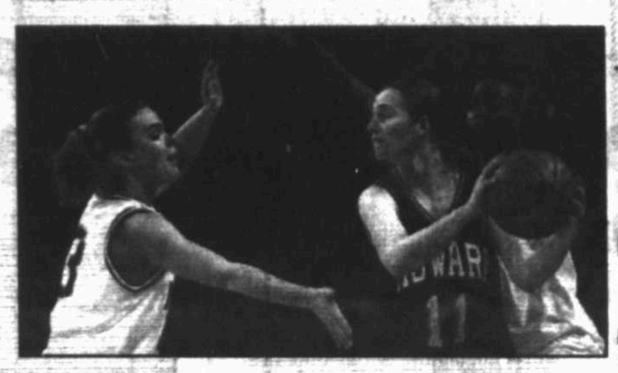


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At age 8, Stevie Young was inspired by professional golfer Seve Ballesteros. Now 20, Young begins his first year as a pro./**1B**



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Gore preaches from King's pulpit



Vice President Al Gore and Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., clasp hands during services honoring Dr. King at the Ebenezer Church in Atlanta Monday.

AP Photo

■ Vice president points to increase in civil rights enforcement expenditures as evidence of commitment.

By Lori Wiechman
Associated Press

ATLANTA — In a sermonlike speech from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s former pulpit, Vice President Al Gore marked the King holiday Monday by laying out a plan to increase civil rights spending by $86 million.

The Clinton administration will propose spending $602 million to enforce civil rights laws in the 1999 budget, up from $516 million this year, Gore said.

"This is a priority. That is why it received such an enormous increase when almost everything else in the budget is being decreased," Gore said at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Elsewhere around the nation, the slain civil rights leader was remembered with prayers, service projects, parades and, for the first time, a halt in trading on U.S. financial markets. King would have turned 69 last week.

Gunfire at a King Day parade at Baton Rouge, La., killed one person and wounded three young children. Police said the shooting was the result of a fight and race was not a factor.

Gore, speaking to a crowd that included King's widow, adopted a more animated, almost fire-and-brimstone style, compared

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■ One killed, three wounded at Baton Rouge King Day parade/**4A**
■ Minister calls on Midlanders to remember the dream/**4A**

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AP Photo

Perkins dies

Carl Perkins, the rock 'n' roll pioneer whose song "Blue Suede Shoes" and rapid-fire guitar playing influenced Elvis Presley and the Beatles, died Monday in Jackson, Tenn. He was 65.

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Suspects arrested

SANTA LUCIA COTZUMALGUAPA, Guatemala — Guatemalan security forces have arrested four suspects and were hunting for three others Monday after five American college students were raped in a daylight ambush of their bus. The rapes and robbery of the students from St. Mary's College in Maryland, on an anthropology tour of Guatemala, provoked outrage calls to end surging lawlessness.

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Abortion debate

FITCHBURG, Mass. — Across from the City Hall lawn, where the mayor once ordered jackhammers to drown out reproductive rights crusader Bill Baird, the reality of abortion has taken root. The Pro Health clinic on Main Street is as much a part of downtown as the granite facade of Christ Church, the angel atop the Civil War monument, or the Salvatore Brothers Music Box store.

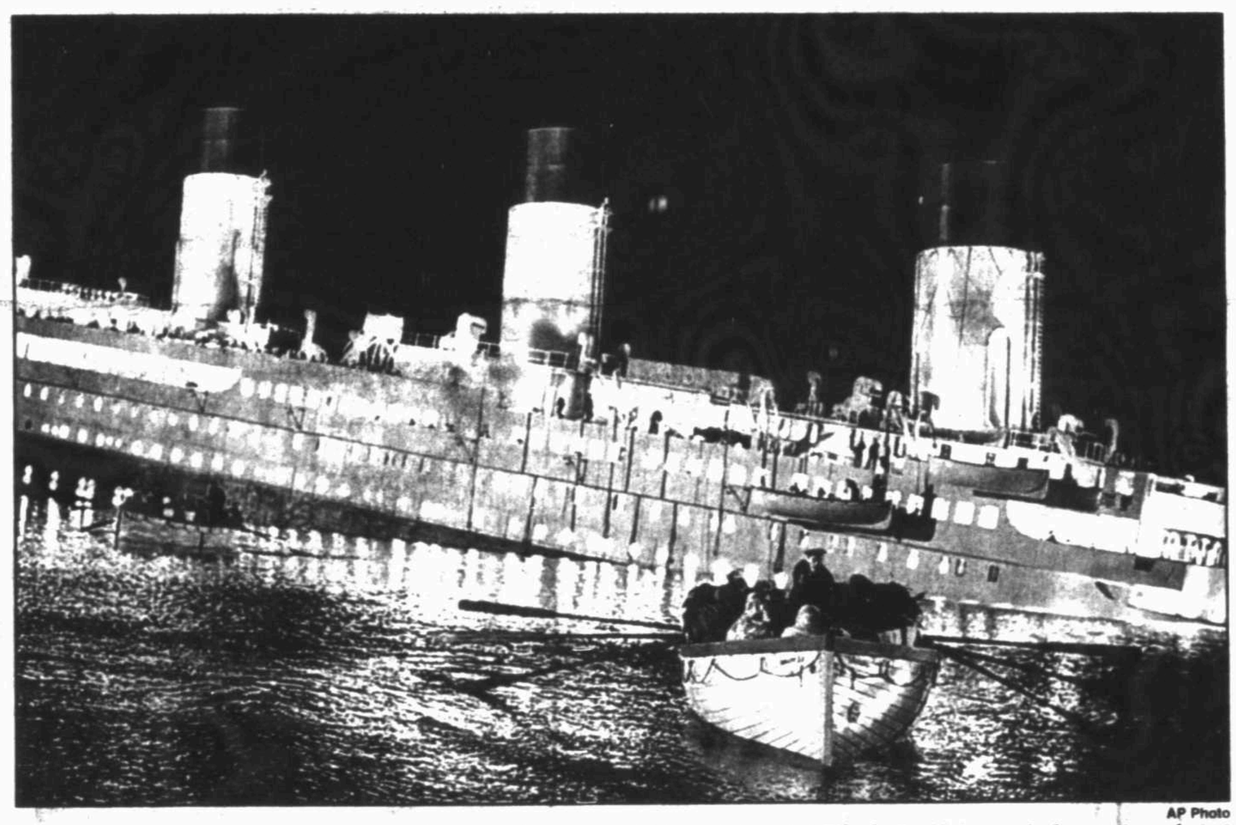
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'TITANIC' UNSINKABLE



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Actors portray passengers rowing to safety, above, in a scene from the movie "Titanic," which won in four categories at the 55th Annual Golden Globes Sunday.

Local moviegoers flood theater to see hit



AP Photo

Director James Cameron, center, poses with Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio at the Golden Globe Awards.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland moviegoers have not been immune to the juggernaut of a movie, "Titanic."

The most expensive movie ever made, at a cost of more than $200 million, "Titanic" has topped the North American box office for five consecutive weeks and is playing well in a number of other countries.

Sunday evening the movie won four Golden Globe awards — best dramatic motion picture, best director, best original score and best song. The movie is also expected to be a top Academy Award contender when nominations are announced in February.

Locally, the film has been well received.

"Most afternoon and evening shows on the weekends have been selling out," said Marty Felts, general manager of the Hollywood Theater Tall City Ten. Open on Dec. 19, the movie also sold out on weekdays during the school holidays, he added.

"This is a little busier than we had expected," he said.

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Texas cattlemen take beef with Oprah to court

AMARILLO (AP) — You don't have to look — or smell — too long to realize Amarillo is in the heart of Texas cattle country. This is a place of majestic ranches, pungent feedyards and real-life cowboys.

It is here that Oprah Winfrey must defend herself against a beef-defamation lawsuit filed by local cattlemen.

The talk show host is accused of falsely spreading word that American beef could cause mad cow disease in people in the United States.

Ms. Winfrey's lawyers tried to have the case moved from this Panhandle town of 165,000 to Dallas, a more cosmopolitan city about a six-hour drive away.

Instead, jury selection is set for Tuesday in an area that produces 25 percent of the nation's grain-fed cattle, in a city where the largest private employer is a slaughterhouse and in a courthouse that has a mural of cattle above the elevators.

Despite the red meat influences, Amarillo is torn between its support for the industry and its love of the celebrity attention.

Word that Ms. Winfrey would tape her show in Amarillo on Thursday and Friday while in town for the trial practically caused a stampede for tickets.

"There's push and pull on both sides," said Bobby Lee, co-owner of the Big Texan Steak Ranch, home of the free 72-ounce steak to anyone who can eat it in an hour.

According to court documents, defense attorneys would be OK with an Amarillo trial if they could discuss the case publicly. Instead, they are bound by a gag order imposed by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson.

Industry insiders say the less heard about the case, the better.

Clark Willingham, president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said his fear is that the trial will dredge up fears about mad cow disease — the thing that started this case in the first place.

Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler is suing Ms. Winfrey and vegetarian activist Howard Lyman over comments they made about beef safety on her April 16, 1996, show.

During the show, Lyman said that feeding ground-up animal parts to cattle, a practice that was banned in the United States last summer, could spread mad cow disease to humans in the United States. To applause from the studio audience, Ms. Winfrey exclaimed: "It has just stopped me from eating anoth-

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Mayor signs 'Luke Dunn Day' proclamation for teen-age conservationist



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Luke Dunn poses beside a conservation project he built as an Eagle Scout project.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The conservationist in Midland teenager Luke Dunn has earned him the "Luke Dunn Day" distinction as proclaimed by Midland Mayor Bobby Burns for his embarking on a four-pronged educational-environmental project in Midland.

"It's a long-term research project," Dunn, 17, said of his playa-lake project within the 49-acre Sibley Environmental Learning Center at Hogan Park.

The project expands the Center's mission in four basic ways:

■ Creating a water-well-fed playa lake, replete with an island, to attract wildlife, especially migratory birds such as snowy plovers and avocets, and to protect them from predators via the island.

■ Planting the beginnings of a shinnery-oak forest on a sand-dune mound, which was created by the excavation necessary to create the playa lake.

■ Recycling mulch from discarded grass clippings and shredded trees from the Midland landfill and lining an earthen dam at a pond on the Center's grounds.

■ Illustrating the worth and benefits of soil-and-water conservation through the playa lake and its adjoining shinnery-oak mound and the mulch-covered dam.

In his proclamation, Burns said that Dunn's project, which was two years in the planning and developing, will "significantly enhance the Sibley Environmental Learning Center's ability to carry out its mission" in promoting soil-and-water conservation to the benefit of people, especially science students, and the area's fauna and flora.

The Center is owned and operated by the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District.

Dunn, who is the son of Tim and Terri Dunn and grandson of Harry Spannaus of Midland, is a home-schooled junior and an Eagle Scout.

In fact, after earning Scouting's highest rank early into his youth at age 14, Dunn was in search of another goal that would complement Scouting.

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Guatemalan bandits rob, rape American students in daylight attack

SANTA LUCIA COTZUMALGUAPA, Guatemala (AP) — Guatemalan security forces have arrested four suspects and were hunting for three others Monday after five American college students were raped in a daylight ambush of their bus.

The rapes and robbery of the students from St. Mary's College in Maryland, on an anthropology tour of Guatemala, provoked outrage in the United States and calls here to end surging lawlessness.

The student group's pink-and-white bus was forced off the highway Friday afternoon into a sugar cane field by gunmen riding in two pickup trucks, police said at the scene here, 45 miles southwest of Guatemala City.

Vowing to obtain justice, Interior Minister Rodolfo Mendoza said two suspects were arrested soon after Friday's attack and had provided the names of their accomplices — reportedly seven in all.

"The security forces are trying to capture the (suspects) ... so that they can face the full force of the law," said Mendoza, who declined to discuss specifics of the case in which five young women were raped.

A police detective told The Associated Press that two more men had been detained Monday in Guatemala City and taken to a prison in the capital city.

"This group specialized in robbing long-distance tour buses. They have been operating for some time," said the detective, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The detective said the two men captured Monday were not soldiers but had been found with a duffel bag full of uniforms and camouflage rain slickers. He said it was not known why the men had such gear.

The students, 12 women and one man, were returning to Guatemala City after a tour of historic and cultural sites. They were accompanied by two male faculty members and a female administrator from St. Mary's College, a public, four-year liberal arts school 70 miles southeast of Washington.

In Washington, President Clinton decried Friday's ambush and said he was confident that Guatemalan authorities will handle the case appropriately.

"I have a lot of concern, obviously, for the victims and their families," Clinton told reporters. "It's a terrible thing. ... We are persuaded the government is taking appropriate action."

The U.S. State Department does not warn American citizens against traveling to Guatemala. However, its consular information sheet does note that crime has been increasing in the country. The department said entire groups of American tourists have been victims of rape, kidnappings, violent assaults and shootings.



AP Graphic

Far from home, the students were traveling in a country flush with weapons. Banditry has surged here since 1996, when leftist rebels and the government ended their 36-year civil war.

The bus driver, Victor Anibal Lopez Arias, told The Associated Press that the bandits forced him over and fired shots in the air at the outset of the robbery.

"We were there some two hours being threatened. They told us if we moved, they would kill us," Lopez Arias, 33, said in a brief telephone interview.

He said they forced everyone off the bus and seized luggage, money and other items. "They raped one senorita in the bus and the other four met a similar fate when they were taken into the canefield," he said.

Local police chief Jose Patzan said he and his officers arrived afterward and chased down one suspect, a 37-year-old man.

"He was fat. He couldn't run. He was with the group but he couldn't keep up," said Patzan, who is in charge of this city in the heart of sugar cane country, 45 miles southwest of Guatemala City.

Patzan said police and soldiers found the women crying, in apparent shock.

After the attack, the women were taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors offered to examine them. The students signed a declaration refusing treatment.

Emma Perez, an administrator at the Seguro Social Hospital in Santa Lucia, said the students demanded to be seen by a U.S. Embassy doctor, waiting until 11 p.m., when they gave up and returned to Guatemala City.

"The young ladies seemed very affected, tearful," she said.

The police chief, Patzan, has seven officers and eight soldiers who help him out in Santa Lucia. He has only one truck, which can't go over 20 mph.

Asked if he had problem of highway robberies under control, he said: "Sincerely, we do what we can, but as things are, it would be a lie to say that we can serve everyone."

He said the attack on the American students followed the robbery of another bus the previous day.

Guatemala has seen a surge of common crime since the government and leftist rebels signed a peace accord in December 1996. Kidnappings and robberies have become common, frequently targeting the wealthy and foreigners. Such crimes have provided revenue for common criminals who have taken up arms even as leftist rebels have laid theirs down.

Cohen warns China on Iranian shipping threat

BEIJING (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen warned China on Monday that its improving relations with the United States will suffer if Iran uses Chinese-made anti-ship cruise missiles to disrupt the flow of Persian Gulf oil.

At the same time, Cohen said he was pleased to hear a reaffirmation by China's defense minister, Gen. Chi Haotian, that his government planned to sell Iran no more of the missiles, which are a potential threat to all ships in the Gulf.

Cohen did not say — and his aides refused to explain — whether Chi had gone beyond President Jiang Zemin's remark to President Clinton last fall that China had "no intention" of selling more C-801 and C-802 cruise missiles to Iran. Cohen came to Beijing in search of an ironclad assurance on the missile issue.

Cohen was expected to elaborate on the matter at a news conference Tuesday before meeting with Jiang and then flying to Tokyo for the sixth stop on his seven-nation Asia tour.

In a speech Monday to officers at the Academy of Military Science, Cohen pointedly reminded China that it, like many other countries, relies on a free flow of oil in the Persian Gulf. In the U.S. view, Iran poses a threat to disrupt oil commerce with the land- and ship-based cruise missiles it bought from China.

Cohen said a disruption of the flow of oil from the Gulf would hurt China, too.

"Should that disruption occur through the use of weapon technology provided by China, it clearly would also have a damaging political effect on China's relations with many countries around the world, including the United States," he said.

In his speech to the military academy, which is roughly equivalent to the U.S. National War College, Cohen focused on encouraging China to be more open about its military capabilities and intentions.

"We all were taught that dealing with an adversary requires secrecy and surprise," Cohen said. "But our experience has taught us that dealing with a partner requires openness and confidence."

Cohen emphasized that the United States recognizes that China is an emerging Asian power, and that the Clinton administration does not see China as an enemy. But he also reminded China that the United States is the only superpower.

"Our two countries have a fundamental choice," Cohen said. "We can work together toward our common interest, or we can work against each other. The United States will succeed on either path."

The Clinton administration has been striving to repair relations with Beijing since a confrontation in March 1996 when China lobbed ballistic missiles near Taiwan's shores and Clinton responded by sending two aircraft carriers to the area.

In what he characterized as an important step for the Chinese military, Cohen and several of his top aides were given a tour of a regional aid defense command center, which protects a 200-mile radius around Beijing from air threats.

Cohen aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the air defense center was a nondescript, eight-story building in a southeast sector of Beijing. They were told that it not only monitors air activity with radar but also controls surface-to-air missiles designed to shoot down hostile planes or missiles.

The aides said the command center was more modern than they had expected in some respects but was a mixture of technology dating from the late 1950s to the 1980s.

U.S. officials said it was the first time a Westerner had been allowed inside the air defense headquarters. They said the Chinese had been so secretive about the site that until this month they denied it existed; Cohen's trip planners were not given the address of the site until a few days before he arrived in Beijing on Saturday.

Also on Monday, Cohen and Chi, the defense minister, signed a military maritime cooperation agreement that is designed to avoid naval incidents in the Pacific.

At a signing ceremony, Chi said the accord "marked a new and substantive progress in relations between the two countries and between the two militaries."

Cohen said it was the United States' first formal agreement with the People's Liberation Army. The accord, worked out during Jiang's visit to Washington last October, commits both militaries to regular meetings to discuss the activities of their sea and air forces and the rules of the nautical road.

"As our naval and air forces have more contact, this agreement will increase understanding and reduce the chances of miscalculation," Cohen said. It demonstrates a "maturing relationship" that is gradually improving, he said.

WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Romanian police seize rubies

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian police are investigating a suspected international gem smuggling operation after seizing 12,000 rubies in northeastern Romania.

Twenty-two pounds of rubies were seized when they were withdrawn from a bank, Col. Ioan Toarba of the Iasi county police told the official Rompres news agency Monday. Police said the gems were being used as collateral for bank loans.

There was no official word on the value of the rubies, but the newspaper Romania Libera quoted one expert as saying they could be worth up to $10 million.

Toarba said the rubies were sent to Romania by a German company last year and transferred to a bank in Iasi, 200 miles northeast of Bucharest.

Florea Gheorghe Cristian, the man arrested in December in possession of the rubies, has been released, but he is still under investigation for smuggling.

■ Smoker blows up Chinese factory

BEIJING — A cigarette smoker who lit up in a small fireworks factory set off an explosion that killed 17 people, three of them children, Chinese media reported Monday.

The owner of the illegally run factory and his family were among those killed in the Jan. 11 blast in Susong, eastern Anhui province, the state-run Liberation Daily newspaper said.

Investigators determined that the smoker's lighter touched off flammable materials stacked in the four-room factory, the newspaper said.

Each year, scores of people die in explosions in small Chinese factories, often operated out of private homes without any official authorization or regard for safety precautions.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

U.N. weapons inspector dismisses Iraqi deadline

By Leon Barkho
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Arriving Monday to face the latest crisis with Iraq, Chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler dismissed an Iraqi deadline for arms inspectors to finish their work and once again accused Baghdad of concealing banned weapons material.

Butler also said no sites in Iraq — even President Saddam Hussein's dozens of palaces — should be off-limits to his arms monitors.

The visit comes one day after Iraqi officials, fearful that their confrontation with Butler's inspectors could lead to a U.S. military strike, urged Iraqis to volunteer for weapons training.

On Monday, 5,000 Iraqis demonstrated in front of the inspectors' Baghdad headquarters, burning American flags and chanting "Butler is an American agent" and "With our blood and souls we will defend you, Saddam." The protests were organized by government-sponsored trade unions.

In central Baghdad, Iraqi authorities organized a funeral procession for 73 children they said died Monday because of a lack of medical supplies. Although U.N. economic sanctions do not bar the import of food or medicine, Iraq says the embargo has left it without the money to import vital medicines.

It was the third government-sponsored funeral procession since October.

The United States repeatedly has demanded that Iraq fully cooperate with U.N. inspectors trying to dismantle Iraqi programs to build long-range missiles and chemical and biological weapons.

Washington has called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis, but has not ruled out the use of military force, despite the reluctance of other countries to go along.

In the latest in a series of threats by Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president vowed Saturday to suspend cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if they did not finish their work by May 20.

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> — Richard Butler, chief U.N. weapons inspector

"The idea of an in-advance deadline is something which will not work," Butler said.

All along, Butler has insisted that Saddam, despite his attempts to alter the composition of the teams and the scope of the monitoring, has no power to dictate the terms of the inspections. He and others claim Saddam's threats are aimed at creating an excuse to prevent inspections just as monitors are closing in on evidence of weapons developments.

"There is a concealment program in this country," Butler said.

Last week, Butler withdrew a U.N. weapons team led by American Scott Ritter after Iraqi authorities prevented him from working. Baghdad says Americans and Britons, whose countries it claims are bent on punishing Iraq with sanctions as long as Saddam is in power, are overrepresented on Ritter's team.

Iraq also accused Ritter, who has worked on anti-concealment teams, of espionage. Asked whether he intended to send Ritter back to Baghdad, Butler said: "Yes, it is conceivable."

Ritter was investigating suspicions that Iraq tested chemical and biological weapons on prisoners several years ago, but Butler said he did not plan to question Iraqi officials about those tests.

Iraq has insisted over and over that it has destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction and is concealing nothing.

In November, Iraq ordered all American members of the U.N. teams out of the country, saying they were spies. The United States quickly beefed up its military forces in the region, and Iraq later agreed to let the inspectors back after Russia brokered a truce.

Unless the inspectors are allowed to finish up their task, the U.N. Security Council says it will not consider lifting punishing sanctions imposed against Iraq after Baghdad's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The inspectors' work, Butler said, "could be done quite quickly with full Iraqi cooperation."

On Monday, Al-Thawra, the newspaper of Iraq's ruling Baath Party, said Butler was "legally and morally responsible for the death of each and every Iraqi child or sick person who dies because of the sanctions."

"Iraq has run out of patience," the newspaper said.

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Prosecutor: Evidence will detail Croatian massacre

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Forensic evidence from a mass grave will provide "harrowing details" of a massacre and help prove the guilt of a Croatian Serb charged in the killing spree, a war crimes prosecutor said Monday.

Slavko Dokmanovic has pleaded innocent to six charges that he took part in the beatings and summary execution of 200 Croats and Muslims captured in the Croatian city of Vukovar in November 1991.

Dokmanovic's trial began Monday before a three-judge panel of the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. In his opening remarks, prosecutor Grant Niemann said his evidence will include testimony from forensic experts and two eyewitnesses who escaped the massacre.

"We must permit these victims to speak posthumously and for the truth to emerge from the work of our forensic experts," Niemann said. "Harrowing details of this hideous massacre will long echo in the halls and corridors of this institution."

Dokmanovic, a former leader of Vukovar, faces a maximum life sentence if convicted by the U.N. court on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Defense attorney Toma Fila said he plans to call about 60 witnesses, including some who will say Dokmanovic was not at the massacre site and could not have taken part.

The victims — some wounded, some elderly, others young boys — were herded out of Vukovar's hospital by forces from the Belgrade-based Yugoslav army and Serb paramilitaries after the town surrendered, Niemann said.

The 200 captives were taken to an army camp where they were savagely beaten by Serbs, including Dokmanovic, Niemann said. Later, they were bused to a nearby ravine, shot and their bodies were plowed into a mass grave, he said.

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Pope John Paul's visit lifts spirits of Cuba's dissident community

N. Y. Times Service

SANTA CLARA, Cuba — Inside an old, decaying hospital here, two men and two women are slowly wasting away. For 101 days, the political activists have staged a "prayer fast" to protest the detention of one of their colleagues, a leader of a dissident group called the Party for Human Rights.

The fast began in an apartment, with nine people praying in a circle beneath portraits of Pope John Paul II and the Virgin Mary. Arrested, imprisoned, then finally hospitalized, the now-skeletal dissidents are defying government orders to end the protest before the pope visits Santa Clara on Thursday for the first of four historic Masses to be held in Cuba this week.

"We are doing this to show that, yes, there is opposition in Cuba," said Ivan Lemas, a 35-year-old practicing Catholic who has lost 47 pounds on a diet of broth and water.

The hunger strikers here, two hours east of Havana, are not alone in combining their religion with political opposition. As churches across Cuba have gained more freedom after decades of government repression, they also have become repositories for a wide range of dissent that is simmering just beneath the surface of the pope's first-ever trip to the island.

Cuba is not Poland, where the pope's repeated urgings of "solidarity" stoked the movement that brought down another communist regime. The pope has far less influence here than in his native country, the Catholic Church is weaker, and Fidel Castro is still more popular than former Soviet puppet Wojciech Jaruzelski ever was.

However, if Castro's 39-year-old government has something to fear from the pope, it is the jolt of legitimacy he is likely to give to an institution that is already testing its newfound freedom. The anti-communist pope's primary goal will be to promote a Catholic Church that has become a forum for ideas the government long has sought to quash as threats to the national security.

One church official in Rome, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "There are those in the Vatican who consider this pilgrimage the most important one since the pope went to Poland 19 years ago. The Vatican and the pope are well aware of the enormous expectations and potential implications surrounding this trip."



AP Photo

Gretel Serrano Abascal, 14, right, and Ernesto Collado Fuentes, 29, paste up posters along a wall of a busy street in Havana Monday, welcoming Pope John Paul II to Cuba Jan. 21-25. The poster reads, "Messenger of Love and Hope."

"I am totally convinced that the church is going to bring about a transformation in Cuba," said Luis Davila, who abandoned his job as a teacher of Marxist-Leninist philosophy and joined the Catholic Church six years ago. "And this transformation, which is already occurring, is going to change everything. It is going to change the culture. It's going to change the politics."

The pope's visit is the culmination of a gradual easing of tensions between church and state over the past several years. Cubans are no longer denied work or membership in the Communist Party for practicing religion. Their lives pummelled by Cuba's never-ending economic crisis, many Cubans have sought refuge in a church that seems to impel people to challenge the system. "The Catholic faith is not passive," said one priest who asked not to be identified. "It makes you want to change things."

The Santa Clara hunger strikers — mostly Catholics who have combined their religion with brazen opposition — are at the extreme end of a spectrum of activism occurring beneath the church banner. In Pinar del Rio, a city two hours west of Havana, Dagoberto Valdes has founded the Center for Civic and Religious Formation — a church-funded organization that conducts seminars on such taboo subjects as "democracy and participation" and "labor unions."

Valdes, a lay Catholic, also publishes the sometimes-critical magazine Vitral, a metaphor for the spectrum of opinions. He has written scathingly about the "mutilation that freedom suffers when there are no spaces for human development." Meanwhile, some priests have posted the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights on parish bulletin boards and read controversial letters from the Conference of Cuban Bishops in their homilies. The church has given rise to a spate of newsletters that publish some of the most aggressive journalism on the island.

This controversial activity is gently encouraged by the subtle language of change employed by the church hierarchy, especially Cardinal Jaime Ortega, the leader of Cuban Catholics. Ortega, who was once sent to Castro's "reeducation camps" for priests, petty thieves, prostitutes, and other outcasts of communist society, was given 28 minutes on state-run television last week to talk about the pope's visit.

At times, he seemed to be speaking in a code that only Cubans, in their peculiar isolation, could understand. "You can't have some rights and leave behind others," he said at one point. Calling the pope "a fighter" who studied clandestinely for the priesthood under the Nazis and watched his Polish homeland smothered by Soviet domination, Ortega told the nation: "The pope believes in freedom: a freedom, not to do whatever one pleases — a freedom that is rooted in the truth."

"This is something new; it is like a uniform that people put on" to criticize the government, said Elizardo Sanchez, Cuba's most prominent dissident. "But the uniform is tight, and the church is seeking to expand it. In other words, the church is trying to find an exit to this grave crisis that the Cuban people have suffered for so long. But to do that, it has to create space for itself within Cuban society. That is exactly what it is achieving now."

To Catholics, treated for years as if they were members of a cult, the openness is astonishing — a kind of religious perestroika. Castro himself is a former altar boy raised and educated in the church. But after the revolution he sought to erase it from an officially atheistic society. Nearly three-fourths of some 800 priests working in Cuba either fled or were deported. The government seized most church property. Until 1992, "believers" were banned from the Communist Party and denied jobs. In school, religion was mentioned only as a "superstition."

Maria del Carmen, a 31-year-old dentist from Pinar del Rio who was raised as a Catholic, said that when she was 15 her high school classmates named her the best student in her class. "But the teacher told me I had an ideological problem," she recalled. "She said that because I was a believer I couldn't be named the best student in the class."

By the 1980s, Catholicism had been all but reduced to folklore. In recent months, the church's efforts to promote the papal visit and to educate Cubans about Catholicism have been like courses for beginners. Volunteers have gone door to door throughout the country, promoting the visit and handing out pamphlets filled with back-to-basics lessons and illustrations.

"The pope is coming, but who is the pope?" read one pamphlet that has circulated.

"The pope is not a tourist. When he travels around the world, he doesn't do it to see beautiful or interesting places. He is not a politician. ... He is the representative of Jesus on earth. He is the successor of Peter. He is a man of faith."

"But who is Jesus?" the pamphlet asked before setting out to answer that mysterious question.

"You have people walking in the door who are basically starting from zero," said one foreign priest.

Why Castro would agree to the visit after spurning the church's entreaties for over a decade is the question of the day: The most obvious answer is that Castro is counting on the pope to repeat his long-standing criticism of the US trade embargo against Cuba and to demonstrate that his country is part of the world, even though it is shunned by the United States.

There is also the issue of hard currency, something Cuba desperately needs. With tens of thousands of foreigners arriving for the visit, the selling of the pope is so widespread that Havana vendors have been begun hawking Pope/Castro T-shirts, almost as if the visit were the latest Tyson-Holyfield bout.

Asian crisis expected to spread to Latin America

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The Asian currency crisis is threatening to stunt Latin America's economic growth just when the region's free-market reforms are showing promise.

After a banner year in 1997, prices for oil and copper are plummeting, and foreigners are pulling their dollars out by the millions. Stock markets across Latin America have seen 20 percent drops in recent months.

But economists predict that high growth and lower inflation achieved by Chile and Mexico will help the region avoid a recession. Even so, governments throughout the region are adopting more moderate growth predictions for 1998.

"Latin American economies are far healthier than they were in 1990, and in a much better position to withstand a crisis," said Lawrence Krohn, chief Latin America economist at UBS Securities, a division of the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Nervous investors look at Latin America and see many of the same ills that plague Asia's emerging markets: overvalued currencies, trade deficits and unwieldy government spending.

Despite slow progress in bringing the fruits of development to the region's poor, Latin American economies grew by more than 5 percent in 1997, the best year since 1980. Low inflation, high foreign investment, strong consumer demand and robust exports were supposed to provide for an encore performance this year.

Then came the Asian crisis in October. The Sao Paulo Stock Market — Latin America's largest — fell 30 percent in two weeks, forcing the Brazilian government to slam the breaks on the economy in defense of the currency, which came under assault from speculators anticipating a devaluation.

Authorities doubled interest rates, raised taxes and slashed the national budget in a slowdown that is expected to last at least through the first half of this year.

Brazil's downturn is not good news for the rest of Latin America, especially Argentina, which sends about a third of its exports to its larger neighbor. Argentina's automobile industry, booming just three months ago, saw production fall by more than 18 percent in November because of weaker Brazilian demand.

Chile, a major supplier of copper to Asia's electronics industry, has seen both its currency and its stock market fall by about 10 percent since Jan. 1.

Power company Empresa Nacional de Electricidad this week pulled out of a $950 million smelter project in northern Chile partly because of falling copper prices. The Santiago Chamber of Commerce says about 30,000 Chilean jobs are threatened in mining, forestry, fishing and other Asia-based export sectors.

Weak Asian demand also threatens to take a bite out of Peru's export drive. President Alberto Fujimori, who is of Japanese descent, has pushed for greater trade with Asia, which now buys about a fifth of his country's exports.

Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador and Argentina all depend on oil for much of their export earnings, and they stand to lose billions of dollars from falling oil prices caused in part by Asia's woes.

A $1 drop in the price of a barrel of oil costs Venezuela, Latin America's largest oil producer, about $1.2 billion annually, said Venezuelan economist Pedro Palma.

Latin America's financial links to Asia are still generally small, but the region is paying a heavy price for opening up its economies to trade and foreign investment, having become more vulnerable to crises in distant lands.

Chile has the closest links to Asia, where it sends about a third of its exports.

Like countries throughout Latin America, Chile has moved to protect its currency and keep money in the country. The Central Bank began selling dollars and raised interest rates by half a point to 7 percent, prompting some businessmen to complain the measures were lukewarm.

"The government is acting as if the disease threatening our economy was a cold. No. It's AIDS," said Roberto Fantuzzi, president of Chile's Exporters Association.

Still, all eyes are on Brazil because, as the region's largest economy, it could spur a Latin American recession in a worst case scenario of competitive devaluations, rising import costs, falling wages, tight money supply and high interest rates.



AP Graphic

Sinn Fein vows to stay in talks despite killings

By Robert Barr
Associated Press

LONDON — With the peace process strained by three killings in two days, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party promised Monday to stay in the talks despite its unhappiness with a settlement proposed by the British and Irish governments.

"Sinn Fein isn't going to withdraw from the talks under any circumstances," Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiator, said after a delegation led by party President Gerry Adams met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London.

The meeting came hours after a Protestant shopkeeper was slain by an Irish Republican Army splinter group in Northern Ireland, and a day after a pro-British group from the Protestant side murdered a Catholic man.

Shortly after the meeting, the Catholic manager of a taxi company in south Belfast was fatally wounded by one or two unknown gunmen. The victim was identified as Larry Brennan, 52, who managed Enterprise Taxi. The firm had a religiously mixed staff and was based in a Protestant area, and had not previously been targeted.

Police said Brennan was shot four times, and died in a hospital.

Militants trying to sabotage the peace process have killed seven people since Dec. 27.

The peace talks resumed last Monday with eight parties, including Sinn Fein, discussing a proposed legislature for Northern Ireland, one of the components of the British-Irish proposal.

Sinn Fein's call at Downing Street reflected the peculiar dynamics of the talks: the parties have made little progress talking — or refusing to talk — among themselves, and so they have taken turns pressing Blair for concessions.

Earlier this month, Britain's senior representative in Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, made an unprecedented visit to the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland to appeal to Protestant prisoners to keep their political representatives at the table.

The recent spate of killings began when the Irish National Liberation Army, an IRA splinter group, murdered Protestant gunman Billy "King Rat" Wright inside the high-security Maze prison.

Rwandan rebels ambush bus, kill 34 brewery workers

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Hutu rebels attacked a bus carrying workers to a brewery Monday in northwestern Rwanda, killing 34 people and wounding 25 others, a senior military official said.

Col. Kayumba Nyamwasa, chief of staff of the Rwandan armed forces, said the rebels first shot and killed the driver of a bus carrying workers to Rwanda's only brewery, located outside the town of Gisenyi.

They then threw gasoline on the bus and set it afire. Seven people were burned to death and another 27 were killed as they jumped out to escape the flames. He said five people managed to escape.

Gisenyi is 140 miles northwest of Kigali, the capital.

In a separate attack, Hutu rebels ambushed a minibus traveling from Gisenyi to Ruhengeri, killing two passengers Monday.

Hutu rebels have stepped up their attacks in northwestern Rwanda following the return of more than 1 million Hutu refugees from 2 1/2 years of exile in late 1996.

Authorities say the former Hutu soldiers and militiamen, responsible for the 1994 slaughter of half a million minority Tutsis, had mixed in with returning civilians and are bent on destabilizing the country.

"This does not indicate an act of war," Kayumba said, referring to the steady increase in rebel attacks in the past three months. "It's more an act of thuggery."

Both Hutus and Tutsis work at the Bralirwa brewery at the north end of Lake Kivu, which produces Primus and Mutzig beer for all of Rwanda and parts of eastern Congo.

Kayumba was not able to clarify whether the attackers had tried to separate the Tutsi workers from the Hutus before opening fire, as the private Rwanda News Agency reported.

About 85 percent of Rwanda's 7 million inhabitants are Hutu, 14 percent are Tutsi and 1 percent are Twa.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today
Partly cloudy
High 65
Low 37

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 58
Low 32

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 56
Low 26

Today's forecast calls for increasing cloudiness and a high near 65 with west winds at 10-20 mph, becoming northwest in the afternoon. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a low near 35, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Wednesday should be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and high of 50-55.

After an overnight low of 28, Monday's high reached 68, compared to the record high for that date of 74 set in 1986. The record low was 8 set in 1963.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall	.00 in.
Rainfall	.00 in.
Total for month	trace
Total for year	trace

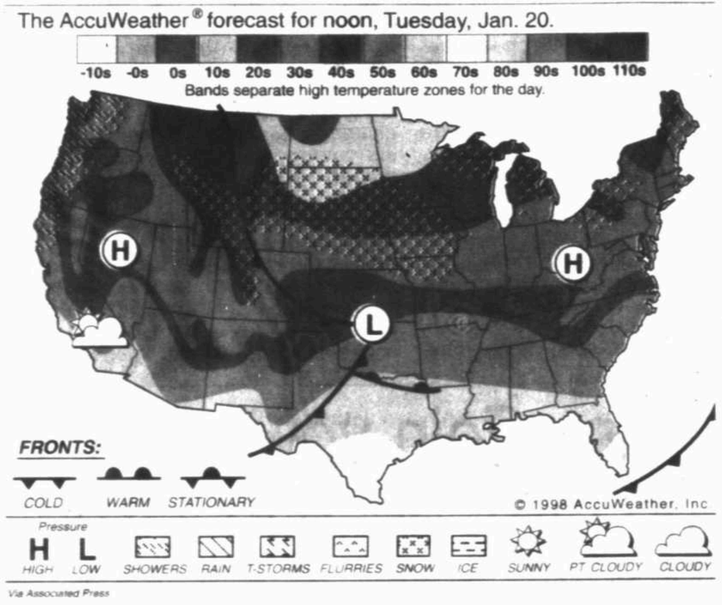
Yesterday's temperatures

High	68
Low	28
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

Sunrise 7:48 a.m. Sunset 6:12 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 20.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	33	28	02	cdy
Albuquerque	56	28		cdy
Amarillo	61	26		cdy
Anchorage	21	9		cdy
Asheville	41	32	21	clr
Atlanta	45	36	81	clr
Atlantic City	39	26		cdy
Baltimore	39	34		cdy
Billings	33	22	sn	
Birmingham	44	40	49	clr
Bismarck	21	18	sn	
Boise	42	40	41	cdy
Boston	36	26		cdy
Buffalo	30	23	04	cdy
Burlington,Vt	32	25	04	sn
Casper	50	27	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	54	41	52	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	34	30	02	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	44	34	44	clr
Cheyenne	51	22	clr	
Chicago	29	16		cdy
Cincinnati	36	27	01	cdy
Cleveland	31	22		cdy
Columbia,S.C.	43	41	59	clr
Columbus,Ohio	32	17		cdy
Concord,N.H.	35	22	sn	
Dayton	29	15		cdy
Denver	47	25		cdy
Des Moines	25	18	02	sn
Detroit	31	26	09	cdy
Duluth	22	14		cdy
Evansville	29	28		cdy
Fairbanks	2	-19		cdy
Fargo	1	-11		cdy
Flagstaff	42	28		cdy
Grand Rapids	30	22	01	cdy
Great Falls	24	22	sn	
Greensboro,N.C.	42	36	33	clr
Hartford Spgfld	32	27	01	cdy
Helena	29	18	sn	
Honolulu	81	68	04	mls
Indianapolis	30	18		cdy
Jackson,Miss	48	43		cdy
Jacksonville	68	42	21	clr
Juneau	43	34	sn	
Kansas City	33	15	m	
Las Vegas	61	49		cdy
Little Rock	50	40		cdy
Los Angeles	63	55	14	cdy
Louisville	35	33		cdy
Memphis	42	34		cdy
Miami Beach	76	61		cdy
Milwaukee	28	17		cdy
Mpls-St Paul	24	17	sn	
Nashville	37	37	20	cdy
New Orleans	59	51		cdy
New York City	39	33	01	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	42	32	18	cdy
North Platte	31	14	sn	
Oklahoma City	51	24		cdy
Omaha	25	13	sn	
Orlando	74	52	clr	
Philadelphia	41	33		cdy
Phoenix	70	51		cdy
Pittsburgh	34	20		cdy
Portland,Maine	34	27	sn	
Portland,Ore	49	44	30	rn
Providence	37	25		cdy
Raleigh-Durham	37	36	81	clr
Rapid City	29	19	sn	
Reno	43	31	61	cdy
Richmond	38	31	15	cdy
Sacramento	m	43		cdy
St Louis	27	18		cdy
Salt Lake City	51	44	20	cdy
San Diego	62	58	21	cdy
San Francisco	56	46	42	cdy
San Juan,P.R.	85	73		cdy
Santa Fe	46	25		cdy
St Ste Marie	23	16		cdy
Seattle	50	45	33	rn
Shreveport	55	44		cdy
Sioux Falls	22	18	sn	
Spokane	37	35	42	rn
Syracuse	33	24	04	sn
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	72	59	06	clr
Topeka	34	14		cdy
Tucson	74	46		cdy
Tulsa	47	22		cdy
Washington,D.C.	39	37	06	cdy
Wichita	39	20		cdy
Wilkes-Barre	34	29	02	cdy
Wilmington,Del.	40	34		cdy

KING: 'A day of service,' president says

(From 1A)

with his usual deliberate tone.

He used the Bible story of Joseph being left for dead by his brothers to address contemporary violence.

"They felt disrespected because their father regarded them differently than Joseph," he said. "Why do so many young men on the streets with empty lives and loaded guns slay their brothers? They tell us time and again that their brothers disrespected them."

Gore said the proposed civil rights spending boost will include a $22 million increase for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to fight housing discrimination. Other changes would strengthen investigations of police brutality and enforcement of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Details will be included in the budget submitted by President Clinton next month.

King "would be proud to see how much we have done to banish discrimination from our laws. But I believe he would tell us that we still have much to do in banishing discrimination from our hearts," Gore said.

Coretta Scott King, King's widow, said before the speech that any new federal effort to improve race relations is a step in the right direction.



AP Photo

Rozzie Lewis holds a poster of Martin Luther King Jr., as she waits to march in the annual King Day Parade Monday in Oklahoma City. Rev. King once applied to be pastor of the church but was rejected because he was too young at the time.

"Whatever initiatives that are going to lead toward the progress for all people, especially for African Americans and minorities, it will be good," she said.

The service was one of hundreds of events around the country honoring King three decades after his assassination in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968.

In Washington, Clinton joined members of AmeriCorps and community volunteers to repair and paint classrooms at the District of Columbia's Cardozo High School as a King Day service project.

"We really wanted to emphasize that Martin Luther King's birthday is a day of service — a day on, not a day off," Clinton said as he applied beige paint to the walls of a third-floor classroom.

In Oklahoma, Gov. Frank Keating helped reopen a church damaged by the April 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

In Philadelphia, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt patted the Liberty Bell, which is too fragile to ring, 12 times at noon. "When we attack our problems together, we learn very quickly that our differences are small and our similarities are great," he said.

Several hundred people ignored temperatures in the low 20s in St. Louis for observances that included a ceremony at the Old Courthouse where the Dred Scott case, a pivotal test of pre-Civil War slavery law, was tried more than 150 years ago. "This is a time for renewal, recommitment, rededication," said lawyer Johnnie L. Cochran Jr.

Monday was the first ever King holiday for Ocoee, Fla., where a 1920 race riot killed at least six people and drove blacks away.

"It's the right thing to do, and I wish it had been done earlier," said Ocoee City Commissioner Scott Glass. "I don't think it's an atonement for racial incidents of the past as it is a recognition of where we are today."

Gunfire at King Day parade kills 1, wounds 3

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gunshots fired during a Martin Luther King Day march Monday killed one man and wounded three young children, one of them critically.

Police searched for at least one shooter, who was believed to be black, said Cpl. Don Kelly, a police spokesman. The motive was believed to be personal, not racial or political, he said. All the victims were black and the shooting may have been a result of a fight among the marchers, he said.

There were not many spectators in the commercial area near downtown.

"We watched them go by, and everyone seemed as happy as could be — until the shooting happened," said Elaine Tucker, office manager for a locksmith shop.

"It went pop, pop, pop, pop — four shots right off," she said. "Then people began running everywhere."

Kelly described the aftermath of the shooting as "mass pandemonium." In the debris left by fleeing marchers was a picture of King, splattered with blood.

An unidentified 25-year-old man was shot to death, police said. A 6-year-old girl was in critical condition with a gunshot wound in the back. An 11-year-old girl shot in the leg and hand and a 9-year-old boy, shot in the leg, were in guarded condition.

Several hundred people, most of them students, were marching, some as band members.

People ran in all directions. In the middle of the scramble was a group of kindergarten-aged marchers in slacks and ties. Police motorcycle escorts wheeled around and sped back to the shooting, but did not arrive in time to catch anyone.

Shirley Monget's 16-year-old son was among the marchers.

"I asked him not to march today," she said. "They formed that band from several schools and they worked real good together all week. But, on Friday, some boys who were not in the band showed up and beat up a drummer. I just knew there was going to be trouble."

'Revitalize the dream,' minister tells gathering

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midlanders gathered at Hollowell United Methodist Church late Monday to continue the celebration and remembrance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Negro Business & Professional Women's Organization sponsored the event, which included spiritual music by the Community Youth Mass Choir.

King's life and his efforts to bring about social change were honored by a number of Midland speakers.

James Bradford, an internationally-recognized teacher, said that King's work gave the story of black Americans a prominent position in "the American story."

"That's what history is — a story," Bradford said.

"Dr. King is to be remembered as a liberator — as a new father of America," he said.

Evelyn Dixon, a Southwestern Bell employee who is continually active in the community, cited King's life as spanning from 1929-1968. She cited a quip by a minister who said "It's all in the dash."

Ms. Dixon called on the people present to further King's vision, to strive for a better future, rather than enjoying the gains made by the sacrifice of others.

"What do you leave behind in your dash?" she said.

William Merritt IV urged people to "use whatever talent we have in the struggle for justice."

"We are a talented people, by nature," Merritt emphasized for the congregation the many contributions of black people to both the history of the U.S. and of the world.

Citing King, Merritt said, "The mind is the standard of the man."

The featured speaker was Rev. Ora L. Roberts, who has been the minister of the St. Paul CME Church in Midland for the past four years.

Ms. Roberts urged those present to "revitalize the dream."

Citing the book of Proverbs, Ms. Roberts said. "Where there is no vision — the people perish."

She cited her childhood years in Midland, when she and her friends could enter the Woolworth's store downtown and purchase a soda.

"And after we got our order, we had to go back out the door and on our way home, we would drink it."

"Don't take for granted that you can go to the mall ... and the Outback and all of them places," she said.

"If we don't keep this dream going, we'll be back where we started," Ms. Roberts said.

The service ended with a candlelight vigil and the congregation singing the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing," one verse of which reads:

"We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last — where the white gleam of our bright star is cast."

OPRAH: Cattle prices fell to lowest prices in decades after broadcast

(From 1A)

er burger!"

After the broadcast, already slumping cattle prices fell to some of their lowest levels in a decade, and Engler claimed he lost $6.7 million. He and other plaintiffs who later joined the suit are seeking to recoup their losses, plus other, unspecified damages.

Defense attorneys blame other factors for the collapse, such as oversupply and decreased demand.

The federal lawsuit could be the biggest test yet of "veggie libel" laws that have been enacted in more than a dozen states to protect agricultural products from false and disparaging remarks.

"You can't run up in a theater and say, 'Fire!' or 'Bomb!'" said Democratic state Rep. Bob Turner, a farmer who wrote Texas' 1995 agriculture disparagement law. "Freedom of speech ends where other people's freedoms begin and where the truth is not known to be involved."

Seattle attorney Bruce Johnson, who successfully defended CBS against apple growers upset about a 1989 "60 Minutes" report about the growth regulator Alar, believes such laws violate the Constitution.

"The question here is not whether someone is yelling 'Fire!' in a theater. The question is whether they can discuss whether there is a fire," Johnson said.

TEEN: Lizards, shinnery oaks part of project

(From 1A)

"I always liked the outdoors," he noted. And then he learned of the Boy Scouts of America's prestigious William Temple Hornaday Silver Award for Distinguished Service in Natural Resource Conservation and Environmental Improvement.

Hornaday was an American zoologist who pioneered wildlife conservation and who is generally credited with saving the American bison (buffalo) from extinction in the "conquest" of the West in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Dunn's quest for Hornaday Silver Award further excited his interest in preserving the environment and in conservation.

"It (initially) was just something else to do," Dunn said.

But his discovering "how much soil is being wasted" and how relatively "few people" are aware of the impact of lost soil really got him interested in "how to keep the soil from eroding."

Dunn enlisted aid from fellow Boy Scouts to corporation people to help him carry out the project. John Williams of Odessa lent a bulldozer to scoop out prairie land for the playa lake. Pioneer Natural Resources of Midland developed a producing water well to supply water to the playa. Midland farmer-rancher-conservationist J.D. Crawford supplied the gypsum for the playa.

And, among other toilings, Dunn and the Boy Scout volunteers finished out the playa.

Dunn's project included the planting of 400 shinnery oak acorns in the mound and bringing in whiptail lizards to live among the shrub-like oaks. The acorns came from the extensive shinnery-oak "forest" that ranges from the Crane-Monahans area into New Mexico.

In carrying out the project, Dunn "had a lot of support from his family," noted Dick Hagelstein, who is the Sibley Environmental Learning Center's program coordinator and Dunn's project adviser.

Dunn's completion of his project elicited praise from the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

"The projects that he completed were very difficult and required many skills to accomplish," said a letter signed by Vernon Chandler, chairman of the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District Board, and members of the board and staff.

Jan Artley, who is director of science for the Midland Independent School District, noted that she was "impressed with the quality and scope of the environmental project" undertaken by Dunn.

"His choice of venture showed a concern with creating a quality project rather than one easily completed," Ms. Artley said.

Burr Williams, education director of the Sibley Environmental Learning Center and herbarium coordinator of the Midland Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, said that Dunn's work will afford nature observers, including amateur botanists, "a good chance to observe natural processes for quite some time ..."

"We salute Dunn," said Frances Williams, who is editor of the Midland Naturalists' newsletter, "The Phalarope." "For a young man still of high-school age to be able to compete a job of this magnitude is very impressive."

'TITANIC': Soundtrack doing big business as well

(From 1A)

"We're thrilled with how well the movie is doing here."

Customers who arrive at the box office about an hour early can usually get tickets to the movie, he said. If not, some have attended other movies, though that hasn't had much impact on the theater's business, Felts said. The second most popular movie at Tall City Ten is "Good Will Hunting."

He said audience members have come away loving "Titanic," which has a three-hour-and-15-minute running time, and suspects that the reason is "a fascination with history presented in a good way." Indeed, he said, he is already seeing a number of repeat customers for the movie.

Already the movie has earned approximately $236 million in North America and some analysts predict it could earn as much as $350 million, putting it among the top three box office grossers in motion picture history.

"We're expecting its popularity here to last a couple more weekends," Felts said.

Once customers leave the theater, a number of them head to record stores to buy the soundtrack, which is selling about as quickly as tickets to the movie.

"A lot of customers saw the movie and then want the soundtrack," said Martin Munoz, music manager for Hastings. "I've seen it twice myself."

"We got the soundtrack in shortly before the film came out, and we weren't expecting it to hit that hard," Munoz said. "We got 30 in initially and they flew out the door as soon as the movie hit. We got more in, we were out for about a week and got so many questions, at least 50 a day, about when we were getting more in. We got 150 more copies in and they were gone in three days."

He predicted that the movie will sell as well when it comes out on video.

The movie won a Golden Globe for best original song, "My Heart Will Go On," by Celine Dion. Janie Rios, CD specialist with Circuit City, said she believes the popularity of that song is one reason the soundtrack is selling so well.

"Customers want the Celine Dion single," she said. "That's their reason for buying it — they say the whole CD is good, but they come in and ask for the Celine Dion song."

When Circuit City got a shipment in, she said, it sold out the same day. "They even told us they've sold out at the warehouse," she said.

The soundtrack has also been selling out at Best Buy every time a shipment comes in, said Jason Radagg, media specialist with the retailer.

"People who have seen the movie want the soundtrack," he said, "plus the Celine Dion song also attracts them."

The soundtrack has also been selling well at Sam Goodys in Midland Park Mall, said store manager Jennifer Reed, who said she is lucky she hasn't had a problem getting copies into the store.

Correction

In a Saturday story about a court hearing involving a Midland man arrested in connection with a methamphetamine bust, it should have stated that the "informant" in the case was a former employee of TNT Testing.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-7-0

Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Rock 'n' roller Carl Perkins dies at 65

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Carl Perkins, the "rockabilly" pioneer whose song "Blue Suede Shoes" and lightning-quick guitar-playing influenced Elvis Presley, the Beatles and a slew of other performers, died Monday. He was 65.

Perkins died at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson from complications related to a recent series of strokes, family spokesman Albert Hall said.

The tall, broad-shouldered Perkins was famed as one of the proponents of rockabilly music, a cross of rhythm-and-blues and country that came out of Sun Records in Memphis in the mid-1950s.

He also wrote some of the top hit records in rock 'n' roll and country music. A near-fatal traffic accident in 1956, coupled with Presley's rise, kept him from becoming a bigger solo star.

It was in 1956 when Perkins wrote and recorded "Blue Suede Shoes." His version sold 2 million copies before Presley's rendition became a hit.

Perkins also wrote the rockabilly standard "Dixie Fried" and the songs "Honey Don't," "Matchbox" and "Everybody's Trying to Be My Baby," which were later covered by the Beatles.

His relationship with the Beatles lasted long after the group's breakup in 1970. Perkins sang a duet with Paul McCartney on the country ballad "Get It," a song off McCartney's 1982 album, "Tug of War." On the same record, he played rhythm guitar on the McCartney-Stevie Wonder hit duet, "Ebony and Ivory."

Beatles George Harrison and Ringo Starr appeared with him in a 1986 cable TV special in London, "Carl Perkins and Friends: A Rockabilly Session."

He met the Beatles in 1964 during a British concert tour with another rock 'n' roll pioneer, Chuck Berry.

About his influence on the Beatles, he said in a 1985 Associated Press interview: "They advanced it (guitar playing) so much. That rockabilly sound wasn't as simple as I thought it was."

In another interview, he said the Beatles and Rolling Stones saved rockabilly in the mid-1960s when it was in danger of dying.



AP Photo

Carl Perkins, the rock 'n' roll pioneer whose song "Blue Suede Shoes" and rapid-fire guitar playing influenced Elvis Presley and the Beatles, died Monday, in Jackson, Tenn. He was 65. Perkins is shown during a Jan. 1991 performance at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

"They put a nice suit on rockabilly," Perkins said. "They never really strayed from the simplicity of it. They just beautified it."

In 1987, Perkins was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The son of a tenant farmer, Perkins grew up picking cotton in Lake County, where he listened closely to music sung by blacks as they worked in the fields.

As a youngster, he would retreat behind the family chicken house to pretend he was singing on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry.

At age 7, he began playing a guitar that his father had made from a cigar box, broomstick and baling wire.

He wrote "Blue Suede Shoes" after hearing someone telling his prom date not to step on his blue suede shoes. Perkins went home to his housing project in Jackson and wrote the song on a brown potato sack.

Shortly after recording the song, Perkins was seriously hurt in a traffic accident in Delaware and spent a year recovering and unable to capitalize on his mounting fame. During this time, Presley also recorded the song and earned much of the popularity that Perkins had been building.

"I was bucking a good-looking cat called Elvis who had beautiful hair, wasn't married, and had all kinds of great moves," Perkins said in 1986.

In tribute to the song, he usually wore blue suede shoes in public.

He spent 15 years battling alcoholism, saying he overcame it by hurling his last whiskey bottle into the Pacific Ocean in 1967 near Encino, Calif.

Perkins was a member of rock 'n' roll's fabled "Million Dollar Quartet." He, Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis met for an informal jam session in the 1950s that was later released as an album. In 1986, Perkins joined Cash, Lewis and Roy Orbison on the album "Class of '55."

Perkins also wrote "Daddy Sang Bass," which was a hit for Cash, and played in Cash's band from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s.

He said in the 1985 interview that his biggest thrill was getting a gold record for "Blue Suede Shoes."

"After all those days in the cotton fields, the dreams came true on a gold record on a piece of wood. It's in my den where I can look at it every day. I wear it out lookin' at it."

Perkins is survived by his wife, Valda, three sons and a daughter.

Funeral arrangements were not immediately announced.

GOP gives education starring role in agenda

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hoping to wrest the offensive from President Clinton for this congressional election year, Senate Republicans are ready to unveil an education package that includes an initiative to boost reading skills and $2.6 billion in tax breaks for parents who save for private school tuition.

The multibillion-dollar plan will get a starring role in the congressional leadership's agenda for the compact 1998 session, which begins next week. With the entire House and one-third of the Senate facing re-election in November, Republicans also plan to focus on cutting taxes, revamping the unpopular Internal Revenue Service, fighting illegal drugs and an accelerated effort to balance the budget this year or next.

When Senate GOP leaders announce their education proposal at a Tuesday news conference, it will be one of the rare times they have grabbed for the spotlight since Congress adjourned in mid-November. Since then, Clinton has dominated with announcements that he plans to balance the budget next year, expand access to Medicare and child care and other initiatives.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., tried to turn that to his advantage Sunday, saying on CNN's "Late Edition" that he can't see how to balance the budget this year "with all these proposed increased spending initiatives" from Clinton.

But many conservatives are already unhappy with the agenda laid out by Lott and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and will try to force changes. They want leaders to be less accommodating with Clinton and aggressively pursue deeper spending cuts, wholesale overhaul of the tax system and other issues — even if it takes longer than the Oct. 9 adjournment target set by House and Senate leaders.

"They've already decided what's on the agenda: meet a minimal amount of time, get out of town and win the election," conservative Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said in an interview Monday. He added, "The planning of our leadership is to do what's best for Republicans, rather than what's best for our country."

Nonetheless, GOP leaders hope their education proposals will help erase perceptions by voters who often link Republicans to their earlier efforts to cut school spending and abolish the Education Department. Gingrich has said education will also be a priority this year in the House, where initiatives are likely to include education savings accounts and federal aid for private school tuition.

The Senate package, described by a GOP aide who spoke on condition of anonymity, will focus on primary and secondary schools and will be called BOOKS — the Better Opportunities for Our Kids in School bill. It will include $2.6 billion for a plan by Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., to create tax-advantaged savings accounts to help parents pay education costs including private school tuition. Democrats stalled that measure last year in the Senate.

Also included will be $200 million to better train teachers and parents to teach reading; a $75 million pilot program of vouchers for low-income students; and more money for disabled students, anti-drug programs and for publicly financed charter schools, which operate free of many regulations. It will also have proposals aimed at prodding teachers to do better and requiring that most federal aid be spent for classrooms, not education bureaucracies.

The legislation, which Republicans plan to introduce when Congress begins its new session Jan. 27, will compete directly with an education package Clinton will include in the 1999 budget he will introduce next month. He would spend billions to recruit teachers, rebuild crumbling schools and help Hispanic students.

Tax cutting will be another Republican theme this year, coupled with a drive to balance the federal budget this year or next. But though Republicans agree on the goal, their tax-cutting proposals vary widely.

Some favor across-the-board rate reductions while others want targeted reductions such as eliminating the tax increase — the so-called "marriage penalty" — that hits many people when they get married. Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee plans to spell out his preferences Tuesday.

Other areas the GOP may push include child care, where Republicans may answer Clinton's proposals with tax breaks of their own and clamping down on health maintenance organizations used by growing numbers of Americans.

Also certain is an effort to override Clinton's veto of legislation banning some late-term abortions. The Senate is expected to fall short, but Republicans value the issue because the procedure — called "partial-birth abortion" by those who oppose it — is highly unpopular.

The year also will likely see:

- Early votes on campaign finance law overhaul, with no big changes expected.
- Talk but no real action about overhauling Social Security and Medicare in preparation for a fiscal crunch when baby boomers start retiring in a decade.
- An uncertain attempt to approve a mammoth settlement with the tobacco industry.

NATION IN BRIEF

■ Hawaiian volcano still erupting

VOLCANO, Hawaii — Luck was with Aku Hauanio when the blazingly hot lava from Kilauea Volcano advanced on the coastal town of Kalapana.

"I just moved my whole house out. I got it up the road about 2 miles," he said.

The rest of Kalapana has not been as lucky during a volcanic eruption that has lasted a record 15 years and shows no signs of letting up.

The rivers of molten rock have consumed the community, destroying 181 homes, a church and a community center. The total $61 million in damage also includes destruction of a visitor center and maintenance shop at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

While Hauanio saved his home seven years ago, the rest of his family was not as lucky. "My dad's house, where I was born, that house was taken by lava," he said. "It was on a slab, so we couldn't move that house."

When Kilauea erupted Jan. 3, 1983, on the island of Hawaii, scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory believed it would be short-lived, much like a pair of one-day displays the year before.

Since then, however, lava of various depths has covered 39 square miles. And as it flows 7 miles downhill into the sea, it has created 570 acres of new coastal land.

It's estimated at 2.1 billion cubic yards of lava, enough to cover New Jersey a foot deep.

Only one death has been blamed on the eruption, a tourist killed in 1993 when a half-acre slab of cooled lava he was standing on broke and dropped into the sea.

The lava has covered 16,000 acres of rare rain forest and lowland forest, and entombed thousands of ancient Hawaiian archaeological sites.

■ Parking vigilante faces charges

FAIRFAX, Va. — It was the last space in a crowded mall parking lot on Christmas Eve, and it belonged to Catherine Murray.

With a car full of kids, Ms. Murray had been trawling the lot at the Tyson's Corner mall until she spied a car pulling out in front of Bloomingdale's. But then a man in a red Mercedes zipped around her and stole the space.

What happened next landed Ms. Murray, an Irish citizen, in court and could get her deported.

"She got out of the car and asked him what he was doing taking her parking space. He just brushed past her," said her lawyer, Ron Smith.

So Ms. Murray grabbed the driver's glasses. She informed him that she would return his glasses when he returned the parking spot.

Instead, the driver, Ray Johnson, reported her to police.

"I guess he could see well enough without his glasses to get her license plate," Smith said.

Ms. Murray, 36, is charged with assault and battery and grand larceny, although she returned the glasses to the hood of the Mercedes moments later. She is due in court Wednesday.

If convicted, she could get five years in prison and a $2,500 fine. She could also be deported as a felon, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service said.

Ms. Murray said that her "Irish temper" had gotten the best of her.

"There are no gentlemen left in the world, and there are no manners left," she said. Ms. Murray also said she was fed up with rude Americans.

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Clinton testimony vital for justice

President Clinton's dubious distinction of being the first American president to testify — even though by deposition — as a defendant in a criminal or civil suit should not be casually brushed aside as unimportant. It was, and will remain, very important to the American system of justice.

Clinton submitted Saturday to questioning for nearly six hours in connection with a sexual harassment claim brought by Paula Jones who says he exposed himself to her and asked her for oral sex in 1991 while running for president.

Ms. Jones may herself have underscored the true importance of Clinton's testimony when she was quoted as saying 'I feel so proud ... to know this judicial system works, to know that a little girl from Arkansas is equal under the law to the president of the United States.'

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That really is the point of this case against Clinton. It is, in effect, a reassertion of the principle that in the United States, under the American system of justice, no American is above the law regardless of their wealth, stature, or political power. They still must answer to any criminal or civil charges brought against them. They must face their accuser, in a manner of speaking, and will be subject to penalty for any wrongdoing.

Without that assurance, the American system of justice would be meaningless — a toothless guard dog.

Although Clinton cannot be compelled to testify at the trial, either side in this case may enter his videotaped deposition into the court record.

Clinton's agreement to submit to the deposition was important for the judicial system — for the current case and for the future of American jurisprudence.

CAL THOMAS

If Tucker has converted, she needs no other pardon

Some strong advocates of the death penalty for first-degree murderers are having second thoughts in the case of a Texas woman convicted of the ax murders of two Houston people in 1983. Karla Faye Tucker, 38, is scheduled to die by lethal injection Feb. 3.



Thomas

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson is one of those who has come to Tucker's defense. Robertson believes that Texas officials should spare her life because she says she has been born again.

Rev. John Boyles of El Paso agrees. Boyles thinks that attention should be focused on what Tucker has become, not what she did, and that who she is now, not who she was 15 years ago, is reason enough to spare her.

There are several flaws with this reasoning. First, Tucker was convicted and sentenced to death because she and her then-boyfriend, Daniel Ryan Garrett, stabbed or bludgeoned their victims at least 20 times with a pickax. Tucker later told police she experienced an orgasm every time the ax landed, even after the victims were dead. The two had been on a drug binge for several days and had entered an apartment looking for money to buy more drugs when they were confronted by their victims, a man and a woman.

To allow people convicted of past acts to be absolved by future acts would ruin what is left of the criminal justice system. One of the ancillary benefits of having a death penalty is to force the guilty to confront their Maker in this life before they meet Him in the next and to make peace with God. To the extent that Tucker has done that, she will receive the reward given to all repentant sinners. But that doesn't mean that the state owes her less than any other convicted murderer should receive.

That leads to the second flaw in logic for those favoring a reprieve. Would Pat Robertson and John Boyles favor commuting her sentence if she had converted to some other faith, or, for that matter, if she had been of some other race or a man? Tucker is pretty, young, white and female — four characteristics that tug at the heartstrings of a culture that values them. Anyone doubting this should recall the reaction to the death of Princess Diana. How many homely, black, male or older convicts enjoy the defense of such high-profile religious leaders as the Rev. Robertson?

The third flaw is what message a reprieve would send, not only to convicted killers but to those who might be plotting murder. If all you have to do is claim you have been born again, "revival" will surely break out in the prison system, and, instead of filing petitions with lawyers, inmates will start sending letters to religious broadcasters and pack the prison chapels. There will be no way to discern which inmates are telling the truth and which are running a scam.

The death penalty is a way for society to validate the ultimate value of human life. It says that if you illegally take the life of another person, the only way society can ratify the value of that life is for your life to be forfeited. It depreciates life merely to deprive someone of liberty for murder. But in a culture that increasingly values life less at all stages (unless it is young, pretty, female and, for some, "converted"), why should some guilty lives on death row be protected if we are killing the innocents on "birth row" in abortion chambers?

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles should not grant clemency to Karla Faye Tucker unless there are extenuating circumstances — other than her conversion – of which we are currently unaware. If Tucker has truly been converted, she has already received the only pardon she will ever need.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Murderer's age shouldn't cloud justice

Murderers should be in their prime, like the obviously strong and vicious animal who nearly cut off the head of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife — whoever that was.

When a murderer is a specimen, it prevents murky thought.

For it sometimes confuses us when the accused is very young or very old. A 12-year-old who kills a sibling, for instance, or an octogenarian who shoots an ailing mate.



Johnson

Our thinking gets topsy-turvy. We start imagining the worst about life in prison, where all murderers should be. We forget about the victim and start worrying about the murderer.

Last month, the wife of convicted murderer Byron De La Beckwith told The Associated Press all about her husband's bitter disappointment. The Mississippi State Supreme Court had just turned down his appeal.

He is old, 77, and so is the murder, 1963.

Beckwith was found guilty in 1994 of gunning down Mississippi civil-rights leader Medgar Evers in the driveway of his Jackson home. Two all-white juries deadlocked in 1964 trials.

When a determined prosecutor pressed in a bid for belated justice, Beckwith's luck ran out. Third time was a charm.

The recent appeal alleged lack of a speedy trial. But the justices decided the conviction was correct and the life sentence should stand.

Then came a plea for pity.

"I was depressed before I heard it, knowing it would soon be a holiday and he wasn't home," Thelma Beckwith told the AP.

"If he has a heart attack from it, everybody's going to hear from me."

It takes just a minute to focus, hearing about the old, sick man festering in a Mississippi jail, his wife back home in Tennessee, professing his innocence. The wife, no doubt, believes his story.

Fingerprints on a rifle scope are nothing next to your loved one's word.

And, for just a moment, you wonder what's the point in keeping the pathetic and hate-consumed codger behind bars. He's at the end of his life, anyhow.

Then you remember. You remember that when Byron De La Beckwith came skulking in the dark carrying a rifle, Evers' wife, Myrlie, was inside with the couple's small children. You remember how his family found him.

You remember Beckwith talking openly and coyly about the killing of Medgar Evers. You remember that Myrlie took her young and devastated charges and left Mississippi. Left home because the memories were too overwhelming.

And you think of all those years Beckwith had free that he shouldn't have, and the years taken from Medgar Evers' meaningful life.

And, finally, you remember that when the murder happened, Beckwith was in his prime. He was no geezer. He was no brainwashed teen. He was 43.

So often justice has little to do with the court and prison systems. It is a happy accident of fate whenever justice is served.

By all accounts, Beckwith hasn't had a particularly productive or happy life. Though free for decades not due him, how good could those years have been? He most probably stewed in resentment and dread and self-loathing, creating his own prison long before Mississippi grew a conscience.

So if Byron De La Beckwith does have a heart attack at 77 because the state Supreme Court agrees that he took a life, the sympathy should be for a wife who wants to believe her man's story.

The old man finally is in jail, where he belongs.

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CHARLEY REESE

Robert E. Lee's life testifies to his greatness

Robert E. Lee was born on Jan. 19, 1807, and died on Oct. 12, 1870. In between, he lived a life that won universal admiration and remains today as good a role model as any mortal could want.

Lee went to West Point, where he was second in his class overall and first in artillery and tactics. He would later serve as superintendent of the military academy as well as on the Western frontier and in the Mexican War, when he first gained hero status.



Reese

Of course, most people know of Lee as commander of the army of northern Virginia in the War Between the States or as we Southerners call it, the War of Northern Aggression. As brilliant as he was on the field of battle where he always fought with fewer men and less resources, his true greatness was as a man, not as a soldier.

Lee, himself, when asked after the war whom he thought was the greatest soldier on either side, replied without hesitation, "A fellow I've never met -- Nathan Bedford Forrest." Forrest indeed was a phenomenon -- a man with no formal education or military experience who turned out to be a natural military genius on the level of such men as Frederick the Great.

Forrest, a fearless and fierce man, could summon demonic fury. Though a Confederate general, he killed 31 people personally and had 29 horses shot out from under him. Forrest was admired by his men -- but Lee was loved.

Pete Longstreet, one of Lee's generals said of him, "His soldiers respected him as a military leader, but they loved him as man." After the awful slaughter at Gettysburg, the survivors of Pickett's charge begged Lee to let them try again. Few men have ever inspired such devotion and affection.

After the war, some bedraggled and half-starved Confederates came to Lee's home where he patiently awaited his fate. These men had found a valley with a narrow entrance, and they wanted Lee and his family to come live there. They would, they said, defend him to the death before they would allow the Yankees to arrest him.

A day or so later, a Yankee sergeant, a big Irishman, appeared at the door with a basket of food. He had served with Lee on the Western frontier and heard that he might be hungry. He wasn't, and Lee's sons, as they had been instructed, declined all offers of assistance. But the sergeant persisted, and Lee, hearing the commotion, came to the door. He said he would accept the gift if the sergeant would let him donate it to the men in the hospital.

The Irishman grabbed Lee in a bear hug and with tears streaming down his rough face said, "Oh, God love you, Colonel Bobby. I was on the other side (of the Atlantic), but if I could have gotten back, I'd been with you still."

What was it about Lee that caused such affection? He was a true Christian, for one thing. Supremely competent, organized and brave, Lee was also humble, simple and sincere. He never boasted of victory and never blamed anyone else for his defeats. He never in public said an unkind word about anyone, North or South. He shared the hardships of his men during the war and the hardships of defeat afterwards.

Alexander Stephens, the Confederate vice president, said that he met Lee at the beginning of the war and later after his string of military triumphs.

Lee, who had become world famous, was showered with offers of high-paying jobs. He was even offered a free estate in England. But unlike a lot of modern generals, Lee did not think it right to profit on the suffering and valor of his men. He accepted the job of president of the then nearly bankrupt Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) for $1,500 a year. He refused all offers to make public speeches.

Lee actually was what most of us wish we could be.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Jaywalking is deadly offense New York

Like most New Yorkers, we are sometimes amused, sometimes horrified by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's penchant for control. We also admit that there is a temptation to believe Mr. Giuliani decided to take on jaywalking out of pique at the widespread ridicule of his pedestrian barriers in midtown.

... There is no escaping the fact that more than 200 pedestrians die by the car every year in the city. More careful and alert and, dare we say it, lawful pedestrian behavior would save lives. Elevating jaywalking to the status of a life-style issue and humming "New York, New York" in the background does not change the facts.

— The New York Times

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 1998. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

On this date:

In 1801, John Marshall was appointed chief justice of the United States.

In 1839, Chile defeated a confederation of Peru and Bolivia in the Battle of Yungay.

In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1896, comedian George Burns was born Nathan Birnbaum in New York City.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1986, Britain and France announced plans to build the Channel Tunnel.

In 1987, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite disappeared in Beirut, Lebanon, while attempting to negotiate the release of Western hostages. (He was freed in November 1991.)

In 1992, a French Airbus A-320 crashed near Strasbourg, killing 87 people.

Ten years ago: An Arizona House committee opened hearings on the possible impeachment of Gov. Evan Mecham.

One year ago: President Clinton and Vice President Gore were sworn in for second terms of office. In his inaugural address, Clinton called for an end to "the politics of petty bickering and extreme partisanship."

25 years after Roe vs. Wade, passions wane over abortion

N. Y. Times Service

FITCHBURG, Mass. — Across from the City Hall lawn, where the mayor once ordered jackhammers clattering into action to drown out reproductive rights crusader Bill Baird, the reality of abortion has taken root in this central Massachusetts city.

The Pro Health clinic on Main Street, where thousands of women seek pregnancy counseling and, possibly, abortion referrals each year, is as much a part of Fitchburg's windswept downtown as the granite facade of Christ Church, the angel atop the Civil War monument, or the Salvatore Brothers Music Box store.

Now, 25 years this week after the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision forced Massachusetts and other states to make abortion legal, there is no longer any question about how to get information about abortion. Ask Joy Clarkson, 19, a waitress at Friendly's on John Fitch Highway, and she immediately points to Pro Health, a stop for many girls from Fitchburg High or nearby Leominster High.

But the passage of this city from an era when abortions were conducted in secret to one where even the youngest teens take its availability for granted is, perhaps, less profound than activists on either side of the abortion divide would have predicted in 1973.

Many people then feared that abortions would become a form of birth control — but the widespread feeling in Fitchburg, an industrial city of 41,000 people, is that most teens who become pregnant choose to have the baby.

People on both sides of the divide expected that doctors would make abortions a regular part of their practice. But they do not, whether out of moral qualms or fear of retaliation. In fact, there are no abortions at all performed in Fitchburg — women go to a Planned Parenthood clinic in Worcester.

And while Roe vs. Wade remains a flashpoint for activists on both sides, the great growth in political sentiment seems to be in the middle, among those who view rising numbers of teen pregnancies as the crucial moral issue, whether they lead to abortions or not.

"I've had tons and tons of friends who are pregnant," says Joy Clarkson. "I can't even count — like 20, maybe. Me and my friend were talking about it last night. We believe you should deal with the consequences of having sex."

If the Roe decision has one legacy in Fitchburg beyond the existence of abortion counseling, it is in the way it has imposed a kind of moral reckoning on the city's institutions.

Religious leaders must contend with abortion as a legal option. Public school teachers in health classes discuss both abortion and its consequences. And even those who oppose abortion on moral grounds strive to find new ways to make their case: The Fitchburg Family Life Center offers support services to women who decide against abortions.

"I really don't believe in abortion but it's tough," concludes Clarkson, who has debated the morality of abortion as a peer counselor at the Luk Crisis Center in Fitchburg and in many late-night phone calls with friends. "I'm against it, but you don't want to bring a baby into the world knowing it will be hurt by the world you created for it."

There is a rush of activity when the 2 o'clock bell rings at Fitchburg High School every afternoon, and some of it is in a direction that might have seemed unlikely 25 years ago.

Each day, about a dozen teenage girls walk down the staircase of the high school toward a community center at the bottom. Inside, in the Mariposa day care center, they reunite with babies and toddlers they chose to carry to term.

This routine, according to educators, is not out of synch with teenage abortion practices at Fitchburg High School. It is a place where Roe vs. Wade is embraced in theory in senior government class but is rejected "by many" in practice, according to senior class guidance counselor Susan Leahy.

"I think they do know what their choices are, and that abortion is one of them," Leahy says. "But I find, more often than not, students are not opting for that choice."

The tendency away from abortion is, in part, connected to the conservative thread that runs through Fitchburg, says principal Bernard Welch, who has been at the school since before Roe vs. Wade.

Counselors tell pregnant girls point blank that abortion is one of their options. The history of birth control and Roe v. Wade is taught in at least three social studies classes. On an informal level, students counsel each other, and there doesn't seem to be anyone who does not know about Pro Health.

"Twenty five years ago, talking about it was taboo," Welch says. "I think now, if you ask, people know whether they're for or against abortion; it's not as much a controversial topic. But everyone knows it exists."

Each grade has had at least a half-dozen pregnancies; juniors and seniors say they can think of at least 10 girls who have gotten pregnant this academic year.

Many of the girls have already decided to keep their babies, their friends say — some viewing abortion as murder, others fearing their parents' response. Religion was not cited as a major influence, but even so, only one could think of a friend who'd had an abortion.

"She wanted to go to college and have more of a future than that," says Catie Solan, 17, a senior, who says her 15-year-old friend ended her pregnancy last year.

More than a dozen students, interviewed in hallways between classes, quickly volunteered their opposition to abortion, a sign of the seriousness with which they regard the procedure, if not their discomfort with Roe vs. Wade. When pressed, some agreed that abortion could be justified in certain cases.

"It's just that we don't believe in it," says Margaret Girouard, 15, a sophomore who lives in Fitchburg.

"I mean, I don't," she adds. "I am pro-life. It is killing a baby. I mean, I can see if someone is raped or something, but even then, I don't think it's right."

The Reverend Arthur Jenkins, pastor of Christ Church, has no truck with Roe vs. Wade, believing "you can't legislate spiritual truths," but says abortion rights have made his job harder.

Many of Fitchburg's churches are grand relics of the city's late 19th-century heyday, their spires rising sharply out of the downtown decay. The granite severity of their facades promises, for some, the comfort of moral certainty — for others, the sting of moral judgment.

Arkansas governor faces ethics accusations

By James Jefferson
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Another Arkansas governor with national political aspirations faces questions of character and ethics at a crucial point in his career.

Republican Mike Huckabee, a Baptist preacher who has written a book titled "Character is the Issue," is accused of pocketing campaign money and hiding sources of outside income.

"The preacher governor said he wanted to be held to a higher standard, but the political governor wants us to let him be above the law," complains state Rep. Pat Flanagin.

Huckabee dismisses the criticism as the rantings of scandal-plagued Democrats losing power in another Southern state.

"If the people who are making these accusations had pristine records, there would be some credibility in it," Huckabee said.

His star has risen dramatically since he stepped out of the pulpit and into politics in 1992, during then-Gov. Bill Clinton's campaign for the presidency.

A former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, he was elected lieutenant governor in a 1993 when Jim Guy Tucker moved up to succeed Clinton. Huckabee won high public approval ratings by standing up to Tucker, who tried to break a promise to leave office after being convicted of charges brought by Whitewater prosecutors.

Both Huckabee and Clinton are from Hope, and from the working-class side of town.

"Both relate well to people," said political consultant Bill Vickery, who in 1996 guided Tim Hutchinson from anonymity to become the first Republican U.S. senator from Arkansas since Reconstruction.

"They come from a common background, never had much money. Both have a tremendous empathy for people and possess tremendous energy. Gov. Huckabee's probably ahead of where Clinton was, considering he's only been governor for 1 1/2 years."

Tucker's ignominious exit was followed by a series of scandals involving Democrats in state government, including indictments of past and present legislators on charges of insurance fraud, influence peddling and profiting illegally from business deals with the state.

State and federal criminal investigators are looking into suspected legislative self-dealing, and the House speaker and legislative budget committee chairman, both Democrats, face lawsuits to force them out of high-paying new state jobs they helped create.

Huckabee has resisted calls by Democrats for a special legislative session to close loopholes in state ethics laws — and improve the party's image — before this year's elections. As a result, the Republicans expect major gains this year when term limits throw open 50 state House seats.

Also, Sen. Dale Bumpers is retiring after 24 years, giving Arkansas its second open Senate seat in three years.

Shadowing the GOP's hopes is scrutiny of Huckabee's campaign finances. Flanagin recently filed complaints claiming Huckabee violated state ethics laws by failing to disclose tens of thousands of dollars Huckabee and his wife received from his 1992 Senate race against Bumpers and his 1994 run for lieutenant governor.

Prior to that, the state Ethics Commission dismissed a separate allegation that the governor tried to hide $43,000 that his 1994 campaign paid to rent an airplane he owned by listing the money on disclosure forms as deposits in an aviation account. The account was Huckabee's private account.

Earlier, the ethics panel cited Huckabee for raising and spending money after the 1994 campaign, which is restricted by law; for failing to itemize campaign expenditures paid by credit card; and for failing to report $300,000 in campaign contributions on time.

The governor also has refused to disclose the names of contributors to a private corporation that paid him more than $61,000 in speaking fees while he was lieutenant governor. Huckabee and three associates incorporated the organization in Texas and Huckabee was its president until shortly before he became governor.

He is not required by law to divulge its contributors.

Long wait for electricity costing money, patience

By Frank Fisher
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — John Nutting was dog tired Monday, after 11 days of getting up regularly in the middle of the night to make sure his livestock were surviving the cold.

Since the ice storm nearly two weeks ago that blacked out hundreds of thousands of people in the Northeast and Canada, Nutting had gotten service back for about 12 hours Sunday, then lost it again, he said by telephone.

"It's just been a heck of a long, long grind, that's all," said the Democratic state senator from Leeds, who has been watching after about 90 cows and 80,000 chickens and keeping three generators running. "I've never been so tired in all my life."

Maine utilities said about 22,000 business and residential customers were still without service Monday, less than one-tenth of the total during the peak outage. Utilities in upstate New York said they still had about 41,000 residential and business customers without power.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said Monday it was drawing up guidelines to reimburse some of the hundreds of Maine residents who bought generators to survive the outage.

In addition to dairy farmers, maple syrup producers, apple and Christmas tree growers and poultry farmers all are expected to take a hit.

Nutting said he used three generators to keep his farm running, at a cost of about 150 gallons of fuel a day.

Dairy farmers in northern New York lost millions of dollars because they were forced to dump milk they could not process and because some cows died from not being milked.

Ann Howard, a third-generation dairy farmer in Harrison, Maine, had to get rid of 7,500 pounds of sour milk because she was without power for seven days.

"It's just one of those things," Howard said Monday. "It's going to hurt us financially and it's going to take some doing to overcome it, but it's an act of God. It's not anyone's negligence."

Liability to belong to consumer over airbag switches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers who get on-off switches for their auto air bags may be taking on the legal responsibility if they are in a crash in which an air bag would have helped, lawyers and insurers say.

But mechanics at dealerships are still wary of liability and some are installing cutoff switches with some reluctance.

A General Motors dealership, Holiday Chevrolet Geo in Farmington Hills, Mich., has had several inquiries about switches and plans to install them, service adviser Ken Berman said Monday.

"We'd rather not," said Berman, "but yes, we will put them in."

Mike Fisher, the service manager at Fairlane Ford Sales Inc. in Dearborn, Mich., said the dealership will not be installing the switches until it is clear whether mechanics will be held liable.

"We are holding out until all the legal technicalities have been worked out on this issue," he said.

In Maryland, Chevy Chase Cars Inc. service adviser Joe Lyons said the dealership would install them only for customers who bought their cars there.

"We feel obligated to do something for them," said Lyons.

Car owners can go to dealerships and independent mechanics, starting this week, to ask for installation of the switches.

About 5,000 consumers have already received permission from the government for the switches, saying they want to better protect their passengers from inadvertent harm from a deploying bag.

Air bags have been blamed for the deaths of 50 children and 39 adults in low-speed accidents they otherwise should have survived, according to the government. But the devices also have saved an estimated 2,600 lives.

Lawyers see legal difficulty ahead for consumers who get the switches.

"If I choose to go out and have my car equipped with a cutoff switch and I deactivate the air bag, I should be the one responsible," said Francis Patrick Murphy, a Chicago lawyer who represents plaintiffs in personal injury cases.

"I really can't look to somebody else to say they should have protected me from my own actions," he said.

But Murphy and other lawyers say nobody knows for sure what will happen until such a case reaches the courts.

Some insurers also believe consumers would be held liable.

"The federal government's new rules to allow automobile air bag cutoffs could mean a legal and insurance quagmire for unsuspecting consumers," the Independent Insurance Agents of America cautioned.

To get a switch, consumers must fill out a government application that states they understand that "turning off an air bag may have serious safety consequences." The form is signed under penalty of perjury.

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FDA: No human cloning without approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has a warning for the Chicago physicist who wants to clone a human: The agency will shut down anyone who tries without its permission.

Richard Seed's cloning plans have sparked a public outcry and a race by Congress and more than a dozen states to ban cloning. With the FDA filling what critics had called a regulatory vacuum, scientists say lawmakers should take more time to ensure vaguely worded anti-cloning bills don't also ban life-saving medical research.

"It's been a public and media assumption that there is nothing on the books that would even slow or stop Dr. Seed," said Carl Feldbaum of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents biotechnologists involved in cloning research. FDA intervention "creates at least some breathing space."

FDA investigators plan to make clear to Seed that federal regulations require that he file for FDA approval to attempt cloning — permission highly unlikely.

"We're not only able to move, we're prepared to move," said Dr. Michael Friedman, FDA's acting commissioner, noting the agency can go to court to stop unauthorized cloning attempts.

"The scientific issues are far from clear and ... there are some significant ethical concerns that have to be dealt with," added Friedman, noting that the first cloning success — the Scottish sheep Dolly — took 277 tries. For safety reasons, "We're more interested in the 277 failures than in the success."

Seed did not return a call for comment, but says he plans to clone a person within 18 months. A physicist, Seed has no medical degree, no laboratory backing and little money, so scientists aren't taking him seriously. But President Clinton urged Congress to ban human cloning, congressional leaders have pledged quick action after they return next week, and bills are pouring into state legislatures.

Scientists say broadly worded bills already pending in Congress would ban cloning-related research that could one day grow replacement organs, mend spinal-cord injuries and better treat infertility. The key, they say, is banning only baby-making by cloning.

"One man who's on the fringe has drawn a lot of attention in Washington and state capitals," said Dr. Benjamin Younger of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. "If they are going to do this, come up with legislation that bans cloning but protects research."

But scientists' biggest alarm came from Florida, where a bill proposed making any cloning of human DNA a felony — even though cloning human genetic material is standard practice in genetics research, the making of critical medicines and even police DNA fingerprinting. The bill was withdrawn after its authors "realized this would have stopped biomedical research in Florida in its tracks," Feldbaum said.

After Dolly's creation last year, Clinton proposed a narrow ban: a five-year moratorium on creating humans through "somatic cell nuclear transfer technology," the Dolly method. That involves creating a pregnancy solely by replacing an egg cell's nucleus with the nucleus of another cell.

No lawmaker is yet sponsoring Clinton's bill, and Congress didn't act last year because few members then thought human cloning attempts were close.

California, however, banned human cloning effective Jan. 1, using wording similar to Clinton's.

But it isn't free of critics: Some doctors say the somatic cell definition is worded so vaguely that it could inhibit research to make older women's eggs more fertile by simply housing their genetic contents inside a younger woman's egg.

Rep. Vernon Ehlers, R-Mich., wrote the bill that has moved furthest in Congress, and denies that it is too broad. It would ban federal funding of any "research that involves the use of a human somatic cell" to clone. It also bans embryo research, another issue.

Ehlers, a nuclear physicist, argues that his bill would allow cloning non-embryo cells, plants and animals. "They should be grateful there's a scientist offering this legislation who is in support of most of what they are trying to do," he said.

But at least a half-dozen other lawmakers are writing their own cloning bills. It's unclear yet which one will prove "the best way to deal with this threat," said Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., whose House Commerce Committee must approve any ban.

Californian coastline hit by mysterious oil spill

N. Y. Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Blobs of gooey oil from a mysterious new spill have continued to wash ashore at Drakes Beach and the Great Beach near Point Reyes, Calif., killing and injuring dozens of birds.

"At last count, we have recovered 11 oiled birds and observers have seen 40 more birds, some dead and some alive," said John Dell'Osso, public affairs officer at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

"We have no idea where the oil is coming from. We sent samples for testing Saturday," he said.

This is the second perplexing oil spill in two months. The first lasted about a week, beginning around Nov. 18 and splattering the coast from the Sonoma coast south to San Mateo County.

Then, near Point Reyes, the fresh thick blobs slopped up on Ten-Mile Beach, Limantour Spit, Drakes Estero and Drakes Bay.

Left behind in November were 300 dead birds. Of another 120 live birds caught for cleaning, half died. Another 100 birds were seen oiled, but couldn't be captured.

U.S. Coast Guard and state Fish and Game officials couldn't locate any vessel, wreckage or natural seep responsible for the trail of tar balls.

But after examining oil tests from four labs, investigators could eliminate some suspects: The oil wasn't the San Joaquin or Alaskan North Slope crude used by some Bay Area refineries; natural seepage in the region; oil from the wreckage of the Puerto Rican, a ship that exploded in 1984 near the Farallon Islands, or the Cape Mohican, which leaked into the Bay last year.

"We still haven't ruled out vessels pumping bilge slops, overfilling fuel and washing out tanks — or a sunken vessel," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Peter Gautier.

Michael Lozeau, who patrols the Bay for the nonprofit Bay-Keeper to check on pollution, said many believe that the "smaller barges that travel close to shore and aren't as closely regulated as the large oil tankers could be washing out their tanks at sea."

DEAR ABBY

Walker's anti-litter crusade proceeds one step at a time

By Abigail Van Buren



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Where I work, I see a lot of people from other states and countries, and I hear the following comment a lot: "For such a beautiful place, I'm surprised to see so much trash along the side of the roads."

Abby, I live in a nice little town in North Carolina and walk two miles in my neighborhood every day. After hearing that comment, I began carrying a trash bag with me to pick up the refuse people throw onto the side of the road. To my surprise, I find I'm picking up two large bags of trash a week — and I live in a nice neighborhood. What kind of people do this?

My neighbor asked me why I pick up the trash as I walk. I told him that trash made our neighborhood ugly, and if someone didn't do it we'd be knee-high in trash. He was very surprised. Maybe people don't realize what they're doing when they toss their soda cans, candy wrappers, cigarettes and beer bottles out of their cars. I was taught as a child that this was the wrong thing to do. It looks like a lot of people weren't.

Please, parents and teachers: Teach your children that this is wrong, and maybe it will be the start of a cleaner America. I would also like to encourage other walkers to carry a bag and pick up trash as they walk. Also, bending is great for reducing the waistline. — VICKY HURLEY, HICKORY, N.C.

DEAR VICKY: I'm pleased to promote your anti-litter crusade. Every state has littering laws. People should keep trash bags in their cars in which to dispose of trash, and teach their children that littering is wrong. Unfortunately, many individuals think they are the exception to the rule. There should be no exceptions!

DEAR ABBY: Recently I parked in the handicapped space at a restaurant and went in for lunch. Although I look healthy, I am a senior and have a much-needed handicapped placard on my car.

While I was enjoying my lunch, a customer who was leaving stopped at my table to tell me that the hostess and food servers were commenting that I didn't need the placard or special parking space.

As I paid my check, I asked the hostess, "Do you have arthritis?" "No," she replied. I asked if she had heart trouble. Again I received a negative reply. "Have you had two major abdominal surgeries," I continued, "and four operations?" She replied that she hadn't. Then I said, "Well, I have. And I do not appreciate you and the servers deciding by looking at me that I'm fraudulently parking in a handicapped space. Please don't judge that about which you have no knowledge."

Abby, there are times when I can barely walk or breathe, and when I'm in extreme pain. However, I have my pride, and I try my best not to appear anything other than healthy, but I do need some concessions because of my poor health.

In her last year, my 76-year-old mother dressed immaculately and wore makeup to look healthy, even though she was dying of cancer.

How dare people judge those they don't know, and decide they don't need the handicapped parking space? Some disabilities are not obvious, so people should give us the benefit of the doubt. Please print my letter so that the public will get the drift and be more compassionate. —WALKING TALL IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WALKING TALL: I have received many letters from people who are outraged at the obviously able-bodied people who park in parking spaces reserved for the handicapped.

Once again, I caution readers, "Don't judge a man until you've walked a mile in his moccasins."

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Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Countdown begins for new Mir mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA began the countdown Monday for another space shuttle trip to Mir, this time to drop off one last American.

Endeavour is scheduled to blast off Thursday night with astronaut Andrew Thomas, who will replace David Wolf aboard the Russian space station. Wolf has been aboard Mir since late September.

Thomas, an Australian-born engineer, will be the seventh and final U.S. astronaut to live on Mir.

"How do you like my space station haircut? You think it's going to last four months? Probably not," Thomas told reporters, patting his closely cropped blond hair.

Thomas expects his 4 1/2-month Mir stay to be uncomfortable at times given the deteriorating state of the thermal system and other station equipment.

Endeavour will carry up a new air conditioner and computer for the 12-year-old space station, as well as food and other supplies.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Teacher's pension

HOUSTON — The pension fund for Texas teachers lost $44 million in 1996 with the sale of an Austin office building to a firm run by three business partners of Gov. George W. Bush, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday. Bush officials say the governor could not have known of the sale because his investments have been kept in a blind trust since his 1994 election. About 800,000 teachers depend on the Texas Teachers Retirement System, which sold the Frost Bank Plaza building in 1996 to Crescent Real Estate Equities, a Fort Worth real estate investment trust.

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Missing teen

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, (AP) — A Dallas-area teen-ager was found dead Monday on a ledge below the highest point of Big Bend National Park.

Colt Perryman of Balch Springs and about 50 other students from Dallas' Townview Magnet School were visiting the park in far West Texas when Perryman disappeared at about 6 p.m. Saturday.

"It appears that he fell from Emory Peak," said park spokeswoman Valerie Naylor. The peak stands 7,825 feet.

She did not have an estimate on how far down Perryman fell. Park rangers rappelled to the site to help recover the body from the rugged area, she said.

Perryman's 15th birthday was on Sunday.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

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

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

Batterers Anonymous Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., 689-8428.

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

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

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

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

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Midland Chapter No. 253, OES, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., at the Aerie Home, behind Rogers Ford, 697-3131.

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

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

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

55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-3422

Golden Park Independent Retirement Community, 3100 W. Kansas Ave., 699-0914; Senior Citizens Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Midland County Child Welfare Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Department of Human Services, 2301 N. Big Spring St., 683-5411.

ACOA non-smoking, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall.

AlphaOmega Group, 8 a.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

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

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

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

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Corporate contracts not in near future for MISD

■ Exclusive contracts can generate additional funds for school programs.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

While there's a national trend of private businesses funding massive athletic facilities or school programs, Midland Independent School District officials said they have no immediate plans for large marketing deals with companies.

Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent, said the district is looking at the idea of an exclusive contract with a soft drink vendor, but has no immediate plans to adopt the measure.

MISD gets a portion of the sales of soft drinks on its campuses. It could make an exclusive bid with one company that would bring in addi-

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Swing into spring

Tori Ramirez sails from a push from her cousin Candie Quilimaco at a local park.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram



A Day in the Life of Stevie Young



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Getting the little white ball in the little round cup is what it is all about for golfer Stevie Young.

'Practice makes perfect' for professional golfer

At 8 years old, Stevie Young admired and was inspired by the Spanish professional golfer, Seve Ballesteros. Now at 20, Young has left his mark on West Texas as he begins his first year as a professional golfer after competing as an amateur in the Walker Cup, the British Open and Loch Lomond World Invitational, practicing right along side his idol, Ballesteros.

"Seve Ballesteros inspired me because he had a certain aura around him when he played in tournaments. Everyone sort of feared him and I admired the way he played the game," Young said.

This admiration has led him to accept the challenge of becoming a better golfer through hours of practice each day, a mere reflection of his dedication to the sport.

"I never give up practicing and when things are going bad, I know that there are good things to come. Practice makes perfect," he said.

There isn't much that can keep Young from the golf course, including pouring rain or cold weather. In fact, Young said the only time he doesn't practice is when he is traveling to tournaments around the world.

The Scottish golfer begins each day at 9 a.m., hitting balls for about 2 1/2 hours, followed by playing a round of six holes of golf. After a lunch break, he said he hits balls for another 2 1/2 hours and then plays nine more holes of golf.

Young completed high school when he was 17 in Inverallochy, Scotland, the country where golf was invented. He worked for several months in order to save money for upcoming amateur golf tournaments in Scotland. While touring, he met Ewan Little, who at the time was a Midland College golfer. Little suggested that Young go to Midland College and play

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Story by Amy Brasher *Photo by Curt Wilcott*

Jury selection in cadet case begins today

■ Former midshipman at U.S. Naval Academy accused of ordering fiance to kill a rival.

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — "Just do it!"

That was Diane Zamora's December 1995 command for her then fiance to kill a pretty high school rival who had come between the teen-age lovers, according to her statement to police.

On a secluded, darkened road, investigators say, Ms. Zamora ordered David Graham to kill Adrianne Jones because of his one-time sexual tryst with the 16-year-old Mansfield sophomore.

"I think I got kind of hysterical, and I screamed, 'Just do it! Just do it!'" Ms. Zamora told investigators after her arrest almost a year later.

At that time, Ms. Zamora was a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and Graham a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. They planned to wed in 2000.

On Tuesday, state District Judge Joe Drago will begin questioning prospective jurors in a weeklong effort to find an impartial panel for Ms. Zamora's capital murder trial.

Graham will be tried later this year.

Despite enormous publicity, and a state motion for a change of venue, the judge says he is "somewhat optimistic" of seating a jury to try Ms. Zamora, who turns 20 Wednesday.

Under Drago's best-case scenario, he will qualify 75 to 80 prospective panelists this week, get a jury by Jan. 27 and start testimony Feb. 2.

From a pool of more than 200 candidates, Drago discovered last week that only about two dozen had not heard of the case.

Drago nonetheless called that finding "a pleasant surprise."

"That's more than I expected," he said.

Neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys have spoken at length about the revelations, citing Drago's gag order.

In their request to transfer the trial, prosecutors accused the defense of attempting to "poison the jury pool and mislead the public" and said it would be impossible to find a fair and impartial

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State contest gives local students opportunity to win cash awards

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland teens can showcase their writing and research skills this spring in a statewide essay that will give them a chance to earn cash awards.

Any student in grades nine through 12 can enter the University of Texas at Austin's third annual Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition. The contest is named in honor of the late U.S. congresswoman and orator from Texas.

James Fuller, president of the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, said the competition is a chance for youth across the state to learn about contributions that African-Americans have made to their local community.

"The idea behind the contest is to sponsor a program that will result in students emphasizing their community and the emphasis is an investigation into the African-American community," Fuller said.

The essay contest is not part of any school curriculum and can be entered by any high school-aged student. Fuller said it goes above and beyond textbook learning for teens.

"They discover things about their community that they otherwise would not," he said. "They learn about people — in their community — of an African-American persuasion who contributed significantly to their way of life. They learn about people and things that they will never get in the classroom."



Jordan

The contest requires that the profiles be on people from the person's local area. For example, a Texan's essay on Martin Luther King would not qualify for the contest.

The essays essentially are well-documented research papers. Students must use proper grammar, research paper guidelines, have specific content and cited sources. Many essays contain interviews with the person profiled.

The contest is divided into eight regions (the Midland-Odessa area is one region). Entries must be postmarked by March 2. Three winners will be selected from each region. They will receive an honorary Barbara Jordan medallion and their essays will be archived at UT's Center for American History.

The 24 regional winners will advance to Austin to compete in the state finals for cash awards. First place earns $2,500, second $1,500 and third $1,000.

The contest had existed before three years ago, but

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GARY OTT

Full moons can be both intimidating and romantic at the same time

More rambling thoughts ...

— For what it is worth: Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest pizza-selling day of the year, and Domino's alone estimates that it will sell more than 863,000 pizzas that day, and at least 23 percent of them will feature a pepperoni topping of some kind.

— Like most people I've heard address the issue this past week, I think Green Bay will win the Super Bowl, but I'm pulling for Denver because (everyone together now) "I want John Elway to finally win the big one."

— I enjoy watching pro football as much as the next person, but for the networks to pay more than $17 billion to televise them seems, well, a bit much ... no pun intended.

— Always be leery of people who offer you a "once in a lifetime" opportunity.

— Today's question: If you wake up late on Monday morning and you have only one pair of clean slacks in the closet but they are slightly wrinkled, should you take the time to run the iron over them a couple of times?

— Today's answer: Of course not.

— I like sentimental people.

— Walter Kane once said this about about Howard Hughes: "He was the only man I ever knew who had to die to prove he had been alive."

— Don't you just hate being around people who can justify every mistake they ever made? And do.

— Is anyone surprised that Mike Tyson has signed on to be involved in the upcoming wrestlemania television special?

— It is something of a cliche, of course, but a lot of southerners really do possess a certain charm that the rest of us do not.

— "Stranger in a Strange Land" is still one of best ever titles of a novel.

— Just wondering: Was Adolf Hitler ever a "precocious child" or was he just evil from the beginning?

— You don't hear the term "slow poke" used much anymore, and that's too bad.

— Everyone should participate in at least one protest march before reaching the age of 21.

— I don't know why, they just should.

— Jack Kerouac, a hero of an earlier generation, summed up his philosophy on the "meaning of life" this way: "I had nothing to offer anybody except my own confusion."

— A full moon can be both intimidating and romantic at the same time.

— Actually, a lot of things can be intimidating and romantic at the same time.

— Every little kid needs a best friend, especially during the summer when you need someone just to hang out with.

— And today's final quote comes from Ring Lardner, Jr., who once said, "I have known what it was like to be hungry, but I always went right to a restaurant."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Autopsy results

Preliminary autopsy results indicated no signs of foul play in the death of 50-year-old Charles Hailey, who was found dead in a field behind the Royal Inn at 3601 W. Wall at 10:15 a.m. on Jan. 12.

The report states that there were no assault wounds to Hailey's body, which was discovered by a man walking past the field, who then reported the finding to authorities.

There were several medical conditions noted in the autopsy, but a cause of death has still not been established, as medical examiners are waiting for the results of toxicology tests.

Investigators also found no evidence of foul play at the site where Hailey's body was discovered.

Structure fire

A vacant building at 3001 S. State Highway 349 was totally engulfed in flames when fire units arrived shortly after 12:48 p.m. Monday. Five units responded and stayed on the scene for about 1 1/2 hours. No one was injured in the blaze.

Midland Police Department
Friday

Burglary of a building: A building was broken into at 1409 E. Chestnut, it was reported at 5 p.m. by John William Cooper.

Saturday

Vandalism: Tires were slashed at 3417 N. Midland Dr., it was reported at 12:39 p.m. by Gary Hill.

Burglary of a vehicle: A car was broken into at 1912 W. New Jersey Ave., it was reported at 5 p.m. by Martha Bowman.

Sunday

Attempted burglary of a building: A back door was pried open at 3125 Travis Ave., it was reported at 12:19 a.m. by Roger Willis.

Burglary of a building: spray paint and paint thinner were reported stolen at 2308 W. Front St.

Vandalism: a rearview mirror and windshield were broken at 5244 W. Loop 250, it was reported at 9:39 a.m. by Shana Castleberry.

Robbery: a Midland woman reported being assaulted and robbed by a person known to her at 3412 W. Wall St., at 1:30 a.m.

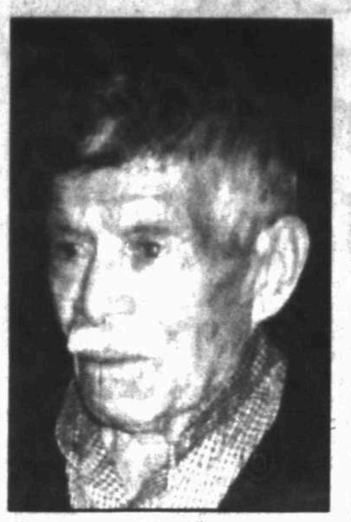
Theft: An employee at 3211 Andrews Highway reported $40 - $60 stolen from a cash register drawer while he put air in the suspect's tires. The incident was reported at 4:25 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A front door was broken at 1910 S. Main St., it was reported at 10:15 p.m. by Ana Villanueva.

Theft: Tools were stolen from 1211 W. Illinois Ave. at some time during the last 12 days, reported by Nicholas Thompson.

Theft: $400 in cash was stolen from 2200 N. Pecos St., it was reported at 11:11 p.m. by Mike Lunsford.

OBITUARIES



Jesus Aleman

Jesus Aleman was born June 11, 1915, in Durango, Mexico. He passed away Friday, January 16, in Midland, Texas, in a Midland hospital.

He is survived by his 13 sons and daughters, Abel Aleman, Edwardo Aleman, Esperanza Aleman, Gloria Bermudes, Maria de Jesus Santos, Felipe Aleman, Socorro Reyes, Gerrarda Enriquez, Ramon Aleman and Rayo Santos, who are all of Midland, Aurora Aleman from Durango, Mexico, Irma Betancourt from Portland, Oregon, and Rosalba Aleman from Wichita Falls, Texas; five sisters, Consuelo Aleman, Leonor Aleman, Magdalena Aleman, Rosa Aleman and Concha Aleman, all of Mexico; 60 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Rosary was held Sunday, Jan. 18, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATHS

Dorothy Wilbanks

Dorothy Wilbanks, 90, mother of Midlander Don M. Moore, died Jan. 12, in Ocean Springs, Miss.

Services were held Jan. 16 in Ocean Springs.

She was born June 8, 1907, in Lyndale.

Her family moved to Lubbock in the late 1920s. She worked for Woolworth's, Montgomery Ward and several dentists in Lubbock. In the 1940s, she was associated with the Dental Division at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, later transferring to the V.A. in Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Osa, James and Byron and sisters, Nell and Katherine.

Other survivors include her children James Moore of Ocean Springs, Miss., LaFaye Helton of Cedar Park and Bobby Moore of Wiggins, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church of Ocean Springs, Miss., Porter Street, Ocean Springs, Miss. 39564.

Veda Butler

Veda Huddleston Butler died Monday, Jan. 15, at her Midland residence.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Fr. James Bridges officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 26, 1915, in Millsap.

She attended Abilene Christian College. She was a resident of Washington, D.C., for several years. In 1979, she married Arthur Butler in Tupelo, Miss. After being a resident of Fort Meyers, Fla., for 23 years, she moved to Midland in 1997.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; a step-son, Robert Butler of Chicago, Ill.; step-daughters, Rosemary Warnecke of Tupelo, Miss., and Delores Rutzen of Des Plains, Ill.; one niece; one nephew and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Leveta Maddox

Leveta "Lee" Maddox died Saturday, Jan. 17, in Floresville.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Eli Borden officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 6, 1934, in Delaplane, Ark.

She was raised in Beach Grove, Ark. She lived in Missouri before moving to Midland in 1980. She was employed with Lone Star Abstract, retiring May 30, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Murray Maddox.

Survivors include her daughters, Rosie Odlozelik of Floresville and Sheri Mullins of Lubbock; her brothers, Randall Pigue and Roger Pigue, both of Tacoma, Wash.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donald J. Ellis

BIG SPRING — Donald J. Ellis, 68, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 17, in a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. today, Jan. 20, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Craig Rhoton officiating. Military rites will be provided by Goodfellow Air Force Base.

He was born June 6, 1929, in Whitehall, N.Y.

He was a member of the Methodist church and the American Legion. He served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force He came to Big Spring in 1956, and was at Webb Air Force Base. He later was a carpenter for Rhoton Construction for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jacqueline, in 1986, and two sisters, Catherine Clark and Joyce Morris.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Cramer of Big Spring; two daughters, Joanne Clark of Springfield, Ohio, and Carole Woellert of Temple; two step-sons, James Phillips, Jr., of Farmington, N.M., and Robert Phillips of Tucson, Ariz.; three step-daughters, Sandra Black of Arlington, Donna Legenbauer of Midland and Paula Rudd of Odessa; one brother, Rollin Ellis of Whitehall, N.Y.; one sister, Barbara Leddick of Whitehall, N.Y.; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

J.L. Davis

BIG SPRING — J.L. Davis, 66, of Midway, father of Midlander Lori Goodloe and Frances Gressett, died Saturday, Jan. 17.

Services are to be 2:30 p.m. today, Jan. 20, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ballard officiating. Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born May 18, 1931, in Howard County.

He had lived most of his life in Howard County. He was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He had worked for the Borden Milk Company and later Merchants Motor Lines.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Davis of Midway; two sons, Robert Wayne Davis of Lake George, Colo., and Frank Gainus of Lubbock; three other daughters, Debi Jo Davis and Connie Davis, both of Odessa, and Bonnie Yee of Tyler; one brother, Ralph Davis of El Paso; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ada Dunagan

Ada Hicks Dunagan of Midland died Monday, Jan. 19.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Burial will be 3:30 p.m. in Monahans Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 4, 1892, in Bibb County, Ala.

She married John Claiborne Dunagan in Gaines County, Dec. 23, 1913. They moved to Midland in 1925. She was a member of the First Baptist Church since 1925. She was also a member of the Alathean Sunday School Class, the Music Club and the Needle Craft Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1965 and by her sons, J. Conrad and Robert L. Dunagan.

Survivors include her daughters, Helen Reeves of Pharr, Lrena Jones of Midland and Virginia Hardy of Abilene; 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland 79701 or Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W, Midland 79707.

Willard Gladson

Willard B. Gladson, 81, of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 19, in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

James Villa

Services for James Manuel Villa, 19, have changed to the Stanton High School Auditorium. He died Saturday, Jan. 17, in Stanton. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

CONTRACTS: Companies can fund projects taxpayers don't want to pay for

(From 1B)

tional money for school programs.

Exclusive contracts can mean millions of dollars in private funding for larger school districts, he said. MISD business office officials spent the weekend in Austin learning about the merits of the exclusive contracts.

"I don't think our soft drink market in Midland is large enough to generate that kind of money," he said.

Nationwide, many school districts are entertaining exclusive contracts at a time when many taxpayers don't want to pay more taxes for what they see as optional extracurricular programs or facilities.

According to the Associated Press, Colorado's Jefferson County school system recently decided to make exclusive contracts with long distance company U.S. West and Pepsi-Cola Co. to build two stadiums.

The district will sell 10-year bonds to pay for the two stadiums, which will cost a total of $12.5 million. U.S. West, Pepsi and other companies will pay off the bonds. So far, sponsors have pledged $4.1 million.

In return, the companies will get exclusive marketing rights in the state's largest school district, with 87,000 students.

Boosters at Lakota West High School in West Chester, Ohio, are hoping a corporate sponsor will spend up to $600,000 for the right to put its name on the school's sports complex.

Baressi said extra money from sponsors can be used to build facilities like athletic buildings, provide scholarships or state-of-the-art scoreboards and other capital items. In return, schools allow companies to advertise or sell products on their campuses.

In one of the more notable examples in Texas, a school in Grapevine near Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, painted an advertisement on its roof for planes flying to the airport.

Critics worry that public schools may be "selling out" children to advertisements by sponsors.

For example, Campbell Soup was criticized for offering school districts a science kit that showed its Prego spaghetti sauce was thicker than Ragu. And Exxon provided a video suggesting the Exxon Valdez oil spill wasn't as bad as had been reported, critics said.

Baressi said public schools need to approach corporate deals with caution.

"I think that's certainly something that you have to be mindful of. I certainly don't think we should exploit our students," he said. "I think we have an obligation to examine any kind of curriculum like that to make sure it's scientifically sound.

"All things being equal, I'd prefer to have taxpayers cover the cost of our schools."

Still, he added, many school districts need to examine the options. The district already has corporately sponsored scoreboards that are in good taste and other ways that corporations help its programs.

Indirectly, MISD has already used corporate sponsorship for facilities. Physical education workout facilities at Lee and Midland high schools and Midland Freshman High School were built with booster club money.

The booster clubs received a large portion of their money from making contracts with businesses in town. The facilities at the three schools easily top $100,000 each, Baressi said.

In addition, MISD has its long-standing relationship with businesses in town under its Partners in Education program. Business employees adopt the district or a school and help fund programs or provide volunteers.

"It's not uncommon to fly a corporate flag next to our U.S. and Texas flags," Baressi said of the schools. "Those are partnerships where those businesses have helped out the staff and teachers."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

TRIAL: Court TV allowed to air proceedings

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jury here.

The case already has inspired two books and a television docudrama. Also, the December publication of Ms. Zamora's confession caused something of a local furor.

"As the court has said, only someone who lives under a rock has not heard about this case," they said in their petition.

The judge deferred a ruling on that motion until he completes screening prospects.

Despite objections from prosecutors and the victim's family, the judge announced last week he will permit live national television of the court proceedings.

He said Court TV and two newspaper photographers will be allowed in the courtroom and must share their images with other media.

Meanwhile, both defendants remain in jail under $250,000 bond.

Ms. Zamora's statement appeared originally in Peter Meyer's recently published "Blind Love." Sources who requested anonymity have confirmed its authenticity for The Associated Press.

She told investigators she and Graham decided to kill Miss Jones after he admitted his brief fling with the younger woman.

"Now he was telling me the one thing I prized more than anything was taken away," Ms. Zamora said, according to the statement. "I screamed at him, 'Kill her! Kill her!' He was just so scared he wasn't about to say no to me."

On the night of the slaying, she said she struck Ms. Jones with a weight. In the chaos of the moment, Ms. Zamora said, she insisted that Graham shoot Ms. Jones repeatedly to make sure she was dead.

According to investigators, details of the slaying came to light some nine months later when Ms. Zamora confided in friends, who related the story to police.

CONTEST: Preparation workshops to be offered

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was renamed shortly after Ms. Jordan's death. She was a professor at UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson school of political sciences.

There will be two essay preparation workshops at Midland County Public Library: 10:30 a.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 21.

For more information, contact Fuller at 682-2864.

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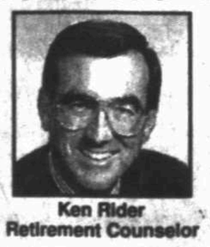
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Structure fire

Firefighters respond to a structure fire Monday in the 3000 block of South Highway 349 and find the building totally engulfed in flames. There were no injuries and the cause was undetermined, according to officials.

GOLF: Young was recruited by Midland College

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golf.

"Ewan told me about Midland College and the warm weather conditions. It sounded like a good deal because of the reputation the school had."

Shortly after that, Delnor Poss, Midland College golf coach, recruited him.

This move was only the beginning of Young's golf career.

"Steven Young was recruited to Midland College because of his exceptional record of having won so many important events, notably the Scottish Boys Championship. He has tremendous talent and is one of the most talented players we have ever had. He is in good company because last year we had nine players playing on various levels of professional tours throughout the world," Poss said.

"The first couple of weeks I was in Midland, I didn't do so good in qualifying, but coach Poss took a gamble and put me on the first team. I ended up winning the first tournament individually, which helped my confidence," Young said.

Shortly after that experience, Young ended up joining All-Americans and former Chap golfers like Darren Eckhardt of Australia, Chad Campbell and Derrick Pursley, both of Andrews and Graham Davidson of Scotland.

"Coach Poss did a great job as a coach and helping me with my mental game," Young said.

Poss added that his program of training at Midland College includes tactical planning for course management and positive visualization as well as positive self image and expectation.

"Steven enhanced his opportunity as a professional by improving in those three important areas," he said.

Young said that meeting his girlfriend, Joni Richardson, and his two years at Midland College has "tremendously helped me to improve my golf game." He added that his family has also played a major role in keeping him grounded and focused.

Young is just starting his professional golf career and has already signed several endorsement contracts.

Young said he gained valuable experience last summer playing in front of large crowds and television cameras.

From Austria to Switzerland and Japan to Portugal, he has played in tournaments all over the world, including the British Open, which he said is regarded as the best major in the world.

"I missed the cut by four but I learned a great deal from the pros who were playing. It was an honor to practice right along side pros like Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Tom Lehman and Ernie Ells. I was nervous, but I didn't let it affect my game. I could watch them practice for ages," he said.

Currently, Young is playing in a series of eight tournaments in the Tommy Armour Tour in Orlando, Fla.

"I hate to lose and I just wanted to become good so I can win. You have got to keep your competitive edge," he said.

Keeping a positive attitude has definitely helped to improve Young's game both mentally and physically.

"I can't wait to get more experience and more tournaments behind me," he said.

"When you play bad, it is like someone has stuck a dagger through your heart, but what is behind you is behind you. You have to put past experiences in the back of your mind and forget about it."

Young said his goal is to one day live in Florida and play in one of the richest and largest tours, the PGA.

With his determination and positive outlook, anything is possible.

At a Glance: Stevie Young

At a Glance: Stevie Young

Date of birth: March 26, 1977, in Fraserburgh, Scotland.

Hobbies: "Listening to music, watching movies, soccer, playing pool and relaxing."

Favorite movie: "'Happy Gilmore' because it is a lighter look at the pro golf circuit."

Favorite food: "Pizza and Diet Coke."

Favorite golf course: "Ballybunion, Ireland."

Favorite vacation spot: "Ascona, Switzerland."

If you could go any place in the world, where would you go? "Caribbean."

If you won the lottery, what would you do? "I would get married to Joni in Scotland and fly all of her friends and relatives to Scotland."

Texas teachers' retirement fund loses millions on building sale

HOUSTON (AP) — The pension fund for Texas teachers lost $44 million in 1996 with the sale of an Austin office building to a firm run by three business partners of Gov. George W. Bush, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

Bush officials say the governor could not have known of the sale because his investments have been kept in a blind trust since his 1994 election.

About 800,000 teachers depend on the Texas Teachers Retirement System, which sold the Frost Bank Plaza building in 1996 to Crescent Real Estate Equities, a Fort Worth real estate investment trust.

The 1994 trust was formed by several of Bush's business partners in the Texas Rangers baseball team, including Fort Worth millionaire investor Richard Rainwater. Crescent's top operating officers, President Gerald Haddock and Vice President John Goff, also are part-owners of the Rangers.

"The governor's investments are in a blind trust and he does not know what's in that trust," said Ray Sullivan, a Bush spokesman. "He had no knowledge of the building transaction and was not involved in any way. It's outrageous and false to suggest any link between the govenor and the sale of this building."

In 1984, the pension fund loaned $60 million on the building to a political ally of Democratic Gov. Mark White.

When White's friend fell victim to the real estate bust in the late 1980s, the pension fund repossessed the building with nearly $49 million outstanding on the loan. The fund then had to put $50 million into major structural repairs.

Of the $99 million investment, the pension fund recouped approximately $55 million in rents, interest from the loan, and the $36 million sale price when TRS sold the property to Crescent. That left a $44 million loss on the project, according to TRS records examined by the newspaper.

Despite the loss, the pension fund has made more than $166 million in the sale of 16 foreclosed properties, including the Frost Bank Plaza.

While accepting the offer as the best available, the pension fund also was suing the Travis County Central Appraisal District over its assessment that the fair market value of the building was $18.4 million higher than the sale price to Crescent.

If the estimate had proven correct in the open market, then the losses to the pension fund on the building could have been cut by 42 percent, the Chronicle said.

The Chronicle said efforts to reach Rainwater and Haddock were unsuccessful. Neither Rainwater, Haddock nor Goff immediately returned telephone calls seeking comment from The Associated Press on Monday.

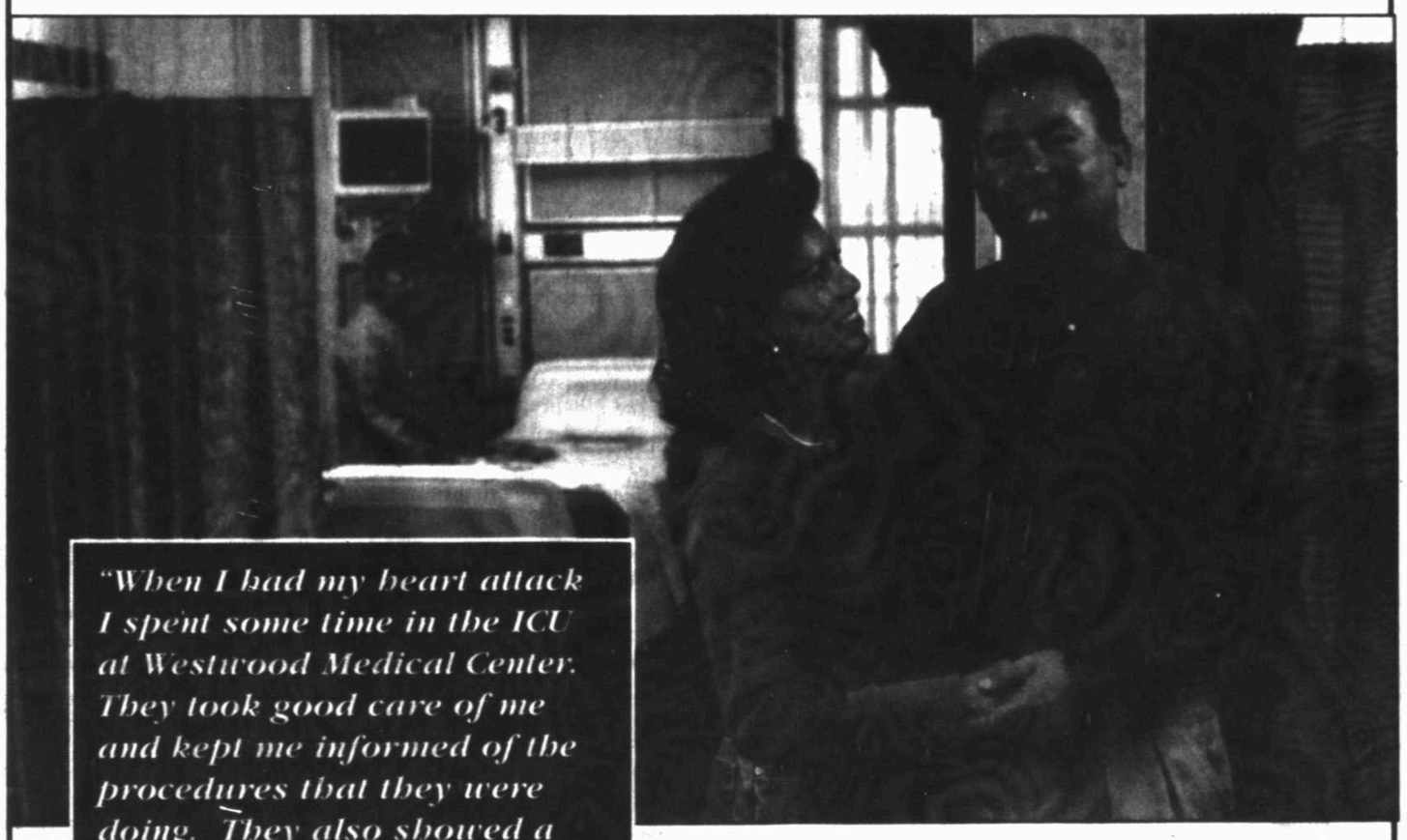


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Business lunch

The Small Business Council of the Midland Chamber of Commerce will host a Small Business Council Luncheon Wednesday at the Midland Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The topic will be "Home Equity Loans."

Jane McCrary of NationsBank, Bill Milner of Midland American Bank and a representative of Bank One will discuss the opportunities and risks of the new Texas law allowing business owners to borrow money against their home equity.

Cost is $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Information and reservations are available by calling 683-3381.

The event is sponsored by Midland American Bank.

Tax forum

Smith Barney will host a forum on the "Tax Relief Act of 1997."

The forum will be Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club.

Speakers include Andrea Cooper, first vice president, investments and retirement planning specialist, CooperNetwork; Robert H. Dawson of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson; John Dzubinski,CPA with JMA Resources and W. Keith Wood, first vice president, investments, retirement planning specialist with CooperNetwork and senior portfolio manager, Smith Barney.

There is no charge but reservations are required and can be made by calling 620-6059.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar continued sliding against the Japanese yen but rose against most major currencies in quiet United States trading during the federal Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

In New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 128.88 yen, down from 129.30 Friday.

The U.S. currency also settled at 1.8363 marks, up from 1.8336.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4977 Swiss francs, unchanged; 6.1478 French francs, up from 6.1400; 1,805 Italian lire, up from 1,803.50; and 1.4378 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4375.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6385, up from $1.6335.

Foreign stocks climb

Foreign stocks rose sharply Monday, setting a positive tone for Wall Street's return on Tuesday, with stocks continuing to benefit from last week's international push to stem Asia's economic crisis.

Stocks in Thailand, where the crisis began last summer, jumped 9.8 percent to lead Monday's advance. Elsewhere in Asia, Malaysia's main stock index rose 9 percent, South Korea's rose 6.6 percent, Singapore's rose 6 percent, Indonesia's rose 6 percent, the Philippines' rose 5.7 percent, and Hong Kong's rose 5.6 percent.

Healthcare CEO

LOS ANGELES — Jeremy M. Jones stepped down as head of Apria Healthcare Group Inc. in a management shakeup Monday as the nation's largest home health care provider lowered its earnings target.

The resignation of the chairman and chief executive officer took effect immediately, although Jones will remain on Apria's board, the company said. The move came as Apria said it expects to lose $2.20 to $2.40 per share for 1997 and post fourth-quarter earnings "significantly below" Wall Street estimates.

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CEO defends Union Pacific

■ Railroad had bad fourth quarter; CEO says traffic back to normal except for one stretch.

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Except for about 250 miles of track from Houston to New Orleans, service on Union Pacific's 36,000 miles of track is almost back to normal, the chairman of the railroad's parent company said Monday.

At the height of the railroad's congestion, westbound trains were lined up from Los Angeles to Phoenix waiting to get into southern California. But Union Pacific Corp. Chairman Richard Davidson said that congestion is gone and trains are moving smoothly through the West.

For months, Union Pacific has been plagued by a service backlog that prompted shippers' complaints. Critics have blamed the delays on the railroad's merger with Southern Pacific.

The railroad also has been troubled by a string of accidents last summer that prompted federal investigators to do a systemwide safety check.

During an appearance at the Omaha Press Club, Davidson said the final quarter of 1997 was a bad quarter for the railroad, but he declined to say how bad. The company will release its quarterly earnings Thursday.

The corporation is based in Dallas; its rail operations are based in Omaha.

Davidson said it will take a lot to restore the faith of Union Pacific's rail customers, particularly those in the chemical industry.

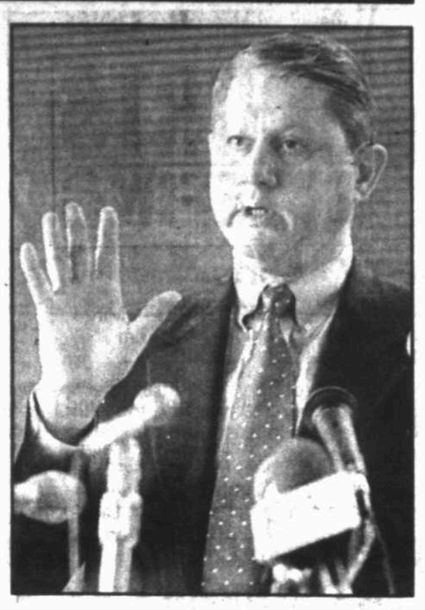
"We've had a lot of screw-ups," Davidson said. "It's going to take a lot of 'atta boys' to win back our customers' confidence."

Davidson said the accidents were an embarrassment and a tragedy, but the company is working with the federal government and its labor unions to improve safety.

Despite the accidents, 1997 was one of the best years for safety the company has seen, Davidson said. Employee injuries were down 23 percent, derailments were down 21 percent and grade-crossing collisions were down 26 percent, he said.

As an example of the railroad's improved performance, Davidson said 142 trains crossed Union Pacific's main line east of North Platte to Gibbon in a 24-hour period a few weeks ago — about a train every 12 minutes. He said that is busier than the New York subway system.

He also said the railroad is on track in January to produce record coal movements out of the Powder River basin in Wyoming. Davidson said the company diverted some locomotives from coal service to solve congestion problems and was unable to deliver as much coal as utilities wanted in October and November.



AP Photo

Dick Davidson, chairman and CEO of Union Pacific Corp.

Super Bowl spotlight can burn ads

■ Some companies debuting new ad campaigns during Super Bowl have attracted controversy along with attention.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Holiday Inn had strong hopes a year ago for its Super Bowl commercial underscoring the hotel chain's $1 billion makeover.

Designed to grab attention in television's most competitive commercial environment, the ad showed a beautiful woman shocking a classmate at a high school reunion after having had the ultimate personal overhaul — a sex-change operation.

Holiday Inn executives expected viewers to get a chuckle and check out the changes made to the aging hotel chain. But not everyone was amused, and within 48 hours of the commercial's debut, Holiday Inn scrapped the ad.

"People definitely noticed it," says Craig Smith, a spokesman for the Atlanta-based chain. "But some objected to the subject matter. Once we found the metaphor was offensive, we thought the best tactic was to remove that metaphor from use."

Holiday Inn's experience illustrates the risks of paying huge sums for a few moments in the spotlight during what is usually the year's biggest TV audience.

Super Bowl ads for Sunday sold out two months ago at $2.6 million per minute — the most expensive TV commercial time ever.

Apple Computer Inc. hit both extremes in the mid-1980s when its "1984" commercial that introduced its Macintosh computer became a Super Bowl ad classic, but its "Lemmings" ad a year later showing business executives following each other off a cliff was roundly panned.

"When you get caught up in this kind of thing, you tend to look for something that is different, that will stick out and be remembered," said Scott Purvis, who heads a New Jersey advertising research firm. "But you don't want to leave people with a negative impression."

His firm, Gallup & Robinson Inc., has been conducting telephone surveys of Super Bowl viewers the day after the game for the past seven years and last year's survey found the Holiday Inn ad irritated a lot of people.

Purvis said 16 percent of those surveyed said they strongly disliked the commercial, the highest negative response the firm has found for a Super Bowl ad.



AP Photo

A beautiful woman shocks a classmate at a high school reunion, after having had the ultimate personal overhaul, a sex-change operation, in this Holiday Inn commercial shown during last year's Super Bowl. Holiday Inn executives expected viewers to get a chuckle and check out the changes made to the aging hotel chain. But not everyone was amused, and within 48 hours of the commercial's debut, Holiday Inn scrapped the ad.

The Holiday Inn ad wasn't the only Super Bowl commercial yanked soon after its debut.

Cadillac created a fantasy ad that ran on the same telecast featuring model Cindy Crawford as a bored princess who leapt at the chance to escape her castle in a new Catera.

The company questioned if a supermodel was the right messenger for getting businesswomen interested in the $30,000 car, said Cadillac spokeswoman Julie Hamp. Cadillac heard no complaints, but Hamp said there were worries inside the company the ad could be alienating potential customers.

"We have no regrets about it," Hamp said. "But we always learn from our experiences."

The makers of Dirt Devil vacuum cleaners got an earful in a letter from the late Fred Astaire's daughter, who objected to three Super Bowl ads that made it look as if Astaire were using vacuums as props in dance routines.

Ava McKenzie wrote Royal Appliance Manufacturing Co. that its "paltry, unconscionable commercials are the antithesis of everything my lovely, gentle father represented." She also sent a copy of the letter to Daily Variety, which published it.

But the Cleveland company said the ads were made with the blessings of Astaire's widow and McKenzie's step-mother, Robyn Astaire, who has the sole right to make such decisions about Fred Astaire's image.

Consumers liked the ads, said Deborah Holtkamp, director of advertising for the Dirt Devil brand. She said sales of Dirt Devil upright vacuums, which were pitched in one of the ads, rose 7 percent in the first nine months of 1997 while sales of uprights overall were down industry-wide. She said the company got about a dozen complaints by mail about the ads but an equal number of plaudits.

Royal Appliance made two additional ads with clips from classic Astaire films later in the year and plans to use all five ads at various times this year although not on the Super Bowl.

Which Super Bowl ads will cause sparks this year?

Nike Inc. may be risking some backlash by using unclothed athletes, such as basketball's David Robinson and track's Suzy Hamilton, for athletic apparel ads.

But it's hard to say. The admakers for Holiday Inn and Cadillac Catera said there were no objections to their ads during tests of the commercials before the Super Bowl.

"You learn from experience," said Smith of Holiday Inn. "But you're never going to please everybody."

IBM expects to report higher profit

■ Cost-cutting, increased service sales contribute to higher-than expected earnings.

N.Y. Times News Service

ARMONK, N.Y. — International Business Machines Corp. is expected to report that earnings rose in the fourth quarter, helped by strong sales of computer services and continued cost-cutting in all its operations.

IBM is expected to earn $2.15 a diluted share in the fourth quarter, according to the average estimate of 22 analysts polled by IBES International Inc. The world's largest computer maker earned $2.02 billion, or $1.97 a share, in the year-ago period.

Armonk, New York-based IBM is expected to report earnings today after the close of U.S. trading.

IBM's gains are certain to be tempered by the dollar's rise against almost all major currencies in the past 12 months. IBM gets about 53 percent of its revenue outside North America, and those sales are worth less in dollar terms now because foreign currencies are so much weaker than they were a year ago.

"Foreign currencies have got to be an issue," said George Elling, an analyst at Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York.

The U.S. dollar has soared against almost every currency in the world, gaining most against those in Asia, where a financial meltdown has sent investors fleeing for the safety of dollars. The Korean won has fallen 44 percent against the dollar in three months. The Thai baht has fallen 29 percent.

The Asian crisis also is slowing growth in sales of high-technology goods such as computers and software.

Even so, investors appear to be betting that IBM will weather the Asian crisis. Other technology companies, including Intel Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc., this week reported earnings that exceeded analysts' diminished expectations.

"I'm hoping to see positive equipment sales," Elling said. In past quarters, IBM has relied on its services business for much of its growth, while computer sales remained lackluster. That could change this quarter if sales of IBM's powerful mainframe computers meet expectations, Elling said.

Elling rates IBM shares "outperform." He expects the company to earn $2.17 a share in the fourth quarter.

Revenue in IBM's services business, which helps companies set up, maintain and service their networks, increased 20 percent in the third quarter.

IBM's challenge in 1998 is to increase sales of hardware and software, analysts said. For much of 1997, the company relied on cost-cutting to boost earnings.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Investment newsletters best rated by objective source

By Eric Tyson

Q: What do you think are the best investment newsletters on the market?

A: Most investment newsletters are geared toward people who invest in individual stocks and people who desire to time their investments based on financial market predictions. Regular readers of my columns know I'm a strong advocate of doing your homework up front to select good investments and then holding onto them for the long-term — not the type of investing recommended by most investment newsletters.



Tyson

Before you subscribe to any investment newsletter, you should consult an objective source for the performance of its recommendations over a long period of time. Disregard any performance claims made in advertising pieces sent to you by a newsletter seeking to cultivate your business. Such claims often are hyped, and in some cases are outrageous.

According to the Hulbert Financial Digest, a service that tracks, on a risk-adjusted basis, the performance of investment newsletters' recommended portfolios, not a single newsletter beat the Wilshire 5,000 index — the broadest-based U.S. stock market index — during the past 15 years.

During the 17 years that Hulbert has tracked newsletter recommendations, the best performing newsletter, when accounting for the riskiness of its picks, is the Value Line Investment Survey, a service that provides one-page research summaries on individual stocks.

Whenever you're comparing investment newsletters, remember that past results do not guarantee future performance.

Also be aware that some newsletters' advice is downright dangerous to follow because it's so risky. For example, if you had followed the advice of Joe Granville's "Granville Market Letter" since 1980, you would have lost an astonishing 99.4 percent of your money, according to Hulbert.

Q: I have been using the Dogs of the Dow investment strategy for almost four years and feel that it has been a success in my retirement accounts. Are you against this strategy due to its simplicity?

What are alternative disciplined investment strategies?

A: If you're going to use the Dogs of the Dow investment strategy, which calls for investing in the highest-yielding stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average, doing so inside rather than outside a retirement account makes more sense. That because the strategy requires a good deal of trading each year to keep one's money invested in the highest yielding stocks in the Dow index.

That said, I am still not an advocate of the strategy. One drawback is that the frequent trading generates brokerage commissions, which reduce investors' returns. Another drawback is that many investors lack sufficient capital to implement the strategy and to be properly diversified.

While you say that following the Dogs strategy has been a "success" for you, have you compared your total returns — don't forget to subtract commissions — over the period you've employed the strategy to a large-company U.S. stock market index such as the Standard & Poor's 500? I know that last year, for instance, the Dogs of the Dow strategy underperformed the S&P 500.

I advocate that people invest in stocks through diversified, efficiently managed mutual funds, which combine low cost with professional management. Also consider index funds, which track various widely followed market indices and charge very low fees. Investing through funds, especially when investing overseas, makes good sense.

When investing in actively managed funds, select funds run by managers with long track records of investment success and offered by parent fund companies with much experience and success in the type of fund you're considering.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

NCAA BASKETBALL — Minnesota at Michigan, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Seattle SuperSonics at Dallas Mavericks, 7 p.m., TNT and FSS.

BOXING — Jesse James Leija (34-3-2) vs. Joel Perez (23-1-2) for vacant NABF lightweight championship; junior welterweights, Diosbelys Hurtado (22-1-0) vs. Aaron Zarate (26-7-1), 8 p.m., USA.

Texas Scores

JUCO BASKETBALL — Men, Midland College 58, Howard College 57.

Women, Midland College 70, Howard College 69.

NBA — New Jersey Nets 95, San Antonio Spurs 84.

Seattle SuperSonics 114, Houston Rockets 80.

Sports Today

PREP SOCCER — Midland Lee boys at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

PREP BASKETBALL — Midland High girls vs. Odessa High, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee girls at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Midland High boys vs. Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee boys at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

WJCAC Women

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Season W	Season L
Midland College	3	0	14	5
Clarendon College	3	0	12	1
Howard College	2	1	18	1
South Plains	2	1	12	6
New Mexico JC	1	2	7	6
Odessa College	1	2	8	8
Frank Phillips	0	3	4	10
Western Texas	0	3	5	13

Monday's Games

Midland 70, Howard 69; South Plains 68, New Mexico JC 65; Clarendon 78 Western Texas 67; Odessa 71, Frank Phillips 54.

Thursday's Games

Midland at Clarendon; Western Texas at Frank Phillips; Odessa at South Plains; New Mexico JC at Howard.

WJCAC Men

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Season W	Season L
New Mexico JC	2	1	11	6
South Plains	2	1	11	8
Howard College	2	1	9	10
Frank Phillips	2	1	9	9
N. Mexico Military	2	1	7	10
Midland College	1	2	15	2
Odessa College	1	2	8	8
Clarendon	0	3	8	5

Monday's Games

Howard 58, Midland College 57; South Plains 77, New Mexico JC 55; New Mexico Military 77, Clarendon 70; Frank Phillips 74, Odessa 72.

Thursday's Games

Midland at Clarendon; New Mexico Military at Frank Phillips; Odessa at South Plains; New Mexico JC at Howard.

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 18, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (50)	16-1	1,729	2
2. N. Carolina (14)	18-1	1,672	1
3. Kansas (3)	21-2	1,550	3
4. Utah (2)	15-0	1,501	4
5. Stanford (1)	16-0	1,466	7
6. Arizona	15-3	1,447	5
7. Kentucky	16-2	1,391	6
8. Connecticut	16-2	1,235	10
9. UCLA	13-3	1,082	8
10. Iowa	15-2	1,028	13
11. Princeton	13-1	1,013	12
12. Purdue	15-4	976	9
13. Mississippi	12-2	838	11
14. South Carolina	11-3	718	14
15. Syracuse	15-2	696	15
16. Michigan	14-4	681	19
17. New Mexico	13-3	627	16
18. Arkansas	14-3	478	22
19. Xavier	11-4	399	18
20. Florida St.	13-5	394	17
21. Cincinnati	13-2	344	—
22. Rhode Island	12-3	305	20
23. West Virginia	15-3	302	21
24. Hawaii	12-2	225	24
25. Clemson	11-6	120	—

Others receiving votes: Maryland 98, Indiana 92, George Washington 82, Texas Christian 47, Michigan St. 38, Vanderbilt 25, Tennessee 22, Georgia Tech 17, Oklahoma 15, Murray St. 14, Colorado St. 10, Massachusetts 10, Gonzaga 8, Santa Clara 7, Southern Miss. 7, St. Bonaventure 6, Ball St. 5, Dayton 4, Marquette 4, Miami 4, Oklahoma St. 4, Arizona St. 3, Baylor 3, Ill.-Chicago 2, Utah St. 2, Washington 2, Saint Louis 1, Temple 1.

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Rankin hoopsters bounce back

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

■ Area Basketball

At the end of the athletic portion of the 1996-97 school year, the Rankin coaches examined their teams' performances, and with the exception of a good track season, they frankly didn't like what they saw.

They came up with a harder off-season program to make their athletes stronger and to make sure 1996-97 didn't happen again.

It seemed to have worked. The football team beat then No. 1-ranked Wink to win the district title and now the boys basketball team is looking to follow the gridiron lead.

Tonight, the Rankin boys and girls open their District 30-A schedule against Irion County.

For boys coach Shannon Hooker, he is ready to get district started, so he can put away the memories of last year's 9-17 season.

"Last season was the first time Rankin missed the playoffs in 11 or 12 years," said Hooker, who is in his eighth year at Rankin. "I had three previous teams that went to the regional tournament and last year was a downer.

"It made me more determined to come back and work harder. I think the players are like that also. They don't want to be known as a team that didn't make the playoffs. That is when the fun begins."

Rankin will be a more experienced team this season in that 10 players, including five starters, return from last season's squad.

"Compared to last year, we have a whole different attitude," Hooker said. "Last year, we were playing sophomores and juniors. Now, they have a year of experience and they are juniors and seniors.

"Our confidence is higher. We feel if we go and take care of business we have a good shot of making the playoffs. We feel i'ts in our hands and have to go out and do it."

So far, the experience has paid off with wins over Class 2A Iraan and a Christoval, a playoff team of a year ago. Last Friday, Rankin, 17-9 overall, rebounded from a Tuesday loss to Midland Christian with a 68-56 win over Klondike.

The Red Devils will see how good they really are tonight whens they travel to Mertzon for a matchup with defending district champ Irion County.

"Tomorrow night will be really important," Hooker said. "Irion County is the defending district champs and returns four starters. We can tell how we compare to a playoff caliber team."

For those looking for a "go-to player" on the Red Devil team, there really isn't one. Hooker will often play 11-13 Red Devils a game. His depth, which he considers the team's strength, is stronger, quicker and older.

That makes the team's high-pressure, high-intensity and high-tempo style

Please see **RANKIN**/2C

MC basketball tastes ecstacy, agony

Lady Chaps nip No. 4 Howard by 1

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The No. 4 ranked Howard Lady Hawks are no longer undefeated.

They can thank the Midland College Lady Chaparrals for that after a 70-69 thriller at Chaparral Center Monday night.

The match-up between the two Western Junior College Athletic Conference elites certainly lived up to its billing with 13 lead changes in the game and the end result coming down to the final seconds.

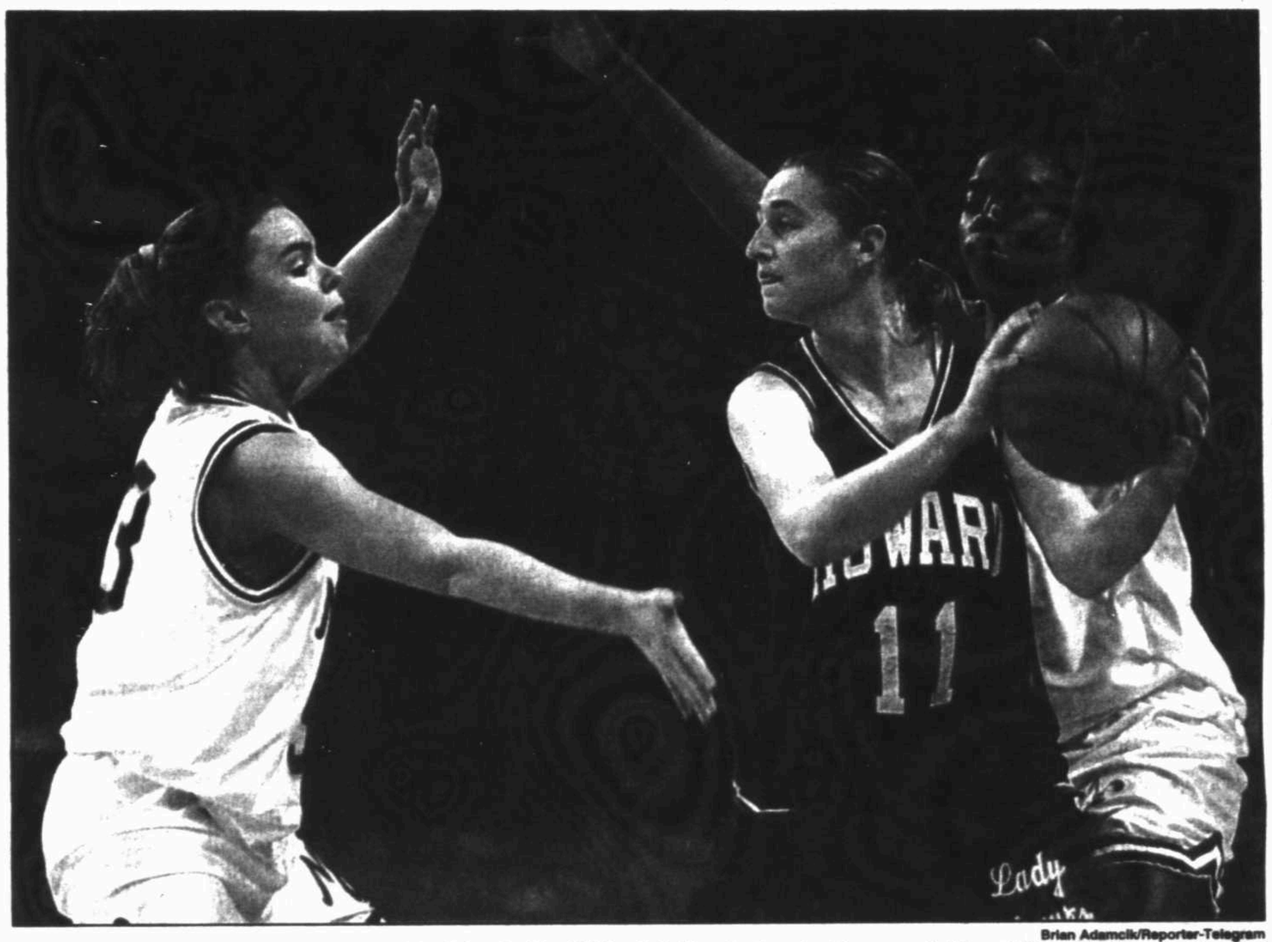
"It feels great," proclaimed MC sophomore Jill Davis after the win. "You can tell they (Howard) were mad. The (MC) sophomores especially wanted this game tonight."

Last year the teams shared the WJCAC title, but the Lady Hawks won two out of the three meetings last year with one of those victories coming in Midland. For now, the Lady Chaps got a bit of sweet revenge against their most bitter rival and stand atop the league standings with a 3-0 record, while the Lady Hawks fell to 2-1 in conference and 18-1 overall. The two teams meet again on Feb. 12 in Big Spring.

"This is only one game but we knew this was going to be a war," said MC coach Ron Jones. "We still have 11 games left in conference and this certainly gives us confidence for the rest of the season. It's a building block that we can use.

"I can't really tell what the turning point was in the game. I think we hung in there offensively and it easily could've gone the other way."

"We needed this one bad," said 6-foot-2 freshman post Autumn Johnson. "This is just going to boost our morale."



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Howard College's Ricka McKee (center) is defended by Midland College's Brooke Bowman (left) and Mamie Ndoye in Monday night's game at the Chaparral Center. The Lady Chaps beat previously undefeated Howard 70-69.

Each team had numerous opportunities to take a comfortable lead, but every time either team would get into a position to do just that the other team would respond. Each team held as much as an eight-point lead in the second half.

It also helped that neither team shot well from the field. Midland, which improved to 14-5 overall, was 37.5 percent (21-of-56) from the floor, while Howard was 38 percent (24-of-63). Because of the cold front that swept across the floor of the Chap, the determining factor came down to the last 10 seconds of the game.

Johnson gave the Lady Chaps a 70-69 lead on turnaround jumper with 20 seconds left. On the ensuing possession, Howard's Latasha Moore was fouled by Shelley Alderman, sending Moore to the free-throw line with 10 seconds left.

Moore missed both free throws and the

Please see **WOMEN**/2C

Chaps lose another heartbreaker, 58-57

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Monday night was not a good night to be a fourth-ranked team at Chaparral Center.

After the No. 4 Howard College Lady Hawks fell to Midland College by one point, the No 4 ranked Midland College men followed suit in a one point loss of its own, 58-57, to the Howard College men's team in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Midland College, which has now lost consecutive games after starting the season 15-0, falls to 15-2 for the season. The team, which entered WJCAC play as one of the teams to beat, has now been beaten twice in the last week and both games were decided in the last seconds.

And like the 66-65 loss to New Mexico Junior College last Thursday, this one probably was a game that the Chaps feel like they let get away. The reality is the loss to Howard was one that got away.

"We self-destructed," Pat Rafferty said in a matter-of-fact tone. "We are up eight with a minute and a half, two minutes to go, or whatever it was, and we never scored again."

The lead Rafferty is referring to was a 57-49 lead with just under two minutes to play in the game. DeJuan Daniel had just hit a bucket and a close game between these WJCAC rivals seemed to finally be in bag for the Chaps.

Then came self-destruction. Midland College had two offensive fouls, one missed free throw and a costly turnover while trying to run the clock down. Meanwhile, Howard hit 7-of-8 free throws from the line, and then down 57-56, scored the last points of the game.

After a missed free throw by MC's Calvin Williams, The Hawks' Clifton Cook, a WJCAC first-team performer in 1996-97, took the ball from one end of the court to the other and popped a pull-up jumper from 14-feet out. It was almost too easy for Cook, who played the role of the goat one game earlier.

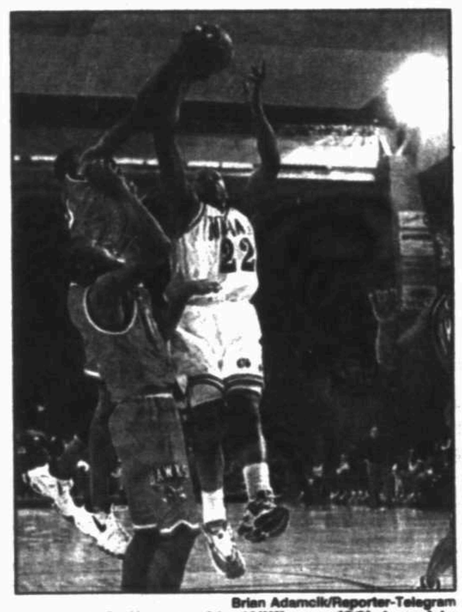
"When we played New Mexico Military (Institute), I coughed the ball up. I promised it wouldn't happen again," said Cook, who had 10 points on the night on 4-of-14 shooting.

"It was all confidence," said Cook about the last shot. "There were no doubts. All Confidence."

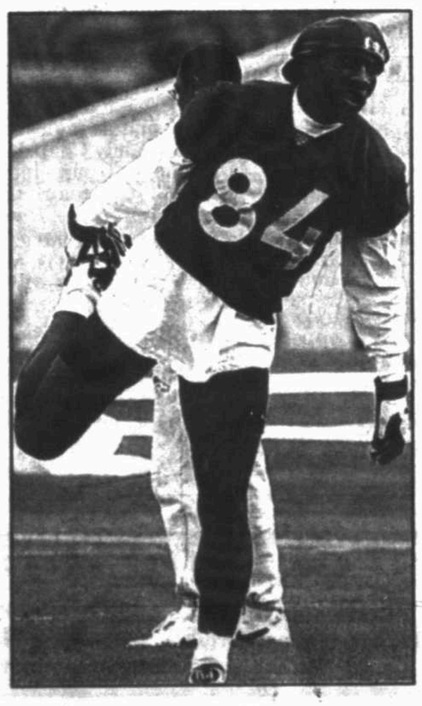
The Chaps did have two opportunities to take the lead but a turnover on one possession and two missed shots (a 3-point field goal attempt by Doug Wade and a put-back try by Harold Arceuneaux) on the last possession of the game made it Howard's night.

Howard College coach Tommy Collins, whose team improves to 9-10 for the season and 2-1 in conference, was pleasantly surprised with his team pulling out a win on the road.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland College's Alu Williams (22) has his shot blocked by Howard College in Monday night's 58-57 loss.



Denver Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe stretches during warmups at the team's practice session Monday in San Diego for this Sunday's Super Bowl XXXII matchup with the Green Bay Packers.

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Can drawing wild card help Denver?

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

SAN DIEGO — Even when they clearly were the AFC's best team, the Denver Broncos couldn't win a Super Bowl. So maybe the wild-card approach is the way to go.

Not that the wild-card route has been particularly kind to NFL teams. Only five have made it to the Super Bowl, mainly because it has required playing an extra game since the league went to the current format in 1990, and two of those games are on the road.

So can these Broncos match the 1980 Oakland Raiders as the only wild card to capture the NFL title? They're certainly not looking to the past for the answer, because their history at the Super Bowl (0-4) is even worse than that of the wild cards (1-3).

"What we've done the last two games should indicate what type of team we have," said safety Tyrone Braxton, a member of the last Denver team to get this far. That 1989 club was annihilated 55-10 by San Francisco. "Our road here, going into Kansas City and Pittsburgh and winning — those are two very tough places to win — makes us better suited to win this game."

Perhaps. But the Broncos face as formidable an opponent as any of the previous wild cards did.

Green Bay not only wants to be the second team to win consecutive Super Bowls, this group might be stronger than the one that beat New England. And it has the experience of handling the rigors of Super Bowl week; only Braxton, John Elway and 11 other Broncos have that knowledge, none as recently as a year ago.

"If being here before gives us an edge," Brett Favre said, "we'll take it."

The Packers do have history on their side, with a 3-0 record in the Super Bowl and a 13-year winning streak for their conference.

No wild-card routes for this bunch. Green Bay finished 13-3 in the league's best division, the NFC Central, which sent four teams to the playoffs.

"We think we're as good as we've been," safety Eugene Robinson said. "I think we've got the loosest team in America. If you came and saw a slice of our practice, you'd say, 'These guys are not serious.' If you came in our locker room, you'd be like, 'These guys are not serious. They can't be champions. They're always joking.'"

Not that the Packers would dismiss their opposition, regardless of what's in the archives.

"I believe Denver is the best team the AFC has put in the Super Bowl for awhile," Favre said. "Nothing against the other teams. I think Denver is that

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Green Bay's Brooks has his Super shot this time

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Robert Brooks, who missed last year's Super Bowl with a knee injury, insists that playing in this year's game will be no different than watching from the sideline.

His eyes and his teammates tell another story.

"I don't care what Robert Brooks says, he's going to downplay everything. But he's excited," Green Bay Packers split end Antonio Freeman said. "And it really hit me at the end of the NFC championship, just to look at him and see that smile and the happiness and the joy that he was experiencing."

Brooks suffered a season-ending knee injury in October 1996, and while his teammates were winning a championship, he was busy strengthening the tendon that had been transplanted in his right knee from a cadaver. Somehow, Brooks fought off feelings of envy and emptiness.

"We're a team, man. Edgar Bennett and Craig Newsome, they're going to miss the Super Bowl this year, but they're still a part of the team," Brooks said. "They helped build what we have right now. This didn't all happen in one year.

"It happened years before when we were going 9-7 and getting beat by Dallas in the playoffs. Nothing great happens overnight," he said.

And Brooks was as big a building block as any. Coach Mike Holmgren said the Packers' title last year was almost incomplete with Brooks out of the lineup.

Brooks has emerged from the shadow of superstar Sterling Sharpe to become only the second player in club history to catch more than 100 passes.

"If there was one regret about last season, it was the play I called when Robert got hurt," said Holmgren, who was so certain of Brooks' recuperative powers that he released perennial Pro Bowler Andre Rison in the offseason.

Brooks was injured on a freak play against San Francisco on Oct. 14, 1996. While blocking cornerback Tyrone Drakeford, he tore the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments, ripped his patella tendon and sustained significant bone chip and cartilage damage.

He became something of a medical marvel by returning to his flanker position only 10 months later and catching 60 passes for 1,010 yards, a team-best 16.8-yard average and seven touchdowns this season.

"We've seen anterior cruciates come back before and we've seen the patellar tendon come back before, but never the two together," Packers trainer Pepper Burruss said. "This is the greatest recovery I've seen."

Quarterback Brett Favre said Brooks' return was the best thing about this season.

"His desire pushes other people," Favre said. "It seems like such a simple thing at times. But to see him come back, kind of like what Jerry Rice did that Monday night he came back for San Francisco, he gave them a big boost. That's what Robert did for us."

Brooks isn't fond of all the attention he's getting.

"This is not about Robert Brooks. Sure, this is the ultimate in your sport, but it's a team sport," he said. "I love this. It's the Super Bowl, the ultimate game. This is your chance to shine as a player. This is what it's all about."

Freeman said Brooks soon will realize standing on the sideline in street clothes is nothing like being introduced to the crowd as a Super Bowl starter.

"It's a feeling in your heart that I can't describe," Freeman said. "I told Robert, 'You just have to hear your name announced and then you'll know.' And it's a feeling that never lets go of you. I have it to this day."

Local Basketball Today

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: Midland High hosts Odessa High in a District 4-5A game tonight...

Where: The game is at Chaparral Center...

When: Game time is 6 p.m...



Records: Midland High is 13-8 overall and 4-2 in district play. Odessa High is 8-10 and 3-3. MHS is coming off a 49-46 loss to league leading Abilene Cooper while OHS is coming off a 61-45 loss to San Angelo Central...

4-5A Significance: This marks the beginning of the second half of play in the 4-5A basketball race. MHS defeated OHS in the first half on the road. OHS needs to return the favor to even up the scoresheet, trailing MHS by one game in the standings...

Notes: The Lady Dawgs lost their grip on a share of first place with the loss to Cooper Friday, but still own sole possession of second place. Heidi Lange and Rebecca Nobles have been the kingpins for the Lady Dawgs this year. Lange had 16 points and Nobles 15 in the loss to Cooper. OHS is a team that figured to make a strong playoff run and stands tied with Odessa Permian and San Angelo for third place, all at 3-3...

Next: The Lady Dawgs draw the open date Friday and do not play again until next Tuesday when they meet cross-town rival Midland Lee for the third time this year at Chaparral Center...

Midland High Statistics
(13-8, 4-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	21	105	64	291	13.9
Rebecca Nobles	21	92	54	242	11.5
Michelle Acosta	20	38	36	114	5.7
Edrea Rogers	21	50	10	120	5.7
Bianca Lane	17	30	23	83	4.9
Morgan Kelley	21	39	22	100	4.8
Sonia Castillo	20	26	21	77	3.9
Lindsey Jones	18	17	14	48	2.7
Tawney Foy	21	20	7	49	2.3
Elizabeth Green	18	9	2	22	1.2
Misty Calhoun	15	4	7	15	1.0
Erin Rogers	5	2	0	4	0.8
Clarissa Leonard	2	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Lange 17, Edrea Rogers 10, Nobles 4, Acosta 2, Foy 2.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Midland Lee travels to Odessa Permian in a District 4-5A game tonight...

Where: The game is at the Odessa Permian Fieldhouse...

When: Game time is 6 p.m. and can be heard on KCRS (550 AM) radio...

Records: Midland Lee is 6-14 overall and 2-4 in district play. Odessa Permian is 12-5 and 3-3. Lee is coming off a 58-53 loss to last place Abilene High while Permian is coming off an open date...

4-5A Significance: Lee stunned Permian and defeated Central to open district play, but since then the Lady Rebels have dropped four district games in a row after losing Tamika Thurman and Heather Wells to injuries. Permian was picked to win the 4-5A girls crown this year, but had a meager 3-3 record in the first half. The Permian girls will want to make up for the this first half loss tonight...

Notes: The Lady Rebels will almost have to win out in order to make the playoffs this year after winning the 4-5A crown a year ago. Lee must at least turn the first half record around from 2-4 to 4-2 to have a chance. Keke Strambler, a junior, is having a great year and is coming off a 21-point game against AHS. Rochelle Warren had 11 points. Permian is still in good position for a playoff run and making up this loss with a win to start the second half would be a big boost for the Lady Panthers.

Next: The Lady Rebels travel to San Angelo Central Friday, hoping for another upset like they generated in the first half to go to 2-0 before losing four in a row...

Midland Lee Statistics
(6-13, 2-3)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Maurion Strambler	20	104	61	297	14.9
Tamika Thurman	15	68	34	169	11.3
Rochelle Warren	16	32	19	84	5.3
Valerie Morgan	20	45	19	103	5.2
Heather Wells	14	29	10	72	5.1
Christina Brown	20	27	16	70	3.5
Dee Frazier	20	18	12	52	2.6
Danielle Dickey	7	4	2	12	1.7
Julie Jay	19	9	10	28	1.5
Clarissa Valenzuela	14	7	4	19	1.4
Andrea Long	17	6	3	17	1.0
Allison Newton	17	7	2	16	0.9
Katie McLane	15	1	4	6	0.4

Three-Point Goals: Strambler 28, Frazier 4, Wells 4, Thurman 3, Long 2, Valenzuela 1.

Boys

Midland High

Opponent: Midland High hosts Odessa High in a District 4-5A game...

Where: at Chaparral Center...

When: Game starts at 7:30 p.m...

Records: Midland High is 22-1 and 5-0 while Odessa High is 8-11 and 1-3...

4-5A Significance: Midland High can end the first half of 4-5A play at 6-0 with a win, giving them at least a full two-game lead over the field heading into the second half. Odessa High is coming off a 51-47 win over San Angelo, its first 4-5A win of the season...

Notes, Quotes: MHS is coming off a 65-55 win over Abilene Cooper, but the Cougars led 30-29 at the half. "Teams are coming hard at us every time, but we find a way to win," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. MHS is now ranked No. 4 in the state, up two from last week. The big news was that Killeen fell from No. 3 to out of the poll. MHS has impressive streaks going. The Bulldogs have won 16 games in a row, 20 district games in a row and 41 of their last 43. Kirby Lemons' streak of 30-point games ended at two with only 16 against Cooper. However, guard Charles Tatum has scored 30 and 28 in his last two games...

Next: MHS draws the open date Friday and will play Midland Lee at Chaparral Center next Tuesday. That will be the fourth meeting between the two teams, all MHS victories...

Midland High Statistics
(22-1, 5-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Kirby Lemons	23	239	103	581	25.3
Charles Tatum	23	159	58	435	18.9
Jay Christian	23	113	71	310	13.5
Blake Johnston	15	25	22	75	5.0
Ross Nobles	23	28	22	95	4.1
Patrick Anderson	23	38	11	87	3.8
Camar Jackson	23	29	7	66	2.9
Chris Cox	13	14	4	33	2.5
Josh Fernau	18	11	2	27	1.5
Eric Petterson	16	8	4	20	1.3
Brent Winter	21	6	9	21	1.0
Jessie Nicholson	17	3	9	17	1.0
Antoine Lathan	12	4	1	10	0.8
Jason Williams	17	1	7	10	0.6
Randy Gardner	15	1	6	8	0.5
Taylor Moody	14	2	3	7	0.5
Kris O'Brien	17	2	1	6	0.4
Geoffrey Jameson	18	1	1	3	0.2
Robert O'Neal	3	0	0	0	0.0
Melvin Jackson	5	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Tatum 59, Nobles 17, Christian 13, Johnston 3, Fernau 3, Nicholson 2, Lemons 1, Jackson 1, OBrien 1, Cox 1, Williams 1, Lathan 1.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Midland Lee will travel to Odessa Permian for a District 4-5A game.

Where: The game is at the Odessa Permian Fieldhouse.

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

Records: Both teams own 13-10 overall records and both are 2-2 in district play.

4-5A Significance: The winner of this game will move into a second place tie with Abilene High.

Notes, Quotes: Lee narrowly defeated Odessa Permian back in the Tall City Oilman's tournament, but Permian was playing without Duane Chapman and Roy Williams, both of whom are expected to play tonight. Permian and Lee had to hold a district playoff last season to see which team went to the playoffs. Lee won that game at Permian, so these two should go after each other again. Lee's Ephriam had an incredible game against Abilene High Friday, scoring 27 pounts and hauling in 21 rebounds. Matt Winston now has 42 points in his last two games. He had a career high 27 points and 12 rebounds against AHS. "Other than Midland High, we've got a lot of teams in this district that are about the same. Every game is going to be a war," said Lee coach Jon House after an 82-81 2OT victory over OHS. Lee has now been in two consecutive OT games in district...

Next: Lee will jump back into District 4-5A play Friday, hosting San Angelo at 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center...

Midland Lee Statistics
(13-10, 2-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Chamcy Ephriam	23	196	77	488	21.2
Robert House	23	79	7	230	10.0
Aaron Erdwurm	20	57	27	142	7.1
Blake Hinsley	21	43	11	126	6.0
Matt Winston	21	43	31	121	5.8
Josh Brewster	19	42	10	94	5.0
Jeremy Conaway	6	8	3	19	3.2
Jake Lacy	23	25	15	69	3.0
Orlando Castillo	15	16	7	41	2.7
Ken Myer	10	8	3	20	2.0
Brandon Cobb	8	5	1	13	1.6
Keith Rotan	13	8	3	20	1.5
Derrick Walker	8	3	2	11	1.4
J.R. Norman	1	0	1	1	1.0

Three-Point Goals: House 65, Hinsley 29, Ephriam 19, Lacy 5, Walker 3, Winston 3, Castillo 2, Cobb 2, Erdwurm 1, Myer 1, Rotan 1.

LOCAL SPORTS

Stallings second in mile run

Stanton's Jeremy Stallings, running unattached, finished second in the mile run Saturday at the Hamilton Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Stallings time on the 140-meter banked track was 4: 12.64. Fellow American runner Terrence Herrington was the winner in 4: 12.25. The meet featured runners from Canada and the USA.

Stallings' next meet will be the USA Indoor Track Meet this weekend at Johnson City, Tenn.

MHS teams sweep OHS

The Midland High junior varsity boys and girls and the MHS boys sophomore basketball team took wins over Odessa High Monday night.

The MHS JV won 60-55 to climb to 15-5 for the year and 4-2 in district play as Jesse Nicholson scored 16 points, Brent Winter 11 and Robert O'Neal 10.

The MHS sophomores are now 2-4 in district play after a 75-59 win over OHS as Tyler Shumskie led the way with 21 points. Fredrick Clay had 18 while Alfonzo Franco added 11.

On the girls side, the MHS JV won a narrow 47-44 decision over Odessa High, moving to 17-7 on the year and 5-2 in district play. Niki Green had 10 points and Nina McAlister added 10 rebounds. The MHS girls JV will play Midland Lee Monday at the Lee gym at 4: 30 p.m.

MBA defeats Odessa team

Midland Baptist Academy climbed to 8-7 for the year with a 53-48 basketball win over Permian Basin of Odessa Monday night.

MBA got 15 points from Luke Dunn while Jeremy Snelson had 13 points and 10 assists for a double-double. Alex Nguyen added 12 points. MBA will host San Angelo Cornerstone at 7: 30 p.m. Friday in its next outing.

In junior high action, the Home School Rockets defeated MBA 43-17 as Matthew Kelton had 10 points for the Rockets and Marcus Wright had 10 points for the Eagles.

Trinity falls to Amarillo

Amarillo Trinity defeated Midland Trinity 58-47 Monday night in a TAPPS district game.

Trinity fell to 16-9 for the season and 0-3 in district play.

Mike Landry hit three 3-pointers and 18 points for MC as Evan McLaughlin added 13 points.

Trinity will travel to Amarillo San Jacinto today for a 4: 30 p.m. game.

In other junior high action, the Midland Trinity 7th grade girls defeated Forsan 61-12 to climb to 11-4 as Olivia Holland had 18 points, Susan Stasney 12 and Stephanie Walton 12.

In eighth grade action, Trinity lost to Forsan 19-17 as Nicole Kennedy and Susan Stasney each had six points.

Amarillo Trinity 58, Midland Trinity 47

Amarillo Trinity: Lane 16, Posey 11, Curry 9, McCarrell 9.

Midland Trinity: Mike Landry 18, Evan McLaughlin 13, Mark Stoltz 9, Greg McCabe 5, Ronnie Brewster 2.

Three-Point Goals: MT 5 (Landry 3, Stoltz 2)

MEN: Mistakes cost Chaps in another close loss

(From 1C)

Collins, whose team improves to 9-10 for the season and 2-1 in conference, was pleasantly surprised with his team pulling out a win on the road.

"They made mistakes that helped us win the game," said Collins, who is 5-0 in his last five games against MC. "They are a conference contender. They are a regional contender. We always had an advantage (in the conference) that we were the tougher team. They (Midland College) are tough."

Where Howard may have won the game was not with the last second shot but by staying in the game with the Chaps. In the Chaps' 15-0 run to start the season, a significant MC lead early on meant the end for its opponents.

In the first half, MC built a lead of 11 points, thanks to 17-6 run, but the Hawks hung in there. Like NMJC, who came back from being down by 11 at the half, Howard pieced together a mini-run to end the first half. A slower game might have also helped the Hawks.

"I was pleased we could make the adjustments (earlier in the game) and get back in it," Collins said. "Both teams are physical and beating each other up. I have eight scholarship players and couldn't afford to get into a marathon."

Another reason for the loss came down to execution for the MC offense. The Chaps continued to play solid defense, outrebounding the Hawks 31-19 and holding them to 35 percent (21-of-60) shooting. During one stretch of the second half, MC held Howard to 2-of-11 shooting and just four points during an eight-minute span. However, MC could only muster 11 points on 5-of-15 shooting during that time. The Chaps also turned the ball over four times.

For the game, Midland College turned the ball over 26 times compared to Howard's 18. That difference meant fewer offensive opportunities as MC was outshot 60-51.

Rafferty says the Chaps' problems have been there since coming back from Christmas break.

"There has been a certain amount of doubt ever since we have been back," Rafferty said. "We have lacked the intensity and focus. I hope they do some soul searching. There's nothing like winning and nothing like losing. Our guys just took it for granted. They went home and lost a little of their appetite and a little of the hunger.

"The things aren't from a lack of technical factors. We just didn't execute. A lot of coaching isn't technical, it is psychological."

Although Rafferty doesn't have to, he will be the first one to say there is a lot of basketball to play and no real reason to panic. However, MC is not the dominating team it once was and the ranking it has long enjoyed will surely be gone with more efforts like the past week.

On nights like Monday, that may not be a bad thing.

NOTES: The 15-game winning streak to open the season tied the 1979-80 MC team for the fourth best start in school history... Midland College is 26-23 against Howard College... The Chaps have lost their last five games to Howard College. Four of those five losses have been decided by five points or less or gone to overtime... In Odessa, Frank Phillips (9-9, 2-1) defeated Odessa College (7-9, 1-2) as Spencer Comeaux led the way for FPC with 15 points and both Demetrius Smith and Deroasany Manuel had 14 points. OC got 15 points from Terry Odom, 12 from Anthony Davis and 10 from Keith Stovall...

Howard College 58, No. 4 Midland College 57

Howard College (9-10, 2-1): Ron Bartholomew 1-8 5-5 7, Clifton Cook 4-14 2-2 10, Lamont roberts 1-7 0-0 2, Elmer Brown 10-2-3 2-2 24, Don Peace 1-1 1-1 3, Nathan Clover 4-7 3-7 11, Alex Denson 0-4 1-2 1, Myron Brown 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 21-60 14-19 58.**

Midland College (15-2, 1-2): James Ware 3-5 0-0 8, Edward Kirk 2-5 1-1 5, Alu Williams 2-6 0-0 4, Calvin Williams 0-3 0-1 0, Keith Leslie 1-5 1-2 3, DeJuan Daniel 5-10 1-1 11, Harold Arceuneaux 8-14 3-4 19, Walter Newsome 1-1 0-0 2, Javon Banks 1-1 0-0 3, Doug Wade 0-0 0-0 0, Randall Williams 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals: 24-51 6-9 57**

Halftime: MC 30, 28. **3-Point Field Goals:** HC 2-10 (Cook 0-3, Roberts 0-4, E. Brown 2-3); MC 3-7 (Ware 2-3, C. Williams 0-2, Daniel 0-1, Banks 1-1). **Rebounds:** HC 19, MC 31. **Turnovers:** HC 18, MC 26. **Fouls:** HC 14, MC 15. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technicals:** None.

RANKIN: Boys are cohesive, girls green

(From 1C)

more dangerous. As Hooker said, "Last year, our only success was in track, so we have speed to burn."

And although a player like Heath Loftin or Eric Sifuentez may have a big game on any given night, the team concept is what will drive Rankin's bus back to the playoffs.

"It goes back to the key concept that all of them have key roles," Hooker said. "I told them 'there are not any true starters here any of you can start.' I grew up watching Hobbs' Eagles and they had a system running players in and out. That is what we do also."

THE RANKIN GIRLS will be throwing an inexperienced team into the district fire when the Lady Red Devils travel to Irion County.

Rankin graduated all but one letter winner, including all five starters, from last year's team which finished 14-15 overall and missed the playoffs thanks to a district-playoff loss to Irion County.

Rankin coach Jeff Bearden knows his team faces an uphill trek with only two seniors, two juniors and a combined total of eight sophomores and freshmen. In a district with Irion County and defending champion Garden City, experience would help. Tonight's game could be proof of that.

"We are really young," Bearden said. "Irion County is tough and have most of their team back from last year and have been playing well. We have work cut out for us.

"We are going into the season with idea that we can make the playoffs. We are telling them that we are starting a new season."

The good thing about a young team, aside the prospect of a bright future, is that Bearden, Rankin's sixth-year coach, will be able to mold the team and see their improvement — basically on a daily basis.

This year, guard Stacey Dusek, the team's only senior starter and post Richele Loftin have already established themselves as Rankin's top scorers and key any chances for the team's success in the district.

"We have come a long way," said Bearden, who lists defense and quickness as the team's strengths.

Of course, the inconsistency which often goes hand and hand with inexperience sometimes shows its ugly head.

"We will play a couple good ball games thinking they are ready to gel then play a bad game," Bearden said, "but they keep working hard and have great attitude."

District schedule for boys and girls
Jan. 20, at Irion County; Jan. 27 vs. Sanderson; Jan. 30 at Garden City; Feb. 3 vs. Irion County; Feb. 6 at Sanderson; Feb. 10 vs. Garden City.

WOMEN: Thriller improves Lady Chaps to 3-0

(From 1C)

Howard's Latasha Moore was fouled by Shelley Alderman, sending Moore to the free-throw line with 10 seconds left.

Moore missed both free throws and the Lady Hawks had a shot at the lead but Latraica Spencer missed on a wild shot. MC's Janice Thomas got the defensive rebound and was fouled by Ricka McKee, sending Thomas to the line with a chance to ice the game with five seconds left.

Thomas, who finished the night with four points, but more importantly, grabbed eight rebounds, seven of them defensively, missed both of her charity tosses giving Howard one last chance. Five seconds wouldn't be enough time for the Lady Hawks, who had a shot by Donelle Jones waved off after the buzzer, giving the Lady Chaps the one-point victory.

Howard coach Matt Corkery said his team had plenty of opportunities to win the game other than the last five seconds.

"We can't be thinking that we're trailing by one and still have five seconds left," Corkery said. "There were plenty of other things that happened during the game. We can only second guess.

"We didn't execute well from the free-throw line and we've got to do a better job of that, especially in a tight ball game. We were also outrebounded and I believe games are won and lost in the paint. They were much more physical and we were in foul trouble most of the night."

Howard was led by 5-8 freshman guard Karlita Washington with a game-high 28 points, including three treys. Shawnta Johnson added 11 for the Lady Hawks.

Howard, which came into the contest scoring around the century mark in each game, were held in check on this night, thanks to a tenacious Lady Chap defense and 40 minutes of pure intensity, an aspect of the team that Jones wanted to improve.

"We came into the game ready to play," said Davis, who had a team-high 12 points. "We got after it for 40 minutes."

"We just never let down our intensity and that was the key," said Johnson, who finished with eight points, including some key baskets in the second half. "I wouldn't say this was our best defensive game of the year but we did a great job. There's always room for improvement."

Coach Jones said last week that this would be a fun game. By winning this game, Jones looked like he had plenty of fun but also saw how his team could improve for future WJCAC battles.

"I think this is the type of game that you can observe, enjoy, and get better from," Jones said.

Midland College heads to Clarendon on Thursday.

Odessa Lady Wranglers win: The OC women won their first conference game of the season with a 71-54 stomping of Frank Phillips at the OC Sports Center. Tasha Campbell led four Lady Wranglers (1-2, 8-8) in double figures with 24 points, Pashon Murray added 16. Meoka Alford and Keyonna Harney each had 11 for Frank Phillips (0-3, 4-10).

Midland College 70, Howard College 69

Howard (2-1, 18-1): Ricka McKee 4-10 2-2 11, Shawnta Johnson 4-7 3-5 11, Karlita Washington 9-21 7-10 28, Latasha Moore 1-5 0-2 2, Jovanae St. Cyr 0-1 0-0 0, Jeanine Horton 1-5 0-0 3, Donelle Jones 2-6 0-0 4, Jennifer Vinum 1-1 0-0 3, Latraica Spencer 2-7 4-7 8. **Totals: 24-63 16-26 69.**

Midland (3-0, 14-5): Jody Finley 2-4 2-2 6, Shelley Alderman 1-9 2-5 5, Tasha Hunter 1-4 2-2 4, Mamie Ndoye 1-5 0-0 2, Jill Davis 4-7 2-2 12, Candy Mitchell 2-6 4-6 8, Brooke Bowman 0-3 4-4 4, Holly Turnbough 0-1 0-0 0, Janice Thomas 1-1 2-5 4, Autumn Johnson 3-5 2-4 8, Amie Kane 4-5 2-3 10, Erica Levy 2-6 3-7 7. **Totals: 21-56 25-40 70.**

Halftime: MC 31, HC 30. **3-point goals:** HC 5 (Washington 3, McKee 1, Horton 1), MC 3 (Davis 2, Alderman 1). **Total Fouls:** HC 26, MC 20. **Fouled Out:** S. Johnson. **Rebounds:** HC 35 (Spencer 9), MC 40 (Thomas 8). **Turnovers:** HC 24, MC 23.

BRONCOS: Denver looks to buck history

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good."

It will have to be on Super Sunday, when the 1975 Cowboys, 1985 Patriots and 1992 Bills failed as wild cards.

Dallas fell to the powerful Steelers after taking the NFC crown, helped by a near-miracle victory at Minnesota on Drew Pearson's controversial TD catch. Those Cowboys featured many of the stars — Roger Staubach, Randy White — who would lead them to the title two years later. They fell just 21-17 and had a shot at winning in the final seconds before an interception clinched Pittsburgh's second straight crown.

The '85 Patriots and '92 Bills? Forget it.

New England was the only team to win three road playoff games to get to the Super Bowl. Awaiting the Patriots was a rendition of the Chicago Bears quite worthy of the "Monsters of the Midway" monicker.

The Bears routed the Pats 46-10.

Buffalo needed a near-miracle of its own to reach a third successive Super Bowl, rallying from 32 points behind in a record-setting, opening-round win over Houston. The Bills were experienced and as hot as any team could be entering the Super Bowl — and were humiliated 52-17, turning over the ball nine times.

"It's a tough way to get to the Super Bowl and an even tougher way to lose it," Bruce Smith said.

The Raiders also took a difficult route, but didn't have to play an extra game — in 1980, the one wild card met the conference's top team, as long as it wasn't a division rival, and there were no playoff byes. Many of Oakland's key players had been through the rigors of getting to the league title game and were given almost unlimited freedom by the coaching staff.

Philadelphia, in contrast, was uptight all week under the intense glare of coach Dick Vermeil and played that way in falling 27-10. Broncos coach Mike Shanahan shrugs, then smiles when asked about the wild-card scenario.

"I am not really concerned what anybody has done in the past," he said. "I don't care if four or five wild-card teams have made it out of the last 100 or whatever it was. It's this football team that really determines if we are going to do it."


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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	14	.632	—
New York	22	16	.579	2
New Jersey	22	17	.564	2 1/2
Washington	21	20	.512	4 1/2
Orlando	20	21	.488	5 1/2
Boston	17	21	.447	7
Philadelphia	13	23	.361	10
Central Division				
Indiana	26	11	.703	1/2
Chicago	28	12	.700	—
Atlanta	25	13	.658	2
Cleveland	22	15	.595	4 1/2
Charlotte	23	16	.590	4 1/2
Detroit	18	20	.474	9
Milwaukee	18	21	.462	9
Toronto	6	33	.154	21 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	26	12	.684	—
San Antonio	27	13	.675	—
Minnesota	22	16	.579	4
Houston	18	18	.500	7
Vancouver	10	30	.250	17
Dallas	6	32	.158	20
Denver	2	35	.054	23 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	32	8	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	30	9	.769	1 1/2
Phoenix	24	12	.667	6
Portland	21	16	.568	9 1/2
Sacramento	17	23	.425	15
L.A. Clippers	10	31	.244	22 1/2
Golden State	7	29	.194	23

Monday's Games
New York 98, Boston 82
Philadelphia 98, Sacramento 85
Minnesota 117, L.A. Clippers 109
L.A. Lakers 92, Orlando 89
New Jersey 95, San Antonio 84
Charlotte 109, Toronto 88
Seattle 114, Houston 80
Utah 98, Detroit 89

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Denver at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.

Nets 95, Spurs 84

SAN ANTONIO (84): Elliott 0-4 0-0 0, Duncan 10-17 4-7 24, Robinson 5-12 3-6 13, Jackson 3-9 0-0 6, Johnson 4-9 3-3 11, M.Williams 1-2 4-4 6, Person 1-4 0-0 2, Del Negro 3-6 0-0 6, Perdue 4-4 1-2 9, Geary 1-1 2-2 5, Alexander 1-2 0-0 2, Herrera 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-70 17-24 84.

NEW JERSEY (95): Gill 4-12 1-2 9, Van Horn 7-30 4-4 21, J.Williams 4-7 2-4 10, Kittles 7-20 4-4 19, Cassell 5-11 4-4 14, Cage 1-3 0-0 2, Benoit 4-7 1-2 10, Douglas 2-7 1-2 5, Harris 2-3 0-0 5, Haley 0-1 0-0 0, McDaniel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-101 17-22 95.

San Antonio	17	21	26	— 84
New Jersey	21	26	22	26 — 95

3-Point goals—San Antonio 1-7 (Geary 1-1, Del Negro 0-1, Person 0-2, Jackson 0-3), New Jersey 6-17 (Van Horn 3-10, Kittles 1-2, Harris 1-2, Benoit 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 53 (Duncan 17), New Jersey 61 (J.Williams 18). Assists—San Antonio 19 (Johnson 5), New Jersey 19 (Cassell 8). Total fouls—San Antonio 18, New Jersey 22. A—16,565 (20,049).

SuperSonics 114, Rockets 80

SEATTLE (114): Schrempf 5-9 2-2 13, Baker 9-12 3-3 21, McIlvaine 2-2 0-2 4, Hawkins 6-10 0-0 14, Payton 9-13 0-0 23, Perkins 2-5 2-2 7, Anthony 2-6 4-4 8, Kersey 2-5 2-6 6, Ellis 0-3 1-1 1, Wingate 4-5 1-2 9, Williams 0-0 2-2 2, Howard 2-4 2-6 6. Totals 43-74 19-30 114.

HOUSTON (80): Bullard 1-6 0-0 2, Barkley 4-11 2-2 10, Willis 5-11 3-4 13, Elie 1-3 0-0 2, Maloney 6-11 0-0 13, Harrington 2-6 4-4 8, Rhodes 1-11 3-4 5, Johnson 6-11 3-3 17, Price 1-5 0-0 3, Stephens 1-6 2-2 4, Davis 0-3 1-2 1, Jones 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-85 18-21 80.

Seattle	29	25	35	25 — 114
Houston	20	23	17	20 — 80

3-Point goals—Seattle 9-18 (Payton 5-8, Hawkins 2-4, Perkins 1-1, Schrempf 1-3, Anthony 0-1, Ellis 0-1), Houston 4-20 (Johnson 2-5, Price 1-3, Maloney 1-3, Elie 0-1, Bullard 0-1, Davis 0-1, Barkley 0-2, Stephens 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 49 (Baker 6), Houston 52 (Willis 11). Assists—Seattle 30 (Payton 7), Houston 14 (Rhodes 4). Total fouls—Seattle 17, Houston 22. Technicals—Harrington. A—16,285 (16,285).

Knicks 98, Celtics 82

BOSTON (82): Walker 6-17 3-4 15, McCarty 3-8 1-2 8, DaCleroq 2-3 0-2 4, Mercer 4-13 2-2 10, Billups 6-10 1-2 18, Knight 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 4-10 0-0 10, Bowen 1-4 0-0 3, Barros 2-4 0-0 4, Thomas 1-3 2-3 4, Minor 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 32-79 9-15 82.

NEW YORK (98): Johnson 5-9 1-1 11, Oakley 3-6 7-8 13, Dudley 2-5 0-2 4, Houston 8-16 5-5 23, Ward 2-5 0-0 5, Mills 6-11 10-12 23, Starks 3-7 4-4 10, B.Williams 1-4 1-2 3, Childs 2-6 2-2 6, Bowie 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-70 30-36 98.

Boston	13	28	24	17 — 82
New York	30	15	24	29 — 98

3-Point goals—Boston 9-18 (Billups 5-7, Brown 2-4, Bowen 1-2, McCarty 1-3, Walker 0-2), New York 4-12 (Houston 2-3, Ward 1-2, Mills 1-2, Childs 0-2, Starks 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 40 (Walker 8), New York 57 (Dudley 13). Assists—Boston 22 (Barros 7), New York 23 (Ward 6). Total fouls—Boston 27, New York 16. Technicals—Boston coach Pitino, Boston illegal defense. A—19,763 (19,763).

76ers 98, Kings 85

SACRAMENTO (85): Williamson 8-17 3-5 19, Owens 3-12 2-3 8, Stewart 2-3 0-0 4, Richmond 7-18 5-6 22, Johnson 2-7 0-0 5, Hurley 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 0-5 0-0 0, Polynice 8-10 3-3 19, Abdul-Wahad 0-1 0-0 0, Abdul-Rauf 2-6 0-0 4, Dehere 1-4 0-0 2, Hendrickson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-86 13-17 85.

PHILADELPHIA (98): Davis 6-10 2-4 14, Coleman 5-11 4-6 14, Ratliff 0-3 7-8 7, Jackson 7-11 0-0 17, Iverson 11-21 1-2 24, Thomas 3-8 1-2 7, Weatherspoon 3-6 1-2 7, McKie 1-3 0-0 2, Snow 0-2 3-4 3, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Cummings 1-2 1-2 3, Parker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-77 20-30 98.

Sacramento	18	23	24	20 — 85
Philadelphia	29	26	28	13 — 98

3-Point goals—Sacramento 4-9 (Richmond 3-6, Johnson 1-1, Abdul-Rauf 0-2), Philadelphia 4-8 (Jackson 3-3, Iverson 1-3, Coleman 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Fouled out—Stewart. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Polynice 11), Philadelphia 59 (Coleman 14). Assists—Sacramento 21 (Abdul-Rauf 4), Philadelphia 29 (Iverson 10). Total fouls—Sacramento 23, Philadelphia 16. Technicals—Philadelphia illegal defense. A—18,092 (20,444).

Timberwolves 117, Clippers 109

L.A. CLIPPERS (109): Murray 6-10 8-9 21, Rogers 11-23 0-2 24, Vrankovic 3-4 0-0 6, Barry 3-10 4-4 11, Martin 4-11 3-3 12, Closs 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 2-6 0-0 5, Piatkowski 5-9 3-4 17, Taylor 3-10 1-2 7, Wright 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 40-92 19-24 109.

MINNESOTA (117): Garnett 8-17 4-6 20, Gugliotta 7-14 5-8 19, Roberts 2-3 0-1 4, Carr 4-13 4-4 13, Marbury 9-16 1-2 20, Parks 4-7 1-2 9, Mitchell 2-6 3-6 7, Jordan 1-1 1-2 3, Porter 3-6 3-4 10, West 1-2 3-4 5, Hammonds 1-1 2-2 4, Williams 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 43-87 28-43 117.

L.A. Clippers	21	28	28	32 — 109
Minnesota	21	37	30	29 — 117

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 10-24 (Piatkowski 4-5, Rogers 2-6, Murray 1-1, Barry 1-3, Robinson 1-4, Martin 1-5), Minnesota 3-8 (Marbury 1-1, Porter 1-3, Carr 1-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 51 (Murray, Wright 8), Minnesota 65 (Gugliotta, Parks 8). Assists—Los Angeles 21 (Martin, Robinson 6), Minnesota 30 (Marbury 12). Total fouls—Los Angeles 27, Minnesota 16. Technicals—Vrankovic, Robinson, Los Angeles coach Fitch 2. Ejections—Los Angeles coach Fitch. A—18,712 (19,006).

Lakers 92, Magic 89

ORLANDO (89): Grant 7-17 1-2 15, Outlaw 3-5 3-8 9, Seikaly 3-5 3-4 9, Harper 3-7 0-0 7, Armstrong 9-19 6-6 24, Anderson 0-3 0-0 0, Wilkins 5-15 0-0 11, Schayes 4-7 3-5 11, Maxwell 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 35-82 16-25 89.

L.A. LAKERS (92): Horry 4-6 0-2 11, Fox 1-4 0-2 2, O'Neal 14-25 7-14 35, Jones 5-16 0-0 11, Van Exel 5-19 1-2 15, Bryant 4-7 7-7 16, Blount 0-1 0-0 0, Campbell 0-4 2-2 2, Fisher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 17-29 92.

Orlando	22	24	21	22 — 89
L.A. Lakers	27	14	34	17 — 92

3-Point goals—Orlando 3-8 (Harper 1-1, Maxwell 1-2, Wilkins 1-4, Anderson 0-1), Los Angeles 9-25 (Van Exel 4-10, Horry 3-5, Bryant 1-2, Jones 1-7, Fox 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 67 (Outlaw 12), Los Angeles 50 (O'Neal 15). Assists—Orlando 21 (Armstrong 9), Los Angeles 22 (Horry 7). Total fouls—Orlando 23, Los Angeles 22. Technical—Maxwell. A—17,505 (17,505).

Hornets 109, Raptors 88

TORONTO (88): Miller 2-3 0-0 4, Camby 3-9 2-2 8, Tabak 10-13 3-4 23, Christie 2-7 0-0 5, Stoudamire 8-15 4-4 22, Rogers 2-8 1-2 5, Slater 1-3 0-2 2, Wallace 4-7 0-0 8, McGrady 4-8 1-3 9, Daniels 0-2 0-0 0, Garner 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-78 11-17 88.

CHARLOTTE (109): Mason 1-4 2-4 4, Rice 14-28 3-5 38, Geiger 14-19 0-2 28, Wesley 3-8 0-0 6, Beck 4-5 3-3 11, Reid 5-6 3-3 13, Armstrong 0-0 2-2 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Farmer 0-1 2-2 2, Royal 1-1 1-1 3. Totals 43-73 16-22 109.

Toronto	27	28	12	21 — 88
Charlotte	28	31	21	29 — 109

3-Point goals—Toronto 3-13 (Stoudamire 2-6, Christie 1-3, Rogers 0-1, Garner 0-1, Daniels 0-2), Charlotte 7-12 (Rice 7-9, Wesley 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 35 (Tabak 7), Charlotte 48 (Mason, Geiger 8). Assists—Toronto 22 (Stoudamire 12), Charlotte 33 (Wesley 9). Total fouls—Toronto 23, Charlotte 16. Technicals—Mason, Charlotte illegal defense. A—21,934 (24,042).

Jazz 98, Pistons 89

DETROIT (89): Hill 8-23 10-16 26, Long 0-2 1-4 1, Williams 7-15 4-4 18, Stackhouse 5-12 6-8 17, Dumars 5-13 1-2 12, Mahorn 0-2 0-0 0, Sealy 3-4 2-2 9, Montross 3-4 0-0 6, Hanson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 24-36 89.

UTAH (98): Russell 2-4 3-4 8, Malone 8-15 14-18 30, Ostertag 2-3 2-2 6, Hornacek 5-13 2-2 12, Stockton 4-13 2-2 12, Eisley 2-7 2-2 6, Foster 2-4 0-0 4, Carr 3-7 0-0 6, Morris 2-10 0-0 4, Anderson 3-4 2-2 10. Totals 33-80 27-32 98.

Detroit	27	24	15	23 — 89
Utah	18	21	27	32 — 98

3-Point goals—Detroit 3-12 (Sealy 1-1, Stackhouse 1-4, Dumars 1-6, Hill 0-1), Utah 5-12 (Anderson 2-2, Stockton 2-3, Russell 1-2, Hornacek 0-1, Eisley 0-1, Morris 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 53 (Williams 17), Utah 55 (Malone 15). Assists—Detroit 18 (Dumars 6), Utah 20 (Stockton 13). Total fouls—Detroit 29, Utah 26. Technicals—Utah coach Sloan, Malone. A—19,911 (19,911).

Australian Open Results

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Monday of the $6.7 million Australian Open at Melbourne Park:

Men
Singles
First Round

Mikael Tillstrom, Sweden, def. Leander Paes, India, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Magnus Gustafsson, Sweden, def. Dennis van Scheppingen, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

Petr Korda (6), Czech Republic, def. Albert Portas, Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Alex O'Brien, Amarillo, Texas, def. Jan-Michael Gambill, Colbert, Wash., 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, def. Jan Kroslak, Slovakia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Scott Draper, Australia, def. Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

Slava Dosedel, Czech Republic, def. Arnaud Boetsch, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Davide Sanguinetti, Italy, def. Alberto Martin, Spain, 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

David Prinosil, Germany, def. Johan Van Herck, Belgium, 3-6, 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

Jordi Burillo, Spain, def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 3-6, 9-7.

Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Gianluca Pozzi, Italy, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Jonas Bjorkman (4), Sweden, def. Allen Belobrajdic, Australia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Cedric Pioline, France, def. Fernando Meligeni, Brazil, 6-4, 1-6, 6-5, retired.

Sebastien Lareau, Canada, def. Magnus Norman, Sweden, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (4-7), 7-5.

Alex Corretja (11), Spain, def. Lucas Arnold, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Carlos Moya (7), Spain, def. Peter Tramacchi, Australia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 7-6 (7-3).

Byron Black, Zimbabwe, def. Felix Mantilla (14), Spain, 6-4, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

Daniel Nestor, Canada, def. Gilbert Schaller, Austria, 6-3, 6-0, 7-6 (8-6).

Hicham Arazi, Morocco, def. Hendrik Dreekmann, Germany, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3, 6-2.

Francisco Clavet, Spain, def. Lars Burgsmuller, Germany, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Marc Rosset, Switzerland, def. Brian MacPhie, San Jose, Calif., 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Pete Sampras (1), Tampa, Fla., def. Sjeng Schalken, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Karol Kucera, Slovakia, def. Sergi Bruguera (10), Spain, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, retired.

Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, def. Juan Albert Viloca, Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3.

MalIVai Washington, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., def. Radomir Vasek, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Martin Damm, Czech Republic, def. Mark Woodforde, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), 3-0, retired.

Vince Spadea, Boca Raton, Fla., def. Jurek Stasiak, Australia, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Sieve Campbell, Detroit, def. Justin Gimelstob, Key Biscayne, Fla., 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Emilio Alvarez, Spain, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Richard Fromberg, Australia, def. Todd Larkham, Australia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Mark Philippoussis (15), Australia, def. Alex Calatrava, Spain, 7-6 (7-0), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Women
Singles
First Round

Ruxandra Dragomir (15), Romania, def. Meike Babel, Germany, 6-2, 6-1.

Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, def. Kristine Kunce, Australia, 7-5, 6-2.

Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, def. Sabine Appelmans (12), Belgium, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Rennae Stubbs, Australia, 7-5, 6-1.

Nana Miyagi, Japan, def. Sandra Dopfer, Austria, 6-2, 6-1.

Conchita Martinez (8), Spain, def. Sandra Kloesel, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Tatiana Panova, Russia, def. Francesca Lubiani, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, def. Maria Alejandra Vento, Venezuela, 6-1, 6-3.

Jana Kandarr, Germany, def. Siobhan Drake Brockman, Australia, 6-1, 6-4.

Adriana Gersi, Czech Republic, def. Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Amelie Mauresmo, France, def. Silvia Farina, Italy, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

Sylvia Plischke, Austria, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-1.

Elena Wagner, Germany, def. Jolene Watanabe, Arcadia, Calif., 6-2, 6-1.

Barbara Schett, Austria, def. Mariana Diaz-Oliva, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.

Serena Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Irina Spirlea, (6), Romania, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1.

Iva Majoli (4), Croatia, def. Naoko Sawamatsu, Japan, 6-4, 6-2.

Anne-Gaelle Sidot, France, def. Lenka Nemeckova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Florencia Labat, Argentina, def. Kerry-Anne Guse, Australia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Asa Carlsson, Sweden, def. Evie Dominikovic, Australia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Venus Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, France, 6-3, 6-0.

Lindsay Davenport (2), Newport Beach, Calif., def. Amelie Cocheteux, France, 6-2, 6-3.

Lisa Raymond (13), Wayne, Pa., def. Nicole Pratt, Australia, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Magdalena Grzybowska, Poland, def. Catalina Cristea, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.

Rita Grande, Italy, def. Meghann Shaughnessy, Scottsdale, Ariz., 6-4, 6-3.

Flora Perfetti, Italy, def. Sandra Cacic, Bradenton, Fla., 5-7, 6-4, 8-6.

Paola Suarez, Argentina, def. Trudi Musgrave, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.

Shi-Ting Wang, Taiwan, def. Ines Gorrochategui, Argentina, 6-1, 4,6, 6-4.

Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, def. Samantha Reeves, Monona, Wis., 6-3, 6-4.

Miho Saeki, Japan, def. Mana Endo, Japan, 6-4, 6-3.

Magui Serna, Spain, def. Rachel McQuillan, Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 9-7.

Virginia Ruano-Pascual, Spain, def. Sandra Kleinova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (7-2) 7-5.

Nirupama Vaidyanathan, Indonesia, def. Gloria Pizzichini, Italy, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Early Tuesday Results
Men
Singles
First round

Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, def. Brett Steven, New Zealand, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Alberto Berasategui, Spain, def. Karsten Braasch, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Andrei Medvedev, Ukraine, def. Luke Smith, Australia, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.

Todd Woodbridge, Australia, def. Filip Dewulf, Belgium, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Greg Rusedski (5), Britain, def. David Witt, Jacksonville, Fla., 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4.

Oliver Gross, Germany, def. Marc-Kevin Goellner, Germany, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4, 6-2.

Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, def. Juan Antonio Marin, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Gustavo Kuerten (12), Brazil, def. Jacobo Diaz, Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Nicolas Kieler, Germany, def. Mark Draper, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.

Christophe Van Garsse, Belgium, def. Christian Ruud, Norway, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Jan Apell, Sweden, def. Thomas Muster (8), Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

Women
Singles
First Round

Anke Huber (10), Germany, def. Sarah Pitkowski, France, 5-7, 6-0, 6-0.

Dominique Van Roost (14), Belgium, def. Rene Simpson, Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

Jana Nejedly, Canada, def. Chanda Rubin, Lafayette, La., 6-2, 6-4.

Ai Sugiyama (16), Japan, def. Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Rika Hiraki, Japan, def. Andrea Glass, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-1, 6-2.

Janette Husarova, Slovakia, def. Haruka Inoue, Japan, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Ginger Helgeson-Nielsen, Alpine, Calif., def. Svetlana Kriventcheva, Bulgaria, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

Sandrine Testud (9), France, def. Leon Garcia, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.

Larisa Neiland, Latvia, def. Catherine Barclay, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Wiltrud Probst, Germany, 6-1, 6-2.

Rockies Ski Conditions

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Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — powder 62-63 base 55 trails 5 of 5 lifts 99% open

Aspen Highlands — powder 37-46 base 8 of 8 lifts

Aspen Mtn — powder 35-39 base 8 of 8 lifts 100% open

Beaver Creek — powder 38-53 base 75 trails 13 of 14 lifts

Breckenridge — powder 47-52 base 133 trails 22 of 22 lifts 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — powder 31 base 7 of 7 lifts

Copper Mtn — powder 39 base 89 trails 20 of 21 lifts 85% open

Crested Butte — 3- new powder 47-59 base 13 of 14 lifts 65% open sm 9a-4p

Cuchara Mountain Resort — packed powder 37 base 4 of 4 lifts 90% open

Eldora Mtn — powder 50 base 10 of 10 lifts

Howelsen — powder 35 base 3 of 3 lifts

Keystone — powder 46-51 base 81 trails 13 of 20 lifts

Loveland — 1- new powder 51 base 10 of 10 lifts 9a-4p

Monarch — powder 55 base 54 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open

Powderhorn Resort — powder 37 base 3 of 4 lifts

Purgatory — packed powder 43-50 base 75 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Silver Creek Resort — powder 25 base 22 trails 4 of 5 lifts

Ski Cooper — powder 43 base 4 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — powder 40-50 base 18 of 20 lifts

Steamboat — powder 60-70 base 123 trails 21 of 21 lifts

Sunlight — 1- new packed powder 31 base 2 of 4 lifts

Telluride — packed powder 44-46 base 64 trails 12 of 12 lifts 100% open

Vail — powder 41-48 base 120 trails 28 of 30 lifts 8:30a-4p

Winter Park — powder 61-69 base 116 trails 17 of 20 lifts 82% open 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — packed powder 62-67 base 50 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

New Mexico

Angel Fire — packed powder 30 base 58 trails 6 of 6 lifts

Pajarito Mtn — packed powder 40-50 base 37 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Red River — packed powder 21-42 base 56 trails 6 of 6 lifts sm

Sandia Peak — packed powder 48 base 26 trails 5 of 7 lifts 98% open 8:30a-4p

Santa Fe — packed powder 52 base 41 trails 6 of 7 lifts

Sipapu — packed powder 26 base 19 trails 2 of 3 lifts

Ski Apache — packed powder 57 base 55 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open 8:45a-4p

Taos — packed powder 56 base 70 trails 11 of 11 lifts 97% open sm

Utah

Alta — powder 94 base 8 of 8 lifts 90% open 9:15a-4:30p

Beaver Mountain — powder 78 base 16 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open

Brian Head — powder 60 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-10p

Brighton — packed powder 90 base 64 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-9p

Deer Valley — packed powder 76 base 68 trails 14 of 14 lifts 100% open

WPHL Standings

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	30	13	7	67	215	165
Austin	24	10	9	57	167	157
Shreveport	27	14	2	56	195	143
Central Texas	24	16	3	51	156	160
Lake Charles	20	18	5	45	167	181
Monroe	20	20	1	41	124	131
Waco	9	32	3	21	130	217

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	30	11	3	63	228	133
El Paso	26	11	5	61	219	159
Amarillo	18	18	10	46	154	190
San Angelo	19	23	5	43	191	223
Odessa	15	28	3	33	176	270

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Austin at New Mexico
Lake Charles at San Angelo
Fort Worth at Shreveport

PGA Money

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — PGA Tour money leaders through the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, which ended Jan. 18:

	Trn	Money
1. Fred Couples	1	$414,000
2. Phil Mickelson	1	$306,000
3. Bruce Lietzke	1	$248,400
4. Mark O'Meara	2	$229,525
5. David Duval	2	$156,663
6. Andrew Magee	1	$156,400
7. Tiger Woods	1	$149,600
8. Steve Jones	2	$139,875
9. Stewart Cink	2	$135,388
10. Paul Stankowski	2	$89,658
11. Mark Calcavecchia	2	$83,339
12. John Cook	2	$74,800
12. Nick Price	1	$74,800
14. Skip Kendall	1	$69,000
14. Fuzzy Zoeller	1	$69,000
16. Loren Roberts	2	$66,551
17. David Toms	2	$56,351
18. Gabriel Hjertstedt	2	$56,463
19. Brad Fabel	1	$50,983
19. John Huston	1	$50,983
19. Kirk Triplett	1	$50,983
19. Bob Tway	1	$50,983
19. Mark Wiebe	1	$50,983
24. Ernie Els	1	$46,538
24. Frank Nobilo	1	$46,538
26. Scott McCarron	1	$43,775
27. Stuart Appleby	2	$39,529
28. Davis Love III	1	$38,675
28. Vijay Singh	1	$38,675
30. Rick Fehr	1	$36,800
30. Pete Jordan	1	$36,800
30. Chris Perry	1	$36,800
33. Jeff Sluman	2	$36,464
34. David Frost	1	$34,000
35. Steve Elkington	1	$31,450
35. Scott Hoch	2	$31,450
37. Nick Faldo	1	$28,475
37. Brad Faxon	1	$28,475
39. Bob Estes	1	$27,876
39. Blaine McCallister	1	$27,876
41. Phil Blackmar	1	$26,563
41. Justin Leonard	1	$26,563
43. Greg Norman	1	$25,925
44. Billy Ray Brown	1	$25,585
45. Tim Herron	1	$25,245
46. Paul Azinger	1	$19,090
46. Glen Day	1	$19,090
46. Paul Goydos	1	$19,090
46. Steve Lowery	1	$19,090
46. Omar Uresti	1	$19,090
51. Jay Don Blake	1	$14,624
51. Neal Lancaster	1	$14,624
51. Larry Mize	1	$14,624
51. Dave Stockton, Jr.	1	$14,624
51. Steve Stricker	1	$14,624
56. Robert Damron	1	$10,623
56. Jerry Kelly	1	$10,623
56. Joe Ozaki	1	$10,623
56. Craig Stadler	1	$10,623
56. Ted Tryba	1	$10,623
56. Scott Verplank	1	$10,623
62. Russ Cochran	1	$7,375
62. Fred Funk	1	$7,375
62. Scott Gump	1	$7,375
62. Doug Martin	1	$7,375
62. Corey Pavin	1	$7,375
62. Larry Rinker	1	$7,375
68. Michael Christie	1	$5,811
68. Dan Forsman	1	$5,811
68. P.H. Horgan III	1	$5,811
71. Jay Haas	1	$5,310
71. Donnie Hammond	1	$5,310
71. Lee Janzen	1	$5,310
71. Larry Nelson	1	$5,310
71. Steve Pate	1	$5,310
71. Chris Smith	1	$5,310
71. Hal Sutton	1	$5,310
78. Franklin Langham	1	$5,014
78. Len Mattiace	1	$5,014
78. Lee Porter	1	$5,014
78. Lee Rinker	1	$5,014
82. Brent Geiberger	1	$4,876
83. Bob Gilder	1	$4,807
83. Tommy Tolles	1	$4,807
85. Frank Lickliter	1	$4,715
86. Jesper Parnevik	1	$4,623

LPGA Money

Money leaders on the LPGA tour through the HealthSouth Inaugural, which ended Jan. 18:

	Trn	Money
1. Kelly Robbins	1	$90,000
2. Meg Mallon	1	$55,855
3. Patty Sheehan	1	$40,759
4. Jane Crafter	1	$26,166
4. Dana Dormann	1	$26,166
4. Juli Inkster	1	$26,166
7. Michelle McGann	1	$15,901
7. Jenny Lidback	1	$15,901
7. Donna Andrews	1	$15,901
10. Susie Redman	1	$11,573
10. Kris Tschetter	1	$11,573
10. Brandie Burton	1	$11,573
13. Moira Dunn	1	$8,815
13. Helen Alfredsson	1	$8,815
13. Nancy Lopez	1	$8,815
13. Se Ri Pak	1	$8,815
13. Amy Benz	1	$8,815
18. Lorie Kane	1	$7,548
19. Tina Barrett	1	$6,

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Until just the last couple of years, Alaskan cruises were populated almost exclusively with gray heads and deck shoes. Now, however, says Jane Overstreet of Envoyé Travel, as many as half of all cruisers sport walkmans and Nikes as families discover the majestic expanse that is the largest state in the union. For families or seniors or anybody who books by February 14, Envoyé and Princess Cruisetours have some majestic discounts on a 12-night cruisetour departing June 13 from Vancouver—with additional discounts for third and fourth members of your party, so you can bring the kids. If you can't go then, don't despair—Jane says there are different discounts on other cruises, so just ask.

"Many families have already cruised the Caribbean and are looking for new adventures," Jane says, explaining the new popularity of Alaskan cruises among the younger set. She indicates that children as young as eight are old enough to really appreciate the wonders of Alaska. At that age, they begin to benefit greatly from the firsthand experience of seeing whales, eagles and glaciers. Holland America also features shore excursions for kids only, which gives the kids a unique experience and gives their parents a breather.

To help families plan their shore activities, Princess breaks their excursions into categories based on activity levels ranging from "easy" to "strenuous" or "adventure."

Cross-generational families such as a grandparent and grandchildren are making more of an impact as well, says Jane. "Once the grandkids are old enough, they can make great traveling companions."

The experience of cruising itself is changing. Princess Cruisetours such as the one mentioned above, do not simply involve watching the scenery go by from the deck of a ship. This cruisetour is so named because it includes shore excursions during the seven nights of the cruise portion, then heads inland by way of riverboat, rail and motorcoach. This gives cruisers much more to see and do than would be available shipside.

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PETER WALPER on the commodities market

Hedging cattle or grain with futures

Livestock producers face a great deal of risk such as uncertain weather, the availability of feed, conception rates, survivability, disease and shipment. Producers have managed such production risk with top notch husbandry practices. But husbandry cannot address market risk—the uncertainty of prices at market time, owing to shifting supply and demand factors. The answer to minimizing this risk could be the futures or forward markets.



Peter Walper

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) developed livestock futures to provide producers with forward pricing opportunities for managing market risk—to lock in profits, enhance business planning and facilitate financing—all the benefits that futures provide other sectors of the farm economy.

Who can trade futures?

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How do speculators use the Futures Market?

Speculators have no intention of buying or selling the actual commodities. They try to make their money by buying a futures contract at a low price and selling the contract back at a higher price or selling higher and buying back lower. In doing so, they take on the risk that prices may change to their disadvantage. So, speculators provide risk capital and depth to the marketplace and make it possible for hedgers to use the futures market to further reduce risk.

How can producers use the Futures Market?

As the delivery month on the contract approaches, the pressure of possible delivery causes the futures prices to line up with the cash market price of the commodity. Because futures prices thus reflect cash market prices, producers may use the futures markets as a temporary substitute for a cash sale or a cash purchase to be made later.

Producers do not want to take the risk of changing prices in the cash markets, so they use the futures market to lock in a price ahead of actual merchandising. They transfer their risk to the speculator. Most producers remove their obligation to deliver or take delivery on the futures contract just as speculators do, by offsetting their original futures position. Then the producer can buy or sell the actual commodity in the cash markets.

There are ten basic strategies that producers can use to capitalize on the profits:

1. Locking in a fixed selling price—selling futures
2. Establishing a minimum selling price—buying puts
3. Collecting an optimum premium—selling call options
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A "Valentine" photo for grandparents, from Sunshine Studios, can be a "swingin'" idea.

The Noels graduated from the prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography in California. Charlie's photographs have appeared in a number of travel magazines including New Mexico GuestLife, Palm Springs Life and Friendly Exchange. He has covered assignments from the Orange County Visitor's/Convention Bureau in Anaheim, California to the Big Apple for Grolier Publishing.

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Van Horn, Nets take one from Duncan, Spurs

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Round One in the head-to-head matchup for Rookie of the Year went to Keith Van Horn.

■ NBA Roundup

Van Horn's numbers weren't quite as flashy as Tim Duncan's, but the New Jersey rookie got more help from his teammates and made the bigger plays Monday night against the only player drafted ahead of him as the Nets defeated San Antonio 95-84.

Van Horn had 21 points and 10 rebounds, but shot just 7-for-30 from the field as he looked to score as often as possible and forced too many attempts. Still, his three 3-pointers in the first 3 minutes of the second quarter gave the Nets a comfortable lead they never relinquished.

"I've never taken that many (shots), I never missed that many," Van Horn said. "My whole concern was on getting a win, not the matchup.

"You can't measure the Rookie of the Year by just one game. This one game doesn't constitute a whole season, otherwise a lot of guys would be up for the award. There are a lot of games left to see how it plays out."

Duncan, the No. 1 overall pick in last summer's draft, had 24 points and 17 rebounds for the Spurs, but he also committed seven turnovers and didn't make much of an impact in the second and fourth quarters. It was just the third loss in the last 20 games for the Spurs, who had their five-game overall and four-game road winning streaks snapped.

The much-hyped first meeting between Duncan and Van Horn seemed to bring out a little more energy in Van Horn, who looked like he wanted to show his stuff for this big game in the rookie race.

Egged on by coach John Calipari, Van Horn looked to shoot at every opportunity, whether from behind the 3-point line, from on the run or when guarded by Duncan in the low post. He met with little success, even going 0-for-7 in the third quarter, but the Nets had others to turn to as Kerry Kittles scored 19 points, Sam Cassell had 14 and Jayson Williams had 10 to go along with 18 rebounds.

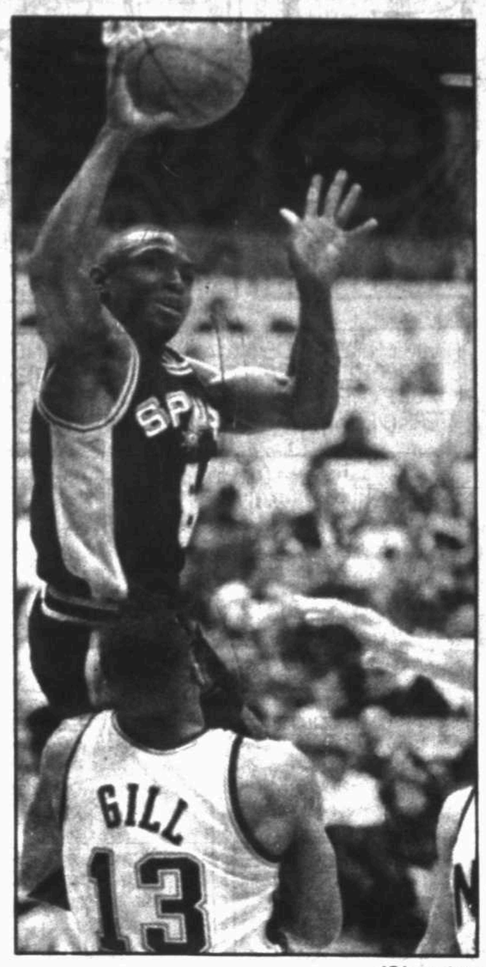
"You're going to look at the 30 shots, but let me explain something to you," Nets coach John Calipari said. "Every time he looks at me, what do you think I'm saying? 'Shoot the ball. You're here to shoot. You're not here to pass. I've got enough passers. I want you to score and shoot.' "

Van Horn hit three 3-pointers in rapid succession early in the second quarter as the Nets expanded a 21-19 lead to 35-23. New Jersey stayed ahead by double digits for most of the rest of the game, and Van Horn's final basket — a jump hook over Duncan with 5:40 remaining — made it 81-67.

After Robinson scored, Williams dunked a put-back and Kittles had a fast-break dunk to increase the lead to 16, and Van Horn was able to go to the bench with 1:17 left wearing a big smile on his face.

"Both of them put on a show tonight," said David Robinson, whose 13 points were 10 below his average. "Van Horn made those shots early that got them going. He took a lot of shots.

"I've been playing with Timmy and I know what type of player Timmy is. Timmy is the best. Van Horn was impressive."



AP Laserphoto

San Antonio Spurs' Avery Johnson runs into New Jersey Nets' Kendall Gill (13) as Johnson goes in for the layup during the first half Monday night. The Nets won 95-84.

SuperSonics 114, Rockets 80

HOUSTON — Gary Payton scored 13 of his 23 points in the decisive third quarter as the SuperSonics routed the injury-plagued Rockets.

It was the most lopsided win of the season for Seattle and the worst loss of the season for Houston, which played without injured stars Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. The SuperSonics, who improved their NBA-best record to 32-8, hit 15 of 20 shots from the field in the third quarter and outscored the Rockets 35-17 to take a 89-60 lead.

Payton was 5-of-6 from the field in the third quarter, including three 3-pointers. Vin Baker scored 21 points for Seattle, which outshot Houston for the game, 58 percent to 34 percent.

Kevin Willis had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets. Charles Barkley also had 13 points for Houston, which lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Lakers 92, Magic 89

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Shaquille O'Neal burned his former team with 35 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots as the Lakers beat the Magic.

The win was the third straight and 15th in 19 games for the Lakers, who became the second NBA team to get 30 victories this season, joining the Seattle SuperSonics. O'Neal, who played four seasons for the Magic before signing with the Lakers as a free agent in July 1996, has scored 30 or more points in five of the last six games.

Knicks 98, Celtics 82

NEW YORK — Allan Houston and Chris Mills scored 23 points apiece as the Knicks defeated the Celtics for the 21st straight time.

The win was the Knicks' second straight, ending a stretch that began on Dec. 16 in which they had alternated wins and losses. New York, which blew out the Celtics by 32 here in November, has beaten Boston 11 straight times at home.

Rookie Chauncey Billups had 18 points and Antoine Walker added 15 for the Celtics, who have lost seven of their last eight.

76ers 98, Kings 85

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson had 24 points and 10 assists as the 76ers won their fourth in a row.

Jim Jackson scored 17 points for Philadelphia, while Derrick Coleman had 14 points and 14 rebounds. Theo Ratliff grabbed 13 rebounds and tied a career-high with eight blocks for the 76ers.

Philadelphia has won four straight for the first time since 1992 and four in a row at home for the first time since the 1992-93 season.

Timberwolves 117, Clippers 109

MINNEAPOLIS — Stephon Marbury had 20 points and 12 assists as the Timberwolves extended their franchise-record winning streak to six games.

Kevin Garnett added 20 points and Tom Gugliotta had 19 points and nine assists as the Wolves won for the seventh time in eight home games. The loss was the seventh in nine games for the Clippers, who got 24 points from Reggie Rogers and 21 from Lamond Murray.

Hornets 109, Raptors 88

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Matt Geiger, pressed into the lineup by an injury to Vlade Divac, matched his career high with 28 points to help the Hornets beat the Raptors.

Glen Rice scored 38 points as the Hornets snapped a three-game losing skid hours after learning they will be without Divac, their starting center, for at least six weeks. Divac injured his left knee in a loss to Detroit last week.

Jazz 98, Pistons 89

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone had 30 points and 15 rebounds as the Utah Jazz rallied in the second half to beat the Detroit Pistons.

The Jazz made a 14-4 run midway through the fourth quarter to break open a close game. The Pistons went without a field goal in the final 7:29.

Jeff Hornacek and John Stockton added 12 points apiece for Utah. Stockton also had 13 assists.

No. 3 Connecticut pounds No. 2 Old Dominion

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Svetlana Abrosimova was a constant threat. Nykesha Sales came back when it counted. Rita Williams made key plays and a couple of crucial baskets as the clock wound down.

But it would be hard to single out any of Connecticut's players as the Huskies crushed Old Dominion 93-72, handing the second-ranked Lady Monarchs their first loss this season.

Third-ranked UConn needed everyone to chip in Monday against No. 2 ODU, as two of the biggest women's programs met for the first time before a sellout crowd of 16,294 at the Hartford Civic Center. Abrosimova scored a career-high 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Huskies waited until the last five minutes to break open a game that had not see-sawed more than four points either way.

"In the first half, we couldn't get anything going," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma. "It was really a team win, and I can't think of anybody who didn't play well ... In the last five minutes, we played with the confidence that a good team needs to be a great team."

Abrosimova played tough the whole way, finishing 12-for-14 from the floor and with seven more points than her previous best. She led a balanced attack as her team (17-1) overcame early struggles by Sales, its leading scorer.

Williams played well on both sides of the court, coming up with a big steal and a 3 down the stretch as the Huskies handed the Lady Monarchs their most lopsided loss since Tennessee beat them 69-47 in 1995-96.

"If we can throw away the last five minutes, this is what Top-10 level basketball should be," said ODU coach Wendy Larry.

Both teams did a good job shutting down the other's big guns. Sales was scoreless the first 19 minutes, and only had six points by the time she was called for her fourth foul.

Mery Andrade did a lot of the work against Sales. She led ODU with 21 points, while the Huskies were keeping closer tabs on the Lady Monarchs' other top scorers, including leader Nyree Roberts.

"I didn't play my game today. I played really bad," Roberts said.

Natalie Diaz helped pick up the slack, especially in the first half, when she scored 11 of her 17 points. She finished with three times her average.

But all the Lady Monarchs seemed helpless once the Huskies went on a deciding 27-8 run over the final 5 minutes, 27 seconds that electrified the crowd.

"They just took over the last five minutes," said ODU guard Ticha Penicheiro.

With UConn leading 66-64 after Roberts hit a free throw, Sales, playing with four fouls, hit a jumper. Williams followed with a steal and coast-to-coast layup that electrified the sellout crowd of 16,294.

All of a sudden, the Huskies couldn't seem to do anything wrong, at one point stringing together 11 points — including three 3-pointers by Williams, Abrosimova (just beating the shot clock) and Amy Duran — to go up 85-69.

"We wore them out by pushing the ball to the floor and doing what we are good at," Williams said.

The Huskies extended their home winning streak to 41 games, second to Louisiana Tech run of 42. ODU dropped its first game to a Top 25 team in five tries.

Both teams started off playing tight man-to-man, with each doing a good job containing the other's top scorers. And there were a few long lapses without any points in the first half, as each team was working to create openings. Many baskets came from in close or in the transition.

■ Top 25 Women

Indiana 80, No. 6 Illinois 67

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Kristi Green scored 20 points, and Indiana outscored sixth-ranked Illinois 29-3 from the free throw line as the Hoosiers upset Illini.

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak by Illinois (13-5, 7-1 Big Ten).

Green also led the Hoosiers (13-7, 4-3) with eight rebounds and six assists. Kameelah Morgan contributed 19 points, hitting 13-of-14 free throws, and Quacy Barnes had 18 points for the Hoosiers.

The Hoosiers built a 40-28 halftime lead by shooting 45 percent (14-of-31), while the Illinois shot 32 percent (12-of-37). Casey Leonhardt topped the Illini with 20 points, and Tauja Catchings had 18.

No. 24 Duke 75, No. 8 North Carolina State 61

RALEIGH, N.C. — Payton Black had 20 points, and No. 24 Duke led all the way in winning for the first time in four years at Reynolds Coliseum, upsetting eighth-ranked North Carolina State.

Hilary Howard and Nicole Erickson added 13 points each for Duke (12-5, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which took advantage of the second-worst shooting performance this season by the Wolfpack.

Tynesha Lewis scored 13 points and Chasity Melvin added 12 for N.C. State, which made only 25-of-68 shots (37 percent).

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Missouri shocks No. 3 Kansas one more time

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Sixth man Tyron Lee hit two free throws with 11.4 seconds to go and Albert White scored a career-high 23 points as Missouri upset No. 3 Kansas for the third straight season at home, winning 74-73 Monday night.

Kansas (21-3, 5-1 Big 12) probably played its last game without center Raef LaFrentz, who has missed nine games with a broken right hand. LaFrentz, expected back for Saturday's game against Texas Tech, warmed up and dressed but sat on the bench with the hand wrapped.

Last season, Missouri (10-7 overall, 3-3 Big 12) handed the then top-ranked Jayhawks their first loss, 96-94, after a 22-0 start. In 1996, Kansas also was ranked No. 3 when it lost 77-73 at Missouri.

Kelly Thames added 12 points as Missouri beat its third straight ranked opponent. The Tigers also beat Maryland Dec. 30 and Oklahoma State Jan. 14 and have won seven straight at home.

Paul Pierce had 23 points for Kansas, which shot only 33.3 percent in the second half and 41.7 percent for the game. Ryan Robertson added 18 points and Billy Thomas 16.

Pierce had given Kansas a 73-72 lead with 57 seconds to go. Eric Chenowith missed a chance to give the Jayhawks some breathing room when he missed two free throws with 24.2 seconds left.

John Woods iced the victory when he stripped Pierce of the ball near the free throw line with time running down.

■ Top 25 Men

St. John's 64, No. 8 Connecticut 62

NEW YORK — Lavor Postell scored all 13 of his points in the second half and came up with two of the biggest plays of the game as St. John's beat Connecticut.

St. John's (13-6, 5-3 Big East) matched last season's victory total and is on its longest winning streak since it started the 1994-95 season 7-0. The Red Storm are on their longest conference winning streak since they won five straight in the 1992-93 season.

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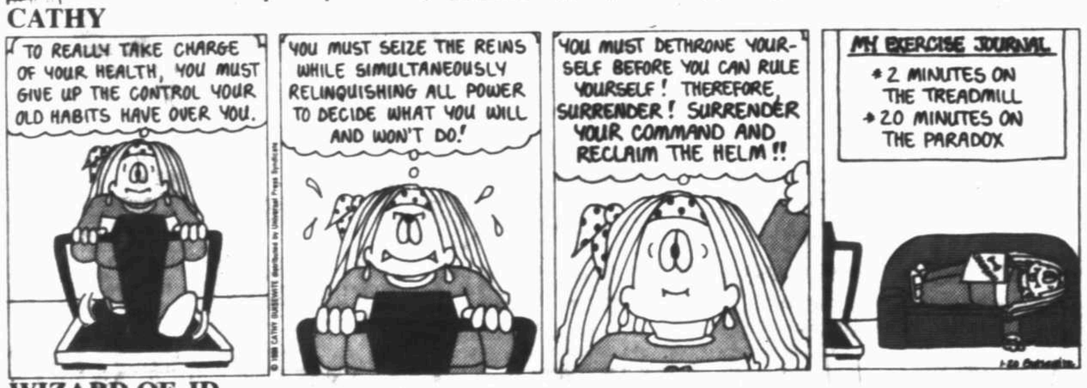
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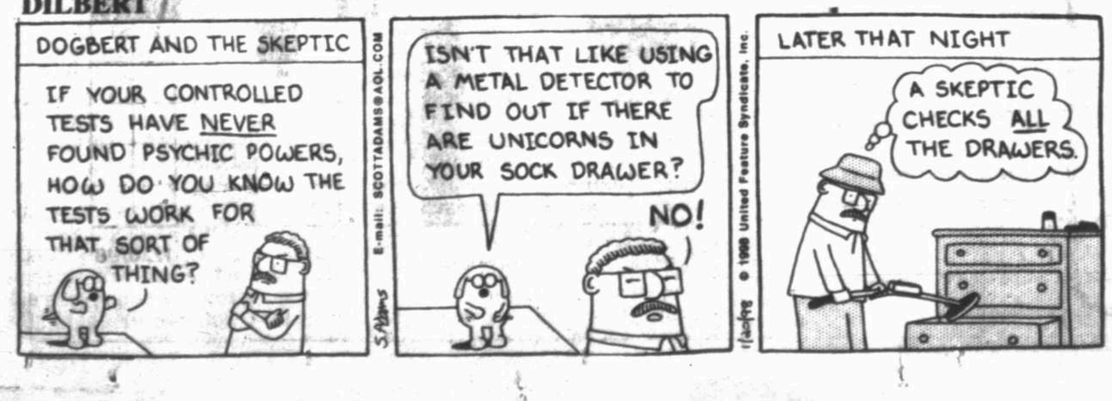
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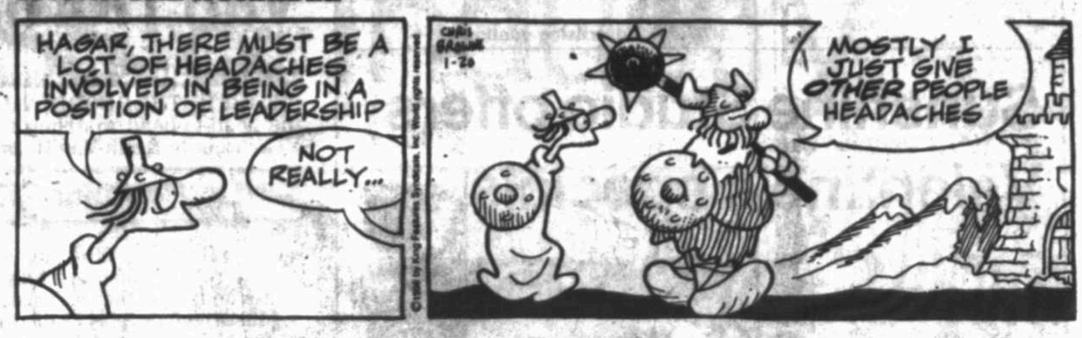
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998:
Be more in touch with your feelings; at times, you could become a volcano. Your high energy and vitality allow you to take on more than ever. You are successful and dynamic in whatever you decide to undertake. If you are single, admirers come from all over. You can pick and choose whomever you want. If attached, you will expend a lot of energy on making your relationship. But you might be combative at times. Your work will be highlighted, as well as your professional status. SCORPIO furthers your career.

BORN TODAY
Comedian Arte Johnson (1934), actor Lorenzo Lamas (1959), director David Lynch (1946)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on friendship. A work matter is more challenging than you would like. But you have the support to make changes that work. Do not back down in the face of an aggressive friend or male adviser. You have what it takes. Tonight: Discuss what you want with a partner.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ There are mixed messages; you aren't imaging them. Opt to hold back and not push. Concentrate on career, long-term potential and desires. A boss or co-worker is challenging. Let this play out. Do not listen to gossip. Tonight: Consult your best friend!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Concentrate on work, and get the job done. A course or travel option isn't out of line. You want to know more, especially in your field. Recognize how diverse your ideas are. Make long-distance calls; they will strengthen your position. Tonight: Where the party is.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ A partnership pushes you to brainstorm and come up with solutions. A relationship or interaction is certainly confusing, but it's far from down for the count. Let your imagination go, and create more of what you want through visualization. Tonight: Chase rainbows.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Prioritize family and domestic needs. A partner proves difficult, but that isn't new. You need to support yourself in order to establish limits. Don't be your overly generous self. Take some time for your needs. It's time for a checkup. Tonight: Put your feet up!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to communicate comes through, no matter what happens. You are baffled by how you perceive a loved one, who is confused as well. You have high energy, but it could get scattered in various directions. Tonight: Chat at a favorite spot with a favorite person.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Positive vibrations touch your love life and creative energy. Push for a favorite idea, create more of what you want and let life flow. Others respond favorably to you, but, as usual, a family member proves disruptive. You can't change what is. Tonight: Indulgence is the theme.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are personality-plus and as happy as a cat, but others seem hell-bent on creating an uproar. Think through a decision more carefully. Communications are off. It seems as if one person doesn't hear what the other says. Humor helps you. Tonight: Have a ball.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Take a back seat, yet handle personal matters. You are likely to be busy making calls and running errands. You will process a lot. Consider life's opportunities, the pros and cons. Clear up anything that has been nagging you. Tonight: A night just for you!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Emphasize desires and direction. You are in great shape, as long as you don't overspend. There is something nebulous in your thinking. Ask for feedback from a trusted ally. Check out money offers with a cynical eye. Tonight: Go for it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Others look to you for answers, and there is no holding you back from providing them. Understand what is happening. Your high vitality and charisma draw others; they want some of what you have! Do not let insecurity get to you. Tonight: Could be a late night.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take the overview, and don't get caught up in strong feelings. A clear perspective prevents overreacting. Tempers flow, and you question limits. Make calls, reach out to others, make queries. Follow through on a trip that is in the planning stages. Tonight: Rent a movie.

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	SOUTH ♠K 10 7 5 4 2 ♡8 4 2 ◇A 9 4 ♣7	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: King of ♣

The late Hal Sims is famed in bridge lore as having seldom misguessed the location of a missing queen. The story goes that, as a practical joke, several friends once rigged a deal so that both opponents held the queen of trumps against him. After playing to a few tricks, Sims glared at the enemy and bellowed: "I swear both of you hold the queen of spades!"

It is not always a guess which hand you should play for a missing queen. For example, how would you play this hand at four spades after West leads the king of clubs and shifts to the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen and king and taken with the ace?

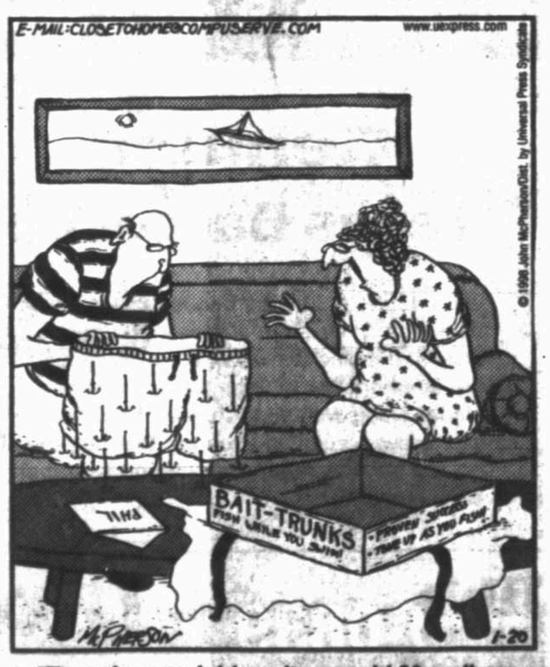
You have a sure diamond loser and must find the king of hearts right to hold your losers in that suit to one. The opponents have already banked a club trick, so you have to avoid losing a trump if you are to make your contract. With nine trumps in the combined hands, the percentage play by a small margin is to try to drop the missing lady.

However, from the opening lead you know that West started with the ace-king of clubs and that defender must hold the king of hearts for you to have any chance of getting home. If West held the queen of spades as well, together with the jack of diamonds that appeared at trick two, that worthy would have opened the bidding. Ergo, East has the queen of spades.

After winning the ace of diamonds, cross to the ace of spades and lead the jack, running it if East does not cover. When that holds, you draw the remaining trump and take the heart finesse, and a lucky, though well played, game can be entered in the plus column.

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Wilson Animals Attack III 36166 (TVPG-V)		World's Scariest Police Chases! II 45846		Panacolo: Wings of Gold: Power Play 56310		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 52372	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 9391	Grace Under Fire	JAG: The Court Martial of Sandra Gilbert 56372		Michael Hayes: Vaughn Mower 69030		Deliverance: Fathers 52556 (TVPG-LV)		News 4481933	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8827	Seinfeld 2407	Mad About You	NewsRadio 1391	Frasier 3643	Just Shoot Me	Dateline NBC 83440		News 4385001	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Dupiantie	C.A. Dollar	The Light of the Southwest 52310				Eve. News	Richard Roberts		Aquilla	Joe Good	News
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 477465		Nova 294469 (TVPG)		Frontline: Last Battle of the Gulf War 283117		The Gold Rush 216681 (TVG)		Telecourse 571020			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Great Stuff	Equal Time W/Bev	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 7782488		The News With Brian Williams 7785952		Charles Grodin 7705339		Rivera Live 7277097	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 346117	Buffy the Vampire Slayer 595556 (TVPG-DSV)		Dawson's Creek: Pilot 504204 (TV14-DL)		News 584440		Beverly Hills, 90210 584827 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 126575 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Kickboxer (R, '89) + (Jean-Claude Van Damme, Denis Alexio) 283287				Bloodsport (R, '88) ++ (Jean-Claude Van Damme, Donald Gibb) 496139				Forced Vengeance ('82) + 3541914	
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons: The System 206339 (TVG)		Rescue 911 818198 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 827846 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0: A Capital Crime 830319 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 817469		Bonanza: The Witness 456407 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Paganini's Daemon		Charley Varrick (PG, '73) +++ 138885				The Efficiency Expert (PG, '91) +++ 2736861				Gaby (10:55)	
(25) BET		26	Planet Groove 195339				Hit List 126440		Comicview 146204		BET Tonight		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Timon, Bobbie, Tod and Trouble ('92) ++ 7769798				Teen Witch (7:30) (PG-13, '89) ++ (Robyn Lively) 5955007		Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Walt Disney Presents 509759 (TVG)		Zorro 875204	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 498223		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (6:30)	College Basketball: Minnesota at Michigan 215498				Winter X Games: Snowboarding, Snow Mountain Bike Racing, Ice Climbing 933372			SportsCenter 828136			Winter X Games
(30) USA		30	Highlander: Finale (Part 1 of 2) 984339 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 474643 (TVPG)		Boxing: Jesse James Leija vs. Joel Perez, Lightweights 494407				Silk Stalkings (Part 2 of 2) 473914 (TV14-S)		Highlander: Finale (Part 2 of 2) 807117 (TVPG)	
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(33) TLC		33	Yile's Home Again	Yile's Home Again	Trauma: Life in the ER 160759 (TVPG)		Alien Secrets: Area 51 173223 (TVG)				Trauma: Life in the ER 152730 (TVPG)		Alien Secrets: Area 51 363204 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 683204	Rugrats 874556	World of Alex Mack	Happy Days	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 389136 (TVG)	Newhart 365556	Dick Van Dyke	Bewitched 548594
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Terror in the Night ('94) ++ (Joe Penny) 834139				Perfect	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(38) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	World of Sharks and Barracudas 5228910		Treasures of Wild	Natural Neighbors	E-Reports 5990469	Safari 7329556	World of Sharks and Barracudas 5227681		Treasures of Wild	Natural Neighbors
(42) UNI		42	Esmeralda 71372 (TVPG)		Maria Isabel 21204 (TVPG)		Alguna Vez Tendremos Alas 30952 (TVPG)		Primer Impacto: Edicion Nocturna 27488		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 558402 (TV14)	
(43) HSE		43	The Last Word	Sports Tonight	NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Dallas Mavericks 380310					Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 65907		Fox Sports News 34865	
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(21) AMC		21	The Return of the Pink Panther (G, '75) 284846				W.C. Fields Straight Up 353846		My Little Chickadee ('40) ++ 9999814				Midnight Lace 387440	
(22) TNN		22	Dukes of Hazzard		Yesterday and Today		Prime Time Country		Ralph Emery		Dallas 167862		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 318469		NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Dallas Mavericks 762962					Inside NBA	Stroker Ace (PG, '83) + (Burt Reynolds) 9999732			
(46) HBO		46	Never Talk to Strangers (R, '95) + (Rebecca De Mornay, Dan Hedaya) 9918897		Meet Wally Sparks (R, '97) + (Rodney Dangerfield, Debi Mazar) 8458117				Out 0 (5:45) (R, '96) ++ (Teresa Randle, Jamie Foxx) 4005001			Tracey Takes On ...	Waiting to Exhale (11:05) (R, '95) ++ 7782894	
(47) MAX		47	Serial (PG-13, '98) 6678543		Reckless (PG, '95) +++ (Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah) 428837				Innocent's Revenge (R, '96) (Rosalind Allen) 177729			The Immortals (R, '95) ++ (Eric Roberts, Tia Carrere) 9724647		
(48) SHOW		48	Hidden in America (5:15) (PG-13) 7205898		Striptease (R, '96) + (Demi Moore, Armand Assante) 518539				Temptress (R, '93) + (Kim Delaney, Chris Mulkey) 8487353			Red Shoe Diaries	B. Hills Bordello	Pilot Beach 726446
(49) TMC		49	The American President (5:05) (PG-13, '95) +++ (Michael Douglas, Annette Bening) 3156096				Dead Presidents (R, '95) +++ (Larenz Tate, Keith David) 138186				Article 99 (R, '92) ++ (Ray Liotta, Kiefer Sutherland) 2083228			Movie (11:40)
(50) VC1		50	Liar Liar (5:30)		Batman & Robin (PG-13, '97) ++ 8019665				WWF Royal Rumble 6217440 (TVPG-D)					
(51) VC4		51	Face/Off (5:15) (R, '97) +++ (John Travolta, Nicolas Cage)				Face/Off (R, '97) +++ (John Travolta, Nicolas Cage)				Face/Off (R, '97) +++ (John Travolta, Nicolas Cage)			
(68) PLAY		68	Gigolo (AO, '97) (Rebecca Lord, Jocelyn Lin)				Adult Stars: Intro		Naughty Home Videos		Boobwatch 2 (AO, '97) (Rocki Roads)			
(69) HC		69	Breakdown (5:30) (R, '97) 8884991				The Fifth Element (PG-13, '97) ++ (Bruce Willis) 5955488				Erotic Confessions 5937759 (TVMA)			



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Ewan McGregor portrays trader who broke bank in upcoming film



Actor McGregor, left, plays imprisoned trader Leeson, right.

SINGAPORE — **Ewan McGregor** stars as Nick Leeson in a movie based on the imprisoned speculator's book.

A British film crew arrived in Singapore on Saturday for 10 days of mostly interior shooting for the "Rogue Trader." Most of the filming was done in Malaysia, but Leeson is in Singapore serving 6 1/2 years.

Leeson's nearly $1.4 billion in losses on Asian stock markets led to the 1995 collapse of Barings Bank.

The movie, co-produced by British talk show host David Frost, is directed by James Dearden.

NEW YORK — A spokeswoman for **Elizabeth Hurley** branded as "completely ridiculous" the buzz that she has a new beau.

Hugh Grant is still the man for the Estee Lauder model, said a London spokeswoman, Karen Smith.

The New York Post, citing sources it didn't identify, said Monday that Hollywood's community of expat Brits is atwitter over a romance between Hurley and Lord John Somerset, the 33-year-old son of the Duke of Beaufort.

Somerset, a free-lance record producer, separated from his wife, Cosima, after six years of marriage, the newspaper reported. As the youngest son, Somerset isn't in line to inherit the dukedom.

Hurley and Grant are in New York filming the romantic comedy "Mickey Blue Eyes," in which Grant plays an art dealer whose marriage is threatened when his fiance reveals her father is in the mob. Hurley is producing the movie.

Back in October, Somerset escorted Hurley to a party in London.

NEW YORK — **The Spice Girls** want their girl fans to know this about boys:

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That's the word from Mel B. (Scary Spice) in Monday's Daily News.

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LONDON — **Dame Judi Dench** won't be abandoning the British theater for Hollywood.

From her dressing room Monday night at the Aldwych Theatre, she told the Press Association she was thrilled at winning a Golden Globe for "Mrs. Brown."

Filming and theater commitments in Britain kept Dame Judi from collecting the trophy, awarded Sunday night for her majestic performance as Queen Victoria.

"I hardly seem to have time to come up for air, but the gulp that I did catch this morning when I awoke to the news was so very exciting and will certainly keep me going through the next few months of hard grind," she said.

Dame Judi is appearing in "Amy's View" six days a week and filming "As Time Goes By" for the BBC on Sundays.

NEW YORK — Fifty isn't nifty for **Mikhail Baryshnikov.**

The dancer-choreographer will mark the milestone birthday Jan. 28.

"It's very much the end of my life," he told W magazine in its February issue. "I believe in genetics, and my mother died when she was 40. It's a bit scary, but I don't think I'm going to hit 60."

Baryshnikov has run the White Oak modern dance troupe since leaving the American Ballet Theater in 1990.

LONDON — **Andrew Lloyd Webber** got a Lord-sized snub Monday on his first query in the government's upper house.

The producer of "Cats" and "Evita" — who was made a Conservative life peer last year in the House of Lords — pleaded that landmark churches should be exempt from paying a retail tax on repair bills, just as new construction is.

Since the European Union had agreed on a concessionary tax rate for church repairs and repairs to historic buildings, "it would be a wonderful recognition of Jesus Christ's contribution to the millennium to allow church repairs to be treated in that way," he said.

Lord McIntosh, the government's deputy chief, replied that the government did not consider it appropriate to exempt churches.

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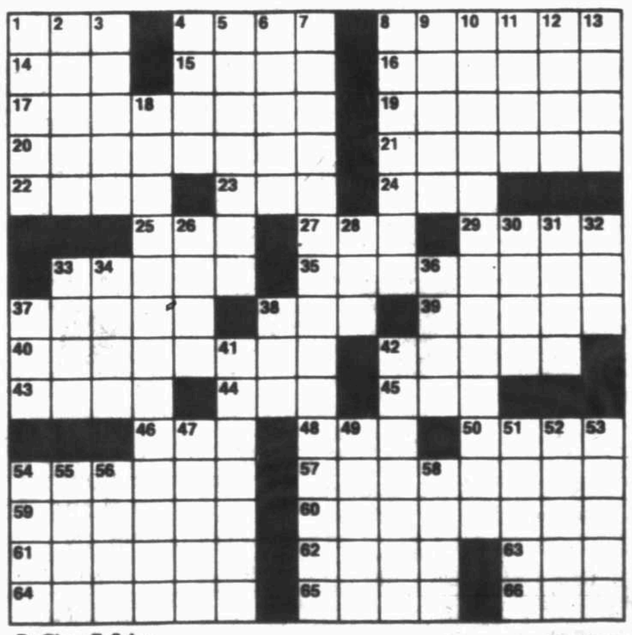
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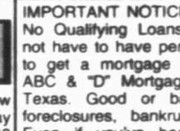
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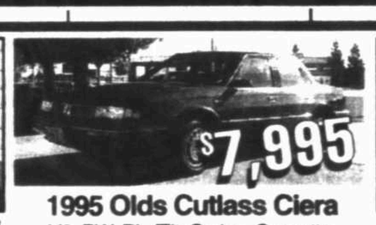
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311 Medical Help Wanted

FULL TIME front office person for busy orthopedic practice. Must have at least 1 year prior experience in a medical office. Please mail resume to Texas Back Institute, 9930 W. Highway 80, Suite A, Midland, Texas 79706 or fax to 915-561-9215.

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RED WING Shoe store taking part time and full time applications. Come by 412 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls please.

318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE needed for credit business. Salary negotiable with experience. Great benefit package. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to: Manager Trainee, 305 Brown Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Attention Scott.

MIDLAND SPCA is seeking a Shelter Manager. Prefer person experienced in dealing with the public, must love animals, have good telephone skills and be able to supervise shelter staff. Non smoking environment. No phone calls please. Send resume to Box 4371, Midland, Texas 79704.

RESTAURANT. Fuddruckers now hiring Assistant Managers. Salary up to $27,000 per year depending on experience. We offer comprehensive medical ins, paid vacations, detail training monthly and quarterly bonuses, and our managers typically have 2 days off per week. Fax resume to: 915-689-6544.

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INDEPENDENT Oil Well Cementing Company is looking for Experienced Cementer. Must pass physical and drug tests. Cementing experience & CDL license required. Company offers uniforms, health insurance, 401k. Salary DOE. 570-0029.

320 Skilled Trades

THE MIDLAND County Detention Center is accepting resumes for a Maintenance Engineer. Applicant should have knowledge/ experience in the operation and repair of plumbing, electrical and heating/ air conditioning. The County offers a full benefits package. Applicant must be able to pass a background investigation. Send resume to: Captain Richard Sexton, Midland County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 11287, Midland, Texas 79702.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN Needed, full time, ASE certified. All types domestic repairs, foreign car experience a plus. Must have own tools. 706 S. Colorado St. 683-8693.

BODY TECH needed, qualifications required. Apply with references in person at 1505 S. Midkiff.

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BUILDING ENGINEER- Must be experienced in HVAC, lighting, plumbing and in maintaining HVAC system controls with the ability to read meters and gauges. Job includes moving furniture and landscaping. Full benefits package. Send resumes to Box B-04017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Southwest Coca-Cola needs an experienced, dedicated, team player to fill this vital position. Responsible for repairing vending equipment and fountain equipment as well as performing preventative maintenance on this equipment. Tech will also assume additional service calls outside the assigned route areas and will assist other techs as needed. Prior experience in technical training. Must meet Company MVR requirements.

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P.O. Box 69410
Odessa, TX 79769-9410

TECHNICIAN WANTED- A West Texas Electrical Equipment Service Company needs a technician experienced in switchgear testing, acceptance/ maintenance, breaker retrofit/ repair, infrared surveys and trouble shooting electrical power systems. Opportunity for advancement. send resume and salary history to: Gene Abbott, PO Box 1232 Odessa, Texas 79760.

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340 Child Care Needed

WANTED, CAREGIVER to provide loving care to 1 & 7 year olds in our home. Must have transportation, excellent references and be non smoker. Call 687-8160 days or 697-9508 after 5 pm.

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341 Child Care Providers

BABY SITTING in my home, reasonable rates, references, call 684-5461.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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BRADY- Great Business Opportunity! Building Supply Salvage and Gift Shop on 7.7 acres with buildings. James Long Real Estate (915)597-1581.

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410 Misc. Sales

SONY CAR stereo, AM/FM with presets and auto reverse cassette deck with music surge. $95. 686-8692.

GRACO Portable play yard, roll down sides, toy bag, carrying case- Excellent condition $50. Crib mattress $15. Sky Glider exercise machine, adjustable tension with digital time, calorie and count meter. $70. 520-2622.

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COKE MACHINE for sale. Make offer, Call 563-4311.

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REMEMBER VALENTINES DAY! 2.0 carat marquis, diamond, certified. Asking $8,900, see at D. Carrols Jewelers.

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SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

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COFFEE LOVERS. Come by and taste our flavor of the day. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. Monday thru Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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WOODEN DINETTE set with 4 chairs and bench, walnut color $350. Call 699-6526.

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FIREWOOD OAK or mesquite. Full cords and full half cords. Delivered and stacked. Call 520-5660 after 4:30 pm.

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1997 TAYLORMADE Oversize Burner Irons, Regular Graphite Bubble Shaft, 3- SW, $500. 694-8988 leave message.

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460 Antiques & Arts

1940'S BUCKLEY, nickel slot machine, good working order, $1,200. Call 520-3012.

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UPRIGHT PIANO with bench, well used. Needs a new home. $300. Please call 682-1868.

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BEAUTY Shop equipment, styling and shampoo chairs, hair dryers, sinks, nail tech table. 683-6315, 685-3734.

ONLY 2 Years old, like brand new: Coke, ice, and Cappuccino machines, for sale. 915-363-9218.

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MILLER Blue Star 2E Welder with leads. Used 132 hours. $900. 684-5144, leave message.

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1981 MOELLER double drum well service rig. Fully tooled with 8 V71 Detroit engine, 5860 transmission, Peck -O- matic tongs. 180 lb, 96', Pemco derrick with PE5 triplex pump powered by 671 Detroit engine. King swivel and power sub, tanks, pits, misc. tools. $160,000. (405)828-4670.

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590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that WARD PAINTING, INC., whose principal business office is at 3303 West Ohio, Midland, Midland County, Texas, on January 1, 1998 became incorporated without a change of firm name.

DATED: January 2, 1998

WARD PAINTING
TED WARD, PRESIDENT

FOUNDATION NOTICE
The annual return of the Marion and Cadell S. Liedtke Family Charitable Foundation will be available for inspection by any interested citizen for a period of 180 days from the date of this notice. Inspection may be made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The return is available at 400 West Illinois, Suite 1550, Midland, Texas. The phone number is 915-683-5226. The contact is Jack Bain.

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$195 - 1 Bedroom
$99 Off 1st Months Rent!
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BRAND NEW 1998 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Mobile home, $550 per month, HUD accepted. Call 520-6086.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath Duplex. Very clean, water paid. $565 monthly. 421 W. Spruce, apartment A. 520-2643.

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FOR LEASE $775 a month or sale $65,000. 2409 Whittle Way. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick. Bush/ Abell/ Lee. (903)509-4014.

VERY CLEAN 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Central heat, refrigerated air, "no" maintenance front yard, landscaped backyard. $450 per month. Call Lucille, Carriage Co. Realtors at 684-5881 or 699-0732.

POLO PARK Executive: 4905 Stoneleigh; 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage with 2 living & 2 dining areas. 1 year lease, available December 1. $1,700 monthly $1,000 deposit. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422.

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Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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