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Donovan McNabb rushed for 125 yards and completed passes to 10 receivers as the Eagles retained first place in the NFC East./1C



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Thurman Johnson, a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant, teaches ROTC at Midland High School./1B

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Bush claims victory; Gore plans protest

■ Sen Joe Lieberman precedes Bush speech with declaration that he and Gore will challenge the results in Florida.

By Walter R. Mears
Associated Press

Florida's secretary of state certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote — but court contests left in doubt which man will be the ultimate victor and 43rd president of the United States. Bush said he had won the White House and asked Gore to reconsider his challenges.

"Now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count," Gov. Bush said from the state capitol in Austin, Texas, after Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a campaign supporter, announced that he had captured Florida by an infinitesimal 537-vote margin.

Bush announced that running mate Dick Cheney will direct his transition operations in Washington, and that former Secretary of Transportation Andrew Card will be his White House chief of staff.

So saying, Bush tried to preempt Gore with a campaign to persuade Americans that the election is over with, and that the outcome announced in Florida should be the last word.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, already had declared that it won't be, declaring that he and Gore had no choice but to challenge the Florida certification.

"The election was close," Bush said, "but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored to have won the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election."

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Sharon and Jerry Burks, supporters of Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush, celebrate outside the governor's mansion in Austin Sunday after news spread that Florida's Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified Bush the winner over Al Gore Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote Florida's presidential vote.

AP Photo

Turning dreams into reality



Mamie Williams looks through some books to read with students at South Elementary. Ms. Williams has been selected to be the principal at Pease Elementary when it becomes a magnet school in 2001.

Principal's career comes full-circle as she returns to Pease

She still remembers the day as if it were yesterday. She remembers how the parents stood by her every day at Pease Elementary school for two weeks. They helped her make sure the children got to and from school safely as the Midland Independent School District was forced by the courts to integrate their schools in 1975.

On Dec. 1, Maime Williams will become principal at Pease Elementary school for the second time in her life, causing events to come full circle in a career that has become almost parallel to the ups and downs of MISD's racial integration.

Five years ago, the MISD board of trustees voted to seek unitary status that would put an end to the court supervised desegregation. To become compliant with the court's mandate, MISD is preparing to open two magnet schools that will transform both Pease and Washington Elementaries into "community schools." Those schools will be designed with a student body that reflects the Midland community.

Ms. Williams was enjoying her retirement from the field of education when members of the plaintiff interveners in the unitary status case asked her to consider returning to MISD and Pease Elementary.

"The parents know me and the community knows me," Ms. Williams said. "I thought that maybe I could help launch the magnet school at Pease."

Ms. Williams started her teaching career in Midland. When she came here in 1961 she was an English teacher at Carver Senior High.

"You were always highly respected as a teacher back in those days," Ms. Williams said.

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Magnet school plan to be implemented next year

Imagine a school where the best teachers in the region engage their students' minds in new and creative ways. Imagine a place where cultural and racial differences will be set aside for the purpose of higher learning. Imagine a building where students will be offered the best computers, best facilities, best programs and best instruction.

Now wake up, because if the Midland Independent School District has its way, by next school year those dreams will be reality.

MISD will be opening two new magnet schools next year. MISD's board of trustees will meet Tuesday to discuss and approve the plans for the schools. Both Pease and Washington Elementary will be converted from neighborhood schools to "community schools," said MISD director of gifted and talent and magnet schools Patricia Maurer.



'We believe in the value of an integrated environment for children. This is a great opportunity to be part of a school community.
— Patricia Maurer

The two new magnet schools are part of MISD implementation of the final consent order and settlement agreement. MISD, which has been seeking unitary status that would relieve the district of court supervised desegregation, is forming these magnet schools to be a reflection of the larger Midland community.

"We believe in the value of an integrated environment for children," Ms. Maurer said. "This is a great opportunity to be part of a school community."

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Board to determine where students will attend school

They're keeping their colors. They're keeping their mascots. But there's a good chance they won't be keeping most of their students.

Parents of children who are currently enrolled at Pease and Washington Elementary may find themselves wondering where their children will be going to school next year.

Both Pease and Washington have been selected to be converted into dedicated magnet school campuses. That means that the new magnet schools will be pulling their students from the entire Midland community rather than the neighborhoods surrounding the school.

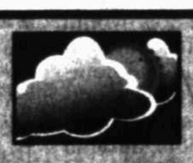
MISD director of gifted and talent and magnet schools Patricia Maurer said she realized this situation may cause some parents some concern.

"It makes people uncomfortable and I understand that," she said.

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A place to call home

City to decide fate of assisted care facility

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a series looking at a Midland assisted living facility's status with the city and how such facilities help care for our aging population.

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

In the Spring of 1992, Henry and Joleen Patke were on the verge of doing what they always wanted to do: take care of the elderly.

Mrs. Patke, a licensed vocational nurse, had conceived the idea of establishing an in-home care service for those retirees who were either too old or too debilitated to take care of themselves. The Patkes bought a six bedroom (two of which are double bedrooms) home on Haynes Avenue in North Midland. All they needed now was certification from the Texas Department of Human Services and a Special Use Permit (SUP) from the city of Midland.

The Patkes knew they could get state certification but were unsure about the local SUP. The Patkes sought to operate The Yellow Rose, a business, in a portion of the city that was zoned for residential homes only. Under city code,

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U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

From left, Louise Chesnet, Ella Chasteen, Ruby Moore and Eloise Leathers watch TV inside the Yellow Rose home. The Midland City Council Tuesday will decide whether the facility, which has received state certification since 1993, can continue to house as many as eight residents.

WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 64	High 68	High 64
Low 32	Low 39	Low 30

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies. The high will be 64 with a variable wind of up to 5 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a low near 30.

Tuesday's forecast calls for a decreasing cloudiness with highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night should be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s.

Wednesday's forecast should be partly cloudy. The low will be in around 30 and the high will be in the mid-60s.

After a low of 32, Sunday's high was 63, compared to the record high of 83 in 1995. The record low of 13 was set in 1993.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.88 in.
Total for year	9.32 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.22 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	63
Low	32
Normal high	63
Normal low	35

Sunrise ... 7:28 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

HOME: Some neighbors don't want older residents nearby

(From 1A)

the Patkes could open what is now referred to as an assisted living facility only if no more than six patients were housed at once. But the Patkes wanted eight.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission in 1992 denied the Patkes' request. They could have appealed to the Midland City Council, the body that has a final say over zoning issues, but chose not to.

Instead, the Patkes went ahead and applied for state certification. One requirement for a state permit is a safety inspection of the facility by the local fire department. At the request of the state, the Midland Fire Department inspected and approved The Yellow Rose. And it has done so every year since 1993.

But the Fire Department is owned and operated by the city of Midland. Why would the Fire Department approve a facility that violates its own city's zoning code? Apparently, officials in City Hall failed to inform the Fire Department of the discrepancy.

"We found out this year that they were not in compliance with city building and zoning code and this is where their problem has come up," said Fire Marshal Jerry Petree. "The state sends us a note to do a fire inspection and we just do it."

This past summer, another Midland couple sought to open a similar facility just blocks away from the Yellow Rose. They too wanted to house more than six patients. But both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council denied the request. Neighbors in the residential area argued that the facility would deteriorate their property values. It was at this meeting that council members were made aware of the Yellow Rose. The question was raised, "If it is in violation of city code, then why is the Yellow Rose in operation?"

The Patkes' hope of again renewing their permit this year was dashed at the orders of City Manager Rick Menchaca. The couple was told they would have to reapply for an SUP.

And now it's 1992 all over again. Just weeks ago the Patkes once again were unanimously denied an SUP by the Planning and Zoning Commission. They have since appealed to the City Council. On Tuesday the council will consider whether to grant the SUP. If the Patkes are denied then the Yellow Rose will have to reduce its patient list by two.

But a denial of the SUP could result in adverse legal consequences for the city, Mr. Patke said. The city has always known that the facility was operating with eight patients, but for legal reasons decided to ignore the issue, he has contended.

"When you start using zoning laws to kick little ladies out of a home, that's a federal case," Mr. Patke said. "It's a discriminatory act because you basically have the neighborhood saying, 'You can't have those people there.'"

City Attorney Keith Stretcher has remained mum on potential legal implications the city could face if the SUP is denied.

John Sims, attorney for the Patkes, said, "It's just one of those deals where the city just wanted to look the other way. It was a situation where they didn't want to go fight in the courts over the ADA (American Disabilities Act) and Fair Housing Act. The home has been there since 1993. The Fire Department has inspected it and said it's 'OK.' There is nothing wrong with the home. Of course, the opposition is always the same: property devaluations. But there is no proof that property values are adversely affected."

City zoning laws exist to protect the city and its inhabitants. Certain parts of the city are zoned for retail businesses, others for offices and still others for residential neighborhoods. It appears that more than 20 percent of the neighbors of the Yellow Rose oppose the Patkes being granted the SUP. They say they're concerned that their personal property values may be jeopardized by the presence of eight elderly people living next door. Because of the opposition, the council must not only approve the Patke request, but do so with a vote of at least six to one. If two of the seven council members vote against the SUP, the request will be denied.

But the legal theory offered by Mr. Patke and Mr. Sims may be on target. Despite the recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission against the SUP, Cameron Walker, director of planning, is ignoring the decision and recommending that council approve the SUP request.

Still, the final decision will be made by council. Council member Bill Dingus couldn't predict Tuesday's decision but suggested some sort of compromise would need to be reached.

"We don't want to set up a precedent where people can violate the city code then come ask for forgiveness and permission. At the same time we don't want to mistreat the elderly. So, we will try to find a medium ground," Dingus concluded.

RESULTS: Bush asks Gore to reconsider further protests

(From 1A)

Moments after Republican Harris declared Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes at a ceremony in Tallahassee, Lieberman said she had certified "an incomplete and inaccurate count" and he and Gore would challenge it.

But Bush, in a nationally-televised address from Austin, said "I respectfully ask" that Gore reconsider further contesting the hair-line Florida count.

If the certification of a 537-vote Bush margin stands, the Texas governor would win 271 electoral college votes — one more than necessary for victory — to 267 for Gore.

Harris said Bush had 2,912,790 votes and Gore had 2,912,253. That gave Bush the 537-vote lead out of 6 million cast, although Harris rejected partial returns from Palm Beach County. An unofficial AP tally including recounted Palm Beach County votes showed Bush ahead by 357.

The secretary of state's formal declaration, which set off GOP cheers outside the Florida capital and at the state capitol in Austin, Texas:

"Accordingly, on behalf of the state elections canvassing commission and in accordance with the laws of the state of Florida, I hereby declare Governor George W. Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes."

Lieberman said, "The integrity of our self-government" could be cast into doubt without Democratic steps to get the most complete and accurate count possible. Gore's lawyers were to file their challenge in the courts of Leon County, site of the state capitol at Tallahassee, Monday morning.

James A. Baker III, the former secretary of state speaking for Bush — who was making his own statement later Sunday night — said that count already has been delivered, repeatedly.

He said Bush "won this election" under the rules set by law before Election Day, Nov. 7 — and under rules changed after the election. Baker denounced Gore's lawyers for what he called an extraordinary resort to the courts — although Bush has his own set of lawsuits, including the appeal the U.S. Supreme Court, which hears oral arguments on Friday.

"At some point there must be closure," Baker said. "At some point the law must prevail and the lawyers must go home.

"We have reached that point," he said. "... It is time to honor the will of the people."

For all that, Baker said Bush will "absolutely" go ahead with his case in the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging the state supreme court ruling that led to the extended certification deadline and hand recounts of ballots cast by machine in four disputed Democratic-leaning counties.

"We have no assurance that the other side will stop," he said.

Anticipating the certification, Gore was preparing a speech to be delivered on Monday, explaining his case for the continuing challenge.

Gore, who got 337,183 more votes than Bush nationwide on Nov. 7, said he has an obligation to the people who supported him and Lieberman, more than for any Democratic ticket before them. In an interview with The New York Times, he said "every vote that is legally cast must be fairly and accurately counted in accordance with the law ...

"If at the end of this process .... if Governor Bush is successful, I will spare no effort to help him unify the country behind his leadership," Gore said, "and I would expect him to do the same if I am successful."

Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican leader, called on Gore "to end his campaign and concede this election with the honor and dignity the American people expect."

Sen. Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, said that was not going to happen. "I've talked with most of my colleagues over the last several days and there isn't any interest in conceding anything at this point."

The votes were delivered to Harris in line with a 5 p.m. EST deadline set by the state supreme court, which allowed hand recounts through Sunday, 12 days past the date she had said certification should be final.

PLAN: Schools will feature specialized curriculum

(From 1A)

Rather than being neighborhood schools, as Pease and Washington have been over the past year, the magnet schools will be converted so that their student populations are drawn randomly from applicants in Midland. They will be "dedicated" magnet schools — schools that do not have a geographic attendance zone that only includes students who live in proximity of the school.

Ms. Maurer said the process will be as unbiased as possible. Race, gender, grades and special needs will not be criteria for who attends the magnet schools. Students will be selected on a completely arbitrary basis.

"The magnet schools that were most successful at diversity were dedicated campuses," Ms. Maurer said. "We want to put together a magnet program that literally transforms the school."

Ms. Maurer said that the selection process, if approved by the board, will be done through a lottery system. Parents are asked to fill out applications for their children to be admitted to the magnet school. From there the applications will be placed in different "pots" representing different neighborhoods and districts. MISD will pull an equal number of applications from each pot to fill the schools.

Because many students who attend the schools will be bused, Ms. Maurer said MISD is working hard to show how the magnet schools will be different and therefore more attractive than the neighborhood schools.

Not only will they offer education in a culturally diverse environment, each magnet school will have an expertise in a specialized part of the curriculum. Maurer has proposed that Pease Elementary become a communications and technology enhanced campus. She said its highlights will include technology hub, a publishing center, a literary magazine and an FM digital radio station. She is also suggesting that Washington become a math and science institute. It will specialize in math classes that emphasize problem solving and invesugation and science courses that are "kid-themed."

"We want theses schools to be unique, but we want them to be uniquely effective as well," Ms. Maurer said.

The magnet schools will also operate with a longer school day. The schools will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They will also offer after school programs and activities. Ms. Maurer assures those will not be "day care" experiences, but actual periods of learning and education.

Although the school's will have some specialized curriculum and different hours, both elementaries will still be teaching the basics all students in the school district are required to learn. Ms. Maurer said the programs will be expanding on current themes rather than ignoring them.

"The enhanced programs in speech communications will occur within a standard education program," Maurer said. "Just because you're at a math and science magnet doesn't mean your going to short change other programs."

To attract teachers who are interested in teaching at the magnet schools, MISD is offering a $4,000 stipend in addition to their regular salary for working the extra hours the job will require. Because of this, as well as the many other programs the school will run, Ms. Maurer said the schools will cost more to run than most other area schools.

"If you want staff that's creative and experienced you have to be willing to pay them," she said. "You just can't expect to do a professional job if you're not willing to spend the money."

Ms. Maurer said the schools will be busy applying for grants that will help pay for the schools programs. The district has hired a special grant writer to apply for the specialized magnet school grants. Both schools will be accepting between 400 and 450 students. Applications will be made available to parents on March 1, 2001.

Principals for the two schools have already been chosen. Retired MISD principal Maime Williams has been selected to run Pease Elementary while west Texas native Randy Baiza was chosen to be principal of Washington Elementary. Baiza was principal of a magnet school in Odessa for nine years while Ms. Williams was principal of Pease Elementary in the late 70s and has worked with the district for more than 30 years.

The out come of the lottery should be decided by early May. The schools will start posting job positions before Christmas and the principals hope to have interviews done by the end of January. Both schools will open next fall.

The school board meets at 4 p.m Tuesday at the administration building.

WILLIAMS: Principal eager to get to work

(From 1A)

'This is an opportunity for us to set the pace, an opportunity for us to establish more magnet schools in the district and to provide the best instruction and programs.'

— Mamie Williams, who will be the principal at Pease Elementary

Ms. Williams actually started out wanting to be a concert pianist, but she admits that once she got teaching in her blood, she couldn't let go.

"Once I chose teaching and got into it, it became my life," Ms. Williams said. "I have no regrets in becoming a public school educator."

Originally from Peoria, Ill., moving to Midland was a big adjustment. Being young, black and female in a mostly white family- and work-oriented community was a difficult adjustment, but once she became acclimated, she found her place in Midland through teaching. She has loved teaching and Midland so much that she spent her entire career here and has been a resident of Midland more than 35 years.

Although she retired in 1995, she never truly left the profession. Recently, she has been working as a teacher/parent facilitator at South Elementary School. There she worked with kindergarten and first grade teachers and parents helping develop materials that the parents could use at home to help their children. Even though she found the work rewarding, a chance to come full circle at Pease by being principal of the new magnet school was hard to resist. In a way, it would be her chance to help finish what she had witnessed starting in the community.

"I'm excited about returning to my community," Ms. Williams said. "If I were to pinpoint anything that put the icing on the cake that would be it."

During the five years that she was principal at Pease in the 70s, Ms. Williams said the integration of Midland schools was a time when the parents of Midland and MISD came together for the education of all their children.

"We had nothing but positive comments about the way the opening of that school year went," she said. "It went without a glitch and it was that way all over town."

Throughout the integration experience, Ms. Williams said she was resilient in not letting the negativity some people in the community had about the desegregation process and her tenure as principal bother her.

"I didn't let that deter me," she said. "There were always problems and there will continue to always be problems. Those stumbling blocks became stepping stones for me."

After Pease, Ms. Williams was reassigned to Bonham Elementary, where she stayed for five years as principal. Later, she helped open Scharbauer Elementary in 1985.

Ms. Williams said that she is eager to get started as the principal of Pease for the second time. She said she believes the magnet schools will be excellent institutions for Midland's students. She said she is hoping that parents throughout Midland will help her make Pease a success.

"I really want parents from the community that are going to consider either one of the magnet schools to trust us," she said. "I want them to have the faith that we're going to do well for their children."

Ms. Williams said she as she learned more and more about the magnet program the more she was sold on the idea that the schools would be a good opportunity for the families of Midland.

"The bottom line is to provide a successful program that all kids will benefit from," she said. "This is an opportunity for us to set the pace, an opportunity for us to establish more magnet schools in the district and to provide the best instruction and programs."

Although Pease was integrated in 1975, since the district started seeking unitary status and did away with the cluster system that integrated the schools, Pease Elementary is now approximately 40 percent black and 56 percent Hispanic. The establishment of the magnet schools, which is part of MISD's settlement with the courts, would turn the neighborhood schools of Pease and Washington into magnet schools. These schools would draw their student population from the entire Midland community rather than their neighborhoods and districts. The goal is for the schools, through an unbiased and a racially blind recruitment and application process, to fill the academically advanced magnet programs with classrooms that reflect the composition of the larger, Midland County community.

Ms. Williams, who said she believes that this process can work, said that parents will be the key to the school's success.

"We just want to do the best we can," she said. "We want our parents to give us their best and work with us and not against us in the education of their children."

Pease Elementary is expected to reopen as a magnet school with Ms. Williams as principal at the beginning of the school year in 2001.

STUDENTS: School board to discuss solutions Tuesday

(From 1A)

"But I believe that the positives we do far outweigh the negative."

The Midland Independent School District's board of trustees will meet Tuesday to discuss possible solutions to what will happen to the elementary students who live near Pease and Washington who do not get accepted into the magnet schools.

The board will be presented with two recommended options of having parents reapply for their children to attend the school or having their children apply to either Fannin, Greathouse or Scharbauer Elementary and the district will supply the transportation.

Pease and Washington were originally chosen to be reformed into magnet schools by MISD's board of trustees because of their overwhelmingly minority populations. Both schools have a largely black and Hispanic student body.

Students who have attended the two schools in the past will be allowed to reapply to attend then again, but they will not have any better chance of acceptance to the magnet school than any other child in the district. There is a chance that many of the students who attend the schools will not be accepted because of the proposed selection process. The proposed lottery for student applications is set up to pull students from all over the Midland area with no favoritism placed on residency.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the board will discuss recommendations made to the board regarding the testing of kindergartners. Two weeks ago, concerned parent Mary Ann Cowen spoke to the board regarding how administering the Terra Nova test to kindergarten students is possibly detrimental to their development. MISD director of elementary education Dorsey Rushing will present a report to the board highlighting parts of the actual test and the results Rushing and his committee have found regarding the test.

Other items on the agenda include principal recommendations for Abell Junior High and the approval of the magnet school selection process.

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New approach to basing bombers for long-range missions

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the more remarkable feats of the U.S. air war over Kosovo last year was the 30-hour roundtrip combat mission of B-2 stealth bombers flying from their base in Missouri. It was a point of pride for the Air Force that its bombers could deliver blows from such a distance.

Now the Air Force is quietly shifting its approach, hoping to get more bang from its bombers by preparing to have them carry out more wartime missions from air bases outside the continental United States.

All bombers in the Air Force fleet are now based at home: the B-2s at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; B-52s at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.; and B-1s in Texas, Idaho and South Dakota.

The Air Force is not planning to permanently base any of the planes abroad. Rather, it is building up a capability to send them — in times of crisis — to spots like the Pacific island of Guam from which they could rearm, refuel and be sustained by ground crews much closer to potential combat zones like Korea and the Persian Gulf.

"The closer you can get them to the fight ... the more effective they become," Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, said in a recent interview.

For bombers to operate for extended periods outside their continental U.S. bases, they need more than a place to land and park. They need access to extra fuel, for example, and lots of extra weapons.

Thus cruise missiles of the kind that B-52 bombers fired in the Kosovo air war are being stockpiled at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, marking the first time these missiles have been stored outside the continental United States.

The Air Force also plans to stockpile other new, precision-guided weapons on Guam and elsewhere. These include Joint Direct Attack Munitions that B-2 stealth bombers can launch, as well as Joint Standoff Weapons that B-1 bombers are being readied to use in the future.

Besides Guam, the Air Force has in mind three other "forward operating locations," as they are known in military lingo. They are Diego Garcia, a British-controlled island in the central Indian Ocean; the British air base Fairford, 65 miles west of London; and a Middle East location that the Air Force will not identify publicly but which Ryan said "we're looking at" for what he termed "other capabilities."



AP Photo

One of six U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers lands at the Royal Air Force base of Fairford, 75 miles west of London, in this Oct.11, 1998 file photo. The bombers were flown to Britain to prepare for possible NATO airstrikes in Kosovo. The Air Force is increasing its capabilities to send the bombers to "forward operating locations" during times of crisis rather than having them return to the United States to refuel and re-arm.

The idea is to enable bombers, in a short-notice crisis, to fly from their home bases in the United States, attack their targets and then proceed to Guam or another "forward operation location" to reload and return to combat. This gives them a quick restrike capability they now lack, Ryan said. It also would reduce, though not eliminate, the need for midair refuelings.

Although the B-2s are said to have performed as well as, or better than, expected in the Kosovo campaign, their contribution could have been greater if they were not forced to fly all the way from Missouri.

"That was not our preferred way of operating," Ryan said.

B-2s have never flown combat missions from an overseas base. That is mainly because the special material on the bombers' skin that makes them hard to detect on radar must be repaired in climate-controlled conditions. Harsh weather conditions do not prevent the B-2s from performing their mission, but the regular upkeep required to keep the planes stealthy cannot be done as effectively in regular aircraft hangars.

One solution is setting up special hangars at Fairford, Diego Garcia and Guam to shelter B-2s. The Air Force has contracted with American Spaceframes Fabricators Inc. of Crystal River, Fla., to build a 125-foot long B-2 shelter with aluminum trusses, sloping walls and the strength to withstand winds of 110 mph. Some of the shelters will have temperature and humidity controls; others will be less sophisticated.

Testing of the shelters is to begin shortly, and if they work as expected the Air Force likely will buy about a dozen, Ryan said.

Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute in Arlington, Va., said the move to upgrade overseas bases for the bomber fleet is part of a little-recognized shift in Air Force thinking.

"It's smart," he said. "It's like having twice as many bombers," if they can operate closer to the war front.

The move reflects a subtle change in the main mission of bombers, now that the chief security threats to U.S. interests are smaller countries like Korea, Iraq or Yugoslavia, instead of the former Soviet Union.

"In the latter part of the Cold War we kind of hunkered down with our bomber force," Ryan said. He recalled that locations in North Africa, East Asia and elsewhere from which bombers could be launched for nuclear attacks on the Soviet Union were abandoned as the threat of all-out nuclear war receded.

Now that bombers are geared almost entirely to conventional, rather than nuclear, missions, the Air Force can use them more efficiently if they can re-arm, refuel and get repaired at strategically located overseas sites.

The near disappearance of a nuclear mission for the bombers also has made it easier to persuade countries like Britain to accept U.S. bombers.

"The political downside to having bombers forward is now gone," Ryan said. "They've lost their nuclear taint."

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Tobacco legal war transfers to Brooklyn

The trustees, much like the plaintiffs in the record $145 billion verdict won by Florida smokers, accuse the tobacco industry of putting profit before public health.

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawsuit filed with little fanfare three years ago has emerged as the latest flash point in the high-stakes legal battle between the tobacco industry and opponents who claim it conspired to conceal the dangers of smoking.

Attorneys will meet today in court to begin picking jurors for a two-month trial pitting a trust fund for sick asbestos workers against R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson and other tobacco giants.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs say damages could exceed $3 billion.

The trial is the first out of a backlog of about a dozen tobacco claims filed in federal court in Brooklyn, some filed under civil provisions of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Unlike class-action suits filed by consumers, most of the Brooklyn cases were brought by third parties, including health insurance groups who want Big Tobacco to share the cost of treating patients with cigarette-related illnesses.

In this particular case, the plaintiff is a trust representing blue-collar workers who were exposed to asbestos and their heirs. It was formed in 1988 after the nation's largest asbestos products maker, Johns-Manville Corp., went bankrupt amid an avalanche of suits brought by plaintiffs suffering from lung cancer and other ailments linked to asbestos.

The trustees, much like the plaintiffs in the record $145 billion verdict won by Florida smokers, accuse the tobacco industry of putting profit before public health. They allege cigarette companies are liable because they concealed medical evidence that "smoking, an activity indisputably dangerous to human health in and of itself, is even more lethal to individuals occupationally exposed to asbestos."

Jurors could hear opening arguments as early as Dec. 4.

The plaintiffs' evidence includes internal documents they say show that the defendants have known since the 1960s that smoking and asbestos exposure form a "lethal synergy."

David Bernick, a Chicago attorney representing Brown & Williamson, said the defense will try to convince jurors that — unlike asbestos makers — the tobacco companies never conspired to hide health risks from workers. He characterized the suit as an "unjust and unfair" bid by the trust "to put more money in the till."

All of the Brooklyn tobacco cases have been assigned to U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein, whose record includes devising far-reaching settlements for asbestos and Agent Orange litigation. In a flurry of rulings in recent months, Weinstein has sought to steer lawyers toward negotiating a nationwide settlement of all tobacco cases.

"The time for bringing a close to tobacco litigation is nigh," he wrote in one recent order.

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Shopping season gets solid start

NEW YORK (AP) — The first weekend of the holiday shopping season turned out to be a pleasant surprise for worried retailers: The consumers who crowded malls and used e-commerce sites spent more than expected.

"Sales looked pretty decent," Michael P. Niemira, vice president of the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, said Sunday as he estimated that the weekend's sales would be about 5 to 6 percent higher than last year. "It's a good start to the season. But where it goes from here remains to be seen."

The solid sales followed months of sluggish business for many retailers, but the Thanksgiving weekend receipts were the result of hard work by merchants. Faced with an overall drop in consumer spending, retailers began discounting earlier than usual and focused more on what they expected would be the hot items.

Sears, Roebuck and Co., for example, is holding its "Best Prices of the Season" campaign in early December, instead of after the holidays.

A combination of stock market volatility, high interest rates, and rising fuel prices have made consumers cut back on things they don't really need. Analysts say the unresolved presidential election also has contributed to shoppers' uncertainty.

Retailers are nervous about consumers like David Penner, a 58-year-old teacher from Andover, Mass., who plans to cut his holiday budget because he is spending $100,000 in home renovations. They also want Eleanor Jaick, 55, of Florham Park, N.J., who was just browsing Saturday at New Jersey's Short Hills Mall, to get excited about this year's chunky sweaters and leather coats.

However, Jaick lamented: "There's nothing out there to buy in fashion."

Online business was strong during the weekend. Yahoo! Shopping saw twice as many transactions on Friday as a year ago, while Kmart's newly launched Bluelight.com got an unexpected surprise with a 50 percent to 60 percent gain for the weekend, compared to last weekend.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, while seen as a barometer of consumers' willingness to spend for the holiday, isn't necessarily a good indicator of how retailers will perform for the entire season.

In the past few years, that Friday has accounted for less than 10 percent of holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. The week after Christmas is becoming more important.

"I expect a pattern to continue similar to the last couple of years," said Terry Lundgren, president of Federated Department Stores Inc., foreseeing a lull for the next couple of weeks and then another jump closer to Christmas.

Internet retailers see the next week or so as critical. Online buying got off to a one-week late start, picking up the week of Nov. 12, according to Nielsen/Net Ratings Holiday E-Commerce Index. And although online traffic jumped 27 percent on Friday compared to the rest of the week, the momentum needs to continue.

"Traffic started out slow, and we need to make up for lost time," said Sean Kaldor, vice president of e-commerce for Nielsen/Net. "Online companies can't be stuck with all the last-minute shipments." He said data for Saturday and Sunday will not be available until Thursday.

At traditional retailers, hundreds of shoppers mobbed such stores as K-B Toys, Best Buy and Wal-Mart on Friday to snap up early bird specials, from $29.99 scooters to $59 VCRs. Within a couple of hours on Friday, Sears sold out of all 127,000 of its Poo-Chi robotic dogs, whose prices were slashed in half to $14.99.

The Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages 27 shopping centers in 12 states, reported most of its tenants had sales gains in the mid-to-high single digits on Friday. On Saturday, customer traffic slowed a bit, according to Karen MacDonald, spokeswoman for the company based in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said sales at its domestic Wal Marts, Supercenters and Neighborhood Markets totaled $1.1 billion on Friday; that was up from a year ago but the company wouldn't be specific.

Sears' sales were up 8 percent on Friday over last year, and the entire weekend's sales are expected to be up more than 10 percent, said Tom Nicholson, a company spokesman.

The chairman of Bloomingdale's, Michael Gould, said its strong sales gains were fed by coats, boots, sweaters, and fur.

Christina Johnson, president and chief executive officer of Saks Fifth Avenue, said Friday's traffic was "solid and continued steadily throughout the Thanksgiving weekend."



AP Photo

Lois Higa of Glendale, Calif., rests her eyes as her 6-year-old son, Brandon, plays while sitting in a shopping cart at the Ontario Mills Mall in Ontario, Calif. last week. Higa had been shopping for more than five hours.

Tapioca milk tea creating waves as coffee alternative

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chai latte is so five minutes ago compared to this drink.

Zen-conscious Southern California — the first to adopt lifestyle trends like feng shui and meditation — is now welcoming another Asian fad: bubble tea.

Also known as boba milk tea or tapioca milk tea, the drink is showing up at tea shops across Los Angeles and Orange counties, with similar success in San Francisco, New York and elsewhere. Its backers think they may have stumbled onto a fun-to-drink alternative to coffee.

A popular import from Taiwan, the frothy beverage is a mix of tea, milk, sugar and giant black tapioca balls served hot or cold. The gummy rounds the size of small marbles are sucked up, with a little effort, through an extra wide straw.

"I love the boba," said Pamela Faulkner of Venice, whose 13-year-old son introduced her to the drink several months ago.

"My son loves it so much I have to bring him after school every day," she said.

Salesman David Tan said he and his co-workers go out for boba about four times a week.

The craze began in Taiwan during the early '90s and made its way throughout Asia. The United States was the next stop, with tea shops debuting the drink in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Seattle and New York.

"You can see more and more stores opening in the Bay Area," said Andy Jiang, manager at The Sweet House, which specializes in tapioca milk tea. He opened a second San Francisco store this year, but said competition is fierce, with three tapioca milk tea shops on the same street.

Vendors hope to market it as a relatively healthy alternative to soft drinks or coffee.

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Midland Christian earns state championship

We spend a lot of time and energy cheering on the "big" high school teams in Midland, and we often overlook the competitive spirit in some of our teams from the smaller schools.

This past weekend, Midland Christian's Mustangs competed in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A state championship taking on the Fort Worth Christian Cardinals.

We have rarely seen the competitive spirit burn as bright.

The talented, eager Midland Christian team was out to settle the score with the Fort Worth squad. Four weeks ago, the Fort Worth Christian Cardinals beat the Midland Christian Mustangs and captured the district title.

The Mustangs have come a long way.

It was only five short years ago that Midland Christian moved up to 11-man football competition.

Midland Christian Coach Greg McClendon has assembled a talented squad of young football players. Their determination, hard work and dedication are to be admired.

Naturally, seniors will be moving on next year and leaving next year's championship quest to their younger teammates. Among those who won't be back next year will be Mustangs' running back Josh Gunter who scored four touchdowns in Saturday's emotional state championship victory.

As always, it's difficult to bid farewell to those with whom you have worked so hard and side-by-side faced tough situations. But Coach McClendon will have an eager squad returning for action next year and we look forward to another exciting Mustangs' season. The coach will have quarterback Jamie Beeghley back next year as Beeghley enters his senior year at Midland Christian. Beeghley's leadership will give the coach a significant building block next season.

The Mustangs no doubt will be a force with which to reckon. As defending state champs, we know all their rivals will be gunning for the Mustangs next year.

We congratulate the Mustangs on showing the heart and courage that has carried them to the top this season.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2000. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 27, 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned.

On this date:

In 1901, the Army War College was established in Washington D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1983, 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1985, the British House of Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord, giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 107 people were killed when a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian jetliner.

Ten years ago: Britain's Conservatives chose John Major to succeed Margaret Thatcher as party leader, paving the way for his appointment as prime minister. The Senate Armed Services Committee opened hearings on the Persian Gulf crisis.

Five years ago: President Clinton presented his case for sending 20,000 U.S. troops on a peacekeeping mission to Bosnia, saying in a prime-time address that "in the choice between peace and war, America must choose peace." House Speaker Newt Gingrich ruled out a 1996 presidential run.

One year ago: Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Avery is 52. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is 43. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 41. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 38. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 38. Actor Fisher Stevens is 37. Actress Robin Givens is 36. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 30.

GEORGE WILL

Supreme Court seems to bend in favor of Gore

"The accumulation of all powers legislative, executive and judiciary in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."
— James Madison, Federalist 47

Al Gore's assault on the rule of law, crowned with success by Florida's lawless Supreme Court, has now become a crisis of the American regime. See above.



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In asking that court on Monday to do what Gore wanted, attorney David Boies uttered a notable understatement: "I believe that there is going to have to be a lot of judgment applied by the court." Consider the radicalism — it far exceeds routine judicial activism — of what the court did with its "judgment."

Barry Richard, a George W. Bush lawyer, accurately told the court that Gore was asking it to read a statute, which says returns "must" be filed by a date and time certain, as though it says returns *may* be filed by a date and time certain. And, Richard said, Gore was asking the court to read a statute that says Florida's secretary of state "may" accept late returns as though it says she "must" accept late returns. So, Richard said, in order to rule for Gore the court must "disregard the well-established and long-standing doctrines" regarding the "clearly erroneous" standard, and regarding "implied repeal."

The "clearly erroneous" standard is this: For a higher court to overturn the ruling of a lower court, it must find the lower court *clearly* erroneous. In this case, it must find that the trial court had no reasonable basis for ruling that Florida's secretary of state did not abuse her discretion when she acted as though the statute reads the way it actually does, rather than the opposite way that Gore wants it to be read. Furthermore, when a court reads a statute as having a meaning directly contrary to its clear language, the court implicitly repeals the statute.

So the court, in a trifecta of willfulness, traduced all three branches of government. It says it acted out of respect for "the will of the people." But not the people's will as expressed by the people's elected representatives in the Legislature that wrote the election laws. And not the people's will as expressed in the election of the secretary of state to enforce the laws.

During oral arguments Monday, a justice mused, "Are we just going to reach up from some inspiration and put it down on paper?" Which the court did Tuesday night, saying the secretary of state could not enforce the statutory deadline for receiving vote totals, because, the court said, that deadline made recounting impossible. So the court plucked from the ether a Sunday night deadline. Then on Wednesday, Miami-Dade County officials threw up their hands and declared additional recounting impossible *because of the court's new deadline*. Chaos, courtesy of the court.

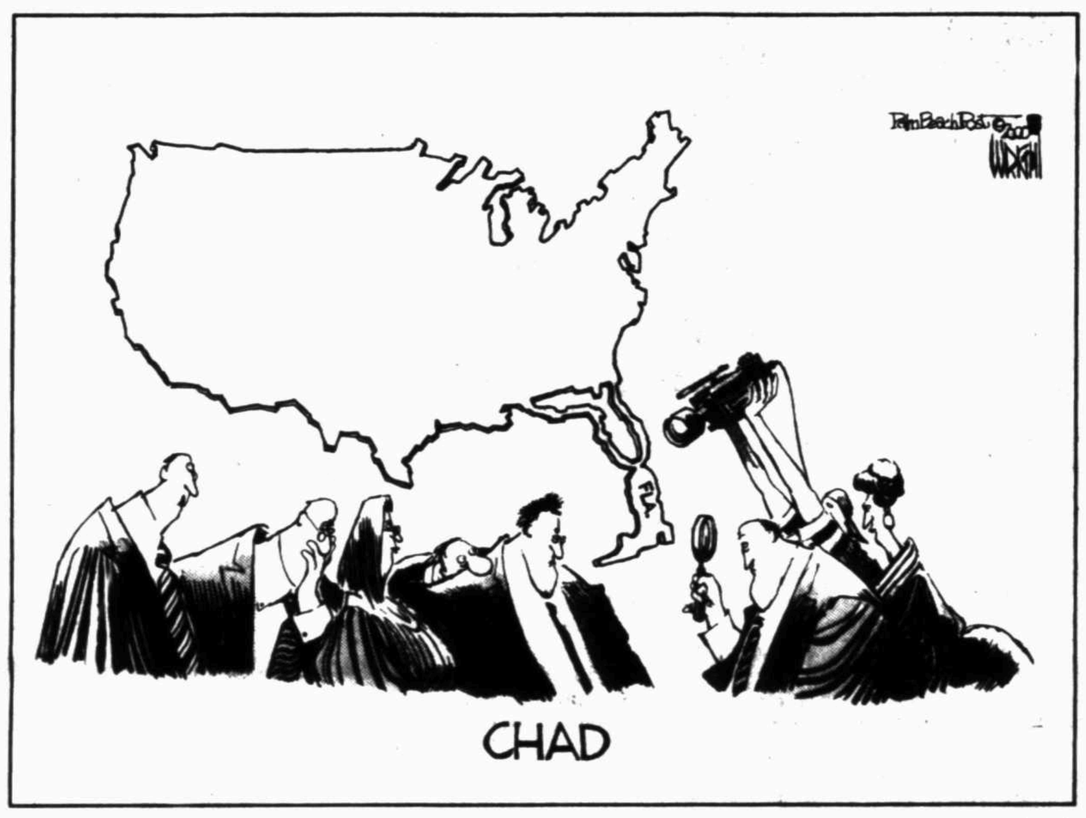
In Federalist 81 Alexander Hamilton said the "supposed" danger of judicial "encroachments on the legislative authority" is a "phantom." In Federalist 78 he pronounced the judicial branch the "least dangerous" to political rights because it neither wields "the sword" nor controls "the purse," and hence "can take no active resolution whatever. It may truly be said to have neither force nor will, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for the efficacy of its judgments."

No, a lawless court, using the force of its willfulness to impose its judgment, also depends on the deference of both political branches. Will Florida's Legislature defer to the Supreme Court's usurpation of legislative powers in the service of Gore's attempted usurpation of the presidency?

By legislating — by airily rewriting Florida's election law and applying it retroactively to this election — the court has thrown down a gauntlet to the state's Legislature. Responding in the climate of cynicism and trickery Gore has created, legislators could decide that deference now would betoken decadence; they could exercise their legal right to select Florida's presidential electors. If in the third week after the election Gore at last manages, by getting selected ballots judged by frequently adjusted standards, to manufacture enough votes to take the lead, his electors will be no more legitimate than any others created by raw assertions of power.

Addressing the court on Monday, Boies, speaking for Gore, used the language of contemporary liberalism's relish for judicial imperialism. Nine times Boies urged the court to wield its "power." In doing just that the court has refuted Hamilton's sanguine assurance (in Federalist 81) that although "misconstructions and contraventions of the will of the legislature may now and then happen," they can never "affect the order of the political system." We are a sadder but wiser nation now.

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JOHN YOUNG

Analogies of war, sports fit battle for Florida

By John Young
Cox News Service

WACO — How is it that this story got past us? You have an election too close to call. A pivotal number of votes gets ignored by machines in three counties. Canvassers set out to "discern the voters' intent" by hand.

"The human eye can detect and see things that the machine cannot," says a top election official.

A winner is declared. There is no court challenge. No assertions are made about votes being manufactured, the election being stolen. No sit-ins by paunchy protesters. No MSNBC. No CNN. Why?

Well, because it happened in Van Zandt, Upshur and Smith counties in a race for the Texas statehouse. (The Democrat won, by the way.)

We await a statement from the governor on this hand-count. The governor of Montana, at minimum. Call out the troops. Call in the legislature. Call in Rush Limbaugh.

Well, come on. Bus in some protesters or we'll assume this hand-count stuff must not be as diabolical as we've been told. Oh, well.

We have reached the end-game in Florida and we can rightfully conclude that, unlike in Van Zandt, Upshur and Smith counties, not every vote will have been counted. The intent of many voters will not have been discerned.

So, which side is getting screwed? You haven't been paying attention if you can't acknowledge that travesty has cut both ways. A lot of overseas ballots that arrived on time will not be counted. A lot of walk-ins will have mistakenly voted for the wrong person. Is it not amazing that Pat Buchanan is the magnanimous one on the butterfly ballot screwup? But then, he has nothing to lose. And this is about winning.

A lot of ballots will have been rejected by machines with no rejoinder in counties from the Florida Keys to the Panhandle's end, Republican and Democratic strongholds alike.

Whoever wins this election, the first person who says he won it "fair and square" gets it right in the dimple. In neither eventuality can a straight face afford "fair and square." Foul and squirrely. Try that.

This wasn't just hand-counts. This was hand-to-hand combat up one hill, then down a ravine, then up a hill.

It wasn't man counts vs. machine counts. It was machine vs. machine, Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots in a caged death match.

How ironic that in these hours of uncertainty we now follow a trail of chads, a Braille of dimples. (The spell check on my computer spits out "chad," by the way. It wants to insert "chaos.")

A Wall Street Journal reporter, reacting to frantic assertions that vote counters were causing chads to dislodge, put a ballot like those in Florida to a test.

He dropped it from the ceiling, gave it a ride on a ceiling fan, sent it through the dryer, microwaved it and deep-fried it. Only when he plucked it black from the oil did his fork poke a chad loose.

Hysterics have grabbed for any hand-hold to convince us that this election has been rigged against their guy. I think that both sides are right. Whoever wins this election is going to regret that he didn't concede.

To the winner goes real spoils. No green Masters jacket. More like a Roman vest of trash-can lids.

Generally I would support a law banning sports analogies from the opinion page. But in this case only the sporting metaphor can explain the Florida result. The winner didn't win because he was better. He won because a breeze pushed a game-winning field goal wide right. He won because a fan reached over the fence and snatched a home run ball. He won because the opponent's buzzer-beater rolled around and around and fell out. He won not because he was better or more prepared or more fit, but because the clock said 0:00.

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CHARLEY REESE

People need to fight mental enslavement

Did you know that every day in this country, millions of Americans desecrate and insult the fallen war dead?

It's true. These young men died painful deaths to preserve freedom. Yet how many times have you heard people say, "Well, I agree, but I'm afraid to say anything about that."



Reese

When you keep your mouth shut out of fear, you are abandoning your God-given right to free speech. And when you abandon it, you are saying that the sacrifices others made to preserve that right are worthless. You might as well drive over to the nearest national cemetery and wee-wee on the graves.

Think about it. You are saying that you're going to surrender your right to free speech because somebody might frown at you, or call you a bad name, or, heaven forbid, stop doing business with you. Yet you expected young men to overcome their fear of death and terrible wounds in order to preserve a right that you won't even exercise.

I tell you the truth. I heard from a man who fought in World War II, and he said that if he had it to do over, knowing how the country was going to turn out, he wouldn't go. That's a pretty damning indictment of the present.

When we wake up in the morning, we should first of all smile and thank God. We are alive, which means there are yet useful things for us to do. We are free, and we only have to use our courage to live like free people.

When you let other people intimidate you into surrendering the rights God gave you, you are also insulting God.

Whenever we allow someone else to capture our brain, we become that person's slave. Late-20th-century slave owners are very smart. They figured out that chattel slavery is costly and inefficient. If you enslave the body, you have to pay for its upkeep. Enslave a person's brain, and that person will do your work and pay for his or her own upkeep. Talk about cheap labor.

Hardly anybody wants you to be a person who can think, live his or her own life and live free. The commercial, political and ideological organizations all want to control your mind so that you will spend your life in their service, accomplishing their goals, enriching them. They spend billions trying to cram your brain so full of their messages that there won't be any room for your own thoughts.

They want you to slave at your job so that you can buy their overpriced junk or tickets to their tasteless entertainments. The Zionists want to fill your mind with a false history of modern Israel so that you'll applaud when their snipers shoot innocent Palestinian children in the head. Some preachers want to fill your mind with a false religion so that they can enjoy six-figure incomes.

They treat you like human cattle. They want you to hate yourself, hate your history and hate the symbols of your culture so that you'll obey them.

Well, I say, Americans, get up off your knees and stand tall. Your life is sacred. Your freedom is sacred. Your history and your culture and your country are invaluable. Live free. The worst someone can do is kill you, and you're going to die anyway. It doesn't matter how you die — it matters how you live.

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Peru's orderly change bodes well for its democracy

LIMA, Peru (AP) — In a country long prone to coups, the fall of President Alberto Fujimori was remarkable for what didn't happen: no tanks at the Plaza de Armas, no troops cordoning off the Palace of Justice, no military marches playing nonstop over radio and television.

Last week's change of government was peaceful, almost polite — in fact Peru's 62-year-old strongman co-wrote the script by quietly packing his crates at the Government Palace and slipping out of the gates and into self-imposed exile in Japan.

The sudden downfall of South America's most authoritarian regime leaves daunting problems for caretaker President Valentin Paniagua and whoever follows him in rebuilding public institutions trampled during Fujimori's decade in office.

Fortunately, Peru has withstood the first big test. Democracy in Latin America is young and fragile, and Peru collapsing into political chaos could have had a domino effect on its neighbors around the hemisphere.

Fernando Rospigliosi, a Peruvian political scientist, said he doubted any coup could have been carried out, and if it had, it "wouldn't have lasted more than a day or a week." But he said there is always the risk of a crisis and "that could produce a series of chain reactions."

The trend for democracy is on the up in many areas of the Americas:

■ Mexico on Dec. 1 will see the end of a 71-year tradition of one-party rule, the monopoly of the Institutional Revolutionary Party coming to a halt with the inauguration of Vicente Fox as president.

■ Chile's democracy has blossomed after 17 years of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship, as a special investigator moves to prosecute him for some of the worst abuses of his rule, in which more than 3,100 people died or disappeared.

■ Argentina's party system is robust enough that despite its economic problems, nobody seriously imagines a return to the military rule that ended in 1983.

There are problem areas too.

Venezuela's populist president, Hugo Chavez, wants to revive nationalism at the expense of existing parties. Ecuador lurches from crisis to crisis after two military-backed coups since 1997. In Colombia, the guerrilla war and drug trafficking exert their corrupting influence. Bolivia's dictator-turned-democrat President Hugo Banzer is beset by sporadic violent protests.

Paraguay endured a short-lived coup this year in which

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mutinous tank commanders briefly roamed the capital.

A world away in the South Florida heat of a recount still too close to call, chads and dimpled ballots hold the key to choosing an American president. But in the countries of the poor Andean region of South America, and others nearby, bullets, not ballots, long decided power.

Fujimori was twice elected, but foundered when he won a third term after his opponent pulled out of the runoff last May, alleging fraud. His government collapsed in scandals involving arms trafficking, influence-peddling and secret Swiss bank accounts.

Speaking at a news conference, the top State Department envoy to Latin America saw parallels between the presidential uncertainties in Peru and the United States.

"Nearly two weeks after our elections, we have not identified the next president," said Peter Romero, the secretary or state for western hemispheric affairs. "Democracy is a process. It is not a final product. It is a process that is always fraught with problems and disagreements which sometimes appear insurmountable.

"But each time they are solved, the democracy comes out stronger than ever."

Or does it?

Many Peruvians fear their country is still just muddling through. And there's always the danger that if the next government falters, Peruvians will end up longing for Fujimori's strong arm.

Ten years ago, the son of Japanese immigrants swept into office in a stunning election upset and briskly set about eliminating 7,000 percent inflation and, after a 1995 border war, striking peace with Ecuador to end the decades-old border dispute.

He was widely credited with bringing Peru back from the brink of collapse in the early 1990s, when Shining Path leftists terrorized Peruvians with frequent assassinations and car bombings. In 1997 Fujimori personally directed the daring commando raid on the Japanese ambassador's home that freed 72 captives and killed all 14 hostage-takers.

"How can anyone forget the deaths and violence?" said Congressman Absalon Vasquez, a self-described Fujimori foot soldier. "We made great strides pacifying the terrible scourge of terrorism, but politics has many contradictions."

The poor regarded Fujimori as an outsider battling the system, and admire him for giving food aid to the poor, building hundreds of rural schools, bringing electricity, drinking water and paved streets to shantytowns. His popularity ratings went as high as 80 percent during his first seven years.

But after his troubled third election, public opinion had swung sharply and protests grew larger and angrier. Women washed the Peruvian flag in soapy washtubs outside the palace, saying they wanted to clean up the country's democracy. Outraged demonstrators spoiled the July inauguration, setting fire to the offices housing the election board. Six people died in rioting.

What brought down Fujimori was weariness with his autocratic ways, and his inability to convince Peruvians that he knew nothing about his former spy chief's reputedly vast network of corruption.

Now the opposition is in control and can do what was previously impossible: investigate the alleged misdeeds.

On Thursday, a special investigator asked the attorney general's office to launch a criminal investigation of Fujimori for possible corruption — the first action taken since he fled the country.

And for all his war on poverty, it hasn't gone away.

Where 53.4 percent of the 25 million populace were classified as poor in 1994, one survey shows 54.1 percent are today.

Rodolfo Rodriguez, a 70-year-old butcher in Lima, said he felt let down by Fujimori.

"What can we do?" he said. "We're just the common people. We support our government but then what happens? The governments deceive us, they trick us. This gentleman Fujimori turned out to be a tremendous rat."

But Barbara Casas, 53, who ekes out a living selling homemade hot sauces, peppers and spices in a market in the capital, said she remains grateful to Fujimori.

"His has been the best government ever. I say that because I lived through it, because I am Peruvian," she said. "Wherever he may end up, I pray that God blesses him. Now I'm just asking God that he get rid of the poverty in our country."

South Korea economic turmoil raises ghost of Asian crisis

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Tens of thousands of layoffs. Violent labor protests. Conglomerates facing bankruptcy as scores of smaller firms go under.

Surely this isn't the same South Korea that was rebounding strongly from the Asian economic crisis, which swept across the region three years ago and triggered fears of a global financial emergency.

Think again. "Nobody knows how desperate we are," said Koh Hyong-choon, a 38-year-old father of two who expects to lose his job at a money-losing chemical factory here set to soon close.

South Korea, long a symbol of Asian business prowess, faces a surprising return to some familiar problems in an eerie echo of the 1997 crisis. Today, South Korean corporate titans such as Hyundai and Daewoo are deep in red ink, some 100,000 workers are expected to lose their jobs by year's end and labor unions are growing restive.

South Korea isn't as bad off this time around, and its plight seems unlikely to spread to other countries, economists say. But the woes are raising concerns about the durability of Asia's fragile rebound, with Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand still struggling to recover from rising debt, political instability and financial mismanagement.

The 1997 recession was triggered when Thailand devalued its currency and set off a chain reaction across the region. Thousands of financially weak companies in South Korea collapsed. Unemployment soared in a nation where workers were accustomed to lifetime jobs. South Korea required big bailout loans overseen by the International Monetary Fund.

South Korea, a major global exporter of autos and electronics, has since lured back foreign investors, greatly shored up its foreign currency reserves and pressed ahead with wrenching financial reforms. Now, those reforms themselves are causing hardship, demonstrating the fragility of the recovery and arousing the enmity of unions and thousands of uneasy workers.

Underscoring the predicament, some economists fear the South Korean economy will shrink again if the government fails to speed up reforms by shutting down heavily indebted, money-losing companies.



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Workers of the Korean Confederation Trade Union, including bankrupt Daewoo Motor Co. workers, wearing helmets, fight with riot police officers during a protesting march to oppose the government's restructuring plan in downtown Seoul in this Nov. 12 photo. South Korea, long a symbol of Asian business prowess, faces a surprising return to some familiar problems in an eerie echo of the 1997 crisis. Today, South Korean corporate titans such as Hyundai and Daewoo are deep in red ink, some 100,000 workersare expected to lose their jobs by year's end and labor unions are growing restive.

Typical is Koh's employer, Korea Synthetic Chemical, a bank-owned concern that loses an average of $17 million a year and probably will close by year's end, stranding hundreds without jobs.

South Korea's jobless rate is expected to rise by half a percentage point to 4 percent, or 910,000 people this year — well below the 9 percent peak in February 1999.

That's no consolation to Koh, who supports his family on his $1,000 monthly salary, which includes housing and other subsidies.

Major labor unions have vowed to resist layoffs, raising the prospect of a round of labor protests similar to those during the IMF crisis, when hundreds of thousands of workers were driven out of jobs and held rallies against what they blasted as inept corporate management.

This month, two large street protests in Seoul each drew up to 20,000 workers. One turned violent, resulting in 100 people injured in clashes with riot police.

Despite problems, South Korea's economy is expected to grow around 9 percent this year, after expanding 10.7 percent last year in a dramatic turnaround. But experts warn the economic situation could deteriorate unless the government moves decisively to restructure bloated big businesses that subsist on large bank loans.

Early this month, the government named 52 companies deemed in such poor financial shape they should be liquidated. The government said it would name more ailing firms.

Then Daewoo Motor Co., South Korea's third largest car maker, went bankrupt with $10 billion in debt. Heavily indebted Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co., the nation's largest builder, is in danger of the same fate.

Dang Sung-keun, 32, who has worked at Daewoo for eight years, says he hasn't been paid since late August.

"I am really concerned about my future. If they throw me out on the streets, how am I supposed to make a living?" he asked. "All I have learned is how to assemble a car, and no car companies are hiring new workers."

On the Net:

Economic information from South Korea's central bank: http://www.bok.or.kr/index(underscore)e.html

Pope urges lay Catholics to get more involved in social issues

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II Sunday urged lay Catholics to play active roles in meeting modern challenges such as those posed by genetic advances and economic progress.

John Paul dedicated a rainy, chilly Sunday to lay Catholics, spending two hours in St. Peter's Square with tens of thousands of enthusiastic followers participating in the Vatican's Holy Year.

Despite the bad weather, the 80-year-old pope kept up his enthusiasm throughout the ceremony, shaking hands with dozens of participants at the end.

Saying humanity is "rich with potential and expectations, imperiled, however, by multiple traps and dangers," John Paul sought to encourage lay Catholic activism.

"All you need to think of, among other things, are social advances and the revolution in the field of genetics, of economic progress and the underdevelopment which exists in vast areas of the planet," the pope said, going on to list hunger, violence, loneliness and challenges to peace as other areas ripe for Catholic activism.

"Don't be afraid to accept this challenge," the pope said, adding during his homily: "If you live Christianity without compromises you can set the world on fire."

John Paul noted that since the 1960s, the Vatican has sought to encourage the Catholic laity to take a more active role in their church.


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Amid tension and fear, few Haitians vote; Aristide's return near-certain

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Fear, apathy, violence and an opposition boycott marred Haiti's presidential election Sunday in a vote expected to restore former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who opponents charge will install a new dictatorship.

Defying widespread cynicism and suspicions about his intentions, Aristide, a former priest, urged Haitians to head to the polls.

"After 200 years of political and economic violence, we have decided to choose peace," Aristide said in a radio message. "Too much misery, too much insecurity, too much bloodshed. Enough is enough."

Despite such words, violence continued: a homemade bomb exploded in a market in the densely populated suburb of Carrefour shortly after polls opened, slightly injuring one man. Another went off near an electoral office outside Port-au-Prince, but did not cause injuries. Nine pipe bombs exploded in the capital last week, killing two children.

Aristide blamed the bombs on opponents, who he said were trying to "block the elections." Opposition leaders say the pro-Aristide government of President Rene Preval staged the attacks to justify an expected low voter turnout.

There was barely a trickle of voters, in dramatic contrast to the ecstatic wave of support that first swept Aristide to power 11 years ago. Only three people voted in an hour at a polling station in Tabarre, where Aristide lives reclusively behind high white walls, protected by heavily armed Americans who describe themselves as his bodyguards.

Since the 1989 vote, Haitians have become increasingly disenchanted with their floundering democracy, an experiment that produced an endlessly squabbling tangle of political parties and left many as poor and hungry as ever.

"Whether you vote or not, it doesn't make any difference," said Sauveur Jean-Baptiste, a 70-year-old plumber. "The people we are voting for are nothing but fat cats."

The pro- and anti-Aristide forces disagreed completely on the turnout. Herve Denis, part of an opposition coalition that urged a boycott, declared that even in rural areas spared election violence, "the vast majority is avoiding the polls." Pro-Aristide activist Rene Civile claimed on local television that 70 percent had voted by midday.



AP Photo

Haitian voters wait for ballots in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Sunday, Nov. 26. With tensions high and people fearful over a rash of bombings, Haitians were trickling to the polls Sunday in elections expected to return the presidency to Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the populist former priest who opponents charge will return the country to dictatorship.

In no surprise, voters favored Aristide over six unknown rivals. Dozens interviewed across the country said they voted for Aristide — although there was little passion about a choice that seemed inevitable. A few said they believed Aristide's promise of "Peace in the mind, peace in the belly."

"I'm happy because I'm voting for my president," said Jesumene Duvelglas, an unemployed mother of three in the seaside slum of Cite Soleil. "We're going to have a better life. The cost of living is going to get lower. We will have security."

Polls were to close at 6 p.m. and the earliest partial results were expected Monday.

Aristide, Haiti's first freely elected president, was toppled in a 1991 military coup and restored to power after a U.S.-led invasion in 1994. Because the constitution does not allow consecutive terms in office, he stepped down reluctantly in 1996, making way for Haiti's first democratic handover of power in its 200-year history.

Ever since, the opposition has accused Aristide and his handpicked successor, Preval, of plotting his eventual return.

All major opposition parties boycotted Sunday's vote, charging that legislative elections six months ago were rigged to favor Aristide's candidates and that Haiti is sliding back into dictatorship. Aristide's opponents in the race, fearful of attacks, have not campaigned.

"This is not an election: it's a consecration — one that will bring Haiti an illegitimate president who will set up an illegitimate government," charged Chavannes Jean-Baptiste, a peasant leader and former Aristide ally who went into hiding after an alleged assassination attempt this month. He called the vote "practically the death of democracy."

Nine senators also were to be elected Sunday, and Aristide's Lavalas Family party was expected to make a clean sweep. In May, Lavalas won 17 of 18 Senate seats and 80 percent of the House of Assembly.

The international community including the United States questioned the count of votes that gave 10 Senate seats to Aristide candidates, but Haitian officials refused to hold runoffs despite threats they might cut aid.

In response, they refused to send observers and the only international monitors were a 25-member team from Global Exchange, a San Francisco-based human rights group, and a four-member mission from the Caribbean Community trade bloc.

At one polling station, the South African Polytechnic Center, people voted in the shade of a tree, behind cardboard partitions set on school desks. There was no privacy; voters cast their ballots within view of others.

Tuberculosis makes sharp comeback in Japan; royals tested

TOKYO (AP) — It made perfect medical sense: one member of the household came down with tuberculosis, so everyone who might have been exposed went to the hospital to get tested.

But this wasn't just any household — it was the Imperial Household.

The recent screening of the heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne and his wife drove home some troubling health news here: tuberculosis, a disease redolent of poverty and squalor, is making a comeback in affluent Japan.

Several trends are contributing to the spread of TB in Japan, including a rapidly aging population, a weak economy that has aggravated the health problems of the poor and widespread ignorance about the long-forgotten disease.

The number of new tuberculosis patients in Japan jumped in 1999 for the third straight year, and the per capita infection rate — 38.1 per 100,000 people — was by far the highest among industrialized nations.

The surge has caught Japan's medical establishment off guard.

Health officials are rushing to update prevention programs, hospitals are fretting over the lack of specialists in the disease and experts bemoan the lack of research money. The government declared a tuberculosis state of emergency last year and is in the midst of a national survey of patients.

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"People thought tuberculosis was defeated," said Toru Mori, director of the Research Institute of Tuberculosis in Tokyo.

The disease is largely associated with the poverty and devastation of Japan just after World War II, but the appearance of TB at the pinnacle of society — the Imperial Household — has proved that anyone can be at risk.

Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako, who live in a separate palace from the emperor and empress, were tested after an elderly attendant came down with the disease. The couple tested negative, but a second palace employee was hospitalized with tuberculosis on Nov. 16.

Public concern has also mounted about the health of Empress Michiko, who has suffered from a cough for weeks and lost about nine pounds in a one-month period. She recently had medical tests, including X-rays, but palace officials have said there is no evidence she has tuberculosis.

Japan is not the only wealthy country fighting tuberculosis. The disease surged in the United States in the late 1980s, peaking in 1992. Since then, the infection rate has fallen by more than a third.

While many countries attribute higher infection rates to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and an increase in drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis, experts say those are not major ingredients in Japan.

Instead, they point to a different No. 1 factor: the rapidly growing elderly population.

The Japanese are among the world's longest-living populations. Japanese 65 years or older — the survivors of the postwar days when tuberculosis was the country's leading cause of death — now account for a record 17.3 percent of the population.

Many of those survivors carry the tubercle bacillus. While the disease remains dormant in some 90 percent of its hosts, it can activate and become contagious as the immune system of the carrier declines with age.

That's when trouble begins for the rest of society.

"The biggest cause is that the number of elderly is increasing," Mori said. "They are the sources of infection and they spread the disease to young people."

The weak economy is also playing a role by pushing unemployment to postwar highs and swelling the ranks of the homeless, creating a growing breeding ground for disease.

That trend is on full display in the western city of Osaka. The infection rate there — 113.3 per 100,000 population in 1999, up 9 percent from two years earlier — is far and away the nation's highest among large cities and nearly three times the national average.

The Osaka area is the traditional center for Japan's Korean and Chinese minorities and the descendants of the country's feudal underclass, which have long suffered from economic and social disadvantages. The city is also home to the nation's largest migrant labor district — another social force that set the stage for today's resurgence.

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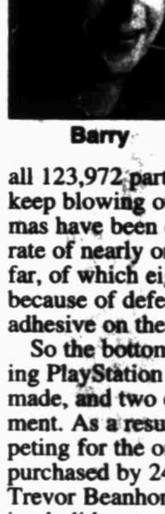
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MONDAY MORNING

Dear Abby/2B

DAVE BARRY

Maybe this year kids won't ask for latest toys

On behalf of parents everywhere, I just want to say: Thanks a lot, Sony! We're all grateful to Sony because of the swell job it has done of promoting the Sony PlayStation 2, which is the most important advance in entertainment technology since Tickle Me Elmo. This thing is amazing: It can play video games! It can play movies! It can make jerky! It can perform laser eyeball surgery in your family room!

Sony spent millions of dollars hyping the PlayStation 2, thus creating a huge demand. Every child in America *must* get one of these things for Christmas or Chanukah or Kwanzaa or Atheist Children Get Presents Day. Children who *don't* get one will be bitterly disappointed.


Barry

To meet the demand it created, Sony set up the PlayStation 2 manufacturing facility, which is located in a one-car garage in suburban Tokyo. There, the PlayStation 2 work force, which consists of 92-year-old Mr. Wokohito Mumuwama and his 89-year-old wife, Blanche, have been making PlayStation 2 units as fast as they can, considering the fact that they must assemble all 123,972 parts by hand, and their candles keep blowing out. Nevertheless the Mumuwamas have been cranking out these babies at the rate of nearly one per month, for a total of 11 so far, of which eight failed quality-control tests because of defects such as spiders, denture adhesive on the microchips, etc.

So the bottom line is that only three functioning PlayStation 2 units have actually been made, and two of these were stolen during shipment. As a result, 37 million parents were competing for the one remaining unit, which was purchased by 24-year-old video-game enthusiast Trevor Beanhonker, who got it, in a heartwarming holiday story, by strapping explosives to his chest.

The rest of us are out of luck. We will have to explain to our children, in our most soothing Mr. Rogers voices, that Santa did not bring them a PlayStation 2 this year, but that does *not* mean they have been bad! It just means that Santa hates them.

So again I say: Thanks, Sony! Way to plan! Maybe you could use the same kind of marketing expertise to open a chain of restaurants. Each one could have 50 tables, 15 waiters, five chefs, an extensive menu, and one lone packet of saltines.

But enough bitterness. As the old farm saying goes, there is no point in spilling milk on a barn door that has already hatched. So what if we can't buy our kids a PlayStation 2 this year! Who says they need it anyway? What's wrong with the toys we got when I was a boy? Some of them were pretty darned "high-tech," too! For example, there was a toy called the "Wheel-O," which was this wheel that you rolled around and around in this metal frame, which the wheel stuck to because of...magnetism! Wow! I bet our kids would think *that* was pretty "cool," huh?

Also we had "Tickle Bee," which was this little bee you dragged around and around in a maze, using the amazing power of...magnetism! And what about electric trains? I spent countless fun hours watching my Lionel train go around and around, and of course around. The train had a milk car with a milkman who loaded and unloaded milk cans by means of the mysterious power of — prepare to become excited — magnetism! There was even a missile car that used magnetism to launch a missile, which went straight up and came back down on the train, sometimes hitting the milkman, who apparently represented some kind of military threat.

And in the unlikely event that we ever got tired of magnetism, we had: vibration. This was the force that powered a football game in which little vibration-powered football players scooted around on a little football field with a vibrating motor under it. You painstakingly lined up all the players, then you turned on the motor, and suddenly you were watching an incredibly realistic simulation of what a football game would look like if all the players had ingested massive quantities of psychedelic drugs. Some would go in circles; some would take off for parts unknown; some would flop onto their sides and just twitch around. The player with the "ball" — a little football-shaped piece of felt — would *always* head directly for the wrong goal line. It was a lot like the production plan for the Sony PlayStation 2.

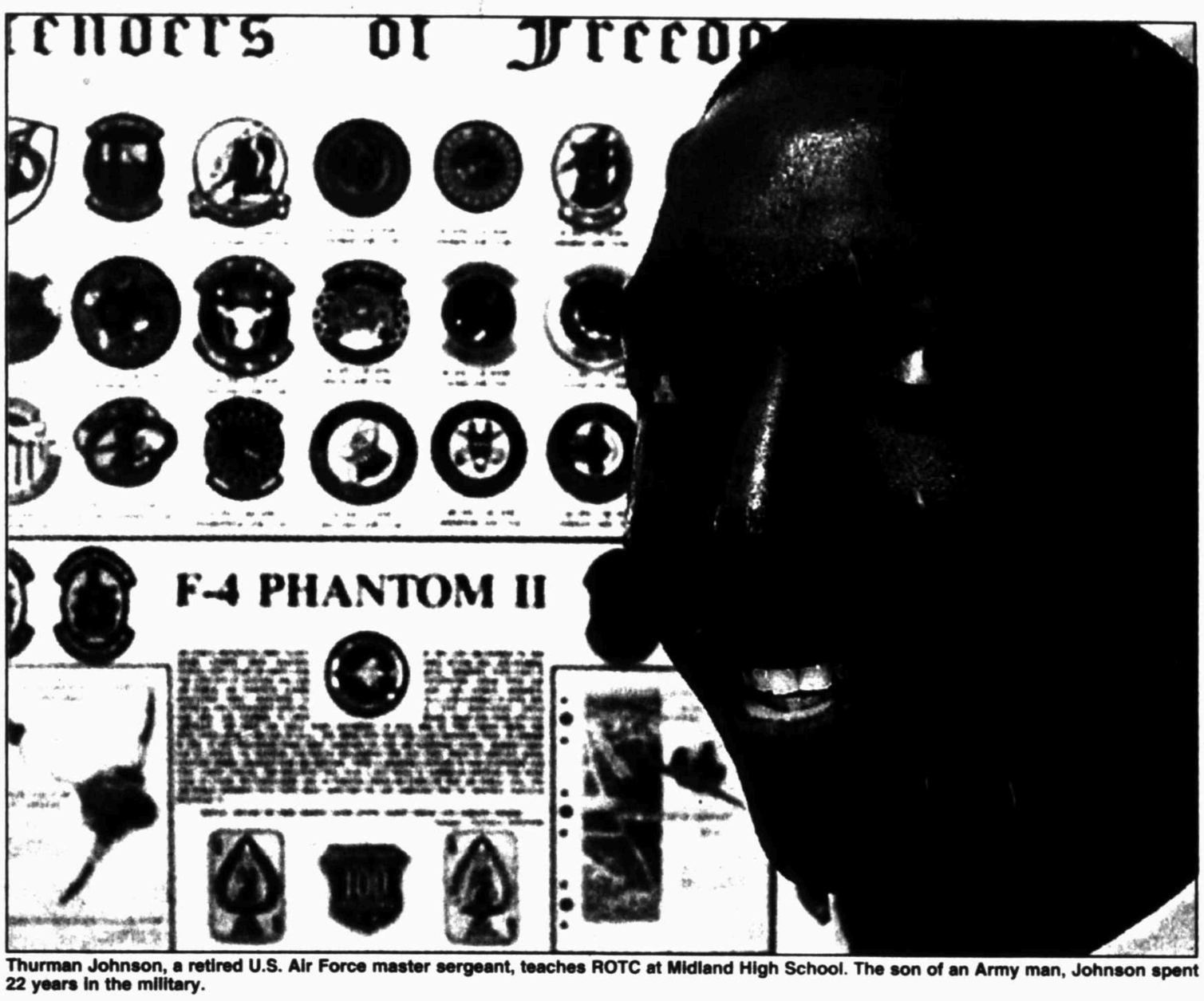
But my point is that, this year, maybe you don't need to give your child the "latest" toy. Maybe your child will be just as happy with a toy from the attic! Because in the end, the holiday season is not about material things. Ho, ho, ho.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery





Thurman Johnson, a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant, teaches ROTC at Midland High School. The son of an Army man, Johnson spent 22 years in the military.

ROTC instructor

Thurman Johnson

It's a minute or so until class time and students are still filing in. Greetings and jokes fly back and forth, yet it's already apparent that this classroom is different. For one thing, nobody's slouching into chairs.

Students take their positions immediately and settle in, standing at parade rest. There's no spiked hair to be seen; no rings in noses or lips or eyebrows, no individual clothing styles.

At the appearance of Thurman Johnson, a retired master sergeant, they snap to attention. The flight sergeant gives him a report on who's in attendance and who's absent, and the class gets under way.

Johnson addresses his students as "Miss" or "Mr." followed by their last names, and that's how they're expected to address each other. This formality extends to anyone else who happens to enter the classroom.

"We expect a 'Yes, Sir,' 'No, Sir,' a 'Yes, Ma'am' and 'No, Ma'am,'" he explains later. "We take this very seriously."

This is the first year ever of ROTC at Midland High School. Classes are taught by Maj. Donald Speer, who teaches aerospace science, and Sgt. Thurman Johnson, who teaches drill. Johnson said that although the learning curve is steep this semester, the approximately 75 men and women in his four classes have already begun to get the hang of it.

"So far this semester, we've focused mainly on personal responsibility," he said. "We've looked at values, morals, stress management and other life skills.

"Since this is our first year, none of the students have known what to expect, but next year, the students who have been in (ROTC) for a year will lead the others."

Actually, there are four students who did know what to expect, having transferred to Midland from other schools where there was an ROTC program, and these students are already exhibiting leadership qualities. Others new to the program have already begun to attract Johnson's attention.

"We can usually spot leaders immediately," he said. "From the beginning of school, we put kids into different situations that will give them an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to lead. The four who had prior ROTC in other schools are leaders in the Corps this year, but we also have some sophomores who are demonstrating leadership qualities."

Johnson said the process takes longer for some than for others, but there will be inevitable dropouts because of the discipline of the program.

"Maj. Speer and I understand that ROTC is not for everybody, and we tell the students right off the bat that if they don't think this class if for them, we will go to their counselors with them and help them make changes.

"We don't want anyone here who doesn't want to be here."

Although about 15 students have dropped out of the program, Johnson said the gaps were almost immediately filled by others who had come in, drawn by their friends in ROTC.

Johnson, 40, who retired last year after 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, said he joined ROTC in high school.

"I liked the discipline aspects of the program," he said. "I wasn't an outstanding athlete, and I knew that this was something I could do well at. I liked the uniforms and I liked the drills. I never had any doubts that this was where I wanted to be."

Johnson also knew a lot of what to expect, since his father was in the Army.

"I was accustomed to the discipline at home, and I was comfortable with that, and during the orientation, they explained that this was an elective course, but they would expect more from us than from the ordinary high school students. I liked the challenge."

Although Johnson had gone through the Army ROTC program, when he graduated from high school he chose to enter the Air Force. His first assignment was in Japan, where he began a career in military intelligence that took him through seven countries, including Greece, Italy, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Alaska. While he politely declines to discuss any aspects of his intelligence work, he said that the Philippines assignment was an important one, since that was where he met his wife, Tracy, also in the Air Force, who was working in a precision instrument lab.

They have a son, William, 16, who is a junior at Midland High. Tracy runs the computer lab at Midland Freshman High School.

Johnson said one of his favorite assignments was in Greece in the mid-1980s.

"I was stationed on the Island of Crete, where we had perfect weather from April to November. Every day was 80 degrees of sunshine, right on the Mediterranean Sea, with a fantastic beach, and wonderful food."

He said although he had noticed on his trips to Athens that there was a lot of graffiti on walls outside the base saying "Americans go home," there was no such blatant anti-American sentiment in Crete.

Another favorite assignment was three years in Anchorage, Alaska, where the family saw wildlife up close and personal.

"We could look out and see moose walking on the front lawn, and we saw all kinds of bears, eagles and all kinds of animals. We took train rides all over and the scenery, the mountains and the snow were just incredible."

Although Johnson said there was no aspect of his 22-year career in the Air Force that he didn't enjoy, the three years that he spent teaching led him to his next career.

"Seeing the gleam in those students' eyes when they understood what we were showing them was just something I never forgot. I could have stayed with the Air Force and I would have been happy to go other places, see other things, but teaching was really what I wanted to do most of all."

Johnson said many people don't understand the relationship the Air Force (or other branches of the military) has with the ROTC. ROTC personnel are not paid by the military, nor are they dependent on the military for their assignments.

Having retired from the Air Force, Johnson's name was placed on a list of ROTC teachers available for MISD to interview and to hire once the school was approved to have a program. He no longer has ties to the Air Force.

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New Englander discovers he owns rare Civil War $20 bill

■ Bill, valued at $250,000, is to be auctioned off in the spring.

By David Tirrell-Wysocki
Associated Press

For decades, it was tucked away in a desk drawer, but soon a rare and colorful $20 bill issued to help pay for the Civil War will be in the national spotlight.

"If someone was putting together a complete ... collection of $20 bills, you've got to have this," said David Sundman, president of Littleton Coin Co., in Littleton, N.H.

The 1866 certificate was discovered this fall when its owner, a man who lives in the Connecticut River Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont, tried to determine the value of old money passed down through his family.

The owner, who wants to remain anonymous, learned he was holding a treasure, worth at least $250,000, in Sundman's estimation.

"I collect large-sized paper money," Sundman said, "and I was in shock."

It is one of only six known examples of 48,000 such bills circulated between 1865 and 1878 to help finance the Civil War. The series, Sundman said, comprises the rarest $20 bills ever circulated in the country.

"Collectors will be astonished," he said.

The owner said that when he first asked a couple of dealers to appraise coins and 64 other pieces of 19th century paper money he received, he got conflicting answers. One estimated the collection was worth $1,100. A second "spotted something of great interest," and estimated the value at $2,000, the owner said.

"It just struck me there may be something here worth pursuing," the owner said, and was referred to Sundman's company.

"We told them right away, 'This is a big deal,'" Sundman said.

Of the six such bills known to survive, one is in the Smithsonian Institution and another is in the government's Bureau of Public Debt, Sundman said. Three are in collectors' hands. The latest is in Littleton's vault, awaiting auction next spring.

A similar $20 bill discovered last year sold at auction for $528,000, he said.

The bill is a gold certificate, meaning it was redeemable from the U.S. Treasury for $20 in gold. It is 50 percent larger and more colorful than today's currency. The front depicts an eagle perched on a Union shield, symbolizing the fight to preserve the

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DEAR ABBY

Couple needs to start own holiday traditions

By Abigail Van Buren


Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Eight months ago, I married "Tim." We're very happy. There's only one problem. Tim has a son from a previous marriage. The boy lives with his mother, "Agnes."

Abby, Tim's family invites Agnes to all the family holiday dinners. They say they do it for his son's sake, but I find it extremely uncomfortable. Last Christmas, I stayed home while Tim went to his mother's for dinner so he could be with his son and family.

Now that I'm Tim's wife, I feel strongly that I should no longer have to spend all my holidays with Agnes. Tim knows how I feel. He spends very little time with Agnes at these functions, but he says we must participate in these holiday dinners.

Tim has told his parents how awkward the situation is for me. They say we should be more mature about it. This is very upsetting, but what can I do? — DREADING THE HOLIDAYS IN MEMPHIS

DEAR DREADING: The solution may lie in compromise. Now that you are Tim's wife, you may wish to start some holiday traditions of your own, and include Tim's son and family members. Consider inviting them for Christmas Eve dinner or brunch on Christmas morning, easing Agnes out of the picture. The situation may improve when Agnes finds a replacement for Tim, but meanwhile, take some positive steps to make your holidays brighter by not relying on his family for all your Christmas cheer.

DEAR ABBY: Having read the letter from "Newly Widowed, Baden, Pa.," who wondered when she could start going out in public, I must respond.

I am also in my 50s and was widowed two months ago. During my husband's last days fighting kidney cancer, our children and grandchildren came from out of state to be with us. The day after he died, I took my family to LegoLand. We had a wonderful day together. My husband would not have wanted us to sit around mourning his death. Instead, we celebrated together as a family.

A week after the funeral, I returned to work. I also signed up for two adult education classes and resumed my swim exercise class. If "Newly Widowed" is being scared at, perhaps it is because people don't know how to express their condolences to such a young widow. She shouldn't care what others think. If she has friends who think she should stay home and cry, she needs to find new ones.

While I miss my beloved husband with all my heart, I believe life is for the living. Please advise "Newly Widowed" to go out and enjoy life while she can. — LYNN FROM VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR LYNN: I agree. I hope the widow heeds your wise words.

DEAR ABBY: What is the polite way to ask people not to bring gifts to our wedding? My fiance and I have lived together for 11 years and already have most everything we need. More toasters, juice glasses and towel sets will not fit in our house. — BRIDE-TO-BE WHO HAS IT ALL

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: A simple statement printed on your invitation should do the trick: "No gifts, please. Your presence will be our cherished gift."

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JOHNSON: Air Force provides uniforms for ROTC students

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There is, however, considerable Air Force involvement in the program, since Midland's ROTC is through the Air Force.

The Air Force furnishes uniforms for all ROTC students, including boots, socks, shirts, pants, hats and ties. The student's only charge is $1 for his/her name badge. The curriculum is also furnished by the Air Force, and students are provided access to special tours of area Air Force bases, as well as transportation to and from those bases for special events.

Midland ROTC students have a sister unit relationship with the ROTC at Central High School in San Angelo, which provided logistical support when the Midland unit was getting set up, and has acted as host to Midland for rappel and obstacle course exercises. The students are scheduled to visit Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene in December.

Even so, Johnson said the various branches of the military don't gain a large majority of ROTC students as recruits.

"We may have 20 percent of our students join the military as a result of the ROTC training," he said. "We have about 75 kids, so we're looking at perhaps 14 who will go on into the military."

Nor is it a sure thing that those 14 will opt for the Air Force.

"That is what we hope will happen," said Johnson. "I went to Army ROTC, but when I graduated from high school, I joined the Air Force.

"Our goal is to build better American citizens, and we do that using the Air Force training model," he explained. "We don't talk much about the Air Force, or try to recruit for the Air Force, although we will answer questions for students who ask us."

RARE: Man gets bill from mom

(From 1B)

Union, Sundman said.

By the grading system used by collectors, the bill is in very fine to extra fine condition, Sundman said. It has a few small edge splits along the bottom margin and a few tiny pinholes, and the colors are fresh and bright.

The owner is the fourth generation in his family to own the bill. It came into the family through a great-grandfather who was a New York banker.

The owner received it within the last year from his mother, who had kept it in a leather pouch in her desk in the New York area.

When Littleton called to tell the owner the note was worth at least a quarter of a million dollars, he stayed calm — briefly.

"When I got off the phone, I asked my fiancee, 'What do you think that bill might be worth?' She guessed $2,000 and I said, 'Higher.

"'$3,000.'

"'Higher.'

"'$10,000.'

"'Higher.'

"That went on for a while and I couldn't do it any longer," he said. "I told her and she just jumped up and down."

The find was exciting even for Sundman, no stranger to rare money.

"You see rare things, but they are usually in dealers' cases and they've got big prices on them," he said. "You don't often make a discovery of something that is previously unknown."

The note will be auctioned the first week of March at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition, one of the largest paper money events in the world.

Scientists can't decide if reptile had feathers or scales

By Rick Callahan
Associated Press Writer

Feathers or scales? Scientists analyzing a 220 million-year-old reptile fossil can't agree on what they're looking at.

Earlier this year, researchers suggested that a small, lizard-like reptile known as Longisquama was studded with long feathers that enabled it to fly, or at least glide. Their interpretation would push back the ancestry of modern birds by 75 million years.

Now, a rival scientific team from Canada reports that the notion of an airborne Longisquama is too flighty.

What appear to be feathers poking from the reptile's spine actually are long, thick scales that left cup-like impressions in surrounding rock, the Canadians conclude in the current issue of Nature.

Hardly dainty, they said the body armor scales may have attracted mates or frightened predators.

"Feathers are extremely paper-thin structures, but these have some depth to them, a real substantial three dimensional nature. It's completely unlike bird feathers," said zoologist Hans-Dieter Sues of the University of Toronto.

He and co-author Robert R. Reisz argue that the fine details do not support the feather interpretation.

A quill-like structure is only a furrow running the length of the scale, he said. And, the feathery barbs running perpendicular to the "quill" really is a corrugated pattern on the scale.

Feather advocates dismissed the Canadians' scale interpretation as "total nonsense."

Oregon State paleontologist John Ruben, who co-authored the original Longisquama study, said the Canadian scientists based their conclusion on the worst-preserved of all the Longisquama fossils — one that was clogged with petrified sediment.

The best fossils, he said, clearly show the creature's long appendages possess a concave-convex structure consistent with the bowed appearance of modern feathers.

And, the quill-like structure on the fossil analyzed by the Canadians had deteriorated and flattened out. Other fossils show the quill in sharp relief, he said.

Longisquama was discovered in central Asia in 1969. It is thought to be an archosaur, a member of a reptile group that later gave rise to dinosaurs, crocodiles and birds.

TALKIN' TEXAS

Partners develop Sonora Caverns from 18-inch hole

By Tumbleweed Smith

I visited Sonora Caverns for the first time about 30 years ago. I went through with a bunch of Boy Scouts. We followed the young guide, who told us the history of the cave as he led us through the underground wonderland.


Smith

At the time, it was only the second or third cave I had ever been in. I've toured dozens of caves since then, but none compares to the beauty found at Sonora Caverns. I've been back many times with family, friends and foreign guests.

Photos of Sonora Caverns brought Jack Burch to Texas from Oklahoma in1956. "Some of the cave publications at the time were calling it the most beautiful cave in the world," says Jack. "I just had to come and see it."

That proved to be a real task. Not just anybody could get in the cave.

He had to go see a cave explorer in Abilene, Bart Crisman, who had the key to the property where the cave was located. "He questioned me thoroughly before he would let me see the cave," says Jack.

The location of the cave was known to just a handful of cave explorers. "They called it secret cave," says Jack, "and they wouldn't even name the county where the cave was located."

The cave was first discovered in 1900. "The entrance was just an 18-inch hole that animals used. People wouldn't go in it. But local ranchhands started fooling around with it One of them got a crowbar and removed a big rock from in front of the hole. Another told me he had to chisel out some limestone to get inside the cave."

After seeing the cave and its potential, Jack and a partner leased the land where the cave was located and started developing it. That was a big job.

"We announced that we would have it open by July 17, 1960. We started working on it March 10. That 18-inch hole was out there in the woods. There was no power there, no house, no water well, no nothing.

"We worked 17-hour days, seven days a week to develop the first quarter-mile of the cave. And in four months, we had it ready to open. Two thousand people went through there the first day of operation."

Getting light down into the cave was a big deal. "At first we were using Coleman lanterns and our carbide lights from our helmets. We finally had the electric company put us in a work light so we could work."

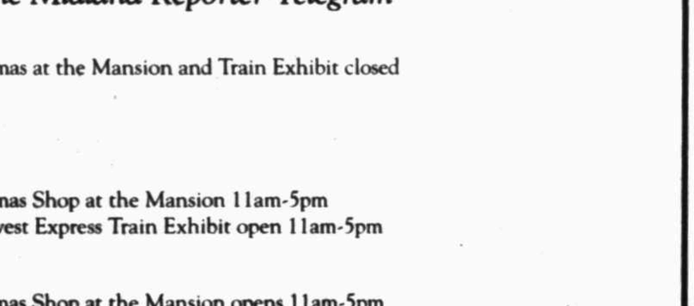
The formations inside the Caverns of Sonora are artistically lighted so visitors can see the veins inside the orange, white and yellow stalactites (from the top) and stalagmites (from the bottom). Some are very small. One special one looks like a butterfly. One room where weddings have taken place looks like something Disney's imagination might produce.

One room in the cave is full of helictites and is not open to the public because it is so fragile. "Helictite is a formation that grows perpendicular to the base. They'll grow sideways. I know of a helictite that has grown 3 feet long. It grows about one inch in 100,000 years."

Jack still runs the place and loves to go into the caverns.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.



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DEATH NOTICES

Margaret Borgne

Margaret Joy Borgne, 89, died Saturday, Nov. 25, at her residence.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Frances Overby

Frances Overby died Saturday, Nov. 25, at a local hospital.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Lillie Shuffield

Lillie Shuffield died Sunday, Nov. 26, in Wichita Falls.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Maria Montez

STANTON - Maria Losoya Montez, 83, of Stanton, died Sunday, Nov. 26 at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

OBITUARIES



Dick Dempsey

R.L. "Dick" Dempsey, 81, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2000, at his residence in Midland, Texas. He was born April 3, 1919 in Greenville, Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945. He married Helen Holbrook in Los Angeles, California on October 4, 1958.

Mr. Dempsey retired as sales representative for Bill Smith Pumping Unit Services, Inc. in 1986.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; one brother, Loren G. Dempsey and his wife, Betty; many nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Memorial services for Mr. Dempsey will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 29th, at Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel with Brother Jim Salisbury officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.



Louisa Armendariz

Louisa Costilla Armendariz, 72, our beloved mother, grandmother and sister, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 25, 2000, in the comfort of her home after a long illness. She was born on March 14, 1928 in San Saba, Texas, to Angelita and Fortunato Costilla. They moved to Midland, then she met and married the late Marcelino Armendariz Sr. on January 25, 1947 at St. George Catholic Church in Midland. She was a member of the Guadalupanas and the Altar Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

A Vigil and Rosary will be held on Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Reyes-Garcia Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 28, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marcelino Sr.; her parents, Angelita and Fortunato Costilla; a son, Marcelino Armendariz; a daughter, Mary Armendariz; four brothers, Jesus, Eleno, Sepherino and Bonifacio Costilla; a sister, Dominga Reyes; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Armendariz, Paul Armendariz, and Marcelino (Moose) Armendariz Jr., all of Midland; six daughters, Josie Villarreal of Las Vegas, Nev., Teresa Revilla of San Antonio, and Mary Armendariz, Patricia Byrd, Gracie Corralez, and Dianna Mendez, all of Midland; a brother, Simon Costilla of California; a sister, Angelita Lara of Midland; 21 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Samuel Curnutte, Jeremy Armendariz, Jason Armendariz, Raymond Revilla Jr., Anthony Paredes and Nicholas Corralez. Honorary pallbearers are Carlos Romero, Arthur Salazar and Angelica Navarrete.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, P.O. Box 7, Midland, Texas 79702.

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.

High Plains farmers to get verdict of boll weevil vote

LUBBOCK (AP) — Drought-plagued farmers in the heart of Texas cotton country are about to find out if they'll be paying for a program to kill off a critter that can be just as destructive: the boll weevil.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is expected to finish counting the votes cast by High Plains cotton producers today and announce whether it will impose a $12-per-acre charge for irrigated farmers and a $6-per-acre charge for dryland farmers.

Most cotton-producing regions in Texas have eradication programs in place, according to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

However, the region surrounding Lubbock, referred to as the world's largest cotton patch, has been slower to embrace such a program because the boll weevil hasn't infested the region's crops as quickly as elsewhere, Plains Cotton Growers spokesman Shawn Wade said.

The state requires that a two-thirds majority of the region's farmers agree to an eradication program for it to be implemented. If approved, all farmers in the region must pay for their property to be chemically treated. The program is expected to cost $105 million during its first five years.

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"There are some producers who are looking at their situation right now and thinking that they cannot afford the costs of this program," Wade said. "But not every year is going to be a drought year and you have to look ahead to those years and how much it's going to cost you in yield losses and expenses to combat the boll weevil."

Wade said area producers considered a similar program two years ago, but ultimately turned it down. The High Plains zone encompasses 1.29 million acres of cotton and is surrounded by five other zones, which already have eradication programs in place.

The High Plains zone consists of Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Hale, Floyd, Swisher, and Brisco counties and portions of Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby and Dickens counties.

"When they voted last time, the weevil problem was in an earlier stage than it is today," Wade said. "There were people who hadn't felt the effects as severely."

Recently, however, the tiny bug has become more of a nuisance, according to Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board representative Vicki Davis Patschke.

Davis Patschke says she spent about $60 an acre spraying to kill the pest this year. Without her neighbors doing the same, it's a losing battle.

"The boll weevil was basically off of the Caprock, but it has now established itself on the High Plains," she said. "I'm looking at it that if we do not get a program I am going to have a hard time staying in business. I am half irrigated and half dryland and have very little water. Cotton is the only crop I can grow."

Wade said most producers in the region are concerned.

"It's just something that producers have to look at on an individual basis," he said. "They have to look at their operations and what they feel is the best course to take to ensure their profitability and survival down the line."

Rick Klem, a Lynn County farmer, says the proposed eradication program is more likely to drive him out of business than the boll weevil, especially with the drought continuing its stranglehold.

"Where is the money going to come from to pay the assessment?" he said. "That's my problem with the whole deal. With the prices we get for our cotton, we can't afford any other loads on our boats. I'm scared to death it's going to pass and I don't know what we are going to do."

Benny Pope of Lamb County has paid into an eradication program in the foundation's northwestern zone for about two years now. He said with cotton prices so low and production down because of the drought, eradication programs don't do much good in an area that hasn't been completely overrun by the critters.

"This year just was a wreck and the weevil program probably did not hurt or help," he said. "If a weevil program decreases the number of weevils and we get back to the point where we can produce cotton at a profit, having an eradication program will help. But as long as we can't grow cotton at a profit, we can't pay for a weevil program."

Low pay contributes to turnover in juvenile probation, corrections officers

HOUSTON (AP) — Efforts to revamp the juvenile justice system are being hampered by low pay and high turnover among probation and corrections officers who work with troubled children in Texas, according to state and local officials.

The turnover problem has left many juvenile probation departments with inexperienced probation and correctional officers because they make less than those in comparable professions, at least when they're starting out, according to a study by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

Statewide, 61.7 percent of the state's certified juvenile probation officers had less than six years' experience in 1999, and only 25.8 percent had 10 or more years on the job, the study states. About 37.9 percent had less than three years' experience, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday editions.

For corrections officers, the numbers are worse.

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— Vicki Spriggs, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, executive director

They make less than their counterparts in the federal and state adult systems.

The study shows the vast majority of the juvenile detention officers — 61.3 percent — have less than three years' experience, and only 3.3 percent have more than 10 years on the job. Their turnover rate is 31.4 percent, higher than the 14.9 percent for the private sector, the 17.6 percent for all other state employees and the 19.7 percent for juvenile probation officers.

"The state has made a significant investment in the juvenile probation system in the past few years, and in order to maximize those dollars, we need to be able to keep the people in the system who provide the best service," Vicki Spriggs, executive director of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, said.

Spriggs will be asking the Legislature for help when it meets in January, proposing the state spend $20.4 million in the next two years to give every certified juvenile probation officer in Texas a $3,000 raise and every juvenile corrections officer a $1,500 annual bump.

But Elmer Bailey, executive director of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, said he doesn't expect to find much support from the state because others, like corrections officers in the adult prison system and teachers, also will be lobbying for better pay.

Harris County, which runs the biggest juvenile probation outfit in the state, already has felt the pinch. The study ranked the county first in turnover because it lost 38 certified juvenile probation officers and 106 juvenile corrections and detention officers in 1999.

Bailey's department has 930 employees and an annual budget of about $48 million.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said county governments will probably be the ones to allocate money to try to solve the problem.

"It always seems to fall to us," Eckels said.

Fire marshal to investigate sugar cane burn that blanketed border cities

HARLINGEN (AP) — A Rio Grande Valley fire marshal said he plans to seek an investigation into whether a sugar-cane burn that produced thick clouds of black smoke violated clean air standards.

Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers Inc., based in Santa Rosa, set a controlled burn of cane fields last week, spurring residents call to the city's fire department Saturday morning.

Cameron County Fire Marshal Desi Najera said he's pursuing the matter with city officials, a county judge and the state's environmental agency.

"I'm totally opposed to them burning like that because we try to regulate the clean air and our concern with people with asthma and respiratory problems and here we are allowing this type of burning to take place that could very seriously injure someone," Najera told the Valley Morning Star in Sunday's editions.

Some residents told the newspaper it was the thickest smoke they've seen in years.

The smoke drifted as far south as Reynosa, Mexico, and west to Weslaco in neighboring Hidalgo County, the National Weather Service said. Both areas reported hazy conditions that could be attributed to the burn, said weather service spokesman Tim Speece.

Calm winds may have allowed the smoke to linger, Speece said.

Growers must notify the county fire marshal, the city fire department and area 911 dispatch before burning sugar cane.

Company officials did not return a phone call for comment to The Associated Press Sunday.

Rod Santa Anna III, spokesman for the Texas A&M University Extension office in Weslaco, said producers burn sugar cane to remove unwanted brush.

Harlingen is about 25 miles northwest of Brownsville.

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Those who have lost a loved one this year are invited to place a ribbon on the Tree of Memories in the chapel of Ellis Funeral Home 801 Andrews Highway. The public is invited to attend the Third Annual Tree of Memories Memorial Service Monday, December 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree ribbons are provided at no charge by Ellis Funeral Home & Resthaven Memorial Park. The Tree of Memories, donated by Blooming Rose, will remain on display until January 1, 2001.

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Oh Christmas tree...



AP Photo
Garrett Meeks, 9, of Mansfield, is closely watched by his sister Lindsey, 12, as he saws down a tree at the Mainstay Christmas Tree Farm near Cleburne, Texas, on Sunday. Christmas tree shoppers in north central Texas enjoyed very mild, shirt-sleeve weather in the lower 60s.

Students at Texas School for the Deaf have so much to say

AUSTIN — Five little fingers struggling with something new.

"Airplane! Airplane!" teacher Debbie White alerts her class of toddlers. The convoy of tricycles and plastic cars screeches to a halt on the playground, tiny drivers leaning their heads up to the clouds.

"Airplane! Airplane!" Debbie tells them with her hands. Over and over she points to the jet zooming its way across the sky as she repeats the American Sign Language sign for airplane, which looks kind of like the "Hook 'em Horns" salute. Little Brooke Bonheyo tries it out.

"Airplane," she babbles, ending up with an approximation of the V for Victory sign. "Airplane?"

"Yes, airplane!" Debbie nods her head and signs back, letting Brooke know she's almost got it.

The beginnings of a smile start on Brooke's face.

"Airplane?" she tries again, though at her age her motor skills haven't developed to let her sign as accurately as Debbie can. Her small hand shoots another V for Victory into the sky.

No matter. She switches to something she knows exactly how to say.

"Eat, eat now!" she signs, rushing back toward the classroom in that half-run, half-walk only toddlers can manage.

Brooke is just 18 months old, but she already knows how to communicate with the other kids in the class as well as her elders, talking about snacks and fall leaves and red apples with the alternate shyness and exuberance of any nursery-schooler. She's learned how at the Texas School for the Deaf, the only school of its kind in the state. Serving deaf and hard-of-hearing children practically from birth all the way through 12th grade, the state-funded school is free to Texas residents.

Current enrollment for both residential and day students is about 500 — but that's about to start growing, staffers expect.

Beginning last month, because of a new federal law, all infants are getting their hearing tested at birth. The screening gives parents information much earlier about whether their baby has hearing problems. And if that's the diagnosis, school administrators and teachers hope parents will have access to a program just like the Texas School for the Deaf.

The reason is simple. Though staffers don't criticize parents from distant corners of the state who send their children with interpreters to public schools closer to home, it's also pretty clear that TSD's students have the "normal" existence that parents — especially hearing parents of deaf children — crave for their kids.

Perhaps the strongest evidence of this is the smallest students, the ones like Brooke Bonheyo, just barely able to walk. To help them learn as early as possible how to broadcast what's in their brains, they spend four mornings a week in a classroom similar to an immersion foreign-language program. And the results are illuminating: The toddlers' tiny hands show what is going on in their active, fertile little minds.

"It's amazing to see hearing parents come here for the first time," says Becky McHenry, a TSD program specialist who also knits together the hearing and signing worlds as an interpreter. "We tell them what their kids are saying back and forth, and these parents are just amazed. They don't have any idea about how much their kids have to say — if they have a way to communicate."

"Who has red in their clothes? Who has a red shirt on?" Debbie asks the seven students semi-circled around her and fellow Parent-Infant Program teacher Terri Littlejohn.

Eighteen-month-old Dylan Sicoli, clad in red polo shirt and blue jeans, leaps from his chair, pointing to his chest.

"Yes, you! That's right! You have a red shirt on!" Debbie signs, giving Dylan a red paper leaf to match with the one on the wall labeled "red." Each child gets a colored cutout to match with its mate on the many-hued poster on the wall, reinforcing the sign and name for colors. That follows matching their photos to a poster with their names written out, and leads into an evocative signing of a story about how an apple grows from a seed. When it's time to go to occupational therapy — a cavalcade of ball-filled playpens, air mattresses and sticky toys designed to expose them to as many sensory experiences as possible — the toddlers all flap their arms and buzz like pollinating bees down the hall.

There is play time, snack time and diaper-changing time, and Debbie and Terri take every opportunity to impart something to their young charges. "Yep, that's your chair, your green chair," Debbie signs to one student, slipping in another show of the sign for "green."

Parents are starting to teach even hearing babies rudimentary signs to communicate "hungry," "tired" or "thirsty," understanding that the brain's ability to pinpoint those feelings often comes before a child's ability to speak and be understood. The thinking is that it's a way to teach the child to communicate what he or she needs — and eliminate the frustration (read: crying) that comes from knowing what's wrong and not being able to tell anybody.

That same focus on communication drives instruction at TSD.

"Deaf people are very visual. It's really important for deaf kids to love to read books. They need to see that language," says Debbie, who's been teaching for eight years, mostly at TSD. "Then I bombard them with language."

Deaf since birth, Debbie was raised by deaf parents — a mother who was a staunch supporter of the "oral" tradition that encourages any and all speech from deaf children, and a father who was a veteran of a residential deaf program like TSD's. The oral tradition won out, and Debbie was drilled on using her voice, over and over. She used an interpreter once she went to high school. Then she went to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. — the college equivalent of TSD. It was a culture shock that turned into revelation.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher then," she remembers. "It was so important to me to expose kids to language, so I decided to major in (early childhood education)."

Indeed, the shift from oral teaching to predominantly sign-based instruction has been one of the most significant changes in deaf education in the past several decades, says Claire Bugen, TSD's superintendent. Bugen remembers spending hours during her first decade as a teacher trying to make the most of her students' voice capacity — a methodology rooted in the idea that the best thing for deaf students was to make them mirror hearing students.

"It was political, it was social. The empowerment of the deaf community changed a lot of that," Bugen says. So did research into American Sign Language and its effectiveness. And while many so-called "disability" groups have championed inclusion in mainstream public schools, administrators and teachers at TSD don't share that goal.

To find out how liberating an all-deaf school must be for its students, spend five minutes alone as a nonsigning person at TSD. Hamstrung by the difficulty of asking even a simple question — where is the office? — you find yourself smiling and pointing and mouthing words, marooned until an interpreter arrives.

It makes you appreciate the importance of communication to bridge social and intellectual gaps. And watch a gifted teacher such as Debbie or preschool instructor Gary Stein sign, and you see its essence. Toddlers go to Gary's class when they graduate from the Parent-Infant program that Debbie leads. Like Debbie, Gary grew up in a deaf family and hearing schools. And like Debbie, he is a devotee of all-deaf classrooms.

"All three of these kids have had communication skills since birth," he says of a group of 3-year-olds who have been busily signing to him and each other. Elonzo Arellano expertly mimics Gary's signs during story time, page for page, as he reads a book about the patient mouse who outwaited the goat, the cow and the hen for an apple to fall from its tree.

"Finally! Finally! The apple fell," Elonzo signs to a visitor, eager to make sure none of the plot line goes uncommented upon.

Their additional months of experience mean these preschoolers are more accomplished signers, able to grasp a greater range of vocabulary and sign more fluently. Gary reinforces a new term by signing each letter of the word in the manual alphabet and then pointing to the written English version of the word. The students may not understand every single bit, but they do absorb a lot just by osmosis.

"Finger-spelling is one of the most crucial things in transforming (American Sign Language) to English," Gary explains. "This week we're doing the five senses. So I wrote up on the board, 'five senses,' and then I finger-spelled it, and then I pointed to it. It's the same concept as hearing babies — do you stop talking to a hearing baby because he can't repeat back everything you say? No. Eventually they're able to understand and to get it."

And get it they do. But the essence of what happens in these classrooms is more than just teaching a different kind of language. It's joy — the simple, sheer delight of getting it right, of being like the other kids, of telling people what you have to say.

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6:30-6:45 p.m.—Campus Christmas Lighting
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7 p.m.—Opening reception, Fall Student Art Show
in McCormick Gallery in the Allison Fine Arts Building, with entertainment provided by the Midland College Winds.
8 p.m.—Chaparral Singers Christmas Concert,
Wagner and Brown Auditorium, AFA Building.
7-9 p.m—Sixth annual Hallway Art Sale opens in the art wing of the Allison Fine Arts Building.
The sale continues 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2; and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.
A commission on all sales will go toward a scholarship fund for art students.

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Rebels return to Texas Stadium Saturday

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Midland Lee Rebels knew going into the area playoff game with El Paso Franklin that a win would propel them back into Texas Stadium in Irving.

What they didn't know was who they would be playing. They had half of that formula figured out since No. 6 Duncanville would be playing No. 11 Lewisville on Saturday.

"I'm just looking forward to playing in Texas Stadium," said Lee offensive lineman Jacob Gosch. "I've never gotten to play there, so that would be a first for me."

Lee actually won two games at the house with a hole in the roof in 1998, including the state championship game there against San Antonio MacArthur. There are a lot of young Rebels who didn't get in that game. Now their time has come.

As ranking numbers go, the form fit the matchup. Duncanville defeated Lewisville, 24-14, Saturday at Texas Stadium. So, the No. 6 Panthers go against the No. 8 Rebels at 4 p.m. this Saturday.

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Speed won out over muscle, or so the game was billed between the two Metroplex powers. And one thing is for sure, Lee faces its most important test of the season. The warmup games are over.

"I think whoever wins this game (Lee-Duncanville) has a great chance of playing in the state finals," is the way Lee head football coach John Parchman put it.

The 11-1 Panthers and the 10-2 Rebels are on a collision course that was predicted when the state Big School brackets were released.

"The only team Duncanville lost to this year was against The Woodlands, and they are still alive in the playoffs in the other part of our bracket," Parchman said.

And it didn't take long for Sunday's game plan session to give Lee an idea of what they are in for next Saturday.

"Duncanville is probably the best team we've seen, including West Monroe (La.)," Parchman notes. "They've got it all, speed, size, the whole bundle.

"We've seen some teams like South Grand Prairie, Irving Nimitz and Lewisville hang with them for a while, then they just explode and take the win."

Against Lewisville, Duncanville was mired in a 14-14 tie. The Panthers got a 31-yard field goal from Dustin Finley in the fourth quarter for a 17-14 lead, but the Farmers came back and looked to be marching for what could be a winning touchdown. Duncanville then came up with an interception and marched down the field to put the game away on a 24-yard touchdown run by Dustin McLemore.

McLemore is Duncanville's diminutive 5-foot-11, 180-pound junior tailback. He had 154 yards rushing and two touchdowns against the Farmers.

Duncanville's other touchdown came on a 41-yard pass to flanker Brandon Crawford from backup quarterback John Pierce. Starting quarterback Ricky Smith completed five of 10 passes for 79 yards. But Duncanville had 251 rushing yards with McLemore toting the ball 24 of the 43 rushing plays.

Bob Alpert, the coach of Duncanville, is well known in Texas high school coaching circles. He was the coach of the North All-Stars this past summer in the THSCA All-Star game. He broke his leg in that game when he was run over by some play-

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Oklahoma stumbles, moves on

By Owen Canfield
AP Sports Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma's first perfect regular season in 13 years had far from a perfect ending.

The top-ranked Sooners needed a big defensive stand in the closing minutes to overcome a poor day by the offense and beat Oklahoma State 12-7 on Saturday.

Now 11-0 for the first time since 1987, Oklahoma will prepare to play Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game this week in Kansas City. A victory would send the Sooners to the Orange Bowl to play for the Bowl Championship Series national title.

"We can't play like this, like we did today," linebacker Rocky Calmus said. "If we play like that, we'll get beat."

The Sooners entered the game averaging 43 points and 452 yards per game. Their 12 points were the fewest in 26 games, the 309 yards were a season low and Josh Heupel's 154 passing yards were his fewest in two years at Oklahoma.

"I think our team just realized that when you play a team that has nothing to lose and can go all out, and you're going to get everybody's best shot to begin with, that you need to be sharp and on top of your game or you're going to get in trouble," offensive coordinator Mark Mangino said. "Thank goodness that our defense played extremely well today."

The defense gave up just 275 yards, 60 of them on a third-quarter touchdown run by Tatum Bell that brought the Cowboys (3-8) within 12-7. Oklahoma came up with a big stop late in the game, after a 22-yard punt return gave Oklahoma State the ball at the Sooner 39-yard line.

The Cowboys moved downfield and had first-and-goal at the 10-yard line. They gained 1 yard on first down and Aso Pogi scrambled for two more on second down before an illegal-procedure penalty.

On third-and-goal from the 12, Pogi threw the

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Two national champs may be crowned

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Split national champions, anyone?

It could happen this season, especially if the Bowl Championship Series standings remain the same and No. 1 Oklahoma (11-0) plays No. 3 Florida State (11-1) in the Orange Bowl — the BCS' national title game on Jan. 3. That would give No. 2 Miami (10-1) — which owns a win over Florida State this season — a chance to be crowned national champions in The Associated Press media poll by winning its BCS game, either in the Fiesta or Sugar bowl.

In the AP poll, sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS. The USA Today/ESPN coaches poll would automatically crown the winner of the Orange Bowl.

On Sunday, both polls again had Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State ranked 1-2-3, but this week the Hurricanes gained first-place votes on the Sooners. The latest BCS standings, which use the two polls, eight computer rankings and schedule strength to determine who plays in a title game, will be released Monday and the Sooners and Seminoles were expected to remain 1-2, with the Hurricanes third.

According to projections on Jerry Palm's Web site (www.collegebcs.com), which has accurately replicated the BCS standings all season, Florida State has clinched a spot in the Orange Bowl based on a No. 1 ranking in six of the computer polls.

"We're going to try to win one of the national championships," coach Butch Davis said after Miami beat Boston College 52-6 on Saturday. Oklahoma hung on for a 12-7 win over Oklahoma State and lost votes with the lackluster outing.

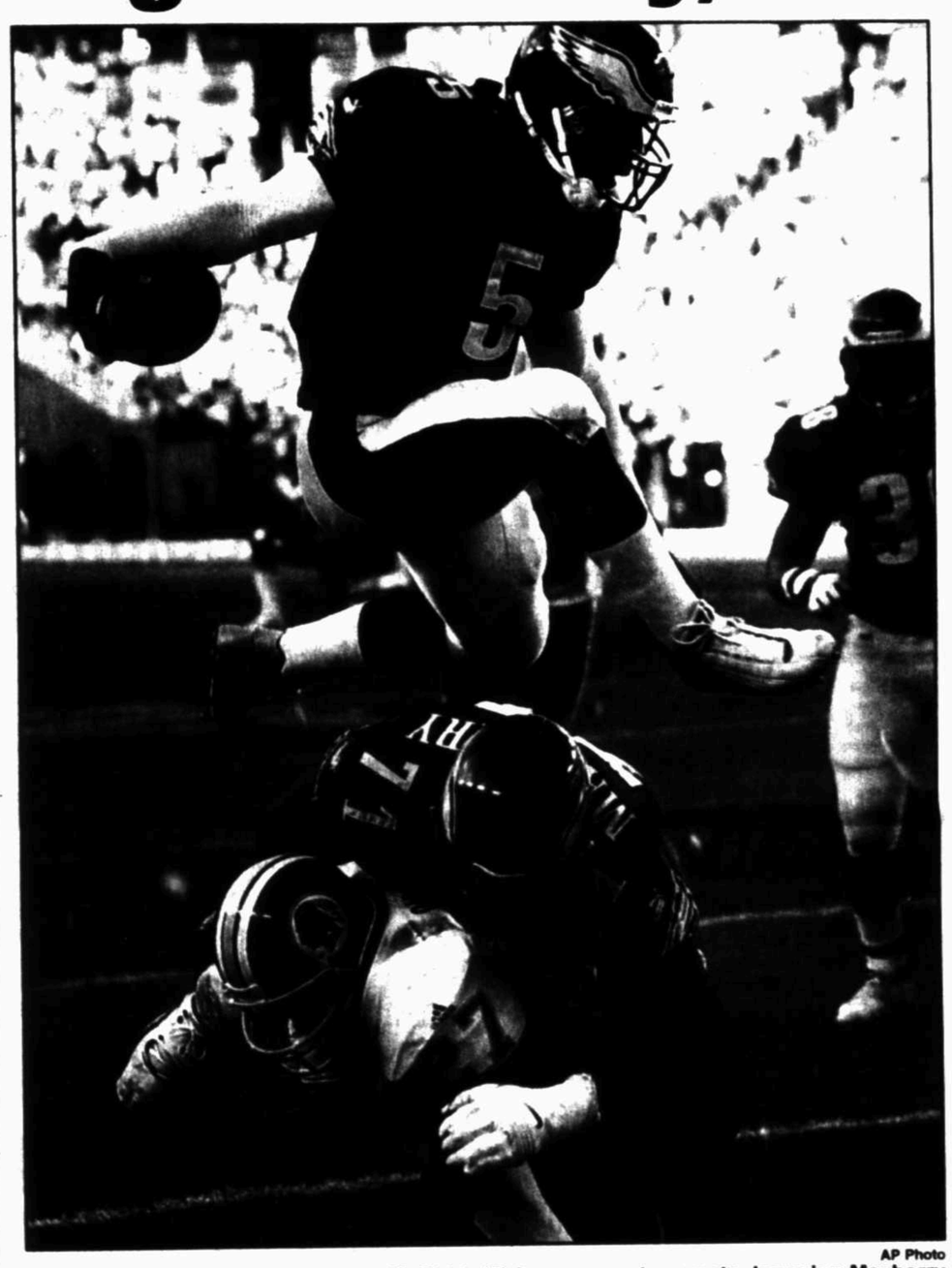
Miami's best chance to reach the Orange Bowl would be if No. 8 Kansas State (10-2) upsets Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game Saturday night. That would give the Seminoles a rematch against the Hurricanes.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Eagle can't fly, but still soars

QB McNabb runs over 'Skins; Philly holds on to East



AP Photo

The Philadelphia Eagles' Donovan McNabb (5) jumps over teammate Jermaine Mayberry (71) and the Washington Redskins' Mark Carrier (27) in the first quarter Sunday in Landover, Md. McNabb ran for 125 yards as Philadelphia won 23-20.

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — When Donovan McNabb carries the ball, he gives the Philadelphia Eagles another running back. One good enough to rush for 125 yards.

McNabb scored on a 21-yard bootleg, scrambled 54 yards to set up the winning field goal, completed passes to 10 receivers and was an overall headache for Washington Redskins as the Philadelphia Eagles retained first place in the NFC East with Sunday's 23-20 victory.

"He was so big, I don't think they make Tylenol that big," Redskins defensive end Marco Coleman said.

McNabb's rushing total was the highest for an NFL quarterback since Chicago's Bobby Douglass ran for 127 yards against Oakland on Dec. 17, 1972.

The victory kept the Eagles (9-4) on pace for their first division title in 12 years, just one season after a last-place finish. The Redskins (7-5) lost for the third time in four games and fumbled twice deep in their own territory to set up both Philadelphia touchdowns.

McNabb, whose 558 yards rushing is tops in the NFL among quarterbacks, had three runs that any running back would envy. The first came in the second quarter, when he hurdled a blocker and a would-be tackler near the sideline on a 26-yard scramble that set up a field goal.

"I didn't even know he was the one scrambling," Eagles receiver Charles Johnson said. "I thought it was a running back I was blocking for. I saw him leap into the air, and — Oh! — I didn't know he had some hops."

In the third quarter, McNabb gave the Eagles a 17-14 lead on the 21-yard bootleg in which he outran Bruce Smith, juked Mark Carrier and dragged Matt Stevens 3 yards into the end zone. It came one play after quarterback Jeff George lost a fumble on the snap at Washington's 20.

"He can run the ball. He can pass the ball. He reads

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Saints shock Rams 31-24, tie for lead in NFC West

Associated Press

The New Orleans Saints are suddenly in position to win the NFC West.

Yes, THOSE Saints — who have never won a playoff game, are coming off a 3-13 season and have lost their starting quarterback and running back for the season. New Orleans moved into a tie for first place in the division by beating the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams, who not too long ago were untouchable at home.

"Just looking at us on paper, it might not look like we have a lot of talent," Jerald Moore, a Rams castoff who scored a second-quarter touchdown, said Sunday after the Saints' 31-24 win at St. Louis. "But we really do."

The Saints (8-4) were 13 1/2-point underdogs without injured stars Jeff Blake and Ricky Williams.

Quarterback Aaron Brooks made his first career start and was 19-for-27 for 190 yards. He threw a 4-yard pass to Brian Milne in the first quarter and scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter to put the Saints ahead 21-7.

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The Rams, meanwhile, have lost four of six games after a 6-0 start, and dropped three in a row at their Trans World Dome. The Rams had won 14 straight at home, most of them blowouts, before the current skid, which includes setbacks to the Panthers and Redskins.

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AP Photo

The New Orleans Saints celebrate as they leave the field after defeating the St. Louis Rams 31-24 Sunday at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis .

Montgomerie claims Skins Game in playoff

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

INDIO, Calif. — In a Skins Game largely devoid of any golfing drama, Colin Montgomerie won $415,000 and the title by making two routine pars.

Playing the skins format for the first time, Montgomerie clinched it with a par-5 on the third playoff hole Sunday after defending champion and career Skins Game money-winner Fred Couples self-destructed in sand, brush, and finally water.

"As Freddie said when we started this event, there is a lot of luck involved," said Montgomerie, who won $340,000 in the playoff after earning $75,000 the first day of the two-day event. "I didn't actually play very well. I ended up very fortunate.

"I don't know what happened to Freddie (on the deciding hole), but I was suddenly left alone. My other skins I won with a par as well, so I must come back here again."

The Scot has been the dominant player in European for several seasons, and has three second-place finishes in majors in the United States.

With only Montgomerie and Couples left in the playoff, Couples drove into a fairway bunker on the third extra hole, then his second shot bounced off the lip, hit a cart and landed in a shrub. It only got worse: his third shot bounced into the water in front of the green.

Couples said of his second shot: "It hit a first-aid cart, which is something I needed at the time."

Montgomerie wrapped it up with a rather anti-climactic tap-in on that playoff hole, the 563-yard No. 18. His other winning hole came a day earlier, when his par on No. 5 earned him the $75,000 after the rest of the foursome had bogeys on the 249-yard par-3.

Both Vijay Singh, the runner-up with $260,000, and Sergio Garcia, who earned $200,000, were eliminated on the first playoff hole Sunday.

"I played decent golf and had an enjoyable two days," said Singh, who had competed in the same format previously in other parts of the world but was making his Skins Game debut.

Garcia, whose game was the sharpest of the four, noted that skins competition doesn't always reward best play, saying, "I had nine birdies and made almost nothing."

Couples, who reached the $2 million mark for eight Skins Game appearances by wining $25,000 on the first hole, added $100,000 on No. 11, but still finished fourth this time.

Couples couldn't cash in on an excellent opportunity on the second playoff hole, missing a 5-foot birdie try after Montgomerie was off on his long putt. After Couples tapped in, Montgomerie made his 3-footer to tie.

Montgomerie, who had difficulty making putts

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

Class 5A

DIVISION I
Region I
Midland Lee (10-2) vs. Duncanville (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium Irving
Region II
North Mesquite (9-3) vs. The Woodlands (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Alief Hastings (10-2) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (12-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
Austin Westlake (12-0) vs. CC Carroll (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos
DIVISION II
Region I
Lubbock Monterey (11-1) vs. Arlington Lamar (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock
Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Coppell (7-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II
Tyler John Tyler (9-3) vs. Round Rock (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium.
Lufkin (9-3) vs. Waco (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS
Region III
Katy (12-0) vs. Aldine (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
Alief Elsik (8-4) vs. Galena Park North Shore (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
SA Marshall (12-0) vs. McAllen (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, McAllen
SA MacArthur (10-2) vs. Edinburg (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

Class 4A

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Frenship (10-2) vs. FW Wyatt (7-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Region II
Denton Ryan (10-2) vs. Corsicana (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
Nederland (11-1) vs. Bay City (11-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
Region IV
Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. SA Roosevelt (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
DIVISION II
Region I
Big Spring (8-4) vs. Wichita Falls (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Andrews (9-3) vs. Southlake Carroll (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Coppell HS
Region II
Waco University (6-6) vs. Jacksonville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
Ennis (10-2) vs. Lancaster (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
Harker Heights (10-2) vs. La Marque (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field
West Orange-Stark (12-0) vs. Friendswood (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Pasadena
Region IV
Kerrville Tivy (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio
New Braunfels (8-4) vs. Rockport-Fulton (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

Class 3A

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I
Lamesa (11-1) vs. Abilene Wylie (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Region II
Everman (11-1) vs. Daingerfield (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium
Region III
Gatesville (12-0) vs. Cleveland (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station
Region IV
Bandera (10-2) vs. Sinton (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
DIVISION II
Region I
Greenwood (9-3) vs. Lake Worth (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie HS
Muleshoe (12-0) vs. Ferris (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region II
Commerce (12-0) vs. Spring Hill (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Mesquite Memorial
Forney (8-4) vs. Gladewater (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium
Region III
Marlin (9-3) vs. Newton (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bowers Stadium, Sam Houston State, Huntsville
Cameron Yoe (10-2) vs. Sweeny (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Moorhead Stadium, Conroe
Region IV
La Grange (10-2) vs. Yoakum (11-1), TBA, Memorial Stadium, Victoria
Hondo (11-1) vs. Mathis (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Class 2A

DIVISION I
Region I
Sonora (12-0) vs. Olney (12-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Brownwood
Region II
Pilot Point (10-2) vs. Farmersville (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Birdville FAAC
Region III
Arp (12-0) vs. San Augustine (6-4), TBA
Region IV
Blanco (8-4) vs. Poth (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio East Central
DIVISION II
Region I
Stanton (10-2) vs. Hamlin (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wolfe Stadium, Colorado City
New Deal (11-1) vs. Albany (10-2), TBA
Region II
Hico (7-5) vs. Whitewright (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bedford's Pennington Field
Cooper (10-2) vs. Celina (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Bedford's Pennington Field
Region III
Lone Oak (12-0) vs. Mart (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Texas-Arlington
Troup (10) vs. Corrigan-Camden (9-3), time/day TBA, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches
Region IV
Jarrell (11-1) vs. Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio
Rogers (11-1) vs. Three Rivers (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wimberley

Class 1A

Region I
Springlake-Earth (9-2) vs. Iraan (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole HS
Stratford (12-0) vs. Rankin (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Region II
Roscoe (12-0) vs. Celeste (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stephenville's Tarleton Memorial Stadium
Rotan (10-2) vs. Collinsville (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Birdville Fine Arts Complex
Region III
Beckville (10-1) vs. Bremond (10-1), time TBA, Friday, Mesquite
Mount Enterprise (11-0) vs. Wortham (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Groesbeck
Region IV
Burkeville (7-4) vs. Falls City (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, A&M Consolidated
High Island (9-2) vs. Shiner (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rhodes Stadium, Katy

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Regions I and II
Whitharral (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Site TBA
Groom (12-0) vs. Highland (12-0), TBA
Regions III and IV
Trent (11-1) vs. Aquilla (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gordon HS
Panther Creek (12-0) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dublin

Johansson wins at home to claim Stockholm Open title

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Thomas Johansson, playing flawlessly on a court where he is a club member, upset second-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 Sunday to win the Stockholm Open for the first time.

The unseeded Swede completed a great run through the tournament in which he beat three compatriots — Thomas Enqvist, Jonas Bjorkman and top-seeded Magnus Norman — to reach the final.

"I thought it would be a longer match than that," Johansson said. "But I felt really good from the start when I stepped out on the court and I knew he had to play real well to beat me."

Johansson, a finalist in 1998 against Todd Martin, ended his season in the Royal Tennis Hall with his best performance of the year. He often plays as a member of the co-organizing Royal Tennis Club.

This was his fourth singles title. His biggest came last year at the Masters Series event in Montreal, where he also beat Kafelnikov in the final. Johansson's best previous result this year was a quarterfinal berth in the U.S. Open.

Johansson broke Kafelnikov twice to win the first set in 23 minutes. He broke the Olympic champion twice in the second, then closed the set by holding serve at love.

Kafelnikov, the first Russian finalist in Stockholm Open history, came alive briefly in the third set when he raced to a 3-0 lead after breaking serve in the second game. Johansson broke back for 3-2 after Kafelnikov double-faulted, then broke again to lead 4-3.

Johansson's first serve was impressive all week, and that was again the case Sunday. He held at love for a 5-3 lead and moved to match point with a 122 mph ace. Kafelnikov then returned long to end the match after 1 hour, 34 minutes.

Henman wins before home fans

BRIGHTON, England — Tim Henman won an ATP title for the first time in his home country, defeating Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 6-2 Sunday in the final of the Samsung Open.

It was the Englishman's sixth career title and second this year after his victory in Austria last month.

"Tim was playing unbelievably well," Hrbaty said. "I think he was pumped to win his first tournament in England. I was fighting but Tim didn't give me a chance."

The top-seeded Henman is a two-time Wimbledon semifinalist and runner-up at Queens Club last year. He will not be in next week's Masters Cup in Portugal, the year-end elite event featuring eight players.

"It was a very satisfying way to end the year," Henman said. "My performance was as good as it has been in a long, long time."

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He was in command all the way against Hrbaty on the wooden courts at Brighton Center. The second-seeded Slovak needed treatment for a back injury while down 3-1 in the second set.

Henman broke Hrbaty in the opening game of the match. He broke again for a 4-1 lead and served out the set.

Hrbaty double faulted to hand Henman another break in the opening game of the second set. Henman squandered two match points on Hrbaty's serve at 5-1 but won the match in the next game with an ace.

"I've always believed that the hard work would pay off," Henman said. "I had to be patient but now I'm reaping the rewards."

Safin, Kuerten vie for No. 1 ranking

LISBON, Portugal — For once, the battle for the season-ending No. 1 ranking in men's tennis will not feature Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

With the two Americans playing a curtailed schedule this year, the fight is between Russia's Marat Safin and Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten, two of the sport's brightest new stars.

The top spot will be decided in the Masters Cup, an old tournament with a new name and a new locale. The event, which opens Tuesday in Lisbon, was formerly known as the Masters, then became the ATP Tour World Championship when it moved to Germany from New York.

After 10 years in Germany, the elite event that brings together the top eight players in the world comes to Lisbon for the first time, part of the ATP's attempts to revamp the men's game. The event is scheduled to rotate around the world and to be played on different surfaces.

As part of its new marketing strategy, the ATP has come up with the Championship Race, the points contest throughout the year that will produce the No. 1 at the end of the season. The ATP's intent was to simplify the ranking system for the public and to keep up the suspense throughout the season.

And it has come down to the wire. Safin and Kuerten have swapped places at the top in the last two months, and the Russian goes into the Masters Cup with a commanding 75-point lead.

LEE: Rebels will reach semis with win

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ers while roaming the sidelines.

The Lee-Duncanville winner will advance to the Class 5A Big School semifinals, meeting either The Woodlands or North Mesquite. Lee defeated North Mesquite at Ratliff Stadium last year in the semifinals on the way to its second consecutive state championship. Lee has never played Duncanville or The Woodlands.

Midland Lee Playoff Results

1974: Wichita Falls Rider 35, Midland Lee 8 (Bi-district). 0-1

1976: Midland Lee 17, Euless Trinity 0 (Bi-district); Arlington Sam Houston 38, Midland Lee 13 (Region). 1-1.

1983: Midland Lee 30, Amarillo High 3 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 48, El Paso Irvin 14 (Area); Midland Lee 23, Fort Worth Trimble Tech 6 (Region); Midland Lee 20, Odessa Permian 0 (Quarterfinals); Midland Lee 35, Plano 14 (Semifinals); Converse Judson 25, Midland Lee 21 (Finals). 5-1 (13-3 overall).

1984: Midland Lee 42, Plainview 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 41, El Paso Andress 6 (Area); Midland Lee 45, Fort Worth Richland 14 (Region); Odessa Permian 15, Midland Lee 14 (Quarterfinals). 3-1 (12-2 overall).

1985: Midland Lee 13, Amarillo High 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 45, El Paso Andress 7 (Area); Irving MacArthur 24, Midland Lee 21 (Region). 2-1 (10-3 overall).

1986: Amarillo High 14, Midland Lee 0 (Bi-district). 0-1 (8-2 overall).

1987: Midland Lee 35, Amarillo High 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 49, El Paso Eastwood 14 (Area); Arlington High 27, Midland Lee 7 (Region). 2-1 (11-1 overall).

1988: Amarillo Palo Duro 29, Midland Lee 8 (Bi-district). 0-1 (7-3 overall).

1989: Midland Lee 27, Amarillo Palo Duro 9 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 48, El Paso Andress 16 (Area); Arlington Lamar 17, Midland Lee 3 (Region). 2-1 (9-3 overall).

1990: Midland Lee 30, Plainview 6 (Bi-district Small School); El Paso Andress 21, Midland Lee 21, Andress advances on penetrations. 5-3 (Region). 1-0-1 (8-2-1 overall).

1991: Midland Lee 35, Amarillo Palo Duro 0 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 28, El Paso Andress 7 (Area); Midland Lee 29, Sherman 7 (Region); Odessa Permian 35, Midland Lee 7 (Quarterfinals). 3-1 (12-2 overall).

1993: Midland Lee 63, Amarillo High 25 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 79, El Paso Bowie 14 (Area); Lewisville 44, Midland Lee 30 (Region). 2-1 (11-2 overall).

1994: Midland Lee 21, Amarillo High 21, Lee advances on penetrations. 4-3 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 35, El Paso Riverside 13 (Area); Midland Lee 29, Arlington Lamar 29, Lee advances on penetrations. 5-4; Arlington High 28, Midland Lee 18 (Quarterfinals). 1-1-2 (7-4-2 overall).

1995: Midland Lee 38, Amarillo High 3 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 28, El Paso Socorro 26 (Area); Arlington Lamar 26, Midland Lee 8 (Region). 2-1 (10-1-1 overall).

1996: Midland Lee 36, Lubbock Monterey 21 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 42, El Paso Socorro 10 (Area); Flower Mound Marcus 20, Midland Lee 14 (region). 2-1 (11-1).

1997: Amarillo High 24, Midland Lee 7 (Bi-district Small School). 0-1 (5-5).

1998: Midland Lee 34, Lubbock Coronado 7 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 55, El Paso Andress 14 (Area); Midland Lee 43, Copperas Cove 17 (Region); Midland Lee 20, South Grand Prairie 7 (Quarterfinals); Midland Lee 42, Richardson Lake Highlands 21 (Semifinals); Midland Lee 54, San Antonio MacArthur 0. 6-0 (15-1).

1999: Midland Lee 55, San Angelo 19 (Bi-district Big School); Midland Lee 34, El Paso Franklin 20 (Area); Midland Lee 44, Waco 20 (Quarterfinals); Midland Lee 40, Mesquite 13 (Semifinals); Midland Lee 42, Aldine Eisenhower 21. 5-0 (15-0).

2000: Midland Lee 38, San Angelo Central 0 (Bi-district Big School); Midland Lee 45, El Paso Franklin 14 (Area).

Overall Playoff Record: 39-15-3 (.711).

POLLS: Several coaches could move

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The BCS was created in 1998 to come up with two teams to play in a national title game, yet keep the bowl system intact. It worked the first two seasons, but may not this time.

The last time there were co-champions was after the 1997 season — Michigan was the AP champion; Nebraska won the coaches poll.

If you think the national title race is scrambled, take a look at the coaching scene. An update:

■ Davis was to meet with Alabama officials about replacing Mike DuBose. Miami AD Paul Dee has offered Davis a contract extension on a deal that already pays him about $900,000 per year.

"We're doing everything we can to keep him," Dee said. "The ball is in his court."

■ Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer could leave for North Carolina, where he reportedly will be offered a deal worth $1.2 million per season to replace the fired Carl Torbush. The Hokies (10-1) beat Virginia 42-21 on Saturday and could be headed for a BCS bowl or end up in the Gator Bowl.

■ Clemson offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez replaces Don Nehlen as coach at West Virginia. Rodriguez, a former WVU player, gets a five-year deal worth $402,600 annually plus incentives that can total $100,000.

■ Wake Forest coach Jim Caldwell, who had one winning record in eight years, was fired Sunday after the Demon Deacons, 32-14 losers to North Carolina State, finished 2-9.

■ Virginia coach George Welsh completed his 19th season and hasn't announced whether he'll be back for a 20th. The Cavs finished 5-6 and could go to a bowl.

■ Arizona's Dick Tomey resigned after 14 years as the Wildcats head coach. Tomey made the announcement after Arizona (5-6) lost to Arizona State 30-17 on Friday night.

■ Earlier last week, ASU's Bruce Snyder was fired. The Sun Devils are expected to go to a bowl game and Snyder is expected to coach them. TCU's Dennis Franchione has been mentioned as Snyder's replacement.

■ USC coach Paul Hackett reportedly will be fired. The Trojans finished a disappointing 5-7 after starting 3-0 and rising as high as No. 8 in the AP poll. USC lost to Notre Dame 38-21 on Saturday.

SOONERS: OU disappointed in play

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ball away under pressure. On fourth down, he threw to 6-foot-4 tight end Marcellus Rivers in the end zone, but the ball was slightly underthrown and freshman cornerback Derrick Strait broke up the pass.

"Our defense has been outstanding all year and has come up with big plays in a lot of big games and did today," coach Bob Stoops said. "Football is the ultimate team sport, and you've got to find ways to win and help each other and we were fortunate to do that today."

Oklahoma State, playing its final game under coach Bob Simmons, often dropped nine players into pass coverage in an effort to frustrate Heupel. He wound up completing 19 of 36 passes with one touchdown and two interceptions.

The touchdown pass, a 3-yarder to Curtis Fagan, capped a 99-yard drive on Oklahoma's first possession. But the Sooners averaged just 19 yards per drive the rest of the day.

"It's disappointing because we know we're better than that," Heupel said.

Heupel and the offense have had a difficult time the past two weeks. His 248 yards passing in a 27-13 victory over Texas Tech had been his season low before Saturday.

Asked about Heupel's Heisman Trophy chances, Stoops noted Oklahoma's 11-0 record and the many big games Heupel has had.

"I think he's in great shape," Stoops said.

Notre Dame is back — kind of

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Bob Davie was asked simply if the Irish are back. He answered carefully.

"I think if you judge it on our style of play, I think people who have watched us play would say the Irish are back," Davie said after Notre Dame beat USC 38-21 on Saturday. "But when you talk about results, at Notre Dame, it's about winning national championships. So if you look at the results, maybe not yet."

Notre Dame is not a place where 9-2 records go down as great seasons. Notre Dame is not a place where wins over No. 14 Purdue and Texas A&M — its two biggest this season — will go down as great victories.

But No. 11 Notre Dame has gone five seasons since its last major bowl appearance and seven seasons without finishing in the top 10. The Irish also are 12 years removed from their last national championship. So perhaps alumni will allow Davie, whose job was in jeopardy when the season began, a little celebration for what his team has accomplished.

"I'm excited about what we've been able to do, not just because of what we've done — winning nine games — just the way we've won," he said Sunday.

The Irish finished 9-2 despite losing Arnaz Battle, their only quarterback with any experience, and defensive lineman Grant Irons, one of the co-captains, to season-ending injuries in an overtime loss to Nebraska. They have risen from unranked to a team virtually assured a spot in a Bowl Championship Series game — probably the Fiesta Bowl — and a $13.5 million payday.

"We are on a roll. We are back," cornerback Brock Williams said.

If Notre Dame is selected for a BCS berth, it likely will trigger arguments, especially among schools higher in the BCS standings. They likely will center on the fact the Irish are favored by bowls because they have more fans and bring better ratings.

Davie said he's not concerned.

"I told our team after the game, there are no pretenders. We may not have the flashiest players or the most clever coaches, but it's good solid, people and because of that there's a good, solid foundation," he said.

British Columbia wins Grey Cup

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Robert Drummond and Damon Allen scored fourth-quarter touchdowns to power the B.C. Lions to a 28-26 Grey Cup victory Sunday over the Montreal Alouettes.

Montreal capped a wild fourth quarter when Anthony Calvillo's 59-yard touchdown pass to Ben Cahoon made it 28-26 with 44 seconds left. But Calvillo's pass to Thomas Haskins for the two-point convert missed.

B.C. clinched the win in the CFL championship game when receiver Alfred Jackson corralled Montreal's onside kick attempt.

It was the final game of B.C. kicker Lui Passaglia's 25-year CFL career, and he kicked what proved to be the winning field goal. Drummond was named MVP while fellow Lions running back Sean Millington was named top Canadian.

"Their running game just took it to us," said Montreal coach Charlie Taaffe. "With a team like that, if they can run the ball on you then obviously it puts that much more pressure on your defense.

"But it was a great Grey Cup game, a two-point game. It doesn't get much better than that."

Drummond opened the fourth quarter by taking a third-down gamble 44 yards for a touchdown. Drummond, playing in his fifth career Grey Cup, took the handoff deep in the B.C. backfield, sped through the line and sprinted untouched to the end zone to put B.C ahead 19-10.

On the ensuing possession, Montreal drove to the B.C. 44 before appearing to lose the ball on Calvillo's fumble. But game officials instead penalized Calvillo for intentional grounding, allowing the Alouettes to pull to within 19-13 on Terry Baker's 51-yard field goal.

B.C. countered with ant eight-play, 75-yard drive that culminated with Allen's one-yard run at 8:38 for a 25-13 lead. The two-point convert was unsuccessful.

But Montreal running back Mike Pringle, who had a CFL-record 19 rushing touchdowns this season, scored from 5 yards out at 11:11 to pull the Alouettes to within 25-20. Passaglia, who had missed three of four first-half field goals, cemented the victory with a 29-yard boot at 13:35.

LOCAL SPORTS

Local playoff pairings set

The times and places for next Saturday's playoff games involving area high school football teams have been confirmed.

In the Class 4A Small School division, both Big Spring and Andrews will play at 2 p.m. Big Spring (8-4) will play unbeaten and No. 1 Wichita Falls at Abline's Shotwell Stadium. At the same time, Andrews (9-3) will face Southlake Carroll (8-4) at Coppell.

In Class 2A Small School action, Stanton (10-2) will face Hamlin (9-3) at 2:30 p.m. in Colorado City.

Three aces fall at Dorado

If you wanted to make a hole-in-one, the Club at Mission Dorado was the place to be on Sunday, and No. 4 was the hole you wanted to play.

That 150-yard hole was the setting for not one but two of the rarest golf occurences on Sunday, as both Koy Stribling and Bob Stangby aced the hole. And that wasn't all: Jim Watkins aced No. 17 on Sunday.

Stribling and Stangby both used pitching wedges for their shots. Stribling's feat was witnessed by Corky Stribling, and Stangby's shot was seen by Bob Powell, Lindle Dempsey and David Simpson.

Watkins used a 9-iron on the 145-yard 17th hole. David Dunn, Donna Dunn and Alice Watkins witnessed the shot.

Teen repeats in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — This time, Aaron Baddeley can cash a check after his victory.

The 19-year-old Aussie became only the second player in the 100-year history of the Australian Open to win the tournament one year as an amateur and the next as a pro. He shot a par-72 Sunday to finish at 10-under 278, giving him a two-stroke victory in only his second tournament as a professional and a winner's check of $117,000

Runner-up Robert Allenby of Australia closed with a 75 after shooting a course-record 64 on Saturday.

Last year, at Royal Sydney, Baddeley became the youngest player to win the Australian Open. But he was unable to claim the prize money because he was still an amateur.

He joins a list of back-to-back winners at the Australian Open that includes Gary Player (twice), Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman. The only other champ to win as an amateur and pro in consecutive years was Carnegie Clark in 1910 and 1911.

"The experience was fantastic," Baddeley said. "I knew if I kept working and kept my faith in myself, I'd get back to that level."

Baddeley credited his improvement to four weeks of work with coach Dale Lynch.

"I was sort of struggling with the game ... my technique had dropped off," he said.

Richard Green had a 69 Sunday to finish third at 282, followed by Scott Lacock at 70-284 and Norman at 74-285.

Baddeley encountered problems on the par-4 16th. He had a bad lie in a bunker and then misplayed a chip shot before taking a double bogey to Allenby's par.

That cut his lead to two. But on the next tee, Baddeley knocked his drive down the middle. He put his second shot within 25 feet and made a birdie putt while Allenby bogeyed.

With his four-shot lead restored and one hole to go, Baddeley put his tee shot in a fairway bunker on No. 18 and three-putted. The double bogey ended his streak of seven straight rounds under par at the Open, but the title belonged to him.

SKINS: Garcia, Singh can't make par

(From 1C)

most of the tournament, did have one fine shot at a critical time — chipping in from 25 feet for birdie on the first playoff hole. Couples drove the green on the 334-yard par-4, then two-putted from 45 feet. His eagle try to win the tournament died just one ball rotation from the hole.

Garcia missed from 15 feet and Singh from 4 feet on the first playoff hole, and par wasn't good enough to keep them in the playoff.

Singh sent the event into a playoff by making a 6-foot birdie putt to tie Garcia on No. 18. Montgomerie hit his second shot into the water in front of the green, and Couples missed a long birdie try before Garcia tapped in for birdie on the par-5, 563-yard 18th.

Prize money is at stake on each hole in the skins format. A player wins the money if he wins the hole (the skin) outright. But if two or more players tie a hole, all are considered tied — except in a playoff — and the money is carried over to the next hole.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	3	0	.750	237	160
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	260	229
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	237	237
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583	317	256
New England	3	9	0	.250	192	253

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	9	3	0	.750	241	175
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	262	135
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	232	181
Jacksonville	5	7	0	.417	236	272
Cleveland	3	10	0	.231	137	312
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	134	281

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	10	2	0	.833	352	235
Denver	8	4	0	.667	371	293
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	283	274
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	216	298
San Diego	1	11	0	.083	206	307

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	287	199
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	244	191
Washington	7	5	0	.583	238	201
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	242	273
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	177	342

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	306	250
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	247	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	293	197
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	235	231
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	163	273

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	4	0	.667	256	207
St. Louis	8	4	0	.667	436	367
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	210	204
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	290	336
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	206	347

Thursday's Games
Detroit 34, New England 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 15

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets 17, Chicago 10
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 24
Baltimore 44, Cleveland 7
Philadelphia 23, Washington 20
Tampa Bay 31, Buffalo 17
Pittsburgh 48, Cincinnati 28
Oakland 41, Atlanta 14
Denver 38, Seattle 31
Miami 17, Indianapolis 14
San Diego 17, Kansas City 16
Jacksonville 16, Tennessee 13
N.Y. Giants 31, Arizona 7
Open: San Francisco

Monday's Game
Green Bay at Carolina, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30
Detroit at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3
Seattle at Atlanta, noon.
Miami at Buffalo, noon.
St. Louis at Carolina, noon.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon.
Arizona at Cincinnati, noon.
Denver at New Orleans, noon.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, noon.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, noon.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, noon.
San Francisco at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

Monday, Dec. 4
Kansas City at New England, 8 p.m.

Broncos 38, Seahawks 31

Denver	0	10	7	21	— 38
Seattle	0	14	10	7	— 31

Second Quarter
Sea—Sinclair 63 fumble return (Lindell kick), 11:39.
Den—FG Elam 35, 6:33.
Sea—Watters 1 run (Lindell kick), 2:54.
Den—Clark 43 pass from Frerotte (Elam kick), 1:36.

Third Quarter
Den—Anderson 15 run (Elam kick), 6:57.
Sea—C.Brown 10 fumble return (Lindell kick), 2:12.
Sea—FG Lindell 42, :27.

Fourth Quarter
Den—R.Smith 50 run (Elam kick), 12:37.
Den—Spencer 21 interception return (Elam kick), 5:54.
Sea—Dawkins 8 pass from Kitna (Lindell kick), 4:02.
Den—Anderson 80 run (Elam kick), 3:34.
A—68,661.

	Den	Sea
First downs	25	17
Rushes-yards	41-301	21-85
Passing	237	269
Comp-Att-Int	15-31-2	23-48-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	1-5
Punts	4-35.8	6-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-53	5-43
Time of Possession	34:25	25:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver, M.Anderson 30-195, R.Smith 3-78, Frerotte 6-23, Griffith 1-3, Coleman 1-2. Seattle, Waters 16-77, Strong 1-4, Kitna 1-3, Alexander 3-1.
PASSING—Denver, Frerotte 15-31-2-244. Seattle, Kitna 20-42-2-226, Huard 3-6-0-48.
RECEIVING—Denver, R.Smith 4-82, De.Clark 3-73, Carswell 3-42, Mcaffrey 3-33, Anderson 2-14. Seattle, Waters 9-126, Dawkins 7-54, Fauria 3-16, Mayes 2-49, Jackson 1-19, Strong 1-10.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Chargers 17, Chiefs 16

Kansas City	3	3	10	0	— 16
San Diego	7	7	0	3	— 17

First Quarter
KC—FG Peterson 39, 6:34.
SD—F.Jones 20 pass from Leaf (Carney kick), 4:23.

Second Quarter
SD—F.Jones 7 pass from Leaf (Carney kick), 13:12.
KC—FG Petersen 34, 4:32.

Third Quarter
KC—Patton 24 interception return (Peterson kick), 13:58.
KC—FG Peterson 30, 1:51.

Fourth Quarter
SD—FG Carney 52, 2:14.
A—47,228.

	KC	SD
First downs	10	14
Rushes-yards	31-77	22-52
Passing	84	149
Comp-Att-Int	12-31-1	17-30-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-46	6-28
Punts	10-43.1	8-48.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	11-90	5-43
Time of Possession	31:03	28:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, Richardson 9-52, Anders 16-20, Bennett 4-3, Moon 2-2. San Diego, Fletcher 14-40, Fazande 4-13, Leaf 4-(minus 1).
PASSING—Kansas City, Moon 12-31-1-130. San Diego, Leaf 17-30-2-177.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, Alexander 4-67, Richardson 3-27, Anders 3-18, Morris 2-18. San Diego, F.Jones 4-47, Fletcher 4-15, Graham 3-48, Conway 2-32, McCrary 2-19, Fazande 2-16.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Raiders 41, Falcons 14

Atlanta	7	0	0	7	— 14
Oakland	3	21	14	3	— 41

First Quarter
Atl—Anderson 5 run (Andersen kick), 11:31.
Oak—FG Janikowski 24, 4:43.

Second Quarter
Oak—Wheatley 1 run (Janikowski kick), 12:22.
Oak—Brown 28 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick), 8:07.
Oak—Crockett 8 run (Janikowski kick), 1:09.

Third Quarter
Oak—Dunn 87 kickoff return (Janikowski kick), 14:41.
Oak—Jett 84 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick), 8:50.

Fourth Quarter
Atl—Kozlowski 4 pass from D.Johnson (Andersen kick), 14:30.
Oak—FG Janikowski 35, 11:25.
A—55,175.

	Atl	Oak
First downs	15	24
Rushes-yards	13-31	38-270
Passing	150	222
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-1	15-22-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-32	2-9
Punts	8-39.1	3-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	10-55	12-108
Time of Possession	24:53	35:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Atlanta, Anderson 12-28, Chandler 1-5. Oakland, Wheatley 12-85, Gannon 4-64, Crockett 10-46, Kaufman 5-40, Jordan 7-33.
PASSING—Atlanta, Johnson 11-17-0-85, Chandler 7-12-1-97. Oakland, Gannon 15-22-0-231.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, Jefferson 7-109, Kelly 3-23, Anderson 2-21, Christian 2-17, Dwight 2-(minus 1), Mathis 1-9, Kozlowski 1-4. Oakland, Brown 6-95, Jordan 2-14, Jett 1-84, Dudley 1-11, Kaufman 1-7, Wheatley 1-7, Brigham 1-6, Ritchie 1-4, Dunn 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Dolphins 17, Colts 14

Miami	0	3	7	7	— 17
Indianapolis	7	0	0	7	— 14

First Quarter
Ind—Harrison 27 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 9:46.

Second Quarter
Mia—FG Mare 28, 14:57.

Third Quarter
Mia—J.Johnson 3 run (Mare kick), 7:29.

Fourth Quarter
Ind—Harrison 8 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 14:14.
Mia—Gadsden 17 pass from Huard (Mare kick), 1:10.
A—56,935.

	Mia	Ind
First downs	17	19
Rushes-yards	24-82	31-144
Passing	171	209
Comp-Att-Int	22-33-0	16-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	7-49.6	6-46.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	10-78
Time of Possession	29:05	30:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, J.Johnson 21-60, Denson 3-22. Indianapolis, James 26-118, Manning 5-26.
PASSING—Miami, Huard 22-33-0-183. Indianapolis, Manning 16-34-1-209.
RECEIVING—Miami, Shepherd 7-41, Denson 6-63, J.Johnson 5-29, Gadsden 2-30, Martin 1-11, Emanuel 1-9. Indianapolis, James 5-37, Harrison 4-74, Wilkins 2-34, Pollard 2-30, Pathon 2-19, Dilger 1-15.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Indianapolis, Vanderjagt 59 (S).

Jaguars 16, Titans 13

Tennessee	7	3	0	3	— 13
Jacksonville	10	0	3	3	— 16

First Quarter
Jac—FG Hollis 27, 10:50.
Ten—George 7 run (Del Greco kick), 5:19.
Jac—Taylor 10 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 2:07.

Second Quarter
Ten—FG Del Greco 30, 7:35.

Third Quarter
Jac—FG Hollis 20, 8:38.

Fourth Quarter
Ten—FG Del Greco 38, 14:55.
Jac—FG Hollis 38, :00.
A—65,454.

	Ten	Jac
First downs	17	16
Rushes-yards	31-117	28-111
Passing	217	223
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-0	15-25-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	3-14
Punts	5-38.2	3-53.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	4-25
Time of Possession	30:41	29:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tennessee, George 24-69, McNair 5-46, R.Thomas 2-2. Jacksonville, Taylor 24-104, Johnson 1-6, Brunell 3-1.
PASSING—Tennessee, McNair 13-24-0-228. Jacksonville, Brunell 15-25-2-237.
RECEIVING—Tennessee, George 7-109, Mason 2-33, Wycheck 2-18, Thigpen 1-37, Sanders 1-31. Jacksonville, Taylor 4-22, McCardell 3-53, J.Smith 3-45, Brady 3-28, Soward 1-45, Johnson 1-44.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Tennessee, Del Greco 28 (WL).

Buccaneers 31, Bills 17

Buffalo	0	7	0	10	— 17
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	21	— 31

First Quarter
TB—FG Gramatica 45, 12:17.

Second Quarter
Buf—Linton 4 pass from R.Johnson (Christie kick), 9:42.
TB—King 2 run (Gramatica kick), 3:34.

Fourth Quarter
TB—Dunn 6 run (Gramatica kick), 11:38.
Buf—R.Johnson 19 pass to Moulds (Christie kick), 8:56.
TB—K.Williams 73 punt return (Gramatica kick), 5:34.
Buf—FG Christie 28, 2:27.
TB—Dunn 39 run (Gramatica kick), 2:06.
A—65,546.

	Buf	TB
First downs	25	13
Rushes-yards	27-139	25-114
Passing	294	66
Comp-Att-Int	28-49-0	10-18-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-25	7-40
Punts	7-35.9	7-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	7-71
Time of Possession	36:17	23:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Buffalo, Bryson 8-32, Smith 11-30, Price 1-27, Moulds 1-20, R.Johnson 4-19, Flutie 2-11. Tampa Bay, Dunn 20-106, King 5-8.
PASSING—Buffalo, R.Johnson 24-39-0-262, Flutie 4-10-0-57. Tampa Bay, King 10-18-0-106.
RECEIVING—Buffalo, Moulds 8-102, Price 6-44, Riemersma 5-82, McDaniel 3-43, S.Jackson 2-15, Bryson 1-17, Smith 1-7, Cavil 1-5, Linton 1-4. Tampa Bay, Green 4-51, Moore 3-17, K.Johnson 2-15, Dunn 1-23.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Christie 42 (WL).

Saints 31, Rams 24

New Orleans	7	14	3	7	— 31
St. Louis	7	3	7	7	— 24

First Quarter
StL—Holcombe 1 run (Hall kick), 2:43.
NO—Milne 4 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), :08.

Second Quarter
NO—Moore 3 run (Brien kick), 10:28.
NO—Brooks 2 run (Brien kick), 1:55.
StL—FG Hall 28, :00.

Third Quarter
NO—FG Brien 30, 9:27.
StL—Hakim 35 pass from Green (Hall kick), 6:50.

Fourth Quarter
StL—Proehl 19 pass from Green (Hall kick), 11:06.
NO—Brooks 1 run (Brien kick), 3:50.
A—66,064.

	NO	StL
First downs	23	21
Rushes-yards	44-147	10-28
Passing	185	251
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-2	20-41-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	6-38
Punts	4-37.8	3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	17-116	14-132
Time of Possession	39:26	20:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Moore 18-61, Morton 12-35, Brooks 7-34, T.Smith 6-20, McAfee 1-(minus 3). St. Louis, Faulk 8-27, Holcombe 1-1, Green 1-0.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brooks 17-29-2-190. St. Louis, Green 20-41-1-269.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Horn 7-77, Jackson 4-64, Morton 2-12, Poole 1-18, Wilson 1-9, Glover 1-6, Milne 1-4. St. Louis, Holt 6-89, Bruce 4-59, Hakim 4-54, Proehl 3-66, Faulk 2-16, Williams 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Brien 44 (WR). St. Louis, None.

Eagles 23, Redskins 20

Philadelphia	7	3	7	6	— 23
Washington	7	7	3	3	— 20

First Quarter
Was—Thrash 36 pass from George (Murray kick), 12:22.
Phi—Thomason 3 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 8:16.

Second Quarter
Phi—FG Akers 27, 8:13.
Was—Alexander 19 pass from George (Murray kick), 3:08.

Third Quarter
Phi—McNabb 21 run (Akers kick), 9:03.
Was—FG Murray 26, 2:16.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—FG Akers 33, 11:43.
Was—FG Murray 20, 5:42.
Phi—FG Akers 30, 3:00.
A—83,284.

	Phi	Was
First downs	14	20
Rushes-yards	26-121	19-44
Passing	118	282
Comp-Att-Int	19-31-1	25-43-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-19	1-9
Punts	4-39.0	4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	11-96	6-46
Time of Possession	29:13	30:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Philadelphia, McNabb 11-125, Autry 9-25, Pritchett 5-18, Martin 1-3. Washington, Hicks, 10-22, Murrell 7-14, George 2-8.
PASSING—Philadelphia, McNabb 19-30-137-1, B.Mitchell 0-1-0-0. Washington, George 25-43-298-0.
RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Lewis 6-53, C.Johnson 3-17, Autry 2-24, Thomason 2-7, Small 1-18, Brown 1-9, Broughton 1-6, Pinkston 1-6, Martin 1-0, Pritchett 1-(minus 3). Washington, Centers 7-33, Thrash 5-121, Fryar 4-50, Alexander 4-39, Murrell 3-13, Hicks 2-32.
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Washington, Murray 44 (S-WR).

Ravens 44, Browns 7

Cleveland	7	0	0	0	— 7
Baltimore	7	24	6	7	— 44

First Quarter
Cle—Prentice 4 run (Dawson kick), 10:30.
Bal—Ja.Lewis 1 run (Stover kick), 4:06.

Second Quarter
Bal—Gash 2 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick), 13:40.
Bal—P.Johnson 46 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick), 11:39.
Bal—FG Stover 39, 4:35. Drive: 10 plays, 69 yards, 5:13.
Bal—Ja.Lewis 36 run (Stover kick), 2:55.

Third Quarter
Bal—FG Stover 26, 10:34.
Bal—FG Stover 38, 5:01.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—Holmes 3 run (Stover kick), 5:23.
A—68,361.

	Cle	Bal
First downs	5	25
Rushes-yards	17-28	51-247
Passing	84	214
Comp-Att-Int	13-25-1	14-26-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-54	0-0
Punts	10-49.1	4-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-11	3-25
Time of Possession	21:28	38:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cleveland, Prentice 11-13, White 4-12, Pederson 2-3. Baltimore, Ja.Lewis 30-170, Holmes 17-64, Dilfer 2-10, P.Johnson 1-2, Gash 1-1.
PASSING—Cleveland, Pederson 8-16-1-108, Wynn 5-9-0-30. Baltimore, Dilfer 12-23-1-169, Banks 2-3-0-45.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, K.Johnson 4-85, Patten 4-23, Campbell 2-25, Edwards 1-4, Prentice 1-3, White 1-(minus 2). Baltimore, Stokley 4-68, Ismail 3-39, P.Johnson 2-54, Sharpe 2-17, Gash 2-8, B.Davis 1-26.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Jets 17, Bears 10

Chicago	0	0	3	7	— 10
N.Y. Jets	7	10	0	0	— 17

First Quarter
NY—Becht 2 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick), 4:32.

Second Quarter
NY—FG Hall 20, 10:40.
NY—Anderson 15 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick), :32.

Third Quarter
Chi—FG Edinger 39, 1:52.

Fourth Quarter
Chi—Booker 6 pass from Matthews (Edinger kick), 5:14.
A—77,354.

	Chi	NY
First downs	13	17
Rushes-yards	30-135	32-59
Passing	98	218
Comp-Att-Int	13-32-0	21-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	5-35.2	7-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-29	4-35
Time of Possession	24:59	35:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Chicago, Allen 25-122, Barnes 3-11, Enis 1-2, Matthews 1-0. New York, Martin 17-29, Parmalee 10-26, Anderson 2-5, Ward 1-1, Testaverde 2-(minus 2).
PASSING—Chicago, Matthews 13-32-0-98. New York, Testaverde 20-34-1-215, Lucas 1-1-0-3.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Booker 5-45, Allen 3-23, Brooks 2-19, Barnes 1-7, Kennison 1-7, Robinson 1-(minus 3). New York, Ward 6-93, Anderson 6-69, Parmalee 6-48, Chrebet 1-8, Becht 1-2, Martin 1-(minus 2).
MISSED FIELD GOAL—New York, Hall 46 (WR).

Steelers 48, Bengals 28

Pittsburgh	14	10	21	3	— 48
Cincinnati	7	7	7	7	— 28

First Quarter
Pit—Ward 34 pass from Stewart (Brown kick), 12:06.
Cin—Bennett 37 run (Rackers kick), 10:04.
Pit—Stewart 1 run (Brown kick), 3:43.

Second Quarter
Cin—Dillon 20 run (Rackers kick), 13:56.
Pit—Stewart 11 pass to Bruener (Brown kick), 9:00.
Pit—FG Brown 44, :16.

Third Quarter
Cin—Dillon 4 run (Rackers kick), 9:46.
Pit—Shaw 45 pass from Stewart (Brown kick), 6:16.
Pit—Bettis 7 run (Brown kick), 1:31.
Pit—Gildon 22 fumble return (Brown kick), :00.

Fourth Quarter
Cin—Warrick 5 pass from Smith (Rackers kick), 2:50.
Pit—FG Brown 28, 1:49.
A—63,925.

	Pit	Cin
First downs	21	23
Rushes-yards	38-185	41-209
Passing	187	100
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-0	10-20-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	4-29
Punts	4-41.0	4-35.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	8-3
Penalties-Yards	4-35	3-15
Time of Possession	30:49	29:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bettis 23-93, Ward 2-38, Stewart 6-31, Huntley 2-20, Zereoue 3-5, Graham 2-(minus 2). Cincinnati, Dillon 23-128, Bennett 5-55, N.Williams 5-16, Smith 6-15, Warrick 2-(minus 5).
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Stewart 11-20-0-182, Graham 1-2-0-27. Cincinnati, Smith 10-20-0-129.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Ward 4-70, Shaw 2-66, Bruener 2-25, Edwards 1-27, Hawkins 1-17, Cushing 1-5, Bettis 1-(minus 1). Cincinnati, Farmer 3-59, Warrick 3-25, Yeast 2-37, Bennett 2-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Giants 31, Cardinals 7

N.Y. Giants	7	7	7	10	— 31
Arizona	0	0	7	0	— 7

First Quarter
NY—Campbell 5 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick), 9:32.

Second Quarter
NY—Dayne 1 run (Daluiso kick), 10:15.

Third Quarter
NY—Barber 23 run (Daluiso kick), 6:24.
Ari—Pittman 36 pass from Brown (Blanchard kick), 2:01.

Fourth Quarter
NY—Toomer 19 run (Daluiso kick), 10:06.
NY—FG Daluiso 25, 6:49.
A—42,094.

	NY	Ari
First downs	25	14
Rushes-yards	40-146	16-88
Passing	225	179
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	20-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	6-32
Punts	4-40.8	5-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-45	12-99
Time of Possession	34:43	25:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Dayne 24-85, Barber 12-32, Toomer 2-31, Garrett 2-(minus 2). Arizona, Pittman 13-77, T.Jones 2-11, D.Brown 1-0.
PASSING—New York, Collins 20-30-0-232. Arizona, D.Brown 18-36-1-192, Greisen 2-3-0-19.
RECEIVING—New York, Jurevicius 6-70, Toomer 4-58, Barber 4-52, Mitchell 3-28, Dixon 1-13, Cross 1-6, Campbell 1-5. Arizona, Pittman 10-96, Sanders 3-44, Hardy 2-13, Boston 1-32, Jenkins 1-13, Gedney 1-6, T.Jones 1-4, Cody 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

WPHL Standings

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	13	5	2	28	76	59
Bossier-Shv.	13	6	1	27	66	52
Monroe	12	7	1	25	71	67
Tupelo	11	11	1	23	95	73
Central Texas	9	7	3	21	60	59
Corpus Christi	10	11	1	21	58	79
Lake Charles	10	10	0	20	66	84
Fort Worth	4	15	2	10	60	79

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Amarillo	11	6	3	25	75	71
Lubbock	10	8	3	23	77	76
San Angelo	10	8	3	23	58	73
New Mexico	10	4	2	22	69	65
Odessa	9	4	4	22	66	58
El Paso	8	8	4	20	58	60

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Saturday's Games
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Monroe 3
Lake Charles 2, Austin 1, SO
Lubbock 7, Central Texas 2
Odessa 5, San Angelo 3
Tupelo 3, Corpus Christi 2
Amarillo 3, Fort Worth 2, SO

Sunday's Games
Corpus Christi 4, Tupelo 3
Bossier-Shreveport 7, Lake Charles 2
Lubbock 3, New Mexico 2, SO
San Angelo 3, Amarillo 2

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Fort Worth at Monroe
Amarillo at Odessa
New Mexico at El Paso

Golf

Skins Game

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Scores and earnings this weekend of the $1 million Skins Game on the 7,068-yard, par-72 Landmark Golf Club course (skins won in parentheses; $25,000 for holes 1-6; $50,000 for holes 7-12; $70,000 for holes 13-17; $200,000 for No. 18):

Totals
Colin Montgomerie (6), $415,000
Vijay Singh (4), $260,000
Sergio Garcia (5), $200,000
Fred Couples (3), $125,000

Saturday

Par Out		443	535	435
Garcia (4), $150,000		533	444	x24
Montgomerie (3), $75,000		4x3	535	435
Singh (1), $50,000		453	x44	433
Couples (1), $25,000		343	444	534

Sunday

Par In		544	343	445	435
Montgomerie (3), $340,000		444	333	44x	335
Singh (3), $210,000		544	332	434	4
Couples (2), $100,000		534	343	535	336
Garcia (1), $50,000		443	333	444	4

NOTE: Playoff holes were No. 14, 15 and 18

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Leading final scores Sunday of the $650,000 Holden Australian Open on the 6,972-yard, par-72 Kingston Heath golf course:

Aaron Baddeley, Australia, $117,000	72 — 278
Robert Allenby, Australia	75 — 280
Richard Green, Australia	69 — 282
Scott Laycock, Australia	70 — 284
Greg Norman, Australia	74 — 285
Pierre Fulke, Sweden	73 — 285
Andrew Buckle, Australia	69 — 287
Stuart Appleby, Australia	69 — 287
Nick O'Hern, Australia	73 — 287
Peter O'Malley, Australia	73 — 287
Wayne Smith, Australia	72 — 287
Steven Bowditch, Australia	75 — 287
Nick Faldo, England	72 — 288
Adam Scott, Australia	74 — 288
Jarrod Moseley, Australia	72 — 288
Also	
Jim Benepe, United States	72 — 290
Matt Kuchar, United States	74 — 291

Tennis

Samsung Open

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Results Sunday of the $400,000 Samsung Open ATP Tour tournament:

Singles Championship
Tim Henman (1), Britain, def. Dominik Hrbaty (2), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles Championship
Michael Hill, Australia, and Jeff Tarango (2), United States, def. Paul Goldstein and Jim Thomas, United States, 6-3 7-5.

Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Results Sunday of the $800,000 Scania Stockholm Open ATP Tour tournament:

Singles Championship
Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (2), Russia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles Championship
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Daniel Nestor, Canada, def. Petr Pala and Pavel Vizner, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Fed Cup

Final
At Las Vegas
United States 5, Spain 0

Singles
Monica Seles, United States, def. Conchita Martinez, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Lindsay Davenport, United States, def. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Spain, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Reverse Singles
Lindsay Davenport, United States, def. Conchita Martinez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Jennifer Capriati, United States, def. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Spain, 6-1, 1-0 retired.

Doubles
Jennifer Capriati and Lisa Raymond, United States, def. Magui Serna and Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP John Franco on a three-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Activated C Luc Longley from the injured list. Placed C Felton Spencer on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Waived RB Raymont Harris. Signed CB Jason Suttle.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Waived DB Cris Dishman. Signed LB Pete Bercich.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled C Joel Prpic and G Frederic Cassivi from Hershey of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Eric Boguniecki and D Dan Boyle from Louisville of the AHL. Assigned D Brad Ference and D-W Lance Ward to Louisville.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled C Jesse Belanger from Chicago of the IHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Manny Malhotra from Hartford of the AHL. Assigned D Tomas Kloucek to Hartford.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Sean Gagnon from Grand Rapids of the IHL.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned LW Nils Ekman to Detroit of the IHL.
East Coast Hockey League
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS—Placed LW Mike Hartman on 14-day injured reserve. Transferred G Scott Bailey from 14- to 30-day injured reserve.
MOBILE MYSTICKS—Placed D Benoit Cotnoir on 7-day injured reserve.
PEE DEE PRIDE—Activated F Vince Malts from injured reserve.
COLLEGE
WAKE FOREST—Fired Jim Caldwell, football coach.
WEST VIRGINIA—Named Rich Rodriguez football coach.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	2	.846	—
New York	8	6	.571	3 1/2
Boston	6	7	.462	5
New Jersey	6	7	.462	5
Miami	5	8	.385	6
Orlando	5	9	.357	6 1/2
Washington	4	10	.286	7 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	4	.692	—
Toronto	8

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Robert Downey Jr. arrested for cocaine possession

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — **Robert Downey Jr.** was arrested for drug possession nearly three months after being released from prison and relaunching his career, police said Sunday.

An anonymous caller led investigators to a hotel room at the Merv Griffin Resort Saturday night where they found the actor alone with cocaine and methamphetamine, Palm Springs police officer Ralph Landry said.

"He was conscious and conversed with the officers," Landry said. "He was very cooperative."

Downey, 35, was arrested for drug possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance and committing a felony while free on bail, he said.

He was released Sunday on $15,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court within 30 days, Landry said.

Downey had landed a recurring role on the Fox television series "Ally McBeal" after being released from prison in August.

Telephone messages left by The Associated Press at his agent's offices were not immediately returned Sunday.

The actor told a judge last year that his drug addiction was "like I've got a shotgun in my mouth, with my finger on the trigger, and I like the taste of the gun metal."

His legal troubles began in 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle.

A month later he was found passed out in a neighbor's home and three days later, he was arrested for leaving a recovery center.

In August 1999, Downey was sentenced to three years in prison for violating his probation by missing scheduled drug tests. He was released a year later on $5,000 bail.

Downey planned in January to star in a Los Angeles stage run of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to be directed by Mel Gibson.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Actress **Cybill Shepherd** fled her home and called the fire department after seeing smoke in her attic. No one was harmed.

Shepherd, host of the new talk show "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," said a bedroom fireplace may have caused the Saturday incident, but officials were still investigating. The fire was quickly brought under control.

The former "Moonlighting" star, a Memphis native, started building the home in 1991. She filed a lawsuit in 1995 alleging water leaks and improperly installed electrical wiring. She settled out of court with some of the defendants.

NEW YORK — Actor **Chris O'Donnell** may dangle above a 2,000-foot drop in the action-adventure film "Vertical Limit," but he prefers less extreme sports off screen.

"I'm not much of a daredevil," he said in the New York Daily News' Sunday editions. "I'd much rather be playing a round of golf."

"As I was holding on to the mountain, I would definitely say my prayers," he said.

The 30-year-old actor said daily helicopter rides up New Zealand's Mount Cook to shoot the film were more than enough excitement.

"I'd look out and see the snow being whipped around, and the helicopter would start to teeter. It was pretty hairy," he said.

NEW YORK — CNN anchor **Bernard Shaw** said he's given a lot of thought to how his departure from the network early next year will affect the racial composition of his profession.

Shaw, 60, who has been with CNN since it began in 1980, said he's always wanted more company from people of color, but thinks women may have an even harder time in the business.

"The distraction of a woman journalist having to worry about her hair, her weight, her clothes — as a male, I never have to be concerned about that, about the salt and pepper in my hair," he said. "How many gray-haired newswomen do you see on television? The double standard in this business is disgusting."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — NOVEMBER 27, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

				6:00	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 621	Wheel of Fortune 973	20/20 Downtown 8398		NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Live) 377973						News 6599379	Nightline (N) 17953089
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby 94824	Judge Judy (N) 85176	Boston Public "Chapter Six" (N) '14' 38114		Ally McBeal "'Tis the Season" (N) '14' 14534		Mad About You 55076	Nanny 94008	Jerry Springer '14' 37485		Blind Date 79973	Divorce Court 78669
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 6350	Ent. Tonight 7602	King 8260	Yes, Dear (N) 6114	Raymond 6008	Becker (N) 8843	Family Law "Echoes" (N) 73824		News 7218824	(:35) Late Show (N) 'PG' 75661373		Late Late 8777640
(9) KWES	9	9	9	News 4398	Seinfeld 8350	Crocodile Hunter: Captured on Camera 28398		Law & Order "Panic" '14' 86878		Third Watch "Know Thyself" (N) '14' 17282		News 7295756	(:35) Tonight Show (N) '14' 47433008		Late Night '14' 7489447
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 43008	John Hagee 27060	Light of the Southwest (Live) 68718				Hour of Healing 73404		News 38992	Life in the Word 47640	Promise 80027	Rebecca Baker 29331
(13) KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer 700553		Antiques Roadshow 'G' 919114		American Experience: Grand Canyon 995534		Hitler's Search for the Holy Grail (N) 'PG' 915398		Telecourse 918485		Telecourse 584602	
(8) CNBC	8	27		Business Center 9686737		Hardball 4443355		Rivera Live 8148963		Brian Williams 8043319		Hardball 5893696		Rivera Live 7883350	
(10) WGN		10		Fresh Pr. 196640	Suddenly 189992	Stepfather II (R, '89) ★★ Terry O'Quinn, Meg Foster, Caroline Williams. 149534				News 991824		Suddenly 626008	In the Heat of the Night "A Small War" 271992	Matlock 548176	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 728824	Fresh Pr. 719176	Father of the Bride Part II (PG, '95) ★★½ Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short. 9736379				Father of the Bride (:30) (PG, '91) ★★★ Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. 6599911				Father of the Bride Part II (:15) ★★½ 9826078	
(14) FAM		14	6	Early Edition 537669		Providence 'PG' 161640		Providence 'PG' 147060		Early Edition 167824		700 Club 160911		Boss?	Boss?
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Discovery "Savage Wilderness" 320331		Bear Attack 'PG' 522602		Sabretooth (N) 'G' 531350		Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice (N) 551114		Justice Files "Prison Life" 521973		Bear Attack 'PG' 144008	
(21) AMC		21	31	Three Stooges 8268992		Hollywood Mamie (:35) (PG, '64) ★★★ Tippi Hedren. 2327088						The Conversation (PG, '74) ★★★★ 279737			
(22) TNN		22	35	Martial Law 723485		Martial Law 916008		WWF Raw '14' 925756		WWF War Zone 9818911		(:07) Martial Law 3039058		Ducks	Outdoors
(23) TNT		23	28	Pretender 716195		WCW Monday Nitro '14' 594060				Bull 998802		Pretender 908089		WCW Nitro 579911	
(24) BRAV		24		St. Elsewhere 367843		Moon Over Parador (PG-13, '88) ★★½ 152008				Profiles: Jim 904398		Moon Over Parador (PG-13, '88) ★★½ 287379			
(26) BET		26	33	106 & Park	Oh Drama! 980927		Amen	Comicview 539008		BET Live 519244		BET News	BET Tonight	Midnight Love 796468	
(27) DISN		27	41	Phantom of the Megaplex ('00) Taylor Handley, Jacob Smith. 2212824		The Love Bug (:40) ('97) ★★ Bruce Campbell, John Hannah, Dana Gould. (TVG) 85862008				Batteries not Included (:20) ('87) ★★½ Hume Cronyn. 62703621				Zorro 240602	Mickey 422379
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	World Today 166060		Larry King Live 182008		Newsstand 182244		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 788468	
(29) ESPN		29	30	2-Minute Drill 110756	Monday Night Countdown (N) 224718			Figure Skating Nations' Cup. From Gelsenkirchen, Germany. (Taped) 317089					ESPNews 196224	Sportscenter 599534	
(30) USA		30	36	JAG "Mishap" 'PG' 999485		Beethoven's 2nd ('93) ★★½ Charles Grodin. The lovable St. Bernard starts a family. 777369				Nash Bridges "Frisco Blues" 'PG' 180640		Martin	Martin 256282	Strip Poker 'PG' 464114	Femme Nikita 134282
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 8601447		X-Files 8610195		Married...	Married...	X Show (N) '14' 8600718		X-Files 3358992	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order "Forgiveness" 'PG' 355027		Biography: Prince William 557398		City Confidential "Carlsbad" 'PG' 533718		Investigative Reports 546282		Law & Order "Trophy" 'PG' 556669		Biography: Prince William 139176	
(33) TLC		33	21	Trauma Center Flesh-eating bacteria. 718553		Code Blue: Long Way Home 'PG' 901176		U.S. Navy SEALs: Hell Week 'PG' 910824		Friendly Fire (N) 'PG' 990060		Code Blue: Long Way Home 'PG' 900447		U.S. Navy SEALs: Hell Week 'PG' 592602	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 'Y' 723244	Rugrats 747824	Told by Ginger 596422	Brady 743008	Gilligan's Island 596242	Bev. Hillbillies 546927	Facts of Life 821485	Facts of Life 330718	3's Co. 616640	3's Co. 692060	All In Family 693602	Jeffersons 414379
(39) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait "Robin Givens" 533843		Unsolved Mysteries 174114		Sudden Terror: The Hijacking of School Bus No. 17 ('96) Maria Conchita Alonso. 154350				Golden Girls 898282	Golden Girls 874602	Designing 414244	Designing 696911
(59) OUTDR		39		Hunting 4151485	Sportsman 4142737	Windsurfing 8723089	Yachting 4131621	Canoe 8732737	Sport Diver 8711244	Surfer 3473485	Surfer Mag. 2841485	Windsurfing 1527534	Yachting 1536282	Canoe 3445602	Sport Diver 1515572
(42) UNI		42	13	Locura de Amor 86027		Mujeres Engañadas 12114		Laberintos de Pasión 98534		Cristina: Edición Especial 18396		Primer Impacto 41466	Noticiero Univ. 50114	Vivians a la Medianoche 60176	
(43) FSN		43	29	Football Today 32060	Last Word (N) 56640	SW Sports 36398	Poker Million From the Isle of Man, Britain. 613008					National Sports Report 66973		Sports Report 48089	Last Word 77805
(44) COM		44		Daily Show 5411640	Ben Stein 5402992	Whose? 6076737	Whose? 5408176	Whose? 6085485	Whose? 6064992	Strangers 4216224	Presents 6681089	Daily Show (N) 6444621	Ben Stein 6460669	Saturday Night Live '14' 2011195	
(49) ANIM		46		You Lie-Dog	Animals	Surviving: Wolf 52718		Encounter	Ext. Contact	Wild-Set	Wild 32282	Surviving: Wolf 51089		Encounter	Ext. Contact
(47) E!		47		Homes	Talk Soup	Scandals	Scandals	True H'wood 153602		Holidays-Stars 173486		Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On 759080	
(48) TVL		48	24	Emergency! 5602553		Charlie's Angels 6081911		Studio One 6067331		Andy Griffith	Leave	A-Team 6080282		Studio One 2132669	
(29) ODY		49		Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Medicine Women 907350		Young Catherine (91) ★★★ (TVPG) 927114				Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Young Riders 505176	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	BeforeAftr	Auction	Collect	Country Home 3795534		If Walls	Modern	Auction	Collect	Country Home 5246992	
(51) MSNBC		51		Headliners 7100843		Investigates 8609089		Brian Williams 8618737		Headliners 8698973		Investigates 9691060		Brian Williams 3356534	
(52) TELE		52		Muñeca Brava 352911		Betty la Fea 993282		Por Qué Diablos 979802		Terra Nostra 999466		Noticiero	Laura en América 279534	A Oscuras	
(53) FOOD		59		Cooking Live		Emeril Live		Food	Best Of	Calling	Food Finds	Emeril Live		Food	Best Of
(60) TOON		60		Scooby	Bravo	Ed, Edd	Dexter	Bugs	Tom Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby Doo	Ed, Edd	Dexter	Dragon-Z	Tenchi
(61) TCM		61		Hllywd Legend 9606379		The Good Earth ('37) ★★★★ Paul Muni. 8513878					Oil for the Lamps of China ('35) ★★★ 5897826				Painted Veil
(62) HIST		62	32	History	History IQ	Essex-Story 6090669		Founding Fathr 6076089		Save Our History 6089553		This Week-Hist 6082640		Essex-Story 2134027	
(63) ESPN2		63		Sportscenter 6695282		PWBA Bowling 9418282		Billiards: WPBA 9494602		Billiards: WPBA 9414466		Bodybuild	Bodybuild	Boxing 9017553	
(64) SCIFI		64	39	Babylon 5 7422089		Outer Limits 1410640		Outer Limits 1496060		Outer Limits 1416824		Crossing	Twilight Z.	Fri. the 13th 7186176	
(53) PLEX				Your Place or 74252821	Bonds of Love (:30) ('93) Traci Williams, Kelly McGillis. 32413678			Funny Face ('57) ★★★ Fred Astaire, Audrey Hepburn, Kay Thompson. 8812176				On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (8:50) (G, '70) ★★★ Barbra Streisand. 54803379			
(65) FLIX		65		The Millionaires (5:30) ('60) ★★★ 3139263		Diggstown ('92) ★★½ James Woods. A retired fighter re-enters the ring to con a racketeer. 2118089				Eureka (R, '83) ★★ Gene Hackman. A gold prospector learns money cannot buy happiness or peace. 9626089					Spellbinder 2537089
(66) SHOW		66	20	Tap (5:00) (PG-13, '89) ★★★ 234060		Being John Malkovich (R, '99) ★★★½ John Cusack, Cameron Diaz. 7094640				Resurrection Blvd. Alex's affair ends. 8913832		(8:50) Resurrection Blvd. 57356737		Women 7015176	Women 8236992
(67) TMC		67	16	Beetlejuice 76973350	Bug Buster (:25) 99150992			The Faculty (R, '98) ★★½ Jordana Brewster.			Ringmaster (:45) (R, '98) ★½ Jerry Springer, Jaime Pressly, Molly Hagan. 73619355				You Think 805166563
(68) HBO		68	15	The Karate Kid, Part Two (5:00) ★★½ 293878		The Thirteenth Floor (R, '99) ★★½ Craig Bierko. 8125185			Go (:45) (R, '99) ★★★ Desmond Askew, Taye Diggs, William Fichtner. 49235649				Real Sex 24 'MA' 3437331		American B 57383263
(69) HBOP		69		Cookies 2507008	Curb 9902176	Running on Empty (PG-13, '88) ★★★ Christine Lahti, River Phoenix, Judd Hirsch. 6525805				Century of Living 'G' 9554640		Sex & City 7746176	Sex & City 7755824	Interview With the Vampire ★★★ 1373737	
(70) HBOS		70		The Legend of Billie Jean (:15) (PG-13, '85) ★★ Helen Slater, Peter Coyote. 38423737				Simply Irresistible (PG-13, '99) ★½ Sarah Michelle Gellar. 8538089			A Cool, Dry Place (:45) (PG-13, '98) ★★½ Vince Vaughn, Joey Lauren Adams. 27815379			Twice Upon 2507821	
(71) MAX		71		Never Say Never 8961027	In God-Trust 69119244	Forces of Nature (PG-13, '99) ★★½ Sandra Bullock, Ben Affleck, Maura Tierney. 337756				Higher Learning (R, '95) ★★★ Omar Epps, Kristy Swanson, Michael Rapaport. 3104224				Sheer Passion (:15) ('98) (TVMA) 88547640	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 27, 2000:

You are unusually lucky. Zoom in and get what you want. Partners go out of their way for you. You have many more opportunities than you realize. Your strength of personality enhances your attractiveness. If you are single, you will have to work to maintain your status. You will have many admirers. Certainly someone will be very appealing. If you are attached, your partner vibrates with new energy and enthusiasm. Let go of a need to control. CAPRICORN understands money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep stretching in the face of opportunities and challenges. On some level, you feel as if you are in a revolving door. Don't stop yourself. Just gather information. News from a distance is unusually exciting. Be spontaneous. Brainstorm with others. Tonight: Anything is possible!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Relate one-on-one. Others want to offer you the world. Don't kid yourself — it will cost you. Be direct with a loved one or associate when explaining your expectations. The more open you are, the better. Establish firm boundaries. Others actually appreciate your guidance here. Tonight: Discuss holiday plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Let others seek you out. You sort through ideas and propositions. Think carefully about possibilities. Your special, positive personality draws others toward you. Establish limits with others. Sometimes you allow too much to go on around you. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You instinctively make the right professional choice. Use your strong senses of direction and creativity to come up with unusual answers. Decide what you want to do with a special opportunity. Remember, even you have limits. Honor your liabilities, including your energy levels. Tonight: Out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You could opt to take a long lunch for shopping, or perhaps for networking. Your social side emerges. You like dealing with others one-on-one. Do not underestimate a child or loved one. This person knows exactly what to do to get what he wants! Tonight: Bring extra work home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to a boss or someone you put on a pedestal. Quite clearly, he only wishes you well. Don't underestimate what another offers. Though you feel you must juggle your personal and professional lives, you do so successfully. Allow your ingenuity to come out. Tonight: So what if it is Monday? Enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines helps you make strong decisions. Clear your calls and reach out for others. Listen to someone who is full of information and who delights in giving feedback. Use this person as a resource, and also encourage him to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Work late if need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your sense of mirth and delight emerges with a loved one. You understand a lot about what is going on with a partner. Sometimes you could feel overwhelmed by this person's willingness to do for you. Make solid choices, considering ramifications. Postpone a meeting. Tonight: Make calls. Visit with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take your time making decisions right now. A lot has been dropped on your plate. You are in a position to pick and choose. You know how to court another's good will and say no at the same time. Partners and associates appear to be in unusually good moods. Tonight: Treat another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You know much more than others realize. Focus on work and success. You have unusual energy and focus. You are optimistic and positive because of what you perceive. Your energy builds throughout the day. Stay focused. Nothing can replace planning. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Be more playful and direct with others. Your light and easy attitude helps others relax. The choices in front of you are important to you. Accept an invitation or a request for your participation in a meeting. Tonight: An early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Know what you want. Assume a high profile with others at work. You are profoundly generous in your assessment of another's personality. Be more light and easy with a family member. You are sometimes more rigid than you realize. Seize an opportunity. Tonight: Put up your feet.

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BORN TODAY
Caroline Kennedy (1957), musician Jimi Hendrix (1942), author Gail Sheehy (1937)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A ♡ A K J 9 8 7 ◇ 9 4 3 2 ♣ 7 5
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	4♠	?

What do you bid now?

A — East's pre-emptive raise has taken its toll. Partner could easily have a hand with which a grand slam would be a lay-down but, since you do not have the room to investigate, be content to play a contract you expect to make. Jump to six hearts.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 9 3 ♡ 5 ◇ K Q J 9 8 2 ♣ A 10 5
The bidding has proceeded:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	2◇	Pass	3◇
3♡	?		

What action do you take?

A — You have a sound overcall, but you have already shown that by bidding at the two-level. With a six-loser hand, you cannot expect partner to cover three of them with the single raise. Competing to the four-level gives the opponents the option of doubling for penalties instead of bidding on. Pass.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K J 9 3 ♡ J 8 6 ◇ K Q 10 2 ♣ 8 6
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You have a good hand for spades considering you passed initially, but not quite good enough to commit to game. Make a jump-raise to three spades. Since you passed initially, that is clearly invitational, regardless of methods.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A 7 ♡ A K Q J 8 6 ◇ 9 5 ♣ K Q 8
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Dbl	Pass	2◇
?			

What action do you take?

A — Your hand is too strong for a mere two hearts and to jump to three hearts suggests more offensive strength and less defensive power. The best way to describe your hand is with a double. Since partner has not yet bid (a pass is a call, not a bid), that is for takeout and, when you subsequently rebid hearts, North should get a better idea of your game ambitions.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Slightly open
5 More healthy
10 Robert Burns, for one
14 Garden door
15 Similar
16 Melville captain
17 Book after Daniel
18 David of "Separate Tables"
19 New Jersey cagers
20 "Song of the South" song
23 Reading room
24 50 Down biter
25 Bogart's fourth wife
29 Lie, as in the sun
32 SAT takers
35 Primitive calculators
36 Vaccination reaction
37 Muskogee native
38 1965 Sinatra war movie
41 God, in Guadalajara
42 Tiny pest
43 Word after "G" or "PG"
44 1936 presidential runner-up Landon
45 Vaulted church room
46 Car parkers
47 "What — I thinking?"
49 Pen pal?
50 Win-win attitude
57 Lass
58 Sounded like Bossy
59 Icy coating
61 — mater
62 Hersey's "A Bell for —"
63 Prominent Durante feature
64 Not as many
65 "Ditto"
66 Intaglio stone

DOWN
1 Mature
2 New Orleans music
3 Longfellow's bell town
4 Gather
5 "Messiah" composer
6 Extraterrestrial
7 Not on tape
8 Barely made, with "out"
9 Janet of Justice
10 Smooths, as wood
11 Penny pincher
12 Vow
13 Atlanta network: Abbr.
21 Wing it
22 Mature acorn
25 Indonesia's — Islands
26 Steaming
27 Source of unexpected problems
28 Scores 100 on
29 Montana city
30 Pain from a strain
31 Pronoun for a ship
33 Metal fastener
34 Garden plantings
36 Singer Redding
37 Vocally expressed
39 Diamond arbiter
40 Barroom ruckus
45 Cigarette tip
46 West Indian religious cult
48 Mythological sky supporter
49 Dictation-taking whiz
50 World's longest river
51 Muslim priest
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53 Farm bleater
54 Bad-news response
55 Shortly
56 Hardly hard
57 Guy's companion
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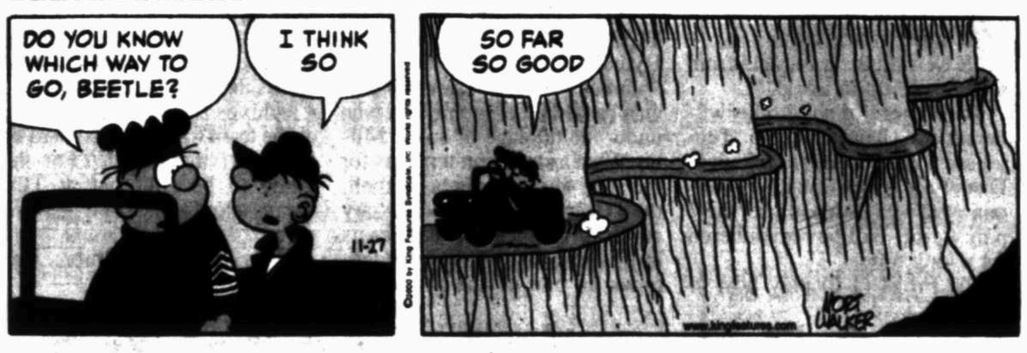
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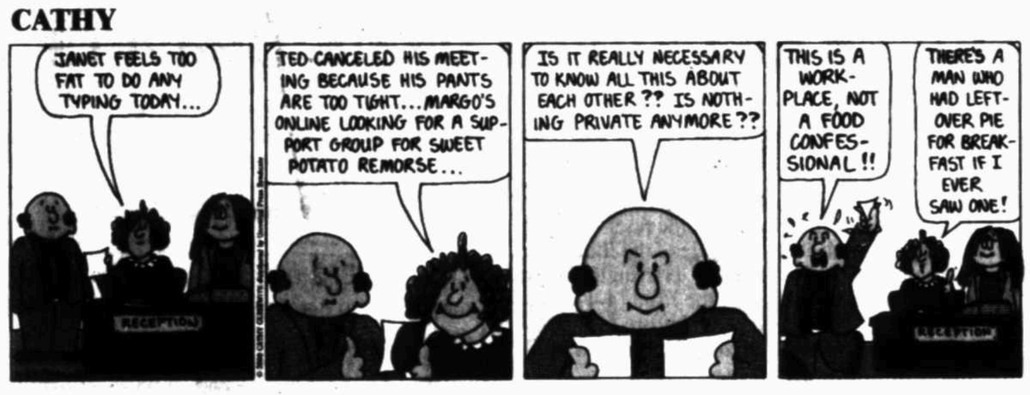
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NFL: Chargers earn 1st victory

(From 1C)

St. Louis couldn't overcome numerous mistakes, including two fumbles lost by QB Trent Green — who probably will give way to Kurt Warner next week — inside the Saints 20. The teams meet again in the regular-season finale Dec. 24 in New Orleans.

"We can regroup," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "We have to. Darn right we can."

Chargers 17, Chiefs 16

John Carney, who earlier this season became the first Chargers player to score 1,000 points, kicked the ball through the uprights from 52 yards with 2:14 left, then leaped into the arms of holder Darren Bennett and head-butted his blockers.

When Chiefs QB Warren Moon's fourth-down pass sailed incomplete with 1:10 left, linebacker Junior Seau sank to his knees at midfield, before joining teammates in a hug. San Diego's Ryan Leaf was 17-of-30 for 177 yards and two interceptions.

The Chiefs (5-7) lost their fourth straight game.

Ravens 44, Browns 7

Rookie Jamal Lewis ran for 170 yards and two touchdowns, and Trent Dilfer threw for two scores as Baltimore built a 24-point halftime lead and clinched its first winning season.

The Ravens' lone regret? They missed a chance to tie the 1976 Pittsburgh Steelers' modern-day mark of five shutouts in a season, caught off-guard when visiting Cleveland went with a no-huddle attack on its opening drive and scored.

Baltimore (9-4) outgained Cleveland (3-10) 461-112 yards and have won four straight to equal a team mark.

Jets 17, Bears 10

New York (8-4) put together its second straight strong defensive effort, limiting Chicago (3-9) to 98 yards passing and forcing three fumbles by James Allen. Jets defensive end Shane Burton knocked down three passes, raising his season total to seven.

All the host Jets' scoring came in the first half. Rookie Anthony Becht caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde following Allen's first fumble. John Hall made a 20-yard field goal after the second turnover, and Richie Anderson scored on a 15-yard reception 32 seconds before the break.

Bucs 31, Bills 17

Defensive tackle Warren Sapp challenged his teammates with critical comments about an up-and-down season, and Tampa Bay, at home, responded by stopping Buffalo's four-game winning streak.



AP Photo

The San Diego Chargers' John Parrella (97) celebrates the first Chargers' victory of the season as teammate Gerald Dixon joins him after their 17-16 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

Derrick Brooks had 19 unassisted tackles, and Warrick Dunn became the first runner to gain 100 yards on the Bills (7-5) this season, rushing for 106 and two touchdowns for the Bucs (7-5). Sapp had two of Tampa Bay's six sacks of Rob Johnson, giving him 13 1/2 this season to break Lee Roy Selmon's franchise record of 13 set in 1977.

Steelers 48, Bengals 28

Kordell Stewart matched his career high by throwing three touchdown passes — one fewer than he had all season — and also ran for a score as Pittsburgh (6-6) kept its faint playoff hopes alive by ending a three-game losing streak.

Stewart completed 11 of 20 passes for 182 yards in three quarters, while Jerome Bettis rushed for 93 yards, putting him over 1,000 for the seventh time in his eight seasons. Pittsburgh hadn't scored so many points since another victory in Cincinnati, 49-31 in 1995, when Stewart was a rookie growing into his "Slash" role as passer/receiver/runner.

Raiders 41, Falcons 14

Rich Gannon threw for 231 yards and two touchdowns, and David Dunn scored on an 88-yard kickoff return as Oakland improved to 10-2 for the first time since 1977.

Tim Brown and James Jett caught TD passes, while Tyrone Wheatley and Zack Crockett each rushed for a score for the Raiders, who have scored 121 points in their last three home games. The Falcons (3-10) lost their fourth straight.

Broncos 38, Seahawks 31

Denver rookie Mike Anderson filled in for an injured Terrell Davis with 195 yards on 30 carries and scored on an 80-yard run with 3:34 to go under a driving rain at Seattle.

The Broncos (8-4) won their fourth straight game, and their second in a row with Gus Frerotte replacing Brian Griese as the starting quarterback. The Seahawks (4-8) returned two fumbles for touchdowns for the first time in franchise history.

Dolphins 17, Colts 14

Miami (9-3) stayed atop the AFC East by winning with a 17-yard touchdown pass with 1:10 left from backup quarterback Damon Huard to Oronde Gadsden.

The Dolphins defense, with Zach Thomas back at middle linebacker after missing five of the last six games, held the host Colts (7-5) to their lowest point total of the season and Peyton Manning to his second-lowest yardage total, 209.

Jaguars 16, Titans 13

Mike Hollis made a 38-yard field goal with no time left as Jacksonville (5-7) ended a three-game home losing slide against Tennessee (9-3). Titans kicker Al Del Greco missed a 28-yard attempt with 3:08 left.

Giants 31, Cardinals 7

Kerry Collins completed 20 of 30 passes for 232 yards and a touchdown, and Amani Toomer scored with a 19-yard run on a reverse as New York (8-4) ended a two-game losing slide and improved to 5-1 on the road.

Falling Snow: TCU is definitely aware of Tennessee's big dunk

By Arthur Garcia
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — America saw "the dunk" Saturday night.

"Who hasn't seen it?" TCU Lady Frogs center Karen Clayton asked rhetorically before practice Sunday afternoon.

No, it wasn't Vince Carter or Kobe Bryant providing another gravity-defying highlight. It instead belonged to Tennessee women's center Michelle Snow. The 6-foot-5 junior stole a pass at midcourt, broke uncontested to the basket and flushed it home — yep, she dunked it — with both hands. Snow, who wears No. 00, also made sure to hang on the rim, pulling up a bit, for added effect.

Most of the Lady Frogs saw the dunk, too, and those that didn't heard the buzz at practice. When asked about only the fifth dunk in the history of women's college basketball and first since 1996, those surveyed were in full agreement.

"It's tight that a girl dunked," said freshman Ebony Shaw, using a bit of slang to sum up the feelings of her teammates. "If I could dunk, I'd do it over and over. I'd never get tired of it."

Probably not. But don't count Shaw and the Frogs among those that want to see a replay tonight.

"We'd never hear the end of it," senior forward Janice Thomas said.

What about a dunk from the TCU side?

"It would take a miracle from God," Jill Sutton joked.

With more than 7,000 witnesses on hand for the Tennessee women's first-ever visit to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, it's certain whatever happens after the 7 p.m. tip-off will be remembered for a long time.

The Frogs (1-0) play host to Tennessee (3-0) in a watershed game for the TCU program. It's not a make-or-break game for TCU, an up-and-coming team still establishing its identity under second-year coach Jeff Mittie, but its significance is akin to the Florida State football team visiting Amon Carter Stadium.

"In women's basketball, you have some games that pique the interest of fans," Mittie said. "This is one of the few. It's a marquee game against the top program in the country. Our goal is to build a total program, from fan base to what's on the court. This is a great opportunity for fans that haven't seen women's basketball."

Tennessee is the gold standard for women's college hoops. Under the direction of Pat Summitt, the Vols have captured six national championships and played in 11 title games and 16 Final Fours. Summitt and former star Chamique Holdsclaw were named the Naismith Coach and Player of the Century, respectively.

Mittie had hoped the Tennessee game would draw at least 5,000 fans, breaking the TCU women's attendance record of 4,360 against SMU on Jan. 9, 1999. Seems his projections were somewhat short, as the game officially became a sellout at 7,260-seat Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Wednesday.

"This is an exciting moment for TCU," athletic director Eric Hyman said last week. "It speaks volumes about how far our women's basketball program has come under the tutelage of coach Mittie. What a statement it makes for the state of women's basketball, the TCU community and the city of Fort Worth who have given us a packed house. This definitely ranks as one of the program's high-water marks."

Tennessee, which lost to Connecticut in the national championship game last season, scheduled the game at TCU as a homecoming trip for former Metroplex stars Tamika Catchings (Duncanville) and Ashley Robinson (Grand Prairie).

"We look to take our out-of-state players back to their home states or near their families," said Summitt, who is in her 27th year at Tennessee. "The TCU game came about because of Tamika Catchings and Ashley Robinson. ... If we can take players back and give them a chance to play in their home state, we certainly think that is important."

The Vols were especially looking forward to this trip. Catchings' aunt was set to have the entire team over to her house for dinner Sunday night, but plane troubles left the Vols stranded in a Hawaii airport overnight.

A fuel line problem on the team's American Airlines flight Saturday forced them to spend the night in the terminal, with many of the 32 people in the Vols' traveling party sleeping on the floor. The Vols were to practice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 5 p.m. Sunday, but didn't leave Hawaii until about 1:30 p.m. Central time.

Delay aside, Catchings is looking forward to playing in front of her family and the sellout crowd. The senior forward is the Vols' leading scorer.

"It's an awesome feeling because there are so many other sports there for people to watch," Catchings said from a cellphone as the team was about to board the flight off the island. "For this game to be sold out at TCU means a lot for the sport of women's basketball."

It's a slam-dunk in more ways than one.

No. 3 Duke wins own tourney

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Alana Beard had 13 points, six assists and five steals as No. 3 Duke beat mistake-prone Toledo 71-41 Sunday to win the Duke Women's Classic for the ninth consecutive year.

Duke won for the fifth time in eight days and extended its winning streak to seven games. Duke's Georgia Schweitzer, the tournament MVP, had nine points, six assists and five steals.

Courtney Risinger scored 10 points for Toledo, which had 27 turnovers.

No. 4 Purdue 68, South Carolina 53

CANCUN, Mexico — Katie Douglas scored 18 points and freshman point guard Cherisse Graham added 15 points and nine rebounds as the Boilermakers won the three-team round robin competition.

Camille Cooper had 11 of her 12 points in the second half to help the Boilermakers outscore the Lady Gamecocks 26-8 during the last 11:50. South Carolina was led by Anaz Nihan's 14 points and 12 points from center Ujhelyi Petra.

No. 7 Rutgers 81, George Washington 54

■ Women's Top 25

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Karlita Washington scored 10 points in a 20-0 run in the second half as Rutgers won the Coca-Cola Classic.

Washington, the tournament MVP, finished with 20 points. Tasha Pointer added 16 points and 12 assists, and Davalyn Cunningham also had 16 points.

Lindsey Davidson had 15 points, Petra Dubovcova 14 and Erica Lawrence 11 for GW.

No. 8 Iowa St. 84, E. Illinois 46

AMES, Iowa — Megan Taylor and Erica Junod each scored 18 points and Iowa State received scoring from 11 players.

Iowa State scored on nine of its first 13 possessions and built a 20-6 lead seven minutes into the game. Eastern Illinois never got closer than 10 points thereafter.

Erica Haugen and Angie Welle added nine points each for Iowa State. Tracy Gahan grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Iowa State's 43-24 advantage on the boards.

No. 18 Stanford 73, Pacific 65

STANFORD, Calif. — Nicole Powell scored 26 points as Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer earned her 500th career victory.

VanDerveer, 500-143 overall, has collected 348 of her victories in 15 years with the Cardinal. She became the 17th coach in women's basketball history to reach 500 wins.

Millie Kimpton scored 14 points to lead Pacific.

No. 22 North Carolina St. 54, Arizona St. 51

HONOLULU — Tynesha Lewis scored 17 points and Carisse Moody added 11 as No. 22 North Carolina State beat Arizona State in the championship game of the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

Lewis, the tournament MVP, shot 8-for-16 from the field. Adeola Olenrewaju grabbed 12 rebounds for the Wolfpack.

No. 25 Vanderbilt 79, Miami (Ohio) 61

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chantelle Anderson scored 23 points to lead Vanderbilt to the title of the First Tennessee tournament.

Jillian Danker had 16 points for Vanderbilt and McElhiney had 13. Jenni Benningfield and Hillary Hager added 10 each. Anderson finished with nine rebounds.

White looking for 1st Favre sack

By Jenna Fryer
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Reggie White has sacked many quarterbacks over a long career. Brett Favre isn't one of them.

White had a chance to bring down Favre in 1992, when he was playing with the Philadelphia Eagles in a game against Green Bay. White got a hard hit on Favre and separated his throwing shoulder, but he wasn't credited with a sack and later claimed the grounds crew at Lambeau Field had something to do with it.

"After the game he claimed that we wet the field down so he couldn't get good traction," Favre said. "He just didn't know how elusive I really was."

White joined Favre in Green Bay the next year, a union that helped Favre stay off the list of White's NFL-best 198 career sacks. That could change Monday night, when White's new team, the Carolina Panthers, play host to Favre and the Packers.

"I'm sure he's thinking I'm one of the few he asn't sacked, so I'd better be elusive again this Monday night," Favre said.

Even though Favre has been bothe 1 by a sprained foot the last few weeks, he doesn't need to be too quick to avoid White.

At 38, White isn't the dominating player he once was. He has only 5 1/2 sacks this seaso.. and his playing time has steadily decreased all year.

But he certainly shouldn't be counted out, especially in a nationally televised game against the team he spent six seasons with and won a Super Bowl ring with in 1997.

"I think I can run Brett down," White said. "Tell him, 'Watch your ankle,' because I'm going to step on it. And I might smack him up side the head without the referee looking."

Favre is only worried about the initial emotions of seeing White in another uniform.

"It will be unusual and it will be weird, whatever you want to call it," Favre said.

During their time together in Green Bay, Favre said he forged a close friendship and rivalry with White that made him a better player. He said the two waged a constant battle over who had the best work ethic.

White also admits it will be strange playing against Green Bay — the team he plans to represent in the Hall of Fame. He said he loved everything about being a Packer, and during his one-year retirement last season, he said he missed his former teammates the most.

But when he decided to play football again this year, Green Bay couldn't bring him back because of salary cap issues, and White signed with the Panthers. So when he first takes the field Monday night, he isn't sure how he'll feel.

EAGLES: Philly beats depleted 'Skins

(From 1C)

defenses well. He gets the checks done. He throws hot," Eagles running back Stanley Pritchett said. "He does virtually everything you want a fifth- or sixth-year quarterback to do, and this is his second year. That man's special."

Finally, McNabb outran linebacker Shawn Barber for a 54-yard scramble on third-and-10 with less than five minutes to play. Four plays later, David Akers — who strained his quad before the game — kicked his third field goal, a 30-yarder, to give the Eagles the lead with exactly three minutes remaining.

Eddie Murray had a chance to send the game into overtime with 1:21 to play, but the 44-year-old kicker's attempt was wide right from 44 yards against the wind.

The Redskins played without their leading rusher, Stephen Davis. They also lost top receiver Albert Connell to a sprained knee in the second quarter and rookie linebacker LaVar Arrington with a bruised shoulder and concussion.

Davis, who has 1,073 yards, was placed on the inactive list just before kickoff with a hairline fracture in his right forearm suffered during last week's game at St. Louis. In his absence, the Redskins couldn't put the ball in the end zone with a first-and-goal at the 1 in the fourth quarter.

Skip Hicks carried twice and couldn't get in. George, making his third start for Brad Johnson, threw incomplete on third down, leaving Murray to kick a 20-yard field goal that tied the game 20-20 with 5:42 remaining.

"You don't replace a Stephen Davis," George said. "When you've got first-and-goal, you've got to punch it in. I don't care who you're playing."

The Redskins led 14-10 at halftime, scoring on the opening drive after a rare defensive delay of game penalty on Philadelphia's Damon Moore for simulating the snap count in punt formation on fourth down.

Two plays later, George threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to James Thrash, who was open because he pushed Moore in the back just before the ball arrived. Such no-calls cannot be reversed by instant replay, but Eagles coach Andy Reid wasted a timeout asking the referee about it anyway.

The Eagles tied it 7-7 after Thrash muffed a punt. Mike Sellers had the ball stolen from him by Mike Bartrum at the bottom of the pile, giving Philadelphia possession at the 11. Two plays later, McNabb threw a 3-yard TD pass to Jeff Thomason.

Akers' 27-yard field goal made it 10-7. The Redskins then retook the lead shortly after downing a punt at the 1.

McNabb, hurrying from his own end zone, was intercepted by Champ Bailey on the next play. Three plays later, George threw a 19-yard TD pass to Stephen Alexander. But the Eagles, who felt robbed in a 3-point loss to the Redskins at home in October, rallied behind McNabb and can finally start talking playoffs.

"We know we should've won that first game," said McNabb, who was 19-for-30 for 137 yards. "We tried not to use the revenge factor, but we came out very hungry. This was sort of a championship game for us. We're right where we want to be."

No. 8 Illinois rips Texas Southern; No. 19 Oklahoma beats Beavers

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Sean Harrington's timing couldn't be better.

With No. 8 Illinois dragging from jet lag and playing its fourth game in seven days, the reserve guard scored a career-high 17 points to lead the Illini over Texas Southern 86-67 on Sunday. Harrington's big day punctuated a big week for the Illini (4-1), who beat UNLV and No. 6 Maryland before falling by three points to top-ranked Arizona in the Maui Invitational final Wednesday.

"We were a half step slow," Illinois coach Bill Self said.

The Illini were still fast enough to handle Texas Southern (0-3), which shot 34 percent and managed just seven assists. Harrington was 6-for-6 shooting, including five 3-pointers.

"When you get the open looks, you've got to knock them down," Harrington said. "I was feeling pretty good, but the guys were giving me the ball in spots where I could score."

Illinois got solid contributions from most of its regulars, including 16 points and eight rebounds from center Marcus Griffin. He dominated the smaller Tigers inside all day.

Illinois used a 13-0 run to move ahead 18-6, but Chris Miller's shooting kept Texas Southern in the game.

Miller's fourth 3-pointer got the Tigers within 20-16 with 10:29 left in the half. That was the closest they got.

Griffin and Robert Archibald combined for 13 points in the paint as Illinois closed the half with a 19-6 run for a 49-29 lead. The Illini stretched the lead to 70-40 with 11 minutes left on three consecutive 3-pointers by Harrington.

The Tigers didn't let Illinois pile on. Miller stopped getting open 3-point chances so the Tigers tried to go inside when the Illini switched to a smaller lineup.

"We start some people who never played college basketball before a week ago," Texas Southern coach Robert Moreland said. "We just wanted to introduce them to some real college basketball so, hopefully, we'll be better down the line."

■ Men's Top 25

Miller finished with 18 points and seven rebounds for Texas Southern. Ricky Bennett added 13 points and Steve Hoyer 11.

The easy win was not enough for Self, who was concerned about his team's lack of focus. Some Illini players showed up Sunday not expecting to spend much sweat on Texas Southern, the coach said.

"You want your team to have that confidence, but you also want your team to have that edge," Self said. "I don't think we played with that edge today."

Self wanted to hear no excuses, especially not that the Illini are in the midst of playing five games in eight days — a gauntlet featuring three ranked opponents. That stretch ends Tuesday in Greensboro, N.C., against No. 2 Duke, which could be No. 1 after Arizona lost Saturday to Purdue.

"That's just mind over matter," Self said. "If your brain tells your body it's tired, you're tired. If your brain says you're not, you're fine."

No. 19 Oklahoma 78, Oregon St. 60

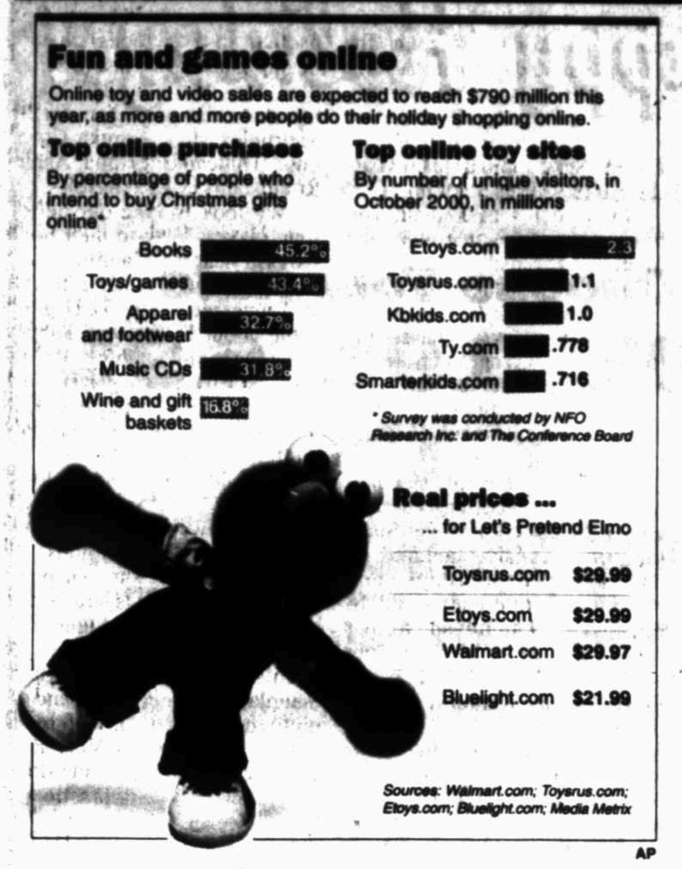
HILO, Hawaii — J.R. Raymond made five 3-pointers and three teammates had two apiece as No. 19 Oklahoma ran away from Oregon State to claim the Big Island Invitational championship.

As a team, the Sooners (5-0) made 12-of-21 from long distance with Hollis Price, Nolan Johnson and Kelley Newton each adding two.

Oklahoma wasted little time knocking off the previously unbeaten Beavers (4-1). Nolan Johnson and Hollis Price hit consecutive 3-pointers in 17-5 run to cap a 17-5 run that led to a 40-25 halftime lead.

The Beavers made a brief run at the start of the second half, getting within nine points, but Raymond converted three free throws and followed with back-to-back 3-pointers to blunt the comeback.

WEBZONE



AP

Online stores try to win back leery patrons

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Susan Macon buys her toys and other holiday gifts this year, she will do it in the crowded aisles of actual stores — and not at anybody's Web site.

"I had a friend who had such a bad experience with one of the toy sites last year that I am nervous about trying it out," said Macon, 38, of Jacksonville, Fla.

"Anyway, I get more pleasure out of shopping in toy stores," she said outside FAO Schwartz's main New York store, where she had just bought some sketch pads for a friend's daughter.

The big challenge for online toy companies this new shopping season is not just attracting new customers but also luring back those who got burned last year by late deliveries and Web site crashes.

Online toy and video sales are expected to reach $790 million this year, according to Shop.org and the Boston Consulting Group. While that is only 2.4 percent of all toy and video sales, it will be twice last year's sales.

Last year, many companies' sites were overwhelmed by heavy traffic and their delivery systems were clogged. Toysrus.com couldn't take orders after Dec. 10, costing them millions in sales.

Many sites didn't last for a new season. But the survivors, including Toysrus.com and eToys Inc., and new challengers are taking steps to prevent another disaster.

EToys, for example, scrapped its arrangement to have an outside company handle shipment and instead built two distribution centers totaling 2 million square feet. It conducted "stress tests" — jamming packages through the system to simulate the holiday rush.

In August, Toysrus.com merged its toy unit with Amazon.com, which shipped virtually all of its packages on time last holiday.

The biggest cyber-toy battle is expected between Toysrus.com and eToys, both of which are touting exclusive products, huge selections and competitive prices.

Each claims to have better access than their competitor for this season's hot toys, including the hard-to-come-by PlayStation 2 game console by Sony.

On the Net:
http://www.etoys.com
http://www.toysrus.com

Canine caregiver



AP Photo
Debra Linn holds one of the dogs she is hoping to find a home for inside her home in Rockford, Ohio. Linn, who founded FURKIDS Rescue and Adoption in 1998, has found homes for about 500 dogs acrosss the country through the Internet.

Web network finds owners for homeless dogs

By James Hannah
Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Ohio — It's a good thing the 25 wet noses sharing a farmhouse in western Ohio all belong to small dogs, because another orphaned animal is always on the way.

It's also probably good that these yappers' angel, Debra Linn, turned to the Internet for help in finding other mothers for the neglected and abused pups that kept showing up and tugging at her heart.

Since founding Furkids Rescue and Adoption in 1998, Linn has "rescued" about 500 Chihuahuas and other toy breeds from traditional animal shelters and placed them with adopters from New York to New Mexico. Thirty caretakers in six states have joined her network.

"It seems like it's grown faster than we can keep up with it," Linn said.

Facilitating more adoptions — a growing national trend — may seem like the obvious solution to overpopulated shelters, which euthanize languishing animals, said Kate Pullen of the Humane Society of the United States.

"But it isn't so simple. There are animals that enter shelters that should not be adopted for behavior reasons and for health reasons," Pullen said.

Furkids screens dogs and requires veterinary commitments from foster caretakers and permanent adopters, Linn said.

Despite the best-laid plans, most matches are imperfect, said Ruth First, spokeswoman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

While the ASPCA favors Internet linking, it recommends meeting prior to adoption, First said.

Furkids' online matchmaking rarely allows for a prior meeting, Linn said. Its delivery method, which relies on truckers performing 100- to 200-mile legs of a cross-country relay, also is imperfect. However, extensive research of an animal and its prospective home tend to make for success, she said.

Denise Clark, a financial analyst, became a happy customer after failing to find a black Pomeranian at a Massachusetts shelter. Furkids located Foxy in Kentucky and 10 people shuttled it to her in a weekend.

"You obviously take a risk," said Clark, 32. "But it was kind of thrilling. I would do it again in a heartbeat."

The Humane Society is concerned about the long-distance trips and about groups like Furkids becoming overwhelmed. "That is the greatest flaw. They can't say no," Pullen said.

Linn rises by 5 a.m. to feed, water, medicate and clean the dogs. She repeats the process by evening after eight hours' work at a county social services agency.

Then, she handles administrative chores.

Last year, Linn spent $6,000 on the veterinarian, a figure she expects will reach $10,000 this year. The costs are offset by donations and by adoption fees, which average $150.

But Linn said the downside to finding homes for animals is the feeling of grief when they're gone.

"We have to be really careful about getting attached," said Linn, who lives with her husband and 9-year-old daughter. "I gave one up that made me cry. When I handed her over to the mom, the tears just started."

On the Net:
http://www.geocities.com/furkidsrescue
http://www.petfinder.org
http://www.hsus.org

WHAT'S NEW

Robot invasion

Stupid humanoid tricks

Perhaps envisioning the day when there is a robot in every living room, Sony and Honda introduced prototypes of humanoid robots at the Robodex 2000 exhibition in Yokohama, Japan, on Friday.

The Sony robot, the SDR-3X, is 20 inches high and weighs about 10 pounds. It can walk, distinguish between some colors, respond to 20 prerecorded words, kick a ball and balance on one shiny robot leg.

The Honda model, which is called Asimo (pronounced ash-EE-mo), is a fourth-generation robot that is being touted for its humanlike gait. Asimo, which can be controlled with a remote unit as well as a computer, can walk along at a pace of about 1 mile per hour, change direction smoothly and maneuver up and down stairs. It has been designed at a height of four feet, and it can carry small items and push a cart.

While the SDR-3X may someday play with Aibo, Sony's robotic dog, a Honda spokeswoman said that the Asimo is being developed as a partner for consumers, not a toy. Neither of the companies had anything to say about when consumers might be able to take these robots home.

Perhaps SDR-3X and Asimo, which bear some resemblance to the Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots of old, can duke it out to see who is king of the humanoid prototype.

Kewl sites

Mama says stupid is as stupid does

www.DarwinAwards.com

The Darwin Awards are given to some dearly departed, not exactly geniuses, judged to have helped mankind by removing themselves from the gene pool.

They include a man who went back to a bar to get revenge, but was killed when he jumped off a staircase and missed his target, and a pair of animal rights activists killed in a stampede of pigs they had freed from a slaughterhouse.

www.journale.com/index.html

Journal E, an online collection of print, photographic and streaming video stories, offers a look at public and personal lives, from athletes at the Summer Olympics to the story of residents at a home for people with AIDS.

Web events

The iceman cometh

TODAY at 8 a.m. through Wednesday at 9:59 p.m.
www.icast.com

A Webcast of a stunt by David Blaine, an illusionist, who will attempt to spend more than 55 hours enclosed in a block of ice. Visitors to the site will be able to send him e-mail.

TUESDAY, 7 p.m.
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Chat with members of Rockapella, an a capella singing group.

Q&A

Converting WordPerfect into Microsoft Word is possible, but changes occur

By J. R. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. Is it possible to convert my WordPerfect 6.0 files to Microsoft Word 97? What might happen to the files when converting them?

A. Yes, you can convert your old DOS or Windows WordPerfect files to Microsoft Word 97. One way is to use the tools that come with Word 97. The Typical installation option of Word 97 (and Word 2000) contains WordPerfect text and graphics converters that make the process fairly painless. If you have the minimal version of Word 97 on your computer, you may have to add WordPerfect converters to your copy of Word from the original program disk. To install them, rerun the Setup program and select Converters and Filers in the Add/Remove box.

Open a WordPerfect file in Word 97, go to the Word 97 File menu and select Open. Click on All Files in the box and then locate or type in the name of the WordPerfect file you want to open. Word 97 should automatically open and convert the WordPerfect file. To complete the conversion, you must save the newly converted file as a Word document by selecting Save in the File menu. If you want to keep a copy of the original WordPerfect file, select Save As in the File menu instead of Save.

There are some things in WordPerfect 6.0 that do not convert properly to a Word 97 equivalent. Text in WordPerfect's redlining feature becomes text in Word 97's Comment mode; the "strikeout" style is translated to Word's strike-through text format; and specific word and letter spacing in WordPerfect are usually lost by the time the text gets to Word.

Microsoft keeps a list of the differences and changes that can occur under the Converting From WordPerfect link at www.microsoft.com/office/ork/021/021.htm. There are links to articles about converting WordPerfect fonts to Word type if you do not have a copy of WordPerfect installed on the computer you are using and are sharing files with WordPerfect users.

The Microsoft page also has links to information on how Word 97 handles converted files from other word-processing programs. Although Word has many converters, a third-party option to consider if you have many kinds of files is file conversion software like Conversions Plus from DataViz. The program costs about $70, and it can convert and retain several types of text formatting from a variety of Windows and Macintosh programs.

Q. I just got a computer with Windows Millennium Edition, and I can't find Windows Explorer. Did Microsoft get rid of it?

A. Windows Explorer is still there, but it has been moved to the Accessories submenu. Go to the Start menu, to Programs, and then Accessories to find it. To get to Windows Explorer even faster, right-click on the Start button and select Explore.

Q. What would I need to connect my laptop computer to the Internet via my cell phone?

A. A laptop modem card that is designated "cellular-capable" will let you connect your laptop to the Internet without wires. Like the wireless phone it is attached to, a cellular-capable modem will transmit information over radio waves instead of a land line, although the potential data speeds on a wireless modem are not as fast as what you might expect from a regular connection.

The modem cards fit into the laptop's PCMCIA slot (a standard slot on most PC and Macintosh notebook computers) and have a port for a cell phone. You may need to purchase the cable that attaches the cell phone to the modem card, but you should be able to find everything you need at a computer store.

You will want to check to see if your cell-phone company offers any wireless data options. Sprint-PCS, for one, will let you connect certain Sprint phones directly to the laptop for wireless Web access.

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Triple-double by Raptors' Jackson defeats Chicago

Associated Press

■ NBA Roundup

TORONTO — Mark Jackson had a triple-double as the Toronto Raptors beat the Chicago Bulls 101-89 Sunday after losing NBA scoring leader Vince Carter to injury.

Toronto, which beat Chicago for the eighth straight time, played nearly the entire game without Carter. He strained his left quad in the first quarter.

Jackson had 11 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds, scoring his final two points on free throws with 8.4 seconds left. Rookie Morris Peterson had a season-high 18 points. Antonio Davis also had 18 points, while Charles Oakley and Kevin Willis each contributed 16.

Toronto won its third straight game, while Chicago, which received a season-high 31 points from Elton Brand, lost its eighth straight. Ron Artest had 20 points for the Bulls and Corey Benjamin had 14.

Grizzlies 98, Celtics 87

BOSTON — Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 21 rebounds, and Mike Bibby scored 13 with 12 assists as Vancouver snapped a seven-game losing streak.

The victory was Vancouver's first since Nov. 7. Paul Pierce scored 27 points and Antoine Walker had 18 for Boston, which had its two-game winning streak snapped.

Jazz 94, Pistons 79

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Karl Malone scored 24 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, as Utah won its third straight game.

The game was the 1,271st of John Stockton's career. Stockton broke John Havilcek's record for most games with one team. Stockton scored one point and had 15 assists in 31 minutes for the Jazz.

Byron Russell added 17 points for Utah. John Starks had 13.

TCU, Texas A&M both fall to defeat

Associated Press

■ Texas Teams

HONOLULU — Jody Lumpkin scored 24 points and Jeff Bolton added 14 points and 10 rebounds as College of Charleston defeated Texas Christian 76-71 in the third-place game of the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Classic Sunday.

Lumpkin made 10-of-15 shots from the field and went 4-of-6 from the free throw line.

College of Charleston's largest lead was 41-23 with 18:40 remaining in the game. A free throw by Ryan Carroll cut the lead to 66-61 with 3:18 left, but Texas Christian (3-2) couldn't get any closer.

College of Charleston (4-1) made 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:18 to seal the victory. Greedy Daniels, Texas Christian's leading scorer, fouled out at the 1:18 mark after scoring seven points.

Texas Christian averaged 105.8 points in its first six games. The Horned Frogs made only three of their first 20 3-point attempts.

Birmingham-Southern 74, Texas A&M 54

COLLEGE STATION — Joe Ransom scored 17 points and had nine rebounds, leading Birmingham-Southern to a win over Texas A&M on Sunday.

Ransom shot 7-of-12 from the field, including three 3-pointers. Neal Broome had 16 points, and Rashard Willie added 12 for Birmingham-Southern (1-3).

Andy Leatherman led Texas A&M (1-2) with 16 points. Carlton Brown was the only other Aggie in double figures with 13.

After leading by three at halftime, Texas A&M was outscored 49-26 in the second half, when the Aggies shot 22.2 percent from the field. Texas A&M shot 28.9 percent for the game, while the Panthers shot 51.9 percent, including 68 percent in the second half.

Reid withstands poor late rounds to outlast Garcia

By Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — David Reid's first fight since losing to Felix Trinidad raised more questions than it answered.

Tops among them is why Reid faded so badly once again in the late rounds.

"We've got to find out what is happening," promoter Dan Goossen said. "He can't seem to get that second wind. We need to find out why."

Reid took a beating in the late rounds Sunday night from Kirino Garcia, much like he did in March when he was leading Trinidad through six rounds and got knocked down four times before finally losing his WBA super welterweight title.

This time, Reid was fighting as a middleweight where he was supposed to have more stamina and durability. Instead, he built up an early lead only to get worn down and nearly stopped by Garcia.

"I don't feel like I dodged a bullet," Reid said. "He caught me with some shots, but a win is a win."

Reid was knocked down in the final round and appeared ready to go down again as the bell sounded to end the fight. His left eye was a bloody mess from taking right hands from the journeyman Garcia, but he had done enough to win.

The crowd at the Regent hotel-casino booed loudly as the decision was announced, and booed Reid even more as he made his way from the ring to the dressing room.

"He gave me a good fight, but I won it," Reid said. "I won a good seven or eight rounds."

It was the first fight at 160 pounds for the former WBA super welterweight champion, but it looked much like his fight against Trinidad, when he was ahead through the middle rounds and then took a beating to lose for the only time as a pro.

This time, though, the fight was scheduled only for 10 rounds, and it was lucky for Reid that it was. He was hit often and hard from the seventh round on, and went down six different times, five of which were not ruled knockdowns.

Judge Paul Smith had Reid, who is ranked No. 2 as a middleweight by the WBA and WBC, winning 96-93 and Dave Moretti had it 95-93. Glen Trowbridge had it 95-94, the same as The Associated Press.

Reid was fighting for the first time since his loss in March to Trinidad, who knocked him down four times in winning a unanimous decision.

"The position I'm in is kind of dangerous," said Reid, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist. "Every fight I have to be in tip-tip shape."

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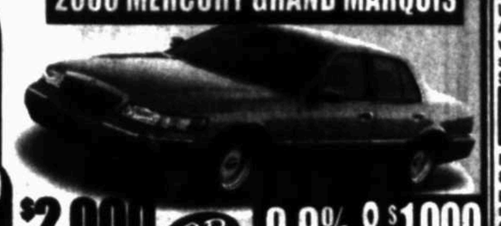
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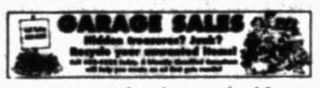
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