general manager Pat Gillick said. "We're satisfied Sele is as healthy as he was when he finished the season with the Rangers. He underwent a physical on behalf of us with another physician, and our physician talked with that doctor and is satisfied."

Sele, a 29-year-old right-hander, had reached a tentative agreement last Friday on a $29 million, four-year contract with the Orioles, a deal that contained $8 million deferred without interest.

But that agreement was subject to his passing a physical, and the contract was never completed. The Orioles considered changes after the medical tests and were still talking to Sele's agents on Monday.

In the meantime, the pitcher who lives in Kirkland, Wash., turned his attention to the Mariners, one of baseball's busiest teams this winter.

Seattle spent much of the offseason considering trades for Ken Griffey Jr., but now seems likely to keep him. He is eligible for free agency after the season and the Mariners had considered deals so they wouldn't win up losing him for nothing next fall.

Instead, having already signed free agents John Olerud, Arthur Rhodes, Mark McLemore, Stan Javier and Japanese reliever Kazuhiro Sasaki, Gillick and the Mariners may be sending Griffey a message that they are trying to win now.

"We do mean business and we do want to be competitive," said Gillick, who called the signing a "morale-booster."

"As we all know, the Yankees and Cleveland are the cream of the crop in the American League. But you never know what happens. If you win your division and get in the playoffs, you never know what happens."

Gillick — a former GM for Baltimore owner Peter Angelos — began talks after Adam Katz, one of Sele's agents, called him Monday. Just 6 1/2 hours later, he completed negotiations to get Sele, who went to Washington State.

The new contract calls for a $1 million signing bonus and annual salaries of $7 million, with none of the money deferred.

According to another of Sele's agents, Tom Reich, there was a difference on interpretation with the Orioles on medical tests. Sele has never undergone arm surgery but was limited to six starts in 1995 because of shoulder tendinitis.

"The dealing with Baltimore were very cordial from beginning to end and just didn't work out," Reich said. "To me, Peter Angelos is a good guy."

Angelos did not return a telephone call seeking comment. After the 1998 season, the Orioles reached a $2.7 million, two-year agreement with reliever Xavier Hernandez but the deal came undone when the Orioles said he had a shoulder injury. He then signed a $250,000 agreement with the Astros and won $2 million in a grievance.

Gillick said Sele had a new physical Monday in California while negotiations were taking place by telephone.

"There is going to be normal wear and tear," Gillick said. "You really have to rely on your medical people. They know which bumps along the road you have to watch for and which you can work through."

The Mariners, third in the AL West last season at 79-83, head into spring training with perhaps the top starting rotation in their division, a group that includes Jamie Moyer, John Halama and Freddy Garcia.

"It's great talk in the winter," Gillick said. "You have to do it on the field."

The Mariners had tried to sign Chuck Finley, wanting a left-hander who could beat the best AL teams, but the Indians had gotten him for $27 million over three years.

Last year, the Mariners were just 1-9 against New York, 3-7 against Cleveland and 5-8 against Texas.

Sele was 18-9 with a 4.79 ERA with the Texas Rangers last year after going 19-11 with a 4.23 ERA in 1998. In his two years with Texas, Sele missed only one start, and that was because of flu symptoms.

He spent the first five years of his major league career with the Boston Red Sox and has a 75-53 career record.

"I think this is a business where timing is very important. You only have a very small window," Gillick said. "You have to react very quickly. Those who hesitate, as they say, are lost."

Olajuwon returning by weekend

By Jonathan Feigen
Houston Chronicle

Monday began as a fairly typical Rockets practice day. Kelvin Cato remained in street clothes, his sprained right wrist in a protective splint. Tony Massenburg lifted weights alone, his strained groin keeping him off the court. Steve Francis was held out because of a sprained ankle. Walt Williams stayed home with the flu. Assistant coach Jim Boylen was moved from guard to small forward in what has become his almost daily duty of providing a healthy body necessary to hold practice.

But there was one new development. Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon not only practiced for the first time since Nov. 25 but drew jaw-dropping raves.

Olajuwon said he hopes to return to the lineup Saturday in Chicago, 6 1/2 weeks after his Dec. 1 hernia surgery.

"It was good to have Dream back in practice, and he was very sharp," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "He had spring. He didn't have the stamina, which is expected. He looked spry. It was a good first practice.

"It was a full practice. He was energetic. The stamina part (was a problem) when we started going full-court. But I was really happy with how springy he looked. I think it's a big boost for us to have one of our leaders and a great player. I think it was a big positive."

Asked how the team felt to see Olajuwon back on the court, Tomjanovich said, "If you're home alone, and your big brother comes home, do you feel better? Depends what you're doing when you're home alone."

The home-alone Rockets have been losing 11 of their past 14 games since Charles Barkley joined Olajuwon on the injured list. Olajuwon would not predict he would turn the team around with his return, but he clearly was encouraged by Monday's performance.

"I think the practice went very well," he said. "I think I have to do more strengthening and conditioning. In the half-court, I felt so comfortable; I felt free out there. But when we started running up and down, it was a different game.

"From building my legs, they were much stronger. There was a lot of power and confidence. I'm looking forward to coming back."

Tomjanovich said it was premature to know how much Olajuwon would play initially, or even to aim for Saturday.

RODMAN: Three teams show interest

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n't wearing any earrings. He made it plain he wants to concentrate only on basketball, not the off-court stuff. He really is a fierce competitor and wants to win. Everyone has been afraid to roll the dice with him, but I think his seriousness came across last week.

"He really is a fierce competitor and wants to win. He is working out twice a day. He got on the court for the first time last week, and he would like to be on the court playing by February," Chasman said.

Chasman wouldn't identify the two other clubs that have expressed an interest in Rodman.

Cuban, the new Dallas owner-in-waiting, is an Indiana University alum who founded Broadcast.com because he couldn't get Hoosiers' basketball broadcasts on the radio. Now, fans can find on the Internet the live broadcast of virtually any college or pro sporting event.

Cuban is buying the Mavericks from majority owner Ross Perot Jr., whose interest in the club admittedly was the potential profit from a new arena and ancillary facilities being built near downtown Dallas. An avid fan who has season tickets near the Mavericks bench, Cuban has said he will spend the money necessary to make the club competitive again.

As to whether the Mavericks' interest is from present owners or from Cuban, Rodman's agent said, "I won't confirm that this conversation was with the new prospective ownership, but I won't deny it, either."

Rodman, a 13-year NBA veteran, would be eligible to sign for a minimum of $1 million. However, the Mavericks are over their $34 million salary cap.

Rodman would address three of the club's three most pressing needs — rebounding, defense and drawing power.

FSU's Weinke to stay in school

By Brent Kallestad
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — First Peter Warrick, now Chris Weinke.

The Florida State quarterback said Monday he will come back for his senior season with an eye on winning two straight titles, a year after Warrick gave up NFL riches to return to win a national championship. Weinke, who threw four touchdown passes in a 46-29 victory over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl, will be 28 for his final college season.

In what he described "a no-lose situation," Weinke surprised his parents, brother and coaches with a decision to return.

"They said, 'you're leaving. I said, 'You're wrong.' No one was right. I hope I am," he said.

Weinke said he was told by NFL scouts he'd be a third-round pick at best in the April draft.

"I don't want to sit on the bench making the minimum watching Florida State on Saturdays play on TV," he said.

Monday was the final day for underclassmen to declare for the draft. Michigan running back Anthony Thomas said he's returning, while Tennessee guard Cosey Coleman became the fifth Volunteers star to leave early for the NFL.

Thomas led Michigan in rushing with 1,297 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"One of the goals I made before I got here is to finish my education," said Thomas, who will graduate in December. "That's one thing they can't take away from me."

Earlier, Tennessee running back Jamal Lewis, defensive end Shaun Ellis, defensive back Deon Grant and linebacker Raynoch Thompson passed up final college seasons.

Other top underclassmen headed for the NFL: All-America kicker Sebastian Janikowksi (Florida State), linebackers LaVar Arrington (Penn State) and Na'il Diggs (Ohio State), wide receivers Plaxico Burress (Michigan State), Kwame Cavil (Texas), Darrell Jackson (Florida) and Dez White (Georgia Tech), and cornerback Lewis Sanders (Maryland).

Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt said Weinke, who is the 6-foot-5 and 240 pounds, can improve his standing with the NFL by losing 10 or 15 pounds.

"He can be a more accurate passer and better decision maker," Richt said. "He'll be closer to being ready to play."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden was on the West Coast recruiting and not immediately available for comment. With Janikowski the only Florida State underclassman leaving early, the Seminoles will have nine starters back on defense and six on offense from their starting lineup against Virginia Tech.

With Weinke and 14 other starters back from this year's unbeaten team, the Seminoles could find themselves as the country's preseason No. 1 pick again next summer. It would be the sixth time since 1988.

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Div	Name	Last	Chg
.82f	ABM	20¼	...
.82e	ABN Amro	23⅜	+⅛
1.76	ABN pfB	20⅛	–⅛
.44	ACE Ltd	18¹¹/₁₆	+⅜
.90a	ACMIn	7⅛	+1/16
.90	ACM Sc	6¹¹/₁₆	–1/16
.60	ACMSp	8⅝	...
1.02a	ACM Sl	8⅝	+1/16
...	ACNiels	25	+1
...	ACX Tch s	7¼	+1/16
...	AES Cp	78⅜	+3¼
.30	AFLAC	42⅝	–2¹/₁₆
.04	AGCO	13¹/₁₆	–1/16
1.08	AGL Res	17⅛	–1/16
.50	AK Steel	19⅛	–11/16
1.40	AMB Pr	20⅛	+1/16
...	AMFM	u81⅜	+5⅛
...	AMR	65⅜	+2⅛
.88	AT&T s	50¹³/₁₆	+1⅜
.26	AVX Cp	47⅝	+4⅜
.90e	AXA	66⅜	–1½
.10	AXA Fn s	32⅜	+1⅛
...	Aames	⅜	...
.88	AbtLab	36¼	–⅛
...	AberFitc s	25⅜	+⅝
2.45e	AdamEx	32⅞	...
...	Admnstf	23⅜	+1½
...	AdvCmG	12⅞	–⅛
...	AMD	u36⅜	+2¹/₁₆
1.16e	Aegon	92¼	–1½
...	Aeroflex	11⅝	–⅛
.80	Aetna Inc	56⅜	–1¼
...	AffCmpSv	44⅜	+⅞
...	AffMgrs	35¹/₁₆	+⅞
...	Agilent n	68⅛	+3⅝
.11	Agrium g	9⅞	+⅜
.71e	Ahold	30	–1⅛
.76	AirProd	34¼	–2⅛
.16	AirbFrt	22¾	–⅜
...	Airgas	9⅞	–1/16
1.84	AlaPC pfQ	21⅜	–⅞
.07p	AlskAir	35⅞	–⅝
.26	Alberto	26⅜	+⅜
.26	AlbCulA	22¾	+⅞
.72	Albertsn	33	–⅜
.60	Alcan	u45⅛	+⅛
.43e	Alcatel	44⅛	+⅝
.81a	Alcoa s	u84⅜	–⅞
1.72	AlgEngy	27¼	...
...	AlgTch n	23⅛	–3/16
...	AlgnTel	u12¾	+⅜
.28	Allergan s	52¼	–⅜
4.26e	AlldAmkt	41	+1¼
2.07e	AlldCap	30¹¹/₁₆	–⅝
1.23a	AlldWrld2	8⅞	...
2.00	AllantEgy	28⅝	+1/16
...	AlldWaste	7⅝	+1/16
.25f	AlmrFn	51¼	–1/16
.60	Allstate	23⅝	–⅜
1.22	Alltel	78⅛	+3⅛
.18	Alpharma	32⅜	+2⅛
...	Alza	36⅞	+2⅜
.44	AmbacF	50⅛	–⅞
.56	Amcast	16⅝	+⅝
...	Amdocs	u39⅞	+3⅜
1.51	AmdocsTru	36⅝	+2⅝
.60	AmHes	55¾	–1¹/₁₆
2.54	Ameren	33¹¹/₁₆	–⅛
...	AmOnline s	71¼	–2¾
...	AmWest	20⅛	+⅛
2.40	AEP	33½	–⅛
.90	AmExp	154	+9⅛
1.80	AGenCp	68⅞	–1⅞
.80	AGreet	23	+⅝
4.39	AHerit pf	85⅝	–2⅛
.92f	AHomeP	42⅝	–2⅛
.20	AmintGp s	107⅝	–1⅝
.26p	ANatCan n	13⅞	+⅛
...	ARetire	6⅝	+⅛
...	AmStd	42⅝	–⅜
...	AmToweru	33⅝	+2¾
.86	AmWtr	23¾	+⅝
...	Ameriodt	16½	+⅜
...	AmeriSrc s	19½	+½
.40	AmerUs	22¹¹/₁₆	+⅝
.80f	AmSouth s	17½	–1¼
...	AmwayAs	17⅝	–⅛
.20	Amerit	33¹¹/₁₆	–⅝
...	Analog	u94⅞	+7⅝
1.36e	Anglogld	26	+⅜
1.20	Anheus	74½	–1⅝
...	AnnTayl	25	+1¾
.84	Aon Cp s	30¼	–12⅝
.28	Apache	35⅛	–1⅛
2.50	Apginv	39¹¹/₁₆	+⅝
2.00	Apginv pfK	24⅜	–⅛
.06	ApldPw	34	+⅝
...	Apris	19⅞	–⅝
.20	Aptargp	25½	–⅝
.16e	Aracruz	u27⅛	+1⅝
...	ArcadiaFn	4½	–1/16
.20b	ArchDan	11⅝	...
1.54f	ArchstnC	21⅜	+⅛
1.78	ArdenRlt	21¹¹/₁₆	+⅝
...	Argosy	16⅝	+⅝
...	ArmorH	12⅛	–⅜
1.92	ArmWl	36¼	+2¼
...	ArrowEl	23⅜	+1⅛
.88f	Arvin	27⅝	+⅛
.10e	Ashanti	3¾	+⅛
1.10	Ashland	33½	–⅝
.14e	AsiaPc	11	+⅝
.06t	AsiaPR	1⅝	–⅛
...	AsiaPtp	8⅛	–⅛
.26f	AscFCap	24½	–½
.75e	AstraZen	41⅜	–⅛
2.85	AtlRich	79½	–⅝
1.14f	ATMOS	19⅝	–⅛
...	AtwdOcn	40	...
...	AuroraF	10	+⅜
...	AutoNatn	8⅞	–1/16
.35f	AutoData	54¹¹/₁₆	+1⅛
...	AutoZone	30¹¹/₁₆	+⅛
2.08f	AvalonBay	36⅝	+⅞
.64e	Aventis	81½	+1½
.96	AveryD	u78	+2⅞
...	Avnet	9¾	–⅛
.48	Avista	15¹¹/₁₆	+⅜
.60	Avnet	55⅛	+1⅜
.72	Avon	31⅝	–⅞
...	Axtar	10⅝	–1/16
...	Azurix n	8⅛	+⅞
.80	BB&T Cp	26¹/₁₆	–1¹/₁₆
1.36	BCE g	88⅝	+2⅛
...	BJS	44½	–⅛
...	BJs Whls	u38⅜	+1⅜
.06	BMC	5½	+⅜
1.33	BPAmoc s	57⅜	–1⅜
1.56	BRE	24	+⅜
...	BWAY	4⅝	+1¹/₁₆
...	BakerF n	14	...
.46	BakrHu	23¹/₁₆	–⅝
.44	Baldor	18⅝	+¼
.60	Ball	39⅝	+1¼
...	BallyTotF	25¹¹/₁₆	+⅞
.31e	BncoFrn	21½	–⅜
.18e	BcoRioP	11⅜	–⅛
...	BcoWiese	13⅜	–1/16
1.88	BankOne	30¼	–2¼
2.00f	Bk of Am	46⅞	–1¹/₁₆
.07e	BkTokyo	13⅛	+⅛
.64f	BkNY	36⅝	–1⅝
.10b	BkAtlA	4¼	+1/16
.80	Bard	53⅝	–⅞
...	BarnNbl	24¼	+⅞
...	BarrLab	31¼	...
...	BarrettRa	26½	–⅞
.20f	BarrickG	17⅝	...
...	BatlMt	2¼	...
1.04	BauschL	70⅝	–1⅞
1.16	Baxter	65–2	⅝
.60b	BearSt	38¾	+1¼
.64	BeckCoult	54⅝	–⅝
.37f	BectDck	27⅝	–⅛
.20	Belden	20¾	+¼
1.54	BellAtl	58½	–⅝
7.00e	BellInd s	6⅜	–⅛
.76	BellSouth	45⅝	–⅜
.28	Belo	18½	+⅜
.92	Bemis	34⅜	–⅞
...	BenchEl	19	+⅞
...	BentonOG	1⅞	–⅛
.30	BergBr	9⅝	+⅜
...	BerkHa A	66000	–600
.40	BerryP	14⅜	+⅛
...	BestBuy	57⅜	–⅛
1.06	Bestfds	51½	+⅝
...	BethSti	8⅜	–⅞
...	Beverly	4½	+1/16
.09	BindlyW	10⅛	+⅛
...	Biomtrx s	20½	+1
...	Biovail	u85⅝	+3
...	BirStl	4⅜	–⅛
.48	BlackD	46⅝	–1⅛
1.84	BldWlCp	22⅝	...
.40a	Blk2001	8⅞	...
...	Blackrck n	16	+⅛
.56	BlkIT	8	+3/16
.50	B&TT	9⅝	...
.48	Blanch	54⅝	–2½
1.10	BlckHR	45⅜	–⅜
.02p	Blckbstr n	12⅞	+⅝
...	Blyth	23⅝	+⅜
.56	Boeing	43¹¹/₁₆	–⅞
.60	BoiseC	42¹/₁₆	+1½
...	Bombay	4	–⅛
...	BordCh	5⅞	–⅛
...	Borders	17⅞	+⅜
.60	BorgWAu	39	–⅞
1.80	BostProp	32⅝	+¼
...	BostSci	24	–⅝
.80	Bowatr	58⅝	–⅞
.22	Bowne	11¼	–⅜
1.88	BoykinL	11¾	+¼
.29e	Brahma	13¾	...
1.60f	Brandyw	16⅜	–1/16
3.06e	Brazil	18¼	+1½
1.20	BrigStrat	51¼	+1⅛
.01m	BrilCh A s	3⅛	+⅛
...	Brinker	25½	+⅜
.86	BristMy s	67⅜	–⅜
...	Broadwing	u40½	+3⅜
3.38	Brdw pfBu	63¾	+4¾
...	BrwnGh	2⅝	+⅛
1.24f	BrwnFA	53⅜	–1⅞
1.24f	BrwnFB	57	–⅝
.40	BrwnShoe	14½	+⅜
.50	BrunswickA	21	+⅛
...	BuckTch	16½	+⅜
...	BudgetGp	8⅜	+⅛
.02	BurlCoat	12⅛	–⅛
...	Burlinds	3½	+⅛
.48	BurlNSF	25	...
.55	BrlRac	32⅜	–1
1.05	BurnPP	8⅝	+⅜
...	Burns Intl	12⅜	+⅛
.85e	CANTV	25⅜	+1½
1.95	CBL Aso	20⅝	–⅜
...	CBS	u82½	+4¾
...	CHS El	1⅛	–⅛
1.20	CIGNA	84⅜	–½
.81a	CIGNA Hl	81½	+⅛
.40	CIT Gp	21⅝	–⅜
.20f	CK Witco	13⅝	+⅜
.06b	CKE Rst	7	+1/16
1.46f	CMS Eng	30¹¹/₁₆	–⅞
.40	CNF Trsn	32	–1⅝
.55	CNH Glbl	14⅜	–⅞
...	CSK Ato	14¹¹/₁₆	+⅝
1.20	CSX	32	...
.12	CTS s	72⅝	+¼
.23	CVS Cp	37⅝	–⅛
1.10e	C&W HKT	25¼	–⅞
.70e	CablWrls	51¼	+2
...	CablDsg	23⅜	+1⅞
...	Cablvsn	81⅜	+7½
...	Cablrn	24	+⅝
.44	Cabot	20⅞	+⅝
.28	Cadence	23⅜	+1¼
.28	CalGolf	16¹¹/₁₆	+⅜
...	Calpine s	u81	+8⅝
2.08	CamdnP	26⅞	–⅝
...	CmpR g	1⅛	...
.90	CampSp	35⅝	–1⅜
.60	CdnRy gs	25⅞	–⅛
2.63	CdnRy pf	42⅝	+⅛
.56	CdnPc g	23⅜	+⅛
...	CandgBrA	51	–2
.11	CapOne s	44⅝	–⅜
.10	CardnlH	56	–2⅞
...	CaremkRx	4⅜	–⅜
...	Carlbnr	2⅝	–⅜
.72	Carlisle	34¼	–⅞
.42f	Carnival	50⅛	+2⅛
2.06f	CaroPw	30	–1⅛
1.85	CarrAmR	21⅛	+⅜
...	Carson	4¼	+½
.05	CashAm	9⅞	+⅛
...	Catelus	12⅞	+⅜
1.30	Caterpillr	51⅝	–1¾
1.45f	CedarF	19½	+⅜
...	Celestic gs	49⅝	+3⅝
...	Cemex n	25⅝	+⅝
...	Cendant	22⅛	–1¹/₁₆
.20	CentxCn	34⅝	–⅝
.16	Centex	22⅝	–⅞
1.74	CenSoWst	20¼	–⅛
...	CentEur u	15¹¹/₁₆	+⅜
.52	CentrlNwS	36⅝	+1
.06	CentPrkg	19⅝	–⅝
.18	CntryTel s	44⅛	+1¼
...	Ceridian s	21⅞	+½
...	ChmpE	8⅜	...
.20	Chmpln	66	+1⅞
...	Chart	4⅞	–1/16
.64b	ChartOneF	16⅝	+1
...	ChaseInd	8⅛	+⅛
1.64	ChaseM	71½	–1¼
.01	Checkpnt	10	–1/16
2.12	Chemed	28⅛	–¼
.40	ChemFst	21⅞	+⅞
...	ChesEng	2⅛	+1/16
2.80f	Chevron	87⅞	–2⅞
1.44	ChiTitle	45⅞	+⅜
.72e	ChileFd	11¾	+¼
.16e	ChileTel	17⅝	+1¼
...	ChinaTlc	122⅞	+7⅞
.20	Chiquta	5⅞	–⅜
...	Choicept s	37⅝	+⅞
1.43t	ChrisCr	72⅝	+2½
1.28	Chubb	66	–⅛
...	Chyron	3½	+⅛
...	CiBER	26⅛	+⅝
1.80	CINergy	24¾	...
.07	CirCtyCC s	50⅛	+2½
...	CirCCar	2⅞	+1/16
.56	Citigrp s	53⅝	–⅛
1.19e	Citigp pfQ	d22	–½
...	CitzUtil	u14⅝	+⅛
.66	CityNC	31	–⅛
.18	ClairesStr	23⅝	+1/16
.06	ClaytnH	9¾	+1/16
...	ClearChan	u92⅛	+3⅞
1.30	ClvCif	30	–⅛
.80	Clorox s	51¾	–⅝
.25	Coastal	34⅝	–⅝
.84	CocaCl	58⅝	–1½
.16	CocaCE	20¹¹/₁₆	–⅛
12e	CCFemsa	18½	+⅝
...	Coeur	3½	–⅛
.63	ColgPal s	63⅝	+1¹¹/₁₆
.38	ColSgp	9⅞	–⅛
70a	ColtHI	5⅞	+⅛
2.32	ColonPT	24⅝	–1/16
.90	ColumEn	64⅜	–1/16
.08b	ComHCA	u30⅞	–⅜
.10	Comdisco	33¹¹/₁₆	–½
1.44	Comeric	d42¾	–1⅞
.26	CmcFdl	15⅝	–½
.60	CmcTek	14⅞	+1⅜
1.24	CmclNL	10⅝	+⅞
...	ComScop	38⅝	+2⅞
...	CmpUSA	5⅜	+⅞
...	CoGnGeo	10⅜	+⅝
62e	CBD–Paou	35⅜	+1⅛
.08	Compaq	27½	–½
.07	CompAs	62¹¹/₁₆	+3⅝
...	CompSci	92	+4⅝
.20	Comsat	19½	–⅝
...	CmstkRs	2⅜	–1/16
.81	ConAgra	23	–⅜
.88	Conectiv	17⅜	...
1.34	ConnEn	39⅝	–⅛
.76	ConocoA	25⅛	+⅛
.76	ConocoB n	25⅛	+⅛
.60	Conseco	18⅜	...
2.14	ConEd	35⅛	–⅝
...	ConsGph	14½	...
1.94	ConsNG	u66¼	+½
.88	ConsPap	31⅝	+⅜
...	ConStor	15⅛	+⅞
1.66	ConstellEn	29⅝	–1¼
...	CtlAir B	43⅜	+⅛
...	Cnvrgys	30⅜	+2⅜
...	CoopCam	47⅞	+1¼
.08	CoopCo	30¼	+⅛
1.32	Cooper	43	–⅛
.42	CooprTr	15⅛	–⅜
.66	Coors B	50⅞	–2¼
.31e	Copel	8¹¹/₁₆	...
...	CoramH	9⅝	–⅛
.40	Cordant	34¼	+⅜
.13e	Cordiant	22⅜	+1¼
...	CoreLab	19⅝	–⅜
1.20	CorPrpt	15⅝	+½
1.08	CornerRt	9⅝	...
.72	Corningin	118	+11¼
1.29a	CorpHY	9⅝	+⅛
1.44a	CpHYIII	10¼	...
...	CorusGr s	27⅝	–⅝
.40	CntrCrd	26½	+⅛
...	Covance	10⅝	+⅛
...	CoxCom s	u51½	+6⅛
...	CoxCm29 n	93	+3⅝
.40b	Crane	19¹¹/₁₆	+⅛
.20e	Credicp	11⅜	–⅜
2.20	CresRE	19¼	+⅛
...	Crestline	18½	+⅛
...	vjCrtlmM	1¾	–⅛
.94	CrosTbr	9	–⅛
1.09e	CrosTim	16	+⅛
.82	CrwnAm	5⅜	...
1.00	CrwnCork	23⅝	+1/16
...	Cryolife	12½	+1¼
.70	CullnFr s	24⅜	–⅛
1.20f	CumEng	49⅝	+1½
...	CypSem	31⅝	+2⅜
...	Cytec	24½	–⅛
.99	DLJ HIY	7⅝	+⅛
.94	DPL	17½	–⅛
1.80f	DQE	36⅞	+⅜
.12	DR Horton	12⅝	+¼
...	DST Sys	72	+1½
.88	DaimlerCh	77⅜	+1¼
2.50e	DaimlrC	77⅜	+1¼
2.08	DTE	31⅞	+⅜
2.50e	DaimlrC	77⅜	+1¼
.20	DaiSem	63⅛	+4¼
1.24	DanaCp	30⅝	–⅞
.06	Danaher	47½	+⅝
.06	Darden	17½	+⅛
.40	DaytnHud	66¾	–1⅝
...	DeVry	17⅝	+1/16
.86	DeanFd	36	–¼
1.01a	DebtStr2	7¾	+1/16
.84a	DebtStrt	8⅜	...
.88	Deere	46⅝	+⅝
.51	DelhaizeA	19⅝	–⅜
.29	DelphiAu	18⅛	+⅜
...	DelphiFn	29½	–⅝
.12	DeltPne	18	...
.10	DeltaAir	51⅛	+⅞
...	DeltaW	1⅝	+1/16
1.48	Deluxe	26⅛	–⅝
.65e	DeutTel	66¼	+1¾
1.40	DevDv	13⅞	+1/16
.64e	Diageo	36⅜	–⅞
.32	Dial	22¼	–1⅜
.50	DisOffs	29	–1⅛
.80	Diebold	25⅝	+½
.16	Dillards	20⅛	+⅛
.24	DimeBcp	13⅝	...
...	DiscAut	16⅞	–⅛
.21	Disney	35½	+⅛
.40	Dole	15⅛	–⅛
.13	DollarG s	23⅜	+1⅛
2.58	DomRes	40⅝	...
.25	DenLuiJen	45¹¹/₁₆	+1¼
...	DLJ Dir n	13½	–⅛
.88	DonleyRR	23⅝	+⅜
...	DotHill	6¼	+1/16
.48	Dover	45⅝	+⅝
3.48	DowCh	136	⅞–3
.96	DowJns	66⅝	+3¹¹/₁₆
.48a	DresGlob	57⅛	+⅛
1.53	DryHYSt	10¼	...
.55	DryStrt	7¹¹/₁₆	+⅛
.56	DrySM	7⅝	...
1.40	DuPont	70	–1⅝
...	DuaneR	24⅛	+1/16
.78a	DufPUtil	9¾	+⅛
2.20	DukeEngy	53¹¹/₁₆	–⅛
1.56	DukeWlks	19⅞	+⅛
.74	DunBrad	28¾	+1/16
...	Dycom	45	+1¾
.05	Dynegy	u30¼	+⅝
...	E4L	3	+7/16
...	EEX Cp	2¹¹/₁₆	–⅛
...	EMC s	113⅜	+6⅜
1.59e	ENI	54⅜	–2¼
.12	EOG Res	16¼	+⅜
.20	Earthgr	16	–⅜
1.76	EastChm	48⅞	–1⅝
1.76	EKodak	63¼	+1¼
1.76	Eaton	71¼	–1⅞
.83	EV Srinc	9⅜	–⅜
.48f	Ecolab	40⅝	+⅝
1.08	Edisonint	28	...
.80	Edwards	31½	+⅜
.80	ElPasEn	37⅝	–⅜
...	Elan s	30½	...
.20	Elcor s	28½	–⅜
.60	EDS	62½	+3
...	Elscint	8⅝	+1⅛
.46e	Embrat	23⅜	+⅜
1.43f	EmrsnEl	59	–3¼
1.28	EmpDist	22⅝	+⅛
.13e	EEIChile	13⅝	+⅛
.57e	Endesa	20⅛	–⅛
.84	EgyEast s	21⅛	–⅜
.40	EngiCp	18⅛	–⅝
.24	Enhance	16½	+⅜
.50	Enron s	47	–1⅜
2.00	EnrLLC pf23	7½	+⅛
.10	ENSCO	23⅜	–⅝
...	Entercm n	57⅜	+1¹¹/₁₆
.76	Entergy	25¾	–⅛
...	Entrade	u49½	+⅝
...	EnzoBio	45¾	+⅜
1.90	EottEng	13⅜	–⅛
...	Equant	108½	+5½
.37f	Equifax	21⅝	–⅜
1.24	Eqtylnn	7½	+1/16
1.68f	EqOffPT	25	–⅛
3.04	EqtyRsd	44⅝	+⅝
.65e	EspirSan	16	+⅛
.17	EsteeLdr s	51¾	+1⅜
.11	EthanAl s	26⅞	–¹¹/₁₆
.25	Ethyl	37⅜	+1/16
3.35e	EurWtFd	18½	+⅝
.24	EverestRe	25½	–⅛
.08	ExideCp	7⅝	–⅛
1.78f	ExxonMob	83⅜	–⅞
...	FDX Cp s	46½	–1
.38e	FEMSA	u46⅝	+2⅝
...	FMC	57¼	+2½
2.08	FPL Gp	44¼	–⅜
...	FrohldS n	27¼	+1¼
...	FairfCmts	9⅝	+1/16
.20	FamDlr	17⅝	–⅜
1.08	FanniMae	59⅜	–1⅞
.01	FedMog	20	–3/16
.74	FedSignl	15⅝	+1¼
...	FedrDS	52⅝	+1⅝
...	FdDS wtD	25⅞	+1⅜
2.20	FelCor	17⅝	...
.58f	Ferro	22½	–⅝
...	FibrMrk	11⅜	+1/16
.40f	FidelFin	13⅝	+⅛
.48	FSA	48⅞	–1⅞
.72	Finova	34½	–⅞
.24	FA Fncl	12⅛	+⅛
.08	FstData	50⅜	+⅜
3.09e	FFinFd	8	+⅛
2.48f	FstInRT	28⅜	+⅛
.78	FstTenn	26⅝	–⅛
1.88	FstUC	32½	–⅜
1.44f	FtVaBk	38⅝	–11/16
.65f	Firstar s	21⅝	–⅛
1.50	FirstEngy	23⅛	+⅛
1.20f	FleetBost	31⅝	–1¼
.78	FleetEn	20⅝	+⅜
.06	Fleming	9⅛	–⅛
2.18	FlaProg	41⅞	–⅝
.40	FlaRck	37	+4
.52f	Flowers	14⅜	+1/16
1.00f	Fluor	47⅜	–⅜
2.00f	FordMot	53⅜	–⅞
...	ForestLab	u87⅛	+⅝
...	ForestOl	10⅝	–1
.80	FtJames	30½	+1⅜
.92f	FortuneBr	30⅝	–1¹/₁₆
.24	FostWh	9⅜	+⅜
...	FoundHS	10⅞	–⅝
.06p	FourSH g	50	–⅛
...	Fox Ent	24⅜	+2½
3.20e	France	14⅜	+⅛
2.12f	FranFin	24⅜	+⅜
.24f	FrankRes	34	+⅜
.60	FredMac	46½	–1¾
...	FMCG A	17⅝	–⅜
...	FMCG	19¾	–⅜
.32	Fremont	7⅞	–⅛
...	FGoldmn	7⅝	...
...	Frmtrns	3¼	...
...	vjFrultL	1¹¹/₁₆	+1/16
...	FurnBrds	18¾	–⅛
1.10	GATX	32	⅝+ 1/16
2.12	GPU	29	⅞– ⅝
1.88	GTE	68½	–¼
1.17r	GabelET	12⅝	+⅛
1.05e	GabGlobl	18⅝	+1⅛
2.12	GablRsd	22⅞	–1/16
.36	Galileo Int	27⅝	...
1.49e	Gallaher	18⅝	–⅛
.84	Gannett	78⅛	+3¼
.09	Gap s	47⅜	+1⅜
1.19e	Gartner	15½	+⅜
...	GartnrB n	12¾	–⅝
...	Gateway s	64⅛	+2½
.48r	GenCorp s	8½	...
...	Genanto su	145½	+8⅝
4.48e	GAInv	37	⅝ +1⅛
.20	GnCable	7⅛	...
...	GnData	5⅝	...
.96	GenDyn	55⅜	–⅛
1.84f	GenElec	151¼	+⅛
2.04f	GnGrth	28⅝	...
1.81	GnGrth pfA	20¾	+⅝
1.10	GenMills s	32⅝	–1¼
2.00b	GnMotr	75½	+1⅛
...	GM H	u104½	+6½
.44	GenSemi	13½	+⅜
...	GenesisH	3	–⅞
...	GnRad	15¼	+⅛
1.04	GenuPrt	24⅝	–⅛
.50	Geon Co	33⅝	–⅛
.32	GaGulf	29⅜	+⅛
.50	GaPcGP s	50⅛	–⅛
1.00	GaPfTmb	23⅜	–⅜
1.07e	GerNew	12½	+⅛
.59	Gillette	42⅛	–⅜
...	Glamis	1⅝	...
1.29e	GlaxoWel	58½	+⅛
1.68	GlenRT	13⅝	...
1.94	GlenRT pf	14	–⅛
1.92	GlmchRt	13⅝	+⅜
...	GlobM	15⅜	–⅞
1.41a	GlobPart	10⅛	+⅛
...	GlbTele s	30⅜	+⅛
...	go.com n	32⅛	+4¼
...	GoldStBc	15⅜	–⅜
.21	GoldWF s	30⅛	–⅝
.48	GoldmnS n	84⅜	+1⅜
1.10	Goodrch	27⅝	+⅜
1.20	Goodyear	28	+⅝
...	Grace	14½	+1⅛
.64	Graingr	46½	+1⅝
2.35	GrndM pf	26⅞	+½
.26	GranteC	21⅛	+⅞
.40	GtAtPc	27⅜	–⅜
.32	GtLkCh	38⅝	–1
.88	GreenptFn	21⅝	–⅞
...	Gruma	3⅝	–1/16
.20e	GElektra	9⅜	+⅛
.07	GTelsbra	9⅝	...
...	GTribasa	9⅝	...
...	Gtech	22⅝	+⅝
.40e	Gucci	111⅜	+⅞
...	Guess	21⅜	+1⅞
...	Guidant s	54⅛	–2
...	GlfCda g	34⅝	–⅛
1.33e	H&Q Hlt	u24¼	+1¹¹/₁₆
1.11e	H&Q Lfe	u22½	+1⅜
...	HA–LO s	10⅝	+1
.20	HCC In	13⅜	+⅝
...	HCR Manor	16⅝	–⅜
3.22	Houin2000	u149+	41⅜
1.28	HRPT Prp	9⅛	...
...	Hadco	39⅝	–1⅜
...	Haemon	u26½	+⅜
.50	Hallibtn	39	1/16 –1⅝
.31e	HancBT	7⅝	–⅛
...	Handlm	11⅜	–⅝
...	HangrOrth	5⅜	+⅜
.50f	Hanna	11⅞	+1/16
.66	Hanfrd	69½	...
...	HanovC	36⅝	–1⅛
.84f	HarcGn	40⅛	+⅝
.18	HarleyDav	60⅝	+⅝
...	HarrahE	24⅛	+1⅛
.20b	Harris	25	...
.98f	HartfdFn	44⅛	–⅜
.36	Hartfdl	43¾	+⅝
...	Hartmx	3⅝	...
.24	Hasbro s	17⅝	+⅜
2.48	HawEl	29⅞	–¼
...	HayesL	20¾	+3
2.84f	HlthCP	25⅞	+⅛
2.30f	HlthCr	17⅛	+⅝
...	HlthMgt	u17⅝	–⅜
2.16f	HltcrRty

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BUSINESS & OIL

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

Monday	$24.67
Previous	$24.22

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Monday	$22.00
Previous	$21.50

NATURAL GAS

Monday	$2.253
Previous	$2.173

Palladium soars

Palladium futures surged to another all-time high Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange in a continuing rally resulting from tight world supplies and uncertainty about exports from Russia.

Palladium has pushed through its previous price ceiling several times in recent weeks because of the lack of Russian exports on the market. Russia is by far the world's leading producer of the metal, which is used heavily in automobile catalytic converters and to a lesser extent for electronics, dentistry and jewelry.

Russian officials are still trying to undo a bureaucratic tangle that has prevented the metal's sale by the nation's export agency.

Palladium for March delivery settled up $8.05 at $451.95 per ounce after hitting an all-time high of $456.

Corn rising

Corn's modest rise of late on the Chicago Board of Trade is attributed to bullish sentiments that the long price slump may be over. On Monday, it also was helped by news that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has received partial funding for its food aid program, which could result in shipments to Russia that would ease the U.S. grain glut.

March corn rose 1 1/2 cents to $2.08 1/2 a bushel.

Coffee spree

Coffee traders went on a buying spree early in the session at New York's Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange after respected agronomist Leon Yallouz estimated Brazil's drought-affected 2000-01 crop at 25 million to 27.5 million 60-kilogram (132-pound) bags — 1-2 million bags less than had been expected.

The drought slashed production from what was once pegged at a bumper crop of 40 million bags.

Some Brazilian experts cautioned, however, that it's still too early to get an accurate reading on the crop, and the price fell back after surging.

March coffee ended up 3.6 cents at $1.1175 a pound after initially rising 11.85 cents.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed higher against other major currencies in European trading today.

The euro was quoted at $1.0261 in late European trading, down from $1.0288 Friday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at $1.0240.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday, included 105.31 Japanese yen, down from 105.40; 1.5676 Swiss francs, up from 1.5622; 1.4548 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4570.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6368, down from $1.6376.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 105.19 yen, and the pound was worth $1.6376.

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 1.9070 German marks, up from 1.9007; 6.3933 French francs, up from 6.3766; 2.1481 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1424; 1887.75 Italian lire, up from 1882.07

Gold mixed

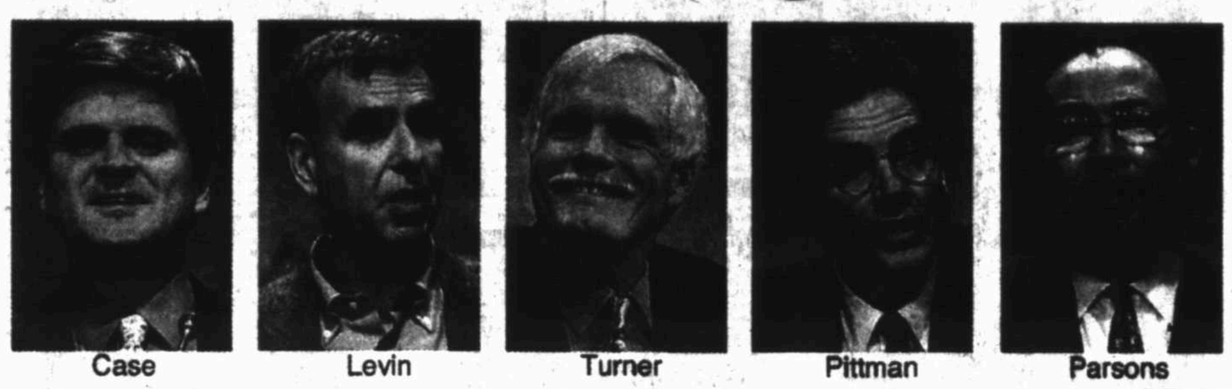
Gold closed in London at $282.25 bid per troy ounce, up from $281.90 on Friday. In Zurich the bid price was $281.40 unchanged from $281.40. Gold fell 60 cents in Hong Kong to 281.45.

Silver opened in London at $5.20 bid per troy ounce, up from $5.14.

You've got mail, music, magazines ...

AOL acquires Time Warner for $162 billion

By Seth Sutel
Associated Press



Case Levin Turner Pittman Parsons

AP Photos

Top executives in the giant new media company that will be formed in the proposed merger of America Online and Time Warner appear at a news conference in New York on Monday. From left are Steve Case, who would be chairman of AOL Time Warner; Gerald Levin, who would be chief executive officer; Ted Turner, vice chairman; and Robert Pittman and Richard Parsons, co-chief operating officers.

NEW YORK — In the most dramatic instance yet of new media supplanting old media, America Online is buying Time Warner, the largest media and entertainment conglomerate in the world, for $162 billion.

The deal would be the biggest corporate merger of all time as well as an aggressive bet that online delivery of media is the wave of the future.

"This merger will launch the next Internet revolution," said Steve Case, America Online's chairman and chief executive, told a news conference Monday. "We're still just scratching the surface."

Case will be chairman of the new company, which will be called AOL Time Warner Inc. and headquartered in New York. Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin will be its chief executive. Ted Turner, who owns 9 percent of Time Warner, will retain his title of vice chairman.

America Online shareholders will own 55 percent of the company, and Time Warner shareholders the rest. AOL Time Warner's brands would include AOL, CompuServe, CNN, Time, Netscape, TBS, TNT, Cartoon Network, HBO, Warner Music Group, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Entertainment Weekly and Looney Tunes.

The deal values Time Warner at about $108 a share, a rich premium over its price of $64.75 a share before Monday. Time Warner shares soared 39 percent on news of the deal, climbing $25.31 1/4 to $90.06 1/4 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. AOL shares fell $1.75 to $72.

Analysts expect competing Internet and entertainment companies to seek similar deals in hopes of keeping pace with AOL and Time Warner, and some of those stocks also got a lift Monday. Disney jumped $4.81 1/4 to $35.93 3/4 and News Corp. rose $7.31 1/4 to 45.06 1/4 on the NYSE. Lycos leaped $9 to $79.75 and Yahoo! climbed $28.81 1/4 to $436.06 1/4 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The deal marks a major turning point in the media industry, highlighting the massive power and value that Internet companies like AOL have built up in a relatively short time.

America Online, based in Dulles, Va., has more than four times the net profit of Time Warner, earning $762 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30, even though Time Warner's revenues of $26.8 billion dwarf AOL's $4.8 billion.

In combining the leading Internet company with the leading traditional media company, the deal also shows that new media and old media need each other more than ever before.

AOL needed access not only to Time Warner's media content machine — which produces films, music, TV shows and magazines — but also to Time Warner's large network of cable TV lines, which is second only to AT&T's and reaches 20 percent of U.S. households.

Time Warner, like other major media companies, has been in the middle of a major effort to reinvent its own Internet strategy. Last year it set aside $500 million to invest in Internet opportunities.

With the AOL deal, Time Warner acquired an online platform of 22 million subscribers — including CompuServe customers — for delivering its content to computer users, a goal it has had for some time. "This really completes the digital transformation of Time Warner," Levin said. "These two companies are a natural fit."

At a news conference announcing the deal, Levin deliberately blurred the lines on the question of which company was the "old media" and which was the "new" one. Dressed in khaki pants, an open-collar shirt and sports coat while all the AOL executives wore suits, Levin opened his remarks by saying: "It's a great pleasure to welcome the suits from Virginia to New York."

Levin stressed the point that Time Warner itself was the product of a series of large mergers, and Case said the experience in integrating disparate companies was a major factor that drew him to the Time Warner management team.

New York-based Time Warner was formed 10 years ago, combining the entertainment company that grew out of Warner Bros. movie studio with Time Inc., whose flagship magazine Time was founded in 1923 by Henry Luce. Time Warner bought Turner's cable company TBS in 1996, which added the all-news channel CNN to Time Warner's cable lineup of HBO and Cinemax.

The transaction would surpass the biggest proposed takeover before Monday, the $129 billion hostile bid for German telecommunications company Mannesmann by Britain's Vodafone, the world's largest mobile phone company.

Coming just four months after the latest blockbuster media merger, the proposed combination of CBS Corp. and Viacom Inc., the AOL-Time Warner deal also raised concerns from consumer groups and lawmakers about the increasing consolidation of ownership among major media companies.

Several consumer advocacy groups, including the Consumers Union and the Center for Media Education, released a joint statement saying, "Consumers do not want to be beholden to a giant media-Internet dictatorship, even if it promises to be a benevolent one."

Companies at a glance

Time Warner, the world's largest media and entertainment company, is being acquired by America Online for about $166 billion in stock in what would be the biggest corporate merger ever. Here is a look at the two corporate giants.

AMERICA ONLINE	TIME WARNER
Headquarters: Dulles, Va.	Headquarters: New York
Founded: 1985	Founded: 1990
Employees: 12,100	Employees: 70,000
FY 1999 revenue: $4.8 billion	1998 revenue: $26.8 billion
FY 1999 net income: $762 million	1998 net income: $668 million
Shares outstanding: 2.35 billion	Shares outstanding: 1.5 billion
Market value: $164 billion	Market value: $87 billion
Strength in every segment of the media value chain	
World's largest online service	Strongest franchises in TV entertainment
Services in 15 countries and seven languages	World's foremost news brand, CNN
Leading interactive technology development	Most successful premium TV network, HBO
Most popular e-commerce platform	Foremost creator of publishing brands
No. 1 and No. 2 instant-messaging products	Leading global music company
Audiences around the world	
20 million AOL members	1 billion people have access to a CNN service
2.2 million CompuServe members	35 million HBO subscribers in the United States
3.4 million international members	120 million magazine readers
20 million Netcenter registrants	13 million cable subscribers
1.4 million simultaneous online users	

World-class brands and businesses

America Online	AOL Instant Messenger	HBO	Time
CompuServe	ICQ	CNN	People
Netscape	Digital City	TNT	Sports Illustrated
AOL MovieFone	Spinner	Cartoon Network	Warner Music
Winamp			Time Warner Cable

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports AP

Top mergers

The top five mergers of all time, by value.

	Acquirer and Target	Date announced or completed	Price
1	America Online and Time Warner	Announced Jan. 10, 2000	$162 billion
2	Vodafone AirTouch and Mannesmann	Announced Nov. 13, 1999	$129 billion
3	MCI WorldCom and Sprint	Announced Oct. 5, 1999	$122 billion
4	Exxon and Mobil	Completed Nov. 30, 1999	$81 billion
5	Bell Atlantic and GTE	Announced July 28, 1998	$70 billion

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports; Thomson Financial Securites Data AP

Deal could have ripple effect for movie studios

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Merger mania is on the horizon: Entertainment giants such as Disney or Sony might have to strike some Internet deals of their own now that Time Warner has been snatched up by America Online.

The sheer scope of the $160 billion Time Warner-AOL deal is expected to set off another round of mergers or partnerships between studios with big film, TV and music libraries and Internet companies hungry for entertainment content, analysts said Monday.

Besides gaining content, Internet companies with few tangible assets can insulate themselves from stock market volatility by merging with traditional entertainment companies, said David Davis, an entertainment analyst with investment banker Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin.

"AOL wanted to get more global. Now that they're armed with all those Time Warner brands, it increases their chances of being successful," said Larry Petrella, analyst with Lehman Brothers. "Arguably, that hurts everybody else a little bit."

And with the Web becoming a bigger player in entertainment distribution, analysts say studios will need better Internet connections to remain competitive.

Potential technology players that could be looking to align themselves with entertainment companies include Microsoft, AT&T and Yahoo! Besides Disney and Sony, media companies that could be looking for new high-tech partners include News Corp.; Viacom, which is merging with CBS; and MGM, which has been losing money for more than a decade but has a stellar film library.

With its acquisition of Internet portal Infoseek, Disney is trying to build up its presence on the Web. A Disney spokeswoman said the company had no comment on whether the AOL-Time Warner deal would affect its Internet plans.

Disney, its stock slumping as earnings plunged 28 percent last year, could become an attractive takeover target for technology companies, O'Brien said. The company has been slow to recognize the value of pushing its entertainment content over the Internet, he said.

While Time Warner and AOL may have the momentary edge, other media companies have not necessarily been left behind, analysts said.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Evaluating mutual fund holdings could save you money

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am in my mid-40s and single. I have approximately $160,000 in a 401(k), $18,000 in a Roth IRA and $70,000 in a regular IRA in Markman Conservative Fund. In nonretirement funds, I have $18,000 in IAI mutual funds, $6,000 in Markman Conservative, $47,000 in stocks and $3,000 in savings. Am I too heavily into stocks in my nonretirement funds? Should I mix up any of my investments?



Tyson

A: Yes, I would say you have quite a large portion of your nonretirement money in stocks. Generally, I advocate at least three months' worth of living expenses in a money fund as an emergency reserve.

You should consider replacing the Markman Conservative fund you hold. This fund of funds, which now has a three-year track record, has performed below average for its category and charges nearly a 1 percent annual expense ratio on top of the expenses charged by the funds it invests in. So, you are paying a lot for substandard performance.

At your age, if you wish to be aggressive, you could have 75 percent to 80 percent in stocks. I would recommend that at least one-third of your stocks be overseas.

Generally speaking, it makes sense to invest more aggressively inside retirement accounts. The reason: Your nonretirement funds will be used first and the retirement account money has longer to compound (and grow free of taxation).

You should be maximizing your 401(k) contributions before contributing to an IRA. I've written numerous prior columns about choosing between a Roth IRA and a regular IRA.

Q: What's the difference between the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Standard & Poor's 500 index futures? Why do I only see the futures quote given when the market is closed?

A: During the weekday hours that the U.S. stock market is open, you will often see quoted the current level of the S&P 500 index, which is a widely followed index of 500 large-company U.S. stocks.

Futures are obligations to buy or sell a commodity or security on a specific day for a preset price. The cash futures which you often see quoted before the trading day begins and after it ends can provide insight as to which way the U.S. stock market might move when trading next begins. For example, if the S&P 500 index cash futures are trading 1 percent or 2 percent higher than the level at which the S&P 500 last closed, that might indicate that the market will move about that much higher when it reopens.

Futures actually also trade during the normal trading day when the stock market is open. The financial media don't generally report on them during the trading day, as they tend to mirror movements in the markets. After market hours, however, following them is more "interesting" since the stock market is closed and the futures might provide insight on where the market will head next.

My advice is to ignore the futures numbers as well as following any market index too closely. The daily zigs and zags are just a bunch of financial noise that tends to distract investors. You should have an overall financial and investment road map and buy and hold investments suited to your long-term goals.

Write Eric Tyson, author of the best-sellers "Investing for Dummies" and "Personal Finance for Dummies" (IDG Books), in care of King Features, 235 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017 or e-mail: eric@erictyson.com. His column is distributed by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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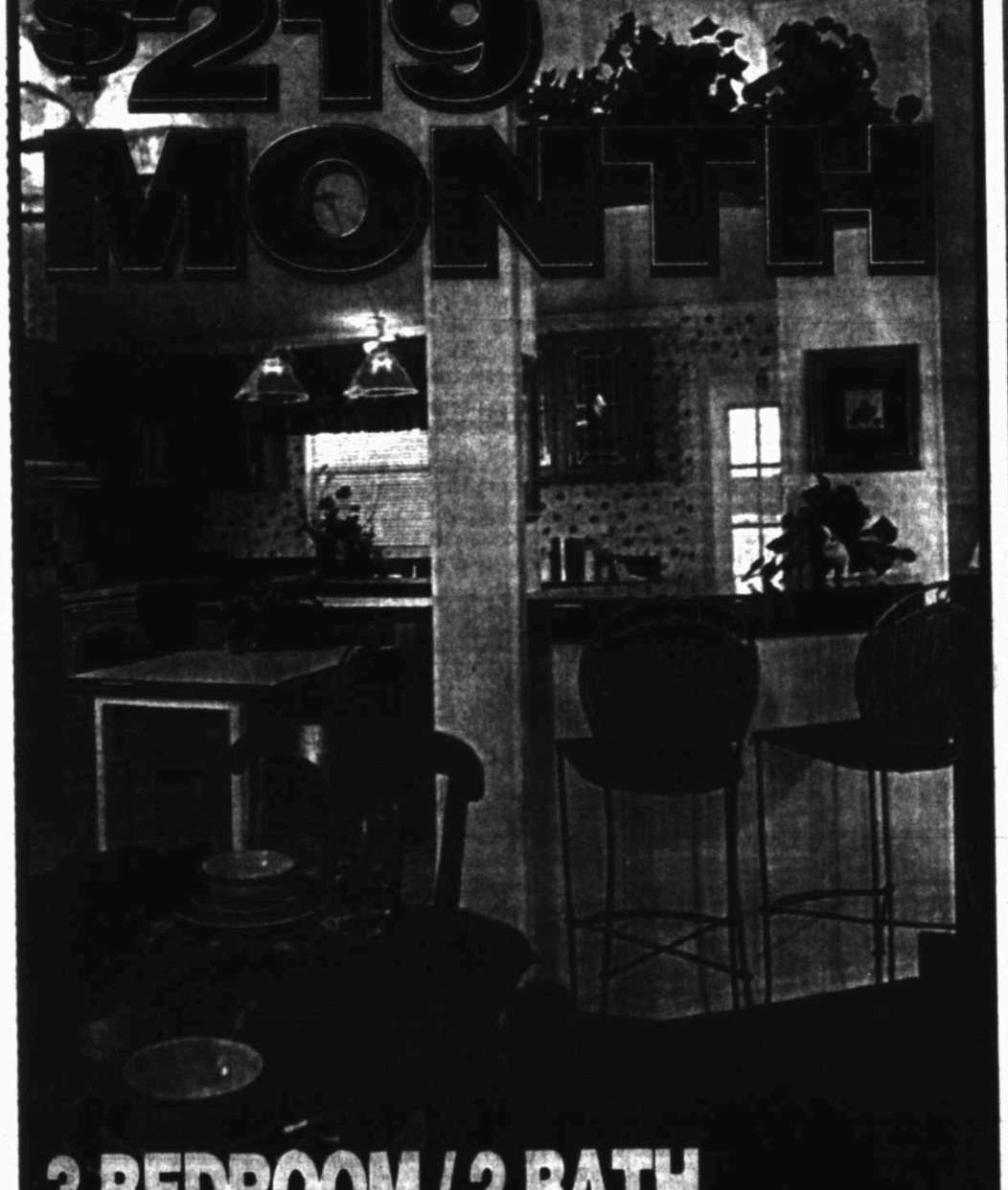


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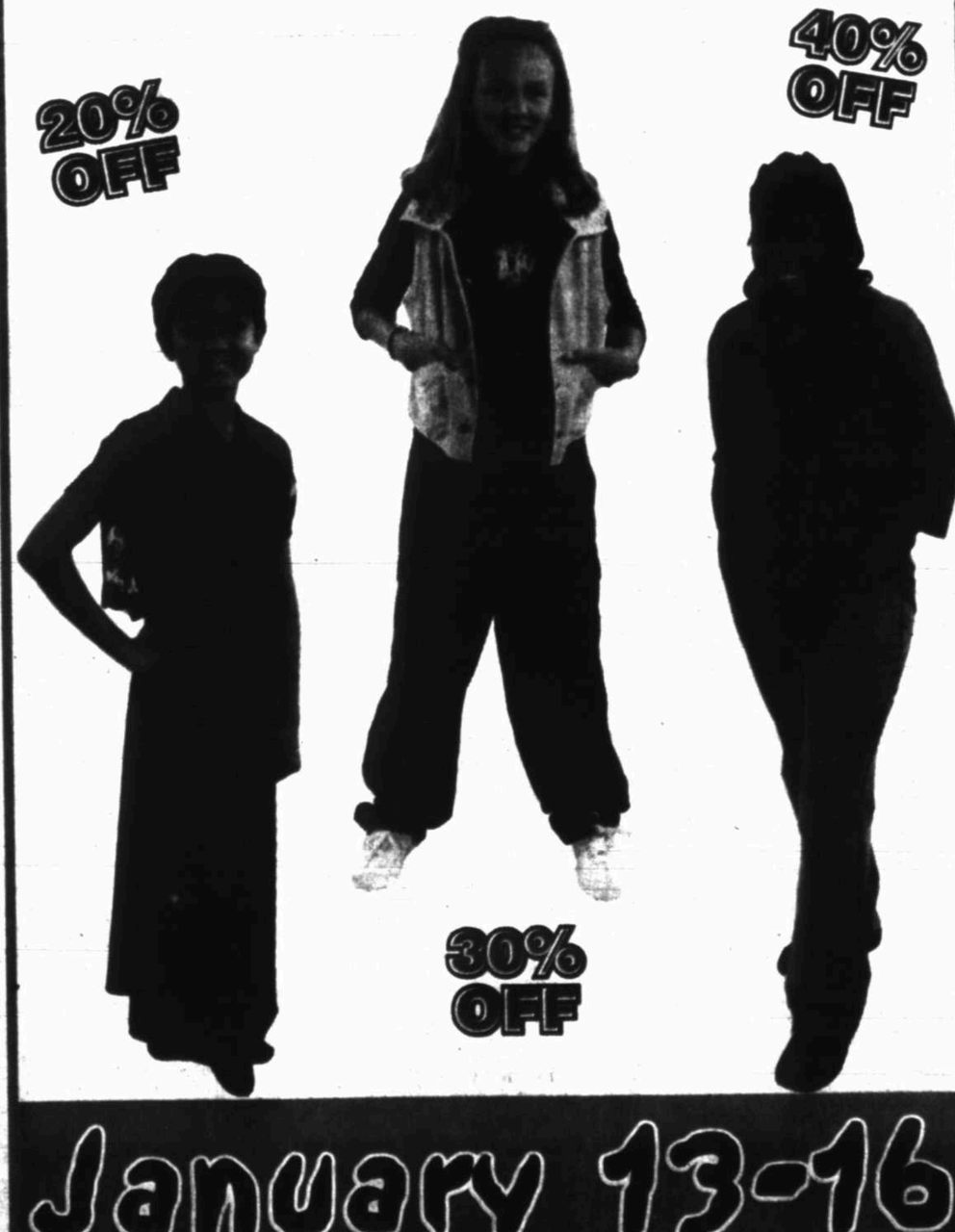
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Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3600, Dallas, Texas 75207, to form New Bank, N.A. , One Wall Plaza, 306 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701, for the purpose of merging and consolidating New Bank into Community National Bank with the result that 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Community National Bank would be owned by New Bank, N.A.'s parent, Midland Bancshares, Inc.

Notice is also hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3600, Dallas, Texas 75207, for consent to consolidate Community National Bank, 601 East Florida Street, Midland, Texas 79701, with New Bank, N.A., One Wall Plaza, 306 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701. It is contemplated that the main office and branch offices of the above named banks will continue to operate at the same locations and with the same services.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §1828(c) and C.F.R.5. This notice will appear three times at Approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning December 17, 1999, and ending January 17, 2000.

Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3800, Dallas, Texas 75207. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Licensing Manager.

Date: January 1, 2000

Community National Bank, N.A., Midland, Texas
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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 am, January 26, 2000, to be opened at 11:00 am in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #039-00 to purchase: 12 tons of Greens Fertilizer, 50 tons of Ammonium Sulfate and 40 tons of Custom Fairway Blend Fertilizer for the Hogan Park Golf Course.

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW HEARING

Midland Emergency Communication District Board of Managers hereby gives notice of a Public Review Hearing in accordance with Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, Subchapter D, 772.319. Every Three years the District shall solicit public comments and hold a Public Review Hearing on the continuation of the District and the 9-1-1 Emergency Service Fee. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at 7:30 am, at the Midland Hilton, Midland, Texas.

Kenneth A. Peeler,
Chairman
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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A deposit of $100.00 is required for each set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of Contract Documents, in good condition, to the Architect/Engineer within fifteen (15) days after Proposal opening.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 PM, Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Midland College, Gibson Board Room with a follow up visit to the site, Midland, Texas. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids for Janitorial Supplies, Bid #0-0024 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 West County Road 80, Midland, Texas 79707 until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 19, 2000. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

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On December 6, 1999, the Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Directorate has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified base flood elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community.

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

A hydraulic analysis was performed to incorporate a channelization project along Jal Draw from approximately 2,400 feet downstream to just downstream of Loop 250 and has resulted in a revised delineation of the regulatory floodway, a decrease in SFHA width, and decreased BFEs for Jal Draw. This revision also incorporates correction of BFEs for six playa areas. The table below indicated existing and modified BFEs for selection locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source(s) cited above.

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
Jal Draw:		
Approximately 1,600 feet downstream of Loop 250	2,828	2,827
Just downstream of Loop 250	2,831	2,830
Playas:		
Playa MI43	2,799	2,800
Approximately 750 feet northwest of Playa MI43	2,805	2,804
Approximately 3,000 feet northwest of intersection of Elkins Road and East Cr 40	2,798	None
Approximately 3,050 feet northeast of intersection of Elkins Road and East Cr 40	2,799	None
Approximately 2,150 feet northeast of Playa MI50	2,782	None

*National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Mitigation Directorate must develop criteria for floodplain management. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measurers of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this newspaper, any person has 90 days in which he or she can request, through the Chief Executive Officer of the community, that the Mitigation Directorate reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions of new scientific or technical data. All interest parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Mitigation Directorate's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

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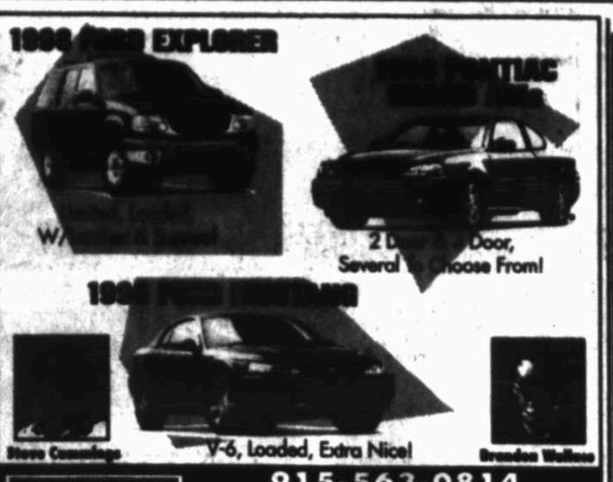
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CHEVROLET 1985 S10 - Blazer. 172K miles, 4 WD, automatic, Cruise control, a/c, power windows, new radio, loaded. $3000. 682-0284.

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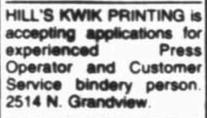
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SWIMMING POOL BUILDER/ Installer; Working knowledge of swimming pool electrical, plumbing, excavation, maintenance. Hard working, dependable. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply at: 10600 West Interstate 20 (West of Warfield Truck Stop). Benefits. EOE.

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TAMPICO SPANISH Inn is currently hiring kitchen staff. Please apply in person. 2411 West Wall, ask for Robert or J.R.

TEACHER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Child Care Center. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off, teacher of the month incentive. Salary DOE. Nonsmoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 689-6309.

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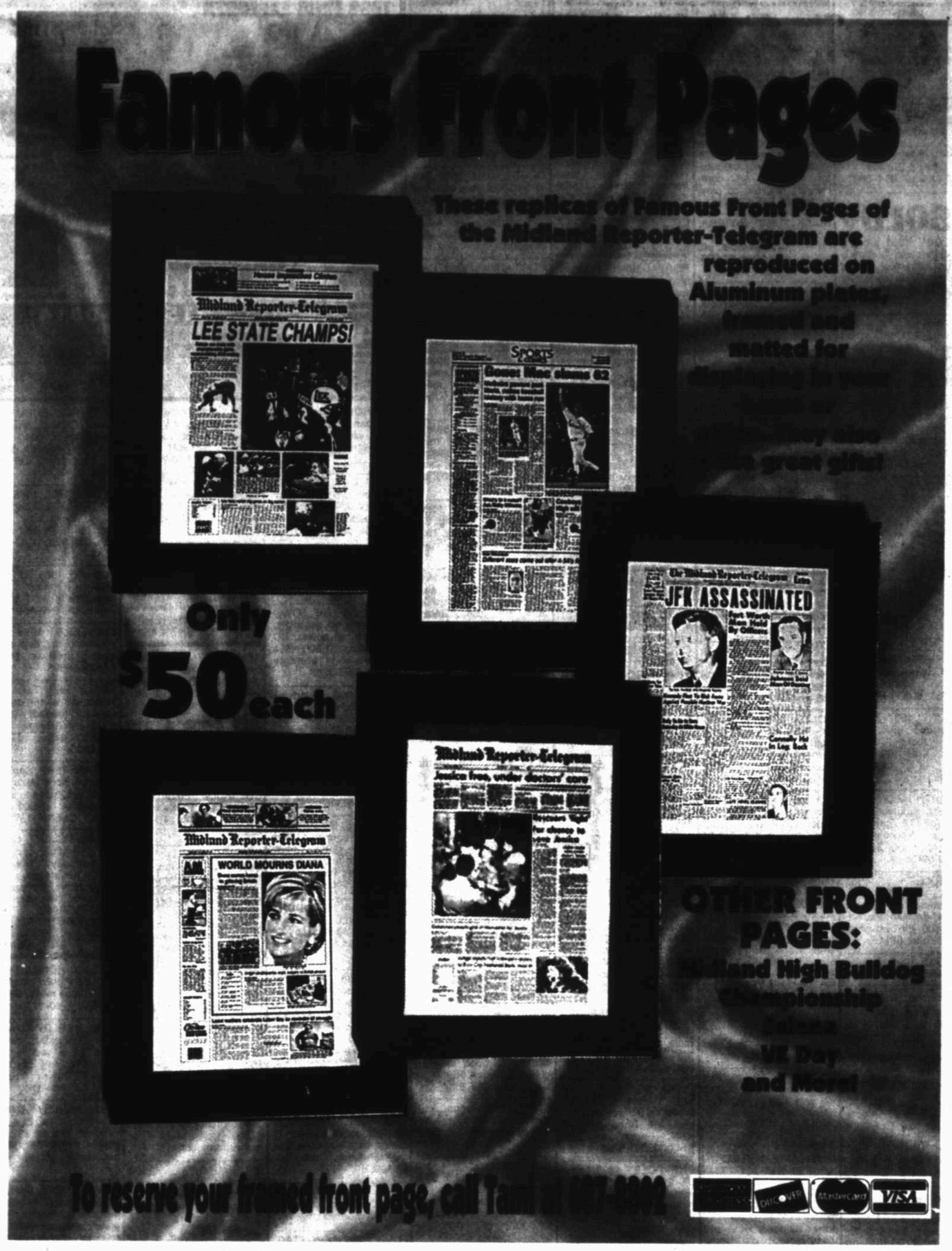
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320 Skilled Trades

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341 Child Care Providers

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I BABYSIT, Monday-Friday, 2pm- midnight. Please call 699-2314.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

→NEW TODAY←
MANUAL NORDIC- Track, Walk Fit. $100. Back & Abs by Jake $50. Life Max bike $75. Bench press with weight and leg extensions $100. Call 620-0774 after 4:30.

FRAMED PRINT of Windberg's Carmel by the Sea, $100, Autumn Haze Mink stole, appraisal available, $300. 699-4781.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2). 1 Way/ round trip anywhere in the US. $129 each way, 877-359-1929.

413 Jewelry & Furs

SPECTACULAR 1.97 carat diamond, GIA certified, registered and laser inscribed. Priced for quick sale by private owner. 334-0482 evenings.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

I WOULD Like to purchase a working profitable business in the Midland/Odessa area. Call 694-0712.

420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECANS, Shelling, selling and buying pecans. Fresh baked goods, Candy, Pecan crackers and pickers, Cookbooks. Hwy 158 and Gardendale. 550-7609.

432 Household Furniture

ROUND OAK- Pedestal table/ 5 chairs. Like new $450. Complete full bed/ bedding/ oak triple dresser $350. 915-362-2746.

4 BEAUTIFUL Dark Wood/ cane back dining room chairs. Refinished with new upholstery. $80. 520-2214.

↓SOLD↓
WHITE METAL- Bunk bed, twin top, full futon couch bottom. $150. Call XXX-XXXX.

ADJUSTABLE BED for sale. Just under two years old. Call 683-2755 days, 634-8329 evenings.

BUNK BED- Sturdy, excellent condition. $175. 689-7876

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, (will hold up to 25" TV), $40. Please call 699-6192 for more information.

REFRIGERATOR, SIDE-by-side. Good working condition, $150. Please call 570-7076 for more information.

4 FOOT Glass kitchen table with brass legs and 4 saddleback cloth chairs, $35. 694-5126.

FULL SIZE BED with headboard, $100. Please call 570-7076 for more information.

QUEEN SIZE- Water bed with sheets and accessories. $75. Call 686-7334.

→NEW TODAY←
REDECORATING: Thomasville entertainment center $375. Red chest- $200. Green washed sofa table $125. Pecan sofa table $95. Wicker trunk $35. 689-2519.

432 Household Furniture

FULL SIZE ELECTRIC bed. Good condition, $100. Please call 570-7076 for more information.

435 Household Appliances

GENERAL ELECTRIC Heavy duty electric dryer, 4 temperatures, 5 dry cycles, works great, $50, 694-0757.

REFRIGERATOR- $150, Works good. Delivery available. Call after noon 683-7040.

★ FREE REMOVAL Of your unwanted appliances, Sales & Service 550-6540.

WASHER & Dryer, stacking set of portables converted for permanent mount, $100. 687-1878 leave message.

AMANA 20' refrigerator/ bottom mount freezer. Excellent condition. $300. 520-6040, after 5 pm. Days 634-0972.

WASHER & DRYER. $150 for set. Works good. Delivery available. Call after noon 683-7040.

MOVING! Must sell! Admiral washer & dryer. $225. Call 694-4672 after 5:00, 682-7525 days.

FREE REMOVAL- Of unwanted appliances and T.V's. Will pick-up in 45 minutes or less. 631-3920.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

440 Firewood

EAGER BEAVER Firewood- Oak, Piñon, mesquite. Delivery, Stacked. Small quantities available also. 685-3521, mobile 664-0577.

HONDO VALLEY Firewood. Piñon and Juniper Call 520-3091 or fax 694-2263. E-mail: Terry_garrett@yahoo.com

ROCKY MOUNTAINS best seasoned and smelling Pinon. Fine firewood. Fence posts or rails. Call Skip at 915-684-8325, Cell 915-425-3875, Midland, Texas. Deliveries surrounding towns all directions.

SEASONED FIREWOOD; Oak or mesquite- delivered or picked up. Call Larry Tucker. 689-7151.

450 Sporting Goods

WEIDER 4 STATION: Weight machine. $250. Call 699-2451.

ONLY THREE Remaining- Full size spa/ hot tub- $59 a month. Delivery/ financing: 563-3108.

EXERCISE WALKER with digital readout, $50, 694-6911.

460 Antiques & Arts

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy & sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687-2004.

460 Antiques & Arts

INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

470 Musical Instruments

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

480 Cameras & Supplies

RCA FULL SIZE Camcorder with hard case and two hour battery. Excellent condition. $250. Call 699-6192.

490 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

TANDY DOT Matrix printer, works fine, works with Southwestern Bell e-mail $25.00 or offer, 557-8352.

286 COMPUTER: 8 Mg ram, 14" color monitor, tractor feed printer, software/ games. $60. 520-2214.

495 FOR FREE

MINI AUSSIE- mix, 10 weeks old. Playful male. First shots. 687-3235.

SHORT HAIR doesn't shed, black female. My cat won't accept her. Needs new home, 689-0836.

BENJI LOOKING, Small affectionate, smart, 10 month old dog. So ugly but cute! 520-9054

495 FOR FREE

LARGE WHITE rabbit with hutch, free to good home. Please call 523-3925.

LARGE GREAT Dane Mix- and Collie Mix. Shots needs big yard and love. Playful. 694-8961.

FREE KITTENS! Cute. Some bobtailed. Call after 5:00, 570-4583.

AKC BASSETT Hound: Male 7 weeks old, has shots.Needs loving home. Call 6976870.

TWO HAMSTERS, one male, one female. Need two cages, 683-2157 after 4:30 pm.

FREE TO good home; 1/2 Welsh Corgi Terrier, 1/2 ?, female. Please call 520-2843.

FREE TO GOOD home: Queensland Blue Heeler, 1 year old male, needs big yard. 684-4609.

TO Good homes 2 female puppies: part Lab/ part Pit. Have shots. 570-1618.

FREE TO- Good home! Australian Red Heeler and Dalmatian. Both male. Call 561-5363

2-CATS, Calico female; yellow male (neuterd/ declawed) 683-9797, 631-3609.

500 Pets and Supplies

3 GIRLS- 2 BOYS Sittin in a Row- Ready to go! Registered Chihuahua Deerhead. 694-6149.

CARALOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding. Puppy, beginner, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

500 Pets and Supplies

TO A Good Home: Male Collie mix. Black/ White. Small- Medium size. Lovable. $25. 694-2000.

→NEW TODAY←
AKC STANDARD male poodle, apricot, 4 1/2 years, asking $150. Please call 523-3925.

TWO AKC male Rottweilers, $300 each, parents on premises. 1301 South Tilden, (Off Garden City Hwy).

505 Livestock & Poultry

→NEW TODAY←
HAY FOR SALE- 3'x4'x6' bales- $35 each o.b.o. David 520-7979.

12 YEAR OLD Gruella Dun Gelding. Also 8 year old Sorrel Mare. $1,500 each. 570-5588.

→NEW TODAY←
COASTAL ROUND Bales: extra large- 5'x6'- $65 each. 682-3779.

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer. $3,900 or best offer. Excellent condition. ($12,000 new). 398-5478/ 263-9498 leave message.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

TANKS FOR SALE; 1-1500 hundred barrel, 3-1000 barrel. Located 7 miles South of Brownfield on State Hwy 137. For information call Guy at (806)894-6425.

TWO 1997 130 bbl Overland Vacuum Trailers, internally coated. Excellent condition, $28,500 each. Call 688-8100 and ask for James.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

27" RCA STEREO Color TV with remote, includes Fruitwood entertainment center. Excellent condition. $245. 699-5441.

BILL'S FIREPLACE used wood insert for sale. New wood stove, gas logs, chimney sweeping, 682-5157.

METABOLIFE 356 tm. Discount prices Call Melodia Savoie 1-800-232-4071. Metabolife, independant distributor.

WHY PAY Rent for storage? 10'x12' buildings $35 a month. Delivery and financing. 563-563-3108.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

HOME OFFICE- 10'x20' insulation/ paneling- $100 a month. Financing/ delivering available. 563-3108.

Vacuum Cleaners, $20 and up. New, used and rebuilt. Large selection, all brands, Kirby, Rainbow, Hoover, Oreck- you name it! Repair all makes. 1005 North Midkiff, 520-6464.

ONE- ALMOST New air conditioner, IBM Typewriter, Pet Carrier, antique & collectible women's watches (non working). Best offers. Please call 367-7093.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

MOVING SALE: Howard Upright piano, $600. 4 piece Manor House king bedroom set, $700. Westinghouse upright freezer, $200. Cage type pea sheller, $250. Honda centrifugal pumps, $300/ 2. 1985 Nissan Maxima, $1,950. 683-5760/ 687-0677.

ANTIQUE WHITE Cotton king bedspread, Centennial with center medallion & fringe. Excellent condition. $40. 694-7990

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BEDROOM IN quiet home. Cable, kitchen privileges. Off Midland Drive. $200 monthly. xxx-xxxx.

604 Want To Rent

FAMILY OF 5 want to rent a home with a backyard fence for a year. $235 to $300 per month. Please call 686-1827.

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PROFESSIONAL MALE- Looking for room to rent. Must be clean, quiet and a non-smoking environment. Call 699-1999 ask for Michael.

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ALL BILLS Paid, Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694-9978.

→NEW TODAY←
1210 COLLEGE- Efficiency, $275. 1 Bedroom, $350. $50 Deposit. Bills paid. Inquire rear apartment D.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

"THE BEST KEPT Secret in Midland"- Regency Townhomes, 721 Dengar. Extra large 2 bedrooms, fireplaces, trash compactors. 563-4550.

PATIO TOWNHOUSES, 1710 N "A". Ask about a free months rent. 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. 682-4783.

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TOWNHOME Garden setting. Tired of closet size bedrooms and wall to wall beds? Don't settle for 550 square feet, our smallest unit is 1,050 square feet. Enjoy Sutton Place spacious living. A Midland tradition. Assigned covered parking. Call about our move in special! 682-2423.

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SANTA FE APARTMENTS
$99 Total Move In Special
Call for details
694-1349

UNFURNISHED APARTMENT- Good condition, $400/ monthly. 501 West Scarborough Drive Unit 8 687-6325.

SAGEWOOD CONDO, $199 Move In Special! 1 & 2 Bedrooms. 3300 Caldera Blvd. 699-1693.

TIRED OF ELEPHANTS walking above you, move in to Courtyard For $99 this month with no application fee! Call 682-3831.

TWO BEDROOM duplexes near Memorial Hospital, $225 to $275 monthly, deposit $150. Call for address, 697-2724 or 684-7535.

GOLDEN PARK Duplexes- 3100 Kansas. 2 Bedrooms $199 Move in Special. 520-0133.

LARGE ONE bedroom in secured courtyard, free basic cable, $265 monthly. 1/2 Off the first month's rent! American Realty, 520-7577.

BENCHMARK Leasing. 1, 2 & 3, Bedrooms. $199 Move In Special! 522-2151.

2303 "B" HAYNES: Extra large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath duplex. range, dishwasher, Washer/dryer connections. central heat/ air, ceiling fans, 2 car carport, storage, no pets. $750 monthly plus utilities. $500 deposit. Call 687-0878 or 699-6258.

→NEW TODAY←
★ LARGE TWO bedroom, one bath, washer/ dryer connections. Newly redecorated. $295. 3012 West Michigan, 520-0118.

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LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, $495 to $695. Open 3-6 pm except Sunday, 697-8770.

ALL BILLS PAID: One and two bedroom apartments. 501 West Louisiana. Deposit required. Call 683-5161.

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- 2 Pools
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- Covered Parking

★ Open (7) Days A Week ★

625 Houses Unfurnished

★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

EXTRA CLEAN, NEWLY remodeled one/ two bedroom duplexes. $350-$450 monthly. Now available.689-3053.

↓RENTED↓
COUTRY HOME: 3 Small bedrooms, large living area, two acres and water well. Call XXX-XXXX.

DUPLEX NEWLY Remodeled- 1 Bedroom, washer/ dryer, fenced yard, storage, covered parking. 921 North Bentwood. 699-4243

BEAUTIFUL 3 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, pool, hot tub, fireplace, low maintenance yard. Call 684-4540.

3403 WEST LOUISIANA- Pretty, bright, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood .$650 monthly. Call 683-7057

EXECUTIVE TOWNHOUSE 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fresh paint, ceramic tile, Berber carpet, small yard, 2 car garage. $750 monthly. 4504 Norwood. Call 697-2728.

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GREAT MOVE-IN SPECIALS GIVE US A CALL!
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartment Homes
2 Bedroom Townhomes:
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4802 HARVARD, quiet cul-de-sac, 1 bedroom duplex in nice neighborhood, appliance furnished, washer/ dryer connections, fireplace, private backyard, garage, $350 per month plus deposit. Call 694-2811.

FOR LEASE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, rear carport, contemporary townhome, stove, refrigerator, fireplace, tile, mirrored dining room, outside storage close to MC and shopping. 4249 Siesta Lane. $400/ deposit, $600/ monthly. Consider selling. 620-0706.

→NEW TODAY←
703 BALDWIN: Two bedroom, one bath, $225 per month, small deposit. Call Al 697-9798.

3331 DENGAR, Lovely four bedroom, two bath. Nice large kitchen and eating area. Available now, $775 with $775 deposit. Call Lee Denny, 694-4637 or Langston Realtors 685-0400.

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD- 3 bedroom, 2 car garage, fireplace, central air and heating $875 monthly. 570-6418 or 687-3387.

1802 W. WASHINGTON, 2 bedroom, $375 monthly, deposit required. 683-5161.

NICE 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, den, big backyard. $500 deposit. $600 monthly. Call 694-6624.

↓RENTED↓
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH. 2 car garage, Lee district, $750 monthly/ $700 deposit. XXX-XXXX.

→NEW TODAY←
ONE YEAR LEASE, 3713 Humble, spacious 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 3 living, 2 garage, openers, workshop, $900 monthly, $400 deposit. Owner/ agent Carol Hastings, 682-8787, 686-8181.

NICEST DUPLEXES in town. 2400- 2600 West Wadley. 2 and 3 Bedroom 1,530 square feet and up. Washer/ dryer connections, fireplaces, covered parking or garages. $650 (water paid) to $725/ month. Call 686-8126.

AVAILABLE JANUARY 15- clean spacious 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 3 living, 2 garage/ openers, workshop, extra parking in rear. 3713 Humble, $900 monthly, $400 deposit, 1 year lease. Owner/ agent Carol Hastings 682-8787, 686-8181.

625 Houses Unfurnished

→NEW TODAY←
2 AND 3 BEDROOM homes; 3804 Anetta- $425; 4811 Illinois- $650; 4817 Storey- $650. 694-5389.

407B SPRUCE: Duplex, 2 bedrooms, living, kitchen, $395 plus deposit. For information call 620-1500.

GREENWOOD. 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath, mobile home, washer/ dryer furnished. $475 monthly/ $350 deposit. 570-7465.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 Bath brick home. Westside location. $625 monthly, $350 deposit. 520-6842.

FOR LEASE- Or sale! 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, carport, fenced backyard. $395 monthly/ $250 deposit. 807 Howard. (512)441-1235

2413 NORTHTOWN COURT- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, Spanish style with courtyard. $800 monthly. 684-8687

3508 TRAVIS, 3 bedroom brick house, 2 bath, garage, central heat/ air, refrigerator, washer/ dryer, very clean, $600/ month, deposit required. 620-0116.

→NEW TODAY←
EXCEPTIONAL THREE bedroom home. Brand new tile and carpet throughout. Vaulted ceilings. $900. Call 694-5389.

ATTRACTIVE- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, good location. For more information call 683-9270

WEST SIDE; Refrigerated, three bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home/ fireplace. Dishwasher, ceiling fans, built-ins and carpeting throughout. Large covered patio, shade trees. Very clean. References, one year lease. $650 monthly/ $500 deposit. 697-4606 evenings.

3312 Claremont 3/2/2$895
1107 Mogford 3/2/2 $850
4013A Illinois 3/2/2 $650

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520-7577 Anytime

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 Living areas, double garage and water well. $850/ $600. 2002 North "B". Call 634-9484

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

625 Houses Unfurnished

FOR SALE or RENT in Greenwood. 3 Bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage, behind school. 652-3459. Cell #634-3425.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, fireplace $625 monthly plus deposit. 4702 Pleasant. Call 699-7316 after 5 p.m.

→NEW TODAY←
THREE BEDROOM, two bath, everything new. Great location, $700 monthly, $500 deposit. 2609 Storey, 570-8606.

3616 MONCLAVE: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, computer enclave, guest suite, double garage. $675 monthly. Agent 684-7788.

WE HAVE the PERFECT home for you- a Regency Townhome at 721 W. Dengar. 2,050 sq. ft of luxurious space. Skylights, extra large two bedrooms, large laundry rooms, Quaker cabinets, trash compactors, and more! Call today 563-4550.

TIERRA REALTORS; 682-8818. Three bedroom, two bath, new paint/ carpet. No pets, $650 monthly. Nice Townhouse- Two bedroom/ baths/ living areas/ double garage. $650/ monthly.

↓RENTED↓
NOW AVAILABLE! 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large den. Separate 2 car garage. $750/$300 deposit. xxx-xxxx.

SUPER PRICE. Great Location. Old Midland, large shade trees, patio courtyard, garage/ double carport, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. $600 monthly, deposit or for sale. 2307 W. Cuthbert. 685-5032.

GORGEOUS PROPERTY for lease, 4708-B Dentcrest, $695/ month. $350/ deposit. Extra large 2 bedroom with sitting area, 2 baths, 2 car garage, fireplace. Phone Realty Unlimited, 550-5609 (owner/ agent).

5115 RIC DRIVE- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car garage, new throughout. $675/ monthly, $500 deposit, $100 per pet. 699-4042.

1410 WEST TEXAS. Close to downtown. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, fenced backyard. Lots of storage, stove and refrigerator. Central air and heat, $450 monthly. New Carpet. Immediate occupancy. 682-0395

625 Houses Unfurnished

802 STANOLIND- 2 Story, 3 bedroom, 3 bath colonial. With all the extras. $900 monthly. 684-8687

FREE WATER; Two bedroom, one bath, off Cottonflat. $250/ $100 deposit. No pets, call 694-2047.

704 LANHAM. Exceptionally nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, one car garage, no smoking, no pets. $700 per month, $700 deposit. 570-7176.

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOM Houses & Duplexes. $325 to $850 monthly. Call Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

↓RENTED↓
SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM- 2 Bath, duplex, built-ins, utility, den, fireplace, central heat, air conditioner. Carport, circle drive, yard. Lee High, no pets! $550, $200 Deposit. 3521 West Wadley. xxx-xxxx.

NEW CONSTRUCTION! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath in Crestgate Addition. Neutral decor. Lots of amenities. Low maintenance yard. 559-5479 or 520-5096.

4008 LEHIGH: three bedrooms, two baths, one living, fireplace, garage. $750/ monthly, $750/ deposit. Call 570-8200/ evening 694-8640. Owner/ Agent.

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Lee Rebels: Back 2 Back



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By Terry Williamson

For the Midland Lee Rebels, football life in 1999 was like surviving with your picture painted in the middle of a bull's eye.

Lee wasn't William Tell, it was the guy with the apple on top of his head. The very fact that the Rebels claimed a Class 5A Big School state championship is most astonishing — even if they were the best team in the nation or state. With a 42-21 win over Abilene Eisenhower in Austin's Royal-Memorial Stadium, Lee won both the state and national rankings race.

That bull's eye rifle was filled with high-powered marksmen, making like bounty hunters. And those hunters were intent on bringing down the prize most listed as the nation's Public Enemy No. 1.

A No. 1 ranking in the state, much less the nation, is usually a death knell. Most teams can't survive. There is tremendous pressure to live up to the billing, but even that can't [illegible] the fact that teams you play against run faster, block and tackle better. There is an extra spring in the step. To pull down No. 1 is a feather in the cap that owns a different color. Everyone wants one of those feathers.

To make matters even worse, USA Today ranked Lee as its No. 1 team in the nation in August. If Lee were to live up to that powerful billing, it had to weather the entire storm, the entire season. This wasn't a ranking gathered in the middle of the season. The pressure would start from Day One.

Please see YEAR/3

Top, a tear-stricken Clint McNutt embraces T.J. Glover after the game. Above, Lee Coach John Parchman holds up the state championship trophy after the game in Austin. Left, Rebels pause for a moment after their state championship victory.

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YEAR: Lee spends '99 ranked at top, proves that's where it belongs

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And this early notoriety came about the same time that Lee was holding its first intrasquad scrimmage. That's when Lee coach John Parchman found more gray hairs on his head. The Lee offense scored on its own defense 13 times. Mercy, this is the No. 1 team in the nation? Well, the offense is good, but can the defense be good enough to give Lee a chance at repeating the state crown it won in 1998? Real questions. Real problems.

"We didn't think we were the best team in Midland, much less the state," Parchman said. "We lost 10 defensive starters and had virtually no experience on the defensive side of the ball. I knew we could be good offensively, but we had a real puzzle to work with on defense."

The early days of the 1999 season were spent putting together the puzzle. Try this guy there. It doesn't work. So, try this guy there. Mix and match, subtract and add — and really hope that something works.

"We don't have all the pieces to the puzzle yet," Parchman would say in those early days. "We think the pieces might be there, but we don't know even that for sure. We've got a long ways to go."

Lee defensive coordinator Kelvin Ratliff, however, kept the faith.

"We're not very good (on defense)," Ratliff said. "I'm probably going to get much older, but we're going to get better."

Fortunately for Lee, the offense was a killer on the loose, rampaging through West Texas unmolested. No one could stop this offense. Lee never scored less than 30 points in a game, becoming the top offensive power District 4-5A had ever seen.

The Lee offense went on to record 5,370 rushing yards, 615 points, most total yards with 6,683 and averaged 41.0 points per game, all new district records.

The offense was so good that the green defense had time to ripen on the vine. By season's end this was a good defense, even though it will never be compared to the elite defenses that Lee has turned out in the past. In short, it was good enough. And the offense was the greatest machine to grace the sod of West Texas.

Lee started its year with wins over El Paso Coronado, 49-7; El Paso Franklin, 35-7; Arlington Martin, 36-16; El Paso Irvin, 61-8; and San Angelo Central, 49-7.

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— Kelvin Ratliff, Lee defensive coordinator

As fans saw, the Lee defense performed better than expected, even holding Martin to 16 points. Martin possessed one Jimmy Dixon, one of the top backs in the state. Dixon had more than 200 yards rushing but didn't find many points to go with the number.

Then came District 4-5A play where teams pulled out every weapon known to man in an effort to halt the Lee ride. The bull's eye got bigger.

Lee staged a 31-6 win over Odessa High on Oct. 8. It was a closer game than the score would indicate. It was the district debut for OHS coach Jim Carson, who formerly coached with Parchman at El Paso Socorro and where both had been former head coaches.

It would get even tougher. Lee had to come from behind twice to beat Abilene High, 40-26. The Eagles threw up 50 different formations in one game in an effort to befuddle the Lee defense. In some respects, the ploy worked, but the Lee offense again couldn't be stopped as tailback Cedric Benson set a 4-5A rushing record with 348 yards rushing, his first 300-yard game of his career. There would be more.

Lee came back with a tough 30-15 win over Abilene Cooper. For the Lee offense, this would be the lowest scoring total of the year.

Odessa Permian then fell to Lee, 34-22, but old Mojo gave Lee another tussle of note, and again, Lee had to come from behind to win. Still, Benson had his greatest night on the football field with 353 yards rushing, breaking his own district record.

The Rebels then faced what turned out to be their most stunning challenge of the season. Playing without starting fullback Clint McNutt (an All-District player) and starting middle linebacker Joe Norman (District 4-5A's defensive MVP), Lee survived Midland High 35-28, and again, had to come from behind twice to win it. The 28 points coming from the David Browning-coached team would be the most by any team that Lee faced in its 15-0 year.

Ironically, in a game in which the defense gave up the most points of the year, the Lee defense grew up. MHS was perched at the Lee 10-yard line late in the game with a chance to tie the score at 35-35, but Lee safety T.J. Glover intercepted a Laynce Nix pass to halt the threat. It may have been the turning point for Lee in the season. The interception most certainly preserved Lee's chance to win an undisputed district title and kept its national title hopes alive.

Lee also battled the injury bug this season. And most of the injuries came on the defensive side of the football where the team could least afford ailments. At the defensive end slot alone, Lee had four go down at one time or another. When Lee reached the state championship game, sophomore Eric Winston, who had played tight end all year, was a starter on the defense. Other defensive positions were also hit by injuries during the year, making the end results even more remarkable.

The state playoffs in November, and as fate would have it, Parchman's Rebels had to face two teams they had already beaten in regular season play. You never want to give any team two cracks at you.

But Lee went on a 55-19 rampage against San Angelo Central at Midland's Memorial Stadium. The Bobcats led twice early in the game but just couldn't stop Lee's offense, which put up record numbers with 34 first downs and 661 total yards. Benson had 325 yards rushing, his third 300-yard game of the season.

Franklin was next. Lee probably played its worst game in the Sun Bowl against Franklin but won, 34-20. Benson was again the key, posting 347 yards rushing. Benson became the first back in 4-5A history to have back-to-back 300-yard games and the first back in state history to have four 300-yard games in the same season.

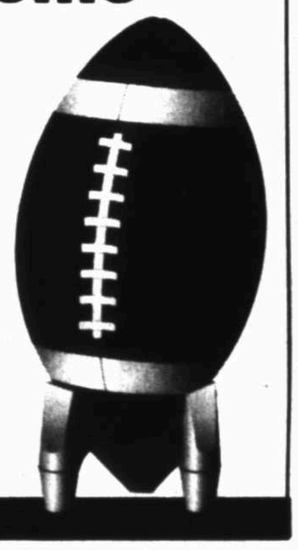
In the Big School quarterfinals the next week in Abilene, Lee beat Waco, 44-20. Waco owned one of the best defensive teams in the state. The game was also tied 20-20 until Lee scored 24 points in the last seven minutes of the game. Again the defense came up big as Glover tied a single game interception record with three picks, returning one for a touchdown.

The state semifinals moved to Ratliff Stadium where Lee pelted Mesquite, 40-13, in wind gusts of 30 mph with a wind chill factor of 18 degrees.

Then it was off to Austin for Aldine Eisenhower with the state and national titles on the line. Benson had 198 yards rushing and scored five touchdowns. In two state championship games, Benson has 10 touchdowns, a state record.

In fact, Benson's season totals wrecked the District 4-5A record book. He is the first back to rush for more than 3,000 yards (3,526) in district history and fourth best in state history. He scored 310 points, smashing the district record by 112 points. Of course, his four 300-yard games in one season had never been done in state history. Only a junior, Benson already has 4-5A career marks in touchdowns scored (81), yards rushing (5,550) and 300-yard games (4).

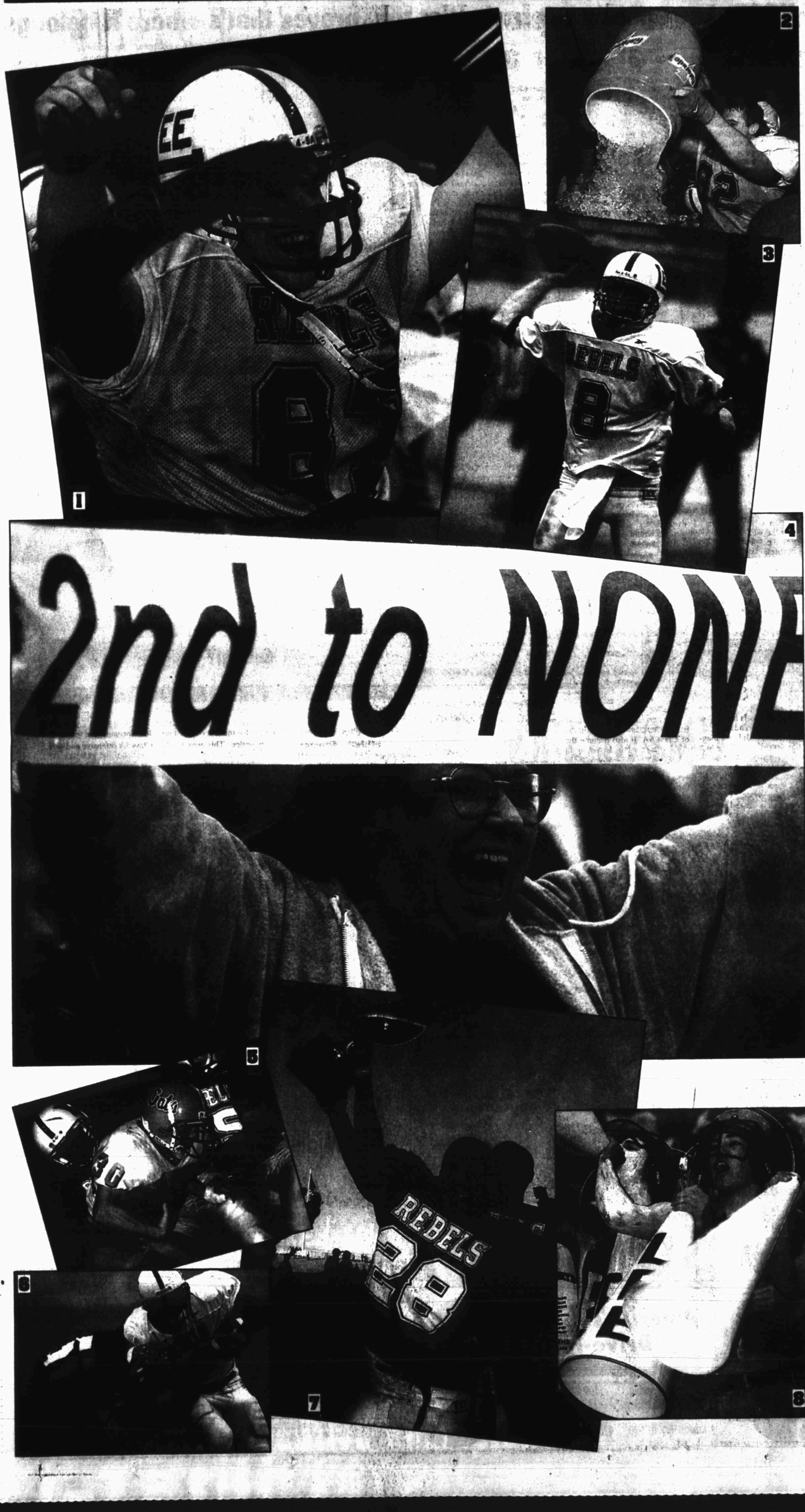
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It was state championship hysteria – all over again

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Midland Lee Rebels rode their way into the record books Saturday (Dec. 11) at Royal-Memorial Stadium with a 42-21 victory over Aldine Eisenhower.

The results of the lopsided win in the Class 5A Big School Texas Bowl are a second-straight Class 5A football title, a wire-to-wire run as the No. 1 team in the state, a national championship (according to USA Today) and a bunch a dead-tired boys, who surely rode to the Tall City having written their place in the District 4-5A and Texas schoolboy history books.

"We've got some football-playing dudes out there. They rose up to the challenge," said Lee coach John Parchman, summing up what the team did during the game Saturday and during a 15-0 regular season. "We can now rest for a while and enjoy the bus ride back. There will be some tired guys. You can bet some will sleep the whole way."

In their heads, the Rebels might relive what made this game like the 22 previous wins. There will be a lot to relive.

Again, the Rebel defenders stepped up, capturing the spotlight after living for so long in the shadow of their offensive teammates. The Rebel defense held Eisenhower to 150 yards rushing (half of Eisenhower's per-game average). The 21 points Eisenhower scored was also half its usual output.

The offense was dominant, scoring in the 40s for the fourth time in five playoff games. The Rebel Express also totaled 419 yards of offense against an Eisenhower defense that was allowing just more than 200. It was state championship hysteria all over again. Last year, Lee defeated San Antonio MacArthur 54-0.

"It does seem like last year," said Cedric Benson, who had five touchdowns, matching his total in last year's game. "I helped the team out and the defense helped the team out. Everyone helped out."

Benson rushed for 198 yards, giving him 3,526 for the season. Aside from Allen Griffith's score (Lee's first of the game), Benson, who ended the season with a mind-boggling 51 touchdowns,

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had four rushing and one receiving.

Three came in the third quarter when the Rebels blew open the game and made sure state hardware would return to Midland.

In the third, Benson found the end zone on scores of 36 and two yards. With six minutes to play, Lee led 28-0. From there, Eisenhower made a mini-run. Ladedrick Smith scored on a 61-yard scamper. Then after Benson misplayed a pooched kickoff, Eisenhower scored for the second time in 49 seconds as Joseph Henderson toted the ball in from four yards out.

The Rebels got the ball back, and on a second-and-15 from their 22-yard-line, they put a dagger in Eisenhower's heart.

Jon Rogers hit Benson on a screen pass to the right side of the field. After a few key blocks and 78 receiving yards, Benson extended the lead back to 21 points.

"We got in the huddle and said that we had to do it now," Rogers said. "Cedric caught the ball, got some blocks and ran all the way down the field.

"That might have been the biggest score."

"It was big," Benson said. "I messed up on the kickoff before. It (the TD reception) made me feel good inside."

If the screen pass was a big reason for Lee's win, then the play of the Rebel defense was a huge reason for Eisenhower's loss.

Three times in the first half, Eisenhower had the ball on Lee's side of the field. Two times, the Eagles took the ball inside the Rebel 20. They never scored.

"Defensively, we came up really big," senior middle linebacker Joe Norman said.

How big?

In the second quarter, Eisenhower recovered a Lee fumble and had the ball on the Lee 32. After four plays, which included a successful fourth down conversion, Henderson threw a ball toward the Lee end zone that was picked off by senior defensive back T.J. Glover.

"I felt like our backs have been against the wall all year," said Glover, who has always seemed to come up with the big interception during the stretch drive of Lee's title run.

On Lee's next possession, the Eagles' superstar, defensive lineman Eddie Brown, picked off a Rogers pass, giving Eisenhower the ball on Lee's eight.

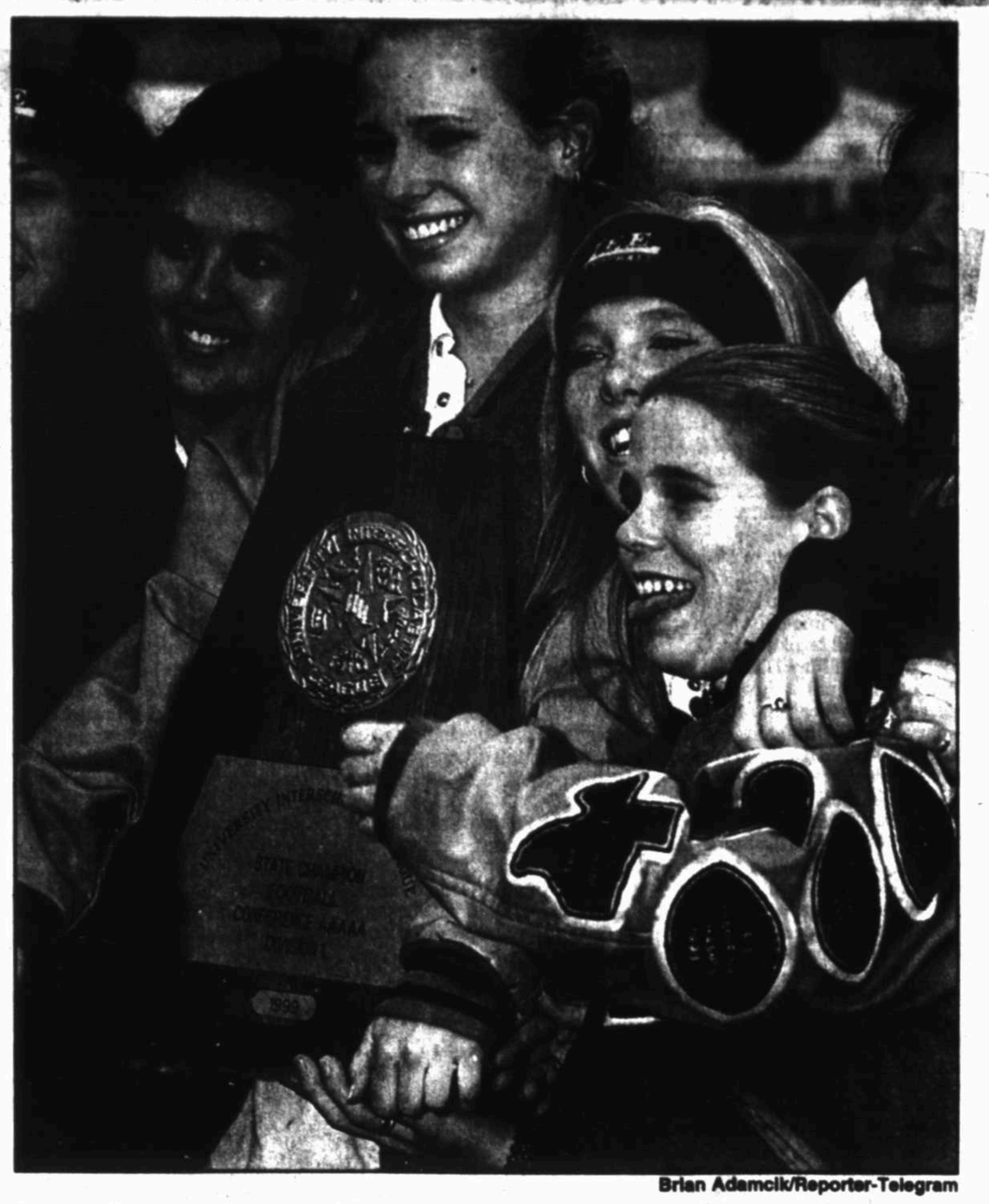
Two sacks later, it was Kody Mathews' time to play the role of the hero. Mathews, the lone returning starter from last year's Lee team, got the pick.

"The biggest thing was to step up and give the ball to our offense," Mathews said.

After Mathews' interception and 54-yard return, Lee's offense did have the ball. On all eight plays of the following 42-yard drive, Benson got the ball. He scored, giving Lee a 14-0 lead. The touchdown didn't change going into the half.

"It should not have been 14-0 at halftime," Eisenhower coach Richard Carson said. "The second half was back-and-forth, but the key to the game was the first half.

"We didn't feel like we executed, not to take away from Lee, but we didn't play well."



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Lee High School students pose for a friend with the state championship trophy.

1999 proved to be another magnificent Lee season

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

For the second-straight season, the Midland Lee football team represented the Tall City unlike any team in Midland history.

This year, the Rebels not only won a state title but were declared the national champions, according to USA Today.

"It is special," Midland mayor Bobby Burns said. "My first thoughts are national champions and back-to-back state champions. What an amazing impact a bunch of men have had around the state and nation. We will remember this team and what it has done for a long time."

Lee followed last year's 15-1 season and Class 5A Small School title with a No. 1 preseason ranking in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football and a No. 1 ranking by the Associated Press. Being at or near the top of the national rankings just made the bull's eye bigger.

"People don't realize what a monumental task it is and what a freak happening (to repeat)," said Tim Whalen, athletic director of Midland Independent School District.

This Lee team became the third team to repeat since the evolution of Class 5A. It also became the third to take a No. 1 ranking in Texas Football and win a title.

"You have a No. 1 monkey on your back and people are taking their best shots on you. The coaches did a great job of not letting the players read the press clippings and not thinking they were untouchable."

However, the effect of this team and the year it had transcended the football field and record books. One such place was the ballot box.

In 1999, the voters of Midland came out in droves to decide the fate of Proposition 1 on the November ballot. In simplest terms, the passing of Proposition 1 would raise the sales tax by a quarter of a cent to help build a $35 million sports complex.

The proposed sports complex included a new football stadium and baseball park.

Going into election, it was thought that the supporters of a new football stadium would have to carry load for the whole complex.

The citizens of Midland came out in droves to vote on the complex. It was a turnout that rivaled any in a nonpresidential election, and when all the ballots were counted, the stadium passed by a 60 to 40 ratio.

After the election, it is believed that the success of the Rebel football team and that of Midland High going into that election were key in determining the outcome.

"We were fortunate to put the election in a year that things were going so well. Timing is everything and it is good to be lucky," Burns said. "From a political point of view, Lee having the No. 1 team in the state and nation and having Midland High playing so well had an impact at the ballot box. Those football teams will affect the city of the next 50 years because of that."

'They impressed the hell out of a bunch of people in Austin.'

— Tim Whalen, athletic director, Midland Independent School District

The team also got Midland's name out for the rest of the state to take notice. This was Lee's second straight title. Midland High started this collection of state hardware with a basketball crown in the spring of 1998.

This Lee became the third Tall City team to win a televised state title game.

It was also a team that became well-chronicled by season's end.

"They impressed the hell out of a bunch of people in Austin (site of the state title game)," Whalen said.

This team became mentioned with the best of the decade. The Rebels' junior running back Cedric Benson also earned such honors. Benson became 4-5A's all-time leading rusher and had the fourth best season in the history of Texas Schoolboy football.

Also, the team's effect was seen in football's postseason awards. Benson and linebacker Joe Norman were selected as the Class 5A offensive and defensive players of the year as picked by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Also Benson was picked as the player of the year by Gatorade.

It was a year where maroon again became fashionable. It was a year when Rebel bandwagon grew and went to unprecedented places.

It was a year when again football was king in the Tall City and a year when Rebels ruled the land so magnificent-Lee.

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2: Coach John Parchman gets doused with water during the closing seconds. **Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.**

3: Quarterback John Rogers throws a touchdown pass to Cedric Benson in the finals. **Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.**

4: Susan Sexton cheers for the Rebels. **Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.**

5: Lee's J.R. Brown stops San Angelo's Kyle Howard during Lee's playoff victory. **Photo by Brian Adamcik**

6: Cedric Benson runs. **Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.**

7: Lee celebrates their state semifinals victory at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. **Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.**

8: Lee seniors Collin Gilliam, left, and Joe Frazier cheer. **Photo by Brian Adamcik**

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Mesquite underestimates Lee, Skeeters get shot down

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — Mesquite coach Steve Halpin was going to do everything he could to keep the ball away from the Midland Lee offense, even if it meant going through a nasty West Texas wind and an even nastier Midland Lee defense.

He failed, maybe underestimating one (the wind) and maybe underestimating the other (the Lee defense). In the process, he paved the way for 20 quick Lee points en route to a 40-13 Rebel victory Saturday (Dec. 4) in a Class 5A Big School state semifinal at Ratliff Stadium.

Lee, the No. 1 team in the state and nation, improves to 14-0 on the season. Next week, the Rebels will play 13-1 Aldine Eisenhower. That game will be played at 12:07 p.m. next Saturday (Dec. 11) in Texas Stadium. Eisenhower defeated Edinburg, 55-14, in Saturday's other semifinal.

"I was amazed they won the toss and then decided to take the ball," Midland Lee coach John Parchman said. "What a tremendous gamble (it is) if you get into a punting situation and give the other team the ball with a short field. They did, and we scored fast."

Mesquite (9-5 overall) did take the ball first, attempting to march the ball into the teeth of a 30 mph wind. The series lasted three plays.

"They (Mesquite) said, 'OK, they (Lee) can't stop us from making three yards a play'. The gamble didn't work," Parchman said.

The following punt traveled a net distance of a negative two yards. Lee had the ball on Mesquite's 25-yard line and scored two plays later when Cedric Benson scored the first of his five touchdowns from 20 yards out.

"We wanted to come out and send a message that we wanted to go to the state finals," Lee center Andy Brewster said.

Mesquite came out on its second drive and actually moved the ball to the Lee 17-yard line before giving the ball away on downs.

On the first play of Lee's next possession, Benson went around left end and didn't stop until he had gained 83 yards and a second touchdown. The score was 14-0.

"I was really surprised that we had so many big plays in the first quarter," Benson said. "The first quarter was really great, but for me, I don't think it was a very good game. The offensive line blocked great, but I didn't do a good job of running overall. I've got to get a lot better."

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Again, Mesquite started a drive going into a stiff breeze, and again the Skeeters were stopped short of midfield. Lee had forced a fourth and six on the Mesquite 37, even calling timeout on consecutive plays to make sure Mesquite would have to finish the first quarter going into the wind. The result had Mesquite opting to go for the first down, but threw an incompletion. That gave Lee great field position, and two plays later, Jon Rogers hit Benson for 26 yards to complete a two-play, 37-yard drive. At this point in the game, Lee had run five offensive plays and scored 20 points.

Halpin and the rest of the Skeeters knew there was a reason they wanted to keep the ball away from the Lee offense, and they found out why, first hand.

However, Lee's defense also made an impression on the Mesquite coach.

"I was surprised we couldn't move the ball better," Halpin said. "It put us in a predicament."

From there, Lee was in great position. The Rebels were up 20 against a team which had not completed a pass in its last two games. Mesquite had to take chances to get back in the game. More attempts on fourth downs were in the works.

In the third quarter, another gamble blew up in the Skeeters' faces. Again, Mesquite had a fourth down in its own territory — the 32-yard line. Again, the Skeeters were going into a stiff wind. This time, though, Mesquite had fourth and 20. Mesquite failed, throwing one of 10 incompletions on the day.

Lee scored two plays later, capping a 32-yard drive with a 27-yard run by Benson. It was the third time Lee scored after starting in Mesquite's side of the field.

Trailing 26-0 in the fourth quarter, Mesquite finally put a drive together, moving 80 yards on 11 plays. Marco Martin, a 280-pound sophomore, rumbled in from three yards out.

Mesquite couldn't score on consecutive drives after recovering an on-sides kick, but the Skeeters later got on the board for the second time as Heath Stovall stripped the ball from Lee running back Allen Griffith and sprinted 66 yards to close the lead to 26-13.

"You take away the on-sides kick and fumble return for a TD and it was a dominating game for us," Parchman said. "There were errors but those two plays kept them in the game."

Not for long. Lee scored on its last two possessions — a 46-yard TD run by Clint McNutt and a one-yard score by Benson to seal the win.

Now Lee gets its chance to move into the history books and maybe unchartered territory. Lee can become the third team to win back-to-back titles since the inception of a Class 5A in 1980. The Rebels also can become the second team to win titles in both the Division I and Division II brackets. Lewisville has already accomplished the feat, although no team has done it in consecutive years. Lee would be the first.

"This is the best feeling to do what we have done," McNutt said. "Not too many people get a second chance. It is a privilege."

There is also the chance to back up that No. 1 ranking in the state and nation. Next week in its 15th week of football, Lee will get that chance.

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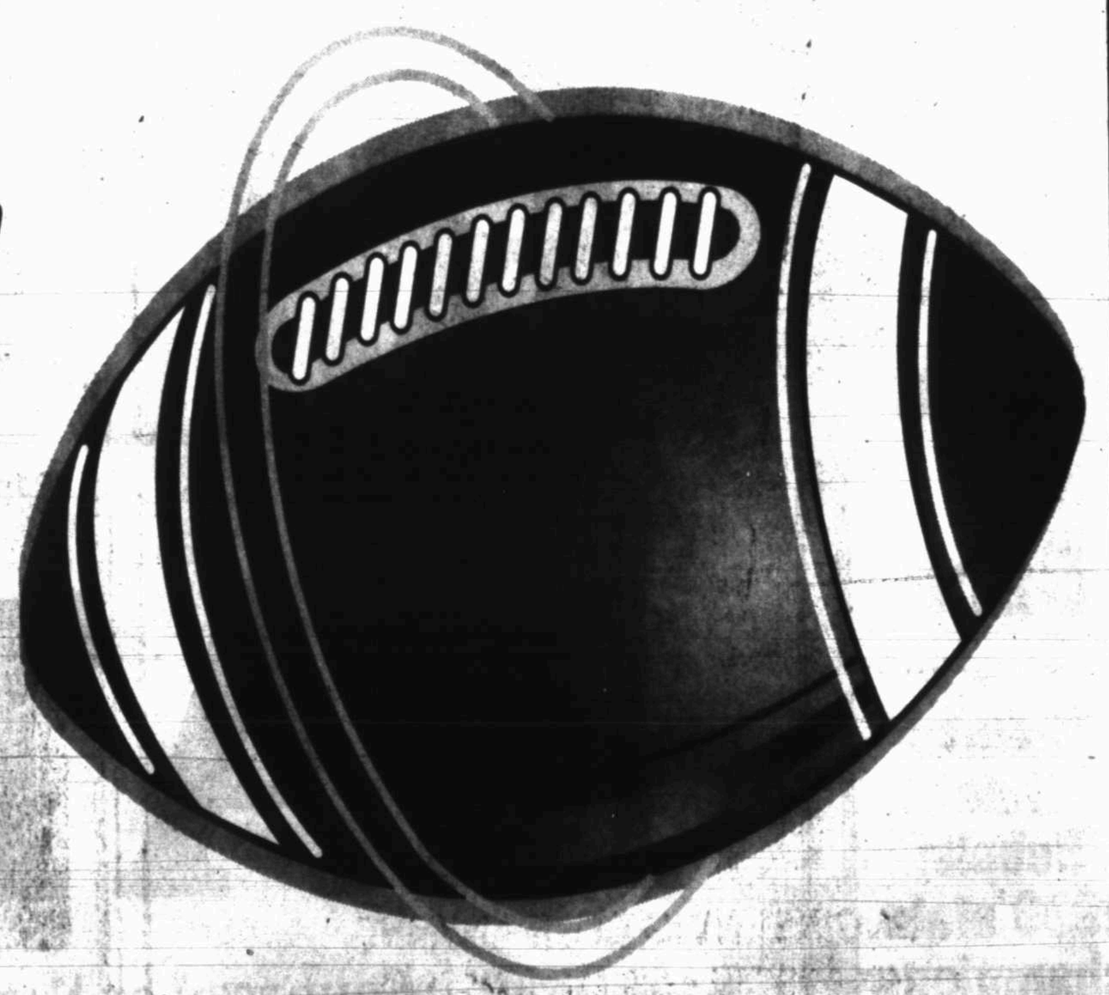
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Rebels work for win over scrappy El Paso Franklin

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

EL PASO — The state football playoffs got serious at the Sun Bowl Friday night (Nov. 19).

Midland Lee survived a scrappy El Paso Franklin team, winning 34-20 in what many people expected to be a blowout. Lee defeated Franklin 35-7 here in El Paso back in September.

But Lee coach John Parchman had warned all week that this Franklin team was a much better club than the first time the two teams met.

"They are a much better team, but we didn't play great pass defense," Parchman said. "But it's still a win and we are glad to get out of here with this one behind us."

Lee now could be headed for the most anticipated game of the year in the state of Texas next Saturday (Nov. 27) at 2 p.m. in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. That's where Lee will face the winner of today's Lewisville-Waco High game.

If Lewisville wins that 7:30 p.m. contest, it will pit the top two ranked teams in Texas against each other. Lee fans can hear the Lewisville-Waco game on KCRS (550 AM) radio, beginning at 7 p.m.

One thing, however, Franklin couldn't handle was Cedric Benson. The junior did it again. He had 347 yards rushing, the fourth time to do it this season and the first to do it in District 4-5A history. He also becomes the first 4-5A back to have over 300 yards in two consecutive games and four of his last five.

In doing so, Benson also became 4-5A's leading rusher in career yards. He now has 4,945 career yards, passing former leader John Williams of Odessa Permian, who had 4,847 (1991-93).

And Benson broke the record in style, going 50 yards in the third quarter for a touchdown to pass Williams.

"Well, we needed those yards tonight," Parchman said. "He's got some good looking numbers for a junior."

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The Cougars were tough in the first half even though Lee held a 20-3 margin at the break. Franklin had two scoring opportunities inside the Lee 10-yard line, but came away with only three points, a 22-yard field goal by Aaron Hernandez.

Benson had 182 yards rushing in the first half and 110 in the first quarter. He also had two touchdowns, the first on a 53 yard run on a juke and a blast up the sidelines. That made him the career leader in TDs in 4-5A history with his 66th, breaking the 65 that Benson and Midland High's Jay Francis both held going into this game, a mark that stood for over 50 years. Benson later had a 38-yard run to set up his second TD of the night, a meager four-yard run.

But what really gave Lee a cushion was a 50-yard drive engineered by quarterback Jon Rogers, who threw for 47 of the yards in the two-minute drill. Rogers hit Josh Perez with a 15-yard pass with 38 seconds left. Perez, who caught his first two career TD passes against San Angelo Central last week, made an astonishing catch, beating Franklin's Chris Morrow for the ball. Morrow was all over Perez, but somehow came up with the score.

Lee had to punt the first two times it had the ball, a rarity this season. Lee was driving hard on its first possession, but Rogers slipped and fell for a 7-yard loss, and Michael Wynn punted the ball out on the Franklin one.

Franklin quarterback Omar Durate threw for 250 yards against a struggling Lee defense. Durate led his team to a second half surge in which the Cougars closed the gap to 26-20. Durate hit Kirk Dillard with a 7-yard scoring toss and Hernandez kicked his second field goal of the game, a 40-yard boot and Franklin got a fourth quarter TD from Jonathan Gibson, who was subbing for Jason Armendariz, who broke a rib. Armendariz went out of the game in the first half, taking his 1,200 yards for the year to the bench with him. Still, Franklin hung around.

But Lee put the game away in the fourth, using seven minutes to drive 70 yards as Clint McNutt covered the final eight for the final margin.

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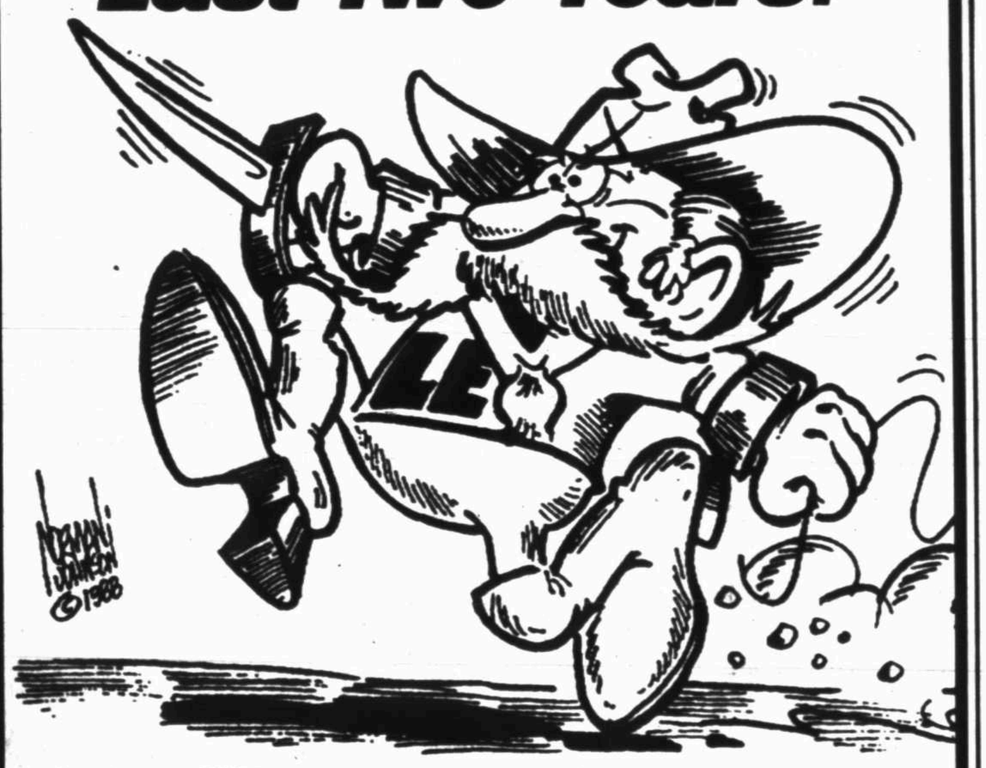
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Lee Rebels 1999: Back 2 Back

'The Force' is with Lee Rebels again as Waco falls

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — "The Force" is simply irresistible.

Midland Lee's Star Wars offense hung a 44-20 victory over Waco's Lions here at Shotwell Stadium in a Class 5A Big School quarterfinal playoff game Saturday (Nov. 27) in what was billed as a game between the irresistible force going against the immovable object.

Long live "The Force." At least, it lives one more week.

Lee, now 13-0 on the year, came into this game averaging over 460 yards per outing and had never scored less than 30 points in any one game this season. Waco, on the other hand, was giving up only 188 yards per game and had not allowed any one team to score more than two touchdowns in a game this year. Waco's highly touted defense also had not given up 100 yards rushing to any running back this season.

"The Force" prevailed in a big way. Lee produced 499 yards of total offense. Quarterback Jon Rogers threw for a Lee playoff record 229 yards and three touchdowns while Cedric Benson rushed for 238 yards and caught three passes for 65 more and scored three touchdowns.

Benson now has 3,169 yards rushing, becoming the first District 4-5A back in history to break the 3,000-yard rushing barrier in a single season. He is now in seventh place on the state rushing list for single season yardage. Lee's six touchdowns also wiped away the proud standard set by the Waco defense through this season.

Still, this wasn't a cakewalk win that the final score might indicate. Waco tied the score at 20-20 early in the fourth quarter on a 15-yard run by Jeremy Hicks. Lee was at the crossroads of its season.

"This game was about reacting in a positive way when negative things happen to you," said an elated Lee coach John Parchman. "Somewhere in any tough game, one team or the other is going to produce something positive. This team produced when it got tough."

And Lee faced adversity from the very beginning. Waco scored on its first possession, going 44 yards in four plays for a 6-0 lead.

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Lee was scoreless for the first time this year on its first four possessions and didn't own a first down. The immovable object looked tough enough to live up to its name. Then the cards began to fall. In the second period, Lee scored two unanswered touchdowns for a 14-6 lead at the half and wingback Clint McNutt scored on a 39-yard pass from Rogers and Benson crashed in from one-yard out.

But it was here that Parchman said the defense turned the tide.

"While our offense was struggling early in the game, it was our defense that stepped it up after giving up that first touchdown," Parchman said. "They took the momentum away from Waco. Our defense has taken a lot of abuse this season, but it's now time to salute them a little."

Lee defensive end Randy Norris, who had a big game, said, "It was a tough game, like a lot of games we've been in this year, but I think our defense grew up in this game. Everyone knows we're (ranked) No. 1 and they come at us hard every game. But we stepped up today."

But the wheels would turn once again in Waco's favor before this one was over. Waco put back to back TDs on the board late in the third and early in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 20-20, erasing a 20-6 Lee lead.

"We got back in the game with that touchdown in the fourth quarter," Waco coach Johnny Tusa said. "But Lee has so many weapons that you can't keep them down for long. That is a great team they have. No one has stopped that offense this year."

Lee did answer and answer big. The Rebels scored 24 unanswered points in the last seven minutes of the game to walk away from the win.

With the score tied at 20-20, Rogers found Dustin Timmerman for 25 yards to set up Matt Segulja's perfect 37-yard field goal for a 23-20 lead.

"That was Timmerman's first catch of the year," Rogers said. "Everyone came up big for us today."

T.J. Glover's second interception set up the next drive where Lee moved 30 yards on seven plays for a 30-20 lead as McNutt caught his second TD pass of the year, a 20-yard shot from Rogers.

"I was just glad to finally come back and have a big game," said McNutt, who caught four passes for 86 yards and two TDs.

But Parchman's focus on that key drive was that Lee overcame two penalties that had the Rebels backed up in a second and 20 situation at one point.

"We overcame penalties in a big way and that was the key to the game for me," Parchman said. "Segulja's field goal was big, don't get me wrong, but when we went down and scored after those penalties, that was huge."

Then the rout was on. Glover produced his third interception of the day, a Lee playoff record for a single game, and returned it 42 yards for a 37-20 lead. Then, with the clock running down, Waco's defense was finished. Benson scored from 62 yards out on a simple dive play for the final margin.

"Even without that last run by Cedric, he still would have had over 170 yards rushing and that's really big against this team," Parchman said. "I'm glad he got the yards because he earned them out there today. And that's an accomplishment against a team that hadn't given up 100 yards to any back this season."

Now, Lee is two wins away from a state title repeat. And they're coming back home for the semifinal step. Lee will play Mesquite at 3 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 4) in Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. The winner plays for a state title the following week.

A record-setting year

The following is a list of school records set by the 1999 Midland Lee state championship team this season.

TEAM SINGLE GAME

First Downs: (Tie) 34, 1999 vs. San Angelo Central and 1993 vs. Amarillo High.

Most Total Yards: 661, 1999 vs. San Angelo Central.

TEAM SEASON

Most Wins: (Tie) 15, 1999 and 1998.

Undefeated Team: 15-0,1999.

Most Yards Rushing: 5370, 1999 (New district record).

Most Points Scored: 615, 1999 (New district record)

Most Total Yards: 6683, 1999 (New district record)

Avg. Points Scored Per Game: 41.0 (New district record)

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

Most Yards Rushing: 353, Cedric Benson vs. Odessa Permian, 1999.

Most Conversion Points: 8, Matt Segulja vs. El Paso Irvin, 1999; and Steve Williams vs. El Paso Bowie, 1993; Arthur Donnelly vs. Abilene High, 1989.

Most Interceptions: 3, T.J. Glover vs. Waco, 1999; Mike Brackens vs. El Paso Andress, 1991.

Most Yards Passing in Playoffs: 229, Jon Rogers vs. Waco, 1999.

INDIVIDUAL SEASON

Most Points Scored: 310, Cedric Benson, 1999 (district record).

Most TDs: 51, Cedric Benson, 1999 (district record and third all-time nationally).

Most TD Passes: 21, Jon Rogers, 1998 and 1999.

Most Yards Rushing: 3526, Cedric Benson, 1999 (district record and fourth best ever in state history).

Most Conversion Points: 69, Matt Segulja, 1999.

Most Points Kicking: 87, Matt Segulja, 1999.

Most 300 Yard Games: 4, Cedric Benson, 1999 (district record, state record).

CAREER INDIVIDUAL

Most 300 Yard Games: 4, Cedric Benson, 1998-99 (district record and ties state record)

Most Touchdowns: 81, Cedric Benson, 1998-99 (district record)

Most Yards Rushing: 5550, 1998-99 (district record)

Most Yards Passing: 3233, Jon Rogers, 1998-99.

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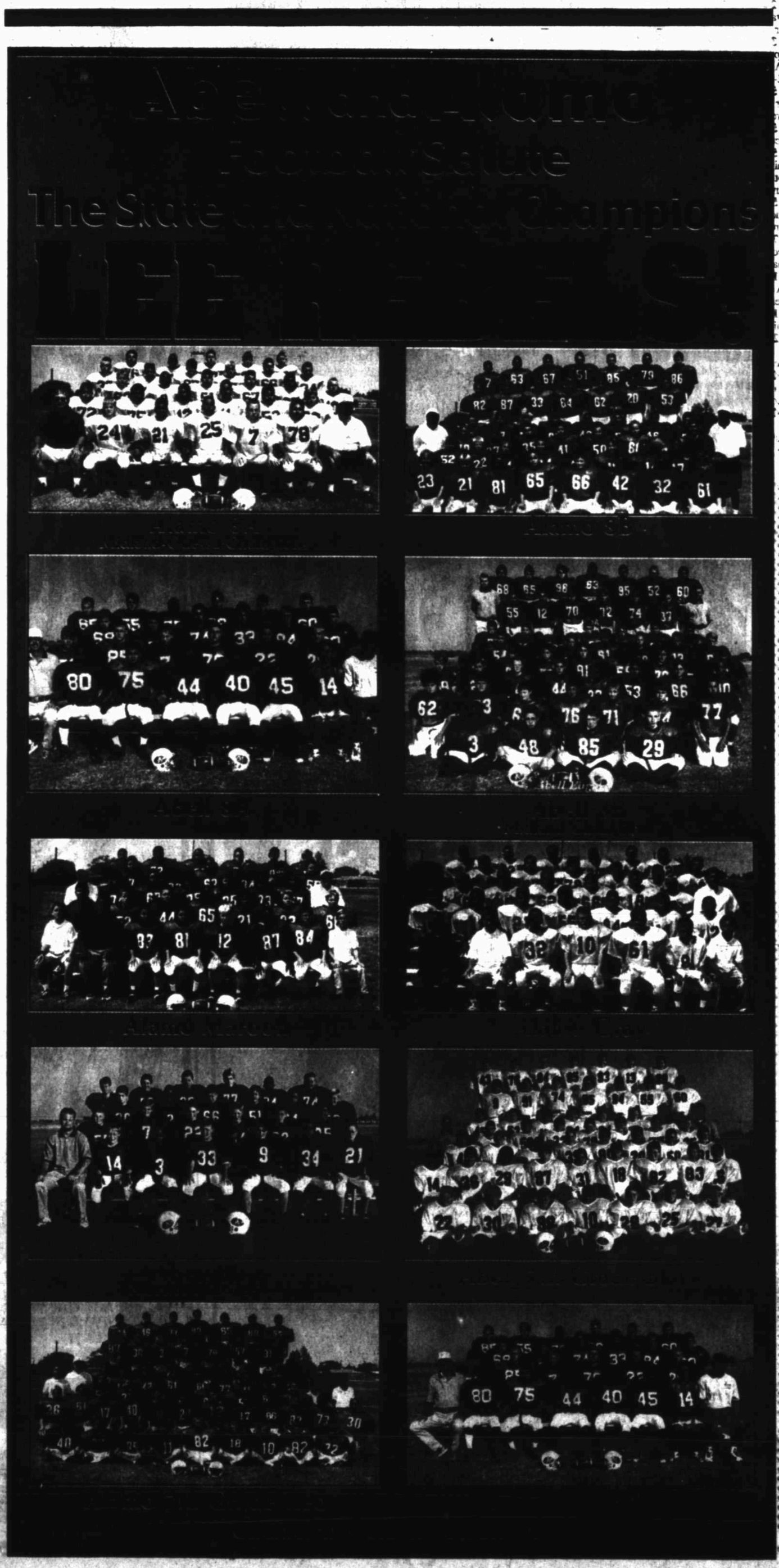
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Lee Rebels 1999: Back 2 Back

Rebels beat Bobcats to begin their second season

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland Lee's second season has arrived, and the defending state champions answered the state playoff bell with a record-shattering 55-19 win over San Angelo Central.

Just like a year ago, when the playoffs started, the Lee offense began to put up gaudy numbers. This Big School bi-district clash produced record after record as Lee scored on all but three possessions and stopped themselves twice with two fumbles.

And believe it or not, Lee had to come from behind (13-7 in the first quarter) to win this game.

The Bobcats, who scored only seven points against Lee in an earlier 49-7 Lee win, got on the board more often against a struggling Lee defense, but no one seems to have an answer for the Lee offense, which has not scored under 30 points this season.

Lee set a school record with 661 yards of total offense and tied the school record of 34 first downs in a single game. And it was truly a two-fold attack with junior tailback Cedric Benson rushing for 325 yards and four touchdowns while quarterback Jon Rogers threw for a Lee playoff record 208 yards and three touchdowns.

"I'm pleased with that," Lee coach John Parchman said. "But you have to consider the fact that San Angelo isn't that strong on defense. We wanted to give Jon (Rogers) the opportunity to throw the football to take some of the pressure off of Cedric (Benson) and that worked well. We still need to get the fullback involved in the offense a little more and we'll be much more balanced."

Benson becomes the first 4-5A back in history to rush for more than 300 yards three times in a single season and one of two (Abilene High's Arturo Beltran is the other) to rush for 300 yards three times in a career. Rogers now has 2,763 yards passing and is Lee's career leader in yards passing and TD passes. Benson's 65 career TDs is a Lee record and ties the district record set by Jay Francis back in the 1940s.

"Someone told me about the yardage right after the game," Benson said. "I had no idea I had anywhere near that many (yards), but it feels good to get a lot of yards and help the team win. I just followed the blocks of the line."

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Rogers had an idea he might get to throw the ball more.

"Coach (Parchman) told me before the game that the first three plays would be passes," Rogers said. "We didn't really get much out of that, but it helped me relax. It feels great right now, but I think I'm really going to be sore tomorrow."

Two of Rogers' passes went for touchdowns to Josh Perez, the 5-6, 142-pound dynamo who is coming on strong as a receiver as the season progresses. He caught TD passes of 30 and eight yards while Isaac Washington caught the other air strike by Rogers for 46 yards.

Perez loved getting into the offense with his two TD catches, but it was the two that were called back that had him miffed.

"It was nice to catch the two TDs, but I had two called back," Perez said. "It could have been an even better night for me.

"I'm really glad we opened up the offense. That's what we need to do more of."

Lee also tried a new look on defense. Parchman started the game with offensive players Colby Marcum, Eric Winston, Andy Brewster and Clint McNutt on the defensive side of the ball. It was a physical group, but Central marched down and scored on its first possession with that group in the game. Parchman calls this his "White" defense. The regular starters are the "Maroon" defense.

"Our ongoing concern is the defense," Parchman said. "We really didn't use the White defense much because San Angelo threw the football. We can use the White more against the running teams so we needed to use the guys with experience in there. Also, we had only three days of practice with it and we're going to keep working on it. It's a much more physical lineup."

Tackle Colby Marcum said, "Playing defense was a lot different than playing offense. We still need some work and we're not as good now as we are going to be."

Lee's championship by the numbers

0 — Number of losses this season.

1 — The ranking Lee should have in USA Today's final poll of the season, making the Rebs the unofficial national champions.

1 — Number of teams to win Big School and Small School titles in consecutive years (Lee in 1998-99).

2 — Number of consecutive and total state football championships for Lee.

3 — Number of teams that have repeated since the inception of Class 5A (Plano, 86-87; Converse Judson, 92-93; and Lee, 98-99).

5 — Number of starters returning for Lee next year (two on offense and three on defense).

5 — Number of Lee's consecutive victories over Odessa Permian.

5 — Number of opponents Lee has trailed this season. The Rebels have not trailed in the second half of any game.

5 — Number of Cedric Benson touchdowns for the second straight title game.

7 — Number of points by which Lee defeated Midland High (35-28). That was the Rebels' closest of the year.

10 — Number of years since a 4-5A team won a mythical national title (Permian in 1989).

15 — Number of Lee wins this year, which ties a school record set last year.

23 — Number of consecutive wins by Lee — the third-longest current streak in the state.

41 — Average number of points per game by the Lee offense (a district record).

43 — Number of years since a 4-5A team won repeat state championships (Abilene High 54-56). Lee is the first to do so in the Modern Era (1959-present).

43 — Average number of points scored by the Lee offense in the playoffs.

51 — Touchdowns scored by Cedric Benson this year, a 4-5A record.

310 — Number of points scored by Benson this season alone, breaking the district scoring record by 112 points.

3,526 — Number of rushing yards this season by Benson — the fourth best season in Texas schoolboy history.

6,883 — Number of total yards racked up by the Lee offense, the most yards by any team in 4-5A history.

18,752 — Number of people on hand to witness Lee's second coronation.

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A Rebel year to remember in so many ways

Things I will always remember about the 1999 state championship Rebels:



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Ced It Right: I've seen a lot of high school football games in the last 27 years with the MRT, but I never thought I would ever see a player put up the numbers of one Cedric Benson. Benson had 3,526 single season yards, broke the 300-yard barrier four times, including a district record 353 against Odessa Permian. He scored 51 touchdowns, third on the all-time national list. He caught just 14 passes on the year and scored on seven of them. He was also the state and district Offensive Player of the Year in a no-brainer.

Norman II: In the shocker of the entire football season, Lee's Joe Norman was the state and district Defensive Player of the Year. Joe accomplished these honors playing middle linebacker. A year ago, he was a backup at defensive end. And he isn't even the first player in his family to win the state's Defensive Player of the Year award. Brother, John, who now plays at Texas Tech, was the state's Defensive Player of the Year in 1995.

Tough Nutt: It will be tough to go to a Lee football game and not see a Clint McNutt on the field. This guy played eight positions for Lee and was a joy to watch. Tears flowed from Clint after the state title win. He was one who wasn't afraid to show emotion on and off the field. As Parchman said, "Clint McNutt is one football playing dude."

Another Rogers and Trigger: Quarterback Jon Rogers was perhaps the missing ingredient as far as the Lee football program is concerned. Rogers guided Lee to a 30-1 record on his watch. He had the trigger finger that made the difference, setting school records for touchdown passes and career yardage. No quarterback in District 4-5A since the 1950's owns two state championship rings.

The Glove Man: T.J. Glover had only three interceptions in regular season play, one a game saving pick against Midland High. But Glover exploded after that with six in five playoff games, including a Lee playoff record of three against Waco High, one of which he returned for a touchdown. He had two in the state championship game, giving him nine for the year, one short of tying the school record for a season. Glover was a wide receiver last year and was moved to defense by necessity. And, T.J., we didn't really want to bring it up, but, since you did, we noticed that the record could easily be yours. How many picks did you drop early in the season? We still loved the run.

Running the Line: Benson and McNutt both said often that running behind an offensive line of Andy Brewster, Colby Marcum, Justin Painter, Roan Moreno, Steve Subia and Jerad Calobreves was a piece of cake. Only Rex Richards was missing from that line from the first state title. If you are counting losses, this is where Lee will be missing big guns next year. "The line never gets the credit they deserve," McNutt said. "No one really knows what they do, but I know and this was the greatest offensive line ever."

Best Quote of the Year: Sophomore tight end/defensive end Eric Winston: "My parents should have had me a year earlier and then I would have two state rings. I was just born a year late."

Quote II: Steve Subia, the 340-pound tackle, came to the Lee weight room on an off day after the game with Waco and lifted weights. "I felt like I was getting a little small," Subia said.

Space and Time: And, as always, time and space end before I do. There were so many more moments to share, but Back 2 Back was special.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

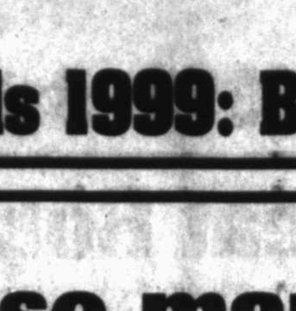
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Rebels come through with a history-making season

AUSTIN — In August, the joke around Midland Lee was that this Lee football team will have to score 40 points a game to repeat.



Doreen

The funny thing about that joke is that the Rebel offense took everyone seriously.

After Saturday's 42-21 blowout of Aldine Eisenhower, the state's most prolific offense finally found something that could shut it down – the end of the season.

"I think we could have gotten better," Steve Subia said.

You're kidding Steve? How could the Rebels have gotten any better?

At 340 pounds, we will take his word for it, but not before explaining that the 1999 version of the Rebel Express offense will go down as the best in district history.

Don't take our word for it. Lee's offense will top the District 4-5A record book for rushing yards in a season (5,370), total yards in a season (6,683), and average points per game (41).

Also, Lee has the only starting quarterback (Jon Rogers) in District 4-5A's Modern Era (1959-present) to win a pair of state crowns. It has the greatest running back (Cedric Benson) to step on a 4-5A football field and one of the more dominant lines. It was the whole package.

Is it the best?

"I hope this team is looked at as the best offensive team at Lee," Rogers said of the offense's place in the history books.

It should be larger and will be larger.

The Rebel offense played big brother to the defense, allowing it all the time it needed to grow and fight its own battles.

With Rogers at the helm, the offense also transformed Lee from a third- or fourth-round playoff loser to a state champion.

LOST ITS MOJO: If Odessa Permian's week wasn't bad enough with the firing of head coach Randy Mayes, then the Midland Lee Rebels added insult to injury by doing something that almighty Mojo could never do — winning consecutive state titles.

Could it get worse for lovers of the Black and White? Probably not. For years, Lee was a pretender to the throne of "West Texas' Best Team," a title owned by its archrival to the west. Now the pretenders are not just contenders but sit on the throne.

This whole week, just like the year, was all about the history being made. It was about Lee doing something that the once great Permian program did often, win with everything on the line.

But in this case maybe even Lee took it one step further.

Lee was picked first in the state's preseason polls. Only two teams (Aldine and Converse Judson) in the 1990s had been picked first in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football and then backed up their press clippings with a state title. Saturday, Lee became No. 3. That should have been enough to test the Rebs.

Lee was also picked as the No. 1 team in the nation by USA Today. The bull's eye gets bigger.

But the crowning achievement was the repeat. Again, Permian, with six state titles, never did the repeat. It has been said that the toughest thing to do in sports is to repeat, and this group did.

Where is this group's place in history?

Lee coach John Parchman doesn't know, but he knows that this history-making season has been a tiresome one.

"I'm smooth out of gas," Parchman said.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter Telegram.

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Sept. 10:
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Sept. 17:
Lee 36, Arlington Martin 16
Sept. 25:
Lee 61, El Paso Irvin 8
Oct. 1:
Lee 49, San Angelo Central 7
Oct. 8:
Lee 31, Odessa High 6
Oct. 15:
Lee 40, Abilene High 26
Oct. 22:
Lee 30, Abilene Cooper 15
Oct. 29:
Lee 34, Odessa Permian 22
Nov. 5:
Lee 35, Midland High 28
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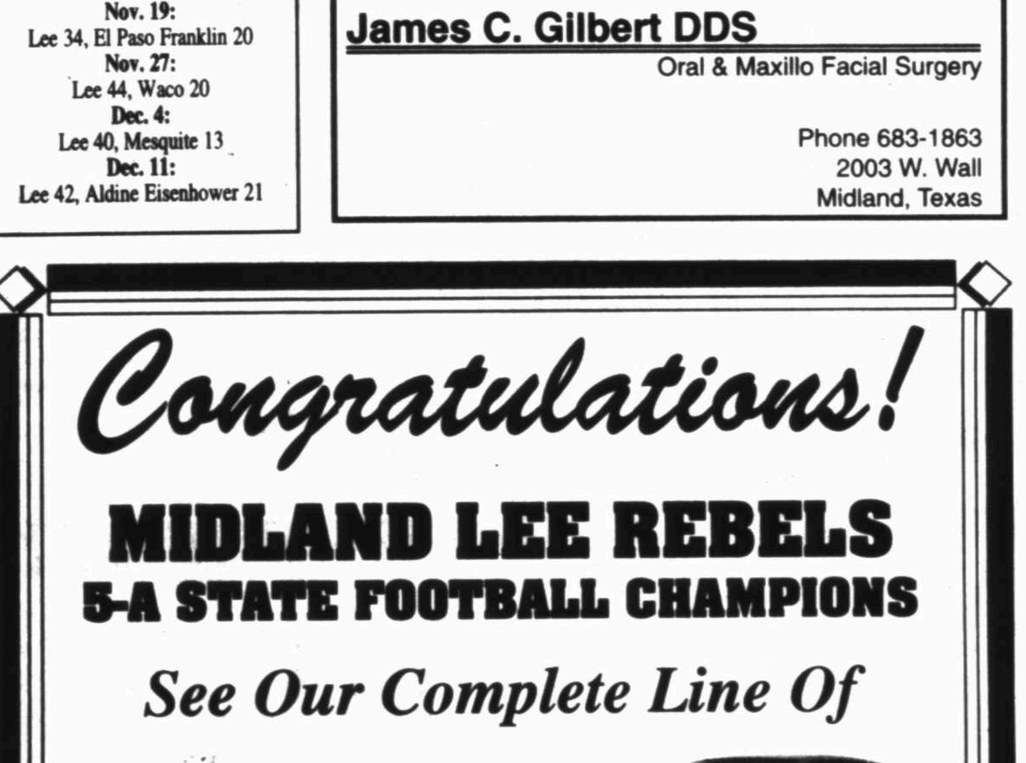
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