

Volunteers win Fiesta Bowl

Quarterback Tee Martin and the top-ranked Tennessee Volunteers claimed one piece of the national championship Monday night, capping a perfect season with a very imperfect 23-16 victory over No. 2 Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. 1C

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Cultists deported

An unidentified member of the Denver-based doomsday cult Concerned Christians sits between two police officers Monday at an Israeli magistrate's court. Fourteen members of the group — eight adults and six children — were detained Sunday after Israeli authorities said they plotted to provoke police into a shootout in order to hasten the return of Jesus Christ.

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Fatal accident

An accident Monday evening on Highway 80 west of Midland claimed the life of one person, according to the Department of Public Safety and Midland Police Department, who were still investigating the accident at press time.

The Midland Police Department said four cars were involved in the accident in the eastbound lane at 6910 W. Highway 80 at the Blue Max, between Loop 250 and Airline Road.

Impeachment trial

WASHINGTON — A Senate trial of President Clinton, with the chief justice presiding, would bring about a rare convergence of the top tiers of the three branches of government — a proceeding envisioned by the Founding Fathers but never before used for an elected president.

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"I'll take 'History of American Business' for \$100, Alex."

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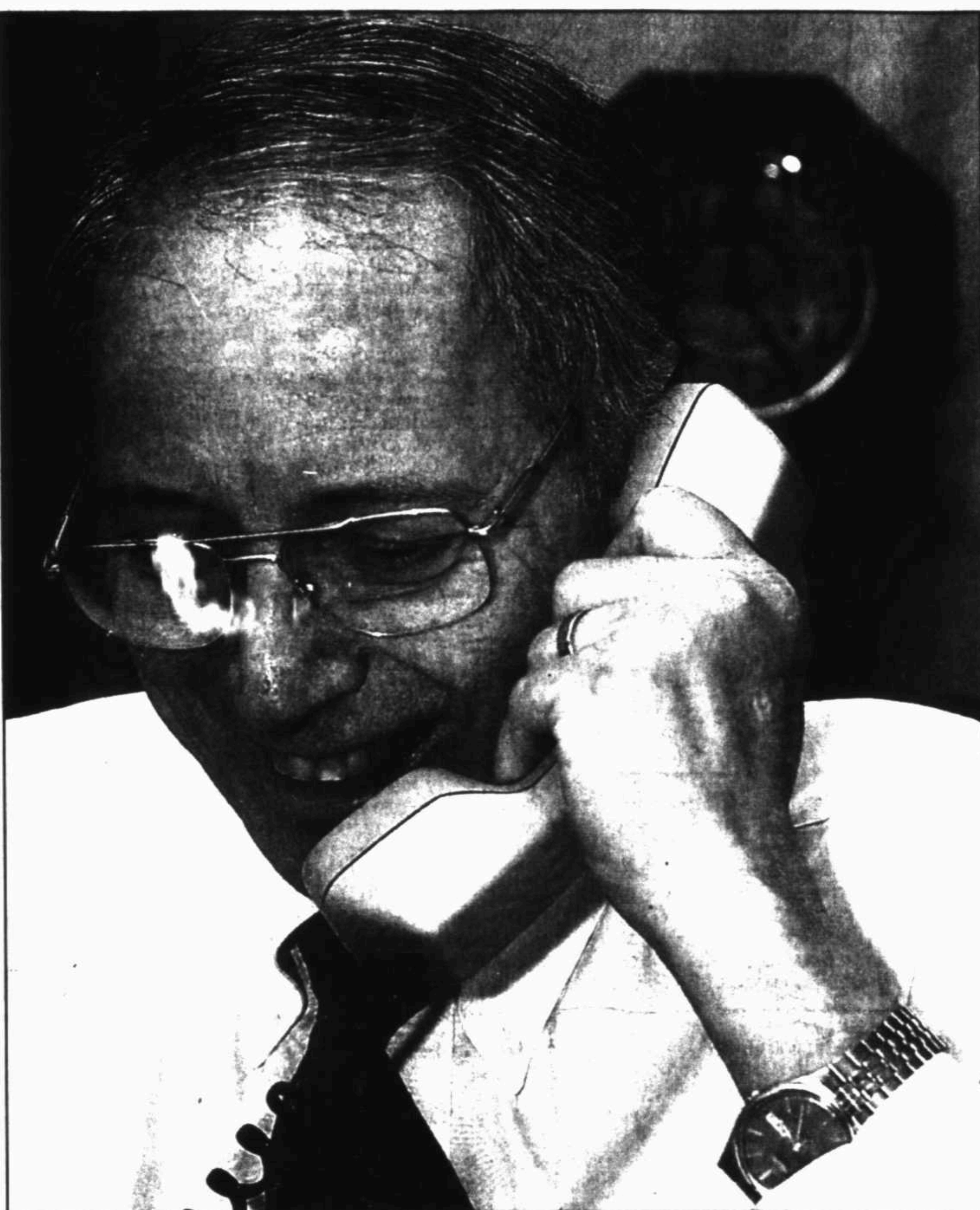


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New era begins in county government



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

County Judge Bill Morrow said he hopes he and the county commissioners can work together.

County judge hopes for 'harmonious' term

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

An aura of camaraderie and harmony seemed to emanate during and following Monday's swearing-in ceremonies of 14 Midland County officials both "brand new" and re-elected. In groups and one by one, the officials pledged to "faithfully" carry out their duties and to "preserve, protect and defend" the Constitutions and laws of the United States and Texas. "It's a very sobering oath," said 142nd Texas District Court Judge Jody Gilles, who swore in the men and women in a full-house courtroom. "Those are the rules by which we live, which are developed for us to have an orderly society and to provide for the welfare of everyone concerned." Midland County Judge Bill Morrow, who received the spectators' applause before and after taking his oath of office for a four-year term, afterward said that "I'm looking forward to a harmonious County Commissioners' Court and a harmonious county government — one that is user-friendly to the citizens and cooperative with each other," said the 63-year-old Morrow, a Midland lawyer and a former Midland City Councilman. "That's a good start," Morrow said. "After that, we will attack these issues as they come up one at a time."

Morrow, who is succeeding former County Judge Jeff Norwood, is one of three new mem-



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Newly elected County Clerk Shauna Hodges Brown, at right, discusses records with lead clerk Coleen White.

bers of the county's five-member governing body.

Newly sworn-in Commissioners Mike Bradford and Randy Prude are succeeding former commissioners Guy McCrary and James Brezina. Commissioners now in mid-term are Henry Goulet and Louisa Valencia.

Ex-Commissioner Win Brown, who first was sworn into office 28 years on another Jan. 4, projected that the new Commissioners' Court "will

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Congress ready for fresh start

House Republicans seek stability in new speaker

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Republican members of the House of Representatives are hoping the man who will be the new speaker of the house, Dennis Hastert of Illinois, can bring the chamber to order — quietly.

GOP congressional leaders — reeling in recent weeks from sagging public opinion ratings in the wake of the impeachment vote — have been looking for stability in the House ever since the sudden resignation of speaker Newt Gingrich occurred following the November general election in which the GOP fared far worse than had been expected.

"Former speaker Gingrich — his No. 1 asset was that he was a visionary for the future," said Henry Bonilla (R-District 23, who represents part of Midland). "What we kind of need now is a manager of the House of Representatives ... someone who can make sure the trains run on time."

"He (Gingrich) has been a lightning rod. That's how he started his career," said Larry Combest (R-District 19, also comprising a portion of Midland). "I know Denny very well. Denny's low-key. I think you'll see a tremendously different leadership style."

Republicans thought they had found that style in Bob Livingston, the House's original choice to fill Gingrich's shoes.

But the speaker-elect was resigned at the time of the impeachment vote after revelations surfaced that he had engaged in extramarital affairs.

House Republicans say with Hastert, it's a new ball game.

"It's a new Congress. I think the impeachment process is behind us," said Combest. "A lot of the major players (in the impeachment) ... are gone, primarily Gingrich."

Now that the vote is over, Republicans want to shift the focus to policy.

"Right now, we need to get back to basics," Bonilla concurred. "The Republicans are continuing to be in the mindset that we need to shrink government."

Bonilla said some of the areas of legislative focus for the party will be cutting taxes and getting tax incentives for industries like natural oil and gas production. He also said saving social security will be a priority.

But with all the bad partisan blood spilling out of impeachment, questions have been raised about how effective a divided House can be.

The 223-211 Republican majority will also be slimmer this year than last year.

"It's going to be hard," Bonilla acknowledged. "Last year was pretty divided, and it could be again this year. The fact that we have Denny Hastert as speaker will help."

Combest said lingering bitterness between the parties would not be the highest hurdle.

"Our biggest difficulty in getting our agenda adopted is we have strong philosophical differences with this administration," he said.

Whether personal rancor between a president and a House that has impeached him will exacerbate those differences remains to be seen.

"The Congress and the president have never operated with any sense of personal animosity," Bonilla said. "We're all professionals."

Combest said the new speaker could "bring people together" from both parties, a situation that is needed if the House wants to break the partisan deadlock.

"It's a new day; it's a new year," said Bonilla. "I hope people aren't carrying over from last year any problems that may have occurred. I have to maintain optimism."

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, who also represents a portion of Midland County, was unavailable for comment on Monday.

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— Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Dist. 23

Shaping the future of the GOP

The 'other' Gov. Bush: He lived in Tall City, too

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

As Jeb Bush is being sworn in today as Florida's 43rd governor, you wonder if the flash of a childhood memory from his Midland days will cross his mind. If not, he will hardly be alone.

Most Midlanders who knew the Bushes in the 1950s remember very little about "Jebby," as his family calls him. He was born here, John Ellis Bush, Feb. 11, 1953, and only lived here until his family moved in 1958. At such a young age, he was literally overshadowed by his older brother, George W. — now the gov-



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Bush



Donna Rounsaville, left, director of the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, is "quite fond" of this photo, with Cindy Walters, currently CEO of the American Red Cross North Texas Chapter, and Elizabeth Dole, at right. "She is one of the most honest, sincere, and kind people that I have ever met," Ms. Rounsaville said. Elizabeth Dole stepped down as president of the American Red Cross Monday, clearing the way for a possible bid for the Republican presidential nomination next year.

Midlanders who've met her praise possible presidential contender

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Dole, who resigned her post as president of the American Red Cross Monday, is considered a woman of wit, intelligence, honesty and kindness by two Midland women acquainted with her in professional and political realms.

Mrs. Dole, 62, held United States Cabinet posts under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush and is the wife of 1996 Republican Party presidential nominee Robert Dole. Her resignation

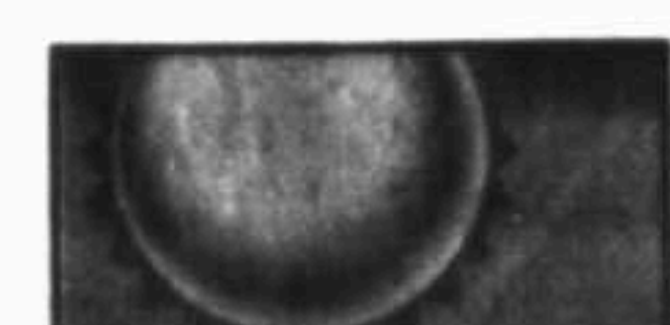
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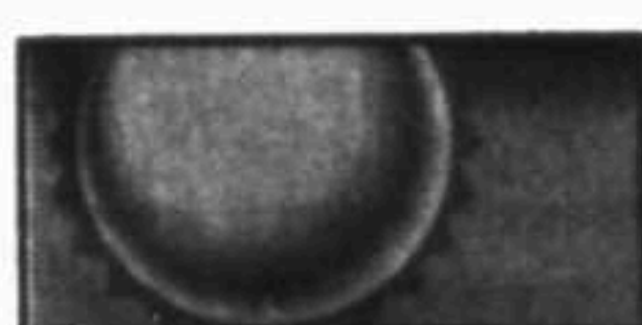
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 68
Low 35



Wednesday
Sunny
High 70
Low 36



Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 74
Low 40

Sunny skies and warmer temperatures are expected today, according to the National Weather Service. The forecast is for temperatures in the upper 60s and winds out of the west at 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Tonight's forecast is for clear skies and a low in the mid-30s.

Wednesday should be mostly sunny and mild with highs near 70 and Thursday is expected to be partly cloudy and warm, with highs between 70 and 75.

Monday's high was 45, compared with a record 71 set in 1997. The low was 17, compared with a record 8 set in 1959.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 0.00 in.
Normal total yr to date 0.05 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 45
Low 17
Normal high 56
Normal low 28

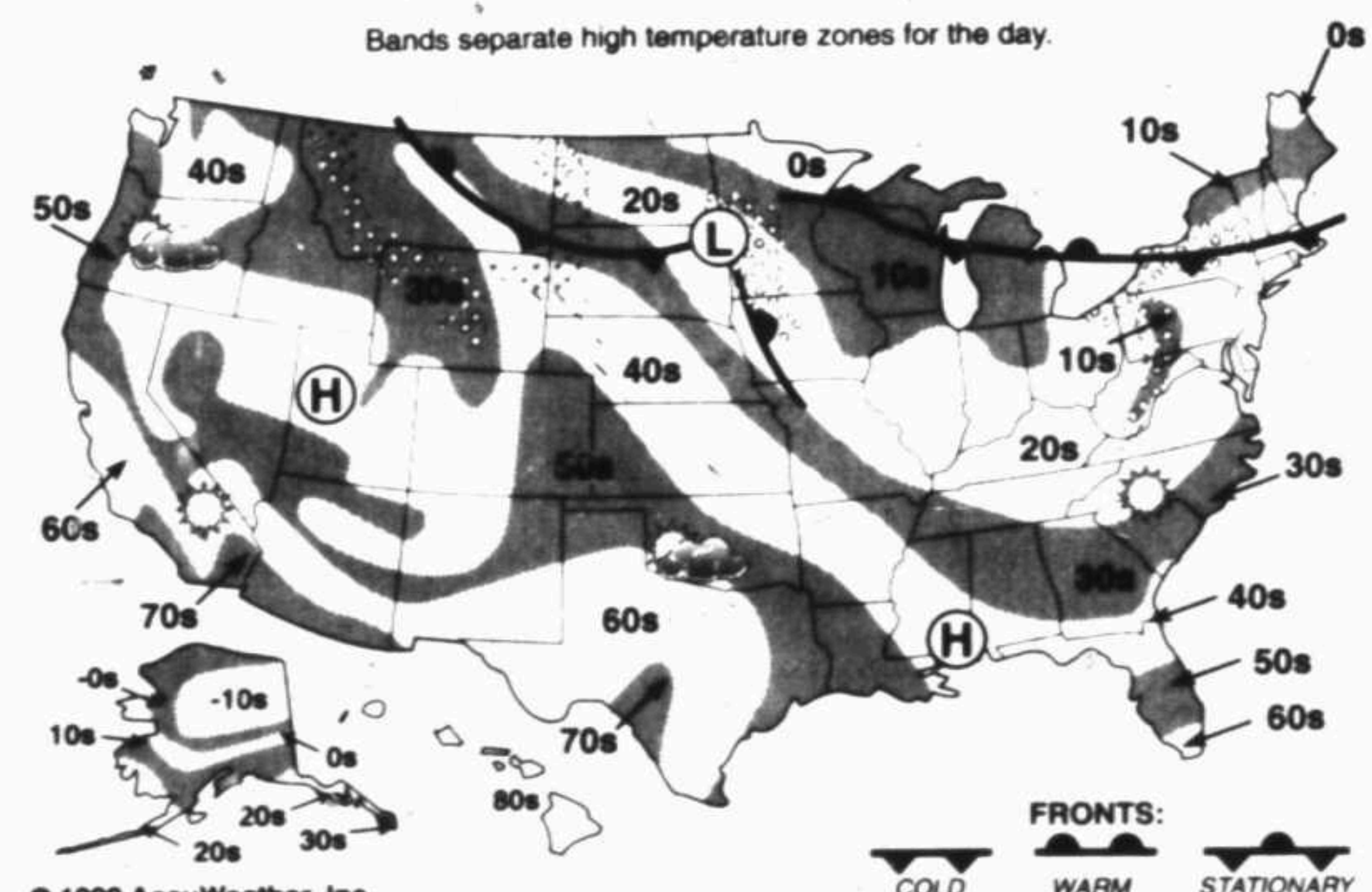
Pollen count

Trees: Low Weeds: Absent
Grass: Absent Molds: low
Dust: Moderate
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Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 5.



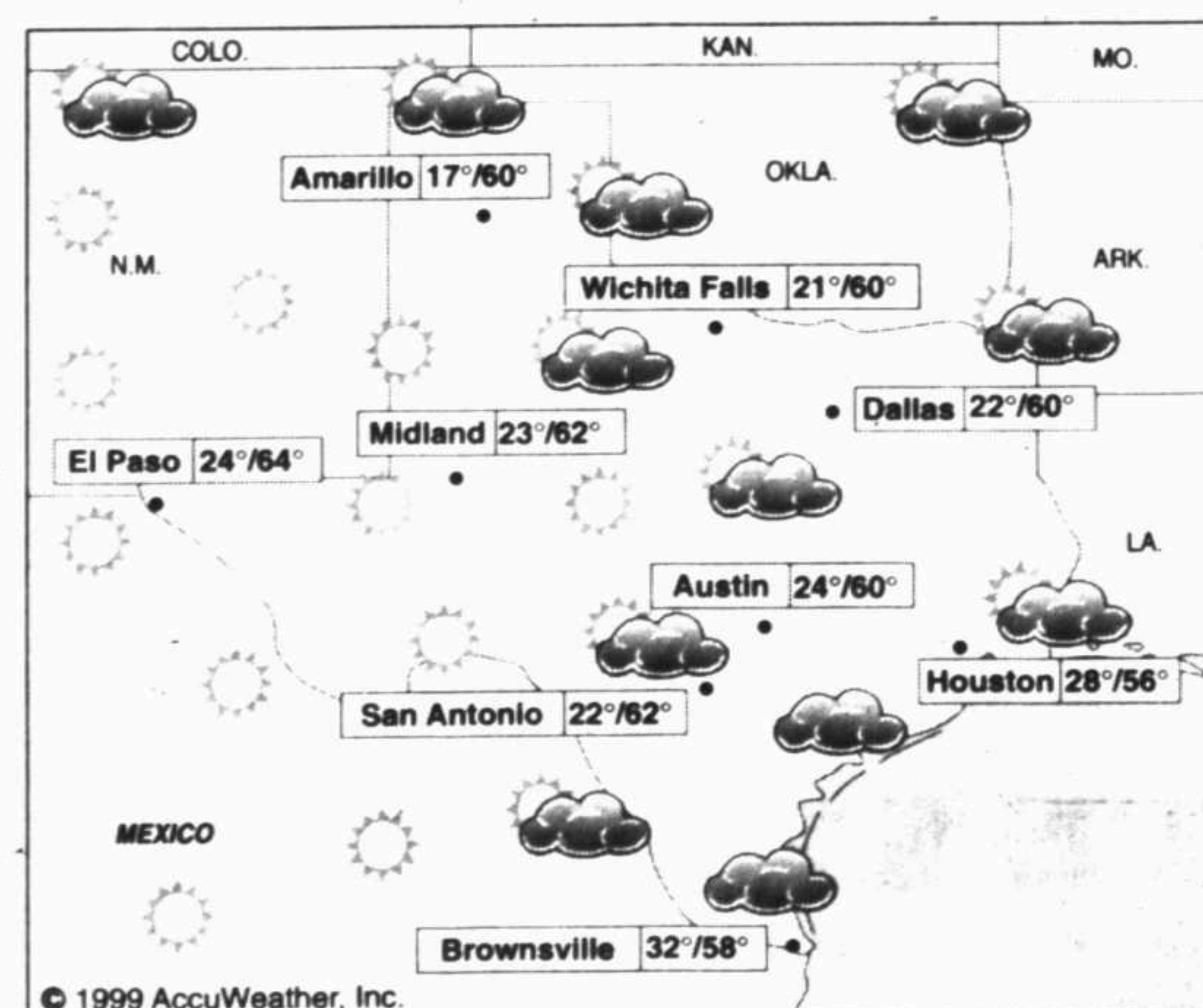
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk
Albany, N.Y.	27	21	city		Las Vegas	59	34	city	
Albuquerque	49	20	city		Little Rock	29	14	city	
Anchorage	10	8	city		Los Angeles	80	49	city	
Asheville	24	15	city		Louisville	18	11	city	
Atlanta	30	17	city		Memphis	22	14	city	
Baltimore	30	23	city		Miami Beach	61	61	city	
Birmingham	42	18	city		Milwaukee	8	3	city	
Boise	40	23	city		Minneapolis	11	3	city	
Boston	34	24	city		Mobile-St. Paul	41	30	city	
Brownsville	49	37	city		New Orleans	41	30	city	
Buffalo	25	14	city		New York City	30	25	city	
Casper	37	2	city		North Platte	20	12	city	
Charleston, S.C.	43	29	city		Omaha	35	11	city	
Charleston, W. Va.	20	17	city		Oklahoma City	35	11	city	
Charlotte, N.C.	34	22	city		Orlando	54	39	city	
Cheyenne	35	9	city		Philadelphia	39	25	city	
Chicago	5	-1	city		Phoenix	67	41	city	
Cincinnati	12	10	city		Pittsburgh	13	12	city	
Cleveland	11	7	city		Portland, Ore.	47	29	city	
Columbus, Ohio	11	9	city		Providence	33	33	city	
Concord, N.H.	26	26	city		Raleigh-Durham	36	26	city	
Dayton	5	4	city		Richmond	34	27	city	
Denver	38	12	city		Sacramento	45	38	city	
Des Moines	-7	-9	city		St. Louis	11	2	city	
Detroit	9	4	city		Salt Lake City	43	20	city	
Evansville	13	9	city		San Diego	73	49	city	
Faribault	23	-29	city		San Francisco	52	43	city	
Fargo	-10	-19	city		San Juan, P.R.	82	60	city	
Flagstaff	51	10	city		Santa Fe	42	8	city	
Grand Rapids	18	15	city		St. St. Marie	28	-3	city	
Greensboro, N.C.	31	21	city		Seattle	44	35	city	
Helena	41	20	city		Sioux Falls	-10	-17	city	
Honolulu	77	68	city		Spokane	31	22	city	
Indianapolis	5	42	city		Syracuse	22	17	city	
Jacksonville	45	31	city		Tampa-St. Petersburg	52	40	city	
Jeanesville	36	34	city		Tucson	67	29	city	
Kansas City	4	-2	city		Tulsa	29	9	city	
					Washington, D.C.	32	24	city	
					Wichita	22	3	city	
					Wilkes-Barre	21	16	city	
					Wilmington, Del.	20	24	city	

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

By The Associated Press

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp		Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	44	17		Galveston	42	32	
Amarillo	41	15		Harrisburg	49	35	
Austin	42	28		Houston Hobby	44	30	
Beaumont	44	27		Houston Intercontinental	45	28	
Brownsville	49	36		Huntsville	41	21	
Burnet	42	23		Junction	46	16	
College Station	42	24		Kingsville	46	38	
Comstock	42	24		Laredo	52	36	
Corpus Christi	43	36		Lubbock	41	16	
Del Rio	42	15		Marfa	50	10	
Denton	39	11		Palm Springs	44	34	
El Paso	38	17		Paris	34	18	
El Paso Airport	38	17		Rockport	44	27	
				San Antonio	44	27	
				Tarrant	37	18	
				Tyler	37	17	
				Victoria	45	31	
				Waco	40	20	
				Wichita Falls	44	15	
				Wink	50	19	

HARMONY: Government begins new year

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do an excellent job. "There will be a lot of decorum brought back into the court, which everyone is looking forward to," Brown, 71, said. He served as a commissioner for 24 years.

Prude, who at 46 is serving in Brezina's and Brown's Precinct 4, said that he is "looking forward to starting the job and getting to work. I've got a lot of ideas. People have given me ideas. Being a problem-solver, I'm looking forward to working on them."

In a late 1998 planning seminar coordinated by Morrow for elected and re-elected county officials, Prude said that "we determined a list of priorities and not the least of which is the morale and helping the people do their jobs," Prude said. "I feel like we've gotten off to a good start."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Bradford, who is manager of a natural-resource foundation, said that he, too, is "looking forward to working with other members of the court to arrive at some positive action for this community."

"And during times of oil down-

turns and any other economic hardship, you need to visualize how you can make things better and easier for the citizens of this community," Bradford said. "That's our job."

Commissioner Goulet, 77, said that he and new members of the court will make for "a real good relationship" and that he is "looking forward to a real good, pleasant relationship."

Mrs. Valencia, 63, said that she anticipates "a great year" in county government. "I really do. We will have a good year and a good court. I think we will be able to get back on track and really work things out."

Mayor Bobby Burns said that he and the City Council "have a great deal of confidence in Bill Morrow, Randy Prude, and Mike Bradford and the other two commissioners (Goulet and Mrs. Valencia). We think we will have a really strong Commissioners' Court that we can work with and work very well with. We are very encouraged, we're very happy, and we're ready to get to work."

Of the new group of officials in county government, District Attorney Al Schorre said that he "can already sense a real spirit of

cooperation among the elected officials."

"I think that is going to carry through," Schorre, 51, said. "I really do. I think Judge Morrow has laid a real good foundation, and we have every expectation that this is going to be a very dynamic, cooperative organization to work in again."

Sheriff Gary Painter, who first was elected in 1984, speculated that it is "going to be a good year and good millennium coming in. I think these new officials are going to carry Midland County a long ways. And it's going to be a positive step for Midland County, and certainly it will be beneficial to the citizens of Midland County."

Gilles also swore in as a group re-elected fellow Texas District Court Judges John Hyde, Willie DuBose, and Dean Rucker.

He also sworn in Midland County Court-at-Law Judge Marvin Moore, but Moore's fellow judge, County Court-at-Law Al Walvoord, wasn't in the courtroom.

"Judge Walvoord is downstairs working, so he tells me," Moore said. Walvoord had been sworn in earlier.

Gilles also swore in this four-

some: Justices of the Peace Joe Matlock, David Cobos, Michael Wallace, and George Zimmer-

Taking their oaths of office, too, were District Clerk Vivian Wood, County Clerk Shauna Hodges Brown, and County Treasurer Julie Fry.

"It's not controversial, but it's very important," Ms. Brown, 42, said of the County Clerk's Office. "And I am thrilled to go into office" in succeeding former County Clerk Alice Brown. "And I have a great staff and invited to keep my great staff. We are going to concentrate, in the beginning, just being the friendliest office in the courthouse. When anybody comes in, we want to make them feel welcome. Then we are going to look for ways to run the office more efficiently and be super good stewards of the public's tax money."

Ms. Fry, 33, said she is "going to continue to strive to increase efficiency in our (Treasurer's) office and to support the goals of our new Commissioners' Court."

BUSH: Family remembered by Midlanders

(From 1A)

ernor of Texas — and continues to be so in people's recollections.

"He was not in the foreground. George was more out front," said Sally Reeder, a friend of the Bush family at the time. "I just remember seeing him around the Racquet Club. We used to see them at the swimming pool all the time."

"I know he was always a nice boy. They were all good kids," she said. "I just remember him being a cute, darling little boy."

When Jeb was born, the Bush family was living on a corner lot at 1412 W. Ohio Avenue. Later, they moved to a custom-built home at 2703 Sentinel Drive. Both

neighborhoods now are primarily occupied by people too young to have known the Bushes.

But there are still many Midlanders who remember them.

"When they were here, they were real active in the community and in the church, and George, the father, in the oil business," said Bill Magruder, who got to know the former president through business dealings. Magruder said his late wife was also in the junior and children's service leagues with Barbara.

"They were just good, down-to-earth people. They just fit into the community," Magruder said. "We were all sorry when they left and went to Houston."

Today, they are all in Florida — Jeb, the two Georges and Barbara, to celebrate the second governorship in the family.

Martin Allday, a friend of the Bushes in Midland who now lives in Austin, attributed the predilection for civic duty to a "family belief that they need to be involved in making our nation, our state and our towns strong."

"They've held together as a family. They have every right to be very very proud," he said.

Neither Jeb nor his brother George — who was making the plane trip to Florida Monday — were available for comment. But Linda Evans, a member of George's press office, said she

knew from prior comments by the governor that he had fond memories of growing up in Midland.

"He and his younger brother Jeb had a happy childhood there," she said.

In a prior interview with the Reporter-Telegram, shortly before President Bush's inauguration, Barbara Bush said, "We learned to be independent in Midland and we learned we could stand on our own two feet... At the same time, we learned that we could gain strength from friends."

"I loved and still love the decency of the people. My fondest memories are of the people."

DOLE: 'The Bob Hope of American Red Cross'

(From 1A)

nation prompted speculation she herself might seek the nation's highest office.

"I have always admired Elizabeth Dole, the accomplishments that she has achieved," said Lou Brown, who, as vice president of the National Federation of Republican Women in the early 1990s, met Mrs. Dole. "I know she understands the corporate world as well as the government view."

Donna Rounsaville, who is director of the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, met Mrs. Dole through the American Red Cross and is "quite fond" of a picture of her in her office.

"She is one of the most honest, sincere, and kind people that I have ever met," said Ms. Roun-

saville, who surmised that Mrs. Dole's interests in politics at the presidential level are speculative for now. "We are going to miss her very much" as American Red Cross president, a position which she has held since 1991.

Ms. Rounsaville, who used to run the United Service Organizations (USO) in Germany, said her impression is that "Elizabeth Dole is to the American Red Cross what (comedian) Bob Hope is to the USO in terms of being a goodwill messenger and effective spokesman."

Euro off to strong start, but long-term economic impact uncertain

Didi Kirsten Tatlow
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Europe's currency got off to a strong start Monday, rising against the dollar on world currency markets. But analysts said it will take time to determine whether the currency will challenge the dollar's international dominance.

Some suggested if the euro is too strong, it could hurt both the U.S. and European economies.

With the euro trading above expectations, European officials were delighted at the successful launch of their ambitious economic and monetary union, tightly linking 11 nations and their 292 million residents.

After starting off at \$1.1668 early in the trading day, the euro hit a high of \$1.1886 in Tokyo, and slipped slightly to \$1.1820 in late

European trading. In New York, the euro cost \$1.1830 in late trading. French central banker Jean-Claude Trichet welcomed the euro's strength as "the best possible omen."

The euro was launched Jan. 1, a day after conversion rates against the 11 participating currencies were fixed. While euro coins and bank notes will not be in consumers' pockets until 2002, the currency can be bought and sold electronically around the world. It also can be used for purchases by credit card or traveler's check.

Foreign exchange experts say it may take some time for the euro to find a consistent range against the dollar. "People are going to assess the market for the next two weeks to find a trend they can ride for the next three months," said Gerry Celaya, senior analyst at American Express Bank in London.

While U.S. government officials have welcomed the euro, some private economists are cautious about its long-term effects.

"I believe the euro is going to be a rival to the dollar," said Clyde Prestowitz, president of the Economic Strategy Institute, a Washington-based public policy research institute. "That will impose some discipline on the U.S. economy, which we have not been used to."

In Washington, Clinton administration officials held to their position that a successful launching of the euro was in the best interests of the United States and a strong euro did not represent a threat to the dollar.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, appearing at a news conference on the tax filing season, declined to comment on the euro's early rise against the dollar.

"I have no doubt markets will

fluctuate as they always do, that is not where our focus needs to be," he said. "We've said many times, if it's good for Europe, that's good for the U.S."

Some economists fear if the U.S. dollar loses some of its appeal to

it by making its exports more expensive for buyers. That's particularly troubling because many nations, especially in Asia, are struggling with weak economies.

Deutsche Bank economist Michael Lewis warned of possible

no Guterres focused on prospects for closer political integration in Europe.

"I am convinced that in the first (25 years) of the next century we will have a political Europe worthy of the economic Europe we have achieved," he said.

His upbeat assessment was shared by political leaders and banking officials across the continent. German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said the euro offered "friendly" competition for established currencies and would strengthen Europe's profile in international financial markets.

Nations adopting the euro are Austria, Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Denmark and Britain opted to stay out for now. Greece did not meet the economic criteria for entry.

Some suggested if the euro is too strong, it could hurt both the U.S. and European economies.

the euro as the world's reserve currency, the U.S. government will have to offer higher interest rates on its bonds in order to attract foreign investors. That would raise borrowing rates across this country for companies and individuals, jeopardizing economic growth.

In Europe, some caution that a too-robust course for the euro could hurt the 11 nations adopting

job cuts throughout Europe. "I think the strong euro would be a nightmare because it means they will have problems exporting to the rest of the world," he said.

Nonetheless, many European politicians remained optimistic about the currency launch. Speaking at a government ceremony celebrating the birth of the euro, Portuguese Prime Minister Anto-

Christian cult member proclaims innocence as Israel orders deportation of 11

PETAH TIKVAH, Israel (AP) — Israel ordered 11 members of a doomsday cult deported to the United States and police said Monday that they suspected three others of plotting to commit violence in Jerusalem.

Police arrested 14 members of the Concerned Christians on Sunday and said the Denver-based group hoped that bloodshed at holy sites would trigger the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Armageddon that the Bible says will follow.

Three detained cult members who were ordered to appear before a magistrate on Monday denied the allegations.

"I am not here to hurt anybody," one of the men, identified in court papers as John Bayles, told Judge Nira Diskin.

Israeli authorities fear the Concerned Christians may only be a forerunner and that scores of other religious extremists will be drawn to Jerusalem to await the turn of the millennium and live out their apocalyptic fantasies.

Some 4.5 million tourists, including many Christian pilgrims, are expected to visit the Holy Land this year, double the usual number.

Bayles, of Denver, and the two other men — identified by their lawyer as Terry Smith, 42, of Eagle, Colo., and Eric Malesic, 36, of Westminster, a Denver suburb

— were ordered held another 48 hours until police complete their investigation.

The other 11 people alleged to belong to the cult — including six children — were ordered deported and have three days to appeal. They remain in custody.

Officials said the three men in detention would also be ordered deported pending completion of the police investigation.

First Sgt. Ilan Granot told the court there was concern Bayles might try to commit suicide and that he was being watched closely.

"I don't feel I pose a threat to anybody," Bayles said.

The cult members were taken into custody during raids on two homes Sunday in the Jerusalem suburbs of Moza and Mevasseret Zion. Interior Minister Eli Suissa suggested that the suspects may have planned to commit suicide and not harm anyone else.

"We don't want such people here, not that we are against tourists coming. But they shouldn't do things we don't want them to do," Suissa said on Israel army radio.

Eran Avital, a public defender representing all three men, said he was not allowed to see much of the evidence against his clients but hoped the charges would be dismissed before another court appearance, scheduled for Wednesday.

The Denver cultists were arrested by a newly formed Israeli task force consisting of police, agents of the domestic Shin Bet security service and the Mossad spy agency.

Members of the Concerned Christians, a cult which counts several dozen members, began selling their homes in and around Denver this fall. Cult leader Monte Kim Miller believes he will die on the streets of Jerusalem in December

and be resurrected. Miller was not among those detained, and police said he was not in Israel.

The 14 cult members arrived in Israel in small groups in September and settled in the two spacious suburban homes. They were under police surveillance for several weeks.

Israeli police have said the cult

members planned to provoke bloodshed by attacking policemen on the streets of Jerusalem. A senior police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the cult members were planning violent acts in Jerusalem's walled Old City and that one possible location was the Temple Mount, site of Jewish-Arab tensions in the past.

Denver policeman Mark Roggenman, who has been following the case, recognized one of the detained cult members arrested in Moza from a newspaper photo as Annie Biondo Malesic and told The Associated Press that her mother had identified her as well.

Her relationship to Eric Malesic was not clear.

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Elizabeth Dole clears way for 2000 presidential bid

Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Dole, a Cabinet member in two GOP administrations whose husband lost to President Clinton in 1996, said Monday she will leave her job with the American Red Cross to pursue a potential White House bid of her own.

Mrs. Dole, 62, made her plans known as Sen. John Ashcroft privately told surprised supporters that he will announce Tuesday that he has decided not to run for president. The Missouri lawmaker had spent the last year laying the groundwork for a presidential bid, and was considered one of the strongest prospects among social conservatives.

Addressing 500 cheering, sometimes teary-eyed employees, Mrs. Dole announced plans to leave in two weeks, after nearly eight years as head of the nonprofit relief group. "There may be another way for me to serve our country," she said at the organization's historic headquarters two blocks from the White House.

In an interview later, Mrs. Dole said she plans to decide by March whether to run. "I'm going to give it serious consideration," she said. Yet friends and allies say Mrs. Dole is determined to run for president if her financial and political support is as strong as she sus-

pects. "I'm sure she's preparing to commit herself," said pollster Tony Fabrizio, who worked for former Sen. Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign.

"She's beyond soul-searching," said one longtime friend, speaking on condition of anonymity. "She's down to finding out whether the money is there as whether the supporters are there."

Her entry would add a compelling wrinkle to a GOP presidential field that is still taking shape. In the most recent developments:

■ Two Ashcroft supporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the lawmaker called them Monday and said he won't run. Said a third adviser, conservative activist Paul Weyrich: "My understanding is, as one of his advisers, that he is not going to run." Ashcroft planned to announce his plans Tuesday, and aides said they didn't know what he would do.

■ Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire formed a presidential exploratory committee Monday, but is considered a longshot candidate. The step allows him to raise and spend money before beginning a formal campaign.

■ Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, a failed 1996 candidate, plans to form his committee Friday.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush is considered the strongest of all potential candidates but he has not decided whether to run. Dole's announcement is further evidence that Bush would be strongly challenged if he does seek the presidency.

"This confirms there will be a wide-open race for the Republican nomination," said Brian Kennedy, an aide to Alexander.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., formed an exploratory committee last month and is expected to take the next step. McCain, Alexander and Dole would compete with Bush for the allegiance of the party's establishment wing.

Ashcroft's departure would bode well for other potential candidates wooing social conservatives, such as millionaire Steve Forbes, activist Gary Bauer and broadcaster Pat Buchanan.

Ashcroft was said to be concerned that running for president would put his seat in jeopardy in 2000, when Republicans are at risk of losing control of the Senate.

Ashcroft, after being criticized last month for trying to soften his rhetoric on social issues, learned that it would be difficult to please social conservatives in presidential primaries while appealing to mainstream voters who are critical in general elections, advisers say.

Mrs. Dole served as transporta-

tion secretary for President Reagan and labor secretary for President Bush. She is credited with stabilizing the Red Cross, which was under a cloud of scrutiny when she took over. The safety of its blood supply, once the focus of government attention, is no longer in question.

"The Red Cross has been a glorious mission, but I believe there may be other duties yet to fulfill," she told the employees. Afterward, Mrs. Dole said she wanted to leave the nonpartisan Red Cross before actively considering a presidential campaign, but said she will soon begin talking to activists, potential donors and perhaps travel to key presidential states.

Mrs. Dole traveled aboard her own plane, kept her own schedule and was a nearly flawless surrogate for her husband in 1996. Her walk-through-the-audience performance at the GOP convention won widespread praise.

Polls consistently show Mrs. Dole earning the support of more than 10 percent of GOP voters in several surveys. She has never run for public office.

Moments after the announcement Monday, Bob Dole called his wife in her office to compliment her performance.

Jose Villarreal named treasurer of Gore's presidential campaign

Stewart M. Powell
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Jose Villarreal, the San Antonio lawyer serving as treasurer of Vice President Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, said Monday that he will work to make sure the Gore campaign's fund raising complies with the "letter and spirit" of the law.

Villarreal, a partner in the San Antonio office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, began his part-time duties as Gore's campaign treasurer on Jan. 1. He said he will "assemble the resources necessary to wage this campaign and do so in an expeditious manner."

Villarreal said he will supervise Gore's fund raising "in a manner that fully complies with both the letter and spirit of the law," adding: "We'll make certain to do that. As treasurer, I'll do everything within my power to insure that happens."

Gore's fund raising in the 1996 re-election campaign of President Clinton came under scrutiny of Congress and the Justice Department. Attorney General Janet Reno later

cleared Gore of any wrong doing.

Villarreal, a graduate of Purdue University and the Indiana University school of law, served as deputy campaign manager for the 1988 Democratic presidential campaign of former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and as deputy campaign manager for the 1992 Democratic presidential campaign of then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

He also served as associate director of Clinton's White House office of presidential personnel.

Serving as treasurer is a "new area of responsibility for me," Villarreal said in an interview Monday. "I have never been involved in this capacity before. It's new."

Villarreal will be legally responsible for the Gore campaign's filings with the Federal Election Commission.

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New year offers bright new day for government

District Judge George "Jody" Gilles administered the oath of office to more than a dozen Midland County officials Monday morning, as the county government officially started a new year.

Present for the swearing-in ceremony were District Judge John Hyde of the 238th District, District Judge Willie B. DuBose of 385th District, District Judge Dean Rucker of 318th District, Midland County Court-at-Law Judge Marvin L. Moore, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Mike Bradford, Precinct 4 County Commissioner Randy Prude, County Judge Bill Morrow, District Clerk Vivian Wood, County Clerk Shauna Hodges Brown, County Treasurer Julie Fry, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock, Precinct 2 Justice David Cobos, Precinct 3 Justice Michael Wallace, and Precinct 4 Justice George Zimmerman. County Court-at-Law Judge Al Walvoord and Constable Lynn Stewart-Pope were not present, but were sworn in earlier.

The swearing-in ceremony itself was a significant event, although in our hectic society many people push it aside as meaningless routine to serve the decorum of government. Routine, yes, but in no way meaningless. In fact, each of those individuals sworn in Monday holds in his hands the respect and dignity by which the local level of government serves the public weal. As recent events at the national and state levels have emphasized, the actions of an elected office-holder can have a dramatic effect on that public well-being.

During early December, Midland County officials went on their first planning retreat and upon returning, incoming Commissioner Bradford remarked that the session gave officials a good, new perspective. He said "it's a new century, a new attitude, and a new way of doing business."

That summarizes the attitude we hope the new officials will take into office with them. They are representatives of the public and hold in their hands the precious public trust. With that ever-present in their minds it will be a great new year for the people of Midland and Midland County!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1999. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper ("Wiener Presse") reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as "X-rays."

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Truman labeled his administration the "Fair Deal."

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home.

In 1972, President Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1993, the state of Washington executed Westley Allan Dodd, an admitted child sex killer, in America's first legal hanging since 1965.

Ten years ago: Lawrence E. Walsh, the special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra case, asked for a dismissal of two charges against Oliver North, citing the Reagan administration's refusal to release material sought by North.

Five years ago: Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81. The Clinton administration said North Korea had agreed to allow renewed international inspections of seven nuclear sites.

One year ago: Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

CAL THOMAS

In the culture war, a parking space trumps sex

The news once brought us the occasional and shocking story of citizens indifferent to the cry of their fellow man for help: the blind eye or the deaf ear to appeals for assistance from a woman being set upon by a mugger or rapist; the pleadings of a person who has been shot and who is ignored by others who walk by because they don't want to "get involved."

Now come signs that this insensitivity, like an untreated disease, has spread to new social organs.

In the Washington, D.C. "bedroom community" of Gaithersburg, Maryland, a woman was sent to jail for running a house of prostitution out of her townhouse. The prostitutes, some as young as 17, made \$200 per encounter. The woman, 33-year-old Caroline Ripa, was earning \$120,000 a year at the time of her arrest, according to authorities. Neighbors saw men arriving and leaving at odd hours, but never called police until some of them started parking their cars in reserved spaces.

Detective Mike Herbert explained the growth of the madam's business: "Montgomery County is a wealthy county. A lot of gentlemen have expendable income." Gentlemen? My how our definitions

change in the age of sex that isn't sex in the White House.

Then there is the story of a South Carolina theater owner who tried to do the right thing, but gave up when virtue turned out to be his only reward. David Crenshaw stopped showing R-rated movies in his Spartanburg theater. He had faith that the family values crowd would reward him with their patronage. They didn't. Crenshaw says he lost \$20,000 at his seven-screen theater since he instituted the policy last August. After one month, his audience dropped from 2,000 to 1,200. Profits were off 50 percent in November and 32 percent in December from 1997. "This whole thing has left me rather cynical," Crenshaw said. He restored the R-rated flicks, concluding "you can't make people want something they don't want."

That is a lesson politicians and others who espouse "family values" need to learn. Two decades of political activism by some who thought they could restore virtue and ethics through the political process has brought no change. In fact, things have gotten worse.

A seven-part Washington Post series on "American Values: 1968-1998" suggests why. Things are not different at the visible top (politics, entertainment, law, education, marriage) because "the values environment has changed." Since the problem is not at the top, but among the citizens, any restored sense of virtue will not come from the top, but from the bottom. We'll notice it after millions of unseen decisions are made to live differently. This is the proper role of clergy and other moralists. Government can affirm right decisions. It cannot make them for people.



Thomas



CHARLIE REESE

America's super-power role may come to an end

The Russians are talking to India and China about a new strategic alliance — the three of them to offset the United States.

Got to admit that would be a formidable alliance — three nuclear powers with 2 billion of the world's 5 billion people and a huge, huge chunk of its natural resources.

It may not be easy to put together, but at least it shows that the Russian leaders are thinking about more than the stock market, the anatomy of interns and the latest public opinion polls.

One should always keep in mind that just because America's politicians may at some point be shallow-minded fools, it doesn't mean the rest of the world's leaders are.

It's true the Soviet Union and China had their problems, but there is no Soviet Union anymore and the new relationship between Russia and China appears to be friendly. Russia and India have long been on a friendly basis. India and China have had difficulties but, hey, whether they teach it at Georgetown or not, it's true, that old saying, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

What Russia, India and China all have in common, besides nuclear weapons, is that they don't like the idea of American hegemony, especially the way the United States has been acting — bullying and bombing small countries, expanding military alliances, lecturing everyone on their internal affairs and going its own way without so much as the courtesy of a phone call to Russia or China.

As one Russian military intelligence official put it, "The U.S. has become unpredictable." And the future has become more so.

I strongly suspect America's starring role as the world's only super power will close soon to bad reviews. Bill Clinton and his baby boomer gang have

swaggered about, neglected important affairs, meddled in trivial ones, and given the world an almost comic opera picture of a sanctimonious, bombastic, ineffective and incompetent superpower.

For practically his whole term, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ignored the Clinton administration or insulted it. The significance of that is simply that Clinton cannot even influence a democratic leader of what is as close to a client state as the United States has. Saddam Hussein has outmaneuvered Clinton, as have the Balkan politicians. About the only politician Clinton seems to have impressed is the effete little prime minister of Britain, Tony Blair.

While American politicians boasted about the alleged success of bombing Iraq, the Russian military intelligence noted that a half billion dollars worth of missiles killed 67 soldiers, blew up some empty buildings, and even wandered off into Iran. Apparently, under the Clinton administration, even the smart bombs have been dumbed down. Clinton, his secretary of defense and his secretary of state couldn't scrape up two hours of military experience among them. And they have even less interest in the subject.

I suppose it was OK if we common folks didn't pay much attention to international affairs as long as the American elite was smart and on its toes. Alas, the American elite has dumbed down, too, and the effect is we are now a sort of Mr. Magoo of nations blundering around in the world. Because of our size, that makes a lot of foreign nations mighty nervous.

I'd swap the Russian prime minister, old KGB man that he is, for Madeline Albright in a New York minute. Albright will have to wait to read her own biography before she'll ever figure out what's been going on around her as secretary of state.

It's dangerous to run foreign affairs like a domestic political campaign.

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Doonesbury



The battle, notes the Post story, continues to be one of extremes: the Puritanism of the Religious Right vs. the permissiveness of the aging children of the '60s. Don Eberly, director of the Civil Society Project in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is quoted: "No analysis can absolve the people themselves of responsibility for the quandary we appear to be in. Nonjudgmentalism, the trump card of moral debate, seems to have gained among the people, especially in the sexual realm, and this clearly does not bode well for America."

Eberly and Alan Wolfe, a Boston University sociologist and author of "One Nation, After All," agree that politicians are not seen as the ones to lead a values revival. Wolfe has written, "When government becomes involved in moral matters, Americans are no longer sure they can trust it."

The Post series indicates the divisions that have marked the last three decades are likely to continue into the next generation. It also reveals that the current 18- to 34-year-old crowd is more tolerant than their elders toward divorce, adultery and casual drug use. The "sins of the fathers" are being visited upon the next generation. That is why even if politicians promise to do something about our moral failings, they are likely to be confronted by masses of people who prefer their parking spaces to shutting down a house of prostitution in their neighborhood, or who secretly prefer the R-rated films to the milder fare to which they only give lip service.

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SUZANNE FIELDS Teenagers make keeping up hard for Baby Boomers

Everyman becomes a prophet at this time of the year. But one of the scariest prophecy-defying facts is an expanding teenage population.

As this "Baby Boomlet" generation moves through its adolescent years, they'll outnumber men and women in their 20s by 7 percent. And by 2010, teen growth percentages will be much higher. These teenagers won't require day-care, but they sure will require supervision.

Without adults in neighborhoods where both parents work, teens become their own authorities in what author Patricia Hersch calls "a tribe apart." No age group thinks it knows more. We barely survived the boomer attitude that you "never trust anyone over 30." Imagine that motto dumbed down to 20.

Parents might think about cutting back on their work when their children are teenagers, just as many now do with infants and toddlers. One mother, a full-time marketing manager when her daughter turned 14, reduced her work to three days. She took a 40 percent pay cut for "100 percent more interaction," she told the Wall Street Journal. The emotional payoff for both mother and daughter flew off the charts.

One study conducted by Drexel University found that 42 percent of the new teens have a good chance of having one or two adults working at home. That's not simply a perk for teenagers. Adults like it, too. This past year saw a 7-percent increase in offices at home.

Teen growth is good news and bad news for retailers. Teen spending is rising exponentially — by the double digits — but teens are fickle and trends fade quickly. Department stores, for example, accustomed to teens shopping with a parent, were unprepared for the switch to specialty stores by the young. They're trying to woo them back with special departments and labels, the hottest music; and kooky environments with hip names. Descriptions such as "Juniors" are out. Nothing is less desirable than something that looks "teenagerish." MTV idioms and themes are cutting edge along with industrial chic and futuristic fantasies.

It's hard even for a boomer parent to stay hip. Music and fashion fads change so quickly that a parent rapidly becomes that postmodern "other," the stereotypical outsider. No designer wants to offend parents who are ultimately responsible for the kids' cash and credit cards, so the market is exceedingly volatile.

As worrisome as teen purchasing power is the preteen market. Count 15.4 million girls ages 5 to 12 and you've got a huge market for lip gloss, roll-on glitter, nail polish in berry flavors and scented packages that swiftly graduate to bizarre colors and vulgar exaggeration. Cosmetic sales are estimated to run as high as \$200 million for preteens, a profitable share of the \$3 billion mass-market cosmetic business.

In a frightening article called "Twens: Ten Going on Sixteen" from the Manhattan Institute's City Journal in New York, Kay S. Hymowitz documents the disappearance of preadolescence. "The name captures the ambiguous reality," she writes. "Though chronologically midway between early childhood and adolescence, this group is leaning more and more toward teen styles, teen attitudes, and sadly, teen behavior at its most troubling."

Think about these girl children looking like imitations of JonBenet Ramsey, only this is not a beauty contest, but their real lives. When they're 12 they describe themselves as "sexy" and "cool," with only the most superficial understanding of what they're talking about. By the time they're in the seventh and eighth grade, boys and girls in increasing numbers engage in oral sex, shorts of intercourse, which they don't think of as sex (where have we heard that before?), but "just fooling around," according to Michael Thompson, co-author of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys."

Twens naturally develop celebrities of their own too, helping to make popular what Kay Hymowitz wittily calls "peach-fuzz rock," bands of barely pre-pubescent, male-sex-symbols-in-training. If this were satire, it would be funny. Instead it's terribly sad. How did this happen?

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Clinton impeachment trial — old outline but no detailed road map

Tom Strong
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WASHINGTON — A Senate trial of President Clinton, with the chief justice presiding, would bring about a rare convergence of the top tiers of the three branches of government — a proceeding envisioned by the Founding Fathers but never before used for an elected president.

Soon after 55 Republican and 45 Democratic senators arrive on Capitol Hill this week for the start of the new Congress, they are expected to take an oath as jurors in the nation's second impeachment trial of a president.

The first, in 1868, was for Andrew Johnson, the vice president who succeeded Abraham Lincoln after Lincoln's assassination. The impeachment arose primarily from political divisions over

Reconstruction after the Civil War. Senators took 74 days to acquit Johnson by a one-vote margin.

Fast forward to Dec. 19, when a rancorous House vote resulted in charges of perjury and obstruction of justice against the nation's 42nd president. The impeachment articles, similar to an indictment, related to Clinton's efforts to conceal his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Now comes the trial — and new territory for the Senate.

With a two-thirds vote for conviction appearing unlikely, leaders could broker a compromise to bring a quick end to a trial and allow senators to consider an alternative punishment, such as censure.

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., last week proposed holding an early vote — perhaps next

week — that would require a two-thirds majority to proceed with a full trial, opening the door to censure if the vote failed.

Some conservatives oppose such a plan, which is generally endorsed by Democrats.

Lott also has said he believes a trial could be held without witnesses. House managers — members of the House acting as prosecutors — say they want to call witnesses.

There are few precedents to follow. The House has voted articles of impeachment in only 15 cases — against Johnson, the only president; a Supreme Court justice; a secretary of war; a senator and 11 federal judges. The Senate has convicted seven officials, all judges. Six other officials were acquitted and two resigned.

President Nixon resigned in 1974 before an impeachment vote in the

House on proposed charges of obstruction of justice, abuse of his presidential powers and contempt of Congress.

What would a Senate impeachment trial be like? The Constitution and internal Senate rules govern the proceedings.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside over a presidential trial. Managers from the House would present the case before the senators. In Clinton's case, the House has approved 13 managers, all Republican members of the Judiciary Committee, led by Chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois.

Once the Senate organizes to consider the articles, it issues a writ of summons to the president, setting a date for him to appear and answer the charges. But instead of appearing in person, the president can be represented by

his legal team — for this appearance and throughout the trial.

The full Senate may issue subpoenas for witnesses and documents or appoint a committee to receive evidence and take testimony.

Also, at any point, a majority of senators could vote to end the trial.

Senators would hear one opening statement from the House managers and one from the president's counsel. Each statement is limited to one hour. Each side may call witnesses to question under oath.

Rehnquist has authority to rule on all questions of evidence. But he can put any such question to a vote before the Senate. Or any senator can ask for a formal vote.

The Senate conducts the trial in open session, according to its rules. Senators also may hold their

deliberations in a public session. But the internal rules allow the Senate to close its doors during deliberations, allotting each senator 15 minutes of debate.

Transcripts are kept of all impeachment trial activities, even secret deliberations. At the end, senators may vote to release transcripts of any confidential sessions.

Senators vote in open session on each article. The chief justice calls the names of each senator alphabetically. Each senator stands to respond "guilty" or "not guilty."

A conviction requires a two-thirds majority of the senators present. If convicted on any article, the president is removed from office immediately.

Forecasting advancements, blizzard's timing helped Midwest prepare in advance

CHICAGO (AP) — Meteorologist Tom Skilling cut short a vacation in Alaska so he could return home a day before a snowstorm hobbled travel through Chicago. He knew the storm was coming because he had predicted it a week earlier.

Thanks to advancements in radar, computers and satellites, Skilling and other forecasters had a far clearer picture of what was coming than they had during the city's previous major blizzards.

They didn't know exactly how serious it would be, but their warnings — combined with the storm's arrival on a holiday weekend instead of during the busy work week — helped soften its blow.

From Friday through Sunday,

21.6 inches of snow fell at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, including a one-day record of 18.6 inches for Saturday. The city's greatest sustained storm dumped more than 34 inches of 10 days in January 1979.

"Can you imagine this one coming on a work week?" Skilling, who has been a forecaster for 30 years, wondered Monday from his office at WGN-TV. "The weekend timing of this was great."

Despite the warnings, however, at least 16 deaths in Illinois were linked to the storm, with most victims suffering heart attacks while shoveling snow. They were among more than 55 storm-related deaths from the Plains to New England.

Forecasters had seen signs that

a fierce Midwest storm could develop more than a week in advance, thanks to sophisticated computer models that provide speedy, high-resolution mathematical simulations of the way weather systems form and move.

The first clue was an upper air disturbance coming off the east coast of Asia. Weather satellites tracked it as it turned into a storm system over the northern Pacific.

The signs became clearer as meteorologists factored in the movement of the jet stream, an Arctic air mass entrenched over the upper Great Lakes and moisture over the balmy Gulf of Mexico.

As early as Christmas Day, Skilling said, he "saw a system

developing that looked pretty interesting, pretty ominous. That doesn't necessarily mean they always pan out."

But by Monday, Dec. 28, "We knew it was going to hit," said National Weather Service meteorologist Paul Merzlock.

By contrast, there was little warning of the Jan. 26, 1967, blizzard because "computer modeling was, relatively speaking, in its infancy," Skilling said.

Satellites and radar also were much less sophisticated in '67. And that storm hit on a Thursday. Abandoned buses and cars stuck in snow drifts in the middle of major thoroughfares were a common sight.

Even during the January 1979

storm, which helped boot an unprepared mayor out of office, weather technology was "nothing like we have today," Skilling said.

Thanks to today's technology, however, Chicago's Streets and Sanitation Department began preparing six days in advance, said spokesman Terry Levin.

Most major streets remained open and there were no major traffic accidents.

Not everyone was ready.

"They always say we're going to get 2 or 3 inches and then it turns out to be just some flurries," said Jamie Silver, manager of a Thompson Food Basket in Peoria.

He didn't stock up in time and storm-frightened shoppers cleaned out the store's milk and bread shortly after opening Saturday. "We're talking about hundreds of loaves, gone in minutes," Silver said.

Clinton proposes more help for family caregivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed tax breaks and other steps Monday to ease the financial burden on families that care for a chronically ill or disabled relative.

The proposal, carrying a price tag of \$6.2 billion over five years, drew praise from many Republican members of Congress, who said Clinton was resurrecting a GOP idea he once opposed.

"I'm delighted he has changed his tune," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on health. "This GOP initiative the president has adopted can make a difference." He said House Republicans made a similar proposal in their 1994 "Contract With America."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, applauded Clinton and said he plans to introduce two bills this year to make long-term care more affordable. "President Clinton does the nation a great service by educating Americans about long-term care," Grassley said. He called the main elements of Clinton's plan "small but helpful steps" in the right direction.

The Republican praise was tempered by concerns about how Clinton intends to pay for the proposals, which include a \$1,000 tax credit meant to compensate caregivers for such expenses as adult day care and lost wages in cases in which they must work less in order to be home to provide care.

In announcing his initiative at a White House ceremony, Clinton

said the revenue loss from the tax cuts would be fully offset in a balanced budget he will submit to Congress in February, but he provided no details.

Several members of Congress, including Rep. Phil English, R-Pa., said the plan must not be paid for with tax increases.

"The president's idea has an excellent chance of moving forward if he does not raise taxes or propose other creative revenue-raising schemes that have been defeated two and three times in the last several Congresses," English said.

Clinton called his plan "a critical new initiative to give care to the caregivers." He said long-term care would become an increasingly important issue in the 21st century as the baby boom gives way to a "senior boom."

Appearing with Clinton to provide personal testimony to the needs of family caregivers was Patricia Darlak of Waldorf, Md., who told the White House audience

she is struggling to care for her mother, who is suffering from dementia. Praising the idea of tax credits for caregivers, she said the cost of her mother's care is such a burden that she may have to delay her own retirement in order to pay the bills.

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DEAR ABBY

Locals in California's wine country know they must drive with caution

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the wine taster with an alcohol problem prompts this letter. I, too, live in Napa, Calif. — and the letter you ran that described the winery worker's on-the-job alcohol abuse is a dirty little secret here in "wine country."

Should I become injured or killed in an auto accident on local roads, my family knows what to do. I told them to look into the driver's recent whereabouts, and if the driver is a wine tasting-room employee to seek compensation from both the driver and the employer! The same holds



Van Buren

true if the driver was a guest at the wine tasting room and is inebriated.

The letter said the woman's supervisor was aware of her drinking problem. In my opinion, this makes the winery at least equally responsible in a highway accident — perhaps more so if they have not attempted to resolve the problem.

The supervisor should use company money to get the alcoholic employee into a treatment program.

In the meantime, the worried co-worker should drive herself to work — that is, unless she wants to make her survivors wealthy. — AVOIDS THE ROADS WHEN I CAN

DEAR ABBY: Telling your survivors to sue the winery will do nothing to protect YOU. Let me repeat a message that longtime readers have seen before: If you have been drinking, do not drive. If you are driving, do not

drink. And do not RIDE with a driver who has been drinking or using drugs. The biggest liability settlement in history is no compensation for the tragedy of lost life and limb — and that's the result when someone under the influence gets behind the wheel.

As you have pointed out, treatment is available. Effective, free self-help programs like Alcoholics Anonymous exist in almost every community. Telling someone at work, at home, in your neighborhood or your social life that you're

concerned about his or her substance abuse isn't easy. People in denial usually don't welcome these conversations and may react with anger; however, speaking up instead of remaining silent may prevent a terrible tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the woman who wanted to name her son "the third," even though his name won't be identical to his father's or grandfather's. She told you that "English kings do it all the time."

Abby, please inform that woman

that the number after a king's name is a historical designation only. It's not part of his name and is not used during his lifetime. The king now known as Henry VIII was called "King Henry" in his time. Although he was the son of King Henry VII, he wasn't even related to Kings Henry I through VI. He would have had to be the eighth Henry in his family to carry the

number VIII after his name while he was living.

Please sign me ... ROYALLY SPEAKING.

DEAR R.S.: How clearly you explain the system! Thank you for clarifying the numbering of England's kings.

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Odessa shooting

ODESSA — An Odessa man faces charges after a confrontation with a couple Sunday. Gabriel Bernal, 23, has been charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony, after allegedly firing eight shots at the husband's truck in the parking lot of the Imperial Crest Apartments, 6501 East Ridge Road.

According to Sgt. Chuck Moad with the Odessa Police Department, Crystal Claire had left a party at around 12:30 a.m. Sunday and was followed by Bernal. She then called her husband, Tim Claire, on her cell phone. Moad said Bernal had cornered Mrs. Claire in a dead-end street when her husband arrived and confronted Bernal, hitting Bernal's car with his pickup.

Claire followed Bernal to the Imperial Crest Apartments and was trying to write down his license plate number when, according to Moad, the suspect fired at Claire's truck.

Crowe death

ROCKPORT — Aransas County sheriff's deputies are hopeful that the slaying of former Midlander Harry Crowe won't go unsolved. Though sheriff's detectives have not made any arrests yet, they're focusing on two suspects in the case, Lt. Stan Bynum said.

Crowe, a retired Lee High School teacher, was shot and killed Oct. 28 at Copano Bay State Pier, where he worked part-time as an attendant. He moved to the Coastal Bend from Midland almost four years ago, family members said.

His wife, Lisa Crowe, and a friend found him at the pier's office at about 1 a.m. Oct. 29. He was due home at 1 a.m. Detectives didn't find any signs of disturbance at the office, Bynum said. Though detectives did find money in Crowe's wallet and register, robbery has not been excluded as a motive, Bynum said.

A lack of evidence is the biggest challenge detectives are facing. "There's no evidence — that's what makes this so hard," Bynum said Monday. "We've got a couple of suspects ... but we're not sure if it's absolutely them at this time. We've changed our focus from time to time. Crowe's slaying was the only one reported in Rockport last year, he said.

Support group

The Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, will hold its next meeting of the Westwood Support Group Thursday at 7 p.m. in the private dining room at Westwood Medical Center. The topic for separate meetings of patients and caregivers will be "When Driving Becomes Dangerous."

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Ethical Issues in Alzheimer's Care" will be presented by the Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, on Jan. 22 at Midland College. The presentation will be led by Dr. Stephen Post. Attendees will be given information on the range of ethical issues in Alzheimer's care, from the ethics of genetic testing, diagnosis disclosure, respect for individual choice, medical treatment and participation in disease research programs. They will also be able to discuss issues with Alzheimer's patients, family members and professionals. The presentation will be held in Health Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 203 in the Davidson Family Health Sciences Building at Midland College. Registration will be held from 8:30 to 9 a.m. with the presentation from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$25 for professionals, \$5 for family members.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.
Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.
Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.
American Lung Association's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Westwood Medical Center lecture hall, 522-2273.
Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.
La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.
Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Divestiture affects local blood bank

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The local blood bank will be changing its name again, this time due to corporate divesting rather than bad reports by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The Permian Basin Blood Institute has been a subsidiary of the Oklahoma Blood Institute since February of 1996, when that company took over a failing locally-run blood bank.

From 1992 to 1995, the Permian Basin Regional Blood Center served the needs of the area and was a joint venture between Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and Medical Center Hospital.

In 1995, however, the FDA pulled the license of the local blood bank for failing to properly document screening tests on a portion of its blood and blood products.

That facility was sold to the Oklahoma Blood Institute and has been thriving since that time, now filling the blood needs of a 20 county area reaching from Lubbock to the Permian Basin, said Bill Franks, community relations

director for the Permian Basin Blood Institute.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute, however, has been sold by its parent company, Haemonetics Corporation based in Braintree, Mass., Franks said.

Haemonetics will be focusing its efforts in the area of production for blood-processing equipment. "They're divesting from blood management," Franks said.

Blood Systems, Inc., and its subsidiary United Blood Services has purchased all of those regional blood centers, of which the Lubbock and Midland/Odessa blood centers were part.

Now, the local blood bank is once again part of United Blood Services, as it was for about 40 years prior to the 1992 joint venture.

"We are pleased this action will bring United Blood Services back to West Texas," said J. Daniel Connor, president of Blood Systems.

"We are very excited at the opportunities to renew our connections with community leaders, blood donor groups and hospitals throughout the Lubbock-Midland/Odessa

area," Connor said.

"It's going to be the same faces, same facilities ... just different letterhead and sign outside," Franks said.

West Texas' blood centers, including Permian Basin Blood Institute and the Texas Blood Institute in Lubbock, serve 27 hospitals in 20 counties surrounding Lubbock, Midland and Odessa.

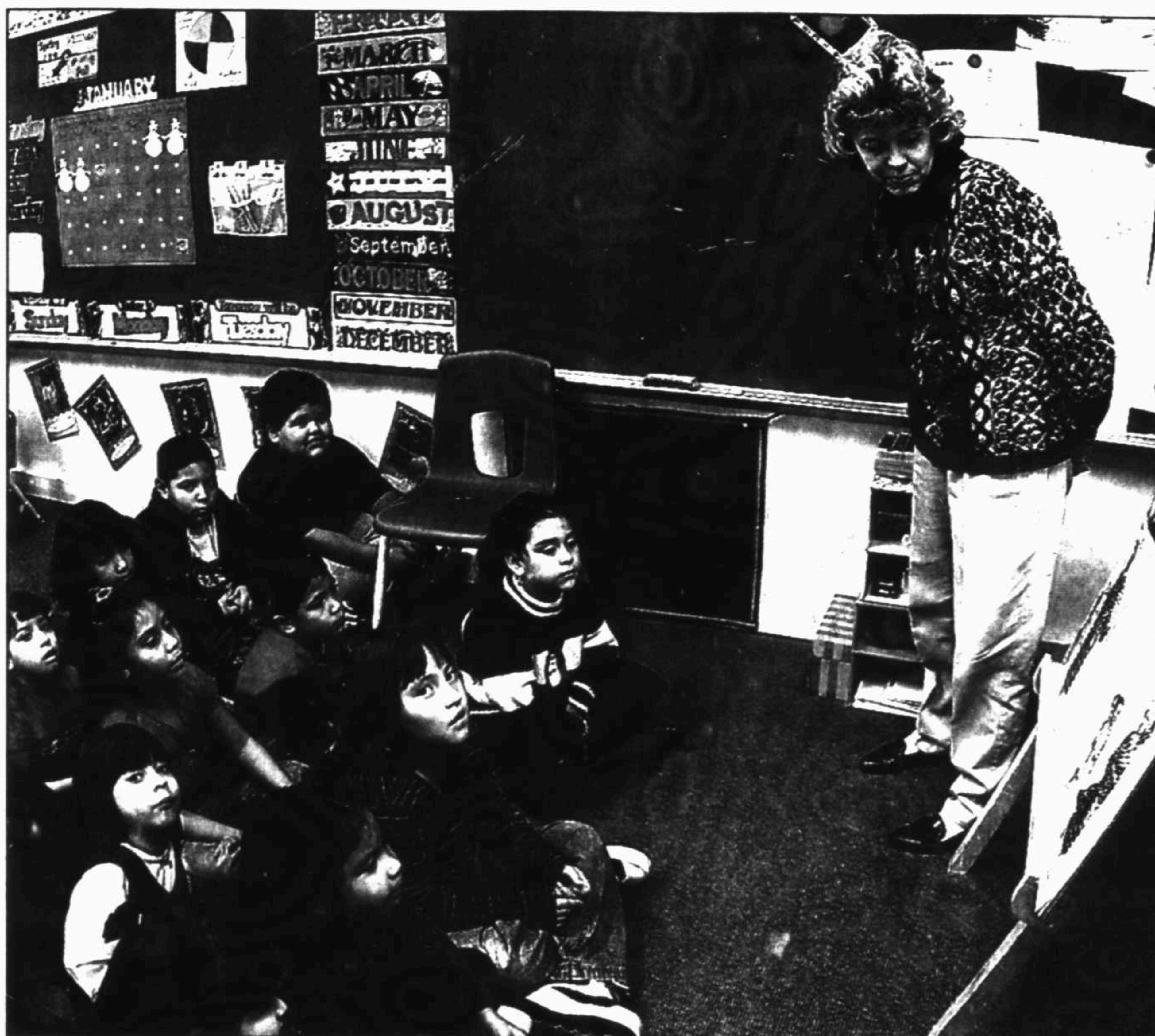
The West Texas centers rely on about 38,000 blood donors throughout the region to fill the needs here, Franks said.

"We rely quite a bit on the smaller counties," he said. "The smaller communities really help us to feed the needs of the hub cities like Midland/Odessa and Lubbock," he said.

United Blood Services was founded in 1943 and serves patients in more than 500 hospitals in 18 states.

With offices at 200 Airport Plaza, the local blood center operates collection sites at 4338 W. Illinois at the Westwood Shopping Center and at 3171 E. University, Suite 13 in Odessa.

Back to school



South Elementary School first grade teacher Robin Stephens and her students get back into swing at their first day back.

Four area TV stations get good ratings

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

All four Permian Basin television stations found good news in the most recent Nielsen Ratings Survey taken in November.

KMID-TV, Channel 2: "We're ecstatic," said Job Young, general manager at KMID-TV, the local ABC affiliate. "We're very happy with November's ratings."

Young said the station's prime time ratings - 7 to 10 p.m. - was a 9 rating and 16 share. He attributes the station's strong ratings to both network programming and the station's local news operations.

■ Radio results/2B

"It's a very close race if you look at the ratings," he acknowledged. "I think what you're seeing is networks run in cycles. After so many years, whoever is number 1 gives that spot up."

He said NBC's loss of its powerhouse "Seinfeld" program is coupled with the growing strength of ABC programs.

"Local news is also doing well. We're very happy with what we've done," he said, adding that the station's 6 p.m. newscasts averaged a 10 rating and 20 share weekdays, up from a 17 share in November 1997. KWES-TV continues to lead with a 14 rating, 27 share and KOSA has a 6 rating, 11 share.

KMID does not have a 5 p.m. newscast, but KWES does and received a 10 rating, 25 share and KOSA a 6 rating, 14 share for its 5 p.m. newscast.

At 10 p.m., KWES has a 17 rating, 31 share, KMID a 10 rating, 19 share and KOSA an 8 rating 14 share.

Please see RATINGS/2B

Bird-watching expedition has no egrets, but sights 98 species

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Happiness is doing what you enjoy even if it means work and toil, no pay, no free rides, no tips and certainly no chance of hitching a flight on the wings of your adoration.

But the perks among bird-watchers are simple: spotting birds rare and common over land or over and on water, perched in trees or shrubs, flying tickety-split and whistling in the wind.

"Eureka!" you may cry upon sighting a rare bird or "Lifer!" if it is your first sighting of a particular bird.

Sighting and identifying birds of various species was the joy of about a score of avid Midland birders who, on New Year's Day as members of Midland Naturalists, counted 98 species of birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl as part of the National Audubon Society's national Christmas Bird Count.

The Midland Naturalists' record count in 51 years of birding is 124 species in 1992. The total species counted over the years by the group is 175, according to veteran birder Frances Williams.

On one trip this year, Midland birders Gene Grimes, Jim Henderson, and Gary Kelley hooked up with their binoculars,

scopes, bird books and tallying pad.

"Somebody needs to keep score," said Grimes, a petroleum engineer, who handed the clipboard to fellow engineer Henderson, who has been watching birds "forever."

Do they count the birds at sighting each species or agree on the numbers later? Henderson said.

"Do it however you like," said Grimes, who was navigating his four-wheel-drive bird-truck replete with baling wire to hold the license plate to the truck. "I'm just trying to keep us from getting lost." At Wadley-Barron Park, they spotted bufflehead, gadwall, American widgeon, and hooded merganser waterfowl, grackles and starlings, and a robin on a telephone wire.

"Could spring be far behind?" Henderson wondered.

South of town toward J.D. Crawford's almost-barren, scrubby, and rocky rangeland where they expected to sight at least one rock wren and barn owls and maybe burrowing owls among a prairie-dog town, the birders spotted mourning doves and a low-flying harrier hawk.

"There's a raptor on that (high-line) tower," noted Kelley, a computer scientist.

Please see BIRDERS/2B



Waterfowl at Midland's Wadley-Barron Park are among bird species identified in the Midland Naturalists' Christmas Bird Count for benefit of the National Audubon Society.

GARY OTT

I'll take 'History of American Business' for \$100, Alex

More rambling thoughts ... — It was Sophie Kerr who once offered up these wonderful words of wisdom: "If peace only had the music and pageantry of war, there'd be no more wars."

— Just a hunch: Regardless of what the Senate eventually decides to do about the Clinton impeachment process, Washington will remain awash in strident partisanship.

— Which means, of course, very little of substance will be accomplished in the next two years, and maybe beyond.

— Ahh, government at its best.

— Country-western line: "She's not really cheating, she's just getting even."

— How many of you guys out there spent a big chunk of your childhood by yourself in the backyard playing imaginary ballgames, usually football or baseball, complete with you providing the play-by-play commentary?

— And how many of you same guys had an older sibling, usually a sister, who, after you finished your game and returned to the house, would glance at you with great disdain, and smirk, "What in the world were you doing out there?"

— Overheard: "If your heart's not busy tonight, maybe it would like to spend some time with mine."

— By the way, I don't recommend that as a pick-up line. Anyone who falls for it,

can't possibly be too sharp.

— Sometimes a great big old bed with squeaky springs just sounds so inviting.

— Diane Keaton, one of my all-time favorite actresses, turns 53 today.

— Question: What was the first billion-dollar corporation? Answer: U.S. Steel.

— Question: What early-day secretary of the treasury introduced the copper penny? Answer: Alexander Hamilton.

— Question: Guess who got a Jeopardy calendar for Christmas?

— Just wondering: How long will it be before we remember to put "1999" on our checks?

— Cato, the ancient Roman philosopher and historian, once said, "If you are ruled by mind, you are a king; if by body, a slave."

— Today's question: If you were a gift-

ed artist, what would your self-portrait look like?

— I don't know about you, but I've watched about all the football I care to watch ... at least for awhile.

— Do you remember? It was five years ago Wednesday that figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the right leg by an assailant ... thus providing late night comedians like David Letterman and Jay Leno some of their most promising material in years.

— And today's final quote comes from none other than Ann Landers, who once said, "Keep in mind that the true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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BIRDERS: Men delight in sighting of spotted sandpiper

(From 1B)

"A red-tailed hawk," they traipsed up to an old weathered barn.

"There he goes," said Henderson, as the barn owl made tracks in the cool and windy morning sky.

"Beautiful," Kelley said.

"I like to see them fly," Henderson said. "I hate lazy owls."

Out on a hilly, rocky, and scarred part of Crawford's rangeland, Grimes, Henderson, and Kelley searched in vain for a rock wren.

"Where are you, little fellow?" Grimes pleaded.

"He does knee bends like he needs to go to the bathroom," Henderson said of the bird.

The birders drove past the now-dry Soda Lake, which during last year's count hosted 5,500 to 6,000 sandhill cranes that took flight at dawn in search of food.

The 1998 drought made inroads into the bird count.

"Is that a shrike out there?" Grimes said.

"Are you sure?" Henderson asked.

"Pretty sure," Grimes said. It was a loggerhead shrike. "No doubt about it."

No merlin falcons were in sight.

"(But) if you see a merlin today, you may be hallucinating," Henderson joked.

The elusive but aggressive shrike, Grimes said, "kills and eats other birds. I don't know if they have a pact among themselves."

On out the road again, the three—some headed mostly to the east and south of Midland and then north toward Goldeneye Pond.

Along the way, Kelley spotted a turkey and a trailer-house sparrow.

"It's a road-side hawk," Henderson said of a raptor along side the road. "There really is a roadside hawk in Mexico."

At Goldeneye Pond, named for

the goldeneye diving duck, the party sighted three Harris' hawks roosting in hauntingly barren trees.

One was preening and another was savoring carrion.

"He is carrying on," Grimes figured.

"It's actually a carry-out," Kelley said.

Ducks were sparse at Goldeneye Pond, and the trio spotted nary a goldeneye. But those swift-flying dark-eyed juncos were sailing by in the wind. There appeared a sharp-shinned hawk.

By mid-morning, a silvery airplane, hardly the natural aviator of birds, passed over.

"I can't believe we haven't seen a flicker (woodpecker)," lamented Grimes.

But to their delight, they sighted a spotted sandpiper on the shore line among the ducks.

In pastures, the birders sighted long-billed curlews feeding. Their call sounds like "cur-lee."

"How come they call it 'cur-lee'?" wondered Grimes.

Beyond Goldeneye Pond was an American kestrel, a small falcon, on a weathered meter box.

At Hogan Park Pond, the birders hit pay dirt. There, to their amazement, were contented ducks riding the mild waves: redheads, widgeons, buffleheads, wood ducks and canvasbacks. With them were the aquatic coots.

Over at Reece Pond near dusk, Grimes spotted a flock of red-winged blackbirds resting on tall sea cane.

Boyd Reece, wondering about another blackbird, asked Henderson, "What do you call a blackbird that has a yellow head?"

Henderson, being exacting in the names of species, replied: "A yellow-headed blackbird."

Changes taking place in local radio industry

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

Permian Basin radio listeners have an increasing variety of formats to listen to, from country to top forty, Tejano to news and news-talk.

While new Arbitron ratings are expected next month, the company's spring rankings have given KCHX the lead among listeners aged 12 and up with a 15.4 share, followed by KGEE-FM with a 10.6 share. KCHX receives a 13.9 share to lead among listeners aged 18 to 49, while KGEE narrowly outranks KCHX among listeners 25 to 54, getting an 11.6 share to KCHX's 11.1 share.

Local radio stations have made a number of changes in the last several years as they adjust to an industry that has changed rapidly since the Federal Communications Commission eliminated regulations and began allowing multiple ownership of radio stations in a community.

"Competition makes us better," said Don Schwartz of Gulfstar Communications, which owns KCHX, the Tejano station KMRK-FM and KFZZ-FM, formerly KCDQ and now sporting a harder rock format. "It makes you pay attention to the little things you might otherwise overlook."

Parker Humes, general manager of KCRS-AM and KCRS-FM, said the stations are fragmenting in different formats as they try to find a niche.

His FM station recently converted from country to contemporary hits because, he said, "we felt there were too many country stations and the market was saturated."

Since the format change, he said, the station's ratings and sales have improved. The AM station remains an all-news and sports station.

The different clusters of stations have more of an impact on business operations than the listening audience, observed Tommy Vasocu,

general manager with Cumulus Broadcasting, which owns KGEE-FM, KODM-FM, KNFM-FM, KBAT-FM and KMND-AM.

"Listeners are drawn more to personalities and the music played, the overall package," he explained. "If someone doesn't like the format, they won't listen to it."

The addition of several new stations in the last decade has also increased competition, noted Vasocu.

He said the industry has noticed increased interest in the top forty or contemporary hits format while the album-oriented rock format has been declining, especially over the past four to five years.

Humes and Schwartz said they both expect continued growth in the Tejano format as the Hispanic population continues to grow, and Schwartz said he expects good things from the company's KMRK station.

Schwartz also said that he believes the new ratings will reflect growth in KFZZ due to its new, edgier format.

Vasocu said he expects the ratings to reflect success in the changes at KBAT, which has changed from an album-oriented rock format to a more contemporary hits format with the acquisition of the morning team of Leo Caro and John Paul Stevenson from KCHX.

He said the audience remains strong for local country stations, while the adult contemporary format draws a different listening group, as does news-talk and the local Christian stations.

As for Humes, he said "we just hope for growth" when the new ratings are released. He said that the station's return to full power should help ratings. The station's antenna was struck by lightning and it took three months to repair and return the antenna back to full height, he said.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Burglary of a Residence: The residence at 1414 E. Parker was reported burglarized at 6:30 p.m. by Alvin Taylor. Taken were an air conditioning unit, bathtub, pedestal sink, refrigerator, stove, tile and tools. Entry was through a bedroom window.

Theft: Beer was reported taken from the 7-Eleven at 3101 N. Midland Drive at 3:12 a.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a Residence: Several items were reported taken from 1202 Burchill Drive by Kathryn Wilson at 10:15 p.m.

Attempted Burglary of a Vehicle: Laqueta Hyatt, 3621 Imperial, reported at 9:51 p.m. that someone tried to burglarize her vehicle.

Burglary of a Vehicle: A vehicle at 2010 Hereford was burglarized, reported Andrew Cobb at 8 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: John Dzubinski reported at 11 a.m. that graffiti had been painted on the garage door at 3512 Woodhaven.

Criminal Mischief: A vehicle was damaged at 209 Howard, reported Dub Castleberry at 10:32 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

La Kathrin Bond

La Kathrin Ozbirn Bond, 76, died Sunday, January 3, 1999, in Fort Worth, Texas.

A Memorial Service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 6 in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dana Jones officiating. A Private Family Interment will be at 1 p.m., January 6 at Greenwood Memorial Park. Mrs. Bond will lie-in-state in the Williamsburg Room of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home until 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 6th.

She was born in Sentinel, Oklahoma. She was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and earned her masters degree in economics from Columbia University in 1946. She had lived in Fort Worth since 1949. She was a homemaker, and the widow of Lewis H. Bond, the retired chairman of Texas American Bankshares. Both the Bonds were active in civic and cultural affairs. She was a life member of the Jewel Charity Ball, a member of the Assembly, Rivercrest Country Club, and First Presbyterian Church.

She will be remembered by her family and friends as a warm and charming woman with great

strength of personality and exquisite taste.

Survivors include her three daughters, Kathrin Bond Malone and her husband, Michael Lee, of Fort Worth, Susan Lee Bond Green and her husband, James Robert Green, Jr., of Fort Worth, and Jane Ann Bond Wheeler and her husband, J. Greg Wheeler, of Edmond, Oklahoma; and seven grandchildren, Catherine Lee Malone, Robert Bond Malone, Michael Jamison Malone, James Robert Green, III, Sarena Seagraves Green, Jackson Gregory Wheeler, and Michael Lewis Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Cook Children's Medical Center.

Rilza Conine

Rilza Huggins Conine, age 84, of Stanton, Texas, formerly of Amity, Arkansas, died Saturday, January 2, 1999.

She was born on September 10, 1914 in Montgomery County, Arkansas, the daughter of James Isaac Huggins and Ora Wisner Huggins. In 1934, she was married to Lowell William Conine, who preceded her in death in 1961.

She was a resident of Texas much of her life before returning to Amity, Arkansas in 1972. She was a member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, enjoyed gardening, and was an avid quilter.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lynn Wayne and Beverly Conine of Midland; two sisters, Rena Dwinell of Amity and Resa Weaver of Fort Worth; one brother, Gene Huggins of Burleson; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Glenwood, Arkansas, with interment at the Thompson Chapel Cemetery.

Margie McCarty

Margie McCarty was born March 28, 1924 in Lamesa, Texas to Albert and Dolly (Robbins) Campbell. She had lived in Midland since September of 1995. Mrs. McCarty was a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

Mrs. McCarty was preceded in death by her husband, Herman McCarty. She is survived by her son, Jerry McCarty and his wife, Elaine, of Midland; her brother, Ancil Campbell, of Afton,

Wyoming; her sisters, Easter Walker of Brownwood, Texas and Joyce Sutherlin of Grants, New Mexico; three grandchildren, John McCarty and his wife, Diane, of Houston, Jason McCarty of Houston, and Joe McCarty of Humble, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McCarty died at Mabee Health Care Center on Sunday, January 3, 1999.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the staff of Younger Center and the Mabee Center.

Visitation with the family will be Tuesday, January 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 6, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Ralph Gates officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers will be John McCarty, Jason McCarty, Joe McCarty, Danny McCarty, Irwin Hawkins, and Claude Robinson.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Henry Callaway

Frederick Henry Callaway died Sunday, Jan. 3 at his Midland home.

A private family ceremony is planned. Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 5 at their home.

He was born in El Dorado, Ark. July 31, 1922. He worked for Stanolind Oil in Tulsa, Okla., was a partner of Leibrock, Landreth, Campbell and Callaway, an engineering and consulting firm, was on the board of directors for Elcor Corporation, and a partner in Callaway Oil and Gas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Callaway of Midland; two daughters, Nan Peacock of Fort Worth and Julia Callaway of Dallas; two sons, Fred Callaway of Midland and Charles Callaway of Austin; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701; or to your favorite charity.

Arnulfo Hernandez

BIG SPRING — Arnulfo F. Hernandez, Jr. 68, died Saturday, Jan. 2 at home in Austin.

Services will be 10 a.m. today, Jan. 5, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating, under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

He was born July 9, 1930, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring before moving to Austin in 1991. He was a retired plumber.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three

brothers, Arthur Hernandez, Enrique Hernandez, and Raul Hernandez; one son, Daniel Hernandez, and one daughter, Katherine L. Hernandez.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy G. Hernandez of Austin; four sons, Arnulfo Hernandez and Ricardo Hernandez, both of Weatherford, Gerald Hernandez of Long Beach, Calif. and Arthur Hernandez of Austin; six daughters, Teresa Macadory and Barbara Domineque, both of Escondido, Calif., Loretta Hernandez of Fort Worth, and Meliza Martinez, Marlene Ortega and Ammi Hernandez, all of Austin; one step-son, Jesse Ramirez III of Austin; two step-daughters, Julie A. Hernandez and Alicia Hernandez, both of Austin; three brothers, Jesse F. Hernandez and Mike Hernandez, both of Big Spring, and Humberto F. Hernandez of Phoenix, Ariz.; 38 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

John Dunnam

BIG SPRING — John Thomas Dunnam, 75, died Sunday, January 3 at the VA Medical Center.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. today, Jan. 5, at Tuscola Cemetery in Tuscola, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring.

He was born Sept. 28, 1923, in Nolan County. He operated the Gulf Service Station in Tuscola, later he and his brother operated The Dunnam Brothers Humble Station in Winters, and then he worked for the Cabot Corporation Plant in Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie G. Dunnam; his parents; a brother, Graydy W. Dunnam; and sister, Thelma Musgrove.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Dunnam of Victoria and Barry Dunnam of Big Spring; and three sisters, Evalena L. Sturdivant of Orange Grove, Alvis Lee of Odessa, and Joanna Marshall of Sand Springs.

Memorials may be made to Living Waer Ministries, Big Spring, Texas or Victoria Preservation, Inc., Courthouse Restoration Fund, Victoria, Texas.

Loyd Minyard

SNYDER — Loyd "Bill" Minyard, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 3 in Midland.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the First Baptist Church with the Revs. F. R. Williams and Roscoe Williams officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 12 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at a residence, 4333 Co. Rd. 132 in Snyder.

He was born July 9, 1914, in Union. He married Sibyl Williams in 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Sibyl Minyard of Snyder; two daughters, Carol Hill of Midland and Patricia Johnson of Rangely, Colo.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church Building Fund, Midland, Texas or First Baptist Church in Snyder, Texas.

Faye Mayberry

OKLAHOMA CITY — Faye Mayberry, 93, of Oklahoma City died Saturday, Jan. 2.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

RATINGS: KWES continues to lead local newscasts

(From 1B)

"We have been tinkering with the newscast and finally have the changes we needed. We have a new anchor team - Mike Barker and Pamela Hamm, Horace Brown and Jeff Kush, and the news set and graphics just underwent a facelift," Young said.

KOSA-TV, Channel 7
The Nielsen survey gave KOSA-TV, the CBS affiliate, a primetime rating of 9 and 15 share in November.

"We showed solid growth," said General Manager Andy Lee. "We have a long way to go but the quality of the news is better" based on ratings and viewer comments. "I feel strongly that if you win in news, you win everywhere else."

He also attributed the station's growth to a strong performance in CBS network programming, which he said got a boost from the return of the National Football League. The network this fall began broadcasting American Football Conference games.

Also, Lee said, "we're getting younger demographics." He said he is optimistic about the market, saying West Texas has strong competition.

As for the May ratings survey, "we want continued growth and viewer comment on our product."

KWES-TV, Channel 9
The NBC affiliate, KWES-TV, received an 8 rating, 14 share for its primetime block from Nielsen. But, said General Manager John Foster, the station continues to lead local newscasts.

"We have worked very hard to build and maintain the quality of our news product," Foster said. "We have the best staff and equipment in the market and, in fact, we plan to expand our news product with 90 minutes of additional news each day starting January 11."

The station has partnered with the new Texas Cable News, a new network designed to deliver statewide news, sports and weather in a program entitled "The News of Texas." It will air on

KWES daily at 5 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Foster said the station's morning news show, NewsWest 9 Sunrise will expand to a full 90 minutes, airing from 5 to 7 a.m. and featuring more opportunities for live news and weather reports every five minutes. Other features and services are planned.

KPEJ-TV, Channel 24
Jamie Beeghly, general manager of Fox's Permian Basin affiliate, KPEJ-TV, was in Richmond, Va. when he began with the network in 1985 "when it had a failed late night talk show and no one knew if we would make it."

Thirteen years later, KPEJ has become a two-time member of the network's "Number One Club" for affiliates that rank first among adults aged 18 to 49 in primetime. In 1997, he said, he vacationed at the Atlantis Paradise Resort in the Caribbean with 48 other affiliates and in 1998 he traveled to the big island of Hawaii.

Beeghly credits the network's programming, which includes such shows as "The Simpsons",

"The X-Files" and "Ally McBeal." Carrying NFL football, Major League Baseball playoffs and the World Series also boosted the network's fortunes, he said. The station also works hard at promotion, he said, doing a lot of cross-promotion with local radio stations.

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Mayor Bobby Burns proclaims today as King Haile Selassie Day

From Staff Reports

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns has proclaimed today, Jan. 5, as King Haile Selassie Day in honoring Dr. King Haile Selassie II of Midland on his 65th birthday.

Selassie, who is the Midland minister of The Holy Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox Church of The Holy Ethiopian Empire, is celebrating his birthday today.

The Ethiopian king-in-exile said that he was "crowned and anointed by more 45 religious leaders from around the world as king-in-exile" on May 9, 1991, in Trenton, N.J.

His father, the late Emperor

Haile Selassie I, was a freedom fighter for "all Africans and Third-World people," he said, and in 1945 was one of the founders of the United Nations, which was designed to promote world peace, security, and economic development.

Selassie was born in 1934 on international waters between Ethiopian and the United States.

"So, I'm an American citizen" who served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force, he said.

Selassie said that he does "not want to fight wars" over the kingdom. "Let the people make their decision."

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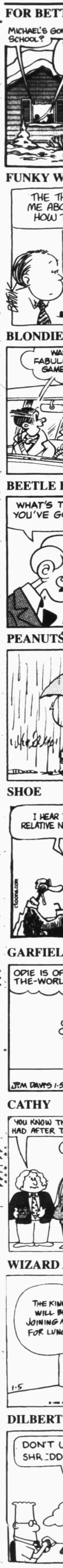
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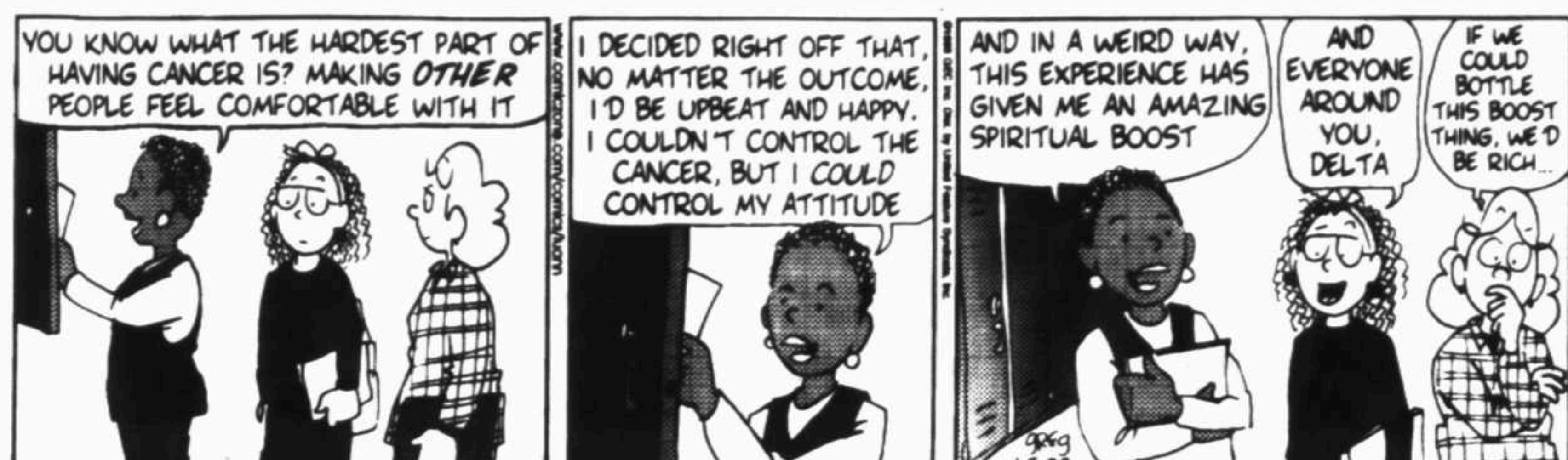
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You discover how strong your hunches are. Follow through on what you know to be right. Others respond. Learn to detach and take a complete overview. Your popularity and potential increase. Broaden your horizons through a new exotic friend or go back to school. You demands growth and expansion. Use care with finances; money tends to slip through your fingers. If you are single, you will enjoy your home life much more. A new neighbor or roommate delights you or could change your day-to-day life. If attached, emotions run deep, especially after February. Deepen your commitment. VIRGO broadens your view.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Plunge into work. Discussions and concepts are idealistic, but with some planning they could become workable. Use logic, make headway and stay on top of work. You might need to change your perspective on a critical matter. Tonight: Start an exercise program.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Family pressures you, but your ingenious thinking and diplomatic manner brings peace where they could be war! Creativity charges your work with a special quality. Be inspired, follow through on what you want. Confusion prevents someone from being definite. Tonight: Be a flirt!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Despite a good start, you could get bogged down in your thoughts. Get someone's point of view on a personal matter. News from a distance is most exciting and

adds a new perspective. Honor what is going on, allow your imagination to roam. Tonight: A good book.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Deal with money matters first thing. You will be unusually busy, returning messages and getting work done. A partner allows you more input into his decisions and actions. You feel as if finally your communications make a difference, and they do! Tonight: Drop in at a favorite spot.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Handling finances puts you in the limelight. A partner doesn't agree with you. Consider different ways of getting through to him. And take charge of your funds. Someone's great idea could be your disaster. Be a free thinker. Don't let someone push you. Tonight: Work late.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Though you are slow to get started, once up and running, it will be difficult to stop you. Listen to feedback, but know clearly what you want. Work proves challenging, especially making someone else's idea realistic. Teamwork enhances your potential. Tonight: Exercise.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Take a back seat. Think through a love relationship, and determine what you want. A child is delightful but also deceptive. Be realistic about what is going on. Listen to your instincts; don't let others talk you into something even if it is logical. Tonight: A good night's sleep.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Let your dreams have free rein. Attend a mandatory meeting. Don't pull back when someone presents his case. Team effort strength-

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ens a work project. Intuition is right on concerning a family member or real-estate investment. Trust yourself. Tonight: Join a friend.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Take responsibility, and display your administrative skills. Make and return calls as soon as you get into the office. You will be pushed to accomplish a lot, and quickly at that. You intuitively know what is about to happen next. Follow through on instincts. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Be concerned with finances, but keep the big picture in mind. Enhance your job performance skills. Seriously consider a course or seminar. Express your willingness to grow and expand. Others are there for you. Calls brings another point of view. Tonight: Rent a movie.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your ability to visualize comes through for you in a pinch. Others appreciate your efforts. Close relating builds confidence. You get past an immediate problem because of a keen sense of direction. Don't kid yourself about choices. A partner needs to be consulted. Tonight: Talk over dinner.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others. They will dominate anyway right now. You might not be certain about which way to go. Listen to a child or loved one carefully. A premonition is strong. Follow through and honor it. Others become testy right now if they don't have their way. Tonight: Say yes!

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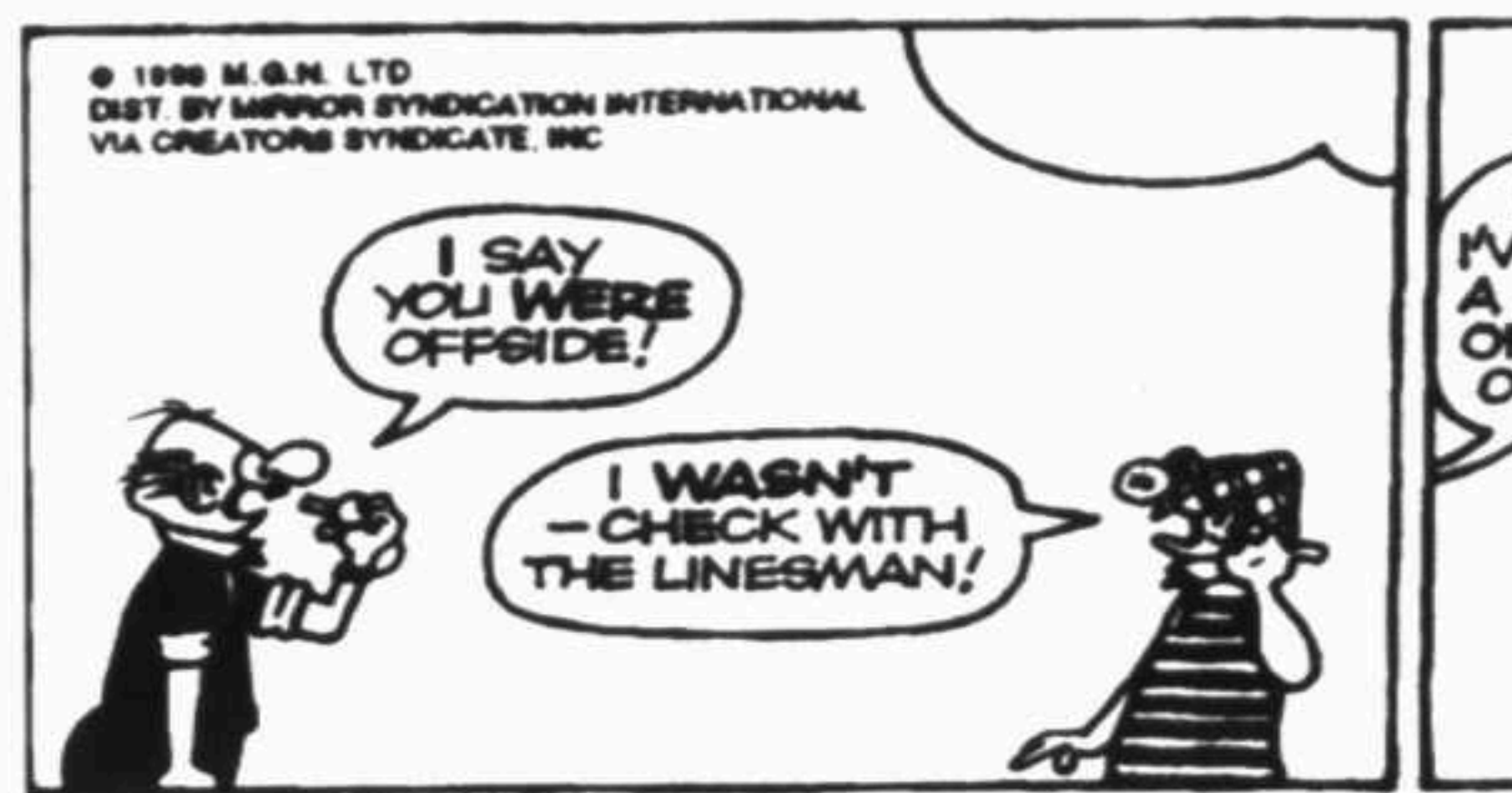


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"They should make rear-view horns, so ya could honk at tail-gaters!"

PEOPLE TODAY

Simmons has stealthy junk food habit

WASHINGTON — When you're Richard Simmons, sat-
isfying your junk food craving can require going undercover.

"It's terrible because where can Richard Simmons go to get pizza?" the fitness guru said in Monday's USA Today. "There's a Domino's about four blocks from my house, so I lower my voice and say, 'Hi, this is Mr. Reveles, and I'd like to get a pizza.'"

Television fitness expert Denise Austin and aerobics video star Donna Richardson also came clean about their junk food habits. The two admitted they crave Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"They just melt in your mouth," Austin said.

"I eat well 80 percent of the time and eat junk the other 20 percent of the time," she said. "I work out, and that keeps my metabolism up."

NEW YORK — The National Society of Film Critics says "Out of Sight" was out of this world.

The film, starring George Clooney as a hapless bank robber who falls for a federal agent, won best picture and best director honors from the group on Sunday.

Director Steven Soderbergh, who also directed the 1989 hit "sex, lies & videotape," beat Terrence Malick ("The Thin Red Line") and Steven Spielberg ("Saving Private Ryan") for best director honors.

The society, made up of 51 movie critics, also honored "The Thin Red Line" with best cinematography honors and named "Taste of Cherry," an Iranian film, the year's best foreign language film.

Ally Sheedy won best actress for "High Art" and Nick Nolte was named best actor for "Affliction," which was runner-up in the best picture category along with "Saving Private Ryan."

NEW YORK — In three years, Joanne Rowling has gone from hard-up single mother to literary phenomenon.

"I went from being as poor as you can get without being homeless to being pretty well off," said the 33-year-old British writer, whose first book, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" has zoomed up the bestseller lists for children and adults. Her second book, a sequel, has topped the lists all summer in Britain.

Rowling said including British folklore and language hasn't limited her overseas appeal.

"I think people underestimate American children," she said in Monday's editions of the Daily News. "The assumption they are only interested in America is patronizing."



"It's terrible because where can Richard Simmons go to get pizza?" fitness guru asks.

PORTLAND, Maine — If you think you've been getting accurate information about your favorite horror writer on Web sites named The Stephen King House O'Love or the Hungarian Stephen King Headquarters, think again.

Fed up with misinformation spread about him online — including that he's retiring and that he gives tours of his house on Hal-
loween — King has set up an official site (www.stephenking.com). The site debuted in mid-December.

King's site has a lot of competition. There are Web pages devoted to the beer King's characters drink, people named Stephen King and what makes the real King tick.



Stephen King set up Web site to end mis-information.

LOS ANGELES — TV producer Dick Clark hopes oddball pairings and a fast pace will lure viewers to the American Music Awards next week.

Burt Bacharach and Elvis Costello are teamed for a performance, rhythm & blues artists K-Ci & JoJo will join with Next, and there's a performance by Blondie and Coolio.

"We are a populist show. We put on what music buyers want," Clark said Monday.

The 26th edition of the American Music Awards show will also feature performances by the Goo Goo Dolls, Backstreet Boys, Cher, Dixie Chicks, Whitney Houston, Los Tigres Del Norte, Master P with Silk the Shocker & Mo B Dick, and Third Eye Blind.

Awards will be given in pop/rock, country, soul/R&B, alternative music, rap/hip-hop, adult contemporary and Latin music categories.

Leading nominees for American Music Awards were Canadian songbirds Shania Twain and Celine Dion, rapper-turned-movie star Will Smith, Brandy, the Dixie Chicks, Puff Daddy and George Strait.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Princess Juliana, the 89-year-old mother of Dutch Queen Beatrix, was hospitalized Monday after taking ill at home, a Royal House spokesman said.

He declined to elaborate on the nature of her illness, other than to say there is nothing seriously wrong.

Juliana, 89, has had a full-time nurse since she broke her hip last April. She underwent successful surgery to repair the break.

Juliana reigned for more than 31 years before abdicating in favor of her daughter in 1980.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

NCAA BASKETBALL — Indiana at Michigan, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, 7 p.m., ESPN2.
Kentucky at South Carolina, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NCAA BASKETBALL — Men, Southern Methodist 65, Richmond 61.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Boys, Midland High vs. Odessa High, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.
Midland Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Girls, Midland High vs. Odessa High, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center.
Midland Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Austin Ice Bats. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

Top 25 basketball

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Connecticut (55)	11-0	1,756	1
2. Duke (13)	13-1	1,698	2
3. Cincinnati (3)	12-0	1,655	3
4. Stanford	11-2	1,519	5
5. Maryland	13-2	1,435	4
6. Kentucky	12-3	1,424	7
7. UCLA	9-2	1,268	10
8. Arizona	8-1	1,122	6
9. Purdue	12-2	1,090	11
10. St. John's	11-2	1,084	12
11. North Carolina	13-3	1,019	9
12. Michigan St.	11-3	1,014	13
13. Indiana	14-3	995	8
14. Auburn	13-0	870	17
15. New Mexico	12-1	742	15
16. Minnesota	9-1	719	16
17. Iowa	11-1	661	21
18. Kansas	9-3	584	18
19. Arkansas	11-2	529	20
20. Syracuse	10-3	366	22
21. Clemson	11-3	358	14
22. Texas Christian	12-2	298	24
23. Oklahoma St.	9-3	193	25
24. Wisconsin	12-3	121	19
25. California	9-2	75	—

Others receiving votes: Ohio St. 66, Oregon 61, Providence 46, Louisville 33, Col. of Charleston 26, Miami 25, Florida 24, Georgia 21, Southern Cal 20, Pittsburgh 19, Creighton 17, Temple 15, SW Missouri St. 13, Toledo 11, Oklahoma 9, Villanova 9, Colorado St. 8, Washington 8, N. Carolina St. 7, Murray St. 6, Tulsa 5, Miami, Ohio 5, Detroit 4, Kansas St. 4, Utah 4, Missouri 3, Tennessee 3, DePaul 2, Old Dominion 2, Xavier 2, Gonzaga 1, Penn St. 1, Princeton 1.

Fight still on?

NEW YORK — The fight between old-timers George Foreman and Larry Holmes might still happen yet. But promoter Roger Levitt says it will take place only if Foreman agrees to a different form of payment. The bout between the aging former heavyweight champions is scheduled for Jan. 23 at the Houston Astrodome. But Foreman's camp contends the bout is off because the promoter has not met his financial obligations.

Levitt said Monday he has secured an insurance bond that will guarantee Foreman the remaining \$9 million of his \$10 million purse. Holmes is owed \$3.6 million of his \$4 million share, and Levitt said the fighter will be paid.

"If George Foreman wants to fight, then it will happen," said Russ Sauer, Holmes' lawyer. "If Mr. Foreman agrees to proceed with the financial agreement in place, I don't see any problems working out an alternative arrangement for Larry in which he'll be guaranteed his money."

Foreman was expecting a letter of credit, which also guarantees the fighters to receive their entire purse. But two financial backers pulled out in recent weeks, putting the bout in jeopardy.

Holmes doesn't appear too concerned by the roadblocks, especially since he has waited nearly five years to get Foreman in the ring. "I don't mind giving him (Levitt) the benefit of the doubt," Holmes said. "Especially since he has spent a lot of money already."

Levitt has already given Foreman \$1 million and Holmes \$400,000 — both of which are nonrefundable.

The fight has been called The "Battle of the Aged." Foreman will be 50 by the time of the bout and Holmes is 49.

"As far as we're concerned, the fight is still on and was never off," Levitt said. "George has now got exactly what he needs. Now all he needs to do is get in the ring and fight. He has no moral or legal way out. We've met the demands of the contract with no exclusions."

Levitt is planning a Wednesday news conference in New York to present the insurance bond and clear up speculation surrounding the fight.

Holmes last fought in July 1997, when he won a decision over Maurice Harris. His career record is 66-6 with 42 knockouts.

Foreman's record is 76-5 with 68 knockouts, including a loss in his last fight to Shannon Briggs in November 1997.

The Damage Done

A look at the NBA lockout through Monday, Day 189:
TOTAL DAYS OF SEASON MISSED: 63.
GAMES LOST MONDAY: 5.
TOTAL GAMES MISSED: 423.
EARLIEST ESTIMATED DATE SEASON CAN START: Feb. 1.

NEGOTIATIONS: The owners on Monday rejected the union's final offer. Players will vote Wednesday in New York on the league's final offer.

PROJECTED PLAYER SALARY LOSSES (through Feb. 1): More than \$500 million.

TUESDAY'S BEST CANCELED GAME: Phoenix at Indiana, 8 p.m. EST, TNT. One of the more interesting interconference games on TNT's schedule, with Larry Bird's Eastern Conference finalists taking on a Suns team that would have been heavily retooled.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "If they elect to go against the recommendation, then we'll have to live with that," union director Billy Hunter after announcing that all players will be allowed to vote on the owners' final offer, with the union recommending turning it down.

NBA owners reject proposal

■ Players will vote on plan with deadline looming; cancellation of season looks likely.

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — NBA owners turned down the union's latest offer Monday. The players vote next.

In a day of fast-moving developments in the NBA lockout, the stage was set for a dramatic countdown to Thursday's deadline for scrapping the season.

"We don't anticipate making a deal," commissioner David Stern said.

But he didn't rule it out, either.

Nine owners on the labor relations committee unanimously rejected the union's proposal and recommended scrapping the rest of the 1998-99 schedule. A meeting open to all 400 players will be held Wednesday in New York, and a vote will be taken on the owners' final offer.

The union's 19-player negotiating committee will recommend that the offer be

rejected "to assure that the owners understand the level of player resolve and the degree of opposition to the NBA's onerous demands," union director Billy Hunter said.

News of an upcoming player vote came as a surprise, since the union had insisted it would not present any proposal for a vote unless its negotiating committee recommended it.

"If they elect to go against the recommendation, then we'll have to live with that," Hunter said.

Stern had been calling for a player vote for more than a week. Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing delivered the proposal to Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik at a hotel across the street from NBA headquarters.

Said Stern: "I needed to see a proposal that reached for ours. Instead, I saw one that went backward."

Said Granik: "Based upon how far apart we are, there's a lot more needed to be done than simply tweaking the offers."

Stern and Granik also said the owners' negotiating committee would meet in

New York, perhaps Wednesday night. But it is uncertain if there will be a meeting with the players' committee.

If no deal is reached, the league's Board of Governors — with one ownership representative from each of the 29 teams — could vote Thursday to scrap the rest of the schedule.

"Stay tuned and see on Thursday how close we are," Stern said. "In order to see who's more accurate in his depiction of where we are, we're going to have to lose a season."

The NBA, which was supposed to begin its season Nov. 3, had never lost a game to labor strife until this season. So far, the first two months of the season have been wiped out. It would take three to four weeks after a settlement to begin a season of 45 to 50 games.

"We don't anticipate making a deal," Stern said, opening the door for the first time to using replacement players in the 1999-2000 season. "It's not necessarily a pretty sight early on, but obviously if we have to rebuild the league, we'll rebuild

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Can't beat these Volunteers

■ It isn't artistic, but Tennessee hangs on to beat Florida State and claim national title.

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tennessee is undefeated, and almost certainly undisputed.

Quarterback Tee Martin and the top-ranked Volunteers claimed one piece of the national championship Monday night, capping a perfect season with a very imperfect 23-16 victory over No. 2 Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

It was rusty and rocky, but under the new Bowl Championship Series format, the Volunteers were crowned national champions in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll. The Associated Press media poll will be released early Tuesday, and although third-ranked Ohio State may plead for consideration, the Vols pulled together in the second half and held off the Seminoles.

They hadn't won a national championship since 1951.

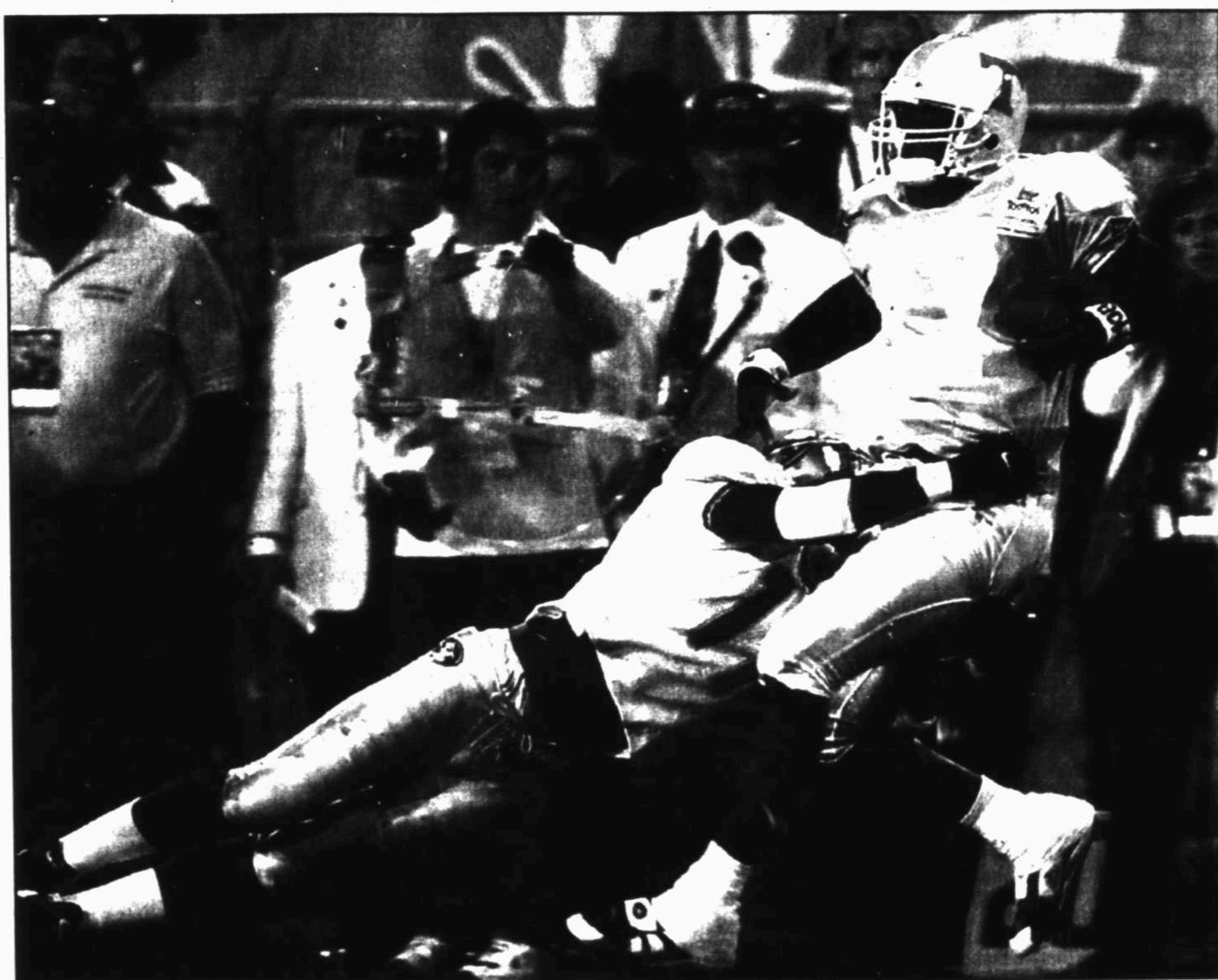
But it wasn't easy. Martin threw two touchdown passes, including a 79-yarder to Peerless Price with 9:17 to go to put the Vols ahead 20-9. But the Seminoles, despite their own turnover and penalty problems, kept coming back.

Florida State cut the lead to 23-16 on Marcus Outzen's 7-yard TD run with 3:42 left. The play was set up by his 39-yard pass to Ron Dugans on a third-and-seven.

And just when it looked like the Vols would score again to put the game out of reach, linebacker Brian Allen recovered Travis Henry's fumble at the 10 to give Florida State one more chance.

Outzen, though, was overmatched in just his third start. On Florida State's first play after the recovery, his long pass intended for Peter Warrick was

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Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin (17) gets spun around by Florida State cornerback Jared Jones during the first quarter of the Fiesta Bowl Monday at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. Martin and Tennessee completed a perfect season by winning the national championship over the Seminoles 23-16.

Gailey's new goal: Fix what's wrong with offense

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas coach Chan Gailey still hasn't seen the tapes of the Arizona NFC wild-card ambush. He's been busy interviewing players trying to figure out what went wrong in the shocking 20-7 loss.

"I met with each player for 10 or 15 minutes," Gailey said Monday. "I got the sense of a big disappointment and they were still hurting. But there was guarded enthusiasm and anticipation for next year."

The NFC East division champion produced a 10-6 record in Gailey's first sea-

son as coach, but lost to an Arizona team it had beaten twice in the regular season. Gailey said he awoke Sunday morning after the loss feeling as down as a coach can be.

Gailey said in the next couple of months he will break down the Dallas offense and try to determine what happened.

"Every problem we have is correctable," Gailey said. "I'm very encouraged about next year and what I think we can be."

The most discouraging part of the loss

was the breakdown of the Dallas offense. Gailey, a former offensive coordinator from Pittsburgh, was hired for his ball-moving expertise after owner Jerry Jones gave Barry Switzer the gate.

"We're going to evaluate the offense in the offseason and find out what happened exactly," Gailey said.

Quarterback Troy Aikman threw three interceptions and was sacked four times. Dallas abandoned the run in the second half after Emmitt Smith rushed for 74 yards in the first half as the Cowboys trailed 10-0.

Dallas ran the ball only four times in the second half.

"Our execution was not there," Gailey said. "We had some tough injuries to (wide receiver) Ernie Mills and (running back) Chris Warren but that's part of life and you have to adjust."

Jones gave Gailey a big vote of confidence, saying "He will be one of the outstanding coaches in the NFL."

Jones said Gailey should "have a longtime future" with the Cowboys.

Jones admitted he was "very surprised and disappointed" by the shocking loss to the Cardinals.

"We had no balance, no points on the board," Jones said. "That was a sur-

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STEWART DOREEN

Time is right for Cowboys to completely rebuild

Cosmetic changes are not working at Valley Ranch. No matter how hard Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones tries to fix the team's foundation with less-than-adequate patchwork, one thing is becoming crystal clear — the glory days are in the past.

It is time to blow the Dallas Cowboys up.

It is time to get rid of what they can and, as hard as it will be to take, rebuild.

To some, the idea of a mini-fire-sale might be going overboard for one playoff loss, but looking at the immediate future of the NFC, the Cowboys, as they look right now, are a non-factor. The \$6 million the Cowboys will have to spend in free agency for next season will not be enough to remedy the situation.

The powers that be in the NFC for the next few years are the Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons and dare I say it, the Arizona Cardinals. It was no coincidence that this Arizona team manhandled Dallas last weekend.

The Cardinals are young, hungry and have many of their key players locked down to long-term contracts. The Cardinals also have two first round picks in this year's NFL draft, and one of those is in the top 10. To

say they are going to get worse would be looking through the football world with (Cowboy) blue-colored glasses.

The contention here is that there is a six-year plan for the Cowboys to get back into Super Bowl contention. The number of years is based on the number of years left on Emmitt Smith's contract (five) plus one.

So who stays and who goes?

To get the plan in motion, don't re-sign offensive lineman Nate Newton and cornerback Kevin Smith, who become free agents. Then make trades for draft picks in the next three years while keeping a selected number of quality young players.

Those players on the trading block include:

1. **Deion Sanders:** He is the best defensive player in the league at his position and arguably the best corner of all-time. However, he is not getting any younger, is somewhat injury-prone and he has one year left on his contract. To re-sign Sanders will take a multi-year deal which would keep him in Dallas for a longer period of time than it is worth. Let someone else deal with that problem.

2. **Leon Lett:** The defensive tackle is the Cowboys most dominant player on the line. However, his trade value isn't getting any better, and how effective he will be six years from now is uncertain. He just played his ninth season.

3. **Darren Woodson:** He might have had his worst season in years, but his reputation still proceeds him. Wood-

son also just played his seventh season. Age is not his ally.

4. **Michael Irvin:** Irvin finished his 11th season, and while not the playmaker any more, he can still be a good quality receiver for somebody (i.e. Miami). With his past off-the-field problems, it might be a good thing to see him go. After all, it was his fault, the Cowboys didn't draft Randy Moss.

Those are the four to start with, and if all else fails maybe see what all-world lineman Larry Allen goes for. However, keeping Larry and Flozell Allen might be good guys to start with in terms of building a new line. Other young talent to keep includes linebackers Randall Godfrey and Dexter Coakley.

There could be others to trade but guys like Emmitt Smith and Daryl Johnston have no trade value because of salary and age.

The scary part about trying to rebuild this team is that draft choices will only be as good as the people making the picks, and since Jimmy Johnson's departure, the Cowboys' picks have been poor.

So while the Cowboys can't bring back Johnson, Moss or the many glory years that made the Cowboys the NFL's most heralded franchise, it is time to take that first step and admit there is a problem.

Then get a football man making the decisions, not an out-of-place owner, and start the process over again.

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LOCAL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

Midland High

Opponent: Odessa High
Where: Chaparral Center
When: 7:30 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 15-2 on the season and 1-0 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 9-11 and 1-0 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 8-9 and 0-1 in district.
Notes: Midland High is rolling as expected right now and opened district play by thrashing cross-town rival Midland Lee 80-59 Saturday night to open the 4-5A schedule. No one has been hotter for the Bulldogs lately than guard Charles Tatum, who scored for 26 points and over the last four games dating back to the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic has hit 17 3-point shots. Tatum's recent outburst has given him the team lead in scoring at 22.2 points a game, just ahead of Jay Christian (22.1). If Midland High wins tonight, it will be the 30th straight win on the court in district for the Bulldogs, whose lone blemish was a forfeit loss to Odessa Permian which came after they used an ineligible player. Odessa High opened district play by dropping its cross-town opener to Permian 38-36 in overtime Saturday. The Bronchos didn't put a single scorer in double figures in that game, and anything similar to that will doom them tonight.
Next: Midland High will resume its 4-5A schedule Friday night with a 7:30 p.m. game at Abilene Cooper.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Charles Tatum	18	140	58	222	12.3
Jay Christian	18	182	65	397	22.1
Blake Johnston	18	68	54	206	11.4
Brent Wright	18	39	231	104	5.9
Jesse Nicholson	18	35	11	89	4.9
Randy Gardner	18	20	16	56	3.1
Ronnie Brewster	14	10	9	31	2.2
Weldon Cooks	17	11	8	30	1.8
Jason South	3	2	1	5	1.7
Chris Oldham	17	10	4	29	1.7
Thomas Tennon	18	6	2	16	0.9
Steve Sanon	16	5	3	14	0.9
Tyler Shumake	12	4	0	8	0.7
Justin Sharp	11	3	1	7	0.6
Jimmy Smith	2	0	1	1	0.5
Kalvin Poor	4	0	2	0	0.5
Taylor Moody	13	3	1	7	0.5
Lorenzo Williams	9	0	2	2	0.2
Jerome Lightfoot	9	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	2	0	0	0	0.0
Ryan Hightower	1	0	0	0	0.0
Luke Cooper	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals

Tatum 58, Johnston 12, Nicholson 8, Christian 7, Oldham 5, B. Winter 3, Brewster 2, Tennon 2, Sanon 1.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Odessa Permian
Where: Permian High gym
When: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Lee is 7-11 on the season and 0-1 in District 4-5A. Permian is 9-11 and 1-0.

Notes: With eight losses in their last 10 games, the Rebels have to hope they start turning things around tonight. Three of those losses were to Midland High and Lee simply looked overmatched in the last two defeats. The good news against MHS was that T.J. Glover, making his first start of the season after an obligation to Lee's state championship football team, led the Rebels with 34 points and his athletic ability can only help. Permian needed overtime to defeat Odessa High in its district opener, and despite having some top notch athletes, the Panthers have been inconsistent this season.
Next: Lee returns home for a district game against Abilene High Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	18	79	60	230	12.8
Karl Meyers	11	38	26	112	10.2
Brooks Stevens	2	5	6	20	10.0
Chris Packer	18	57	12	140	7.8
Jeremy Conway	18	52	24	130	7.2
Orlando Castillo	18	46	17	120	6.8
T.J. Glover	4	11	4	26	6.5
Blake Hensley	18	29	4	77	5.5
T.J. Mosley	8	14	4	32	4.0
Kyle Shatzer	13	16	13	48	3.7
Cory Simmons	2	2	0	4	2.0
Ben Edelbrock	4	2	0	4	1.0
J.R. Norman	4	2	0	4	1.0
Russell Burke	1	0	0	0	0.0
Billy Kane	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals

Hensley 18, Packer 14, Winston 12, Castillo 11, Meyers 10, Stevens 4, Shatzer 3, Simmons 2, Edelbrock 1.

Girls

Midland High

Opponent: Odessa High
Where: Chaparral Center
When: 6 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 15-2 overall and 2-0 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 16-4 and 3-0.
Notes: It's a bit early to make predictions, but the winner of this game could have an inside track on a district championship. That's no real surprise since both teams return most of their starters. In Odessa High's case, almost all of their talent from last season. The Lady Dawgs posted their third victory over cross-town rival Midland Lee 59-52 Saturday night to set up tonight's showdown of district unbeaten. Heidi Lange had 17 points to lead four MHS players in double figures. Odessa High also won its cross-town district game, routing Odessa Permian 59-39. The Lady Bronchos also had four players in double figures, led by Chanie Sutherland with 18 points.
Next: Midland High will continue its 4-5A schedule on the road Friday night with a 7:30 p.m. game against Abilene Cooper.

Midland High Stats

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	18	79	60	230	12.8
Edra Rogers	18	78	25	193	10.7
Nina McAlister	18	63	51	177	9.8
Michelle Acosta	18	39	38	120	6.7
Tawney Foy	18	33	11	90	5.0
Morgan Kelley	18	35	10	80	4.4
Clarissa Leonard	18	25	21	71	3.9
Laura Koch	18	27	13	67	3.7
Lindsey Leaverton	10	9	2	24	2.4
Latrice Jackson	8	3	10	16	2.0
Tami Mardum	18	3	11	19	1.1
Rebecca Nobles	4	0	3	3	0.8
Becky Valdez	11	2	2	6	0.5
Jenny Jones	3	0	1	1	0.3
Hilary Davis	2	0	0	0	0.0
Paige Price	3	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals

Foy 13, Rogers 12, Lange 8, Acosta 6, Leaverton 3.

Midland Lee

Opponent: Odessa Permian
Where: Permian High gym
When: 6 p.m.
Records: Lee is 9-8 overall and 1-2 in District 4-5A. Permian is 10-8 and 0-3.

Notes: The Lady Rebels have lost four straight games since winning their last district game against San Angelo Central, and need a win tonight if they are to be taken seriously as contenders within the next couple of weeks. Lee gave an admirable effort in its loss to MHS, but it wasn't quite enough for victory. Junior Rochelle Warren had one of her best games of the season with 17 points. Permian needs a win even more than the Lady Rebels since it is now 0-3 in district and can't afford to fall further into a hole. The Lady Panthers haven't fared well so far against the district's top contenders, losing by 20 to OHS and by 19 to Midland High.
Next: Lee returns home for a district game Friday at 6 p.m. when it hosts Abilene High at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee Stats

(9-7)					
Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Katie Strambler	17	74	66	218	12.8
Rochelle Warren	17	41	24	107	6.3
Christina Brown	17	44	17	93	5.5
Valerie Morgan	17	35	22	92	5.4
Shamera Bryson	6	12	7	32	5.3
Heather Wells	17	36	6	85	5.0
Andrea Long	16	26	6	72	4.5
Dee Frazier	17	27	11	69	4.1
Danielle Dickey	24	17	11	63	3.7
Julie Jay	17	18	11	47	2.8
Courtney Creswell	11	11	4	26	2.4
Katie McLane	12	9	4	22	1.8
Debbie Yee	12	6	0	16	1.3
Allison Newton	15	7	4	18	1.2
Clanissa Valenzuela	4	3	11	0.7	
Three-Point Goals: Strambler 15, Long 14, Wells 6, Dickey 4, Frazier 3, Warren 3, Bryson 1.					

Three-Point Goals

Strambler 15, Long 14, Wells 6, Dickey 4, Frazier 4, Yee 4, Warren 1, Bryson 1.

NFL now has a new elite after opening round

By Dave Goldberg
 AP Football Writer

The teams that have won five of the last six Super Bowls are no longer the NFL's ruling class.

The Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers are not the elite anymore, even though San Francisco remains alive in the playoffs.

"Everybody wants to think this is the same Cowboys as the old days and it's not," Troy Aikman said after Dallas was thumped by the Cardinals, whom the Cowboys had beaten in 16 of their last 17 meetings.

"It's not. We rely on different people now, and for a few of the people the door of opportunity is shut. We are looking through a different window now."

There's no blame to be affixed, not in an era when the salary cap precludes teams from assembling a panoply of stars, such as the 49ers of the '80s, the Steelers, Cowboys and Dolphins of the '70s and the Packers of the '60s.

The 49ers have had a two-decade run, largely because Bill Walsh had the foresight to acquire Steve Young, who continued after 1990 what Joe Montana started in the '80s. But they are \$27 million over the salary cap and have no strong front-office leader — Carmen Policy has gone to Cleveland, Eddie DeBartolo is in limbo because of legal problems and coach Steve Mariucci isn't sure he wants to sign a contract extension.

So the end is in sight. Young is 37, Jerry Rice is 36 and young stars such as Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes could get offers they can't refuse and that the 49ers can't match, as Dana Stubblefield did after last season. To beat the Packers, they even had to bring back Charles Haley, run out of town nearly a decade ago because of his quirky off-field behavior.

The core of the Cowboys remains — Aikman, Michael Irvin, Emmitt Smith and Deion Sanders. But all are on the downside of their careers and many of the role players so impor-



tant in three Super Bowl triumphs have moved on to bigger bucks.

The Packers will lose Reggie White to retirement, could lose Antonio Freeman to free agency unless they make him the franchise player and may very well lose Mike Holmgren to another team — perhaps even the 49ers.

They'll remain competitive as long as Brett Favre is the quarterback — his regression this year was due primarily to injuries in the supporting cast. And Ron Wolf has shown the ability to draft standouts even with relatively low picks, as he did this year with Ronnie Holliday.

"If Mike leaves, it doesn't change the way I play," Favre said.

But at this point, Green Bay is only the second-best team in its division — Minnesota is clearly on top.

In fact, the Vikings have assumed the mantle of the NFL's dominant team — it would be an upset if anyone else represents the conference in the Super Bowl.

Atlanta has come along wonderfully but still has to prove itself in the long run and could lose a couple of assistants, Rich Brooks and Art Shell, to head coaching jobs. That can hurt — as was proved in Pittsburgh this season when Chan Gailey left for Dallas and the offense fell apart.

The Cardinals think they may be the future — and they may be, with Jake Plummer. But they have a history of misfortune and misjudgment and still need help on the offensive line and more depth.

The Bucs and Giants, surprises in 1997, started badly in 1998, but finished well, just missing the playoffs. Both have defenses as good as any in the league, particularly if Jason Sehorn of the Giants and Hardy Nickerson of the Bucs come back healthy next year.

But both have question marks at quarterback, making them likely playoff teams a rung below Super Bowl level.

Anyone else? Look to the AFC.

As the Jets showed in going from 1-15 to 12-4 under Bill Parcells in two seasons, the right coaching and the right organization can work miracles. Someone just has to clone Parcells.

HERE WE GO AGAIN: Maybe instant replay should have come back for the playoffs:

The first round proved that putting the so-called top officials in the postseason didn't end the bad calls.

The first one naturally went against Buffalo in a season in which the zebras have killed the Bills. Replays showed Andre Reed across the goal line late in the game in Miami, but he was ruled down on the 1.

Worse, Reed was penalized 15 yards and ejected for jumping up and bumping an official and the Bills had to settle for a field goal. That was critical because it forced them to try for a touchdown after they recovered the onside kick.

"The worst officiating in 20 years," is how Reed described this year's events, which included two consecutive bad calls that cost them a game in New England and, eventually, a home playoff game.

Then there was Sunday's noncall, when the 49ers' Jerry Rice clearly lost a fumble during the winning touchdown drive.

"It's tough to lose no matter how you do it," Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf said. "But when you make a play in a championship game and it's not awarded to you, there's something wrong with the whole system. It's something that has to be addressed."

Most people want to address it with replay. There's another way. In the playoffs, the crews are "all-stars" — the highest-rated officials at each position get playoff games.

But most haven't worked with each other during the year and there is usually some miscommunication.

So why not rate crews and let them work playoff games intact?

The league office said that's been considered but rejected because it would leave inexperienced officials — often rookies — working conference championships and Super Bowls. Officiating crews, like teams, are blends of experience and youth.

True, but rookies play in the Super Bowl. Uncoordinated officiating was obvious this weekend.

In the Miami-Buffalo game, referee Mike Carey, who had a very smooth season, was working with new teammates and it showed — things were choppy and sloppy.

So why not take the best crew?

No offense, Woodson's top defensive rookie

By Rob Gloster
 AP Sports Writer

How can Charles Woodson top his selection as Defensive Rookie of the Year? Well, maybe with some offensive awards next season.

After making five interceptions and playing a key role in transforming the Oakland Raiders from the NFL's worst defense in 1997 to one of its best this season, the cornerback is eager to add offense and special teams to his pro resume. Almost from the moment he was drafted fourth overall by the Raiders, Woodson made it clear he wanted to see action at wide receiver in addition to his defensive responsibilities.

"He can give either phase of your football team a jolt," Raiders coach Jon Gruden said. "When he gets his hands on the ball, he knows where to go and how to get there."

At Michigan, where he became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy,

Woodson saw spot duty at receiver and also returned punts. The Raiders coaching staff said at first they wanted him to focus on defense.

But by mid-November, the sputtering Oakland offense needed a boost and Gruden hinted he'd use Woodson as a secret weapon. Woodson worked out with the offense before a game against Seattle.

But he did not play on offense against the Seahawks, and after the game Woodson said the experiment was dead.

Gruden then virtually promised to use Woodson on offense in the season finale against Kansas City. But when Woodson reacted coolly, saying he had heard it all before, Gruden rescinded his offer.

"I made it known I wanted to play offense and it never happened," Woodson said. "I like being out there on the field. I don't like to come off. When I'm on the sideline, I kind of feel helpless."

Woodson was dangerous enough on defense.

He tied Eric Allen for the team lead in interceptions and ran one of them back 46 yards for a touchdown. His tight coverage and solid tackling forced teams often to throw away from him, especially after Allen was sidelined with a torn knee ligament.

"Charles Woodson is an excellent football player," Gruden said. "He's a guy that can cover people and can tackle. He's an all-around football player. He's been exceptional since he's been here and what he's done as a rookie is rare."

San Diego quarterback Ryan Leaf, who was chosen two picks ahead of Woodson in the draft but struggled in his rookie season, said the Raiders' cornerback plays with the assurance of a veteran.

"His confidence is riding so high," Leaf said. "He's got that swagger with him. If any time he messes up, he bounces back real quick."

Woodson is the first Raider to win the award. Last year's winner was Baltimore linebacker Peter

Boulware.

"I'd give myself a B-minus," Woodson said. "I played pretty good, but I didn't do a lot of the little things I could have done, as far as watching more film, doing a lot more studying. I pretty much played off athletic ability."

Woodson won a close race with Green Bay defensive end Ronnie Holliday in balloting by The Associated Press for the defensive rookie award.

Woodson received 24 votes from the nationwide panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters. Holliday, selected 19th overall in the NFL draft, received 22, and Arizona end Andre Wadsworth, the third pick last April, got one.

Holliday, who played at North Carolina, also became an immediate starter with the Packers. Under the tutelage of star end Reggie White, Holliday flourished quickly.

He had eight sacks when he broke his right leg near the ankle on Nov. 22 at Minnesota and missed the last five games.

league is offering 54 percent.

Meanwhile, Michael Olowokandi, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, signed with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League for \$3 million. The 7-foot-1 center can return to the NBA on Feb. 15 if the lockout is lifted and still would receive \$1 million.

Steven Woods, the agent for Toronto's Kevin Willis, refilled an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board against the union for allegedly breaching its duty of fair representation.

NBA: Players meet Wednesday for vote

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the league."

Stern said if a new league was formed, it would probably take the top 100 players and leave the rest — the middle-class that the union has said it is fighting for — out of work.

The union presented its offer at an hour-long meeting that represented the first face-to-face talks between the sides since Dec. 27. That's when they met for five hours near Denver and the league made its "final" offer.

The union has told all 19 players

on its negotiating committee to be in New York by Tuesday morning. Herb Williams of the Knicks, a member of the union's executive committee, thinks the deadline might be extended.

"If a deal was done on the 9th or 10th, I'm sure David wouldn't say that just because we didn't do it on the 7th the season is over. It's a business, and sometimes you have to posture," Williams said.

The union's new offer included a limit on how much any player can earn. If accepted, the NBA would be the only professional sports league to limit the amount of money

a top athlete is paid.

The key sticking point could center on how much revenue will be paid to the players during the six-year deal. The sides also differ on the length and terms of a new rookie salary scale and the dollar value of two salary cap exceptions.

In its proposal, the union wants 55 percent of revenue devoted to salaries in the fourth year, while owners have offered 53 percent.

In the fifth year, players want 56 percent while owners are offering 53.5. And in the final year, players want 57 percent — the amount they received last season — while the

Area basketball teams gearing up for district

By Stewart Doreen
 Assistant Sports Editor

If there is common theme going around the high school basketball scene right now, it is that teams are preparing for the battles of the district season.

For most teams, those district wars begin this weekend and make tonight's action around West Texas important tuneups.

"We are trying to get ready for district," said Midland Christian boys coach Byron Myers, whose team will play Stanton at 5:30 p.m. "Stanton always has a good program. We are playing them to get better."

The 11-5 Mustangs go into the rest of the season having to make up for a big loss. Justin Scott, who averaged 12 points a game, transferred to Midland High, leaving MC with three double-digit scorers (Justin Gibson at 20 points a game, Shawn Rickey at 10 and Trey Bohannon at 10).

Midland Christian is one of the few teams to have started its district schedule. The Mustangs are 2-0 in TAPPS 1-4A. Stanton, on the other hand, kicks off its District 3-2A schedule Friday against Coahoma — a team that beat Stanton last week.

The Buffaloes, 2-3, again have played a limited pre-district schedule due to the success of the football team.

"We are starting to get our basketball legs," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "If we do not dig ourselves into too big of a hole, we will be all right."

Stanton is led by a senior trio. Post Chad Smith is scoring 16 points a game. Point guard Kyle Herm is throwing in 12 points and dishing out 9.5 assists. Forward Justin Cobb is pulling down 12 rebounds a contest.

"Herm and Smith are good players," Myers said. "They (the Buffs) have good size and are really athletic."

Another matchup involving area teams takes place in Garden City where Trinity and Garden City hook up in a doubleheader.

The Trinity girls have showed their youth and inexperience in the first 13 games, posting a 4-9 record. However, the Lady Charg-

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ers have won their lone district game. The recent return of Catherine Durbin and Valerie Power, both of whom missed a good portion of the first semester, should make Trinity better. Junior Renee Rougeaux has established herself as a force on the inside with 12 points and 11.5 rebounds a game.

"We are young, growing and getting better everyday," Trinity coach Jeff Young said.

Garden City is again establishing itself as a 1A playoff team. The Lady Bearkats have won five

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Army — 1944, 1945
Michigan — 1948, 1997

Penn State — 1982, 1986
Pittsburgh — 1937, 1976
Pittsburgh State — 1951
Texas — 1963, 1969

Top Rankings

By The Associated Press
Annual winners of The Associated Press college football poll's top ranking:

1937—Minnesota 1937—Pittsburgh
1938—COT 1939—Texas A&M
1940—Minnesota 1941—Minnesota
1942—Ohio State 1943—Ohio State
1944—Ohio State 1945—Army
1946—Notre Dame 1947—Notre Dame 1948—Michigan 1949—Notre Dame

1950—Oklahoma 1951—Tennessee
1952—Michigan State
1953—Ohio State 1954—Ohio State
1955—Oklahoma 1956—Alabama
1957—Auburn 1958—Louisiana State 1959—Syracuse

1960—Alabama 1961—Alabama
1962—Southern Cal 1963—Texas
1964—Alabama 1965—Alabama
1966—Alabama 1967—USC
1968—Ohio State 1969—Texas
1970—Nebraska 1971—Nebraska
1972—Southern Cal 1973—Notre Dame 1974—Oklahoma 1975—COT
1976—Pittsburgh 1977—Notre Dame
1978—Alabama 1979—Alabama
1980—Alabama 1981—Alabama
1982—Penn State 1983—Miami
1984—BYU 1985—Oklahoma
1986—Penn State 1987—Penn State
1988—Notre Dame 1989—Miami
1990—Colorado 1991—Miami

Fiesta Bowl
Tennessee 23, Florida State 16
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Second Quarter
Tenn—Byron 4 pass from Martin (Hall kick failed)
Tenn—Goodrich 54 interception
return (Hall kick) 13:40
FSU—McGray 1 run (kick failed),
8:59
FSU—GFG 3 punt 3:41
13:40

Fourth Quarter
Tenn—Pro 3 pass from Martin
(kick blocked), 9:17
Tenn—FG 21, 2:01
FSU—Pro 17 run (Janikowski
kick), 3:42
A—84 470

	FSU	Tenn
First downs	13	16
Rushes-yards	41-108	45-114
Passing	14-108	45-114
Interceptions	9-22-1	19-9-2
Turnovers	12	15
Penalties-yards	9-39	58-131
Fumbles-Loss	4-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	12-110	9-55
Time of Possession	28:50	31:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING
43. Warrick 11-71, McGray 4-49, Coles 1-2, Glenn 1-2, Outzen 16- (minus 1)
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16-10
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Byron 3-7



Cincinnati forward Pete Clausen (5) and Cincinnati forward Ryan Fletcher (10) are seen in action during a game.

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PASSING—Florida St. Outzen 9-22; 145. Tennessee, T. Martin 11-18-2-278. Henry 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Florida St. Dugans 6-135. McCray 1-11. Warrick 1-7. Minor 1-(minus 8). Tennessee, Price 4-199. Bryson 3-34. Copeland 1-15. Finlayson 1-14. Henry 1-9. Wilson 1-7.

MISSSED FIELD GOAL—Tennessee, Hall 33 (WR).

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Fla. International 79. W. Kentucky 68. Georgia Southern 92. Appalachian St. 80. Greenville St. 78. Alcorn St. 50. McNeese St. 47. Texas-San Antonio 45.

Mercer 78. Samford 67. Middle Tennessee 72. Murray St.

Cincinnati used a balanced and tight man-to-man beat Marquette 75-50 last night and match the school's first start in school history.

Cincinnati (13-0, 2-0-0 USA) remained one of the unbeaten teams in Division I along with No. 1 Connecticut. No. 14 Auburn, as expected, best start in 39 years.

The Bearcats' 1951 season also opened 13-0. The school's first start came from the 1951 team that won its first 19 games of those teams made Four.

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Youngstown St 67 Oakland Mich
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No. 6 North Carolina
CLEMSON (11-12) Clemson
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Michigan 1-3-0-2 0-0-0 1-5-16-24
Gungo 4-0-0 0-10-0 Cossely 0-1-1-2
1-1-2 2-6-6 6-10 Forns 0-2-0-4
0-1-1-2 1-2-6 1-2-6 0-3-0-0
Byrd 0-2-0-2 Mattison 0-0-0-0

Pete Mickleale led Cincinatti with 14 points and Kenyon added 13 while playing trouble. Marquette (8-6) points apiece from Brian and John Cliff.

No. 8 Arizona Southern California
LOS ANGELES — Rufferson scored a career-high 20 points and Jason Terry hit his 16 points in the second half to lead Arizona to beat Southern California, 77-67.

For much of the game, Arizona (9-1, 1-1 Pac-10) was out of sync. The water of being beaten twice by the Trojans (9-2, 1-1) was still in the air.

No. 6 Houston to beat

Associated Press

4108-10 North Carolina (17-1) Wright
 4108-16 16 Barksdale 3-6:00 3-6:00 Clay
 4108-20 20 Brown 5-13:44 4-17 Teasley
 4108-26 26 Higgins 5-10:25 1-22 Gaspar
 4108-34 34 Davis 0-0:00 0-0:00 Totals
 26:60 29:36 37
 Halftime—North Carolina 49, Clem-
 son 30 3-Point Goals—Clemson 3-7
 (Gerner 1, Leonard 1, Umoh 3) 3-10
 4108-36 36 North Carolina 6-16 (Brown 3-6
 Teasley 2-7 Barksdale 1-2 Gaspar 0-1)
 Fouls—Clemson 21-11 Umoh 3-1
 4108-42 42 Barksdale Rebounds—Clemson 41
 (Umoh 9) North Carolina 44 (Higgins
 11) Assists—Clemson 10 (Umoh 5)
 4108-48 48 Clemson 26-26 North Carolina 26
 A—1182

No. 13 Duke 84,
 No. 22 Virginia 68
 VIRGINIA (8-4) Hosts 0-1 0-0
 Foote 3-12 0-0 7 Walker 3-9 2-4 8
 Stoval 2-10 0-0 5 Robinson 2-10 0-0
 Brown 4-13 1-3 10 4-13 1-4 0-0
 Kravchenko 1-2 2-2 4 Volynina 4-6
 0-0 5 Mitchell 0-1 0-0 0 Totals 26
 35 12

DUKE (10-4) Parent 2-3 1-2 5

Nikki Teasley scored including five free throw final 2:06, to lead the Heels to an 87-76 win over 10 Tigers on Monday night. Carolina (17-1, 4-0 Atlantic Conference) went the without a field goal but 26 free throws in that its 18th straight at home in a row overall.

"North Carolina is talented, extremely at extremely quick," said coach Jim Davis. "The

16. Howard 7-11 2-2-20. Schweitzer
 47-3-5-14. Erickson 2-9 1-2-6. Black
 34-0-0-6. Gingrich 0 1-2-2. Rice 1
 2-2-4. Totals 30-57 15-21 84
 Halftime—Duke 43, Virginia 32. 3-
 Point goals—Virginia 4-11 (Stoval 2,
 5 Volina 1-1). Foote 1-4. Lias 0-1.
 Duke 9-17 (Howard 4-6, Schweitzer 3-
 8, Browne 1-2, Erickson 1-5, Gingrich
 1-1). Fouled out—Browne.
 Rebounds—Virginia 30 (Walker, Vol-
 ina 5). Duke 41 (Browne, VanGorp,
 Schweitzer, Erickson 5). Assists—
 Virginia 10 (Foote, Robinson, Lias 2).
 Duke 21 (Browne, Schweitzer, Erick-
 son 5). Total fouls—Virginia 20. Duke
 18. A—2-137

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said, "We can really go along with our traps, as long as we get out of foul trouble."

No. 14 Virginia Tech 76,
Dayton 59
DAYTON (5-4): McIntosh 1-3-2-3
Safarik 3-5-5-11, Dawson 1-2
10-10-2, McCaffee 1-5-1-1-3
Martens 1-6-1-1-3, Perry 0-2-6-6
Hester 1-2-0-0-2, Schloss 0-1-0-0-0
Smith 0-0-0-0-0, Jaques 5-10-0-1-1
Totals 23-53 12-16-59
VIRGINIA TECH (13-0): Houshelt
4-1-2-5, Williams 10-10-2-3-22, Warr
3-0-0-3-8, Hester 1-1-0-0-0, Connor
4-0-0-0-8, Orr 0-0-8, Owens 0-0-0-0-0
Altbertson 5-1-2-2-13, Seaver 0-0-0-0-0
4-0-4, Jones 0-0-0-0-4, Jirka 0-0-0-0-0
Totals 29-62 12-21-62
Halttime - Virginia Tech 36, Dayton 34
1st Half - Dayton 17, Virginia Tech 14
1st Virginia Tech - Wetzler 12-0
Altbertson 1-5, Witherspoon 0-1
Connor 0-1, Fouled out - None
2nd Half - Dayton 17, Virginia Tech 16
Virginia Tech 33 (Williams - Warr
McFadden 9 Assists - Dayton 9 (Dawson
Hester 2, Hester 2), Virginia Tech 17
Totals 23-53 12-16-59
2nd Virginia Tech 20, A - 1487

We couldn't trap near as we wanted in the second half. Juana Brown added 16 points and Chanel Wright 16. Carolina, Jackie Higgins, and 11 rebounds for the team who outrebounded the Tigers 44-41.

Natasha Anderson led the Tigers (11-2, 2-2) with 21 points. Carolina led 49-30 at halftime. LaQuanda Barksdale had 15 points and three other Tar Heels had 10 or more. Up four fouls in the second half, enabling Clemson to close out the game.

The Tigers closed the game with Natasha Anderson's 1:07 left, but North Carolina was able to

Cincinnati forward Pete
center Greg Clausen (5
nati forward Ryan Fletc

Associated Press

Cincinnati (13-0, 2-0 Conference USA) remained one of only three

The Bearcats' 1959-60 team

St. John's (12-2) moved up two spots to No. 10 in the poll earlier in

points apiece from Brian Wardle and John Cliff first nine games of the 1990-91 season.

person scored a career-high 24 points and Jason Terry had 14 of

For much of the game, the Wildcats (9-1, 1-1 Pac-10) were in dan-

No. 6 Heels use speed

Associated Press

beat Clemson. Nikki Tauscher scored 20 points in 33 seconds to clinch the victory. The Tigers lost their second

10 Tigers on Monday night. North Carolina (17-1) 4-0 Atlantic Coast

its 18th straight at home and 11th in a row overall.

Coast Conference), who won their sixth straight game, Erin Stovall

25-3 run in the first half. The Tar Heels forced the Tigers into 21 rebounding advantage. They made 9 of 17 shots from 3-point

turnovers.

No. 14 Virginia Tech 76.

Carolina. Jackie Higgins came off the bench to contribute 12 points

Natasha Anderson led Clemson Tech a 34-15 lead with about five minutes left in the first half.

up four fouls in the second half, enabling Clemson to charge back, 68-65, with nine points, nine rebounds and three steals.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on move)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MBNA	562,790	24.14	-0.06
AmOnline	201,391	14.48	-0.06
Compaq	122,128	42.50	+0.06
BP Amoco	116,430	39.00	-0.06
AT&T	113,771	77.00	+0.06

GAINERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg
Percept	12.50	+0.34
Monknet	4.10	+0.36
GData	3.10	+0.29
Birdsey	31.00	+0.50
FieldF	3.00	+0.22

LOSERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg
InfoSoft	13.00	-0.17
NetDirect	17.00	-0.11
Gratline	1.00	-0.13
Coastal	7.00	-0.13
Oceanic	1.00	-0.13

DIARY

Name	Last	Chg
Advanced	1.42	+0.02
Declined	1.46	-0.02
Unchanged	4.14	0.00
Total issues	3,602	0.00
New highs	135	0.00
New lows	15	0.00
Volume	1,058,981,832	0.00

NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on move)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	94,504	123.00	-0.02
SP Mid	19,271	73.00	-0.02
HarvDir	11,108	27.00	-0.02
Keane	11,043	39.00	-0.02
Viac	11,371	72.00	-0.02

GAINERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg
Avant	2.00	+0.34
SPDR	8.00	+0.34
SP Mid	5.00	+0.34
ILX Inc	2.00	+0.34
Eastdnt	2.00	+0.34

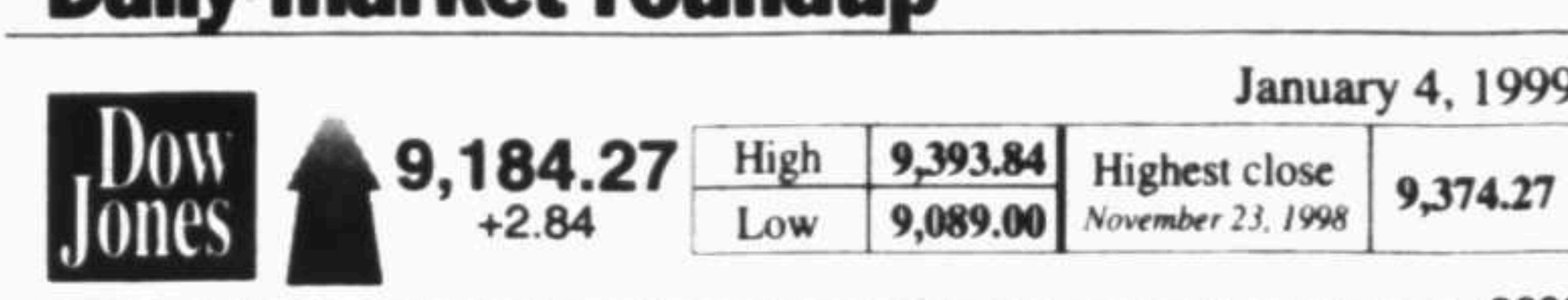
LOSERS (\$2 on move)

Name	Last	Chg
Rodell	4.00	-0.17
NetBot	4.00	-0.17
Viac	2.00	-0.13
HarvDir	2.00	-0.13
MA Sys	2.00	-0.13

DIARY

Name	Last	Chg
Advanced	3.36	0.00
Declined	3.10	-0.02
Unchanged	1.16	0.00
Total issues	762	0.00
New highs	152	0.00
New lows	24	0.00
Volume	938,859,300	0.00

Daily market roundup



High	Low	Open	Close
9,184.27	9,181.43	9,184.27	9,184.27

Index	High	Low	Open	Close
Dow Jones	9,184.27	9,181.43	9,184.27	9,184.27

Index	High	Low	Open	Close
S&P 500	1,244.93	1,243.00	1,244.93	1,244.93

Index	High	Low	Open	Close
Nasdaq	2,008.05	2,006.00	2,008.05	2,008.05

Index	High	Low	Open	Close
Russell 2000	492.28	491.00	492.28	492.28

Index	High	Low	Open	Close
Wishnet 5000	11,317.59	11,316.00	11,317.59	11,317.59

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday \$12.34
Previous Close \$12.05

POSTED

Today \$9.75
Previous Close \$9.50

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Monday \$2.071

Prices climb

Energy futures traded Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange received a boost from the frigid weather that swept across the United States over the weekend.

Crude oil futures prices also received a lift from concern over the latest bellicose statements from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Heating oil and natural gas futures prices were pushed higher by the blast of cold weather that began moving across the nation last week and intensified over the weekend, according to analysts.

Crude oil futures prices were boosted by Saddam's Sunday address to his cabinet, in which he said the "no-fly" zones imposed on Iraq flout the will of all Arabs.

Crude for February delivery was 29 cents higher at \$12.34 a barrel; February heating oil was .86 cent higher at 35.14 cents a gallon; February unleaded gasoline was .97 cent higher at 37.52 cents a gallon; February natural gas was 12.6 cents higher at \$2.071 per 1,000 cubic feet.

TNRCC resignation

Geoff Connor, general counsel of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission since 1995, has submitted his resignation to the three-member commission effective Jan. 15. He is joining the Austin office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld to practice energy law, administrative law, environmental law and to work in governmental affairs.

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against the new European common currency and the Japanese yen on Monday, as dealers embraced the euro's debut amid worries about a slowdown in U.S. economic growth.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.1806, up from its designated starting point of \$1.1668 in earlier Asian trading.

The U.S. currency also was quoted at 112.07 Japanese yen, down from 113.57 last Thursday.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate. Based on Monday's euro rate, the dollar was worth: 1.6567 German marks, down from 1.6685 late Thursday; 1.3673 Swiss francs, down from 1.3740; 5.5556 French francs, down from 5.5980; 1,639.34 Italian lire, down from 1,654.05; and 1.5268 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5479.

The British pound, which is not part of the euro, was quoted at \$1.6570, down from \$1.6595.

Stocks yo-yo

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks erased substantial early gains to close Monday's session slightly higher as investors, nervous that the economy could not continue to grow at its current pace, sold their holdings to book profits.

Meanwhile, technology stocks carried their strong run into the new year, pushing the Nasdaq composite to its fourth record in five trading sessions.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which gained 16.1 percent last year, closed the first trading session of this year up 2.84 at 9,184.27. The Dow was up as much as 168.64 at 9,350.07 during the late morning. The Nasdaq composite rose 15.35 to 2,208.04.

But other broad stock indexes fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 4.39 to 1,224.84, the NYSE composite index fell 1.69 to 594.12, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 5.38 to 683.61. The Russell 2000 index eased 0.70 to 421.26.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 6-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was strong at a revised 1.07 billion shares.

Manufacturing falls to eight-year low

■ Report indicates contraction in industrial sector.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Manufacturing activity dropped in December to its lowest level in nearly eight years, as weakening domestic demand added to the global turmoil that has hindered American exports.

But investors were unfazed by Monday's assessment by the National Association of Purchasing Management, which supported expectations that the U.S. economy's long expansion will slow in 1999.

The trade group reported its monthly index of business activity fell to 45.1 percent in December — its lowest level since May 1991. The results surprised economists, who had predicted the index would rise slightly from its November level of 46.8 percent.

December marked the seventh consecutive month in which the index was below 50 percent, a sign of contraction in the industrial sector.

"Most manufacturers trade in a global marketplace, and for a lot of the rest of the world recession is still the rule," said Robert Barbera, chief economist at Hoenig & Co.

The private group's report is compiled from a survey of corporate purchasing executives nationwide. It is widely followed because it is usually the first indicator of how the economy performed in the previous month.

The report showed American manufacturers were hurt by slowing domestic demand — already seen in the largely disappointing Christmas shopping season — on top of continued troubles abroad, said David Resler, chief economist at Nomura Securities International Inc.

"It's got to be a matter of concern for

the overall economy," Resler said.

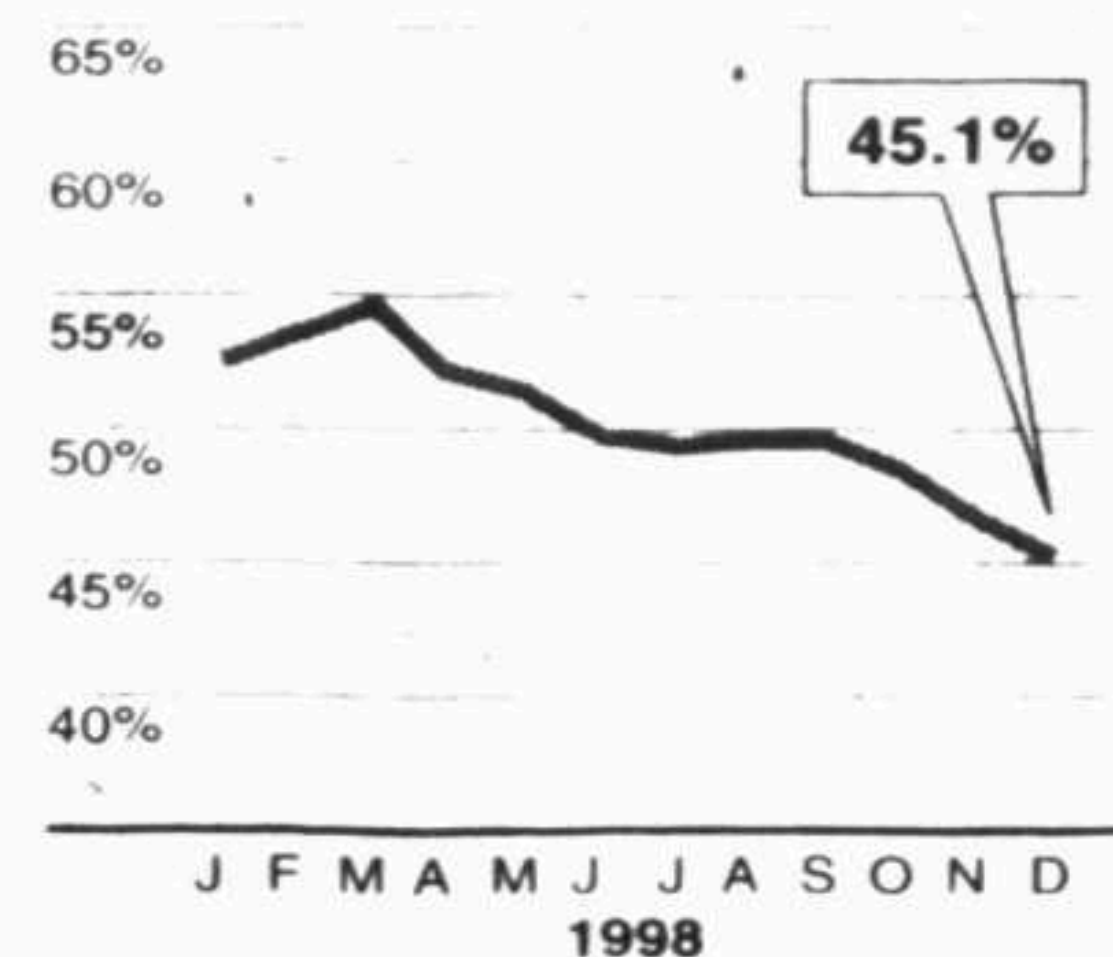
But the report offered no new insights to investors and was not a factor in Wall Street's see-saw session. The Dow industrials jumped as much as 168.64 points before retreating on profit-taking after Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank President Jack Gwynn echoed economists' sentiment that the economy cannot keep growing at its current pace.

Exports continued to decline in December, although at a slower pace, as purchasing executives expressed concern about the steel industry in particular, the report said.

Prices dropped at a faster rate, a trend that plagued the manufacturing sector through all of 1998, and production declined at a faster clip as well. With struggling manufacturers being forced to cut jobs to save money, the sector's employment also dropped at a faster rate last month.

Purchasing managers' index

Tracks overall business activity of more than 300 industrial companies.



Source: Natl. Assn. of Purchasing Mgt.

AP

Oil shares up on mergers, higher prices

■ Pool-Nabors merger talks, weather-related price increases boost investor confidence in oil industry shares.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Shares of oil industry stocks, led by Pool Energy Services Co., rose as oil and natural gas prices climbed and investors speculated that more acquisitions and mergers are ahead.

Pool said that, after refusing to negotiate for more than two months, it now was in talks with Nabors Industries Inc. about an October buyout offer now valued at \$453 million. Shares of Pool, an oil-field service company, rose 1 13/16, or 17 percent, to 12 5/8. Nabors, the largest U.S. land driller of oil and natural gas wells, rose 15/16 to 14 7/16. Other oil industry stocks climbed amid rising oil prices and optimism that the Pool acquisition will be completed, encouraging other companies to propose buyouts. "You're going to see (more) consolidation," said Norman Rosenberg, an analyst at S&P Equity Group in New York.

Among the big gainers was Global Marine Inc., an operator of offshore rigs, which rose 3/8, or 4.2 percent, to 9 3/8. The Standard & Poor's Midcap Oil and Gas Drilling Equipment and Service Index of 10 stocks, including Global Marine and Nabors, rose 6.59, or 3.4 percent, to 200.41. The index has lost about 51 percent of its value over the past 12 months as oil prices languished, causing oil companies to cut their drilling and exploration spending. Crude prices touched a 12-year low of \$10.72 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Dec. 10. Oil prices have climbed 15 percent since reaching the Dec. 10 low, and the S&P Midcap Oil Index has risen about 9.4 percent. Among the other gainers today were R&B Falcon Corp., up 3/8 to 7 15/16, and Noble Drilling Corp., up 3/4 to 13 11/16. Nymex oil prices rose 29 cents to \$12.34, the fifth straight increase. Natural gas rose 12.6 cents, or 6.5 percent, to \$2.071 per million British thermal units. Frigid temperatures blanketed northern regions of the U.S., spurring demand in the nation's largest markets for heating fuels. The Standard & Poor's index of the five largest U.S. traded oil companies rose 3.44, or 0.41 percent, to 840.04 while the Standard & Poor's SuperCap Oil and Gas Exploration Index of 20 companies rose 0.67, or 0.87 percent, to 77.42.

Among the gainers were the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., the Hague-based holder of 60 percent of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. Royal Dutch U.S. shares rose 1 11/16 to 49 9/16. Burlington Resources Inc., an oil exploration company, rose 7/16 to 36 1/4, and Schlumberger Ltd., the second-largest oilfield service company, rose 1 7/16 to 47 13/16.



Bell Atlantic and AirTouch talk

Robert Johnson Jr., center, a specialist with Benjamin Jacobson & Sons, conducts trades in Bell Atlantic on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday. Bell Atlantic Corp. and AirTouch Communications Inc. confirmed they are holding talks relating to a possible business combination.

AP Photo

Economist calls Microsoft predatory

■ Microsoft says witness' testimony 'littered with errors.'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An economist told the judge in the Microsoft trial that the software giant represents a "predatory" monopoly that sought to crush its rival by illegally combining its dominant Windows operating system and its own Internet software.

Franklin Fisher, an economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was the government's last announced witness in its lengthy antitrust case against Microsoft. At the request of U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, Fisher submitted his written testimony in advance.

The company's lawyers were expected to begin questioning Fisher as early as Tuesday. Microsoft will begin calling its witnesses — starting with MIT economist Richard Schmalensee — next week.

Microsoft on Monday criticized Fisher's testimony as "littered with errors, third-hand information supplied by the DOJ (Department of Justice) and excerpts from out-of-context e-mail."

Microsoft "cannot charge a monopoly price because it faces competition from rival operating systems, potential market entrants, its own installed base and pirated software," the company said in a statement.

Fisher testified on behalf of IBM Corp. during its years-long antitrust fight against the Justice Department, when he worked with lawyer David Boies, now leading the government's case. The department ultimately dropped the IBM case.

Microsoft sought to use Fisher's own words against him, quoting his 1983 book about IBM when he wrote: "Conduct that brings profitable higher sales cannot be

anti-competitive regardless of how uncomfortable it makes competitors."

"Professor Fisher's testimony would give readers of his 1983 book whiplash," Microsoft said.

Among its allegations, the government charges that Microsoft illegally included its own Internet browsing software within Windows as part of a campaign to "crush" rival Netscape Communications Corp., which makes competing browser software that isn't shipped with Windows.

Fisher called Microsoft's bundling of its Internet software a "predatory anti-competitive act." He also told the judge that Microsoft's high market share — in excess of 80 percent — indicates that the company wields monopoly power.

Fisher said Microsoft, using its influence, discouraged Internet providers from distributing Netscape's software, and he repeated claims that Microsoft sought to stifle emerging rival technologies from Intel Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc.

Earlier Monday, William Harris, chief executive officer for Intuit Inc., which makes the popular Quicken personal finance software, reiterated his suggestion that Microsoft be prevented from using Windows to favor its own software products.

Harris asserted that Microsoft holds unparalleled influence in the high-tech industry because Windows, which functions as the central nervous system for most computers, is an "essential service" for which "there is no effective substitute."

"I believe there is a role for someone, perhaps the court, to make a distinction between the operating system and applications," Harris said.

Microsoft lawyer John Warden wondered whether Harris was suggesting government oversight of the industry under a new "interstate operating systems commission." And he noted the predicament of Microsoft guaranteeing software companies the opportunity to include their own products as part of Windows.

"The operating system can't include every application in the world, can it?" Warden asked.

"No," Harris answered. In 47 pages of written testimony, Harris earlier told the judge that Intuit feared Microsoft's plans in the mid-1990s to include finance software within Windows. Microsoft eventually abandoned the idea, called WinATM.

Harris also was forced to defend his product's overwhelming popularity, in light of government claims that Windows gives Microsoft monopoly power.

Harris acknowledged that Quicken dominates with 65 percent to 80 percent of the market, and that Intuit's business-level product, called QuickBooks, has 84 percent of its market. He said its tax-preparation software has 80 percent of that market.

But Harris said Intuit's dominance is different from Microsoft's because customers can switch to another manufacturer's software more easily than they can change operating systems.

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— William Harris, Chief Executive Officer, Intuit Inc.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Real estate volatility similar to stocks over long term

By Eric Tyson

Q: The gyrations in the stock market make me seasick. It seems to me that real estate isn't so volatile. Is this true?

A: While real estate prices don't tend to move as quickly up or down in the short-term, real estate has exhibited similar longer-term volatility over the years as have stocks. Although it generally has been a terrific long-term investment, various real estate markets have gotten clobbered from time to time.

U.S. housing prices took a tumble of nearly 25 percent from the late 1920s to the mid-1930s. When the oil industry collapsed in the Southeast in the early-1980s, real estate got clobbered. Later in the 1980s, the northeastern U.S. became mired in a severe recession,

and real estate prices plummeted by 20 percent to 40 percent in many areas.

The West Coast continued to enjoy rapid economic growth in the late 1980s — some areas in Los Angeles, San Diego and the San Francisco Bay area witnessed housing appreciation of 50 percent or more just between 1987 and 1989. But the recession finally caught up with most of the left coast, particularly California, by 1990. From peak to trough, real estate prices dropped 20 percent or more in most areas by the mid-1990s.

Then there's the Japanese real estate market crash that began around the time of the California market collapse. Property prices in Japan have dropped about 60 percent since the market's peak.

Real estate is a good long-term growth investment — average annual rates of return over the generations have been comparable to stocks. Before you buy investment real estate that you will manage, consider the drawbacks of being a landlord.

Q: Your recent article regarding problems with the Better Business Bureau siding with member businesses when consumers complain was right on the mark. The BBBs of the 1970s were forthright and more cooperative. Today there are few offices, and if you wish to contact a BBB, in some states you must pay a fee over the telephone, and then you end up in voice menus without speaking with live people. The attorney general in my state does a far superior job in controlling corporate problems.

A: Thank you for sharing your historical perspective. And you're correct that some states do indeed have helpful departments that can field consumer complaints.

Q: You recently said that the best way to buy Treasury bonds is through the Federal Reserve. Because I have \$125,000 invested through the Fed's program, I now have to pay \$25 per year (because I am over the \$100,000 limit). Would you advise me to invest

the other \$25,000 elsewhere so as to avoid this fee?

A: Since the fee is so nominal, that in and of itself should not cause you to move the extra money. While I don't know how much of your total portfolio you have in Treasuries, \$125,000 is a lot of money to have invested in them.

If you're in a high federal income tax bracket, you might consider municipal bonds, which are ideally bought through a low-cost bond fund. If you're not in a high tax bracket, then you could invest in taxable, high-grade corporate bonds.

Also, do you have sufficient money invested in growth vehicles such as stocks and real estate?

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AP Photo
Florida State quarterback Marcus Outzen is sacked by Tennessee defenders Billy Ratliff (40) and Roger Alexander (38) in the second quarter of the Fiesta Bowl Monday at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. The Vols won 23-16 to sew up the national title.

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tipped by Deon Grant and intercepted by Steve Johnson, who returned it 20 yards to the Florida State 45.

The Vols ran out the clock and the sideline emptied as coach Phillip Fulmer ran to midfield with his daughters in tow.

"It was not one or two guys," he said. "It was a whole football team believing they could get it done, working hard and finally getting it done."

The Vols (13-0) completed their best season in school history, while the Seminoles (11-2) fell to 1-2 in national championship deciding games.

Martin made the most of his opportunity to do what Peyton Manning couldn't — get a national title. The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder from Mobile, Ala., was 11-of-18 for 278 and two TDs, while Price caught four passes for 199 yards.

"We knew as a football team that we had to come out and prove we were the No. 1 team in the nation," Martin said.

Florida State clearly lacked offensive punch with Outzen at quarterback. He may have been able to beat Florida two months ago, but he was no match for the linebacker Al Wilson and the Vols' defense.

He was 9-of-22 for 145 yards with two interceptions and was sacked four times. He also ran 18 times for minus 1 yard.

Florida State was penalized 12 times for 110 yards, while Tennessee was penalized nine times for 55 yards.

It took 15 minutes of sloppy play by both teams before the Volunteers warmed up briefly in Sun Devil Stadium. After a scoreless first quarter that featured two fumbles, shanked punts, a missed field goal by the Vols' normally reliable Jeff Hall and 59 yards in penalties, Tennessee struck for two touchdowns in 25 seconds.

First, the Vols took three points off the board after the Seminoles' Dexter Jackson was penalized for roughing the kicker on Hall's 24-yard field goal. That put the Vols on the Florida State 4, and two plays later Martin hit fullback Shawn Bryson on a 4-yard touchdown pass.

On Florida State's second play after the kickoff, cornerback Dwayne Goodrich stepped in front of Outzen's pass intended for Warwick and ran 54 yards for a touchdown with 13:40 left in the half.

Despite eight penalties for 67 yards, the Seminoles still managed to close the gap to 14-9 by halftime. But it wasn't easy.

After Derrick Gibson's 43-yard interception return gave Florida State the ball to the Tennessee 3, the Seminoles needed three plays before fullback William McRay bulldozed over from the 1 with 8:59 left in the half. All-American kicker Sebastian Janikowski's point-after attempt was partially blocked by Shaun Ellis and the ball bounced off the crossbar.

Warwick then gave a glimpse of why he may be college football's most exciting player.

He caught David Leaverton's punt at the 22, blew past two Vols, broke to his right and then faked

out two more defenders for a 51-yard return to the Vols 27. He was eventually tackled by Leaverton, a Midland High graduate.

But the Seminoles kept hurting themselves with penalties, managing only 10 yards on 10 plays, before settling for Janikowski's 34-yard field goal with 1:17 left in the half.

The new BCS, with its assortment of polls and computers, had delivered this No. 1 vs. No. 2 as a Super Bowl of college football.

Tennessee, though, needed a magical season filled with game-winning field goals, lucky breaks and second-half rallies to end up as the nation's lone unbeaten team among major conferences (Tulane of Conference USA was 12-0).

Whenever Tennessee got in trouble, which was frequently, it found a way to escape: at Syracuse, at Georgia, and twice at home, against Florida and Arkansas.

The regular-season came to a dramatic conclusion on Dec. 5, Tennessee, Kansas State and UCLA were all undefeated, and not even the first-place Vols knew for sure they would end up in the Fiesta Bowl with a win.

Within a few incredible hours, Miami beat UCLA, Texas A&M beat Kansas State in double overtime in the Big 12 title game and the Vols rallied in the final nine minutes for a 24-14 win over Mississippi State in the SEC title game.

The results were reflected in the final BCS standings: Tennessee would play Florida State, the computer's choice as the best of the several once-beaten teams.

Price was right for huge catch

By Bob Baum

AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — In one play Monday night, Peerless Price lived up to his name. In one play, he gained redemption and then some.

Early in the fourth quarter, Tennessee's big-play receiver saw a sure touchdown — and a national championship — bounce off his chest into the hands of a defender.

Just four minutes later, he gathered in the longest pass ever completed in the Fiesta Bowl, a 79-yarder that saved Tennessee's title. A perfect play to cinch a perfect season, capped by a 23-16 victory over Florida State.

It was third-and-eight from the Tennessee 21 when Price went racing down the sidelines, outrunning cornerback Mario Edwards, and Tee Martin let fly.

At about the 25, Price caught the ball, held on tight and ran untouched into the end zone. The play, longest in Fiesta Bowl history, put Tennessee up 20-9 with 9:17 left.

The Vols held on to win, and there's no doubt what play the tens of thousands of orange-clad Tennessee fans in the record crowd of 80,470 would remember most.

"Peerless Price has made more happen at wide receiver than any receiver we've had at Tennessee, and we've had some good ones," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

For Price, the speedster from Dayton, Ohio, there could be no more dramatic way to make up for his mistake.

Early in the fourth quarter, Volunteers' punter

David Leaverton, a Midland High graduate, had pinned the Seminoles on their own 1. Tennessee's defense held, as it did most of the long, penalty-filled desert night.

Florida State punted and the Volunteers had first down on the Seminoles' 35. Leading 14-9, a touchdown would go a long way toward clinching the victory.

On first down, Martin went for it all. Price sliced between two defenders just across the goal line and the ball was delivered right on target. Inexplicably, the Vols' leading receiver, with 61 catches going into the game, couldn't hang on.

The ball bounced off Price's chest into the hands of Dexter Jackson, who had a miserable first half when he was called for roughing the kicker on a field goal try and a late hit. Jackson returned the ball to the Florida State 26.

The Seminoles moved to midfield, but once again, their offense stalled. Tennessee took over, and Price made the biggest play of his career.

He finished with four catches for 199 yards. In the only big Tennessee play of the first half, he caught a 76-yarder from Martin to set up the Vols' first touchdown.

Only one player had more yards receiving in a Fiesta Bowl. Darnell McDonald of Kansas State had 206 yards receiving in the Wildcats' victory over Syracuse a year ago.

The longest pass play in the Fiesta Bowl had been McDonald's 77-yard catch from Michael Bishop a year ago — until Martin heaved the ball toward the desert stars and Price watched it fall right into his hands.

Martin eclipses Manning with title

By Rob Gloster

AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Peyton Manning set all the records. Tee Martin got a national title by completing an undefeated season.

Martin, who spent the previous two seasons in the shadow of top NFL draft pick Manning, was the star Monday night as No. 1 Tennessee defeated Florida State 23-16 in the Fiesta Bowl.

"It feels great, it feels great," Martin said in the middle of a wild celebration at midfield. "We had to prove to everybody we were the No. 1 team in the nation. All the adversity we faced — all the guys that went to the NFL last year, all the shoes we had to fill."

Martin, who was 11-of-18 for 278 yards and touchdown passes of 79 yards to Peerless Price and 4 yards to Shawn Bryson, had thrown just 16 passes in his first

two seasons at Tennessee.

"It was like we didn't exist at the university for a couple of years," Martin said last week, recalling how tough it was to be in Manning's shadow for two seasons.

But patience is something Martin learned during a tough childhood in which he changed addresses 22 times and lost a dozen friends to violence or illness. His Volunteers teammates marvel at how he always remains calm under pressure.

Martin was shuttled between his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother as a child, learning to adapt quickly to changing situations. The loss of so many friends caused him to develop a cool detachment that keeps him calm on the field.

Such an attitude served him well Monday night against the best pass defense in the country this season.

His first scoring pass, in the second period to Bryson, was set up by his 76-yard bomb to Price. His second TD toss, in the fourth quarter, was another long heave to Price.

And Martin stayed calm in the closing minutes as Tennessee struggled to hold on to a 23-16 lead. On a fourth-and-1 play deep in Florida State territory, he completed a swing pass to keep a drive alive and run more time off the clock.

Martin, who completed an NCAA-record 24 consecutive passes in a two-game span this season against Alabama and South Carolina, has accounted for 28 touchdowns this season — 21 through the air and seven on the ground. And he has done it all with barely a touch of nervousness.

"I just don't get butterflies," he said. "I'm just ready to play on game day. I know how to adjust my attitude before a game."

Blues won't contest record fine

By R.B. Fallstrom

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues were fined an NHL-record \$1.5 million on Monday as commissioner Gary Bettman settled a 4-year-old tampering case involving defenseman Scott Stevens.

The Blues said they won't contest the fine, levied by Bettman for violation of the NHL constitution and by-laws. He also ordered the Blues to surrender one first-round pick to the New Jersey Devils between 1999 and 2003. The Devils had sought five first-round picks as compensation.

The Devils get \$1.425 million of the fine amount, and the rest goes to the NHL, payable within 120 days of Dec. 28, the day the penalty was handed down.

In addition, the Devils have been awarded the one-time right to trade first-round positions with St. Louis in any other Entry Draft over the time period. The Devils must inform the NHL by May 1 preceding each Entry Draft when they plan to exercise the option, and the Blues have a one-time deferral right.

"I view the Blues' conduct with respect to Mr. Stevens to be abhorrent and deserving of the harshest sanctions," Bettman said in a release. "Violations of the no-tampering provisions directly under-

mine the integrity of the league and the game."

The Blues admitted wrongdoing under prior management, and cooperated with the league's investigation.

"This is a very tough, very bitter day," Blues president Mark Sauer said during a news conference. "The commissioner's ruling is final."

Bettman fined the Blues \$500,000 for tampering for having "engaged in conduct detrimental to the league and the game of hockey" by negotiating terms of a free-agent offer to Stevens prior to the free-agent signing period that began July 1, 1994. The team was fined an additional \$1 million for entering into a side deal with Stevens and his agent, the late Richard Bennett.

The Devils matched the Blues' four-year, \$17.5 million offer sheet signed by Stevens on July 4, 1994 — then the highest ever made to a defenseman and \$7 million more than the Devils' last offer. The fallout from the side deal was New Jersey also had to pay Stevens \$500,000 the Blues had owed as deferred compensation arising from Stevens' signing bonus from his one season with the team in 1990-91.

According to the deal, the Blues were relieved of their compensation obligation if another team

signed Stevens on the same terms as their offer sheet. Bettman's ruling comes more than five months after a July 27, 1998 hearing involving the Blues and Devils.

Like Sauer, Blues general manager Larry Pleau took the medicine surprisingly well.

"I guess if you're in the stock world doing these types of things, you may be in jail" for such actions, Pleau said.

Lou Lamoriello, the Devils' general manager and president, said he felt any team guilty of tampering "should be reprimanded to the highest order because it's not the way it should be done. I feel very strongly on that."

The Blues and Devils were at odds throughout the early 1990s, with Stevens the focal point. St. Louis pried Stevens away from Washington by signing him to a free agent deal in 1990, then lost him to New Jersey as compensation for signing Devils free agent Brendan Shanahan.

The investigation, dormant for a long time, heated up again in the last year after disclosures to the Devils from a former member of the front office. Sauer, the Blues' president since 1996, said the team found documents that indicated the former front office negotiated a contract with Stevens "weeks" before the signing period began.

Knoxville parties as Vols win

By Duncan Mansfield

Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's hometown fans broke out victory cigars and cheered from the tops of tables as they celebrated a 23-16 victory over Florida State for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl.

"I think it was great," shouted Jim Schutt, who donned a sweatshirt saying the Vols are "Undefeated, Unbeatable and Uncontested!" as he celebrated with others who had watched the game at Bailey's Sports Grille.

"We are No. 1. There's no question about it," he said as fans slapped high-fives.

Fans huddled around TVs at home and in bars Monday night as temperatures dipped into the teens.

"You want some reaction?" said Eddie Bailey, as he shouted "Oh, yeah! The Vols are No. 1 and that's what it's all about."

"We needed some respect and we've got it," said his friend, Laura Westbrook.

Knoxville restaurateur Frank Goddard said the Fiesta Bowl matchup between No. 1 Tennessee and No. 2 Florida State was "... a big, big day in the life of anybody who is a UT graduate, which I am, or a UT fan, which I am."

"I've been around Tennessee football all my life and I can't remember a bigger event," said Goddard, whose father played on Tennessee's 1951 championship team. "Maybe the World's Fair (held in Knoxville in 1982). Maybe, but I doubt it."

The impact wasn't confined to Knoxville. Gov. Don Sundquist, as well as Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe, were among the thousands who traveled to the game in Tempe.

The NHL's Nashville Predators moved up the starting time two

hours for their game against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, then showed the Fiesta Bowl on their Jumbotron.

It's "an unofficial state holiday for all intents and purposes," reasoned Tom Ward, the Predators' executive vice president.

With UT students on Christmas break until Jan. 13 and thousands of Tennessee fans at the game, the Vols' hometown was strangely quiet on game day. But the stay-at-home faithful made plans.

Some restaurants closed, saying they couldn't compete against the telecast. The "Naples" restaurant gave employees the day off and left a recorded message on their phone, "Go Vols."

Goddard said his company closed their "Harry's" restaurant for the day "due to the tremendous following to Tempe. Most of our regulars said they would see us when they return with the national championship."

Meanwhile, Goddard said his flagship "Regas" restaurant, which seats 500, was booked by a "preferred guest" for a Fiesta

Bowl party for 50 of his closest friends. "They said they didn't care what it cost," Goddard said.

Pizza delivery services expected a booming business. James Bluford, an area manager for Pizza Hut, expected it to "be as big as the Super Bowl, if not bigger."

And Vol fans began filling Bailey's Sports Grille hours before kickoff to watch the game on one of 23 TVs. "Just the normal UT game, just the normal madness," manager Jacqueline Teed-Freisen said.

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Newest World Cup plan causing mixed opinions

■ Proposal to hold Cup every two years draws split reviews from soccer elite.

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — The biggest names in soccer are split over a surprise proposal to stage the World Cup every two years.

While UEFA, the sport's European federation, is against the idea, superstar Ronaldo of Brazil likes it. And, as they have been many times on the field and at the boardroom table, former stars Franz Beckenbauer and Bobby Charlton are on opposite sides once again.

Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA, soccer's international body, wants the World Cup played every two years instead of four starting in 2008, with a special tournament in 2004 to commemorate the federation's 100th birthday. That game would clash with the European Championships, and UEFA president Lennart Johansson — defeated by Blatter for the FIFA presidency last June — said that was "totally unacceptable."

Ronaldo, whose last World Cup appearance was a disastrous one in a 3-0 loss to France in the final in July, is anxious to make up for it.

"It would be best to do it right away, in two years. That way we could forget France '98," the Inter Milan striker said. "The World Cup is the best soccer competition and players concentrate more than on other occasions."

The next World Cup is scheduled for 2002 in Japan and South Korea.

Beckenbauer, the president of German club Bayern Munich, and Italian national coach Dino Zoff also favor Blatter's idea, while Charlton, a former England star, says it would be a "sad" move and Juventus coach Marcello Lippi voices reservations. The main fall-out from Blatter's proposal, made in an interview with a Swiss newspaper, could be a major club-vs.-country power struggle.

UEFA's decision to beef up its Champions Cup to head off the establishment of a breakaway European Super League has placed more emphasis on club soccer. Blatter's counterattack would help national teams by bringing the World Cup around more often.

The proposal could also have an impact on the Olympics. FIFA and the International Olympic Com-

mittee are at odds over the format of the Olympic soccer tournament, which, with a few exceptions, is limited to players 23 years and younger.

If the World Cup is held every two years, soccer might drop out of the Olympics altogether. FIFA already is under the threat of expulsion from the games because of its refusal to adopt the IOC's doping rules.

Beckenbauer and Charlton have been opponents on the field in two World Cups and now lead rival bids for the World Cup in 2006.

"It's a good idea, certainly worth discussing," Beckenbauer said of Blatter's plan. "The national teams have reduced their own worth through the impossible qualification method. That means an inflation of games against second- and third-class opponents. And no one wants to see them."

"The fan wants to see the top games, Germany against Brazil or Italy against France."

Charlton believes the World Cup would be devalued if it's played more often.

"My own personal feeling is that every four years is often enough because it's something to look forward to," the former Manchester United star said. "You have to wait for it and it increases the whole value of it. I just hope it's not based on finance. My own feeling is that it wouldn't have the same attraction, and that would be very sad."

Zoff, captain of Italy's last World Cup winner in 1982, said FIFA could find room in the calendar for a competition every two years. Lippi, widely considered to be a national coach of the future, wasn't so sure.

"Blatter's proposal is interesting, but which competition would be sacrificed to make the World Cup every two years?" he said. "What would be the fate of the Olympics and the European Championships?"

Blatter's proposal also is likely to bring opposition from within FIFA.

Michel D'Hooghe, chairman of the federation's medical committee, has campaigned to limit the number of games to avoid stress and injuries. He opposed adding more Euro and World Cup championship games and believed a World Cup every two years would make things worse.

"It doesn't really make that much sense. Besides we will devalue our own prime product," he said.

Drug policy could keep soccer from Olympics

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Soccer is prepared to be tossed out of the Olympics in a drug-testing dispute, the medical chief of the sport's international body said Monday.

Michel D'Hooghe, chairman of FIFA's medical committee, said the federation never would bow to the International Olympic Committee's demand for minimum two-year suspensions for doping.

"Even if FIFA stands alone, it is old and big enough to take care of itself," D'Hooghe said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

D'Hooghe's comments came two days before FIFA president Sepp Blatter meets with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch to try to resolve their differences on doping before the Feb. 24 world drug summit in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The IOC wants all Olympic sports federations to apply common rules and penalties, including a minimum two-year suspension for athletes using steroids and other major performance-enhancing drugs. If federations refuse to apply the rule, they risk being dropped from the Olympic program.

Soccer, cycling and tennis have expressed reservations to the Olympic resolution. The other 32 Olympic federations have approved it.

"I can only tell you that FIFA will never change its opinion on this," D'Hooghe said. "You really don't think we will come around to the two-year proposal, do you?"

Soccer has been in the Olympics since 1900 but has had trouble fitting into the games. FIFA has always made sure that its World Cup, which started in 1930, would not be overshadowed by an Olympic soccer tournament.

FIFA restricts participation in the Olympics to players 23 and under — with teams allowed an exception for three "over-age" players. That effectively keeps the best players out.

"You can feel a power play going on in this debate on sanctions," D'Hooghe said.

D'Hooghe said FIFA and the IOC agreed on basic principles of doping and the proposed IOC list of banned drugs, but said a two-year minimum sentence could never stand up in court. He said it was illogical to apply the same sanctions for a sailor, whose career can span several decades, and a soccer player.

The Belgian doctor was person-

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ally involved when FIFA banned Argentina's Diego Maradona for 15 months after he tested positive for a cocktail of banned stimulants during the 1994 World Cup.

"It effectively ended his career," D'Hooghe said.

Wiseman quits as FA chairman in bribe case

LONDON — The highest ranking official in one of soccer's oldest organizations resigned Monday in a bribery scandal.

Keith Wiseman stepped down as chairman of England's Football Association at a meeting of the 91-member FA Council in London. He had refused to resign earlier despite a unanimous call from the group's executive committee.

"After more than two hours of debate, the chairman of the FA Council did not believe he had sufficient support to continue in his position," FA executive director David Davies said.

Wiseman's resignation was immediate, Davies said. While Wiseman apologized, he said he had done "nothing sinister," according to Davies.

In the biggest scandal to hit English soccer's governing body in its 135-year history, FA chief executive Graham Kelly quit last month after the executive committee heard he and Wiseman sanctioned a \$5.3 million grant to the Welsh FA without the ruling panel's permission.

In an hour-long address to the committee, Wiseman "conceded he'd made a mistake in his handling of some aspects of his contacts with the Welsh Football Association," Davies said.

Eight candidates for 2006 World Cup

ZURICH, Switzerland — Five African nations were among eight countries that applied to host the 2006 World Cup finals.

Nigeria and South Africa were the last two countries to sign up before a New Year's Eve deadline imposed by FIFA, soccer's world body. The other hopefuls are Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Brazil, England and Germany.

FIFA will send the candidates its list of requirements for hosting the 32-nation tournament this month. They will have until the end of April to confirm they will submit their candidacy in full.

The countries have until the end of July to submit their full bid documents, and FIFA's 24-member executive committee will decide on a host in March 2000.

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