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Three seats up for grabs on MISD board

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

With candidates for City Council announcing daily, it's almost gone unnoticed that the Midland Independent School District board of trustees has three seats up for grabs.

The seats of District 3 trustee Glen Bufler, District 5 trustee Martha Manulik and District 6 trustee Pat Hodges all are up for re-election. With just five months to go until the election, all three incumbents are noncommittal about their intentions. Further, no one yet has announced interest in stepping forward as a candidate for the seats.

"I haven't really made up my mind," said Bufler. "But, I'm leaning kind of toward not running."

Bufler works for the Parks Department of the city of Midland as a supervisory. He, Manulik and Hodges all are wind-



Bufler



Manulik



Hodges

ing up their first terms on the board.

Bufler wouldn't say definitively what has caused his reservations other than to point out the time constraints of serving on the school board.

"It's pretty time consuming and I don't know that I have the time it takes," said Bufler.

He indicated, however, that his indecision might come from other sources as well.

"We spend a lot of time on things that are really not about education. That's one of the reason's I'm questioning it," said Bufler.

He added that he has not made a final decision and that he plans to discuss his decision with other people before making a final determination. Ms. Manulik also indicated the desire to seek counsel other than her own.

"I don't know yet," said Ms. Manulik when asked about her intentions to seek re-election. "I'm visiting with some folks this week and next week and then I'll make up my mind."

Ms. Manulik also pointed to time constraints as one area of her indecision. She works as a real estate agent for Langston Realtors.

"Mainly, it just takes a lot of time," said Ms. Manulik. "To be the best at something, you've got to put a lot of time in and I've got to decide if that's where I want to be."

She added that the intense scrutiny of the board also is influencing her decision. "It would be nice if it wasn't so intense, if you didn't always feel like you were trying to prove your innocence. Sometimes that's discouraging," she said.

Ms. Hodges is equally undecided about what she'll decide.

"I really haven't made up my mind yet," said Ms. Hodges, adding that she

has a weighty decision ahead.

"I think I've been a help to parents', teachers' and children's issues. I'm weighing that heavily against whether or not my time and commitment can be divided among that and my family obligations," said Ms. Hodges.

The lack of any declared candidates raises questions of how those positions would be filled. According to DeEtta Culbertson, public information officer for the Texas Education Agency, in the event that no candidates run, the board would cancel the election and vote as a body to appoint a candidate. Though it's unlikely such an event would happen in all three districts, the possibility is there.

Incumbents and potential board members alike, however, still have some time to decide. The board secretary, Don Furgeson, is expected to call an election at the Jan. 27 board meeting. District officials did not immediately know the final deadline for filing.

Ruff Ridin' at the Rodeo



U. Frank Williams Jr.

Cowboy Yates, of Abilene, bucked at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo at the El Paso County Coliseum Thursday night. Yates got a 67 for the ride.

Officials: Lame ducks on council won't keep city from business

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Could the recent resignation of City Manager Mike McGregor, the issues surrounding his successor and the possibility of the City Council getting three new faces in May distract the current council and city manager's office from getting the necessary work done?

According to members of council and city staff, no.

"We don't want to become inefficient," said Deputy City Manager Rick Menchaca. "We're a perpetual organization that's been here and will continue to exist. The city still needs to move."

Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson did say the city doesn't plan on tackling any new projects within the next five months, but that has nothing to do with a city manager change or the possibility of three new councilmen in May.

"I think as far as a schedule, we'll maintain the same pace," said Hudson. "City services have to be provided. It's going to be business as usual. With a new council coming on board they'll have things they'll want to accomplish. But, I don't see it slowing down. The primary focus of the city over the next six months will be the sports complex."

Councilman Don Washburn concurred, saying he hadn't seen the council avoiding issues or becoming inefficient in any way.

"I don't see other issues out there (in the next five months)," said Washburn. "Spring is normally slow. A lot of budget plans have been done, started or implemented. You normally don't see anything this time of the year."

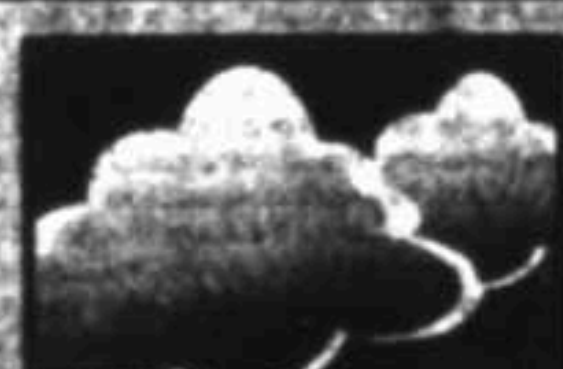
"The council will continue to work," said Mayor Bobby Burns. "Most projects were established last summer. Council is moving ahead. We have six months of work to do. We've got our hands full with the sports complex."

Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler said the city has been and will continue to carry out the plans that were set

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Businessman to join to City Council race

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midlanders continue to line up to participate in the city elections scheduled for May.

Businessman Robert R. "Robin" Donnelly confirmed Thursday he plans to run for the City Council District 1 seat currently held by Don Washburn. LuAnn Morgan has also announced her intention to run for that position.

Donnelly said he will make his formal announcement after he appoints a campaign treasurer, he said.

City Secretary Kaylah McCord said candidates will be able to file for City Council seats in Districts 1 and 2 and the two at-large seats beginning Feb. 22 through March 22. Restaurateur Jerry Morales has announced plans to run for an at-large seat, as

have former mayor J.D. Faircloth and businessman Bill Dingus.

Donnelly, born in Odessa and raised in Midland, and a graduate of Lee High School, said he plans to run because it is a way to give back to a community that has given much to him.

"I've been in Midland a long time and I've been on the periphery of a lot of things. In the last couple of years I've been active in economic development downtown, working with builders. Economic development is something I'm interested in and something the city has to take a role in building."

He said what he brings to the table is the experience he has gained in his business affairs, and he plans to emphasize economic development.

"My family has been in the oil business since 1905," said Donnelly, a landman who worked for several companies, including Phillips Petroleum, Mesa and King Ranch Oil and Gas. He currently serves as president of Eastland Oil Co.



Donnelly

In 1985, as the energy industry headed toward a collapse in crude prices, "everyone was doing economic diversification," Donnelly said, noting that Eastland started several new companies, including Eastland International Resources, which handles accounts receivable and financing.

Not only would he focus on economic development, but he would also work to build closer affiliations with other government agencies, including the County Commissioners and the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board. As a member of the workforce development board, he said he has been impressed with efforts of board members to improve and develop the area's workforce.

"I'd like to change the perceptions of what's going on in Midland," he said. "I want to go out and market Midland not in the framework of us being a declining economy but that we are a unique community and there are things happening here that aren't happening anywhere else."

Please see DONNELLY/4A

A black and white portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored blouse. A small, dark, star-shaped pin is visible on her left shoulder. The background is a plain, light color.

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DEATH NOTICES

(From 3A)

Bobbie Gustavsen

LONGMONT, COLO.—Former Midlander Bobbie Lee Gustavsen, 56, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at her home.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Howe Mortuary and Crematory in Longmont.

She was born May 15, 1943 in De Kalb.

She moved from Midland to Longmont, Colo., three months ago. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Robert and Wavelie Peak Bower, and a sister. Survivors include her husband, William Gustavsen of Longmont; a daughter, Barbara A. Thompson of Longmont; three sons, Arnell C. Johnson III of Odessa, William R. Johnson of Lake Brownwood and Ronald A. Johnson of Osborn, Kan.; a daughter, Tammy G. Johnson; a brother, Earlton L. Bower of Midland; 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Boulder County, c/o Howe Mortuary, 439 Coffman St., Longmont, Colo. 80501.

Ora Lankford

Ora Lankford, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at a Crane hospital.

Graveside services are to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Resthaven Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 13, 1909 in Denton.

She moved to Midland in the 1920s. She was a meat-wraper at M System for 38 years, before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Lankford.

Survivors include a brother, Billy Robertson of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Minnie Tredaway

Minnie Ola Tredaway died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at her home.

Funeral services are to be 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with John Snider of Greenwood Church of Christ officiating. Burial is to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born July 20, 1908 in Comanche County.

She lived moved to Howard County in 1921, and to a Midland County farm in 1942. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Tredaway in 1982; a son, Marion Newton Tredaway in 1986; two daughters, Ruby Pringle in 1990 and Bonnie Mitchell in 1997; a grandson, Alan Brian Tredaway in 1990; two brothers, Alfred and Oren Lancaster; and a sister, Johnnie Railback.

Survivors include three sons, A. C. Tredaway and Jerry D. Tredaway, both of Midland, and Reggie L. Tredaway of Mission; four daughters, Frances Bush of Odessa, Dora L. Winkler of Monahans, Claudine Jones of Midland and Teresa Kiser of Gallup, N.M.; a brother, Marion Lancaster of Big Spring; three sisters, Myrtle Williams of Fort Worth, and Marie Chapman and Eldora Zant, both of

Big Spring; 26 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lois Dallefeld

BIG SPRING—Lois Catherine Dallefeld, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 6, at a local hospital.

No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 26, 1918 in McAlester, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Dallefeld on March 19, 1963.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Dallefeld of Big Spring; a granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Wilhamae Freeman

LEVELLAND—Wilhamae Freeman, 94, mother of Midlanders Calvin Freeman and Joe Freeman, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, in San Angelo.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Bruce Cotton officiating under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home of Levelland.

She was born Dec. 2, 1905 in Corsicana.

She was a member of College Avenue Baptist Church. She was a lifelong Texan, living in Levelland for over 40 years, moving to San Angelo three years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rice McCalvin Freeman

on May 17, 1984; and a daughter, Sudean McCutchie in 1980.

Other survivors include two sons, Lloyd Freeman of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mack Freeman of Franklin, Tenn.; two daughters, Joy Blagrove of Haltom City and Martha Burkhalter of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Preston Wilson and Claude Wilson, both of Richland; and a sister, Pauline Hiler of Dallas.

Pete Pyle

Pete Pyle died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at his home.

Funeral services are to be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. W. Wayman Swopes officiating. Graveside services are to be 3:30

p.m. Saturday at the Loraine City Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born June 9, 1913 in Georgetown.

He worked for Mobil (Magnolia) Drilling Company and Drilco Industries. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 623.

He was preceded in death by eight siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Lee Pyle of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

Georgina Figueroa

DEL RIO—Former Midlander Georgina G. Figueroa, 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Del Rio.

Funeral services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, in El Principe de Paz Methodist Church, 404 W. Chapoy St., Del Rio, with the Rev. Robert Ortiz officiating under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home. She was born March 9, 1917 in Alice.

She was a member of El Calvario Methodist Church in Midland, and El Principe de Paz Methodist Church in Del Rio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Figueroa; a sister, Elizabeth Gutierrez Calderon; and a brother, Amado G. Gutierrez Jr.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

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The CPA class begins on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and continues every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 13 weeks. A graduation banquet will be held on April 12.

Citizens learn the day-to-day operation of the Midland Police Department through class lectures, firearms instruction, "ride-alongs" with police officers, canine demonstrations, SWAT demonstrations and the opportunity to "investigate" a mock crime scene. All training is provided at no cost.

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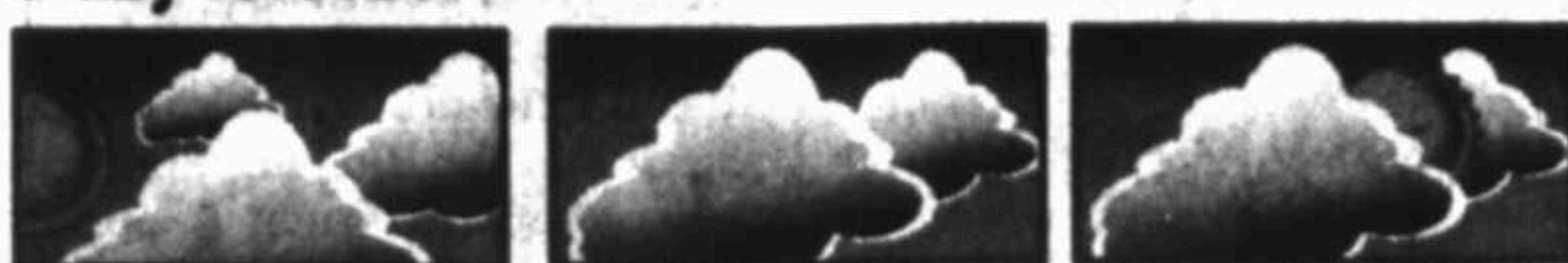
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of afternoon showers and a high in the mid-40s. The wind will be from the east to northeast at 10-15 mph. There chance of rain will be 20 percent.

Friday night will be cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain with the low in the mid-30s.

Saturday will be cloudy with a slight chance of morning showers, then a decreasing chance of rain but with cloudiness by afternoon. Temperatures will be warmer with a high in the mid-50s. The chance of rain 20 will be 20 percent. Saturday night will be fair with the low in the upper 20s.

After an overnight low of 24, Thursday's high was 54, compared to the record high for that date of 75, set in 1935. The record low of 13 was set in 1970.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.
Rainfall Thursday .00 in.
Total for month .00 in.
Total for year .00 in.
Normal total (year to date) .00 in.

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:00 p.m.

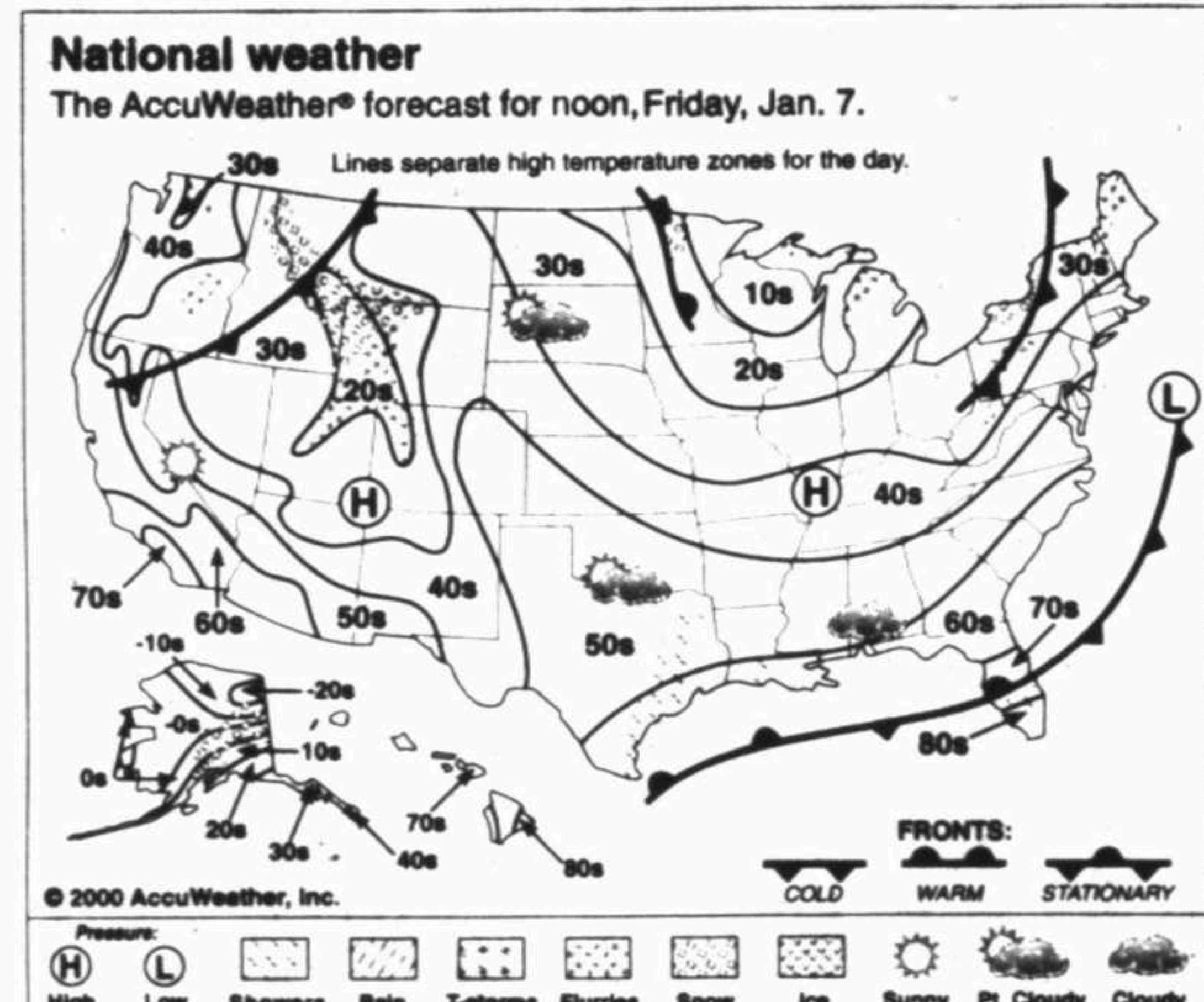
Yesterday's temperatures

High ... 54
Low ... 24
Normal high ... 56
Normal low ... 28

Pollen count

Trees: n/a Weeds: n/a
Grass: n/a Molds: n/a
Dust: n/a
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

National forecast



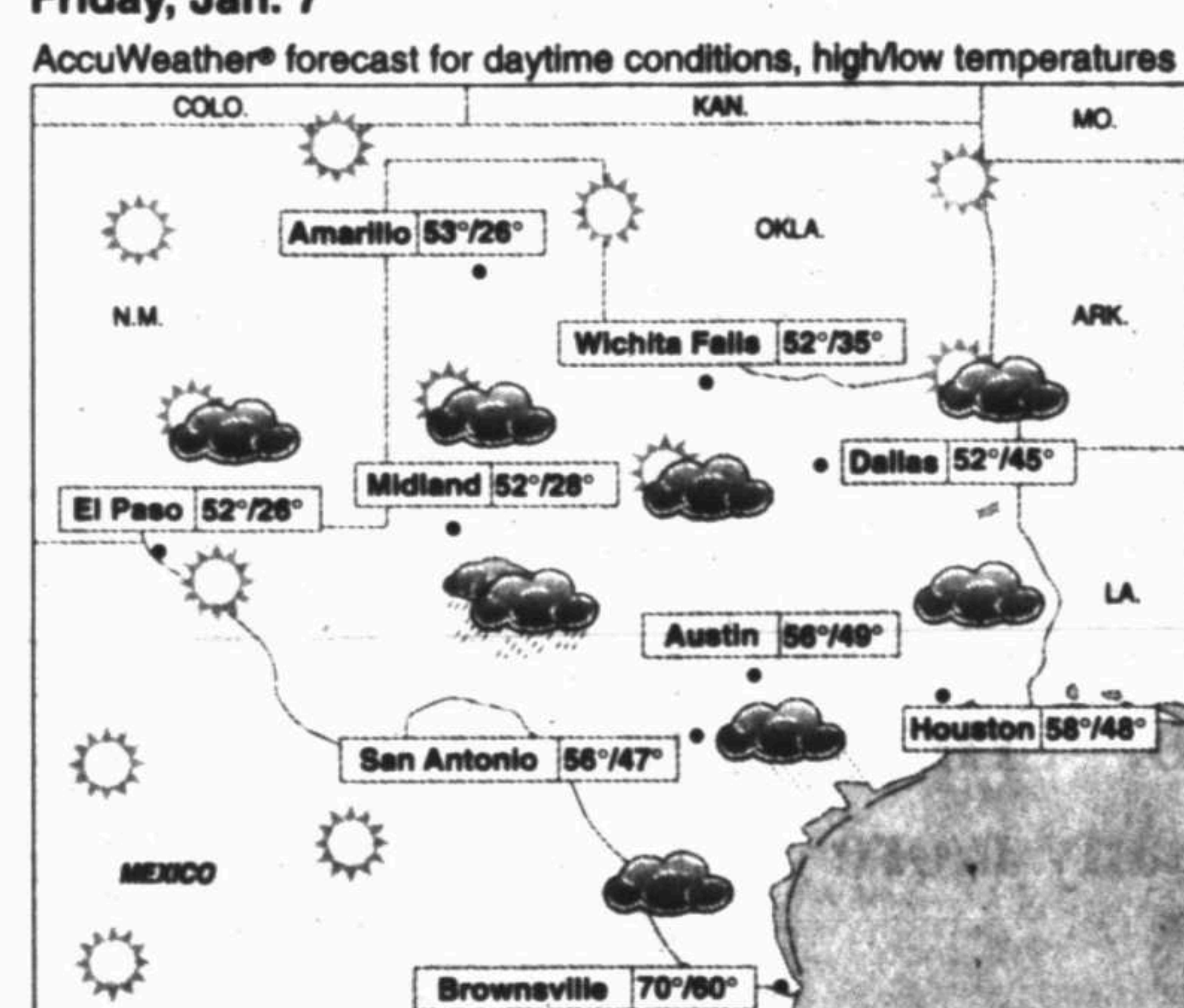
United States temperatures

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albany, N.Y.	33	14	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albuquerque	40	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anchorage	17	17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ashville	48	20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta	53	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta City	45	20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltimore	47	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Birmingham	54	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bismarck	21	17	0.01	0.01	0.01
Boise	35	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boston	36	18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Buffalo	37	21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burlington, Vt.	32	12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casper	34	10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charleston, S.C.	63	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charleston, W. Va.	49	21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charlotte, N.C.	49	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga	54	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cincinnati	45	21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland	40	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbia, S.C.	56	25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbus, Ohio	43	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concord, N.H.	30	8	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dayton	43	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Denver	38	19	0.00	0.00	0.00
Des Moines	38	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Detroit	38	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duluth	15	15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evansville	48	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairbanks	30	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fargo	15	8	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flagstaff	33	18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Rapids	36	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Great Falls	41	23	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greensboro, N.C.	49	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hartford	38	15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Helena	37	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honolulu	81	73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indianapolis	43	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jackson, Miss.	58	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jacksonville	70	49	0.00	0.00	0.00
Juneau	38	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kansas City	45	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Las Vegas	52	42	0.00	0.00	0.00

State forecast

Texas weather

Friday, Jan. 7



Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Abilene	50	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albino	58	43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amarillo	54	25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arlington	56	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Austin/Bergstrom	61	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Austin/Medley	60	42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beaumont	54	40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brownsville	70	50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burnet	56	38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Childress	54	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
College Station	59	44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Comstock	57	44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corpus Christi	58	46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Correll	58	40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cotulla	58	42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dallhart	53	22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dallas Love Field	56	40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Del Rio	52	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Denton	55	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
DFW Airport	57	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dryden	57	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
El Paso	55	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fort Stockton	71	38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fort Worth Meacham	55	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Galveston	59	53	0.00	0.00	0.00
Georgetown	57	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guadalupe Pass	52	40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Haltom City	57	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hondo	61	31	0.00	0.00	0.00

COUNCIL: 'We've got plenty ... on our plate'

(From 1A)

forth at the annual retreat this past May.

"Council sets major policy direction in May or June (at the City Council retreat) and the city staff then implements those policies," said Hackler. "We've got plenty of projects on our plate right now. We continue to work towards those priorities. We're sensitive to the fact that new council members may be coming on board, but there's no shortage of things for us to work on based on past

direction."

"I don't believe that possibility exists," said Councilman Dale Brown of a lame duck period. "I'm not aware of anything that's being delayed. The issue of personnel in the city manager's office needs to be taken care of. The sports complex is right on track. Planning for the budget next year will be right on schedule."

"Our biggest problem is the sports complex," said Councilman Berry Simpson. "We keep working right on through. When we go on the planning

retreat we spend a lot of time setting priorities. In the long term the election changes things but not actions in the next five months."

Councilman Lee Wood concurred. "We don't have any new big projects other than the stadium," said Wood. "If an issue came up we'd have to address it. I don't think we can bring city business to a halt. We have to keep going."

Councilman Jose Cuevas couldn't be reached for comment.

Religious, environmental groups unite to pressure Exxon Mobil

AUSTIN (AP) — A nationwide coalition of environmental and religious groups began a public campaign Thursday to pressure Exxon Mobil Corp. to reverse its stance on global warming.

The Austin-based group, Campaign ExxonMobil, claims the energy company denies that emissions from cars and heavy industries are causing a harmful increase in the earth's temperature. Representatives of Irving-based Exxon Mobil did not immediately respond to Associ-

ated Press requests for comment.

"This is going to be a multiyear battle," said Peter Altman, national coordinator of the effort. "Our member groups are really, really serious about this."

The group wants Exxon Mobil to reduce its air pollution and withdraw from the Global Climate Coalition, a Washington D.C.-based group that argues there is not enough scientific evidence to prove the earth is warming due to some forms of air pollution.

The group will stage protests in the hometowns of Exxon Mobil board members and says it will campaign to increase public awareness of the company's actions.

"Our faith demands we act as stewards of creation, and global warming threatens to destroy it," said Michael L. Hess of the Socially Responsible Investment Coalition, a group of 20 religious institutional investors, which is also part of Campaign Exxon-Mobil.

New gadgets can tell when milk is sour, when motorists are speeding

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A refrigerator that can sense when milk goes sour, a microwave that will tell you which leftovers to cook; a car with a chip that stops you from speeding.

Electronics manufacturers at the giant Consumer Electronics Show that opened Thursday are showcasing hundreds of new "smart" devices like these, claiming they can make life easier through seamless connections to the Internet. But a big question is: Will consumers bite?

Computing and software giants such as Microsoft, Sun Microsystems, Cisco and Intel are betting they will, as are consumer electronics manufacturers including Sony, Panasonic, Whirlpool, General Electric and Casio.

Many high-tech firms are forming partnerships to deliver on the promising idea of products that will be able to talk to each other via the Internet — "raising the machines' IQ," as a Panasonic spokeswoman put it, and also simplifying life for the consumer.

Panasonic's Virtual Chef Interactive Microwave oven would be able to record a recipe from a TV

cooking show that you might be watching in the kitchen, or download it from the Internet, and then display it on a screen at another time. Or you might on that same screen input a list of the disparate items you have in your refrigerator and the microwave could suggest a recipe for using them.

In your car, a chip might let you know you've got a lead foot and automatically slow the car down in dangerous situations.

"It's not a question of whether people will want it; it's a question of whether we can make it a seamless part of everyday life," said Steve Guggenheimer, director of Microsoft's consumer and commerce group, which set up a virtual home to demonstrate some of the upcoming products. "Some things will be more successful than other, but the consumer loves choice."

Analysts, and the manufacturers themselves, acknowledge there are sure to be some losers among the thousands of new products coming to market. But many expect that devices incorporating the theme of a world made easier by the Web will

attract a following in today's tech-savvy environment.

"Things are moving in that direction, and when there comes a time when there is a common standard for allowing devices to communicate with each other, people will be more willing to open their wallets," said Mike Lasater, a spokesman for Casio.

His company demonstrated a prototype digital wristwatch capable of taking and storing 100 pictures on a tiny chip embedded in the casing. The product, retailing for \$199, is due to reach stores in May, Lasater said.

Rob Enderle, an analyst for Giga Information Group in San Jose, Calif., predicted consumers will be more accepting of products once places like the home, car and office become networked to allow for seamless communication.

And the forecasting firm Yankee Research Group estimates the number of U.S. households with their own computer networks will increase from 660,000 in 1999 to 9.5 million in 2003.

Nearly \$300,000 already spent on A&M bonfire investigation

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M has spent at least \$292,000 on costs related to the deadly November bonfire collapse and has set aside another \$225,000 for investigation of the accident, records show.

Plane trips for students attending out-of-state funerals, overtime for university police and food and drinks for emergency workers were among expenses detailed in a spreadsheet available at A&M's Cushing Memorial Library Thursday.

More than 2,200 documents and photographs relating to the disaster have been compiled at the library for use by a special commission investigating the accident's cause and for inspection by the public.

The Nov. 18 collapse of the 7,000-log stack killed 12 Aggies and injured 27. One student, John Comstock of Richardson, remained hospitalized Thursday in critical condition.

The University Police Department spent about \$48,500 on security, overtime and supplies after the accident, records show. Another \$39,500 covered plane rental to fly students to a victim's funeral in California. Additionally, \$1,819 paid for food and drink for emergency workers who pulled students from the tumbled logs.

Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations, said all of the \$292,235 spent on the accident has come from "unrestricted investment income" such as interest on gifts received by A&M and book store profits. It does not include state general revenue or interest earned on general appropriated funds, she said.

Another \$225,000 put in an account for the special commission's use came from similar sources, she said.

"It is the intent of the university to pay for costs related to bonfire without using public funds," Ms. Lawson said. "Now whether that will happen or not will

depend on what the costs are going to be."

An expense report for the commission dated Dec. 6 showed it had spent none of the \$225,000 it received. On Tuesday, the five-member panel, led by Houston construction executive Leo Linbeck Jr., announced the hiring of three high-profile forensic firms to research the cause of the bonfire stack collapse.

The companies have been asked to present budgets and status reports on their work by the commission's next meeting, set for Jan. 18. University officials hope to have a better estimate of total expenses by then, Ms. Lawson said.

Families of some bonfire victims already have received \$10,000 from the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M and up to \$10,000 in insurance payments for hospital expenses, according to a Dec. 7 letter to those parents and students from J. Malon Southerland, A&M's vice president of student affairs.

The letter, which also appeared in the library Thursday, said the insurance claim had been on the victims' behalf.

It was unclear whether only relatives of the 12 Aggies killed received money from the alumni group or whether checks were issued for all 39 victims. Neither Southerland nor Association of Former Students representatives could be reached for comment.

Southerland says in his letter that he is overseeing development of plans for a permanent memorial to the bonfire victims. Endowed scholarships in the names of the 12 Aggies killed,

and one honoring those injured, have been established, he said.

Also released was a Nov. 21 letter from Alan E. Walter, head of A&M's Nuclear Engineering Department, to William B. Krumm, vice president of finance and controller, which suggests the university compensate families and victims to avoid lawsuits.

"It is still possible in this litigation-happy country that some lawyers will try to organize the families of the victims and attempt to bring a huge lawsuit against the university," Walter wrote.

The idea for a "non-litigation compensation fund," he said, originated with his colleague, James Rock, a senior lecturer in industrial hygiene and safety engineering.

Rock is a past president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, dedicated to workplace health, safety and environmental needs. He believes the university could establish a fund with contributions from students, alumni and faculty that would pay victims' families more than they might receive through lawsuits.

Walters' letter suggests paying \$2.5 million to the families of each student killed or disabled in the accident.

"We've already demonstrated to the world that the Aggie family is something special," Rock said. "This is as good a time as I've ever seen — if this family takes care of its own — to just go ahead and do it."

Ms. Lawson said she knew of no lawsuits being filed against the university stemming from the accident.

DONNELLY: He's seeking to strengthen infrastructure

(From 1A)

He would also strengthen the infrastructure, building up the freeway and enterprise zones at Midland International Airport.

Those issues, and not the operation of the city, would be his focus, he said.

"The lights come on, the water runs, the sewer works. There's little I can say about the operation of the city that could be critical," he said.

The joining of Midland and Odessa into a single metropolitan statistical area has been a benefit, he said, giving the area leverage to attract a number of new businesses.

But, he said, "We have to explore alternatives to what we're doing now."

A graduate of the University of Texas, he worked in Louisiana, Oklahoma and London before returning to Midland, where he lives with his wife Jeannine. They have two children, Garrett and Kiersten.

Vatican to exhibit art treasures at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — Some historical art treasures from the Vatican will be displayed at Texas Tech University in 2002.

The four-month exhibit is called: "Treasures of the Vatican: Five Centuries of Exaltation; The Heritage of Europe and the Americas 1300 to 1800."

The Vatican wants to make the collection available to as many people as possible and Lubbock was chosen because of its central location in North America, the Rev. Malcolm Neyland said.

The exhibit is scheduled to open in March 2002 and will be free to the public.

The works could include paintings by El Greco and sketches by Leonardo da Vinci. Tech Chancellor John Montford will join Neyland on a trip to the Vatican next month to meet Pope John Paul II and view some of the artifacts.

More details will come at a Jan. 25 news conference in Lubbock.

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MHS Band trip left memories, lifetime thrills

After a whirlwind trip to London, England where they represented Midland in the London Millennium Parade Festival, members of the Midland High School Band are back at home and recounting the fantastic experience to family and friends.

It was memorable in several ways for them:

■ First, the MHS Band got the chance to perform before audiences of 3,000 and 1,500 people, and march in the London Millennium Parade on Jan. 1, definitely a once in a lifetime experience.

■ The band performed at historic sites including Westminster Great Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral and in the shadow of Big Ben, London's well-known time-piece.

■ Band members also took a tour of London and visited such sites as the Canterbury Cathedral, the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Dover Castle, even the very first Hard Rock Cafe.

All in all, it appears to have been an exciting, stimulating, and rewarding experience for the band members. It will provide memories for each band member for years to come.

In fact, even before the MHS Band left Midland for London the experience was worthwhile because each student had to raise \$1,500 just to be able to go on the trip. That took some hard work and some innovation, and taught the students that if you set a goal and work hard to achieve it, the results can be tremendous!

On Feb. 8 the band will perform a homecoming concert at Midland High. No doubt it, too, will be a memorable experience.

Congratulations to MHS Band Director Gary Doherty and all the band members on an outstanding trip that will no doubt broaden their horizons and leave them many fond memories for the future.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2000. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Jan. 7, 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. Bill Clinton was ultimately acquitted of charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

In 1800, Millard Fillmore, the 13th U.S. president, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as comedian Fred Ott was filmed sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, the 99th and 100th in history.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

Ten years ago: The president of El Salvador, Alfredo Cristiani, said in a nationally broadcast address that military men two months earlier had massacred six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter.

Five years ago: Major General Viktor Vorobyov, a senior commander leading Russian troops in their advance on the secessionist capital of Chechnya, was killed by a mortar shell.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 72. Country singer Jack Greene is 70. Pop musician Paul Revere is 58. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 54. Singer Kenny Loggins is 52.

JACK ANDERSON

Feared agency now has power to enter private homes

WASHINGTON — Next to the IRS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is the agency most feared by businesses across America, and now, thanks to a bizarre ruling, by individuals as well.

OSHA, a Department of Labor agency, was established by Congress to protect workers from hazardous working conditions, but in the business community it is known for its heavy-handedness. Empowered to levy fines, it does so on a subjective basis. Hence, lacking in uniformity, it has gained a reputation for arbitrariness.

Clearly, many violations deserve fines, but a business owner is rarely prepared for an OSHA inspection and haphazard delivery of penalties. This is why business people are so fearful of the agency.

Now comes the zinger. OSHA — not Congress — has ruled that workers who work in their own homes are covered by OSHA. This

means that OSHA has given itself the right to enter your home and either shut you down or levy fines against your employer. If the OSHA agent says your handrail is unsafe, it's a fine. If the agent says lighting is insufficient, it's a fine. If the agent says your electricity is insufficient for your equipment, it's a fine. If the agent says your doorstep has a loose brick, it's a fine.

And who receives the fine? Your employer. You will have simply received an unwelcome visitor, albeit one who ignored your Fourth Amendment rights: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause."

In fairness, OSHA claims it has no intention of searching private homes. But if this is so, why did it make the ruling? And since the ruling is in place, future leaders of the feared agency might indeed commence such searches. Yet who gave OSHA the right to make such rules in the first place? Congress did, just as it has with the IRS and numerous other agencies. Congress makes laws, agencies make rules, and we can't tell the difference.



Anderson



CHARLIE REESE

It's January 2000 and we're still here

Well, it's January 2000, and the world is still here. Wow, what a surprise. Of course, despite the media hype, we are a year away from the new millennium. The 20th century won't end until the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31.

The whole millennium business is nothing but hype anyway. Turning the page on a calendar, a man-made device for counting, changes nothing. I don't think God uses a Day-Timer or a Palm computer based on the Gregorian calendar. Nevertheless, for all their technology, humans are a superstitious lot and prone now and then to bouts of mass hysteria. Most any excuse will do.

I'm sure there have been, and will be, some computer glitches. After all, computers are naturally glitchy. But if you get a power bill, as the folks in Jacksonville, Fla., did, that states that it's due in January 1900, pay it anyway. Lots of people can't count, so it's no big deal if a few computers get their dates wrong for a while. You will take note that the inability of the power company's computer to write 2000 didn't prevent it from producing the bill. The number that counts — the amount the customer owes — it got right.

I've resisted making up lists, which seems to be an occupational fetish of some journalists. I'm also dispensing with resolutions and with advice on how to cope with the new century when it finally does get here. People who know me would find the idea of my giving anybody advice laughable. After all, my current goal is to devise a way to live a 19th-century life in the 21st century. In moderation, naturally. I'm not giving up the air conditioner and the car.

Doctors inadvertently have assisted me in this project by over-prescribing antibiotics so that infectious diseases, a big part of the 19th century, are making a comeback. Too much and too careless use

of antibiotics have resulted in new generations of little beasts that are immune to antibiotics. Tuberculosis and malaria have made a comeback, and perhaps even old Yellow Jack will reappear. The little beasts now can travel by jet, which greatly facilitates the spread of infectious diseases. I suspect that the fight against infectious diseases will be one of the big projects of the new century.

How's that for a cheerful prediction? Actually, I'm not trying to depress you. The pharmaceutical companies are already making obscene profits, and they don't need my help to sell their feel-happy pills. I'm just one of those old mossback conservatives who thinks that reality is a good thing to stick to, even if it is on the dark side some of the time.

But here's a bit of cheerful news as an offset: You can expect a new Star Wars movie in 2002.

As for real wars, you can expect a few of them, too. Jeff Davis certainly was right when he said a question settled by force remains forever unsettled and sooner or later will reappear. Nearly all the wars have settled nothing except which side had the stronger military forces at that time. Thanks to Bill Clinton's blundering, which has reignited the Cold War, there may even be serious war in the future with Russia or China. It does seem to me, at least, to be the twilight of the white, European civilization. A sure sign of a dying civilization is when the citizens of the empire lose the will to defend themselves.

Oh, I know, these multinational honchos have their dream of the Earth as one big plantation financed and run by the corporate elites in New York and London. But that is a pipe dream. I don't think the Chinese, the Indians, the Russians or the Arabs have any intention of being the field hands on a Euro-American plantation. In sum, the new century will be distressingly like the old one.

Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

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LETTERS

Christmas thief broke mom's heart

My 12-year-old asked for three things this Christmas: A punching bag, silver-plated bicycle pedals, and pegs for his bike. Three days before Christmas someone without a heart changed that list. This had been a very hard year for this family financially with the loss of my husband's job and emotionally with the loss of my mother. Somehow though I made it through an extremely tough semester in school, worked part-time and waited until I got paid to buy Christmas presents for my two children.

We live three blocks from the Taco Bell on Midkiff and I asked my son if he would like to get some lunch there while I waited for the cable man to come over. My son was excited to go since we rarely get to do these things anymore. Anyway, there was a man parked outside the Taco Bell in a beat up older truck and my son said he got a bad feeling when he saw him. My son parked his bike outside the door and got his order. He turned around and the man was throwing my son's bike in the back of his truck.

The irony of it all is people saw it and did nothing to help. My son came home sobbing and immediately scratched off the last two items on the Christmas list, which broke my heart. I have always tried to find the good in people, but I must admit this has been a hard task to do lately.

To the man who stole a little boy's bike remember this, what goes around comes around.

Kitty Srubar

Now is the time to oppose the WTO

The recent excitement in Seattle opposing the World Trade Organization deserves some comment now that the chips have fallen. The various groups opposing the WTO had differing reasons for their opposition. From them, there is much to be learned about this powerful institution in the world that has potential for a global tyranny.

Newt Gingrich said at the time Congress was considering joining the WTO that substantial sovereignty was being transferred from the U.S. to the WTO. Comparing the U.S. Constitution to the WTO Charter, one can see that Gingrich is correct. It even appears that those who voted for the WTO were not protecting or defending the U.S. Constitution.

The WTO has the power to reach into national jurisdictions and challenge the laws, policies, and programs that interfere with the WTO's power over trade. This is not free trade nor is it fair trade.

The WTO has the power to confer punitive trade sanctions on governments it determines to be in breach of WTO trade rules. These powers are both legislative and judicial and trample on the rights and freedoms of the people of the world. The only rationale for the WTO's powers is for corporate-led controlled trade that will eventually ruin small businesses.

The appointed international bureaucrats who control the WTO meet in secret and are not responsible to any sort of electorate. This secret control of trade fits in with the international Socialist official definition of the New World Order. Friends and neighbors, you will not like the New World Order. Now is the time to demand that your U.S. representatives and senators remember their oath of office and oppose the WTO.

Sharlene Taylor
Amarillo

Thanks for story on local oilmen

Thanks for the story on Tom Brown and Joe Roper (Permian Basin Oil Report, Dec. 26). For most of the past 27 years, I have worked with drilling companies that competed with their company. Early in the '70s we had the misfortune of having one of our mud pumps break down with no spare to replace it.

I asked Joe if I could rent one from them and he said sure. As best I remember, we used it for about three weeks and returned it to Joe with new valves, seats and liners. When I asked Joe what we owed him, he said that maybe he would borrow something from us which was doubtful from my point of view since we didn't have any spare equipment at the time.

By the way, rental at the time would have been in excess of \$25,000.

Tom Brown has also helped me a couple of times when I was between companies. There are a lot of fine people in our industry. I'm glad that I have been fortunate enough to know Tom, Joe and the many others.

L.E. "Gene" Grimes

Grand jury indicts drug suspects, law firm employees for conspiracy

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A federal grand jury returned indictments in U.S. District Court in Midland Thursday against six people police say are part of a West Texas drug operation. The six were previously charged in complaint affidavits, and one new suspect was indicted, as well.

In addition, the grand jury returned indictments against former Herrera Law Firm employees Sandra Herrera, 36, of Midland and Juanita Lopez Fuentes, 58, charging them with the sale of immigration assistance services, illegal alien smuggling, money laundering and having the intent to promote the distribution of narcotics.

Indicted by the grand jury on narcotics distribution and narcotics conspiracy charges were Octavio Aranda Herrera, Sergio Franco Juarez, Jesus Raymond Lucero, Richard Aranda, Aaron Herrera, Dulces Nombres Nieto and, the new suspect, William Lee Rodriguez. They have been named in previous arrest affidavits.

Lt. Robert Ralls of the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division confirmed Thursday that the indictments "are all part of the same investigation" that began with a Permian Basin sweep of 31 arrested or sought-after drug suspects on Dec. 9.

The investigation and indictments are part of a federal and state narcotics investigation in which officials said they discovered former and current employees of The Herrera Law Firm and some Herrera family members may have been involved in a widespread illegal drug operation.

One of those former employees was Ms. Fuentes, who was identified as an employee of The Herrera Law Firm when the Immigration and Naturalization Service brought the sham marriage charges against her Dec. 10. However, no direct connection was announced at that time by authorities linking the alleged sale of immigration services by Fuentes to the investigation of the drug operation.

The sham marriages would have allowed illegal aliens to gain legal immigration status to the United States for the purpose of distributing drugs, officials said.

The woman indicted on charges of conspiring with Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Herrera, is the sister of Octavio Herrera, and the sister of Jesse Herrera, the principal partner of The Herrera Law Firm.

In the indictment, court documents indicate that Ms. Herrera told an undercover agent that "as a consequence of her position at The Herrera Law Firm, she could assist the (undercover) law enforcement officer in obtaining legal immigration status for two of his 'runners,' that is, employees involved with him in the smuggling of drugs and aliens, who were represented by the officer to be in the United States illegally."

The (undercover) law enforcement officer was introduced to Ms. Fuentes by Ms. Herrera, documents state, and Fuentes agreed to assist the law enforcement officer in obtaining legal immigration status for the "runners."

Murder-suicide ruled in death of Big Spring car dealer, wife

By Art Sinclair
MRT Correspondent

The deaths of Big Spring car dealer Carroll Coates and his wife, Ronda, have been ruled a murder-suicide by Howard County Justice of Peace Bennie Green.

"An investigation by the Howard County Sheriff's Department and interviews with family and friends indicates that 33-year-old Ronda Coates shot her husband with a handgun then turned the gun on herself," Green said.

According to witnesses, the 55-year-old car dealer had been separated from his wife at the time of the tragedy.

Coates' stepfather found the bodies in Coates' residence when Coates failed to show up for work at a car lot he managed. The bodies were discovered on Dec. 17.

According to Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, this is the first homicide investigated by his department in more than a year.

Fuentes stated that she and Ms. Herrera would recruit two U.S. citizens to marry the runners, the documents allege, and the undercover officer made Fuentes aware that the "business" that he and his "runners" were involved in was of an illegal nature.

The undercover officer met the prospective brides at The Herrera Law Firm office on June 3 and June 9, the court affidavits show and that Fuentes was charging \$2,500 to arrange each marriage.

Over a period of time, Fuentes was paid \$5,500 as fees for the services. Documents show receipts were issued in the name of The Herrera Law Firm. Attorney Jesse Herrera was not available for comment.

The grand jury also returned an indictment on Octavio Herrera, Juarez, Jesus Lucero, Aranda, Aaron Herrera, Nieto and William Lee Rodriguez charging them with distribution of more than 500 grams of cocaine, and distribution of quantities of cocaine and marijuana between Sept. 25, 1998 and July 13, 1999. Octavio Herrera was indicted

for distribution of cocaine and marijuana and conspiracy to distribute based on alleged transactions between February 1998 and June 18, 1999. The alleged transactions were said to have taken place at Herrera's home at 8713 W. 16th St., court documents show.

It is that house that the federal government has begun proceedings to seize under drug forfeiture laws.

In addition, U.S. District Judge Lucius Buntun has issued a bench warrant for William Lee Rodriguez for distribution of cocaine and marijuana and conspiracy to distribute cocaine. "Rodriguez is an associate of and worked with Octavio Herrera in his distribution of controlled substances," said Ralls.

The Dec. 9 round up resulted in the arrest of some suspects under grand jury indictments and others were arrested under complaint affidavits. Eighteen suspects of the 31 named in the Dec. 9 drug sweep were named on grand jury indictments and 13 were named in complaint affi-

davits. So far, 25 of the 31 have been arrested. The suspects indicted Thursday were some of those arrested on Dec. 9 on com-

plaint affidavits.

Consequently, the meeting of the grand jury Thursday was to indict the other 13, seven of

whom were named Thursday. More indictments are expected by the end of the month, said officials.

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Protesters disrupt Miami over decision to send boy to Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — Hundreds of Cuban-Americans chanting "Liberty! Liberty!" blocked intersections and cut off access to the Port of Miami on Thursday to protest the U.S. government's decision to return 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to his father in Cuba.

Police arrested more than 70 people, including two prominent Cuban exile leaders, for refusing to disperse.

In Washington, Attorney General Janet Reno essentially ruled out any chance she will reverse Wednesday's decision by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to send the boy back to the communist island.

For the past six weeks, Elian has been the subject of protests in Florida and Cuba — and in the middle of an international debate over where he belongs. Fidel Castro kept up the pressure with another government-orchestrated demonstration Thursday in Havana.

The boy was found Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube at sea after his mother, stepfather and eight other people drowned while trying to reach Florida by boat. He has been living in Miami with his paternal great-uncle and great-aunt.

Elian, whose whereabouts were kept secret after Wednesday's decision, arrived back at his relatives' home Thursday afternoon. His great-uncle hoisted Elian on his shoulders and the boy smiled and waved to cheering supporters outside the house.

His cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez said Elian had not been told of the decision to send him back because it may not prove final. Lawyers for the boy's American relatives asked Reno to reverse the decision and planned to request a restraining order from a federal judge.

But Reno said she had consulted with INS Commissioner Doris Meissner and agreed with the decision. "Based on all the information we have to date, I see no basis for reversing," Reno said Thursday.

The INS has until Jan. 14 to

send the boy back.

In Miami, several hundred protesters gathered outside a downtown federal building, pushed back police barricades and marched several blocks to the Port of Miami, where most of the arrests were made.

About 50 officers in riot gear guarded the port's entrance in the shadow of Freedom Tower, a former customs building where many Cubans entered the United States in the 1960s. About 780,000 Cuban-Americans live in Miami-Dade County, accounting for 35 percent of its 2.1 million residents.

Demonstrators shouted "Clinton! Coward! Miami hates you!" They carried posters in English and Spanish and waved U.S. and Cuban flags.

"I'm defending my rights because where the rights of one person end, the rights of another begin," said Meri Pino, 70, who refused to move from the port entry.

Police arrested people who sat on the pavement and others who crossed police lines. Those arrested included Cuban exile leaders Ramon Sanchez, head of the Democracy Movement, and Jose Basulto, founder of Brothers to the Rescue, an anti-Castro group.

"We're not going to let anyone get hurt," said police Lt. Bill Schwartz. "We're not going to let the streets be taken over by a mob."

The headquarters of Royal Caribbean International, a leading cruise line, is on port property, and the demonstration kept employees from leaving for several hours. No major cruise ships were in port Thursday.

Elsewhere, small groups of protesters intermittently blocked intersections. Gov. Jeb Bush lifted tolls on highways near protests to relieve rush-hour congestion.

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Rolling Stones' 'Satisfaction' is pronounced best song ever

NEW YORK (AP) — Every air guitarist knows the riff — da, da, da-da-da, da-da-da — and anyone who has ever been a teenager can relate to the lyrics.

The Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" topped the list of the 100 greatest rock songs in a VH1 poll of 700 people in the music industry.

The 1965 song about rock's favorite subject — sex — has one of the most recognizable guitar riffs in music. Keith Richards said it came to him one night while he was sleeping.

"It kind of sticks up as an anthem for the time it was released and for every generation that came since," Todd Schwartz, VH1 programming director, said after the list was released Thursday.

The Beatles had nine songs on the list, easily the most. But their best, "Hey Jude," came in at only No. 9.

"The Beatles had so many songs that the vote got divided," Schwartz said.

Madonna, Fleetwood Mac, Neil Young, U2 and R.E.M. were shut out of the Top 100 for the same reason: Voters couldn't decide on one song.

Aretha Franklin's "Respect" came in second and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," a staple of FM radio in the 1970s, was third.

Rounding out the top 10 are "Like a Rolling Stone" by Bob Dylan; "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen; "Hotel California" by the Eagles; "Light My Fire" by the Doors; "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys; "Hey Jude"; and "Imagine" by John Lennon.

Five Stones cuts made it, with four each by Elvis Presley and Led Zeppelin. Bob Dylan had three plus his composition "All Along the Watchtower," but voters liked Jimi Hendrix's version better.

The list's oldest song was "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley & His Comets, released in 1955. The newest was Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," from 1991.

Nirvana's hit was the only one from the 1990s to make it. Schwartz said it may be because VH1's voters were even older than the network's usual audience. VH1 aims at age 30 and up.

Among the musicians to vote on VH1's panel were U2's Bono, Johnny Cash, Art Garfunkel, Bonnie Raitt, Lou Reed and the late Curtis Mayfield.

VH1 will count down the list in a special that runs over five nights, starting Jan. 17, featuring video clips and interviews.

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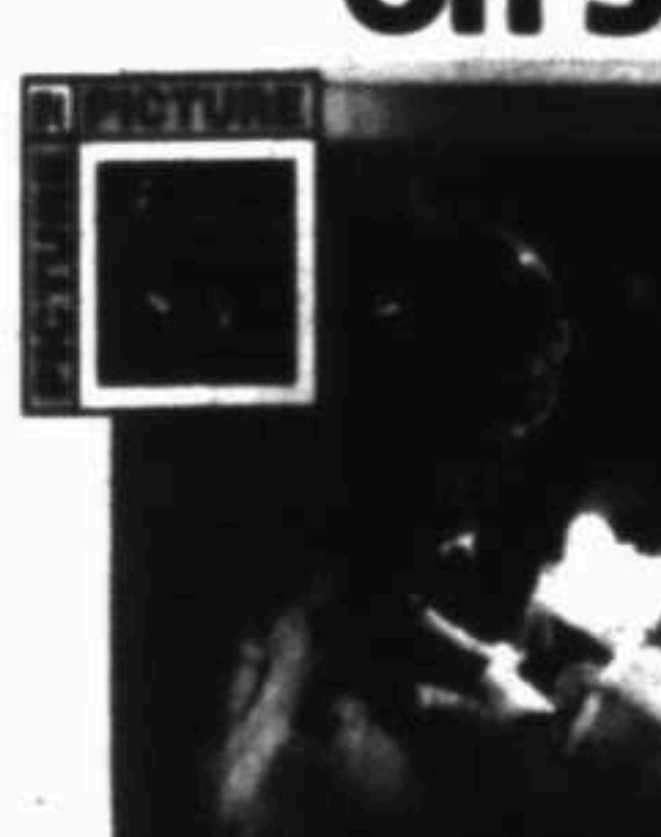
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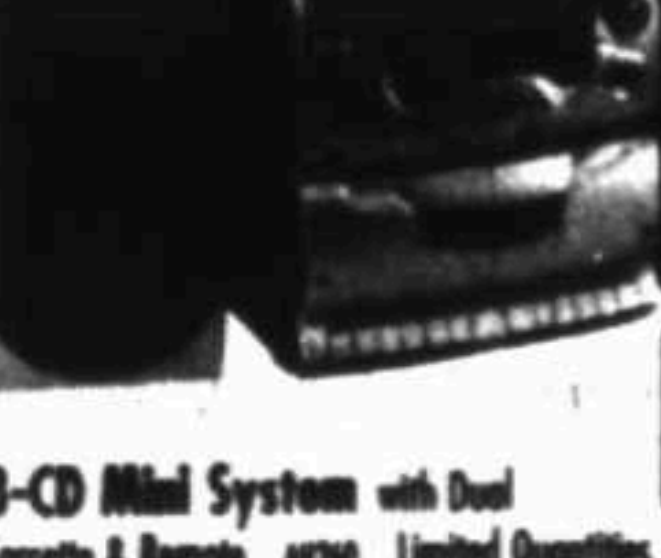


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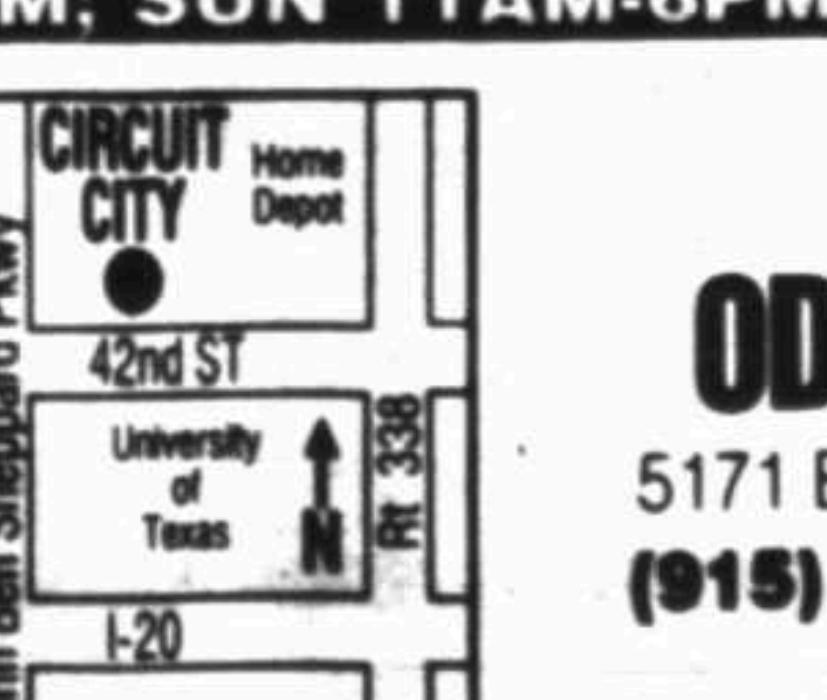
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U.S. abortions continue to decline despite new drugs

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of abortions in the United States fell in 1997 to the lowest level in two decades, despite new drugs that make it easier to terminate a pregnancy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that 20 of every 1,000 women of reproductive age (15 to 44) had abortions in 1997, the same rate as the previous two years and the lowest since 1975.

The number of abortions for every 1,000 live births dropped from 314 in 1996 to 305 in 1997 — also a 25-year low, the CDC said.

The preliminary estimate of 1,184,758 legal abortions in 1997 was 3 percent less than the 1,221,585 abortions in 1996 and was the lowest number performed since 1978.

The CDC cited several factors for the decline, including reduced access to abortion, an increased willingness to use contraception and possibly different attitudes about the moral implications of abortion.

For the first time, the annual CDC report included a breakdown from some states of which abortions were performed with surgery and which with drugs. Previously, states had reported only the total number of abortions.

In 1997, 16 states reported 2,988 abortions induced by drugs. The Alan Guttmacher Institute, an abortion rights research organization, estimated there were 4,300 drug-induced abortions in all of the United States during the first half of 1997 alone.

The drug most commonly used in the United States to induce abortion is methotrexate. Methotrexate is used to treat certain types of gastrointestinal disorders and cancers, but doctors have been allowed to prescribe it

to induce abortion since the mid-1990s.

Another drug, mifepristone, is designed specifically to end pregnancy and is expected to win approval from the Food and Drug Administration this year. It is available only through clinical trials. A similar drug used in Europe, RU-486, remains ensnared in political battles in this country.

The medications are touted as a way to make the procedure more private and convenient, without the need for surgery. Women take the medications under a doctor's supervision during the first 49 days of pregnancy.

Those on both sides of the debate said the medications are unlikely to affect the overall numbers of abortions but might shift

the method away from surgery.

"I don't think it will have any effect whatsoever on rates of abortion or rates of unintended pregnancy," said Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

April Thompson, a spokeswoman for the National Right to Life Committee, said: "It's just another method of taking the life of an unborn child. It will not change the debate and it will not change the number of abortions."

The CDC said that 52 percent of the women who received an abortion in 1997 were 24 or younger. Most of the women were white and unmarried. Fifty-five percent of the procedures were done in the first two months

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Final 1997 figures — the most recent year for which such numbers are available — including the numbers of abortions in each state, will be released in the summer.

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GOP candidates begin fresh series of debates

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — George W. Bush aimed to talk taxes. John McCain hoped to limit discussion of a budding controversy.

The other Republican presidential contenders welcomed a return to the spotlight Thursday in the group's first debate of the new year.

Despite spirited campaign rhetoric in recent days and diminishing time before the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary, Bush said he did not expect acrimony during the hourlong debate.

"I have no reason to believe it will be uncivil," Bush told reporters after he spoke with employees at the Salem, N.H., offices of Scudder Kemper Retirement Services.

"I believe that all of us have strongly held beliefs and we're looking forward to the chance to discuss them."

The debate was being held at the University of New Hampshire and sponsored by The Union Leader of Manchester, New England Cable News and New Hampshire Public Television. Tim Russert, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," was moderator.

Besides Texas Gov. Bush and Arizona Sen. McCain, the candidates participating were conservative activist Gary Bauer, publisher Steve Forbes, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and former U.N. Ambassador Alan Keyes.

Bush, who has been trumpeting his five-year, \$483 billion tax-cut plan, hoped it would be a focus of discussion. He has criticized a 10-year plan proposed by McCain as too timid.

"I think it will be a good, healthy discussion for the Republican Party to engage in," Bush said. "Senator McCain has his point of view and I've got mine."

The McCain camp braced for questions on the disclosure this week that he had urged the Federal Communications Commission to act on a request for a television license requested by Paxson Communications, a firm whose executives had contributed to his campaign.

McCain hoped the debate would focus on Social Security and taxes.

"I think that we must understand that not all of the surplus should be spent on tax cuts. We have a ticking time bomb called the Social Security Trust Fund," the senator said.

The debate was the first of three meetings between the candidates over a five-day period.

The group was assembling Friday in South Carolina in advance of the state's Feb. 19 primary, and then they were taking their road show to Michigan on Monday. Voters there go to the polls on Feb. 22.

Bush feigned weariness before Thursday's meeting, saying: "I look forward to tonight's discussion ... and then Friday's discussion ... and then Monday night's debate."

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Movies/2B

Hit movies have another record year

By Rick Lyman
N.Y. Times News Service



HOLLYWOOD — Beginning with "The Matrix" on Easter weekend and accelerating into hyperdrive with the success of "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," American moviegoers went on a nine-month binge that drew record crowds to theaters, created a record number of \$100 million hits and shattered several long-cherished assumptions about how the film business works. It is abundantly clear that 1999 was the second consecutive record year at the nation's box offices.

Exhibitor Relations, the Los Angeles-based company that monitors box-office performance, estimates that Americans spent \$7.5 billion on movie tickets last year, an increase of 8 percent over \$6.95 billion in 1998. Some of that increase reflects higher ticket prices, but even in terms of ticket sales — the number of people attending movies — it will be a record year.

There was much talk in Hollywood in 1999 that the basic rules upon which the studios have operated for years were subtly changing, that such safe bets as big stars in long-popular genres were not as reliable as before, that young adults in particular

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Sequels, Stars, Surprises = SUCCESS in '99



Midlanders give top rating to 'The Sixth Sense'

by Georgia Temple



Phantoms and spies, daddies and brides held sway over silver-screen audiences in 1999. The year was one of remakes — "Tarzan," "The Mummy," "Wild, Wild West," "Inspector Gadget" and "The Haunting" — and a time of surprises — "Blair Witch Project" and "The Sixth Sense."

In looking back over films released in 1999, several Midlanders selected as their favorites the films that were box office successes nationwide. The biggest vote went to a film whose popularity surprised the industry and netted the movie the No. 2 slot in the year's Top 20 offerings nationwide.

"The Sixth Sense" was the best movie I saw," said Caryn Howell. "The ending was a total surprise."

"A little touch of the occult, very good, nice and suspenseful," Jim Painter said of "The Sixth Sense." "I like Bruce Willis."

"The one I liked the most was 'The Sixth Sense,'" said Erica Rendon, noting that Bruce Willis, as the psychiatrist, helped the young boy who had visions of the dead to "stand up on his own, face his fears by himself. And in return, the child helped him realize things weren't always as they seemed."

Shane and Lurene Spear, who received two movie passes from Wallace Theatres Hollywood for winning the Academy Award competition sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram this past spring, also cast their vote for a "serious" film on "The Sixth Sense."

"Our funny movie choice is 'Bowfinger,' but 'Sixth Sense' is our No. 1 choice," Spear said.



No. 10 The Blair Witch Project



No. 7 Big Daddy



No. 5 The Matrix



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Friday, Jan. 7

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KCRS Radio: 12:30 p.m., Puccini's "Tosca" broadcast from Met Opera.

Monday, Jan. 10

Community Concerts: Mon. 7:30 p.m. Midland High School Auditorium. Joe Burgtaler and the Rafael Mendez Project/trumpet virtuoso & local band students. Tickets: call 682-1375.

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Seniors Over 50 Dance Group: 8-10:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 501 Air Park Road. Country western. Professional bands. Admission: \$4. Call: 682-5511, 694-3236, 687-1633.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Midland College: Thurs., 5-7 p.m. opening reception: Warren Taylor exhibition. McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Auditorium, MC campus. Free.

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TOP: 1999 saw enormous surprise hits

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preferred a more frenetic, MTV-like style of moviemaking, and that there was, perhaps, a growing disconnect between what people wanted to see and what studios were producing.

But the numbers tell a different story. The movies that did best at the box office were generally sequels, remakes and other mainstream films with big stars in recognizable genres.

Although there were some enormous surprise hits — "The Sixth Sense" in second place for the year, "The Matrix" in fifth, "The Blair Witch Project" in 10th and "Double Jeopardy" in 12th — the year's Top 20 offerings included a new "Star Wars" movie (No. 1 for the year), a James Bond movie (14th place), two sequels ("Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" in 3rd place and "Toy Story 2" in 4th), five remakes of movies or television series ("Tarzan" in 6th place, "The Mummy" in 8th, "Wild Wild West" in 13th, "Inspector Gadget" in 18th and "The Haunting" in 19th) and movies featuring box-office-friendly stars like Adam Sandler ("Big Daddy," No. 7) and Julia Roberts ("Runaway Bride," No. 9, and "Notting Hill," No. 11).

"Despite all the talk about how 1999 broke all the rules in terms of what films had mass appeal, I think when you look at this list, it's still pretty traditional in terms of genres and ratings," said Paul Dergarabedian, chairman of Exhibitor Relations. "Most are still star-driven. And the traditional narrative still rules."

The wealth of surprise hits (before its release, no one predicted that "The Sixth Sense" would make more than \$275 million, and counting) was often taken as proof that the studios had lost contact with movie audiences. But studio executives said unpredictability was just the nature of such a risky business.

"I think that it's impossible to predict \$200 million movies like 'Sixth Sense,'" said Robert G. Friedman, vice chairman of the Paramount Motion Picture Group. "But I wouldn't say you're blindsided. I'd say you're pleasantly surprised. We knew 'Double Jeopardy' was going to be a successful movie, and I would have bet it was going to make plus or minus \$100 million. Would I have been more comfortable betting less than more? Sure. We were pleasantly surprised. I'll take pleasantly surprised all day long."

What struck many film executives about the year-end list was its eclectic nature, spanning genres from romantic comedy to action-thriller to horror. "I think the good news today is that there seems to be room for everybody," said Jeff Blake, president of distribution for Columbia Pictures. "The audience has expanded, so you will be able to do specialized films for a specific audience. Yet when you do have a wide-appeal hit, the reward is even greater."

Amir Malin, president of Artisan Entertainment, the company that released the year's most unexpected phenomenon, "The Blair Witch Project," found something troubling about it all. "It sort of is reminiscent of the beginning of 'A Tale of Two Cities': it was the best of times and the worst of times," Malin said. "The reality is that most of the box office was generated by a handful of films. The Top 20 films account for a good amount of the year's box office, especially the last three or four months. Drama films, art films and more specialized films have had a very problematic time."

What struck Dergarabedian about the year was the relativity with which people went to the movies and the scope of their appetite. Over the summer there were nine consecutive weekends when a different movie was No. 1 at the box office, and the year ended with 17 films earning more than \$100 million, another record. "Phantom Menace" really got people into theaters, and it got people encouraged about more moviegoing," he said. "People saw the trailers, they saw the posters, and it was a snowball effect that carried through the summer and right through the fall."

Some films showed unexpected strength in the final weekend of the year.

Initial estimates had "Stuart Little" in first place for the New Year's weekend with \$16 million and a cumulative total of \$79.7 million since its opening on Dec. 17. Sales on New Year's weekend represented an increase of 35 percent from the Christmas weekend. Since Christmas Eve, "Stuart Little" earned \$52 million, making it the most profitable family-oriented film ever for this 10-day period, Blake said.

Like "Stuart Little," which apparently benefited from strong word-of-mouth, "Galaxy Quest" did as well, earning an estimated \$9.7 million for the New Year's weekend, which, even though it only landed in sixth place for the weekend, was a 38 percent increase over its Christmas weekend opening.

The word of mouth was not so good for "Man on the Moon," the Milos Forman film in which Jim Carrey plays the comedian Andy Kaufman. It was in ninth place on its second weekend, below "Duce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," earning just \$5.2 million, a decrease of 31 percent from Christmas weekend.

Warner Brothers was estimating strong numbers for its two films, \$13.2 million for the weekend for "The Green Mile," an astonishing increase of 42 percent, and \$13 million for "Any Given Sunday," a second weekend decrease of only 4 percent.

Other studios, however, were questioning Warner's estimates and saying that their numbers had "Toy Story 2" (with an estimated \$12.1 million) and "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (\$12 million) ahead of both of the Warner films.

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Midland, Odessa, and the Symphony & Chorale, have been at the center of my family's universe for the last 10 years. The fact that we are moving to Alabama has not yet become a reality for me even though most of our possessions are packed and ready, and our life has become a swirling maelstrom of preparations.

For my wife Sharon Hickox, as timpanist and percussionist, and myself as violist/manager, the MOSC has provided tremendous opportunity. In both cases we have been able to test ourselves with new and unfamiliar situations, to learn and grow from our experiences and to see the results of our efforts in the growth and development of the organization.



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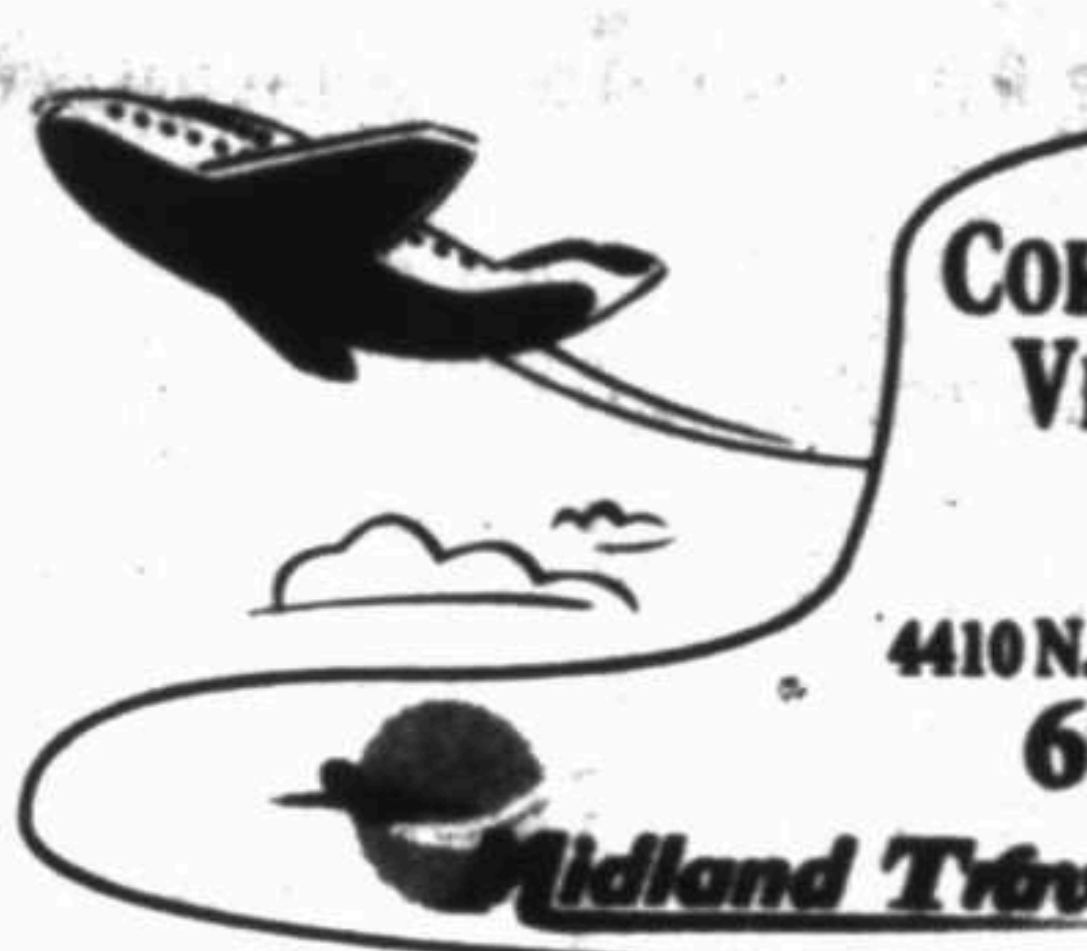
The orchestra membership has seen tremendous change in ten years, there are currently only a handful of players who have been constant for the last decade and there has been similar, although less, turnover in the chorale.

Financially the organization could not be more different. The "Save Our Symphony" campaign of the early '90s has given way to the "Music for the Millennium" endowment campaign that will ensure the future of the MOSC in the 21st century. There are also some very important elements that have not changed over the decade. The Mission statement of the MOSC has changed at least twice during the last ten years, but the central theme has always been the same — performing for Midland and Odessa the best symphonic and choral music possible. Audiences have been larger and smaller, thankfully mostly large.

er over the last few years, and they have always responded to a really fine performance.

Sharon and I are looking forward to following the music of the MOSC. I know that there will be changes that can only be surmised (perhaps that Performing Arts Center at last?). I also know that the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale will continue to build on the successes of the last decade to enrich the lives of people in this community.

Tim Young is the director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale.



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Reflecting on the changes that have occurred over the last ten years has reinforced the words of a lecturer at an otherwise forgotten seminar — "change is the only constant!" The economy of the Permian Basin, changes in leadership, personnel and philosophy have combined to create an organization that today only barely resembles the 1990 version.

Our board is now a model of cooperation between Midland and Odessa. In 1990 members were still listed separately and held separate meetings, now only meetings of the combined group are held and even the term "Joint Board" has been eliminated.

Our conducting staff has been reduced to one very effective member and our administrative staff has been trimmed down. Our programming also has changed considerably. Concerts in 1990 were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in both Midland and Odessa (remember?) and we now hold concerts almost exclusively on

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SUCCESS: Only one Midlander sided with national favorite: Star Wars

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An avid moviegoer, JoAnn Hughes "missed 'The Sixth Sense.' I don't usually miss the best ones, but I did for some reason."

Her pick, "A Simple Plan," was released in 1998 but didn't come to Midland until early in 1999. "That was the best written movie I've seen in years and the acting was good also," Ms. Hughes said.

Kenny Newson first said "The Green Mile," which he "liked a lot," but when he heard a list of the 1999 movies, he changed his vote to "The Sixth Sense."

George Webster voted for "The Green Mile," saying, "I really liked that. It was long."

Barbara Pallick also selected

"The Green Mile," calling the film "a great movie." When she heard the list, she said of "The Sixth Sense," "That was a very good movie. I liked 'The Green Mile' better."

Her husband, Jack Pallick, particularly liked the movie that ended the year at No. 7 nationwide, "Big Daddy," Mrs. Pallick said. "My husband loved that. Men."

Janet Lindsay voted for "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," which fell into the No. 3 slot nationwide, and "The Green Mile."

"Notting Hill," ranked No. 11 nationwide, received Norma Pino's vote. "I loved 'Notting Hill' because I love Julia Roberts, or her movies anyway."

"The Matrix," rated No. 5 nation-

wide, received the votes of Robert and Debra Pickett. "My husband and I both really enjoyed 'The Matrix,'" Mrs. Pickett said. "It was just really out there. It was like nothing we'd seen before. The special effects were great. In fact, we had to watch it twice to make sure we understood what we thought we did."

"Anna and the King" received Nicole Dragisic's vote. "It was really well done," Ms. Dragisic said. "It was nothing like 'The King and I,' but I think it was a more accurate portrayal of what occurred."

"We don't go to a lot of movies," said Danny Holeva. He noted that he and his wife, Carla, had seen three movies over the recent holidays — "Any Given Sunday," "The

Talented Mr. Ripley" and "Stuart Little."

The Holevas favorite film is "The Talented Mr. Ripley."

"It was real creepy, but we enjoyed it," Holeva said. "Even though you knew where everything was going, you enjoyed the process. It's real good. Makes you wish you lived in the '50s in Italy."

Painter also mentioned "Pokemon," saying, "being with my son and watching 'Pokemon' was a real good time. Obviously, it wasn't the best movie in the world." Then he thought of the No. 4 recipient nationwide, "Toy Story 2," and said, "That was a great time with

my son. In fact, it was better than the first one ('Toy Story')."

His wife, Valerie Painter, voted for "The Green Mile." Their children, Vanessa and Clint, found totally different movies suited their tastes best.

Vanessa called "Stuart Little" her favorite movie of 1999. "I saw it once, and I loved it so much," Vanessa said. "I thought it was so cute how they could animate that little mouse. It took a lot of time.

It was really put together so well. I went back to see it again."

Of the 20 Midlanders who were asked what movie was their favorite for 1999, Clint is the only one who named the No. 1 box-office hit nationwide — "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace." The light sabers swung his vote.

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ONE ON THE AISLE

Pamela C. Allen

1999 was a good year for live theater in the Permian Basin. Midland Community Theater started off their season with "Carousel" (which I was very happy to stage manage) and ended with two productions: "Cinderella" at MCT and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Yucca Theater. The season for 2000 opens with "The Music Man" on Feb. 4 and represents almost every decade in the 1900s with mystery, comedy, drama, and two very good musicals.

Permian Playhouse in Odessa is in the middle of its season. The Playhouse will start this year with Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap." There are two more shows before the end of the season: Neil Simon's "The Star-Spangled Girl" opening March 17 and "Phantom of the Country Opera," which will open May 19.

There is a great opportunity to see theatrical productions all year long within easy driving distance—an opportunity for dinner out and a night at the theater. Live productions have been part of the culture of human existence since the beginning of civilization. It was the best way to teach morality, bring history, genetically and culturally, from one generation to the next, and a great way to tell a story. Theater is still part of our culture. We see it in schools, in church and, of course, in any town where a group of people get together to put on a play.

When any of these productions is being reviewed, it is still just one person's opinion, whether the review is for a play, a movie or even a television show. Never forget that your opinion is just as valid, and it's your ticket purchase that will extend the run of a play or end it. It is your voice that says to your neighbor, "I liked it," or "I hated it." You, the audience member, are the reason any live production is presented,

and, of course, the lack of an audience will kill a play.

When I was growing up in theater, a very wise reviewer once told me "You can't appreciate the good plays until you see the bad ones." As a New Year's resolution, try to see the plays offered when you can, and remember it really is up to you to SUPPORT THE ARTS.

Pamela C. Allen, a 14-year member of the Midland Reporter-Telegram staff, has been involved in all aspects of live theater since 1963 from finding props to producing. She has served in a number of volunteer capacities at Midland Community Theatre.

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The group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Preston Darby, M.D., will speak on his recently published book, "Tears of the Oppressed: An American Doctor in Afghanistan." All interested people are invited to attend this free event...

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, has two weekly group meetings.

The men's support group will meet 10-11 a.m. Jan. 11 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. All men with visual impairment are invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The women's group will meet for a movie 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 12 at the VAN House. Those attending are invited to bring sack lunches. All interested people are invited to attend.

For more information about either group call 694-2648...

...UNITED DAUGHTERS of the Confederacy will meet 10 a.m. Jan. 20 at Midland County Museum. Marjorie Crain will give a program on the UDC Library in Richmond, Va. For more information call 684-3739.

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...TRINITY HIGH School Choir will present a musical revue, "Songs for a New World," 8 p.m. Jan. 13, 14 and 15 at Midland Community Theatre II. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased or reserved by calling 699-0532 or 694-0147. Proceeds will help fund the choir's trip to Europe in March...

...PERMIAN BASIN FMS/CFIDS Alliance will meet 7-9 p.m. Jan. 13 in Room D-103 of First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana. Program on nutrition will be presented. People with FMS/CFIDS and their families are invited to attend...

FAMILY MATTERS

Pregnant single college student needs encouragement, support

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: Our 19-year-old daughter got pregnant when she went to (university). She had never dated very much and she just wasn't prepared for all of that freedom.

The boy who got her pregnant isn't the kind of person she should be with. She was "in love" with him, but he wasn't or isn't with her. She can finish out the year and have her baby in the summer.

She is going to keep the baby and still has fantasies of his marrying her. So far he's done nothing to support her and even told her that he didn't think that it was his baby. We don't think he's right for her, even if he did ask her to marry him, but we will support her decision.

My questions is: Should my husband call this boy's parents and talk to them about the situation or should we just stay out of it? Our daughter doesn't want us involved, but then we're having to pay for her and the baby. Fortunately, we have good insurance, but we still have to pay the deductible.

Don't you think that he has some responsibilities to pay for his baby? Our daughter acts like this is all her fault and that she'll just take care of it. She has no earthly idea what she is in for, raising a baby as a single mother. In spite of getting pregnant, she has always been very responsible and is an excellent student. We want her to finish her education.

We also think that it would be a good idea for her to stay home and go to one of the local schools next year while she gets used to raising a baby. She insists that she can go back to (university) in the fall and continue her studies. We don't want to tell her we don't believe in her, but you know how hard it will be to care for her baby and go to school. IN A QUANDARY

DEAR QUANDARY: You and your husband are to be commended for how supportive you are of your daughter in this difficult situation.

Everyone makes mistakes. The challenge is to learn from these mistakes and handle it appropriately. Your daughter's "can do" attitude needs to be encouraged. However, I agree going to a major university while raising a baby as a single parent is very difficult.

Since your daughter is responsible, encourage her to create a written plan for how she is going to go to school and care for her baby. For example, include housing (she can't live in the dorm anymore), transportation (off-campus housing), day care while in class and for study time, extended direct local support (church) and financial considerations.

She should create a complete budget for her and her baby — then determine how she will fund it. Are you going to contribute, and if so, how much? Will she need to work at least part-time to support herself and her baby?

This will bring her to the father's financial responsibilities — by law he must contribute to the support of his child. Try to convince her to contact his parents either directly or through an attorney. He and they need to be formally notified of the pending birth and their associated rights and responsibilities.

Continue to help your daughter develop a workable plan. I encourage you and your husband to only help her develop her plan, rather than insisting she do a certain thing. She is an adult and will have to deal directly with the consequences of her choices. Staying with you while she adjusts to motherhood makes good sense for many reasons, but she may be able to do it on her own.

As a final comment, I would like for all babies to have involved fathers. However, marriage is hard enough with both members of the couple love each other dearly and both want to be married. When one of them does not want to be married, the prognosis for a workable marriage — much less a happy one — is poor. It may be better to be a single mother, making all the decisions for the welfare of the baby, than having to involve a resentful husband-father. But once again, I like your attitude — supporting your daughter whatever her decision might be.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR "SHOPPING WITH YOUR CHILDREN" ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

■ Discuss with your child appropriate behavior that is expected of him or her while shopping — for example, running in the store is unacceptable.

■ Discuss with your child what suggestions he or she would have if you were to misbehave.

■ Try not to shop when you have had a bad day or when you are so tired that you could drop.

■ When you feel bad, patience while shopping with children can be strained.

■ Make sure the children are rested and fed.

■ Develop some "sign language" with the children; signals that mean "stop," "come here" and "be careful."

■ Make shopping fun for you and your child — try to relax. Try to focus on really enjoying this experience together.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 51638, Midland, 79710-1638.

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By Danny C. Flanders
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — When it comes to personalizing your decor, the options are endless — favorite collectibles, framed photographs, family heirlooms.

One custom touch showing up in more kitchens and baths is handpainted tile. For years, homeowners have used ceramic tile to create patterned designs in borders and backsplashes. And now, they're taking it a step further by accenting tiled surfaces using the ancient art of china painting.

"There are just so many possibilities," said Syra Hansen, a tile artist who lives in Powder Springs.

Hansen, who teaches tile painting classes at the Spruill Center for the Arts, said consumers don't have to hire an artist. "You don't even have to know how to draw to do it," she said. You can use stencils sold in crafts stores.

Hansen said most homeowners are incorporating murals in kitchens and baths featuring groups of tiles painted with

designs such as flowers, fruits and vegetables, birds and bunnies. "Some are painting a single large tile and framing it like a picture to go on the table," Hansen said.

Others are setting painted tiles in floors and even patios. Hansen accented her terrace with tile containing her granddaughter's painted handprints.

Larger tiles such as 6x6-inch — 8x8s and 12x12s for fireplaces — are ideal for painting. She recommends white or beige over colors; either shiny or matte finishes can be used.

The only equipment required is a kiln for firing the painted tiles. Don't use the kitchen oven because most heat to just 500 degrees. Instead, Hansen recommends taking painted tiles to a pottery store, where they can be fired for just a few dollars.

In all, the materials for creating a handpainted design, depending on size and intricacies, should cost less than \$100, and most will last for many projects to come.

SUPPLIES
Ceramic tiles
Sketch paper

Stencils (optional)
Sketch pencil
Graphite paper
Fine-point stylus (optional)
Oil glaze paints
Paintbrushes
Mineral spirits
Tile glue
Tile grout
Sponge

Step 1: Sketch a design on paper.

Step 2: Group several tiles on a flat surface. Transfer the drawing onto the tiles by placing it on top of graphite paper and tracing it with a fine-point stylus, pencil or pen. (In this case, Hansen is creating a 24x18-inch bathroom mural, consisting of two 12x12 tiles and two 6x12s.)

Step 3: Use oil glaze paints to paint the design.

Step 4: Place the individual tiles in a kiln and fire them, in this case, at 1,400 degrees for 90 minutes. Most pottery stores offer firing as a service, Hansen said.

Finished product: Using tile glue, apply the finished tiles to the wall. Tile can be glued to most surfaces, including wallboard, wood and even tile, Hansen said. Finally, grout the tiles and clean with a sponge.

DEAR ABBY

Grassroots campaign creates winners on Super Bowl Sunday

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you graciously told your readers about the Souper Bowl of Caring. Your column was a catalyst providing a great boost for this simple, but significant, effort of caring and unity. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots movement that encourages churches and synagogues to invite parishioners to give \$1 each as they leave worship the morning (or weekend) of the big game, Jan. 30. Youth stationed at sanctuary exits collect the dollar donations in large soup kettles, then send the proceeds directly to a local soup kitchen, food bank or other charity chosen by that congregation. That's it!

Abby, we believe this idea is a gift from God. It was born of prayer and first kicked off by the youth of a single South Carolina church in 1990.

Last year, more than 11,300 congregations together generated \$2.5 million for worthy charities in communities across the country. The effort has raised an aggregate of \$7 million for hungry and hurting people since it became national in 1993.

Organizers don't touch the money, nor do we tell participants where to send the funds. We ask only that someone from each participating group report the amount collected via www.souperbowl.org or by calling (800) 358-SOUP (7687) on Super Bowl Sunday, so that the grand total can be determined and announced to the media.

Our dream is to see 20,000 churches, synagogues and the like encourage members to join together in loving God and neighbor by giving \$1 each as they leave services (or school) on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000. — THE REV. BRAD SMITH, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR BRAD SMITH: I love the concept — considering that the amount of each donation is such a small fraction of the amount of money that is going to be changing hands that day. I hope all my readers will encourage their congregations, schools, offices or businesses to participate. By giving \$1, everyone will be a winner during Super Bowl 2000.

DEAR ABBY: While going through the papers of a recently deceased friend, Jim Heisterkamp, a well-known San Francisco personality, I came across a number of barely legible newsletters dating back to 1934, from St. Joseph School in Menomonee, Wis.

On the first page of the January newsletter was printed the enclosed poem, whose message as we approach the new millennium could not be more timely. I hope you'll share it with your readers. — FRANK LEVIN, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR FRANK: The poem you discovered is a gem, and certainly deserving of space in this column. How generous of you to share it. Read on:

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,
To dare to go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

DEAR ABBY: Since it's just past the holiday season, your readers might enjoy the encounter I had with a last-minute holiday shopper years ago.

It was five minutes before closing time on Christmas Eve. I worked in the lingerie department of a major St. Louis department store. The regular employees were balancing and closing their cash registers, so I was the only seasonal employee left on the floor. As the closing announcement was sounding, my supervisor directed me to wait on a young man who had hurriedly entered the department.

To each of my questions regarding cost, size, style or color, his reply was, "Doesn't matter. Just one of everything that amounts to \$200." I then selected panties, slip, nightgown and a negligee in medium sizes and neutral colors. After boxing the items and ringing up the sale, I wished him a happy holiday and hoped that his wife would like the gifts.

He replied: "Doesn't matter. She'll return them unopened; she just wants to see the sales receipt to see how much I spent on her."

Abby, the entire transaction took 15 minutes and gave me a humorous story to tell my waiting family. The gifts I received that year were praised to the skies and not one was returned. A lesson learned. — SHIRLEY IN CAPE CORAL, FLA.

DEAR SHIRLEY: Thank you for sharing. More than a few people can benefit from that lesson.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Seating is limited. Registration may be made by calling 570-7745

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCA

Midland YMCA has many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. Contact Central YMCA 682-2551. Scheduled activities are:

- Low impact aerobics: 8:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
- YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Senior water aerobics, 8-8:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Water arthritis classes, 10:15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Deep water aerobics, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Hydro-fit and water aerobics, 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Hydro-fit aerobics, 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Lap swim/water walking, 5:30-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Saturday; and 1:15-4 p.m. Sunday. **Certified lifeguard is on duty during lap/open swim times and water classes.**

Weights and exercise equipment available during hours of operation.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Jan. 10-14 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, ceramics class and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country and western dancing and Tall City Dancers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Friday: 9 a.m. blood pressure test, billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes; 10 a.m. bingo; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards, dominoes.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. The center is closed for major holidays. For more information call 522-1221. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., singing or live music; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Activities include visits from Gospel groups, line dancers and country groups, and golfing.

Skilled nursing services with registered nurse director and certified activity director. Medicaid licensed, with adequate, caring skilled staff and transportation available.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Midland's poor with rent, utilities, food and clothing. Volunteers are needed to work one to four hours each week in the agency's Thrift Store, 701 N. Fort Worth. Store hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 687-2343. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church parish office, Texas at M Streets. Call 688-3999 for more information.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7:30-11:30 a.m. water walking; 10:15-11 a.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10:30 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:15-1 p.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.
- Wednesday: 7:30-11:30 a.m. water walking; 10:15-11 a.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Thursday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10:30 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:15-1 p.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.
- Friday: 7:30-11:30 a.m. water walking; 10:15-11 a.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); noon-12:45 p.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 9 a.m. blood pressure test at Parker Place; 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. senior update Langtry Village.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor; 3 p.m. crafts at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village and Gospel singing at Hillcrest Manor.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693.

Water gardening

Fast-growing landscape idea glitters all over the country

By Janet Fletcher
San Francisco Chronicle

SAN FRANCISCO — Plants give gardens their color and texture, but water brings gardens to life. No wonder garden designers are almost unanimous in suggesting that a water feature — in the form of a pond, a gurgling fountain or simply a beautiful water-filled urn — belongs in every landscape. And apparently clients are listening. Bay Area designers, pond installers and nursery staffers report a soaring interest in water gardening.

"Water is really a phenomenal focal point," says Louis Devereux, a San Francisco landscape designer who says he installs water features in about half of his projects. "Of all the things you can put in a garden, it is among the most dramatic."

Hazel White, the San Francisco author of a book on water gardening, says water appeals to our most basic instincts, invariably drawing and holding our attention. "It's like a fireplace indoors," she says. "People are attracted to water in the same way they're attracted to fire."

Properly located, a water feature shimmers in direct sun. Overhead branches trace patterns on the water, and mystery lurks in its murky depths. A breeze sends a floating water lettuce scurrying across the surface; a hovering mosquito lures a goldfish up for a snack.

Features with moving water, such as fountains and streams, also captivate viewers and soothe them with sounds that block out urban noise.

"You have the softness of plants, the softness of water, and then the hardness and strength of stone," Mill Valley water-feature expert Ron Stotts says. "There's a balance there that resonates with people whether they're aware of it or not."

A WATER FEATURE can be as rustic as a salvaged old sink nestled among garden plants or as grandly dynamic as the 65-foot stream flowing into a pond that Stotts designed for filmmaker George Lucas.

White suggests that novices start with a simple simple bowl to explore reflections and see if they like the look of plants on water. Antiques stores and salvage yards can yield attractive old birdbaths, basins, flowerpots and urns; many nurseries have handsome ceramic or granite containers suitable for water gardening.

White prefers containers that are dark inside. "If it's light, you see right to the bottom and you see everything collected on the bottom," she says. "There's no mystery." Surface reflections are also brighter against a dark background.

You can raise a beautiful container on a pedestal or sink an unattractive one in the ground and disguise its edges with plants. You can plug any drainage holes with corks and silicone caulking and make porous containers watertight with sealant. Used wine barrels should be fitted with readily available plastic liners to prevent leached wine from harming plants or fish.

More-ambitious water gardeners may want to advance to a pond, which is really just a big container. Although many people turn to a professional, building a pond is within the reach of a handy homeowner. Garden centers and hardware stores sell rubber pond liners, filters and pumps; numerous books detail the process of digging, lining, filling, planting and maintaining your pond.

Craig Dietter of San Francisco has built 200 to 300 ponds in the Bay Area in the last six years, most of them one- to two-day projects. After digging the hole, Dietter puts down an underliner to protect the liner from puncture. Made from EPDM — ethylene propylene diene monomer — a new material that has revolutionized pond building, the liner is flexible and guaranteed to last for 20 years, Dietter says.

Stotts' ponds are more elaborate and consequently more expensive. To give the bottom a natural appearance, he covers the

More information:

Successful ponds include a variety of plants. Some, like water lilies, have leaves that float on the surface with their roots in soil in deep water.

■ *Aponogeton distachyus* (water hawthorn). Straplike floating foliage; white flowers have vanilla scent; submerge 1-2 feet; dormant in summer.

■ *Myriophyllum brasiliense* (parrot feather). Fast-growing; sun or shade; submerge 1 to 2 feet; evergreen.

■ *Nymphaea* (water lily). Require 1 to 2 feet of water depth; need full sun and fertilizer to bloom well.

These plants float free, with their roots in water.

■ *Eichhornia crassipes* (water hyacinth). Lavender flowers in summer.

■ *Pistia stratiotes* (water lettuce). Fleshy foliage in green rosettes; not frost hardy.

These plants like wet feet but dry ankles. This category includes many rushes and grasses.

■ *Acorus gramineus* (sweetflag). Grassy, pointed, irislike foliage; variegated cultivars available; some evergreen varieties.

■ *Colocasia esculenta* (green taro). Heart-shaped leaves on long stalks; sun to part shade; deciduous.

■ *Juncus effusus 'Spiralis'* (corkscrew rush). Curling, twisting stems to 2 feet; sun or part shade; usually evergreen.

These plants grow completely under water. Check aquarium stores for a good selection. Many are frost-sensitive.

■ *Ceratophyllum demersum* (hornwort). Dark green, needlelike foliage; usually free-floating just beneath the surface.

■ *Elodea canadensis* (Canadian pondweed). Small, dark green leaves in dense whorls; evergreen.

■ *Myriophyllum verticillatum* (milfoil). Needlelike green foliage; hardy.

EPDM liner with earth-color concrete, then sets rocks in the concrete. Not surprisingly, this pond artist scorns the preformed, rigid liners that some garden centers sell. "You can never hide it in a way that looks natural," Stotts says. "It always looks like you've got a preformed pond."

Wall fountains require a water-collection basin and both a submersible pump and tubing that must be hidden. "As soon as you get into moving water, you're getting into disguise," White says. Perennial vines, such as ivy, can help mask the mechanics that would otherwise ruin the romance. Submersible pumps can also add pleasing movement and sound to ponds and to the simplest container gardens.

With few exceptions, most experts recommend putting a water feature in full sun to get the benefit of reflections on the water. "The most beautiful aspect of a water feature is the reflections," White says. "Put it in sunshine so you get the glitter and the diamonds on the surface."

Experts offer other tips as well:

■ If possible, position the feature away from messy trees and shrubs, or you will be constantly skimming unwanted leaves and berries.

■ Consider the view from the house and the deck. You may want the water visible from an upstairs bedroom or from the kitchen window.

■ Put the feature within reach of garden visitors so people can trail their fingers through it.

■ Avoid putting a pond at the bottom of a slope, or rain and irrigation water may wash mud into it.

When it comes to planting a water feature, experts part company. White is a purist, preferring to plant sparingly and leave space for reflections. "Most people overplant," she says. "I ask people to consider the beauty of

the reflections — the clouds passing overhead, overhanging branches, upside-down pictures of roses, reflections of an arbor or the architecture of the house. If you put too many plants on a water feature, you lose that."

On the other hand, planting thickly helps reduce algae growth by blocking sunlight and providing competition for nutrients. Some designers recommend covering at least half a pond's surface with floating plants to discourage the slimy green growth.

And some water features need no plants at all. When Devereux found a two-foot boulder in a client's backyard, he drilled a hole through it, ran copper tubing through the hole, set the boulder over a disguised water basin with a pump and created a riveting water feature.

BEFORE YOU PLANT anything in a water feature, learn to recognize the different kinds of aquatic plants. Some, like water lilies, like to be planted in deep water so most of the plant is submerged; their leaves may float on the surface, but their roots are in soil. Others, such as water hyacinth, are true surface floaters with roots floating freely in the water. Some aquatic plants, known as oxygenators, live totally underwater. Shallow-water plants, such as water iris, like their roots in the soil but most of their foliage in the air.

If you are planting a small container that you can drain and clean easily, you can get by with just one or two plants chosen purely for aesthetics. But a pond or large container garden needs a more balanced ecosystem to minimize algae growth. Experts recommend planting both surface floaters to shade the pond (algae dislike shade) and oxygenators to compete with algae for nutrients. Properly planted and maintained, says Stotts, most ponds won't need a mechanical filter.

Because water plants grow quickly if unrestrained, most people suggest planting them in plastic pots filled with aquatic potting soil, garden soil or sandy loam. Never use soil with organic amendments or fertilizers, which will leach into the water and nourish the algae. Top the planting with pea gravel to keep the soil in place, then lower into the pond or container. Bricks or other platforms can keep the pots at the desired height.

Water gardens need minimal maintenance. Small containers need topping up frequently, especially in hot weather. Most aquatic plants will need dividing and repotting once a year. Walt McAllister of McAllister Water Gardens in Yountville says he drains all his ponds in spring, root-prunes or divides the plants, then repots them. For water lilies, which are heavy feeders, he buries some slow-release fertilizer in the soil. Most other plants get all the nourishment they need from the pond.

For most water gardeners, a bigger concern is algae growth. "It's the No. 1 thing that disturbs people," McAllister says, "and there's no easy answer." Water-gardening pros like McAllister and White encourage people to relax about algae, to recognize it as a natural occurrence in every pond and not a sign that something is wrong.

"As soon as you call it a problem, then everyone has a problem," McAllister says. Plants and fish can control it but will never vanquish it; the best attitude is acceptance, maybe even modest appreciation.

"I don't actually dislike algae," White says. "It doesn't mean the water is dirty. It's a natural thing, and it can be extremely beautiful. An algae stain will age a water feature so it doesn't look brand new. Besides, you don't want it superclean, or you can see the mechanics."

For the serenity they add to gardens and the hospitable home they offer to many desirable plants, water features earn high marks from almost every designer. "There's a level of intimacy that happens around water," Stotts says; people naturally gather there and want to stay. When clients agree to add a water feature, he says, "they don't understand the gift they're giving themselves."

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

New Year's resolutions make lot of sense

By Alexandria L. Rose

It's hard to believe that 2000 is here. The 365-day countdown was a quick as a wink of an eye.

But the dawn of the new millennium has arrived.

What does that mean we need to do? Let's hope that each and every one of us will make some resolutions that will challenge us and yet, with the proper action steps, we will be able to achieve.

AARP will provide its tax assistance program, beginning in February and running through April 15. Perhaps a good start would be getting your paperwork in order during January, and then going to Midland Senior Center to get help with your figures or simply have someone pat you on the back and tell you that you have all the answers in the correct places.

Another resolution senior citizens should make is to check

their records and see when was the last time they took the 55-Alive Driving Course offered through AARP. This course costs so little and provides a graduate with a 10 percent discount on his or her auto insurance for three years. These courses are offered at Midland Senior Center, but can be offered elsewhere, such as churches or other locations where a group is interested in taking the course. Remember, if you took the course more than three years ago, it is time to sign up again.

Another resolution to think about is becoming informed about the candidates during this election year. Don't just listen to their words; find out what actions they will take to help the 50 and older group all over the country. One way to find out is to join AARP and get the "Bulletin" and "Modern Maturity" magazine, both of which will give you lots of food for thought. The cost of joining is only \$8 on the national level, and much less on the local level.

And then, of course, you might consider following the Chinese Instructions for Life, which I received a few days ago:

1. Give people more than they

expect and do it cheerfully.

2. Marry someone you love to talk to.

3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.

4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.

5. When you say, "I'm sorry," look that person in the eye.

6. Never laugh at anyone's dream.

7. Don't judge people by their relatives.

8. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

9. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

10. Remember the three Rs: Respect for self, Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.

11. Smile when picking up the

phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

12. Spend some time alone.

13. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

14. Read more books and watch less TV.

15. Trust in God but lock your car.

16. Read between the lines.

17. Be gentle with the earth.

18. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.

19. Learn the rules then break some.

20. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

Happy New Year from your national, state and local AARP leaders!

Alexandria L. "Alex" Rose is district coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons.

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You might often waver about ideas and plans because so much sounds appealing to you. You'll try to squeeze every last ounce out of your days. Your commitment to living is high. Family life is vital to your well-being. An investment or major real estate purchase highlights your year. If you are single, romance knocks on your door this spring. You might actually have a choice of two suitors. If attached, your relationship benefits from your "bon vivant" attitude. **AQUARIUS** makes money with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Clear out work as fast as you can. You're overloaded, and others seem to keep giving you more to do! When you cruise out of the office, you know you have done your job well. Schedule meetings for late afternoon, when others are in a more convivial mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Intuition guides you, and you need to listen. If you want to escape this weekend, cruise out the door as soon as you can. Work appears out of nowhere in the later day. Others turn to you to follow through on key items. Others see you as trustworthy. Enjoy the admiration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Count on an established relationship in a pinch. You breeze past any problems because of your ability to keep goals in sight. Schedule meetings. Express your opinions confidently. Take a work friend aside for a key chat. He needs that personal touch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others might be loading requests on you, but you can say no if you choose. Your social life goes into high gear, even at the office. Others find you unusually pleasant to deal with. Make the most of the easy atmosphere, even if you do need to clear out work. Your attention means a lot to another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You find shortcuts where others can't. Others discover that you have a different vision about what will succeed. Extend your lunch hour, relax and get to know another better. Don't be surprised if lunch becomes happy hour and then dinner. News from a distance is important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner or associate comes through for you in an outstanding manner. Brainstorm; deal with new ideas and consider which ones to make happen. Opportunity strikes, but you'll have to put in long or hard hours. Relax and be easy with co-workers. Not all of them have the same agenda as you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense with a partner, who has a lot to offer. Don't negate his ideas, even if you might be worried about a family discussion. Creativity charges up, though you might express it in a more amorous manner. Be careful with a flirtation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Last-minute work lands on your desk. You find that others might count on you a little too much. Though you might not be up for a revolution, you do need to stop always being there. Make your

health and personal life higher priorities. Charge your high energy elsewhere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might opt for a risk, despite recent resolutions! Listen to your feelings about a child or a new relationship. Be aware that, in your present frame of mind, you could be heading into murky waters. Keep communication active, but avoid additional spending. Understand your limits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours to clear out any residual work and errands. High energy, mixed with enthusiasm, allows you to mow over past restrictions. Check out a new item for your home, or perhaps even a new home. Be financially resourceful. Know that anything is possible!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You needn't respond to everything you hear. Take your time. You might not know what to say just yet. Mull over thoughts and weigh suggestions. Later in the day, ideas come forward that you are more comfortable with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours to pursue an important happening. Remain sure of yourself. Understand what your financial goals are. See the positives of writing a business plan. Build on established ground. Don't opt for any unusual ideas. Take time to think over any money decisions.

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♦ A 5 3 2	♣ 4 2	♦ K 9 8 7 6 5	♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5

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Opening lead: Seven of ♥

Still in his mid-20s, Geir Helgemo of Norway is regarded by many as the world's No. 1 bridge player. Watch his technique on this deal.

There was nothing shy about Helgemo's jump to four spades after receiving support from partner. With 21 high-card points in the combined North-South holding, collecting 10 tricks was no easy task. Helgemo did so by holding his losses to three trump tricks!

Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand, crossed to the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. A heart ruff, provided

the entry to ruff another club, setting up the suit when both defenders followed. The rest was easy.

After ruffing his remaining heart with the jack, the ace of trumps was cashed, and a high club was led from the table. When East ruffed, declarer discarded a diamond from hand. The heart return was ruffed in hand, the king and ace of diamonds were cashed, and another

club was led, Helgemo getting rid of his remaining diamond loser as West ruffed with the queen of spades. The only other trick the defenders could score was the high trump. South collected the ace of trumps, two diamonds, one heart, one club, two heart ruffs in dummy, one heart and two club ruffs in hand for 10 tricks.

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PEOPLE TODAY
Douglas, Zeta-Jones to tie the knot

NEW YORK — Apparently, the attraction wasn't fatal. Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are getting married.

Douglas, 55, proposed to the 30-year-old Welsh actress on New Year's Eve at his home in Aspen, Colo.

"While no date has been set, they plan to wed later this year. He's now given her a ring," said Allen Burry, Douglas' publicist. Added Todd Adair, who represents Ms. Zeta-Jones: "She's ecstatic, thrilled and very, very happy."

The couple at the Deauville Film Festival in France in August 1998 and have been dating since last March.

In December, the actress, who has starred in "The Mask of Zorro," "The Haunting" and "Entrapment," said she was in no hurry to marry the star of "Fatal Attraction" and "Basic Instinct."

Douglas separated from his wife of 22 years, Diandra, in 1997.

PARIS — Ballard writer Bono has turned his pen to editorials.

Opining in Thursday's edition of the French daily Le Monde, the lead singer of the Irish rock group U2 urged France to forgive billions of dollars owed by Third World.

"The moment has come for France to take center stage. It can completely erase \$11.5 billion of debt owed by the world's poorest countries," Bono wrote.

Bono has also urged the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other individual countries to write off poor country debt, adding his voice to those of Pope John Paul II and the Dalai Lama.

"Debt relief will change the lives of a billion people, the poorest of the poor, who live on less than a dollar a day," he wrote.

The Center for International Development at Harvard University says 700 million poverty-stricken people live in countries so burdened with foreign debt they cannot address citizens' health and social needs.

PARIS — British actress Jane Seymour, TV's "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," will be awarded the Golden Nymph award for best actress at the Monte Carlo Festival of Television in February.

Festival organizers said former James Bond portrayer Roger Moore, who also starred in the TV version of "The Saint," will receive the best actor award.

The awards are the first acting prizes handed out by the festival in its 40 years. It has previously honored TV programs.

"Jane Seymour's career has been exceptional, since her first appearance as a Bond girl in 'Live and Let Die' to her role in ... Dr. Quinn," said David Tomatis, festival secretary-general.

MACON, Ga. — One of Little Richard's latest gigs is singing the praises of his hometown, home of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and what a new ad campaign calls the "song and soul of the South."

"Macon, Georgia, is the place. They got it all right there," he says in a testimonial taped for the upcoming advertising blitz. "Tell them the architect of rock 'n' roll, Little Richard, sent you."

The plugs by the 67-year-old entertainer, known for his piano-pounding renditions of such songs as "Tutti Frutti" and "Good Golly, Miss Molly," will appear in radio spots, video promotions and even the Convention & Visitors Bureau's voice-mail system.

CATHEDRAL CITY, Calif. — If city officials make a deal, they will soon have a Monty Hall Drive.

The game show host would join Frank Sinatra, Gene Autry, Gerald Ford, Bob Hope and Dinah Shore, whose names have been used for streets in the Coachella Valley, the resort desert area 110 miles east of Los Angeles.

The Cathedral City Planning Commission voted 4-to-1 Wednesday to recommend that two blocks of Van Fleet Avenue downtown be changed to Monty Hall Drive.

But there's still some debate over whether Hall should share the street with M.V. Van Fleet, the city's founder. Some critics say the host of "Let's Make a Deal" should have his own street; others say the town shouldn't turn its back on its history.

Hall wasn't available for comment.

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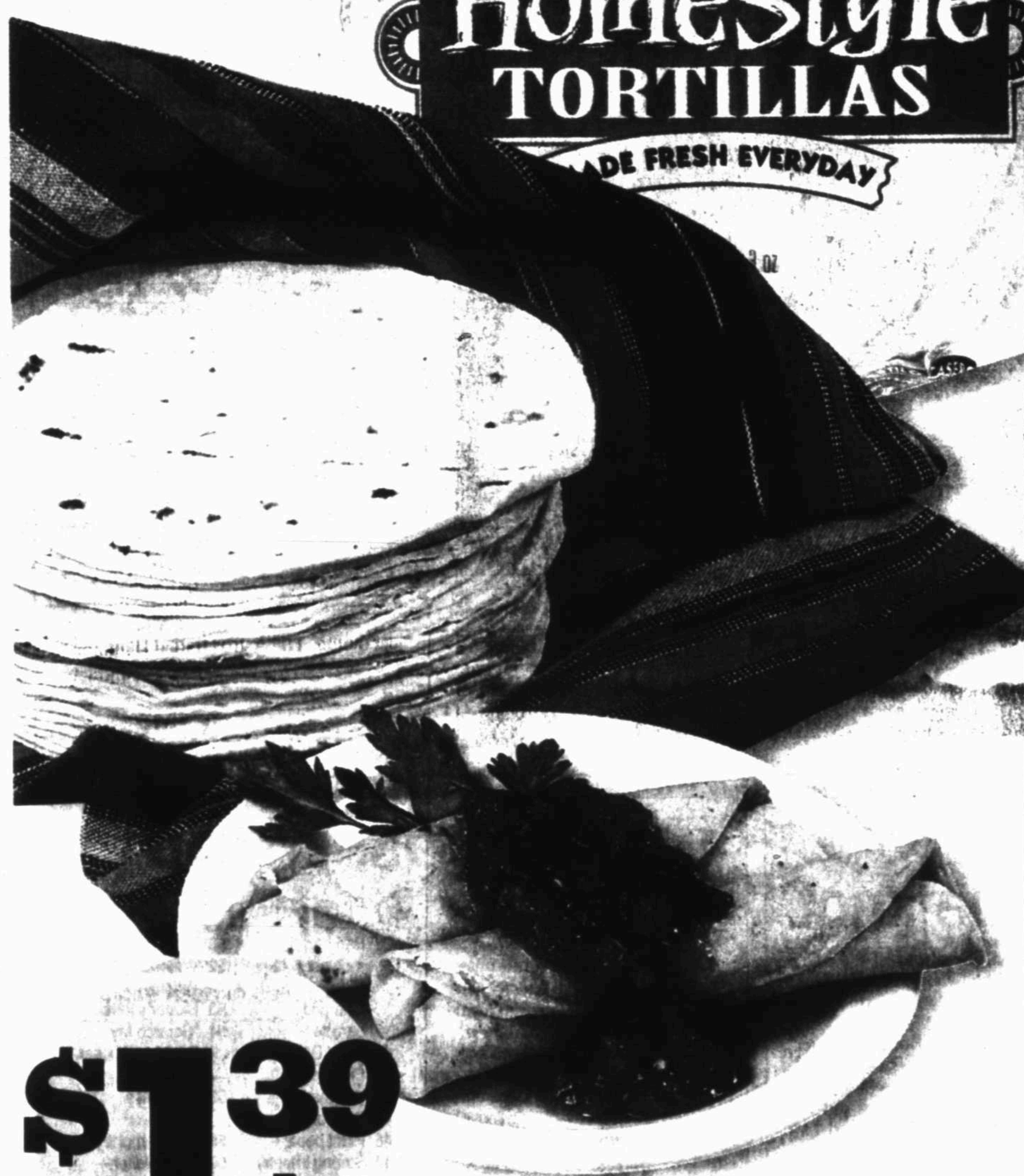
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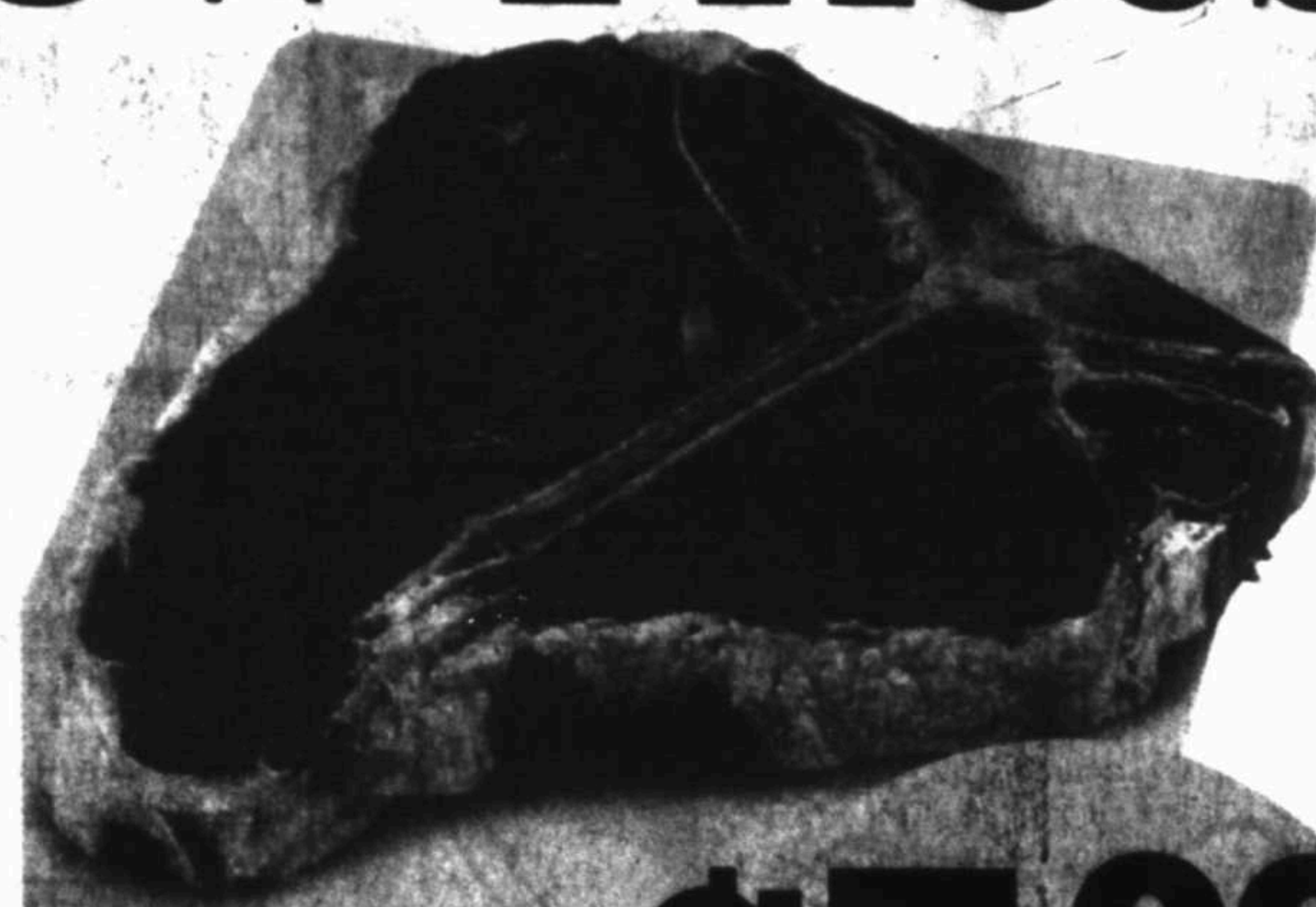
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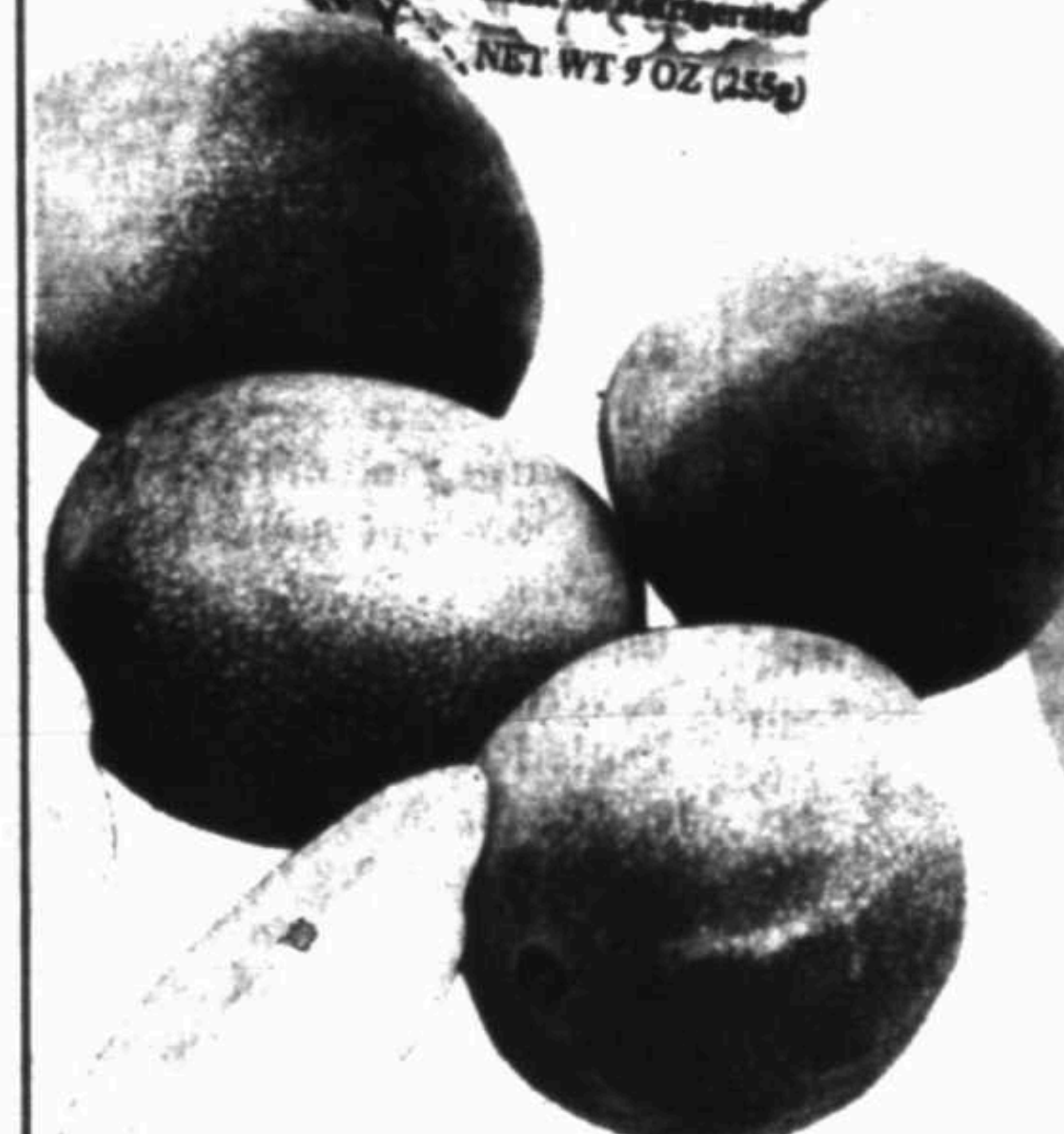
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Midland's Cervi returns home with NFR title

■ Barrel racer enters season as defending champion on rodeo circuit.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — There are few 24 year-olds who can claim they are the best in the world at what they do. Midland's Sherry Cervi can. In the world of rodeo, she is the queen or at least the closest thing the Women's Professional Rodeo Association has to one. Her coronation came last month when she put aside previous troubles at her sport's premier event — the National Finals Rodeo

— to run away with a record breaking performance and a barrel racing world title.

During the 10-day event, Cervi won three rounds, placed in five others and won the average by almost two full seconds.

It was a dominating performance in many ways. Cervi earned \$114,374 during her 10 days in Las Vegas (an NFR record).

Only one barrel racer (Kristie Peterson) finished with more money over the course of the 1999 year than Cervi finished with at the NFR.

Cervi left all barrel racers in her dust, including Peterson, recording a WPRA record \$245,369. Peterson finished second, a mind-boggling \$97,306 behind.

Cervi demolished Peterson's season record for winnings by \$32,371.

Cervi earned more money in 1999 than any other competitor (male or female) at the NFR.

In previous years, survival, not success, had become the path the Arizona native was accustomed to at the NFR. Usually Cervi would arrive in Las Vegas in contention for a world title, but she couldn't put together 10 good enough runs.

In 1997, Cervi was the front runner for the title, but disaster hit in the seventh round when Cervi knocked over two barrels. The mandatory 10 second penalty which followed gave Peterson a free ride to the title.

"The unfortunate thing about running barrels is that you are going to hit them," Cervi said. "I just picked a bad time because it cost me the world championship."

In 1998, knocked-over barrels in two separate

rounds prevented Cervi from again taking her best shot at Peterson.

Last month, Cervi finally cashed in Las Vegas, not hitting one barrel. The three round wins followed. Her second world title would too.

"This was really big because I did so good at the finals," Cervi said. "In order to win a championship, you have to have a good finals because they do give out so much money and there are so many girls capable of winning it."

A key to the win was Cervi's teamwork with her horse, Hawk — a 16-year-old bay gelding. In her previous five years at the NFR, Cervi took two horses — Hawk and Trouble (a 15-year-old gray gelding) — to Las Vegas.

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COWBOYS IN PLAYOFFS

Healthy Deion relishes challenge

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Now that nothing is sprained, strained or sore, Deion Sanders finally is ready to challenge Randy Moss and Cris Carter.

"I'm going to do my best," Sanders said, smiling. "We're going to have a good time."

Sanders hobbled through Dallas' 27-17 loss to Minnesota earlier this season because of hamstring and groin problems. He missed the Vikings' 46-36 victory Thanksgiving Day 1998 because of a toe injury that required offseason surgery.

Without Sanders to slow either Moss or Carter, the Cowboys were helpless. Moss caught three touchdowns passes totaling 163 yards and Carter had seven catches for 135 yards in the victory last season, then they combined for 15 catches, three touchdowns and 207 yards in November.

Round III comes Sunday in the Metrodome in a first-round playoff game. Sanders, who is considered the NFL's best cover cornerback, knows his performance will go a long way in determining how the Cowboys handle Moss and Carter, the NFL's most productive receiving tandem.

"I'm better this time," Sanders said. "I think it will allow us to do more things and not just sit back and wait on what they're going to do. We'll be able to force them into situations."

"But even if you had Lester Hayes and Mike Haynes, I don't know if you'd have enough talent to match up with those guys."

While fans would love to see Sanders

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Dallas Cowboys' cornerback Deion Sanders (21) covers Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss (84) during first quarter action in Minneapolis. Now that nothing is sprained, strained or sore, Sanders is finally ready to challenge Moss and Cris Carter.

Vikes' QB George seeks 1st playoff win

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Jeff George did what many of his critics thought was unlikely: carry a team to the playoffs. Now, he's out to win a postseason game for the first time in his checkered career.

"This is the best supporting cast I've ever been around and I'm excited about that," said George, a 10-year veteran who lost his only playoff appearance, 37-20, at Green Bay in 1995 when he was with the Atlanta Falcons.

George, who got run out of Indianapolis, Atlanta

and Oakland, leaving a trail of annoyed teammates, coaches and fans, signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Vikings for the veteran's minimum of \$400,000 last winter.

He took over Minnesota's prolific offense when Randall Cunningham struggled to match the magic of last season and was benched only 5 1/2 games into his new \$28 million contract. George, who was 37-74 as a starter before this season, guided the Vikings (10-6) to an 8-2 record and a wild-card berth Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys (8-8) at the Metrodome.

Along with his newfound winning ways, George's

me-first attitude was absent in Minnesota.

"There's nothing to prove," George said. "This team's proved it. It's not me. We're 8-2 as a team. Not one guy can do it. I'm just around a great group of guys, a great supporting cast and just trying to win like the other guys."

George could command about \$6 million now that he's turned around his troubled career. But he knows what would truly vindicate him: a Super Bowl ring.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, who has three Super Bowl rings, said that fair or not, quarterbacks are judged chiefly on the number of titles they've

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Lady Rebel Classic could provide major tests

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

The Jumburrito Lady Rebel Classic, which starts today and concludes Saturday, features a field of 16 girls soccer teams, and eight of them made the playoffs last season. But the focus could very well be on the two teams on the top and the bottom of the bracket.

El Paso Franklin and the host, Midland Lee, both had fine seasons last year that ended in the regional tournament. Lee made its first-ever trip to regionals before falling to Lewisville and finishing 23-3, while

Franklin, making its fourth straight appearance there, finished 25-2 after losing to Lewisville in the regional finals.

Those seasons started in the 1999 Lady Rebel Classic, at which Franklin defeated Lee, 2-1, in the championship game.

"We'd love to have another matchup with them again," said Lee coach Mike Simpson.

Franklin lost its best player, high-scoring Holly Cohen, to Arizona State, but the traditionally solid program should still be one of the favorites. Lee, meanwhile, is poised for a strong follow-up to 1999, with nine starters back: forwards Linsey Johnson (29 goals)

and Barbara Woodruff; midfielders Raffi Belizaire, Allison Herr and Amy Rankin; defenders April Rankin, Brandy Mullins and Kristie Taylor; and goalkeeper Brandice Zachry.

"We feel pretty good about where we are right now. We were in the regional semifinals last year, so we feel optimistic about this year," Simpson said. "We feel like we're in as good a shape as we were in last year at this time, if not better. Experience-wise, we're showing things that experience will show."

Simpson expects this weekend to give a good indication of how ready his team is for the season, which

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Want to see sweat? Then go to the Chap Center tonight

The real sweat slinging in District 4-5A basketball begins tonight at Chaparral Center when Midland High's boys meet Abilene Cooper.

The 4-5A basketball season is younger than a newborn pup, but the heat lamp is on. One will grow from puppyhood by the time the final whistle sounds.

These are the titans of the 4-5A basketball world, at least the world as we knew it in the 1990s. During the past decade, Midland High and Cooper owned District 4-5A. Cooper won four of the 10 district titles in the '90s while Midland High won three — the last three to be exact, including Class 5A's state championship in 1998.

These two teams own seven of the 10 district championships during the '90s.

You can bet that legs will jump higher and bodies will clang harder when MHS and Cooper tangle in this one. These are both teams with a sense of history.

Add to the fact that MHS has won three district titles in a row and

the bullseye on the back grows larger with each game. MHS has won 41 consecutive on-the-court games. The Bulldogs did have to forfeit one of those games for playing an ineligible player for about 40 seconds against Odessa Permian in 1998, but they did beat Permian on that night on the court.

MHS has gone three complete seasons with perfect 12-0 district marks. That also means that Cooper has lost six straight to the Bulldogs in district play.

The Midland Lee boys are currently living on the other side of the tracks, having trouble making the rubber on the soles squeak just right. The Rebels made a strong run at Midland High in the district opener, losing a tough one on a three-point shot by MHS' Blake Johnston at the buzzer.

They always say that the toughest game is the one after a heart-breaking loss, and Lee was struck down again by Odessa Permian on Tuesday at home. This is a tough start and the Rebs have to play Abilene High on the road tonight in what is already a "must win" game on the Lee schedule.

Meanwhile, another story is unfolding on the girls side. Of course, this race, too, is still in its infancy, but the Odessa High girls are making some early waves with a 4-0 start, already owning wins over Mid-

land High, Lee and Abilene Cooper.

There is still time to lose this lead, but the Lady Bronchos are setting a historic pace for themselves. The OHS girls did not win even one district championship in the decade of the '90s in any sport. In fact, they may have never won a district title in any sport. At least, we can't remember it.

And while OHS is enjoying its mega start, the rest of the district is jammed bumper to bumper like a day in Manhattan at a red light. MHS, AHS and Cooper are all at 2-1 while Lee is just 1-2 game back at 2-2.

That makes things very interesting because you figure that only two of those teams are going to make the state playoffs unless the OHS girls falter badly.

So, guess who plays who tonight on the girls side? Well, it's MHS and Cooper at the Chap while Lee faces AHS in Abilene.

More sweat — well, you're not supposed to use "sweat" when talking about girls sports. It seems they don't sweat. Then again, those who think that may not have played in District 4-5A circles.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Gooden inks with Houston

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Dwight Gooden, once the ace of the New York Mets, agreed Thursday to a minor league contract with the Houston Astros in what might be his final chance to pitch in the majors.

"I don't hold any illusions of grandeur out that at 35 years old, we're going to see the Doc Gooden of 26 or 28 years old," Astros manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "But knowing Doc, I'll take my chances while he's on the mound."

Gooden was 3-4 with a 6.41 ERA last year in 22 starts with the Cleveland Indians. Hampered by a shoulder strain, he was dropped from Cleveland's postseason roster.

"I just don't have the velocity I had at one time on a consistent basis," Gooden said. "I think now I'm a more complete pitcher, I'm a smarter pitcher."

Houston is looking to add pitchers after trading Mike Hampton to the Mets last month. The Astros traded Hampton after he decided against a contract

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Franks says he's skipping final season

■ Big Spring grad, Miami star declares himself eligible for NFL draft.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — As expected, Miami Hurricanes tight end Bubba Franks will forgo his senior season and enter the NFL Draft.

Franks, a 6-foot-6, 260-pound graduate of Big Spring High, is considered a top flight blocker with good hands and speed, and is regarded as a first-round pick. He caught 45 passes for 565 yards and five touchdowns during the regular season. He added three receptions for 72 yards in Miami's 28-13 win over Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

"I'm declaring," Franks said. "It was a hard decision. It's not easy when you're leaving a program like this. I could have stayed and could have won a national championship. But I figured I'm ready."

Franks said he reached his decision after speaking with his mother, coach Butch Davis and three former Hurricanes who are playing in the NFL. Two of the three former Miami players left school early, including Indianapolis Colts rookie running back Edgerrin James.

Franks said James, his former room-

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LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland High

Opponent: Abilene Cooper.

Where: At Chaparral Center.

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

Records: Midland High is 18-4 for the season and a perfect 2-0 in District 4-5A play while Cooper is 13-7 and also owns a 2-0 mark in league play.

4-5A Significance: This is an early battle between league leaders. The winner will own sole possession of first place at the halfway mark of the first half since 2-0 Odessa Permian is open tonight. There are too many games left on the schedule to make this "a battle for the championship," but it will establish the tone of the rest of the season.

Notes: MHS still has a 41-game 4-5A on court winning streak alive, but this game could spell trouble... Cooper has already spilled two 4-5A teams that had hopes of making a playoff run in Abilene High and San Angelo Central. The Cougars are coming off a very sound 64-41 win over Central... MHS has survived a last minute victory over Midland Lee in the loop opener and Tuesday got past Odessa High on the road, 71-66... MHS has won three 4-5A crowns in a row, displacing Cooper as the league giant, so again, this game has the makings of a grand matchup... Against OHS, the Bulldogs got 21 points from Ronnie Brewster and 18 from Blake Johnson, the team's scoring leader this year who is averaging 24 points per game. Brewster is averaging over 15 points per game...

Next: The Bulldogs travel to San Angelo Central Tuesday for a major road test. That game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Midland High Boys Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Belle Johnson	22	118	93	341	15.5
Ronnie Brewster	22	61	73	194	8.8
Lucyette White	22	50	29	151	6.9
Chris Odham	22	41	17	111	5.0
Kelvin Poor	21	24	8	68	3.2
Alfonzo Franco	19	16	5	47	2.5
Tyler Shumake	19	16	4	42	2.2
Aaron Sadtler	1	1	0	2	2.0
Brian Pond	15	9	4	25	1.7
James Brown	16	9	5	25	1.6
Blake Higgins	22	13	9	35	1.6
Will Smith	13	3	13	19	1.5
Ryan Hightower	12	5	8	21	1.0
Rogert King	15	5	2	14	0.9
Jason South	17	3	7	13	0.8
John Alcala	19	2	4	9	0.5
Ray Johnson	4	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	4	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Johnson 58, White 21, Pond 12, Odham 12, Brewster 12, Franco 9, Pond 3, Hightower 3, Brown 2, King 2, Alcala 1.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Abilene High.

Where: At Abilene High.

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

Records: Lee is 9-12 overall and 0-2 in district play. AHS is 8-10 and 0-1.

4-5A Significance: Both teams are seeking that elusive first district win. It's still early, but the loser of this one will be hard pressed to make any kind of playoff run. Both teams need to find the ignition switch and this is the game to find it.

Notes: Lee is coming off a 69-53 loss to Odessa Permian where Herschel Williams pumped in 20 points against the Rebels... The Rebels did have an outstanding night from Chris Packer with a game high 27 points but no one else was in double figures. Packer is averaging 15 points per outing... AHS has had a long time to prepare for this game since the Eagles played their only district game with Abilene Cooper before the Christmas break... Wendell Smith, who went into the game with Permian as Lee's season scoring leader, had only four points. Packer's 27 moved him into the team's scoring lead.

Next: The Rebels are open Tuesday, but will host Abilene Cooper at Chaparral Center next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Midland Lee Boys Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Chris Packer	21	120	46	314	15.0
Wendell Smith	21	111	40	296	14.1
Cory Simmons	21	62	22	177	8.4
Kyle Shatter	21	59	36	168	8.0
Eric Winston	9	28	13	69	7.7
Kevin Trout	21	41	31	116	5.5
Paul Logan	11	13	3	29	2.6
T.J. Glover	8	6	0	12	2.0
Brooks Stevens	7	2	1	14	2.0
Justin Simpson	21	13	7	37	1.8
Cornell Hunt	20	15	9	43	2.2
Ryan Vinson	13	6	8	19	1.5
David Salgado	13	3	0	6	0.5
Isaac Washington	2	0	0	0	0.0
Vance Butler	2	0	0	0	0.0
Blake Howard	1	0	0	0	0.0
J.J. Jackson	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Smith 34, Simmons 31, Packer 28, Shatter 14, Hunt 4, Simpson 3, Trout 3, Vinson 1.

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: Abilene Cooper.

Where: At Chaparral Center.

When: Game time is 6 p.m.

Records: Midland High is 14-6 for the season and 2-1 in District 4-5A play while Cooper is 13-7 and also owns a 2-1 mark in league play.

4-5A Significance: Three teams (MHS, Cooper and Abilene High) are in a logjam for second place, all at 2-1, and Midland Lee isn't far behind at 2-2. Only two of these four teams can make the playoffs if Odessa High (4-0) continues its winning ways. OHS already has wins over MHS, Lee and Cooper.

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs suffered their first district defeat on the road to Odessa High Tuesday, 58-53. In that game, MHS fell behind by 15 points in the first half, but came back to challenge for the win... Junior Edrea Rogers

pumped in 20 points against OHS while Laura Koch added 14. Rogers is averaging close to 18 points per game while Koch is averaging 10.5... Cooper, on the other hand, is coming off a sound 58-39 win over San Angelo Central to climb into that second place tie.

Next: The Lady Bulldogs have a 6:30 p.m. game at San Angelo Central on Tuesday.

Midland High Girls Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Edrea Rogers	20	145	47	358	17.9
Jenny Jones	14	50	32	151	10.8
Laura Koch	20	84	41	210	10.5
Rebecca Nobles	14	48	15	107	7.6
LaQuon Harris	20	36	39	115	5.8
Becky Valdez	14	19	21	59	4.2
Page Price	17	25	15	65	3.8
Terri Maudrum	11	13	11	40	3.6
Trace Jones	16	21	13	55	3.4
Lauren Lucas	14	11	16	38	2.7
Catherine Wade	13	10	8	28	2.2
Amy Schantz	14	6	10	22	1.6
Jill Krotzel	6	2	0	4	0.7

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

Midland Lee

Opponent: Abilene High.

Where: At Abilene High.

When: Game time is 6 p.m.

Records: Midland Lee is 12-8 for the season and 2-2 in District 4-5A play while the Lady Eagles own a 9-7 record overall and is 2-1 in league play.

4-5A Significance: The District 4-5A girls race is a heated one. Five teams have two wins, including the two in this matchup. Whoever wants to make a strong playoff run needs this win tonight to keep pace with the overall league.

Notes: Lee jumped into the thick of the 4-5A race Tuesday with a 67-30 trouncing of Odessa Permian after losses to Odessa High and Midland Lee... Freshman Adrienne Ross ripped the cords for 22 points against Permian while Shamara Bryson had 11 and Rochelle Warren 10... Ross is averaging close to 18 points per game while Warren and Bryson are near 10 points per game. When those three hit for their average, Lee can be tough... AHS drew the district's open date on Tuesday, but suffered a tumble anyway, losing to Lubbock Monterey, 68-48, in a non-conference game.

Next: The Lady Rebels enjoy an open date Tuesday, but return to Chaparral Center next Friday for a district game against Abilene Cooper.

Midland Lee Girls Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Adrienne Ross	20	132	64	354	17.7
Rochelle Warren	19	77	26	181	9.5
Shamara Bryson	20	68	39	168	8.4
Andrea Long	20	43	15	113	5.7
Danielle Dickey	20	36	27	104	5.2
Julie Jay	20	30	24	84	4.2
Shandi Neathair	19	21	16	58	3.1
Michelle Kennerly	19	19	17	55	2.9
Michelle Byrd	18	13	0	30	1.7
Jade Jones	20	5	15	15	0.8
Kim Strambler	2	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Ross 24, Long 15, Dickey 5, Byrd 4, Bryson 3, Warren 1.

Rocker ordered to submit to a psychological evaluation

ATLANTA (AP) — John Rocker was ordered by baseball to undergo psychological tests before deciding whether to punish the outspoken reliever for remarks he made disparaging gays, minorities and immigrants.

Commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday he will await the evaluation of the Atlanta Braves star before deciding on any disciplinary action.

"Mr. Rocker's recent remarks made to a national magazine reporter were reprehensible and completely inexcusable," Selig said in a statement. "I am profoundly concerned about the nature of those comments as well as by certain other aspects of his behavior."

Selig said he will take "whatever additional action that I consider to be necessary" after Rocker's evaluation.

Braves president Stan Kasten said at a news conference that he thought punishment was warranted, but said the commissioner's office will decide, not the team.

"It's important that John gets right with the organization, his teammates and the community," Kasten said. "But we at least need to give the man an opportunity to demonstrate his heartfelt remorse and correct the problem."

He said if the comments had been published during the season, Rocker likely would have been suspended indefinitely.

Kasten said the evaluation should begin within days. He said releasing Rocker remains an option but is unlikely.

"He did have a history of good relationships with players of different races and different ethnic backgrounds," Kasten said. "What we have here is a player who has expressed remorse."

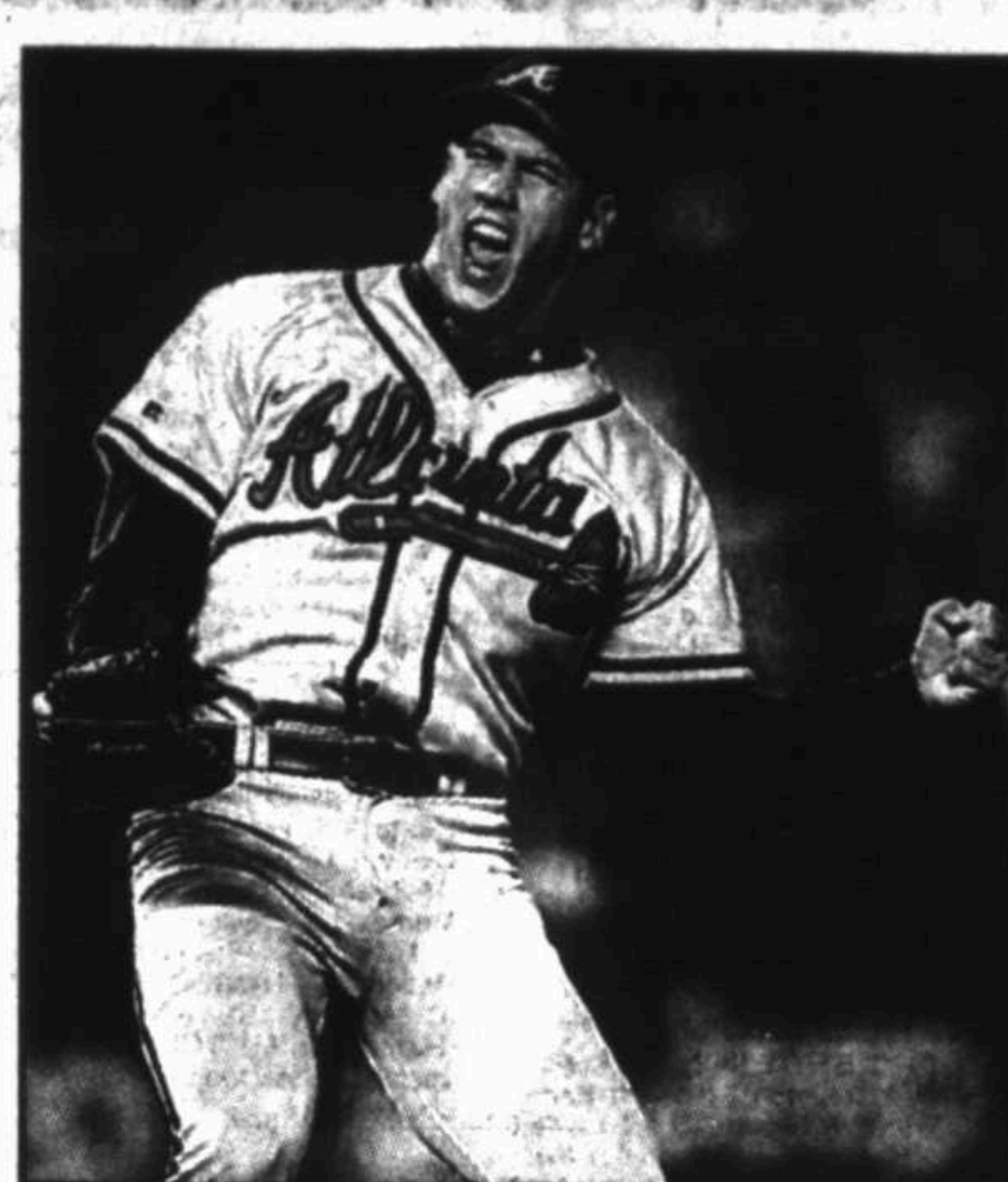
Kasten said baseball officials and the players' association decided the evaluations were appropriate. The two organizations jointly will pick psychologists to evaluate Rocker.

Rocker's agent, Randy Hendricks, said neither he nor Rocker would comment.

In his comments to Sports Illustrated last month, Rocker said he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also bashed immigrants, saying, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners... How the hell did they get in this country?"

While driving in Atlanta during the interview, Rocker spit on a toll machine and mocked Asian women: "Look! Look at this idiot," he said. "I guarantee you she's a Japanese woman. How bad are Asian women at driving?"

Rocker later apologized and said he was not a racist, but several advocacy groups said the written apology



AP Photo
Baseball has ordered Atlanta Braves relief pitcher John Rocker to undergo psychological testing following his disparaging remarks about homosexuals and minorities.

gy and baseball's action thus far was not enough.

"We have asked for his termination and still stand by that," Jeff Graham, executive director of Atlanta's AIDS Survival Project, said Thursday.

Atlanta City Councilman Derrick Boazman, who organized a news conference to speak out against Rocker and the Braves soon after the comments were made public, said baseball's move was "disappointing."

Rocker, 25, saved 37 games for the Braves last year, taking over for injured closer Kerry Ligtenberg. He created a one-man rivalry with the city of New York during the NL Championship Series, calling Mets fans "stupid" and refusing to back down in the World Series, when the Braves were swept in four games by the Yankees.

Kasten and general manager John Schuerholz met with Rocker about a week after the statements became public.

"What we wanted to discern for ourselves was whether this was just a case of the mouth running ahead of the brain or was in fact representative of this player's feelings," Kasten said. "But John seemed truly remorseful and broken up about it and adamantly insisted he was not the person he had been portrayed as being."

ASTROS: Gooden provides insurance

(From 1C)

extension.

The Astros also needed insurance to protect their pitching depth in case pitcher Scott Elarton isn't ready to return from shoulder surgery in time for next season.

Shane Reynolds and Jose Lima, who agreed Wednesday to an \$18.75 million, three-year deal, are the only two pitchers assured of spots. That leaves

Gooden to compete with Chris

Holt, newcomer Octavio Dotel

and Elarton, if he's ready.

During his 11 years with the Mets, Gooden's fastball brought him a string of awards, including Rookie of the Year honors in 1984 and the NL Cy Young Award in 1985. At age 20, he was the youngest-ever Cy Young winner.

But a drug problem led to two suspensions in 1994, and Gooden was suspended for the entire

1995 season.

He returned with the New York Yankees in 1996 and stayed there until joining the Indians in 1998. With 188-107 record and 3.46 ERA, Gooden is fourth among active pitchers in wins.

"I think The National League is a better league for him because he can help himself with the bat more than most pitchers can," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

CERVI: Rider stuck with same horse

(From 1C)

"This was the first year I rode Hawk all 10 rounds," Cervi said. "It was working good (going in) and I didn't want to get off him."

The decision not to rotate horses paid off. Hawk was named WPRA Horse of the Year.

It was a fitting end to a stellar year. Cervi's husband, Tom, did miss an NFR entry in the team roping event. He finished 16th in the world standings (the top 15 qualify).

"It was a bummer for him, but

that is part of rodeo," Cervi said.

However, Tom joined Sherry with respective titles on the Dodge Truck Series and a Copenhagen-Skoal Series. That meant two new trucks (for winning the Dodge titles) and a truckful of money.

But for Sherry, it was all in the ending.

"The other year that I won (1995), I didn't have a big year at the finals," she said. "I had just won enough money going into the finals and the lead held up. It is good to finish strong."

Cervi admits to being more

relaxed this season and is ready to accomplish the one thing that has eluded her — a repeat championship. However, she figures that repeating the overall success of 1999 is almost impossible.

"Things have to fall into place during the year," Cervi said. "My goal is to win as much money as I can. I have to take advantage of what I have now. It could be gone tomorrow."

Being 24, you can bet she will be around for a long time.

DEION: Vikes keep eyes on corner

(From 1C)

and Moss go head-to-head on every snap. Dallas coaches won't allow it. They prefer mixing up their coverages to avoid being predictable.

Still, Sanders mostly will line up on the right side of the defense, often before Minnesota is done with its huddle. Once quarterbacks stand over the center, they make sure to find Sanders.

Jeff George sure did two months ago.

Of the 15 times Sanders lined up against Moss, George went that way only twice. The battle was a draw as Sanders knocked down a long pass and Moss had an 8-yard catch.

"Deion's unbelievable," George said. "When he's not healthy he's unbelievable. Just his presence on the field is unbelievable."

"But that doesn't mean you

GEORGE: Gifted QB gets second playoff opportunity

(From 1C)

won.

"All you've got to do is look at guys who have great playoff success who haven't won a Super Bowl and that's a tag that they get hit with," Aikman said. "And I don't think that's necessarily fair. But as a quarterback, ultimately that's how we're all judged. ... I don't think any owner in this league cares what happens in the regular season."

Even when he was backing up Cunningham, George professed to still be one of the top quarterbacks in the league. He proved it by throwing for 23 touchdowns with only 12 interceptions.

Aikman agreed that George has great ability.

"I think Jeff is as talented a quarterback as there is in the league," Aikman said. "He's got tremendous arm strength. He can make all the throws and he's got good mobility within the pocket. There seems to be some turmoil that's surrounded his career. But I think he's an awful-

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shy away from the guy. We have every bit of confidence in our receivers and our running game."

The respect teams show Sanders shifts pressure to the other side of the field. And that's where Dallas has been vulnerable.

Injuries to would-be starter Kevin Smith and top backup Kevin Mathis have increased the playing time of converted safety Charlie Williams and undrafted rookie Duane Hawthorne. Although whoever is out there gets help from a safety, it's not always enough.

The back of Williams' jersey is all over the tape from the last game against the Vikings, especially on Moss' big plays. Teams also have started picking on Hawthorne, who is generously listed at 5-foot-10.

ly talented player."

All season, George refused to talk about his troubled past, which includes a sideline spat with then-Falcons coach June Jones in 1996, and he doesn't much like talking about his future and where his next big paycheck will come from. But the opportunity to keep throwing to Cris Carter and Randy Moss, who combined for 2,654 yards receiving, the second-highest total in NFL history, will play a big role when George decides upon his next destination.

"It's the perfect offense for me," George said of the seventh system he's run since entering the league as its top draft choice in 1990.

"I keep saying it week in and week out, four Pro Bowl linemen, three Pro Bowl receivers, Pro Bowl running back, I'm excited," George said. "So, I like our chances."

The good news for the Cow-

boys is that Smith and Mathis might both be back for the first time since the previous Vikings game. Each has been in and out of the lineup since then.

"I thought the guys who were on the field the two previous times were not healthy," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "So even if Kevin Smith and Kevin Mathis don't make it back, at least the guys who are on the field will be 100 percent. We'll gain an advantage there. Then if we get either of those guys back, it'll help our chances of being able to match up."

Sanders is glad to have help and he's happy to be healthy himself. But there's one more thing he'd like to see.

"I wish our offense would let that clock tick down to the last second before we snap every ball," he said, "because the more you keep those guys off the field, the less opportunities they have."

FRANKS: TE's mother in Midland aided in decision

(From 1C)

mate at Miami, had checked with the Colts' front office and the response was favorable.

"They said I should be somewhere in the first round," Franks said.

But Franks said the biggest influence was his mother, Janice,

who lives in Midland.

"My mom felt it was time for me to move on," Franks said. "There's not too much more I could have done."

Franks, a three-time All-Big East selection, said he had not officially notified the NFL. The deadline for underclassmen to apply for the draft is Monday.

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College Basketball Results

Top 25 Men

N.C. STATE 66	
MARYLAND (11-31): Down 7-11-0, 11-14, Miller 5-9 1-12, Blake 2-8-2, Baxter 4-8-4 1-12, Thomas 8-16-13, 20, McCall 0-0-0-0, Nicholas 0-0-0-0, McDaniels 1-5-0-2, Holden 0-0-0-0, Totals 27-58 11-66.	
N.C. STATE (10-11): Williams 2-9-4, 8, Grunby 6-12-11, 14, Thornton 6-12-15, Gandy 6-11-0-14, Inge 2-8-3-7, Miller 1-0-0-3, Crawford 0-0-0-0, M.Williams 0-0-0-0, Kelly 3-12-12-7, Totals 26-66 11-20-08.	
Hallmark-Maryland 27, N.C. State 66.	
3-Point Goals-Maryland 4-12 (Morris 3-6, Miller 1-3, Dixon 0-1, Blake 0-2), N.C. State 5-12 (Gandy 2-3, Thornton 1-4, Miller 1-2, Grunby 1-4, Williams 0-3). Fouled out—Brodie, Rebounds—Maryland 39 (Morris 12), N.C. State 39 (Inge 8). Assists—Maryland 16 (Blake 6), N.C. State 11 (Williams 4). Total fouls—Maryland 17, N.C. State 13. A—19,525.	

No. 19 ILLINOIS 87	
OHIO STATE (8-3): Cook 3-8-11-17, Johnson 1-3-2-4, Penn 6-13-16-18, Brown 5-9-11-11, Reed 6-12-12-15, Savoy 0-0-0-0, Reese 9-14-6-8, Dudley 0-0-0-0, Totals 30-64 13-25-77.	
ILLINOIS (9-3): Archibald 2-2-2-2, C.Brown 6-9-12-17, Griffin 3-11-11, Bradford 7-12-23-30, Williams 4-12-14-13, Chukwude 4-7-0-8, Johnson 1-6-1-2, Hamilton 0-0-0-0, Cook 0-2-1-1, McCain 2-6-1-2, Totals 29-68 13-23-80.	
Hallmark—Illinois 42, Ohio State 33.	
3-Point Goals—Ohio State 4-18 (Penn 3-8, Reed 1-4, Brown 0-2, Cook 0-3), Illinois 9-23 (C.Brown 3-8, Bradford 4-12, Williams 1-5, McCain 1-4, Johnson 0-4). Rebounds—Ohio State 45 (K.Johnson 7), Illinois 38 (Bradford 7, J.Johnson 7). Assists—Ohio State 14 (Brown 6), Illinois 17 (Williams 7). Total fouls—Ohio State 18, Illinois 18. A—15,841.	

No. 14 NORTH CAROLINA 65, CLEMSON 45	
CLEMSON (6-7): Jankins 2-9-0-5, Jankins 1-2-1-3, Allen 2-3-2-3, 9-0-8, Solomon 5-19-24-13, Scott 1-7-0-3, Gilmore 1-0-0-0, Bains 3-6-12-7, Nye 0-0-0-0, Henderson 2-5-0-0, Holt 0-0-0-0, Totals 19-80 4-4-45.	
NORTH CAROLINA (10-4): Capel 3-8-11-9, Lang 3-8-10-12, Hayward 3-4-4-10, Foye 7-12-0-1, Cota 3-0-0-8, Owens 2-4-0-1, Johnson 0-0-0-0, Meekler 0-0-0-0, Everett 0-0-0-0, Brouder 0-0-0-0, Holmes 0-0-0-0, White 0-0-0-0, Lacrow 0-0-0-0, Totals 23-53 13-23-65.	
Hallmark—North Carolina 33, Clemson 34.	
3-Point Goals—Clemson 3-24 (Jankins 1-6, Scott 1-4, Allen 1-5, Nye 0-1, Holt 0-1, Bains 0-2), North Carolina 1-9 (Cota 2-3, Capel 2-5, Foye 1-4, Owens 1-5, Nye 0-1, Meekler 0-1). Fouled out—Gilmore. Rebounds—Clemson 34 (Henderson 9), North Carolina 43 (Peppers 13). Assists—Clemson 7 (Jankins 4), North Carolina 2 (Cota 1, Johnson 1). Total fouls—Clemson 21, North Carolina 16. A—19,568.	

No. 17 TEXAS 71, BAYLOR 43	
BAYLOR (8-3): Kendrick 3-7-0-7, Black 6-13-13-13, Echols 1-1-0-2, Stokes 4-15-13-14, Minor 3-3-2-3, Jones 0-0-0-0, Allen 0-2-2-2, Nae 0-0-0-0, Flippin 0-0-0-0, Totals 15-43 9-12-43.	
TEXAS (8-3): Munkene 4-8-15-9, Mills 7-13-12-15, Wagner 3-7-0-8, Williams 3-8-0-2, Clay 1-5-2-2, Wyatt 2-3-0-4, Owens 2-4-3-6, McCollip 1-3-0-3, Kelly 4-5-0-10, Ogden 1-0-0-3, Totals 29-58 7-17-17.	
Hallmark—Texas 30, Baylor 17.	
3-Point Goals—Baylor 4-18 (Stokes 3-10, Kendrick 1-4, Black 0-1, Jones 0-1, Allen 0-2), Texas 8-17 (Wagner 3-2, North 3-4, Williams 2-5, McCollip 1-3, Ogden 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 22 (Kendrick 7), Texas 43 (Mills 8). Assists—Baylor 10 (Minor 3), Texas 19 (Wagner 4). Total fouls—Baylor 19, Texas 14. A—10,495.	

LOUISVILLE 75, UTAH 55	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Mottola 8-12-9-12, 27, Cullen 1-2-2-4, Colbert 0-0-0-0, Killion 1-0-0-0, Johnson 1-4-0-2, Althoff 3-6-1-1-7, Sharp 0-0-0-0, Totals 18-43 15-20-55.	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Williams 3-10-5-9, Johnson 9-13-0-19, Edwards 4-5-0-8, Maybin 1-0-0-2, Gandy 2-6-2-7, Hopper 4-8-0-10, Bailey 2-2-0-4, Williams 3-3-2-7, Gervin 1-2-0-2, Brooks 0-0-0-0, Turner 0-2-1-1-1, Totals 29-55 10-14-75.	
Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
3-Point Goals—Louisville 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

No. 9 NORTH CAROLINA 68	
NORTH CAROLINA (9-4): Sharp 5-8-11-15, Barkley 1-2-2-4, Allen 0-0-0-0, C.Brown 1-9-2-5, Johnson 2-8-10-12, Higgins 1-1-0-2, Quarles 4-13-3-13, Mitchell 2-3-0-4, Kravchick 0-0-0-0, Liss 2-4-0-4, Tracy 0-0-0-0, Johnson 0-0-0-0, Totals 28-63 12-22-87.	
VIRGINIA 87	
VIRGINIA (10-4): Volyns 8-16-11-11, Lusk 3-11-3-14, Hosok 2-6-10-10, Robinson 7-11-11-24, Quarles 4-13-3-13, Mitchell 2-3-0-4, Kravchick 0-0-0-0, Liss 2-4-0-4, Tracy 0-0-0-0, Johnson 0-0-0-0, Totals 28-63 12-22-87.	
Hallmark—Virginia 40, North Carolina 37.	
3-Point Goals—North Carolina 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

No. 15 TEXAS 71, BAYLOR 43	
BAYLOR (8-3): Kendrick 3-7-0-7, Black 6-13-13-13, Echols 1-1-0-2, Stokes 4-15-13-14, Minor 3-3-2-3, Jones 0-0-0-0, Allen 0-2-2-2, Nae 0-0-0-0, Flippin 0-0-0-0, Totals 15-43 9-12-43.	
TEXAS (8-3): Munkene 4-8-15-9, Mills 7-13-12-15, Wagner 3-7-0-8, Williams 3-8-0-2, Clay 1-5-2-2, Wyatt 2-3-0-4, Owens 2-4-3-6, McCollip 1-3-0-3, Kelly 4-5-0-10, Ogden 1-0-0-3, Totals 29-58 7-17-17.	
Hallmark—Texas 30, Baylor 17.	
3-Point Goals—Baylor 4-18 (Stokes 3-10, Kendrick 1-4, Black 0-1, Jones 0-1, Allen 0-2), Texas 8-17 (Wagner 3-2, North 3-4, Williams 2-5, McCollip 1-3, Ogden 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 22 (Kendrick 7), Texas 43 (Mills 8). Assists—Baylor 10 (Minor 3), Texas 19 (Wagner 4). Total fouls—Baylor 19, Texas 14. A—10,495.	

LOUISVILLE 75, UTAH 55	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Mottola 8-12-9-12, 27, Cullen 1-2-2-4, Colbert 0-0-0-0, Killion 1-0-0-0, Johnson 1-4-0-2, Althoff 3-6-1-1-7, Sharp 0-0-0-0, Totals 18-43 15-20-55.	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Williams 3-10-5-9, Johnson 9-13-0-19, Edwards 4-5-0-8, Maybin 1-0-0-2, Gandy 2-6-2-7, Hopper 4-8-0-10, Bailey 2-2-0-4, Williams 3-3-2-7, Gervin 1-2-0-2, Brooks 0-0-0-0, Turner 0-2-1-1-1, Totals 29-55 10-14-75.	
Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
3-Point Goals—Louisville 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

No. 9 NORTH CAROLINA 68	
NORTH CAROLINA (9-4): Sharp 5-8-11-15, Barkley 1-2-2-4, Allen 0-0-0-0, C.Brown 1-9-2-5, Johnson 2-8-10-12, Higgins 1-1-0-2, Quarles 4-13-3-13, Mitchell 2-3-0-4, Kravchick 0-0-0-0, Liss 2-4-0-4, Tracy 0-0-0-0, Johnson 0-0-0-0, Totals 28-63 12-22-87.	
VIRGINIA 87	
VIRGINIA (10-4): Volyns 8-16-11-11, Lusk 3-11-3-14, Hosok 2-6-10-10, Robinson 7-11-11-24, Quarles 4-13-3-13, Mitchell 2-3-0-4, Kravchick 0-0-0-0, Liss 2-4-0-4, Tracy 0-0-0-0, Johnson 0-0-0-0, Totals 28-63 12-22-87.	
Hallmark—Virginia 40, North Carolina 37.	
3-Point Goals—North Carolina 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

No. 15 TEXAS 71, BAYLOR 43	
BAYLOR (8-3): Kendrick 3-7-0-7, Black 6-13-13-13, Echols 1-1-0-2, Stokes 4-15-13-14, Minor 3-3-2-3, Jones 0-0-0-0, Allen 0-2-2-2, Nae 0-0-0-0, Flippin 0-0-0-0, Totals 15-43 9-12-43.	
TEXAS (8-3): Munkene 4-8-15-9, Mills 7-13-12-15, Wagner 3-7-0-8, Williams 3-8-0-2, Clay 1-5-2-2, Wyatt 2-3-0-4, Owens 2-4-3-6, McCollip 1-3-0-3, Kelly 4-5-0-10, Ogden 1-0-0-3, Totals 29-58 7-17-17.	
Hallmark—Texas 30, Baylor 17.	
3-Point Goals—Baylor 4-18 (Stokes 3-10, Kendrick 1-4, Black 0-1, Jones 0-1, Allen 0-2), Texas 8-17 (Wagner 3-2, North 3-4, Williams 2-5, McCollip 1-3, Ogden 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 22 (Kendrick 7), Texas 43 (Mills 8). Assists—Baylor 10 (Minor 3), Texas 19 (Wagner 4). Total fouls—Baylor 19, Texas 14. A—10,495.	

LOUISVILLE 75, UTAH 55	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Mottola 8-12-9-12, 27, Cullen 1-2-2-4, Colbert 0-0-0-0, Killion 1-0-0-0, Johnson 1-4-0-2, Althoff 3-6-1-1-7, Sharp 0-0-0-0, Totals 18-43 15-20-55.	
LOUISVILLE (11-3): Williams 3-10-5-9, Johnson 9-13-0-19, Edwards 4-5-0-8, Maybin 1-0-0-2, Gandy 2-6-2-7, Hopper 4-8-0-10, Bailey 2-2-0-4, Williams 3-3-2-7, Gervin 1-2-0-2, Brooks 0-0-0-0, Turner 0-2-1-1-1, Totals 29-55 10-14-75.	
Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
3-Point Goals—Louisville 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

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VIRGINIA 87	
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TEXAS (8-3): Munkene 4-8-15-9, Mills 7-13-12-15, Wagner 3-7-0-8, Williams 3-8-0-2, Clay 1-5-2-2, Wyatt 2-3-0-4, Owens 2-4-3-6, McCollip 1-3-0-3, Kelly 4-5-0-10, Ogden 1-0-0-3, Totals 29-58 7-17-17.	
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LOUISVILLE (11-3): Williams 3-10-5-9, Johnson 9-13-0-19, Edwards 4-5-0-8, Maybin 1-0-0-2, Gandy 2-6-2-7, Hopper 4-8-0-10, Bailey 2-2-0-4, Williams 3-3-2-7, Gervin 1-2-0-2, Brooks 0-0-0-0, Turner 0-2-1-1-1, Totals 29-55 10-14-75.	
Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
3-Point Goals—Louisville 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

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VIRGINIA 87	
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TEXAS (8-3): Munkene 4-8-15-9, Mills 7-13-12-15, Wagner 3-7-0-8, Williams 3-8-0-2, Clay 1-5-2-2, Wyatt 2-3-0-4, Owens 2-4-3-6, McCollip 1-3-0-3, Kelly 4-5-0-10, Ogden 1-0-0-3, Totals 29-58 7-17-17.	
Hallmark—Texas 30, Baylor 17.	
3-Point Goals—Baylor 4-18 (Stokes 3-10, Kendrick 1-4, Black 0-1, Jones 0-1, Allen 0-2), Texas 8-17 (Wagner 3-2, North 3-4, Williams 2-5, McCollip 1-3, Ogden 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 22 (Kendrick 7), Texas 43 (Mills 8). Assists—Baylor 10 (Minor 3), Texas 19 (Wagner 4). Total fouls—Baylor 19, Texas 14. A—10,495.	

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LOUISVILLE (11-3): Mottola 8-12-9-12, 27, Cullen 1-2-2-4, Colbert 0-0-0-0, Killion 1-0-0-0, Johnson 1-4-0-2, Althoff 3-6-1-1-7, Sharp 0-0-0-0, Totals 18-43 15-20-55.	
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Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
3-Point Goals—Louisville 11-22 (Cullen 4-14, Mottola 3-7, Killion 1-5, Colbert 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Bailey 1-1, Gervin 1-1, Turner 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 22 (Johnson 5), Louisville 18 (Cullen 4). Assists—Louisville 11 (Cullen 4), Utah 11 (Johnson 5). Total fouls—Louisville 14, Utah 17. A—9,084.	

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Hallmark—Louisville 40, Utah 18.	
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Heat's Mourning overpowers Rockets

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MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning put a dreadful performance against the Vancouver Grizzlies behind him in a hurry.

Mourning, coming off a 12-point, eight-rebound effort in Miami's loss to Vancouver, had 28 points and blocked nine shot in the Heat's 111-99 victory over Houston on Thursday night.

"He was phenomenal," said Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who will coach Mourning in the Olympics. "We didn't have anyone to deal with him. ... He just overpowered us."

Mourning was 12-of-15 from the field as the Heat beat Houston for the eighth straight time.

Steve Francis has 22 points for the Rockets, who have lost six straight on the road and 10 of 13 overall. The rookie wasn't impressed with Mourning, saying the star center got away with fouls on some soaring dunks.

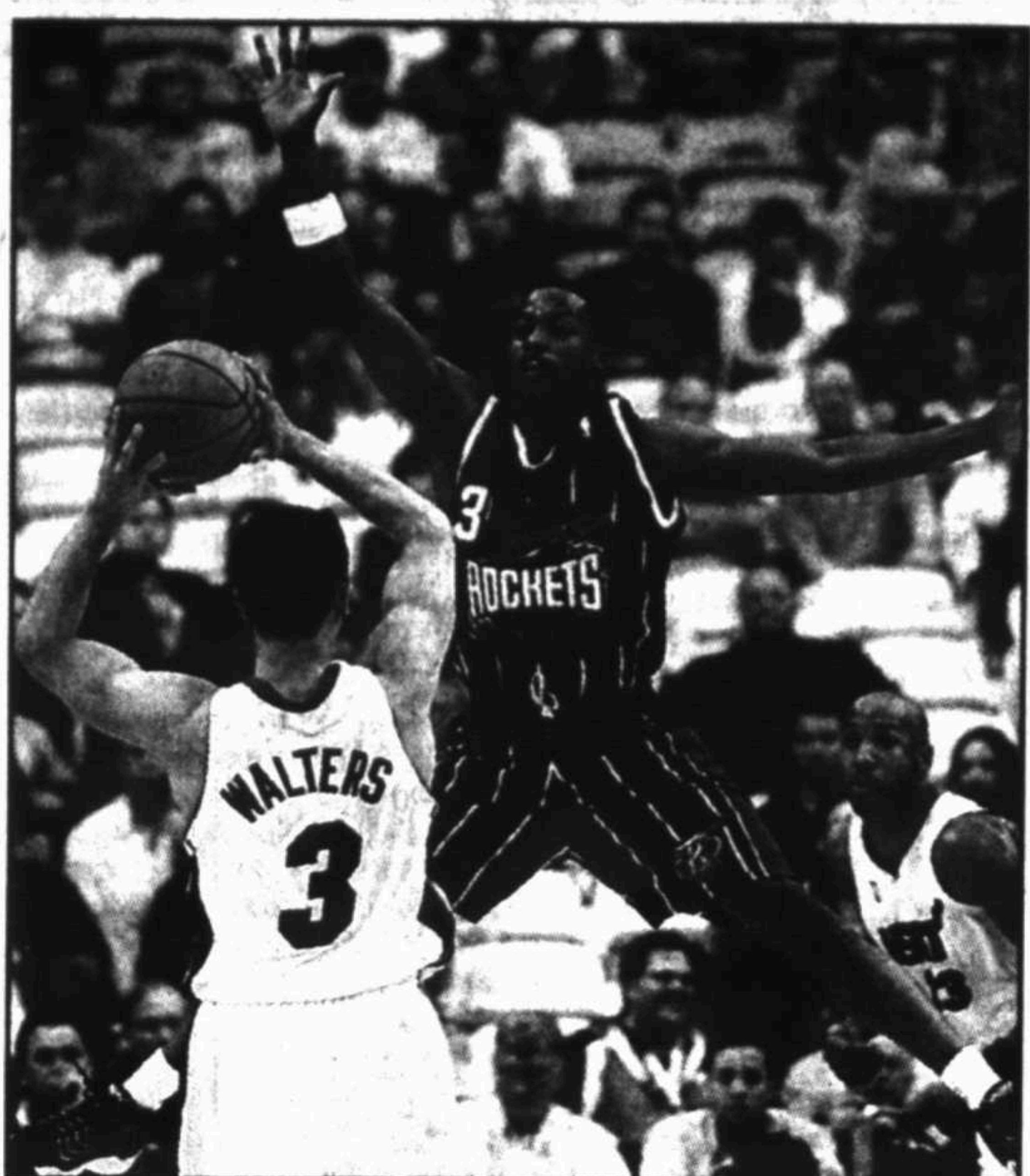
"He fouled me every single time," Francis said. "I was over the rim. ... I'm going to lift weights tomorrow and get my legs stronger so next time I play him I'll put it on his head five times."

Jamal Mashburn had 19 points and Dan Majerle added 16 for the Heat. Without retiree Charles Barkley or injured Hakeem Olajuwon up front, Mourning had his way down low against Carlos Rogers and a lumbering Thomas Hamilton.

"I thought Zo was about as efficient as he could get on offense and blocked shots," coach Pat Riley said. "We made a conscious effort to drive the ball, execute the offense and we attacked the rim."

Mashburn and Mourning scored 10 points apiece in the third quarter to help the Heat extend an 11-point halftime lead to 89-67 heading into the fourth quarter. Eight of Mashburn's points came during an 18-6 run, turning a 56-47 lead into a 74-53 rout.

Miami was 14-of-22 from the



Miami Heat's Rex Walters (3) has a throw to teammate Alonzo Mourning, right, blocked as Houston Rockets' Steve Francis (3) takes to the air in the first period, Thursday in Miami.

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floor in the quarter and out-rebounded Houston 12-6.

"We were beating them on the boards in the first half but they just wore us down," Tomjanovich said.

Shandon Anderson and Walt Williams each had 17 points for the Rockets.

Jazz 105, Mavericks 92 DALLAS — Karl Malone had 24 points and 11 rebounds as Utah beat Dallas for the 11th straight time.

Bryon Russell added 20 points, and John Stockton had 12 points and 10 assists to help the Jazz extend their winning streak to five games. Michael Finley had 30 points for the Mavericks, who've lost nine of

10 and six in a row at home. Dallas coach Don Nelson and center Shawn Bradley were ejected in the second half, and Utah coach Jerry Sloan was tossed out with 3:37 to play.

Raptors 101, Kings 89 TORONTO — Charles Oakley had a season-high 20 points and 16 rebounds as the Raptors beat Sacramento, snapping the Kings' four-game winning streak.

Doug Christie hit four 3-pointers and had 16 points, and Tracy McGrady added 15 to help Toronto overcome Vince Carter's second subpar performance since being left off the U.S. Olympic team. Carter, coming off a 13-point effort Tuesday night against Portland, was 7-of-23 from the field and scored 14 points.

Chris Webber led Sacramento with 27 points and 19 rebounds.

Pistons 101, Bucks 95 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Grant Hill scored 19 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit beat Milwaukee to extend its winning streak to six games.

Hill, coming off consecutive 42-point performances in Orlando and Atlanta, was 13-of-21 from field and had seven assists and five rebounds in 38 minutes. Christian Laettner added 20 points, Jerry Stackhouse had 18, and Jerome Williams had 11 points and 17 rebounds. Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee with 31 points.

Cavaliers 90, Warriors 75 CLEVELAND — Lamond Murray scored 20 points as Cleveland beat Golden State, the Warriors' eighth straight loss.

Rookie Andre Miller had 13 points and seven assists for Cleveland, which dropping 10 of its previous 11.

Antawn Jamison led Golden State with 22 points. The Warriors shot a season-low 31 percent and matched a season-low for points.

Timberwolves 98, Trail Blazers 96 MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett banked in a 10-foot shot with 3.3 seconds left to cap a 27-point effort as Minnesota beat Portland.

Malik Sealy tied his season-high with 27 points, and Terrell Brandon had 17 points, 14 assists and eight rebounds for the Timberwolves, 8-1 in their last nine games. Rasheed Wallace scored 24 points, and Steve Smith had 20 for Portland, which had its six-game winning streak snapped.

Pacers 102, Nuggets 87 DENVER — Travis Best scored 13 points in the fourth quarter as Indiana beat Denver to run its winning streak to a season-high seven games.

Reggie Miller finished with 20 points, Rik Smits had 17 and Best 15 as Indiana beat the Nuggets for the eighth straight game. Antonio McDyess led Denver with 21 points and nine rebounds, and Raef LaFrentz had 15 points.

LOCAL SPORTS

WPHL star game set

AMARILLO — The Western Professional Hockey League has announced that its annual All-Star game will be on Jan. 14 in Amarillo.

All-Star festivities begin on Wednesday, Jan. 12, with the WPHL's banquet with film and television personality Alan Thicke serving as Master of Ceremonies. Special guest Gordie Howe, who was inducted to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1972, will also speak.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the WPHL Skills Competition will begin, which will be followed by the Celebrity All-Star Game, featuring a team of WPHL coaches and staff representatives facing off against a team comprised of former NHL stars as well as movie and television personalities, including NHL veterans Glenn Anderson, Rene Robert, Ron Duguay, John Ogrudnick and Neal Broten, as well as Thicke, Cameron Bancroft (Beverly Hills 90210),

Jason Hervey (The Wonder Years), August Schillenberg (Free Willy) and supermodel Kim Alexis.

The fourth annual WPHL All-Star game will be held on Friday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net.

Basketball

Eighth Grade Girls Midland Christian 34, Lubbock Christian 21: Kandy Washburn 11. MC is now 8-4.

Eighth Grade Boys Alamo Maroon 72, Odessa Road 39: AM: Robert Sikes 10, Rodney Taylor 16. AM is now 8-0.

Midland Christian 32, Lubbock Christian 19: Dillon Evans 10. MC is now 6-2.

San Jacinto Green 68, Odessa Crockett 62: SJK: QWayne Jennings 24, Harrison Reese 18. OC: Jeremy Caceres 19, Carlos Berrera 10. First Round of the Midland-Odessa tournament.

Abell Blue 54, Odessa Bowie 41: AB: Drew Winston 16, Logan Watson 21. First Round of the Midland-Odessa tournament.

Taylor aces

Al Taylor produced a hole-in-one Thursday at Green Tree Country Club, aching the 170-yard No. 8 West hole with a 3-wood.

Taylor was playing with Ron Lloyd, Grady Yester, Larry Hammond and Joe Rouser.

Titans determined not to blow leads

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — To the Buffalo Bills, it's the greatest comeback ever. To football fans, it's one of the most memorable NFL games ever.

The former Houston Oilers only have painful memories of that Jan. 3, 1993 game when they blew a 32-point lead and lost a wild card playoff to the Bills.

But the franchise, now the Tennessee Titans (13-3), remembers a very important lesson as they prepare to entertain the Bills (11-5) Saturday in an AFC wild card game, their first since that remarkable comeback. If they get another big lead, they won't let it slip away this time.

"I think we could make the outcome a little different this go-around," offensive lineman Bruce Matthews said.

Only six players remain with the Titans from that team.

"I liken it to when I was in the seventh grade, the first year I ever played tackle football," Matthews said. "I broke my leg, and it hurt bad. God gives you the ability to lock out ugly, negative things in your life. I guess that's what happened with that."

Kicker Al Del Greco, who tied the score at the end of regulation and forced overtime, called the game ancient history.

"We've been through a lot since then," he said. "That's only a little thing now."

Not at the time.

Houston had ended the regular season by beating Buffalo 27-3 and took a 28-3 halftime lead as Warren Moon tossed four touchdown passes. Bubba McDowell returned an interception 58 yards early in the third quarter and the Oilers

appeared on the way to victory.

Titans quarterback Steve McNair, who was at Alcorn State at the time, was one of many who quit watching at halftime.

"I was very disappointed they came back and let them beat them," he said.

The Bills rallied behind Frank Reich and scored four TDs within seven minutes. Reich's third TD pass to Andre Reed put the Bills ahead 38-35 with 3:08 left.

The Oilers forced overtime on Del Greco's 26-yard field goal with 12 seconds remaining. But Steve Christie, who had recovered an onside kick in the third quarter, won the game with a 32-yarder in overtime, and the Bills went on to their third Super Bowl appearance.

Christie remembers how lucky the Bills were to win. Defensive end Bruce Smith said he doesn't think about that game much and is more worried about Saturday's game than recalling the past.

"This is a good team," Smith said. "We're going to have to bring our A-game to the table, or it's going to be an early playoff exit for us."

Smith leads a Buffalo defense that ranked first in the NFL overall against a Tennessee offense that has topped 40 points in each of its last two games. McNair finally has found his rhythm, throwing six TDs in his last five quarters, and the Titans went 7-2 against the NFL's best defenses.

If the Titans do take a lead, Smith expects them to use Eddie George, who ran for 1,304 yards this season, to play keepaway.

"We're going to make sure we play the most disciplined game we've ever had to play with these two guys in the backfield," he said.

'Skins motivated by earlier loss to Lions

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins have home field, momentum and history on their side going into Saturday's first-round playoff game against the Detroit Lions. They also have the memory of getting thumped 33-17 by the Lions just five weeks ago.

"They kicked our butts," Washington receiver Irving Fryar said. "That was one of our worst games this season. I think that was a loss that did us more good probably than a win because it let us know that we hadn't arrived."

The Lions scored three touchdowns that game, one each by the offense, defense and special teams. The Silverdome crowd discombobulated the offensive line, and Detroit broke a 16-game regular season losing streak to Washington.

"I do think it helped us, as bad as it sounds, by taking the beating that we did," said quarterback Brad Johnson, who was sacked five times behind a line that couldn't hear his signal call. "So I don't think there will be any happy faces around here until after the game. In a sense, I think that could help us from a preparation standpoint."

So the Redskins (10-6), who have won three of four since, are trying resist the urge to take the Lions (8-8) lightly — even though the Lions have lost all four games since that Redskins victory, even though no 8-8 team has ever won a playoff game, even though the

dome won't be a factor this time, and even though the Lions are 0-17 at the Redskins since the franchise moved from Boston to Washington in 1937.

The Lions were 2-6 away from the Silverdome this season and haven't won an away game since October, while the Redskins have a four-game home winning streak. Detroit is also without its first choice quarterback, Charlie Batch, who is out with a broken thumb.

"When you start to lose a little bit like we've done, there's a confidence factor that you have to regain," Detroit coach Bobby Ross said. "And I think that's what we're working on right now."

The Lions were regular playoff participants in the 1990s — this is their fifth postseason appearance in seven years — while the Redskins are breaking a seven-year playoff drought. Thus, the most surprising statistic of all may be that, of the two teams, Washington has the more recent playoff victory.

The Lions have gone down at the first hurdle four straight times. They haven't won a playoff game since January 1992, when they beat Dallas and then lost to eventual Super Bowl champion Washington. The Redskins returned to the playoffs the following season, won one game and hadn't been back since until now.

All that history is well known to former Redskins quarterback Gus Frerotte, who will start for the Lions in place of Batch. Asked about it, Frerotte pointed to a more relevant bit of recent history — the 33-17 game.

"We know we're playing the same Redskins we played up here," Frerotte said.

In that game, Frerotte was able to throw upfield against a defense ranked 30th out of 31 teams in the league, a vital part of the game plan since the Lions have no running attack with Barry Sanders gone. Ross' latest plan is to try fullback Cory Schlesinger at the tailback spot.

The key, though, could be how the Redskins fare against the Lions' front four. Washington coach Norv Turner was so anxious to pass the ball against Detroit's battered secondary in the first meeting that he abandoned the running game, and the defensive line teed off on Johnson. Pro Bowl end Robert Porcher, who had 15 sacks in the regular season, made right tackle Jon Jansen look like the rookie he is.

"People talk about that being the defining game, the springboard," Washington guard Keith Sims said. "I can tell you, as offensive linemen, we played terrible. Norv came down on us hard."

Turner has vowed to run the ball more this game, but that strategy may be hampered by an injury to Stephen Davis, the NFC's leading rusher. Davis sprained an ankle 2 1/2 weeks ago and returned to practice this week. He won't be 100 percent for the game.

That's just one of the reasons why Washington running back Brian Mitchell gave a wary laugh when told that history will favor the Redskins on Saturday.

"History," Mitchell said, "can fool you sometimes."

Parnevik holds lead at windy Mercedes

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Despite a windy, wild start to the new season, two things hardly ever change. Jesper Parnevik will always hear a comment or two about his outrageous clothes, and Tiger Woods won't be too far away from the lead.

Parnevik made a bogey and two double bogeys on the back nine Thursday, caught grief for his bright red pants and still managed a 4-under 69 to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the Mercedes Championship.

"It was a fun day, interesting," Parnevik said.

It was typical of Woods, who won the last four PGA Tour events in 1999 and was no worse than seventh in 13 out of his final 14 tournaments. Despite missing an easy birdie opportunity on the downwind, par-5 18th, Woods was only two shots back.

"You're never surprised to see his name on the board now," said Duffy Waldorf, who had only one bogey in a round of 70 to trail Parnevik. "He's playing at a level that not many have reached out here. All of us have played at that level, but not for very long."

Woods, trying to become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win five straight tournaments, was joined at 2-under 71 by Ernie Els, the only player to avoid a bogey Thursday. Defending champion David Duval

birdied the last two holes and was among those at 70.

The typical trade winds off the northeast coast of Maui packed some punch with 40 mph gusts. Sand wedge shots wouldn't go 50 yards in some cases, while a 90-yard shot sailed nearly 200 yards with the wind.

"You hit some clubs you're not used to," Woods said. "Overall, I'm very pleased with the way I worked the ball into the wind and rode the wind when I had to. You've just got to keep making pars and plodding along."

That was a good recipe for the Plantation Course at Kapalua. Then again, just about anything seems to be working for Woods. "He has to screw up pretty bad not to be up on the leaderboard," Parnevik said. "He doesn't have to do everything right to win. And when he does everything right, he runs away with it."

Everything went right — and then everything went wrong — for Parnevik. On a day in which the average score was 75.03 because of the wind and severe rain in the Bermuda greens, Parnevik birdied six of the first 11 holes to open a four-shot lead.

Then he missed the 12th green and three-putted for double bogey, then missed the green and dumped a chip shot into the bunker for another double bogey on the 13th. Parnevik birdied the next two holes to right the ship, just in time to chunk a wedge on No. 17 that led to a bogey.

An official on the 18th green announced Parnevik as wearing "the wild red pants," not uncommon for the most eccentric dresser in golf. But that only prompted a shout from the gallery.

"If you knock it in the hole, we don't care what color pants you wear," someone shouted.

Parnevik's putt veered some 20 feet to the left once it reached the green and grazed the cup, giving him his ninth birdie of the day and a one-shot lead. By that account, Woods was downright boring.

Wearing his cap backwards at times to keep it from blowing off, Woods rarely found trouble on the wide-open fairways and only the tricky grain on the greens kept him from gaining more ground. He missed eight birdie putts from 15 feet or in.

But any round under par was a good day. Only eight players managed to break par, a stark contrast from the first round last year when only three of the 30 players in the winners-only field failed to break par.

Rich Beem had a 46 on the back for an 84, while Match Play champion Jeff Maggert and Ted Tryba also had to sign for a score of 80 or worse.

Waldorf's only bogey came on No. 13, when his 5-iron from 175 yards wound up 50 yards short. Then he crushed a sand wedge that the wind blew back with such force that it hit a bunker and still hopped back out of the sand. "I never thought I was going

to get to the hole," he said.

Indeed, if Parnevik didn't already wear a hat with the bill flipped up, the trade winds would have taken care of that.

As whitecaps swept across the Pacific Ocean below and tree limbs appeared to be on the verge of snapping, it was all the elite field could do to hang on. And these conditions are typical of Kapalua.

"If this is a normal wind and I had this to play, I'd quit," Hal Sutton said after a 4-over 77. "I couldn't stand up. I don't know what the skinny people were doing."

Brad Faxon hit a full 9-iron 65 yards into the wind on the par-5 ninth. He hit the same club 190 yards on the downwind 17th.

"That's a little difference," he said after a 72.

The biggest difference was on the greens, where players found it impossible to stand still over their putts. Duval backed off three times from a 4-foot birdie attempt at No. 6, gazing at the swaying trees and offering a silent plea that it calm down.

It didn't, and he missed the putt.

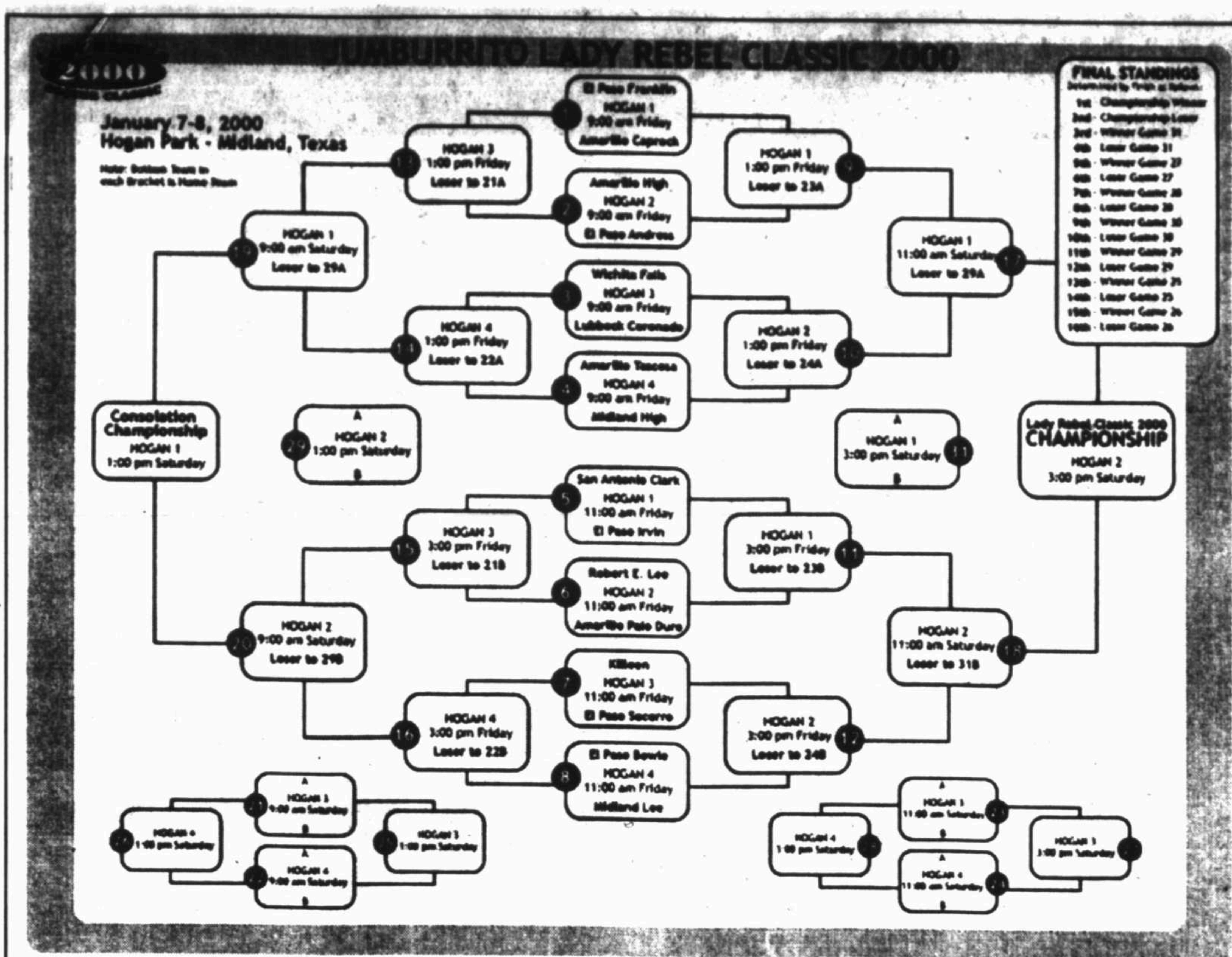
Faxon, considered one of the best putters on tour, made all three of his bogeys with three-putts. When was the last time that happened?

"I was thinking about that," he said. "On 17, I started thinking it's probably not a good idea to start thinking about that."

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Adversity helps Stars to develop optimism

By Jennifer Floyd
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — If optimism has a sound, Mike Keane flinging one-liners around a bustling Dallas Stars locker room has to be close. For space once dominated by edgy silence now has a feel of a college fraternity, and a just-finished, injury-plagued, bumpy first half of this season has a feel of a springboard to a second half that Stars players can't wait to begin.

"The reason I feel confident is our players are willing to accept responsibility, to a man, for their performances. We stopped looking at the coach, looking at the system, looking at injuries, looking at all of these other outside things and we're finally willing to look within again," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "There is a sincere belief in this group that if we ever do get healthy we got ourselves a heck of a team because of what we've gone through."

What they've been through almost destroyed them. Instead, what almost destroyed them might just propel them to another Stanley Cup.

"The first two months were real tough. I don't think anybody expected it to be that hard," Stars captain Mike Modano said. "The walls were caving in on us, and everything seemed to be coming in on us at one time."

Hitchcock was talking, but they weren't listening. The coach knew it. The players knew it. But nobody really knew how to solve it.

There was meeting after meeting after meeting. Even Stars general manager Bob Gainey talked to his team leaders.

"At that point it seemed like, and critical is too hard of a word, but it seemed like a necessary time to let the players know that it wasn't just Ken delivering the message, but the message was from our organization," Gainey said. "Even though, we tried to prepare for the aftermath of a long and successful season. There are, at times, just the need for time to change things."

Of course, a beginning necessitates an end.

On Nov. 26, Stars players reached an end of sorts, the low point, Hitchcock said. Dallas blew a two-goal lead in a loss to Anaheim, sending them to a 10-11-3 mark. In 1998-99, loss No. 11 didn't occur until Feb. 24.

So, a couple of days later, as Dallas prepared to play Atlanta, players and coaches closed doors and unleashed a little honesty.

"That meeting was to tell (Hitch) to back off a little bit, and we'll come out of it ourselves," Stars forward Guy Carbonneau said. "I think everybody understands what (Hitch) is trying to do. He's a really demanding coach, and we don't have a problem with that. But I think we proved to him that we have a lot of experience and leadership on this team, and sometimes, we need to overcome those things by ourselves."

Two periods later, Stars players found themselves right back in whatever nightmare it was they thought they had freed themselves from. Only, instead of trailing Anaheim, they were trailing an expansion team and only Hitchcock and defenseman Derian Hatcher talked between periods.

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starts for real with the District 4-5A opener on Jan. 25 against Midland High.

"This week is going to be good show for us, as far as competition," he said.

The field includes most of the best girls teams in West Texas. "Overall, this is a good field," he said. "Franklin is good, Amarillo High is going to be good, and San Antonio Clark is pretty good. Franklin, (Lubbock) Coronado and (El Paso) Andress will be in the playoffs."

Other 1999 playoff teams in the field are Wichita Falls, Killeen and El Paso Bowie. Midland High also is in the tournament. The Lady Bulldogs are a young team that features three senior starters — Kathleen

Coleman, Jess Salgado and D'Lynn Knous — returning off of last year's 10-10 team. Coach Scott Hodgkinson has more freshmen than seniors — six to five — on his roster, but he said he's optimistic about how the young talent will turn out.

No. 17 UT stays hot with rout

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas picked up right where it left off in the Big 12. Unfortunately for Baylor, so did the Bears.

Chris Mihm scored 15 points and No. 17 Texas used some tenacious defense in allowing its fewest points in 14 years in a 71-43 victory Thursday night.

Darren Kelly added 10 points and Texas (9-3, 1-0), the defending Big 12 regular season champion, held Baylor to 35 percent shooting, the third straight opponent the Longhorns held under 40 percent. It was the fewest points allowed by Texas since a 65-40 win over Baylor in 1986.

"I believe in defense," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

"I believe you can create offense with your defense and if you bring your defense every night, you have a chance. We played the best basketball we've played all year."

Baylor came into the game leading the Big 12 with 10.5 steals per game but it was Texas who turned the game around with defense. Texas had 10 steals and scored 22 points off 23 turnovers.

"Coach Barnes is always talking to us about our identity and we decided as a team to make defense our identity for the year," Texas guard Ivan Wagner said. "It was a message to the Big 12, to let them know what they can expect night in and night out," Wagner said.

Baylor (9-3, 0-1) had one of its best starts in school history outside of the conference but lost its 17th straight in regular season league play dating to the 1997-98 season. The Bears were 0-16 in the Big 12 last year.

It was the fewest points scored by the Bears this season under first-year coach Dave Bliss. Tevis Stukes led Baylor with 14 points and Terry Black had 13.

"We are not going to turn things around overnight but we will use this as a learning experience," Bliss said. After Black hit a layup to give Baylor a 13-10 lead with 13:47 left in the first half, Texas held the Bears to just four more points before halftime and took a 30-17 lead. The Longhorns were able to stretch a tight man-to-man defense almost to half court on nearly every Baylor possession and held Stukes, the Big 12's leading 3-point shooter, to 3-of-10 from long range.

After Chris Owens tied it 13-13, Texas closed the half with a 17-4 run with Gabe Muoneke scoring six of his nine points in the stretch. The second half was more of the same as Texas used a 16-0 run to stretch the lead to 52-22.

Mihm grabbed eight rebounds as Texas outrebounded Baylor 43-22 and held the Bears to just six offensive boards. Black, second in the Big 12 in rebounding behind Mihm, had just five rebounds, six below his average. Texas leaves the Big 12 to play



Baylor guard DeMarcus Minor tries to pass the ball around the defense of Texas guard Darren Kelly on Thursday in Austin, Texas. Texas defeated Baylor 71-43.

Top 25 Roundup

at No. 2 Connecticut, the defending national champion, on Monday night, when the Longhorns will likely have to shoot better from the foul line.

No. 1 Stanford 86, Arizona St. 67

STANFORD, Calif. — Every time Arizona State got close, Stanford's Casey Jacobsen hit a rally-killing 3-pointer. By the time Jacobsen was done, he had 24 points and the No. 1 Cardinal were still undefeated.

Jacobsen hit three of his four 3-pointers in the second half, including a four-point play midway through the period, as Stanford defeated the Sun Devils in the Pac-10 conference opener for both schools.

Mark Madsen added 14 points and 13 rebounds and Jarron Collins had 14 points for Stanford (12-0), playing its first conference game as the nation's top team. The Cardinal had played a series of overmatched opponents since moving up to No. 1 in mid-December.

No. 5 Arizona 65, California 61
BERKELEY, Calif. — Loren Woods scored 23 points, including two key baskets over the final 1:30, and No. 5 Arizona beat California in the teams' Pac-10 opener.

Michael Wright added 15 points and the freshman backcourt of Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner had 10 points each for the Wildcats (12-2), who won their conference opener for the third time in four years. Arizona coach Lute Olson picked up his 599th career victory.

North Carolina State 68, No. 12 Maryland 66

RALEIGH, N.C. — Justin Gainey's jumper from the right of the foul line with 1.3 seconds left gave North Carolina State a victory over No. 12 Maryland.

N.C. State (10-1, 1-0) had lost to Maryland five straight times at

home and nine of the last 11 meetings overall. The Wolfpack last beat Maryland in the semifinals of the 1997 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

The Terrapins (11-3, 0-1) tied the game 66-66 on Danny Miller's basket with 18 seconds to go.

No. 19 Illinois 80, No. 13 Ohio St. 77

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Freshman Frank Williams hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer as Illinois survived a frantic comeback by Ohio State in the Big Ten opener for both schools.

Ohio State, trailing most of the game and down 10 points in the second half, tied the game with five seconds left on a tip-in by Ken Johnson. Williams took the inbound pass, drove to the middle and put up his 3-pointer from above the key.

No. 14 North Carolina 65, Clemson 45

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Joseph Forte scored 15 points and the Tar Heels remained undefeated at home against Clemson. Forte provided the offensive spark the Tar Heels (10-4, 1-0 ACC) needed after a sluggish first half to improve to 46-0 against the Tigers in Chapel Hill.

The Tigers (6-7, 0-1) went 10 minutes without a point during a 16-0 run started by Forte's five points.

Louisville 75, No. 18 Utah 55
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nate Johnson scored 19 points and Tony Williams added 12 as the Cardinals snapped the Utes' nine-game winning streak.

Louisville (9-3), which led 72-42 with 5:13 remaining, won its fourth consecutive game since an embarrassing 76-46 loss at Kentucky on Dec. 18.

Washington 63, No. 24 UCLA 62

SEATTLE — Deon Luton scored 26 points and Washington outscored UCLA 7-2 over the final 1:20 for a victory over the 24th-ranked Bruins in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

No. 22 Tulsa slows down TCU

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — This wasn't the kind of game that Tulsa coach Bill Self expected in the Western Athletic Conference opener.

Instead of a close, down-to-the-wire finish against the nation's highest scoring team, No. 22 Tulsa continued its impressive run Thursday night with a 94-73 victory at Texas Christian.

"I really didn't anticipate what happened happening tonight," Self said. "My team keeps surprising me, pleasantly in that regard, but by no way did I think this was a game that wouldn't come down to the last two or three minutes."

The Golden Hurricane (14-1) have won seven straight games, all by at least 14 points. They held TCU (9-7), which was coming off games with 143 and 134 points, 21 points below its season average.

Brandon Kurtz scored 21 points, including an inside basket less than 10 seconds into the game that put Tulsa ahead to stay. Kurtz was 9-of-11 for the Golden Hurricane, who shot a season best 62 percent (39-of-63).

David Shelton added 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting for Tulsa, while Eric Coley added 18 points by going 9-of-13. Marcus Hill added 14 points, giving the Golden Hurricane at least four double figure scorers for the 12th time this season.

"The intensity and togetherness on the floor is unbelievable," Kurtz said. "We've got a lot of firepower and our quickness is at another level."

In his team's most recent two games, coach Billy Tubbs had let his players loose, pretty much abandoning defense for the shoot-first style of play for which he has earned much of his reputation. Those games were two of the four highest scoring games in school history, but the Horned Frogs couldn't come close against Tulsa.

Then again, Tulsa certainly is not on the same level as Grambling State or North Texas, a team the Golden Hurricane had beaten 113-77 a week earlier in its most previous game.

"The fact is they are a very balanced team, they just crushed us," Tubbs said. "They've got the full package and are playing with a lot of confidence."

When TCU got close and appeared ready to make

a run, first midway through the first half and then right after halftime, Tulsa responded quickly.

Like he did to start the game, Kurtz scored the opening basket of the second half. His putback in the first minute of the half extended the Tulsa lead to 48-31.

"We made a little comeback. We just got ourselves in a big hole and couldn't climb out of it," Tubbs said.

TCU then scored eight straight points, including 3-pointers by Ryan Carroll and Thomas McTyer. But the Golden Hurricane got most of it right back as a seven-point spurt that ended with another Kurtz putback with 16:31 left that made it 54-39.

The Golden Hurricane went on to build as much as a 27-point lead.

"Obviously, we played really well. We've been a team for the most part that's gotten off to good starts and made teams play catch-up, and that's what happened," Self said. "We played really well early and I don't TCU was really able to recover, so we always had them at arm's length."

By hitting six of its first seven shots in the game, Tulsa built a 14-7 lead by the first timeout. But the Golden Hurricane then made just two of their next 11 shots, allowing TCU to get within 19-16.

Tulsa rebounded with three consecutive 3-pointers, two by Hill and another by Tony Heard, to push the lead to more than double figures. Only once after that did TCU get the margin under 10.

Estell Laster led TCU with 19 points, while Myron Anthony had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

New Mexico State 74, Texas-El Paso 73

EL PASO — Mikko Noopila hit two free throws with 14 seconds remaining to give New Mexico State a victory over Texas-El Paso.

The Miners (9-4) had a chance to win the game but Reggie McRae turned the ball over with 0.9 seconds left. Billy Keys had 17 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead the Aggies (9-3).

Trailing 70-61 with 1:02 remaining in the game, Keys sparked a 13-3 New Mexico State with 7 points in that span. Brad Bestor followed with 12 points, Daveeno Hines scored 11 points and Eric Channing added 10.

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26	+130.61	+1.17	-2.12	+17.99
28	+69.72	+2.23	-1.85	-11.52
34	+53.53	+1.43	3.23	-5.96
54	+67.47	+1.04	-3.50	+3.01
76	-1.12	-1.3	-2.19	+21.84
13	-150.41	-3.88	-8.41	+60.23
45	+1.34	+10	-4.48	+10.53
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MUTUAL FUNDS

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

Thursday \$24.78
Previous \$24.91

POSTED

Thursday \$22.25
Previous \$22.25

NATURAL GAS

Thursday \$2.196
Previous \$2.168

Energy futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil futures fell for a fifth straight session Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange on word Mexico and Venezuela's oil ministers planned to meet Friday to discuss current output levels.

Crude oil for February delivery fell 13 cents to \$24.78 a barrel. February unleaded gasoline rose .31 cent to 67.89 a gallon on supply concerns.

February heating oil fell .27 cent to 66.28 cents a gallon; February natural gas rose 2.8 cents to \$2.196 for 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, North Sea Brent crude fell 11 cents to \$23.62 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar continued to rise against the yen Thursday, but Japanese financial authorities remain concerned that their currency is too high. The pound rose on signs of economic strength in England.

The euro was trading at \$1.0315 in late New York trading, unchanged from its level late Wednesday.

The British pound rose to \$1.6480 from \$1.6418 after a report showed a strong increase in retail sales in Britain last month, the latest sign leading analysts to expect a rate increase from the Bank of England next week.

The dollar also was quoted at 1.5555 Swiss francs, just above 1.5554 late Wednesday, and 1.4589 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4485.

Gold closed in London at \$279.20 per troy ounce, down from \$280.10 on Wednesday. In Zurich the bid was \$279.10, down from \$279.90.

Gold fell \$1.775 in Hong Kong to \$280.85.

Silver opened in London at \$6.13 per troy ounce, down from \$5.15.

Platinum prices

Platinum prices plummeted to a six-week low Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange in a continuing selloff by investors bracing for Russia to resume its massive exports of the metal.

The latest selloff by funds sent the price for the March contract down another \$7.90 to \$384 an ounce Thursday after dipping as low as \$388.10. The closing price is some 10 percent lower than the peak of \$435 reached on Dec. 14.

Cocoa futures

March cocoa futures shot up \$10 to \$841 a ton on New York's Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange on word of fresh tension in Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer. Reports said army troops were agitated after the formation of a new government on Wednesday, with shots fired at a barracks and soldiers stationed outside the state radio station to quell any disturbances.

Grains futures

Corn prices went in the opposite direction of other grains and soybeans, which declined on the Chicago Board of Trade, after Brazil bought 80,000 tons of corn from the United States instead of neighboring Argentina, its primary supplier. Traders also cited rumors that Brazil may buy a total of 250,000 tons. Both Brazil and Argentina have been affected by drought. March corn settled up 3/4 cent to \$2.03 3/4 a bushel after rising as high as \$2.05 3/4.

Some Internet addresses to be revoked

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of Internet addresses are being revoked in an unprecedented sweep blamed on a software glitch that allowed people to register Web site names nearly identical to those already owned by major corporations and others.

For nearly a month, a problem at a few of the world's 23 Internet companies selling Web addresses permitted customers to register names such as "www.microsoft.com" or "www.aol.com" and others with a trailing hyphen for about \$60 each.

The problem illustrates the growing pains associated with moving management of the Internet to private industry from under control of the federal government, which for years permitted only a single company to register Web addresses.

Network Solutions Inc. accepts new Web addresses from those companies into the world's master list of Internet names, but it also separately registers addresses

on its own. It said it noticed problems earlier this week from some other registration companies and began rejecting the unusual hyphenated addresses.

Network Solutions, based in Herndon, Va., said it was the responsibility of the nearly two-dozen companies selling addresses to filter inappropriate ones. But some of those companies said they believed that was the role of Network Solutions.

"Almost all the registrars did it exactly as it was supposed to be; a few didn't add that filtering," said Don Telage, a Network Solutions senior vice president. "They basically opened the registry to a technical glitch."

Records show that the master address list mistakenly accepted 846 of those names, which violate technical rules laid down years ago because leading or trailing hyphens can cause problems with some Internet computers.

"I saw they were available," said Patrick Anderson of Adnet International, a California marketing firm, who registered more than six such addresses, including "www.computers.com."

"If it's a fluke in the registration process, it's no big deal," Anderson said. "If they were allowed, then I wanted to make sure I was there first."

One of the companies that allowed Anderson and others to register the hyphenated addresses, Internet Domain Registrars of San Francisco, said Thursday it will revoke those names and reimburse or credit customers.

But the faulty addresses will remain live on the Internet until the task is finished.

"I don't believe the customers who applied for these domain names will have a problem letting go of them because they were invalid in the first place," said Paul Lum, a general manager at the company.

Network Solutions said Thursday it also will refund to those registration companies the \$9 fee it charges to accept each address into the master list.

"This is a new industry," Telage said. "You can't expect this to go off without a hitch. I think considering the time and effort that's gone into this, things are going pretty well."



Jets await the go-ahead from traffic control for take off at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Thursday. Problems with the FAA's air traffic control computer at Leesburg, Va., are delaying departures from airports in New York, Washington and throughout the mid-Atlantic.

FAA computer problem grounds flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer problems grounded airplanes Thursday for a second time this week, frustrating passengers trying to fly in and out of nearly a dozen cities across the eastern third of the nation, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Hundreds of flights were delayed when a computer at an FAA air traffic control center in Leesburg, Va., experienced problems transferring data about 6:45 a.m. EST. The computer processes information from radar systems, air traffic control centers around the East Coast and flight plans filed by airlines and individual pilots.

"Obviously people were inconvenienced, but they were not in danger,"

said William Shumann, a spokesman at FAA's headquarters in Washington. "The backup system is safe, but it's a much slower system with less capacity and so we have to hold airplanes on the ground."

Normal operations resumed at 9:49 a.m., but the delays left passengers sitting — up to two hours or more — aboard planes lined up on runways or waiting at gates for flights postponed or canceled.

Among the passengers grounded at Washington Reagan National Airport was Rep. Edward Pease, R-Ind., a member of the House Transportation

Committee's aviation panel. He was trying to fly to Indianapolis to deliver a speech, but his plane never took off.

"I think we had been on the plane for 1 1/2 hours. The flight was canceled," Pease said. "When we finally turned around and went back to the gate, there were planes everywhere."

Pease said the delay underscores the need for Congress to give the FAA money to further modernize the air traffic control system, which is currently undergoing a \$13 billion system upgrade. "There is clearly a need to upgrade equipment at the FAA and we've known about it for years."

Tech stocks plunge again, but old-fashioned industrials lift Dow

NEW YORK (AP) — Technology stocks fell for a third straight session Thursday as investors shifted money from the pricey shares that dominated trading in 1999 to blue-chip stalwarts like Caterpillar, 3M and Procter & Gamble.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 130.61 to 11,253.26. The Dow's strongest component was 3M, maker of Post-It notes and Scotch tape; 3M rose 7 1/2 to 100 3/4 during Wall Street's regular session.

The Nasdaq composite index, dominated by technology stocks, fell 150.41 to 3,727.13. It was the second-largest point loss in history for the Nasdaq, which has tumbled nearly 10 percent since closing

at a new record on Monday.

Broader market measures were mixed, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index rising 1.34 to 1,403.45.

Stocks continued the reversal of fortunes that has marked Wall Street this week. Technology stocks, which helped the Nasdaq composite to an unprecedented 86 percent gain in 1999, have plummeted as investors collected profits.

Meanwhile, cyclical companies, which thrive in a booming economy but languished last year in the frenzy for technology stocks, are soaring.

"Investors are selling Yahoo! to buy Caterpillar," said Charles Pradilla, chief

investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities in New York.

Indeed, Yahoo! was among the Nasdaq's steepest decliners, plummeting 42 5/16 to 368 3/16. Qualcomm, the best-performing stock in the Nasdaq and the Standard & Poor's 500 last year, fell 16 3/8 to 140 1/16.

While analysts again discounted much of the technology selloff as long-overdue profit-taking, fears of lower earnings for two high-tech firms depressed the sector. Personal computer maker Gateway warned late Wednesday its fourth-quarter profits would miss expectations due to a slowdown in sales. The company blamed

Year 2000 computer worries and component supply problems.

Still, most analysts expect the sector to rebound. Selling this week has been exacerbated by investors' desire to delay capital-gains taxes until 2001. Once investors find themselves flush with cash, many will return to the sector that rewarded them so richly in 1999, said Larry Rice, chief investment officer at Josephthal & Co. in New York.

"These stocks will bounce back," he said. "There are too many people who are still eager to buy. And these companies still hold great potential for making a lot of money."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stock prices follow profit expectations of each company

By Eric Tyson

Q: Why do investors continue bidding up the price of some stocks while others languish?

A: Companies that are publicly traded on the stock exchanges are supposed to maximize profits — that's what their shareholders generally want. Higher profits and the expectations of higher profits make stock prices rise. Most private companies seek to maximize profits as well, but have much more latitude to pursue other goals.

Following are ways that companies maximize profits:

Build a brand name. Coca-Cola, for example, and many types of well-known beers rate comparably in blind taste tests to many generic colas and beers that are far cheaper. Yet some consumers are willing to fork over more of their hard-earned loot because of the name and packaging. Companies build brand names largely through advertising and other promotion.

Better meet customer needs. Some companies are able to develop or promote an invention or innovation that better meets customer needs. Consider the personal

computer. In the "old days" if you wanted to write a business letter, report or book, you did it on a typewriter. Editing was a wearisome, time-consuming process. If you made a mistake, you either started the page over or retrieved the "white-out." Personal computers revolutionized the way people write and edit their work. Of course, computers aren't better in all ways — you might lose an entire document due to a major computer glitch.

Open new markets to your products. Many successful U.S.-based companies, for example, have been stampeding into foreign countries to sell their products. Although some adaptation is usually required to sell the product overseas, selling an already proven and developed product or service to new markets increases a company's chances for success.

Be in related businesses. This is what has been causing the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department to challenge Microsoft's business strategies. Microsoft develops the operating systems, such as Windows and DOS, on which most personal computers run software. All the computer software, such as word-processing software, must run on and be compatible with the operating systems. Microsoft is in the business of developing and selling "compatible" software as well.

Manage costs. Smart companies control costs. Lowering the cost of manufacturing their products or

providing their services allows companies to offer their products and services more cheaply. It may help fatten the bottom line. Sometimes, though, companies try to cut too many corners, and it comes back to haunt them in the form of dissatisfied customers — or even lawsuits based on a faulty or dangerous product.

Watch the competition. Successful companies don't necessarily mimic the competition but keep an eye on what they're doing. If lots of competitors are targeting one part of the market, some companies target a less pursued segment, which, if they can capture it, may produce higher profits thanks to the reduced competition. It takes courageous and intelligent management to avoid following the herd.

Profitable companies use a host of other tactics to maintain and increase profits. Higher profits generally lead to higher stock prices. A healthier financial condition also increases a company's ability to pay interest on and repay its debt (bond) obligations.

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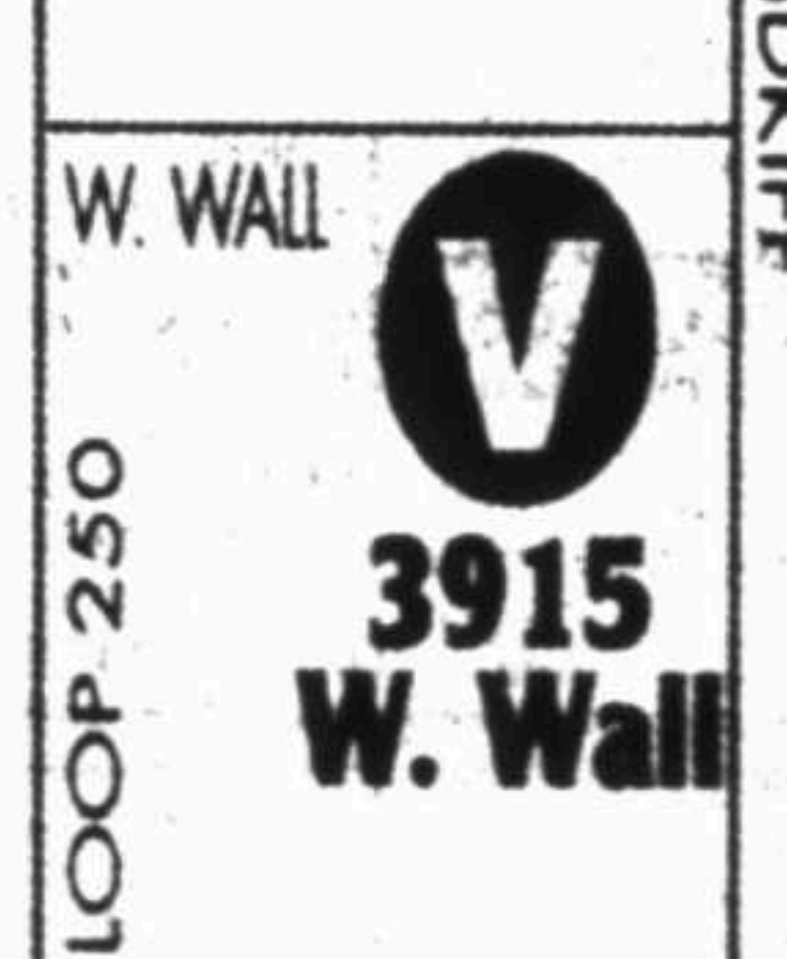
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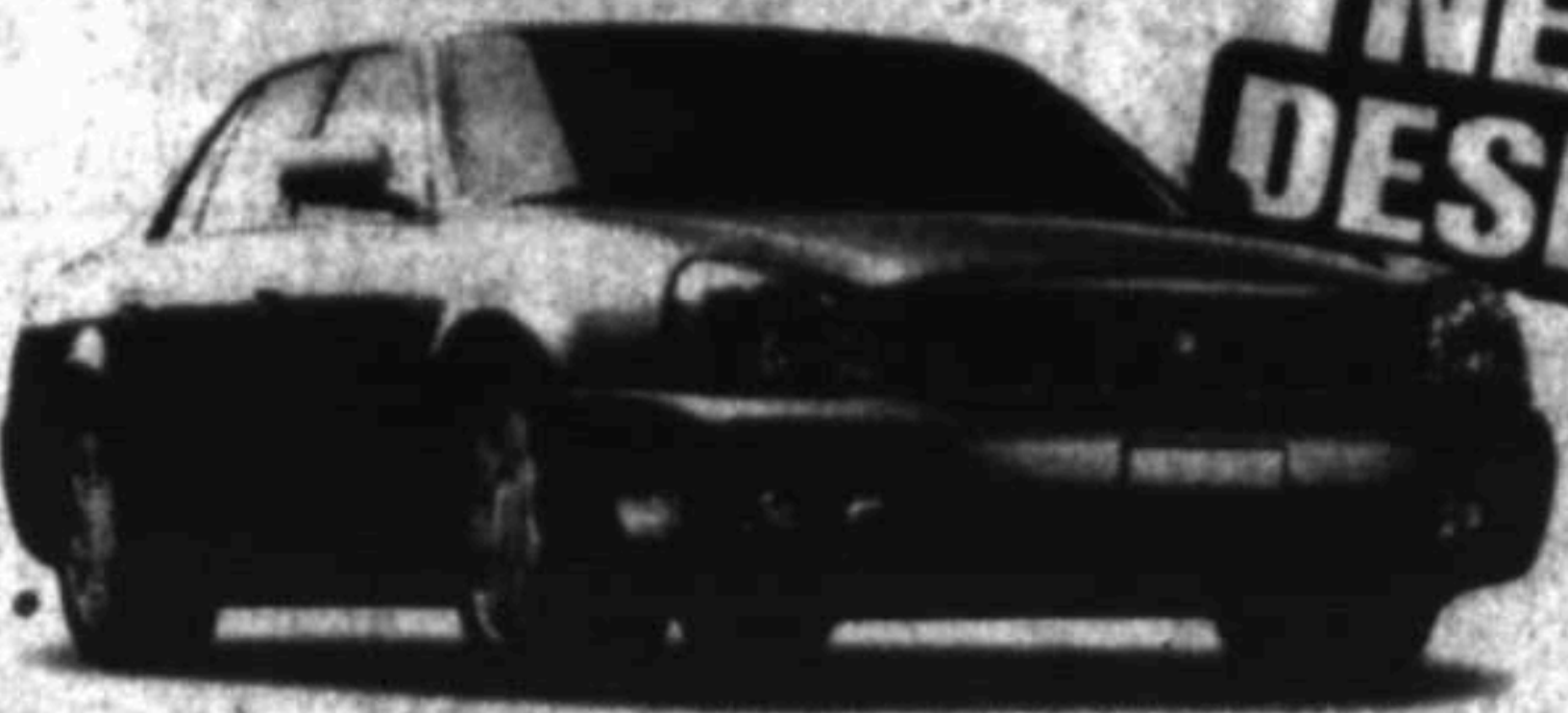
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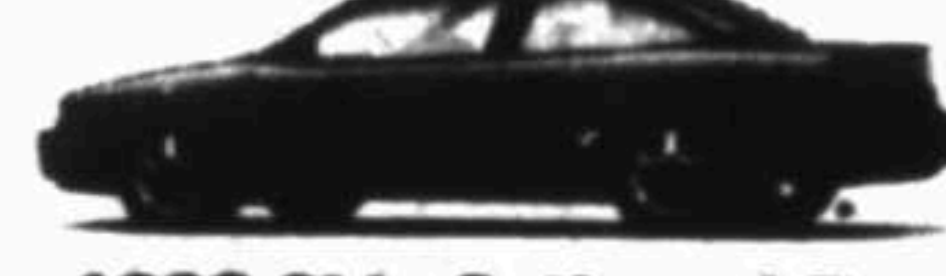
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Honest single white mom of two, 41, 5'1", 116lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys watching movies, dining out, and spending time with her children, is seeking a single white male, 44-55, for friendship and maybe more. Ad# 8960

TEENY BEAR

Pretty, sincere single white female, 45, who enjoys dining out, music and more, is looking for a single white male, 44-55. Ad# 6436

ALL IN TIME

Friendly, honest single Hispanic female, 21, 5'3", with dark hair/eyes, a student, who enjoys going to clubs, movies and dancing, is looking for a sincere single Hispanic male, 21-35. Ad# 4859

FABULOUS

Humorous single black female, 22, 5'8", 168lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys time with friends, movies and romantic evenings, is seeking a compatible single male, 30-40, who likes children. Ad# 3796

THE NEXT MOVE IS YOURS

Single white female, 19, 5'11", a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys industrial music, swimming, working out, movies and spending time with friends, is seeking an outgoing single white male, 19-28. Ad# 8008

ONE FINE DAY

Friendly single white female, 58, 5'6", a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys dancing, travel, sightseeing and more, is searching for a single white male, 57-65. Ad# 2860

VISION OF TWO

Single white female, 41, who enjoys flea markets, horseback riding, movies, and dining out, is seeking a trustworthy, easygoing single white male, 48-52. Ad# 6328

SUGAR & SPICE

Single black female, 19, 5'4", 130lbs., with brown hair and hazel-green eyes, is interested in sharing friendship with a single black male, 18-29. Ad# 1066

JUST LIKE YOU

Single white Christian mom, 40, 5'7", 145lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dancing and quiet evenings, is looking for friendship with a single white male, 38-45. Ad# 5310

A TRUE AQUARIAN

Movies, cooking, travel, antiques and meeting new people, are interests of this single white female, 49, 5'8", with long dark hair and green eyes. She seeks an adventurous, spontaneous single white male, 44-55. Ad# 9700

FRIENDLY

Single white Christian female, 28, is seeking a nice, friendly single white male, willing to share his time. Ad# 9716

QUIET TIMES

Caring single Hispanic female, 39, who enjoys yard work, reading and movies, is seeking a compatible, easygoing single male, Ad# 4102

ADORABLE

Single black female, 20, 5'10", 105lbs., with long black hair and hazel eyes, is seeking single black male, 18-29, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3087

SWEET & PETITE

Outgoing, caring single white Christian female, 36, 5'1", 105lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys cooking, dancing, dining out, movies, camping and more, is seeking a single white Christian male, 32-42. Ad# 6996

PATIENTLY WAITING

Get in touch with this outgoing, fun single Hispanic professional female, 26, 5'9", 115lbs., with brown eyes. She is searching for a single white male, under 36, who also enjoys movies, dining out, dancing and good conversations. Ad# 9961

POWERS TRUE

Outgoing single white professional female, 33, 5'4", with red hair and brown eyes, seeks an honest, communicative single white male, 27-40, who enjoys yard work, baseball games, movies and dining out. Ad# 9283

A LOT OF FUN

Fun-loving single white female, 58, 5'3", 120lbs., with grey hair and brown eyes, enjoys yard work, travel and dining out. She's looking for a single white male, 58-62, who enjoys walking and conversation. Ad# 2971

ROMANTIC MOMENTS

Outgoing divorced Hispanic professional mom of three, 28, 5'1", 145lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is interested in meeting a romantic, family-oriented single Hispanic male, 24-36, who will be there for her. Ad# 9565

TREAT ME RIGHT

You may be right for this easygoing, fun single white mom of one, 25, 5'8", who enjoys music, movies and more. She seeks a nice single white male, 28-40, who likes quiet times home. Ad# 1245

WARM & LOVING

Outgoing, devoted divorced Hispanic mom, 28, 5'1", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys being, decorating and family activities, seeks a sincere, understanding single Hispanic male, 24-36, who is family-oriented. Ad# 4353

CHARISMATIC

Fun-loving single white mother, 34, 5'11", 140lbs., with Auburn hair and brown eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, gardening and more, seeks a sincere, wholesome single male. Ad# 7596

OUR LOVE IS HERE

Friendly, full-figured single black female, 25, with black and brown eyes, is seeking a caring single male, 21-35, who enjoys romantic movies, candlelit dinners, walks in the park and more. Ad# 2379

SOUND GREAT

Honest, caring single white mom, 24, 5'6", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a sincere, honest single white male, 24-32. Ad# 5571

NICE CHANGE

Long walks, nature and traveling are all interests this educated single white mom, 46, hopes to share with an honest, secure single white male, 45-58, who loves the Lord. Ad# 3521

DON'T MISS OUT

Meet this adventurous single white female, 36, who has her heart set on sharing wonderful times with a kind, caring single white male, 35-45, whose interests include music, dancing, playing pool, boating, movies, and sports. Ad# 1337

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

I'm a witty divorced white female, 40, 5'8lbs., with blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, dancing, reading and cooking. I'm interested in a serious relationship with a sports-oriented single white male, 40-45, non-drinker, non-smoker, who enjoys theater. Ad# 1631

SHARE MY CALL

Outspoken single white female, 32, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys billiards, dancing, photography, meeting new people and her pets, is looking for a compassionate single white male, 32-42, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 187

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

Outgoing and personable describes this friendly, employed single white female, 46, 5'4", 115lbs., with long brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Are you known as a single black male, 40-46, who enjoys the same? Ad# 9521

JOYS OF LIFE

Outgoing, compassionate single white male, 24, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys watching the stars, taking drives, and just having fun. He is looking for a single white female, 18-27, with beautiful eyes. Ad# 5219

LET'S TALK SOON

Outgoing single Hispanic male, 28, with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys working out, playing sports and jogging, is looking for a single white female, 19-32, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 8462

TAKE A LOOK

You'll enjoy spending time with this fun-loving, very outgoing single Hispanic male, 32, 5'4", medium build, dark hair, light brown eyes, who is searching for that special gal, an active, single female, 21-30, who enjoys sports, the arts and the outdoors. Ad# 8444

QUIET EVENINGS WITH YOU

Easy to get along with, single Hispanic professional male, 24, enjoys movies, collecting cars, and having quiet evenings at home, is seeking an outgoing, easy to get along with, single Hispanic female. Ad# 3258

A GREAT GUY LADIES!

Humorous, very honest single white male, 42, 6'1", 195lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, is looking for a single white female, under 49, for a possible relationship and share good laughs with. Ad# 9743

JOYS OF LIFE

Humorous single white female, 42, 6'1", 190lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys good conversation, fishing and hiking, wants to meet up with a fun-loving, honest single white female, 30-45, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1753

ZEST FOR LIFE

Fun, easygoing single white male, 32, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys his job, music, reading, and movies, is seeking a similar single Hispanic female, 32 or under. Ad# 5958

LET'S CHAT

He's a sensitive, outgoing single white male, 26, 6'6", medium build, with dark hair/eyes, searching for that special lady he can call his own. Are you the pretty single female, over 18, who enjoys horseback riding and going to church. He's looking for a single white female, 18+. Ad# 8674

SEEKS SOUL MATE

Everyone says it's a humorous single white male, 35, 6'1", 190lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, that enjoys fishing, long walks, quiet talks, and sports. He's hoping to meet a single white female, 18-45, who is as versatile as he is. Ad# 6889

ROAD TO ADVENTURE

Handsome, honest, single white professional male, 50, 5'7", 155lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, is seeking an outgoing, caring single white female, 25-50, with long hair, who likes conversations, travel, dining, and movies. Ad# 6293

CIRCLE THIS ONE!

He's a friendly, outgoing single Hispanic male, 31, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who is seeking a humorous, spontaneous single female, 24-33. Ad# 7054

WORTH THE OVER

Personable, outgoing single black male, 34, who enjoys doing outdoor activities, collecting train sets, and would like to meet an active, pretty single black or Hispanic female. Ad# 4287

GOOD TIMES

Easy to get along with, this employed single Hispanic male, 26, with long brown hair/eyes, who enjoys karate, is seeking a single white female, 30, with similar interests. Ad# 7081

JULIET, WHERE ARE YOU?

Exciting and adventurous, this single white male, 26, 6'1", 165lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports and more, seeks an outgoing single white female, 18-32, who knows how to have fun. Ad# 7078

UNTIL NOW

He's an outgoing single white professional male, 43, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys dining out, country living, fishing, travel and rodeos, in search of a single white female, over 21. Ad# 9992

DO YOU RELATE?

Single white male, 18, 6'2", slim, shaved head, wants to find that sweet, understanding, single white female, under 30, who shares his thoughts on having a interesting, enjoyable and fun-filled life. Ad# 4188

THE FIRST TO CALL

Easygoing single Hispanic male, 39, 5'7", 165lbs., who likes good music, dancing, parties and the outdoors, is in search of a single white female, 26-36. Ad# 5712

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Humorous, self-employed single white male, 38, 5'9", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, seeks an honest, non-drinking, drug-free, single white female, 25-36, who likes children and enjoys bowling, the outdoors and dining. Ad# 8383

HE'S RIGHT HERE

Outgoing, friendly and sweet all describe this single white male, 21, 6'1", 185lbs., with blond hair and brown eyes. Are you described as a single white female, 19-23, who enjoys sports, great conversations and more? If yes, make the call. Ad# 7774

COWBOYS FAN

Witty, honest single white male, 25, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown/eyes, who enjoys his work, horses, camping, the outdoors and sports, is seeking a humorous single white female, 20-30, with similar interests. Ad# 9400

MUCH TO OFFER

Fun-loving single white male, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., a blue-eyed blond, who enjoys sporting events, and going out clubbing, is seeking a petite, cute single white female, with good family values. Ad#

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310 Help Wanted
FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and drivers license required. Leave name/number (915)553-1464.

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GREENHOUSE workers needed. Apply: Bonnie Plant Farm, 3412 South County Road 1130, (Hwy 80 toward Garden City, left onto 120 East, approximately 2 miles.)

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NEEDING JEANS and shirt presser. Please call 682-0072.

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Veterinarian Assistant and Kennel person. No smoking environment. Send resume to box 4371, Midland TX, 79704.

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NEW HIRING
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RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY. Full time for busy law office. Needs Corel & WPB. Apply to Box P-6104, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1850, Midland, TX 79702.

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SAW HAND- Full time position. Saw experience helpful but not required. Pay \$5.40/hour. To apply please call Manpower, 4000 N. Big Spring, Ste. #113, The Ennon Building.

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SHOPPERS' HOTLINE has a part time position available. Requirements include: must be 18 years of age, great communication skills, a real person, independent worker, creative thinker, dependable transportation, valid drivers license and proof of insurance. Must be able to work days, evenings, and weekends. This job will require you to work in our participating stores to recruit new members into the Shopper's Hotline Program. Come by 15 Byron Rd., or call 684-8240 Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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ST. LUKE'S Child development program is taking applications for Child Care Workers. Experience preferred but not required. Apply at 3011 W. Kanawha. Previous applicants need not apply.

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SWIMMING POOL JOURNEYS/ Installer. Knowledge of swimming pool electrical, plumbing, excavation, maintenance. Hard working, dependable. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply at: 10800 West Interstate 20 (West of Warfield Truck Stop). Benefits: EOE.

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TAKING applications for Pressers. No phone calls please. Apply in person, 4415 N. Garfield.

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TEACHER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Child Care Center. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off, teacher only. Salary DOE. Non-smoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 589-5309.

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79705
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79705
5210 WEST STOREY: Saturday- 8:00 until 1:00! Three family sale! Miscellaneous items!

79705
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