

Lawsuit Catches LULAC By Surprise

Lubbock Hispanics were somewhat caught by surprise this past week when a suit was brought by the Mexican American Legal Defense against the State of Texas alleging discrimination in education in higher education. The plaintiffs are asking that the Court order Texas to develop a plan that will provide "equal educational opportunities for college students in Texas, regardless of ethnic background or area of residence."

Among the plaintiffs that joined in the suit was the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). In an interview with attorney Rolando

Rios, the state office of LULAC has been "working with us for almost a year to develop this suit."

Although State LULAC director, Jose De Lara was not available for comment, local LULAC leaders were dismayed at the suit although most agreed with the suit in principle.

District Director Pete Garza said to El Editor that he felt that Texas Tech University should not have been named in the suit. "We (LULAC) have, since Cavazos has been President, very well with Tech. In my opinion, and I don't base it on statistics just plain guts, Tech has worked hard to recruit

Hispanics. What I think they are lacking is retention," said Garza.

LULAC President of Council 263, Jaime Garcia said that he was very surprised by the suit. "I hadn't heard anything about the suit until I heard the news," Again Garcia stressed the good relation established by LULAC 263 and Cavazos but said that he agreed with the suit in principle. "I think that it was probably needed in South Texas and maybe the Tech Law School. I understand that the local law students did meet with our state director but the students never communicated with the local LULACs."

LULAC President of Council 4449, Jim Goss said that although he also was not aware that the suit was to be filed, he had "seen it coming." Goss explained that he felt that the Reagan administration, the Department of Justice and the Commission on Civil Rights had really done nothing in the past few years to fight against discrimination and specifically segregation and discrimination at the post secondary level. "I'm sure that if we had continued with a Democrat administration, universities in Texas would all now be faced with suits not from students and civil rights groups

but from the federal government." Goss added that he was glad that the Hispanic community had finally taken the initiative to file the suits and that it was obviously a good case. "We all know that the wealth is not equally distributed in education and this might serve as a first step toward eliminating inequities," said Goss. He added that the suit might not be as negative as first seen by Tech. "This might be the chance for Tech to finally start receiving the PUFF funds that they have been trying to get for so long."

Both LULAC presidents, Chevo Moralez of 4447 and Carmen Lopez of 281 said that they were upset over not being notified of the impending suit and Lopez said that she would reserve comment on the suit until more information was available. Moralez said that he felt that the suit had many innuendos both political and educational. "There is no doubt in my mind that a better and more equally distributed educational system is needed in Texas, but to include all universities under a blanket suit might not have been the right approach." Again Moralez said that Tech had made many gains in the past few years and LULAD had worked good with Tech President Cavazos.

The suit is thought to be the first statewide desegregation action to be pursued solely by Hispanic groups.

The lawsuit alleges that the state university system has failed to:

*Recruit and admit Mexican-American students at traditionally white colleges.

*Offer counseling, financial aid and other retention measures to improve graduation rates among Hispanic students.

*Locate graduate and professional schools closer to areas of large Mexican American populations.

*Allocate sufficient resources to people residing in "underserved" areas of the state.

In an article published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the suit was compared to early lawsuits filed by blacks against discrimination. It said that Civil rights lawyers have predicted that the lawsuit could change the nature of desegregation cases around the country.

From the Chronicle:

The lawsuit charges that the treatment of Mexican Americans in Texas violates the state Constitution, which guarantees equal protection under the law for all citizens, and a state statute - which closely resembles federal law - that bans discrimination in programs that receive state funds.

"It's clear that there have been gross disparities, gross denials of opportunities," said Norma V. Cantu, associate counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which is representing the groups suing the state.

As evidence of discrimination, Cantu cited 1986 figures from Texas state agencies that said Mexican Americans made up 24 percent of high school graduating classes, but only 12 percent of freshman classes at predominantly white four-year colleges and universities.

She also said that southwest Texas—the region with the largest Mexican American population—has been denied its share of academic programs. "We have no Ph.D. programs and no professional schools, while in the Dallas area, there are more than 300 Ph.D. programs," Ms. Cantu said. "Name the school, we don't have it."

The Chronicle article noted that civil rights observers were also noting that minority groups have begun to lose confidence in the federal government's ability to eliminate segregation in public higher education. "Their criticism has been directed at the Education Department's Office as for Civil Rights, which is responsible for enforcing anti-discrimination laws at colleges and universities that receive federal aid.

From the Chronicle:

Similar situations exist in other states with large Hispanic populations, many of which have not previously been subjected to desegregation lawsuits, said Antonio R. Rigual, executive director of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

"I think it's quite likely that others will sue," said Mr. Rigual, whose organization represents 65 colleges and universities with Hispanic enrollments of at least 25 percent. "It would certainly be preferable if litigation did not have to come into the picture but perhaps patience has been exhausted," compiled from interviews and several articles by Bidal Aguero.

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Young Parent Services

Young Parent Services (YPS) is an agency that provides direct services to pregnant teens and teen parents. The primary focus of the agency is on adolescent parenthood. The aim of YPS is to help teen parents stay in school and/or find employment. Education and self-sufficiency are major goals at Young Parent Services.

YPS is located at 1717 Ave. K, Suite 227. A young mothers support group meets weekly, each Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. This group spends time on social activities as well as educational activities. Parenting Skills Classes are offered on Thursday afternoon from 4-5 p.m., and a Couples Group will be starting on January 11-Monday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The couples will meet each Monday night for six (6) consecutive weeks. There will also be two Saturday workshops: January 16, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Sexuality and February 20, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Job Training, Parenting Skills, Couples, and Workshops are open to both teen mothers and to teen fathers. On-site childcare is provided free of charge for all of Young Parent Services' activities.

YPS is currently funded by an ACTION grant. According to Grant guidelines, YPS is striving to have a large volunteer component in their agency. Volunteers are needed to work as "Parent Partners", clerical help and programming facilitators. YPS' greatest asset will be its volunteer component in their agency. Volunteers are needed to work as "Parent Partners", clerical help and programming facilitators. YPS' greatest asset will be its volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 763-8135.

The agency is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Programming is done after school, evenings, and on weekends.



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HACER Applications Now Accepted

McDonald's HACER Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications from high school seniors for college scholarships to be awarded in May 1988. Students may apply for \$1,000 scholarships that can be used to help them continue their education at the college or university of their choice.

Applications for the program are being accepted now through January 15, 1988. Applications are available from high school counselors and participating McDonald's restaurants in the greater West Texas area.

HACER stands for Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources and is designed to encourage and reward Hispanic high school students who are planning to attend college. Talented Hispanic students apply for these scholarships and the recipients receive their award prior to beginning their first semester of college.

"Through HACER we are taking the first steps toward a

better educated Hispanic community," said Art Boldt, McDonald's owner/operator and president of McDonald's South Plains Advertising Association. "Our long term goal is to make college a real alternative for every Hispanic student."

The HACER Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1985 by McDonald's franchisees throughout Texas and Southern New Mexico, awards scholarships to talented, college bound Hispanic youth. Since HACER's inception it has received \$200,000 from Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. So far, 225 students have been awarded a \$1,000 HACER scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are determined through a selection process overseen by the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

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Hispanics C.A.R.E.

Hispanic's Committee Assisting in the Reinforcement of Excellence is an organization developed by John Gatica with the assistance of Ike Ledesma and the support Slaton school administration. The organization was developed in order to inform, encourage, and motivate Hispanic students in the Slaton community.

The organization's main objective is to help students, in their struggle to obtain high standards of achievement. The organization plans to assist by using certain methods of teaching such as, "Peer Teaching" (students teaching students) and through the formation of "Study Groups", as its major sources for success.

The Committee also plans to have bi-monthly guests from Texas Tech University and surrounding Universities to speak of their experiences, so that Slaton students can identify with

and view "Continuing Education" as obtainable and within reach.

The information sector of this committee will present actual programs that can be utilized by the students of the Slaton school system. These programs include, in school tutorial programs, Project Upward Bound, and LEARN Educational Talent Search.

Finally it is important to note that "Hispanic's C.A.R.E." plans to aid, not hinder, the Slaton Independent School system, in their search for a brighter tomorrow.



Guadalupe Economic Services

The Struggling Student is the focus of an effort by Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation (GESC) and others in addressing the problems confronted by college students. Most Hispanic students do not receive grants or scholarships to attend college. Because of this, many struggle to continue their quest for a college degree. To resolve some of the problem, GESC has established the Struggling Student Fund.

GESC will be soliciting funds all day on December 12th. Individuals can call GESC and/or mail contributions to GESC, 1416 First Street, Lubbock. KLFBB Radio Station will be providing air time on Saturday, December 12, all day long for a radiothon. Donations will also be accepted at GESC's bingo facility located at 34th & Ave. H on Saturday and Sunday. A raffle and auction will also be conducted at the "La Mafía" dance which will be held at the Civic Center on Dec. 12th.

Fiestas Del Llano

Fiestas del Llano will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, December 18 at the Christian Renewal Center which is located at 4th and Toledo. From 7-9 pm featuring entertainment will be by folklorico dancers and artistas mexicano. At 9-12 pm there will be a dance at the center. Music will be provided by Crystal Band. There will be a \$6.00 per person cover charge for everyone. Your support will be appreciated.

LISD Migrant Program Need Coats

Lubbock Independent School District Migrant Program will be sponsoring a coat drive. If you have any coats that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the offices of El Editor which is located at 1211 Ave. O. All sizes are needed and will be appreciated. Your support is appreciated.

Programa Migrante Necesita Sacos

El Programa Migrante de las escuelas publicas de Lubbock estaran recojiendo abrigos/sacos. Pueden traer los abrigos/sacos que gusten regalar a la oficinas de El Editor-1211 Ave. O. Se les agradece mucho su apoyo.

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G.E.D. Exam at Levelland

A General Educational Development (G.E.D.) exam, for persons who do not have their high school diploma, will be given Friday at South Plains College.

The exam is scheduled at 8 am in the SPC Student Assistance Center, on the third floor of the library, and fee is \$15.

Persons who pass the five part test will receive their high school equivalency diploma, noted Karen Turner, SPC counselor. Those taking the test should bring their driver's license with photo for identification.

To make an appointment to take the G.E.D. exam, contact the SPC counseling office at 894-9611, ext. 365.

C.O.M.A. Monthly Luncheon

COMA the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber cordially invites you and your guest to the December monthly luncheon. The luncheon will be at the University Center Ballroom on Friday, December 11 at twelve o'clock. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lauro Cavazos, president of Texas Tech University. The event will be sponsored by Texas Tech Affirmative Action office.

There is a cost of \$2.00 per members of the organization and \$4.00 for non-members. For more information call 762-5059. Ask entrance attendant for parking instructions for the luncheon.

6th Annual City-Wide String Concert

On Saturday, December 12th, over 500 sixth grade string students will represent LISD's forty elementary schools at the 6th Annual City-Wide String Concert, to be held in the Coronado gym at 12-noon. Dr. Velma Ruth Shambeck, assistant superintendent for elementary education, will present the welcoming remarks, with Coronado orchestra director Boyce Wyrick serving as concert coordinator. Judy Woody, former LISD string instructor, will be the concert's guest Clinician/Conductor. The public is cordially invited, with admission free.

Family Outreach Center

Starting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, Family Outreach Center of Lubbock will be preparing food and gift baskets to deliver to families in need.

This is an annual event where local merchants donate gifts and money to help provide a Merry Christmas for Family Outreach clients. Also included in the baskets are food items purchased from the Food Bank.

Baskets will be prepared at 1006 13th Street, 10 am--6 pm on Wednesday.

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BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA.- Colombia sigue siendo escenario para muchos artistas internacionales y en noviembre muchos han desfilado exitosamente y otros continúan cosechando triunfos, recibiendo aplausos y elogios.

La dominicana Angela Carrasco puso de pie a centenares de personas que pagaron altas sumas en dinero para ver en un escenario privado una de las tres presentaciones de su temporada en la capital colombiana. Los comentaristas señalaron que la presentación fue "espectacular".

La intérprete dominicana, que ha vivido durante años en España, se presentó inicialmente en un hotel de la ciudad de Barranquilla y el fin de semana lo hizo en Bogotá.

Por Bogotá y otras ciudades colombianas han desfilado este mes, entre otros, José Luis Perales, Joan Manuel Serrat, Rocio Jurado, Emmanuel, Celia Cruz, Willy Rosario y Willy Colón.



by Cecilio Morales

My gratitude for the film "La Bamba" comes a bit like sandwiches made with leftover Thanksgiving Day turkey. The sauce may be cold, but, oh, the memories....

Let me explain. Last summer my 6-year old son Luis, his friend Anthony and I saw the movie biography of Mexican-American singer Ritchie Valens.

It was a pleasant, Saturday-afternoon sort of thing to do. The movie has enough action to grab the attention of a little boy, and its adults scenes are soft and unobtrusive.

For the adult with an eye for detail, there is a subtle message about the frenzy of rock, the hardships of poverty, the ugliness of bigotry and the ambivalence of Hispanics toward the dominant culture.

What I didn't realize then was that "La Bamba" is pure magic for the harried, everyday Hispanic parent. The film began to work its wonders imperceptibly, like the Indian charm that Valens, the rock star who died with Buddy Holly in a 1959 airplane crash, was shown wearing in the movie.

Long after our neighborhood theater went on to other things, I was still treated every so often to living room re-enactments of the story by my son and Anthony.

Normally a boy who finds Spanish "boring," Luis delighted me when he asked me to write down and pronounce slowly, syllable by syllable, the lyrics of the movie's title song.

The Lingering Magic of "La Bamba"

"Para bailar la Bamba necesita una poca de gracia...." "To dance the Bamba you need a touch of grace...."

It's an old, old folk tune that in Latin America has dozens of variations. Ritchie Valens, nee Ricardo Valenzuela, put it to rock music and the group Los Lobos, which updates the best for the movie's soundtrack, made the tune a hit with my older son.

Shortly after 6 p.m., he has discovered, a local radio station plays the song. That time is sacred in the house. Luis dances, jangling the strings of an imaginary electric guitar, and his zest sweeps over his 15-month old brother, who stands up to twirl and clap his hands and say, "Bamba, Bamba".

But each time I listened to Luis, one thing bothered me. The Spanish wasn't quite right for someone named Luis Alejandro Morales.

Like any half-Hispanic, half-Anglo Saxon kid on the East Coast, Luis lives in a world that is almost entirely English, and as a result, his non-English roots are withering. It was barely a year ago or so, for example, that he spoke of "English" Christmas and Jewish Hanukkah.

I know enough to realize that to fight such cultural slippages head-on, like opposing the wedding of two passionate teen-agers, is a losing proposition.

That's why I said little or nothing when, spurred by "La Bamba," Luis pleaded to go to the Spanish lessons offered after regular hours at his public school. I simply paid the fees and crossed my fingers.

I couldn't honestly expect his teacher, an Irish-American who simply loves all things Latin, to achieve much more than sustain the enthusiasms.

Then his friend Anthony came over and for the thousandth time the song was sung. Suddenly, I noticed: Luis had learned to roll his Spanish r's.

All he needed was a touch of grace. Bamba, Bamba...

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Hope enviará 8 mil tarjetas de Navidad Este Año

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.- El comediante Bob Hope enviará 8,000 tarjetas de Navidad este año, según dijo en una entrevista en el número de diciembre de una revista.

"Conozco a tanta gente maravillosa", dijo Hope de 84 años de edad, que "las anoto en una lista y esa es una manera de recordarles cuanto disfruté de su compañía".

La tarjeta de este año es una fotografía de él y su esposa, Delores, lanzándose bolas de nieve, tomada en un viaje a Noruega.

"Cuando salíamos hacia el aeropuerto nos encontramos en una colina llena de nieve, y

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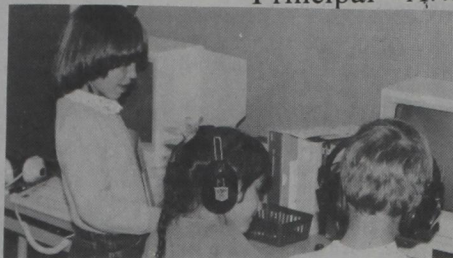


On November 17, 1987 Wolffarth Elementary fifth graders presented "A Celebration of Citizenship" for the PTA program. This patriotic performance started with an introduction describing the history of our country's Constitution. The narrators of the program were Saudia Shaheed of Mrs. Wagner's class and Fabian Hernandez of Mrs. Boyce's class.

The choir consisted of fifth graders from Ms. Young, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Villegas and Mrs. Boyce's classes. They sang "This Is My Country," "America the Beautiful," "This Land Is Your Land," and "God Bless America."

Several skits were also presented between songs. Each skit exemplified various amendments in the Bill of Rights. The skits concluded with a choral recitation of The Preamble.

Lastly, students from Mrs. Villegas' and Mrs. Boyce's classes performed a dance from Mexico. These students were dressed in white costumes accented with red and blue. This exciting dance seemed to bring together the purpose for our Constitution-freedom for all.



Left to right: first graders Teresa Thackrey, Erin Estrada, and Joel Drotor work at the computers in the Write to Read lab.



Student Teacher, Kelly Thompson, works with students, Eric Osby and Eric Cavazos. The first part of the year, she worked with Juanita Schmidt in second grade. Now Kelly is working with Terry Stroud in Resource. We are proud to have her at Wolffarth.



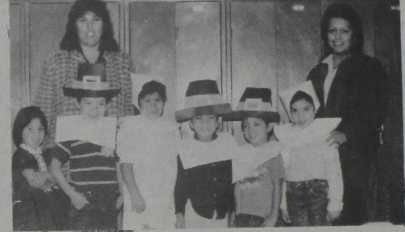
Standing left to right are excited students from Mrs. Saldana's class: Guadalupe Acosta, Anthony Tijerina, Arturo Serrano, Paul Guzman, Michael Henderson, Jennyfer Brigman; sitting are: Laura Siquieriro Nicky Torres, Jesse Rios, Manuel Nuñez.



The day the cafeteria serves its annual Turkey Dinner is cherished by parents and students alike. Boys and girls love to have their parents sit with them at the tables of honor. Parents seem to count it a privilege also.



More students from Mrs. Saldana's class from left to right standing are: Santa Morin, Albert Torres, Leticia Torres, Jonathan Whiteman, Isabel Reyna; sitting are: Audrey Sendejo and Racheal Le.



Kindergarten children even make the day more special by making Pilgrim costumes to wear to dinner. Mrs. Saldana's students are especially proud. Proud parents are especially proud. Proud parents are standing with students from left to right: Crystal Barrientez, Mrs. Nancy Barrientez, Michael Barrientez, Elida Aguilar, Paulo Carrillo, Roberto Tello, Yvette Montoya and Mrs. Kathy Montoya.



I want some clothes for my doll so I can dress her and I will share the clothes with my sister and cousins too. I can help them put the clothes on the doll and if they can I won't help them.

The Writing to Read lab is a very exciting place to be for the kindergarten and first grade children at Wolffarth this year. Writing to Read is a computer-based instructional program designed to teach writing skills along with reading. This system provides the students with a consistent phonemic spelling system that helps students realize that speech sounds can be written or typed so that anything they can say they can write, and anything they can write they can read. By using the phonemic alphabet system instead of the English spelling system, students can write at a much earlier stage. As they come to understand how a consistent spelling system works, they begin to make the transition to standard or "book" spelling. Dr. John Henry Martin is the developer and author of the Writing to Read System.

IBM publishes the software that is used in this program. The children use computers, games, listening stations, workjournals, cassette tapes, and other learning materials to experience success with writing and reading.



Erin Estrada first grader reads her Christmas story to the class.



This year Wolffarth Elementary has been blessed with a large group of parent helpers. Coordinating this program is a big job and has been well done by parent, Yolanda Gutierrez. Pictured-Yolanda is given a helping hand by her daughter.



Surprise! Even the teachers join the students in enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner. It was a fun day for all.



In the cafeteria, sixth grade students serve tea to parents and assist in any way they can.

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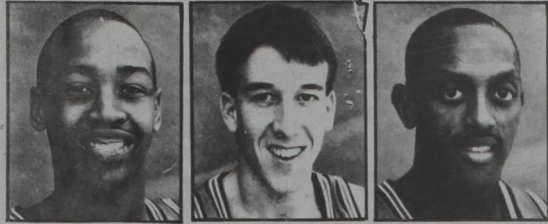
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Tech guards Gay, Duncan and Mason.

Guards Again Lead Raiders

Gerald Myers puts his reputation as the best basketball coach in the Southwest Conference on the line this year as he tries once again to guide a mildly-talented team toward a winning season and a post-season playoff berth.

Once again, Tech's strength seems to be its guards and its weakness its inside game.

"I would have to say the strength of our team is in our guard position. We should be able to get some scoring out of our guards," Myers said recently. "We'll have to figure out how to get them open and how to get the ball to them."

Leading the guard talent this year is Sean Gay, the Houston Madison blue chipper who was the SWC Conference Newcomer of the Year as a freshman and all-conference as a sophomore.

Gay will be joined in the back court by junior college transfer Todd Duncan, a graduate of Lubbock Coronado, and Jerry Mason, who was used little last

year but has potential. "Our big question mark is still inside—both defensively as well as rebounding and scoring. It all depends on whether we can stop anybody and whether we can score at the other end," Myers said.

The Raiders have lost three of their first four games so far this year, including road contests last week to nationally-ranked Wyoming and Montana.

This week, they face UT—Arlington Dec. 10 and Jacksonville State Dec 17 in the Coliseum.

They'll meet another nationally ranked foe when they journey to West Lafayette Dec. 22 to tip-off against Purdue.

After Christmas, the Red Raiders travel to San Diego to compete in the Holiday Bowl Classic with Fresno State, Bucknell, and host San Diego State.

The Conference season begins at the Coliseum against Rice Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Rockin' Robin At Crossroads Saturday Against Up and Coming Chino

Rockin' Robin Blake, the hard-hitting Levelland fighter who was the no. 1 ranked lightweight contender before two-career damaging defeats four years ago, faces a "cross-roads" fight this Saturday night in the Lubbock Coliseum.

Blake will battle Ramon "Chico" Cardenas of Mexico in a bout described by his manager Wednesday as a pivotal fight in his career.

"There's so many good fighters out there now, Robin needs to win this one if he wants to get back into contention," said David Gorman.

Saturday night's fight marks the second step on the comeback career of the Levelland left-hander. Blake stopped Romero Gonzalez in four rounds in Fort Worth in October.

In 1983, Blake seemed destined to meet Boom Boom Mancini for the world lightweight championship when he was upset—in Blake's home town—by then unknown Tyrone Cowley. A couple of months later, Blake was outpointed by Jimmy Paul.

Blake's publicist, Matt Stowlow, admitted that Cardenas was somewhat of an unknown quantity.

But during a phone call to Mexico City Wednesday night, EL Editor SPORTSWEEK learned from an informed Mexican boxing source that Cardenas was considered "a hungry, up-and-coming fighter and would be no pushover for Blake.

Cardenas' record is 21-2 and he is the seventh-ranked junior welterweight in Mexico.

Gorman said Blake should do better as a junior welterweight than he did toward the end of his career as a 135-pounder.

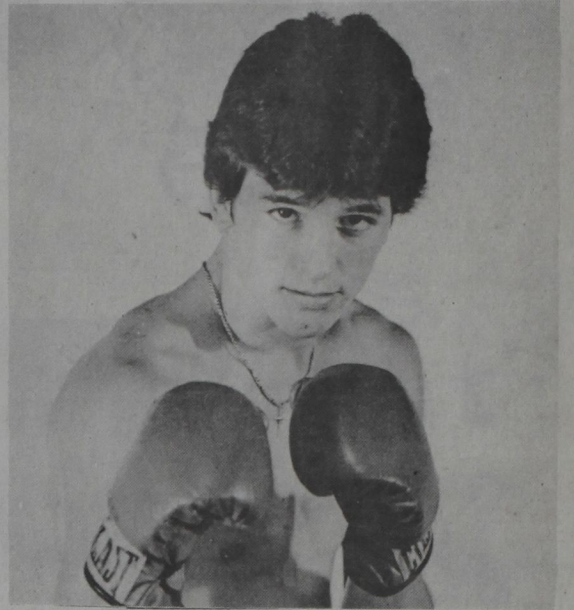
"Robin needed those extra five pounds," Gorman said. "Plus, he's more mature now. He's a married man and he has a family."

Blake's brother, Roddy, will meet Bryan Davenport of Las Cruces, New Mexico, in another junior welterweight fight that heads the preliminary card.

In other bouts: Lupe Miranda of Fort Worth, vs. Juan Carlos Nunez of Juarez, Mexico, junior lightweights.

Dwayne Lockman of Fort Worth, vs. Miguel Hernandez, of Nuevo Laredo, junior middleweights.

Troy Dorsey, Fort Worth, vs. Lorenzo Saiz, Las Cruces, featherweights.



ROCKIN' ROBIN BLAKE

Anthony White, of Fort Worth, vs. Roland Bakers, the Coliseum at precisely 7:30 pm. Tickets were still available at all outlets late Wednesday.



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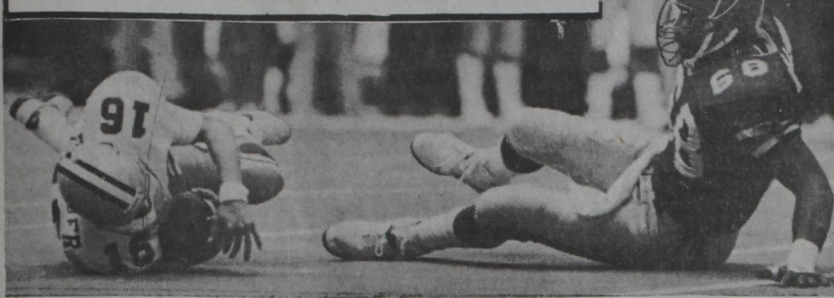
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Never before on Sunday: Front-running Texans are deserting Cowboys like oft-sacked Steve Pelluer, (left) for Houston Oilers, like Mike Rozier

Good-Bye Dallas... Hello Houston

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583	253	198
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	252	223
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	229	272
Miami	5	6	0	.455	284	252
New England	5	7	0	.417	241	256

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	309	185
Houston	7	5	0	.583	290	292
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	240
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	220	270

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	1	.708	314	243
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	230	253
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	289	231
L.A. Raiders	5	7	0	.417	271	243
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	199	338

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	9	3	0	.750	307	218
Dallas	5	7	0	.417	270	287
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	272	318
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	288	309
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	216	268

CENTRAL

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Chicago	10	2	0	.833	329	204
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	285	278
Green Bay	4	7	1	.375	205	237
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	256	285
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	205	344

WEST

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	335	246
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	324	225
L.A. Rams	6	7	0	.462	263	284
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	185	338

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

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Cowboys Carcasses, But Oilers Spy Playoff Bonanza

Late-Miami defeated the Jets Monday night evening both teams records at 6-6.

Life-long Cowboys haters stood back in shocked disbelief this week as Dallas' notorious front-running fans and media descended like buzzards on the carcass of the organization once described as "America's Team."

The vitriolic attack followed the Cowboys' 21-10 loss to the lowly Atlanta Falcons in front of 40,103 fans, the smallest crowd to watch a Dallas home game in 22 years.

The defeat dropped the Cowboys out of the NFC playoff race, especially with road games against the Washington Redskins

and the resurgent Los Angeles Rams next on their schedule.

Cowboy owner Bum Bright was so disgusted with the team's performance that he told the media he was "horrified at our play-calling."

Bright also wondered aloud why the coaches were not playing this year's no. 1 draft choice, Danny Noonan, more often.

By Tuesday, Cowboy President Tex Schramm was trying to put out the fires caused by Bright's indirect criticism of a coach long revered as beyond criticism, Tom Landry.

Schramm would not discuss the club's commitment to Landry.

The Cowboys, whose arrogant connections between God, country and themselves set teeth gnashing in 49 states, have now lost 13 of their last 17 non-strike games.

After surrendering 91 points in the previous two games, the Houston Oilers rebounded Sunday to thump the fast-fading San Diego Chargers, 33-18.

Because Cleveland lost and Pittsburgh won, the Oilers, Browns and Steelers share first place in the AFC Central Division with 7-5 records.

"We control our own destiny, that's all you can ask for in this business," said defensive back Patrick Allen. "This is life after death for us."

The Oilers remaining games include this Sunday's journey to New Orleans and two final home games against Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

"If we can't win one on the road and two at home, then we don't deserve to be in the playoffs," Coach Jerry Glanville said.

YOU FIGURE IT OUT: While the NFC playoff teams seem set, nobody knows who's going to win in the AFC. Left, the standings, and above, the remaining schedules of the contenders.

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