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Saying farewell
Ruth Knox, left, bids a fond farewell to Charles Greenawalt, Hereford Independent School District superintendent at a reception Thursday. Greenawalt has resigned to become the superintendent in Kingsville. His resignation is effective March 1.

State board wants to abolish TAAS test

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - State Board of Education members who are backed by religious conservatives want to abolish the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, which is used to test student performance and rank schools.

"When both parents and teachers are adamantly against something, elected officials better sit up and take notice," board member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands said Thursday.

Joining in the call to replace TAAS with periodic administrations of another, nationally recognized exam were: board members David Bradley of Beaumont, Richard Neill of Fort Worth, Robert Offutt of San Antonio and Randy Stevenson of Tyler, according to Ms. Ballard. All are Republicans.

Their call to ditch the TAAS immediately was opposed by a number of state officials, including House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

"It's ridiculous. I don't know what world they're living on, I really don't," Sadler said of the five members on the 15-member Education Board.

Ms. Ballard said the TAAS has spurred unhealthy competition, pressure on students and the possibility of fraud.

TAAS supporters, however, say it provides a state-based way to

ensure students are being taught what they need to know and gives accountability at a time of increasing local control of schools.

The TAAS "has been cited all over the country as one of the hallmarks of the Texas system," while the Texas Supreme Court in upholding the state's school funding system said the test assures each student gets a basic education, Sadler said.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, former education head, noted the same board members have expressed great concern about the possibility of Texas getting curriculum input from a national group.

"I think it's ironic that they don't want some national group to be involved in the curriculum, but they do want some national group to establish the test," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant. "I give up."

Education Commissioner Mike Moses called the five board members' position unfortunate.

"Texas parents deserve to know of the progress their children are making while at school. Additionally, Texas taxpayers want to know about the performance of their public schools. It makes sense to use a test made by Texans for Texans," he said.

On the other side, high school science teacher Kerri Hatchett of Greenville, in a letter to The Associated Press, called the TAAS

"a disaster."

"I see the beginning and the end results of teaching a test for 12 years of a child's life. They lose all interest and enthusiasm for school. Learning one test for 12 years is boring! They do not know how to think for themselves. They do not trust themselves when the correct answer is not in front of them," she wrote.

Stephanie Cecil of the conservative Eagle Forum said she is concerned that the TAAS isn't testing what it should; for example, she said grammar and spelling aren't graded in the writing portion.

"If calling for abolishing the TAAS makes people look carefully at what is in the TAAS test, I think that would be beneficial," she said.

Jack Christie of Houston, a Republican who heads the Education Board, said the test is "good, tough, reliable."

"With any degree of accountability, you're going to find the detractors. But my job and education's job is to make sure children are getting a better and more stringent education than previous years, and the test verifies that," he said.

Board member Will Davis of Austin, a Democrat, added, "If the state is going to finance the system as heavily as it is, and at the same time provide local control, it has to have some way of measuring how effective local control and its own mandates are being achieved."

Greenawalt honored here for HISD service since '87

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer
Charles Greenawalt is more than a school superintendent.

Greenawalt, Hereford Independent School District superintendent since 1987, has served the community in many capacities, County Judge Tom Simons said.

"And I'm grateful for that. Hereford is grateful too," Simons said.

Greenawalt was honored at a reception and pre-birthday party in the banquet room of the central administration building Thursday.

He will resign effective March 1, a day before his 50th birthday.

The banquet room was decorated with maroon and white colored balloons, plants and birthday banners.

A slide and video presentation shared some of Greenawalt's greatest experiences. And some embarrassing moments too. These memories were compiled into a scrapbook, which was given to the Greenawalt's.

His wife, Barbara; their two daughters and spouses, Brenda and Michael Schaffer; and Laura and Len Secrest; their son, Robert Greenawalt; and granddaughter, Bailey Schaffer; and his parents, M.F. and Crystal Greenawalt, were special guests at the reception.

Greenawalt received a clock, a monetary gift and cards from the school district.

"I don't know what to say, but thank you. Thank you very much.

You've (the Hereford community) been very good to us," he said.

The Greenawalt's were given beach towels, thongs, suntan lotion, sunglasses and a mosquito swatter for those sunny south Texas summers.

"Can't you see them there," HISD teacher Carolyn Waters said as she presented the gift.

Greenawalt will be missed by many employees of the school district, Waters said.

"I don't know of anyone I've enjoyed working for more than him," she said.

Greenawalt and the HISD employees worked together to make Hereford a successful school system, which was not a difficult task, Greenawalt said.

"It's simply having good people to work with. Hereford has lots of good people," he said.

It is important to feel needed in any thing a person does or any place a person goes, Greenawalt said.

"For the past 10 years, you (the Hereford community) have made Barbara and I feel needed and loved. It's been a good experience for us," he said.

The Greenawalt's will visit often since their 11-month-old granddaughter lives in the Panhandle area.

"We'll be coming back. Maybe sooner than we thought," he said.

"Our spirits will still be here. Our hearts and admiration are still here," he said.

Greenawalt will become the

superintendent of Kingsville Independent School District, a 4A district in south Texas. Assistant Superintendent Nena Veazey will become the HISD interim superintendent.

Greenawalt was born March 2, 1947, in Pecos. He graduated from Port Lavaca High School.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He has 27 hours in education administration at Texas A&M University, where he earned his superintendent certificate in 1977.

Greenawalt taught seventh-grade and eighth-grade at Dubose Middle School in Alice for four years. He became an assistant education coordinator of community education and director of educational television in Alice. He was promoted to coordinator of community education in 1975.

He took the principal's position at A&M Consolidated High School in College Station in 1978. He then accepted the superintendent's post of Joshua Independent School District in 1982.

Greenawalt has served as president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Child Welfare Board. He is actively involved in the Church of Christ.

He has served on the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Johnson County American Heart Association and the American Cancer Association.

Skies to clear across Texas after flash flooding, storms

By STEFANI G. KOPENEC
Associated Press Writer
Skies were expected to clear today after two days of heavy rain that caused flash flooding, high winds and conditions blamed for four deaths across the state.

Storms on Thursday stretched from the Red River to the South Texas coast, with rainfall amounts of up to 5 inches reported over portions of the state. Homeowners in some lakefront areas of North Texas braced for the worst, setting furniture on blocks and deploying sandbags as a

precaution.

Tornadoes threatened but failed to materialize. Nearly one-quarter of Texas was under a tornado watch Thursday, mainly in the central and eastern portions of the state. High winds damaged at least two houses in Arlington and also blew over fences and uprooted trees in the neighborhood.

Flash flood warnings were posted in north-central Texas, where rain and thunderstorms continued to dump large amounts of water - generally up to 1 inch per hour. Authorities

reported numerous road closures.

Residents living along Lake Worth in Tarrant and Wise counties kept a close eye on rising water levels as a swollen spillway threatened to flood their homes. Back yards and boat docks already were submerged, and water had reached some foundations.

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"We didn't sleep all night last night because we were doing this," she said.

In Callahan County in northwest Texas, rain of up to 1 inch an hour was reported on top of 2.5 inches that fell overnight.

Up to 5 inches of rain fell over portions of south-central Texas and another 3 to 5 inches were expected. Rain was heaviest in Gillespie, Llano and Kerr counties. A flash flood watch was in effect through the afternoon for the Hill Country and adjacent areas.

Storms and high winds rocked the Schleicher County airport near San Angelo, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

Four hangars were blown down, and at least one private plane was damaged.

Guests also were blamed for the loss of electricity to 7,600 homes and businesses Thursday afternoon in the Houston area. The winds damaged buildings and helped flip over an 18-wheeler, whose driver was uninjured.

Lightning strikes, fallen tree limbs, and high winds knocked out power to some 7,000 households in and around Beaumont Thursday night. Late Thursday, about 100 homes in Beaumont, 200 residences in Vidor and 200 in Silsbee were still without power. Entergy customer service manager Greg Shepard said.

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The Panhandle also experienced precipitation, with a light rain falling throughout the day in Lubbock. "I think it's a little too wet for me," said April Coleman, while waiting for a bus in that city's downtown station. "It's all right I guess, though, since it hasn't been raining anywhere (recently)."

Meteorologist Robert Blaha of the National Weather Service in New Braunfels, north of San Antonio, said the rains helped a few cities reach normal levels for the year.

Deregulation of electric companies is proposed

AUSTIN (AP) - Electric companies would have to compete for the right to power Texans' homes and businesses and the companies that serve most Texans now would have to cut rates by 15 percent under bills pending in the Legislature.

Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, and Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, on Thursday said now is the time to deregulate the state's electricity market. Both lawmakers said electricity can be sold cheaper in Texas and any deregulation plan should start with a rate cut.

Under their plan, investor-owned utility companies, which cover about 90 percent of Texas, would have to cut prices by 15 percent starting Sept. 1. Publicly owned utilities, like the city of Austin's, and cooperative utility companies would not have to cut rates.

A spokesman for the state's largest utility companies called the rate cut a gimmick.

Gary Rasp, a spokesman for the Association of Electricity Companies of Texas, said the bills filed by Stiles and Patterson would allow companies affected by the rate cut to appeal to the Texas Public Utility Commission if the cut would affect their ability to stay in business. He said that would result in many appeals.

"It's an effort to gain support," Rasp said.

Under the current, regulated system, Texas utility companies hold monopolies in the territories they serve. Investor-owned utility companies have argued that electricity rates in Texas are below the national average.

But Patterson said he isn't

interested in that argument.

"Can they be lower?" he asked.

"We know electricity can be cheaper," Stiles replied.

Stiles added that many of the companies arguing against deregulation give cost breaks to large companies. He said if it's OK to cut rates for big business, it should be OK to do the same for small businesses and consumers.

Rasp said large companies can get lower rates because they use a lot of electricity. "That happens in any industry because of economies of scale," he said.

Meanwhile, Karl Rabago, a former PUC commissioner and energy program manager for the Environmental Defense Fund, said his group supports the ideas in the Stiles-Patterson bills. But he said they don't enough for the environment or Texas consumers.

"The question is are the environment or consumers better off," Rabago said. "I'm afraid the answer is no."

Curtis Seidlits, head of the electric utilities association, said the bills are nearly identical to proposals outlined by business groups that want the electricity industry deregulated.

"It's written all in their favor," he said of large companies.

Leslie Kjellstrand, a spokeswoman for the PUC, said the agency already has recommended deregulation not begin before the year 2000. She said the agency will give lawmakers whatever information they need and will follow their direction.

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Astronauts end make-over mission on space scope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - With a strand of diamondlike lights guiding the way, astronauts ended their successful Hubble Space Telescope make-over mission today with a rare landing in darkness.

Space shuttle Discovery streaked through the sky, leaving a golden, ghostly trail, and touched down on the glowing runway at 3:32 a.m. An almost full moon added to the magic.

"Welcome back," Mission Control told the seven-man crew. "You made those five spacewalks look real easy."

The astronauts accomplished the landing - only the ninth in darkness in 82 space shuttle flights - with the same practiced ease as they did the rest of the 10-day mission to enhance Hubble's view of the universe.

During four spacewalks in as many nights, the astronauts equipped the \$2 billion telescope with two powerful, new science instruments as well as updated electronics, data recorders

and pointing equipment.

And in a record-tying fifth spacewalk, they mended peeling thermal insulation on the telescope, the effect of seven years of orbital sunlight.

"I feel wonderful," NASA project manager Frank Cepollina said as he awaited Discovery's arrival. "I've been walking on water for a week."

Returning 1 1/2 hours late because of low clouds that eventually scattered, shuttle commander Kenneth Bowersox spotted the Kennedy Space Center runway from seven miles away. NASA recently installed 52 halogen lights down the middle of the 15,000-foot strip, at astronauts' request, to make nighttime landings safer.

"Those centerline lights were beautiful," Bowersox said. "The only problem was moon glare ... man, it was bright coming in the window."

Almost as striking was the astronauts' glimpse of home -

Houston - as they zoomed overhead at 10,000 mph en route to Florida. Discovery's thin, luminous trail remained in the sky long after the shuttle had passed.

"Pretty good view ... we almost saw the Astr. Dome," Bowersox told Mission Control.

The \$795 million mission was the second of at least four service calls planned for Hubble, not quite halfway through its 15-year voyage.

The telescope was launched in 1990 with a mirror that was made the wrong way. Spacewalking astronauts corrected its myopia in 1993.

Except for the unexpected repairs to Hubble's ripped insulation, this mission involved mainly maintenance. The crew also boosted Hubble into a 385-mile-high orbit, the highest the telescope - or a space shuttle - has ever flown.

Next up, though: a 16-day science mission by shuttle Columbia in April.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Mom, son past due for separate beds

Dear Ann Landers: I recently started dating a wonderful woman who is in her mid-30s. "Madge" has a terrific 5-year-old son.

I need to know if I'm overreacting about something. At what age should a child and parent of the opposite sex stop sleeping together? Madge's son has slept in her bed since he was a baby, and now, he refuses to sleep in his own room. The boy also takes a shower with his mother every morning. He says it helps him wake up.

Is this normal, Ann? Is it healthy? I have told Madge this is wrong and she needs to stop it, but she says I'm

being ridiculous. She insists that when the boy is ready to separate from her, he will do it on his own.

I care very deeply for both Madge and her son, and I need an expert to comment on this situation. Please help me out. -- Concerned in California

Dear California: Madge should have put her 5-year-old son in a bed of his own three years ago. And as for the kid showering with his mother because "it helps him wake up," she had better wake up and teach him how to shower by himself.

A good way to change the pattern would be for Madge to say to the

child, "You're pretty grown up now and should not be showering with ladies. From now on, you're going to take showers by yourself." (If Madge needs more help, she should talk to her pediatrician.)

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about funeral etiquette, if there is such a thing. My mother passed away recently, and I cannot believe some of the things that happened. I hope you will publish my letter because it is very clear to me that a lot of folks need to be educated.

If you know someone in the neighborhood who has lost a family member, please bring food to their home. My mother was one of 12 children, and all the relatives wound up at my aunt's home after the funeral. That dear woman was stuck fixing supper for this huge group. Believe me, a couple of casseroles and a cake or two don't sound like much, but it would have meant a lot to my aunt when all those hungry mourners showed up.

Secondly, please don't expect the bereaved to talk about their loved one during or immediately after the funeral. My mother and I were very close. When people came up to me and said, "Your mom was so strong"

or "She had such a hard life," it was hard for me to get my thoughts together. I did not want to reminisce about my mother when the loss was so fresh. I'm sure someday I will want to talk about Mom, but not right after she died. I had enough stuff going through my mind.

And finally, some people actually had the nerve to tell me that my pain was not as bad as theirs because my mother had been sick a long time, whereas their loss had been sudden. I can't tell you how many times someone said to me, "It was much worse when my husband died in that car accident -- healthy one minute and gone the next." It doesn't matter if the person died from a lingering illness or an accident. The death is still painful to the survivors. And please don't ever say, "I know how you feel." No one can possibly know how I feel.

I hope you will print my letter, Ann. An awful lot of people need to read it. Thanks for letting me vent. -- Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear S.L.C.: Your "venting" is going to educate a great number of readers today. On behalf of all of them, thank you for writing.

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La Plata Club hosts dinner party

La Plata Study Club entertained husbands and other guests at a dinner party Tuesday night in the Dean Herring home, catered by Something Special.

A brief business meeting was conducted by president Nelda Fortenberry at which time she appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of officers to serve for the next two years. The committee is composed of Dorothea Prowell, Avis

White and Dorothy Mercer. Members and guests played Crazy Bridge. Dorothy Ott won high and Avis White, low.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fortenberry, Ronald Fuhrmann, Jim Mercer, Frank Prowell, Raymond White, Cecil Crum, Mary Beth Powell, Audine Dettman, Ludie Greenson, Annell Holland, Lois Matchett, Betty Mercer, Dorothy Ott and Betty Taylor.



On the slopes

Junior and senior high youth from First United Methodist Church participated in a weekend ski trip to Red River last weekend. Pictured are, front row left to right, McKenzie Tabor, Drew Denison, Lisa Coneway, Bethany Williams, Ashley Bridge, Chad Dollar, Erin Charest, Hannah Williams; second row from left, Jay Crawford, Holly Coneway, Taylor Charest, Meredith Tabor, Becky Fuller, Mary Fuller, Flint Collar, Wayne Dollar, Kris Dollar, Wesley Rudd; third row from left, Dave Charest, Matt Langehennig, Brice Tabor, Bill Bridge, Seth Laing, Debbie Tabor, Michael McPherson, Darren Sliney, Tami Charest and Janna Rudd. Not pictured are Tom, Betty and Ben Coneway.

Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D

Breakfast

MONDAY-Waffles with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Breakfast burrito; or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast and honey; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Mini corn dogs with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Texas style cinnamon raisin toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Lasagna with ground

turkey, garden salad with dressing, seasoned corn, peach delite, garlic bread; chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Sliced turkey with brown gravy, green beans, brown rice pilaf, vegetable sticks with dressing, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili dog with mustard, French fries with catsup, baked beans, cherry frozen juice cup, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Soft tacos with picante sauce, lettuce with tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit choice, cowboy bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Tuna sandwich, vegetable soup, tator tots with catsup,

whole wheat sugar cookie, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Barbecue franks, pork and beans, coleslaw, apple cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Smothered steak, green beans, steak fries, whole wheat roll, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat roll, fruity Jello, milk.

THURSDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, rice, cornbread, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Baked potatoes, sweet peas, homemade bread, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

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Sports

Nazareth breezes past Adrian, 85-40

TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

If there were any questions about the Nazareth Swifts' ability to win in the playoffs, they were answered last night with a familiar cry for Sylvester Stallone's movie, Rocky.

"Yo Adrian, We did it!" Nazareth, showing flashes of the fast-paced attack that has helped lift Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls to the pinnacle of the NBA world, treated a large crowd in the Whiteface Gym to a Bull-esque show by trouncing the Adrian Matadors, 85-40. And, it wasn't really that close.

The Swifts, after a relatively slow 18-12 start, outscored Adrian by a 67-28 margin in the final three quarters. To make matters even worse, Nazareth posted a 29-point run in the final eight minutes.

A state semifinalist last season, improved to 27-4 overall, and earned the right to advance to the Area round of the state playoffs.

Adrian ended its campaign at 18-9. Nazareth didn't waste any time in establishing its offensive and defensive dominance. The Swifts turned five Adrian turnovers into points and cruised to a 16-8 ledger late in the first.

The Matadors did manage to make a run in the final minute of the period, though. Adrian's J.R. Carnes drained a 3-pointer from the left corner and then added a free throw to pull to within 16-12 with 47 seconds remaining.

That run, however, turned out to be the Matadors' swan song.

Nazareth, behind senior guard Nathan Hoelting, all but buried the Matadors in the first 3:58 of the second quarter. Hoelting threw in eight of his game-high 28 points in that span and led the Swifts on a 14-2 spree that yielded a 32-14 cushion with 4:02 left in the opening half.

It got only worse from there. Marcus Brockman inflated the NHS lead to 22-points later in the second

when he picked off a AHS pass and then beat two defenders to the hoop for a shot.

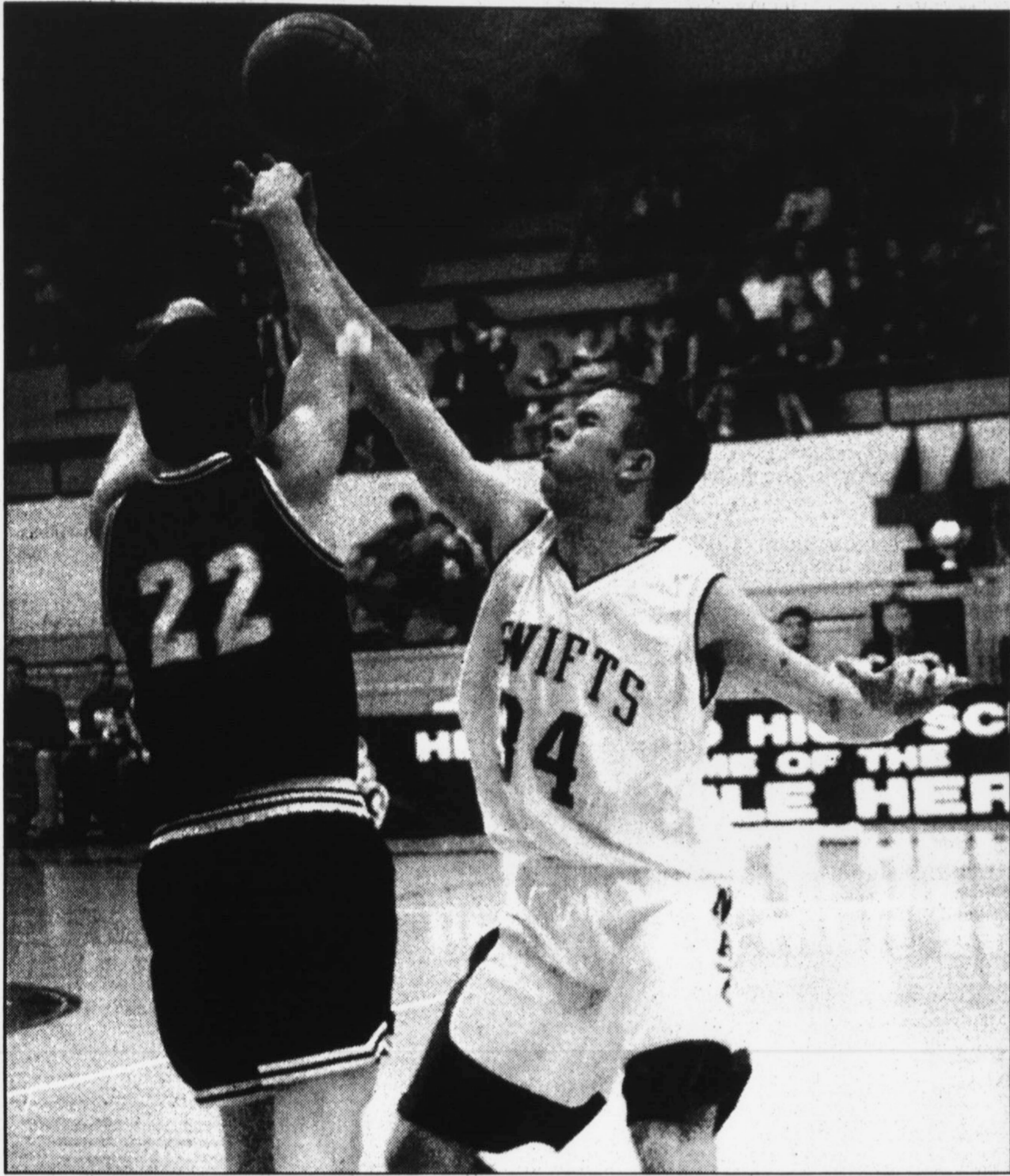
Carnes, who finished as the Matadors' top point-getter with 13, got hot again in the final minute of the period, hitting twice to pull Adrian to within 20, at 42-22, at the intermission.

The Swifts continued to push inflate their lead in the third. Five different NHS players pushed home shots in the period and keyed a 14-8 run.

Nazareth held a 36-point lead heading into the final eight minutes, at 56-30.

Adrian's nightmare was just

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Rejected

Nazareth's Billy Don Cannon blocks a shot by an unidentified Adrian player's shot in the fourth quarter of the Swift's top-sided 85-40 bi-district playoff victory Thursday night in the Whiteface Gym. Nazareth, with the win, improved to 27-4 and moves a step closer to returning to the state tournament. The Swifts advanced to the state semifinals last season before losing to eventual Class A champion Avinger.

Former Baylor star injured in Dallas drive-by shooting

DALLAS (AP) - Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Daryl Gardener was shot in the jaw while driving on a freeway early Thursday, apparently by someone who followed him from a nightclub.

The 23-year-old former Baylor star and two others in his gray Mercedes, including ex-Baylor tailback Brandell Jackson, were wounded in the 2:15 a.m. attack.

Gardener had two bullet fragments removed from the base of his tongue during surgery at Presbyterian Hospital, Dolphins head trainer Kevin O'Neill said. He was listed in satisfactory condition.

The trio told police that a red Isuzu Rodeo carrying two men followed them as they left the Blue Planet. One of the suspects began shooting when the Mercedes pulled onto the highway, firing approximately three shots that shattered a rear passenger window and the windshield.

Gardener was hit in the jaw, while Jackson, 23, of Waco was shot in the left arm and leg, according to a police report. Tanisha Cormier, 21, of Garland was struck in the arm by glass fragments. Jackson and Ms. Cormier were treated and released, a hospital official and friend said.

No one has been arrested in the case, which police describe as in the early stages of investigation.

Stu Weinstein, the Dolphins' security investigator, said the team is also investigating.

"At this point, all we know from talking to the people who were there was that Daryl did not provoke this act nor was he aware of any problems that might have caused it," Weinstein said in a statement.

A woman who answered the telephone number listed by Ms. Cormier on a police report said she was at the nightclub and doesn't know what sparked the shooting.

"No one really knows why. We don't have any clue as to why that happened," said the woman, who wouldn't give her name because she didn't want any publicity.

The 24-year-old copywriter at an advertising agency said she and Ms. Cormier, who works for MCI, met Gardener and his friends at the nightclub while they were visiting Dallas. They talked for about 20 minutes in the parking lot before getting into their cars and leaving, she said.

The woman said she didn't see the shooting because she was in another car ahead of Gardener's but was surprised to learn what happened.

"I thought it was strange because it was so random, so out of the blue, so unexpected," she said. "It's so strange, maybe things like that just don't happen out of the blue. Him

(Gardener) being who he is, maybe that's the reason it happened."

The woman said Ms. Cormier unsuccessfully tried to call 911 from the car phone, but was able to direct Gardener to the hospital.

Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson said he was sorry to learn about the incident.

"What happened to him is one negative aspect of our society, where bystanders have become victims of random violent acts," he said in a statement.

Gardener, a first-round draft pick for Miami last year, started 11 games and made 50 tackles as a rookie. He was a three-year starter at Baylor and selected an All-Southwest Conference player as a senior.

Kids Inc. baseball registration set for Saturday at HCC

Kids Inc. has announced that registration for baseball and softball will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hereford Community Center.

The boys' program is for ages 5 to 15, and the girls' program is ages 5 to 16.

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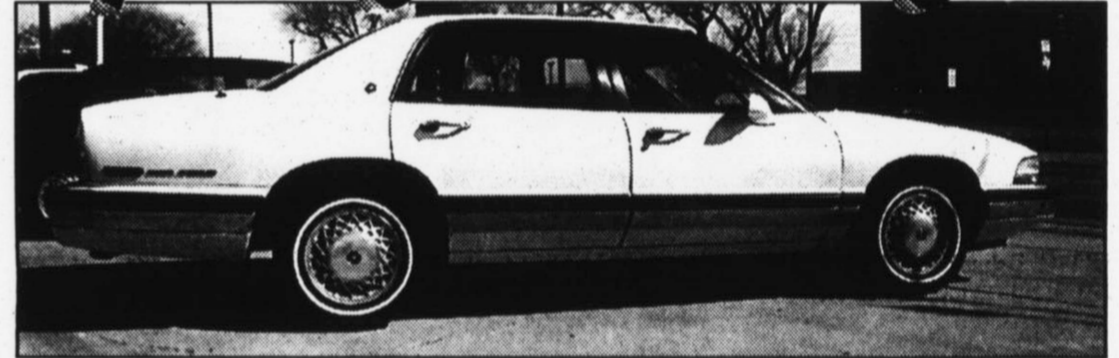
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Rome, Athens among contending sites for 2004 Games

GENEVA (AP) - Rome, Athens and Stockholm are the front-runners to hold the 2004 Olympics, according to a report by the International Olympic Committee released Thursday.

Cape Town, a sentimental favorite for political reasons, was hurt by its soaring crime rate and technical inadequacies. Africa is the only continent never to stage the Olympics in the 100-year history of the modern games.

Buenos Aires was the top contender in South America.

A record 11 cities are bidding for the showcase event that will follow

the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The other candidates are: Istanbul, Turkey; Lille, France; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Seville, Spain; and St. Petersburg, Russia.

The evaluation report was released just two weeks before the contenders are reduced to four or five on March 7 by an IOC panel, with final selection by the full IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept. 5.

The report said that all cities had proved their capability of organizing the games but some would need more time than others to implement their plans.

The top criterion, according to the

IOC is "the best conditions for the best athletes of the world in environmentally friendly venues."

Rome's bid was praised by the IOC's evaluation commission as "excellently planned and prepared in a professional manner."

The majority of the sports would be presented in three main Olympic areas. Facilities for football, swimming tennis in particular were "excellent," it said.

Traffic was a problem in the city and extensive infrastructure improvements would have to be made to accommodate the games.

Athens would boast an excellent

Olympic sports center just 15 minutes from the Olympic village and the Greek government had made considerable efforts to improve the serious pollution problems in the city, the commission noted.

"The many cultural events and the Olympic torch relay connecting many historic and symbolic sites in Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, would greatly enhance the overall Olympic festival," it added.

In Stockholm, the design for the main stadium, within walking distance of the Olympic village, was singled out for praise.

Facilities were excellent and the high technological standards of the city and the country were a bonus, the report said.

Cape Town's bid, billed as a means of "unifying the South African nation through sport," was diminished by its rowing and canoeing courses, potential security problems, access difficulties and the city's crime rate.

"All levels of authority in the country are aware of and concerned about the serious crime situation the country is facing," the commission said. Acting on plans to increase safety and security "will be a

challenge," it said.

Cape Town may still hold an outside chance on the political front, something not addressed in the purely technical assessment of this report.

Buenos Aires could slip into the top four or five as the best Latin American contender.

The report praised "beautiful facilities and surroundings" for the equestrian events and good conditions in the soccer stadiums.

The cultural program providing for a torch relay to pass through all the countries in South America and the Antarctica was also a strong point, the commission said.

Jones, Maggert take lead in Tucson Chrysler Classic

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - For someone who won the U.S. Open last year, sizzled in Phoenix four weeks ago and had just shot a 6-under-par 66 under difficult conditions, Steve Jones was uncommonly low-key.

"I was thinking how hard it is to just mentally get up and be prepared for a tournament," said Jones, who confesses to inconsistency with a

revival-act sincerity. "This is my sixth tournament in seven weeks. That's a lot, there's not that many guys that do that. But I had the week off and I missed the cut, so I had more time off."

He and Jeff Maggert were an odd couple atop the leader board Thursday after the first round of the Tucson Chrysler Classic. While Jones

felt overworked, Maggert was trying to get back in the swing after taking the last two months of 1996 off following a streak when he had nine top-10 finishes and won \$810,644.

In three tournaments this year, he has yet to finish higher than a tie for 30th.

"I didn't play any tournaments or hardly any golf until the Bob Hope,"

Maggert said. "So I was a little rusty mentally. Probably I should have done a little bit more over that time, but I was enjoying the time off."

Until Maggert birdied three of the last four holes and Jones birdied four of the last eight, Bob Tway, Don Pooley, Clarence Rose, Scott Dunlap and Jeff Hart were co-leaders at 67.

Swifts

beginning. The Swifts finished off the night with an offensive clinic in the fourth quarter. Nazareth exploded for 29 points in the final eight minutes.

Nazareth opened the fourth quarter with back-to-back three-point plays from Brockman and Bryan Braddock. Each pushed in short jumpers and then added the foul

shot to increase the Swifts' cushion to 62-30.

The worse was still to come for the maroon-clad Adrian faithful. Nazareth, sparked by a 3-point bomb from Braddock, reeled off 11 more unanswered points before the Matadors managed to end a five-minute scoring drought.

Braddock, one of three Nazareth

stars to reach double figures, keyed the NHS flurry, throwing in nine of his 14 points in the four-minute spree.

The Swifts' 17-0 run ballooned their lead to a commanding 73-30 ledger.

The closed out the affair with a 12-9 run over the final 4:55 game.

Barry Hoelting finished with 11

points for the Swifts, while 6-foot-5 post Nick Gerber notched 9.

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Bonds regains top spot in baseball's salary race

By The Associated Press
 Baseball's money season pushed into the first day of full-squad workouts at spring training, with Barry Bonds regaining the top spot on the average salary list.
 Bonds agreed Thursday to a \$22.9 million, two-year contract extension with the San Francisco Giants, a deal that gives him the sport's highest average at \$11.45 million.
 "I have always felt in my heart that the greatest gift I could give my hometown is a World Series championship ring, and thanks to the Giants, today I've been given the opportunity to make that dream come true," Bonds said.
 The 32-year-old outfielder is due \$8.25 million this season and \$8.5 million next year under the \$43.75 million, six-year deal he signed as a free agent in December 1992. The extension calls for \$9.7 million in 1999 and \$10.7 million in 2000.
 San Francisco has a \$10.3 million option for 2001 and must pay a \$2.5 million buyout if it doesn't exercise it.
 "Arguably, it could be his last contract. Obviously, it was a big commitment on the part of the franchise," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said after the deal was completed in Scottsdale, Ariz. "There were some heated feelings. Both sides got some things off their chests."
 Bonds had been unhappy since five

players leapfrogged him in average salary.
 Danny Tartabull, coming off a \$20.5 million, five-year contract, was unhappy when just two teams made offers: Philadelphia and Cincinnati. At first rejected the Phillies' offer as too low, then agreed Thursday to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract.
 "We had offers," said Tartabull, who will join the team next week at Clearwater, Fla. "The offers were not where they needed to be according to my seasons and my career. But this is something that you just have to look at it as the way it is and put it behind you."
 Tartabull hit .254 for the Chicago White Sox last season with 27 homers and 101 RBIs.
 "You're putting a proven major league bat in the middle of your order, and that's what we wanted to do," manager Terry Francona said. "He enjoys being the guy in the middle of the order. The people I've talked to say he responds to that."
Orioles
 Cal Ripken arrived for spring training at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and talked for the first time about Baltimore's plan to move him from shortstop to third base.
 "Maybe some of us need a challenge toward the end of our careers," he said. "I look at it in a positive way. I'm looking at it as a new beginning."
 "I've got a chance to relearn the

position and maybe extend my career. I have no problems with moving to third base. Never have."
Indians
 Catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. could become a free agent after the season, following the team's decision to decline a \$3 million option for 1998.
 Alomar, 30, will get \$2.5 million this season, and Indians general manager John Hart says he would like to sign Alomar to a new deal. The decision to decline the option was made in November, but became known only when Alomar mentioned it this week.
 "I definitely want to stay," Alomar said at Winter Haven, Fla. "I love being with the Indians. It's a great organization."
White Sox
 Albert Belle worked out with Chicago for the first time, fouled off pitches on his first two swings of the spring and then did what his new team expects: drove a ball over the fence.
 Belle's volatile temper was discussed during a question-and-answer session.
 "I can't control that. I'm not worried about that. As long as I get an opportunity to go out and hit home runs, drive in some runs, steal a few bases, make a couple of great catches," Belle said. "That's all I'm concerned about. I guess the image part will take care of itself."
Angels
 Chuck Finley, already picked to start for Anaheim on opening day, will be held out of throwing drills

until the weekend following an examination of his sore pitching arm.
 Finley reported soreness on Tuesday and has been taking anti-inflammatory medication.
Padres
 Rickey Henderson, who probably will be traded during spring training, arrived in camp at Peoria, Ariz.
 "I came here to spring training to get in shape," Henderson said. "No matter where you're going to be at, you have to prepare for the season. That's what I have to do."
 San Diego offered the 38-year-old outfielder a job as a backup, but Henderson said he would prefer a trade, and the Padres said they would accommodate him.
 "I'm not going to sit around," Henderson said. "I've worked too hard to sit around. I can't help you sitting around. I think you got me last year to help you and I helped you. If you're not going to use me, let me help somebody else."
Yankees
 Cecil Fielder didn't back off his trade demand when he arrived at camp in Tampa, Fla., but softened his tone after talking with manager Joe Torre and general manager Bob Watson.
 "We definitely went a step forward just getting the opportunity to explain ourselves to each other," Fielder said. "It's just going to be a good situation now that we've somewhat cleared the air and got all this stuff out of the way."
 Fielder filed a demand to be traded by March 15, a right given players traded during multiyear contracts. If the Yankees don't trade him and he

doesn't withdraw the demand, Fielder could become a free agent after the deadline. But if he did that, he would lose his \$7.2 million salary this season.
 "Hopefully things are going to work out and I'm going to stay here," Fielder said. "I want to be here. We have another opportunity to do something special this season. I think things are going to work themselves out one way or another."
Reds
 Deion Sanders was the first hitter into the batting cage at Plant City, Fla., as he resumed his two-sport career.
 Sanders still has blurred vision from the broken bone near his right eye, received in the Dallas Cowboys' 26-17 playoff loss to the Carolina Panthers in January. But he didn't hesitate to jump into the batting cage against

left-hander Pete Schourek.
 "I had a good time. I'm a player. I can't stand on the outside looking through the glass," Sanders said. "I want to be a part of it. I can't sit and watch others having a good time."
Mariners
 Dennis Martinez will be given a chance in spring training to earn a job in Seattle's starting rotation.
 Martinez, 42, agreed Thursday to a minor-league contract and planned to join the Mariners today. He would get a \$250,000, one-year contract if he makes the team and the chance to earn performance bonuses.
 "He's a veteran who could very well make the club," general manager Woody Woodward said. "He certainly brings a lot of experience and knowledge of how to pitch."

Court sides with Tyson in fued with former trainer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The federal court jury that awarded Mike Tyson's former trainer \$4.4 million could not legally have reached that judgment under New York state laws, a judge says.
 U.S. District Court Judge Thomas McAvoy's ruling annuls the award Kevin Rooney won in September 1996 in a breach-of-contract trial McAvoy himself presided over in Albany.
 "The nature of the proof offered at trial cannot sustain a finding that the employment relationship was anything other than one at-will," McAvoy wrote.
 The judge added that if Rooney appeals McAvoy's finding, and if that challenge is upheld by federal appeals courts, Tyson deserves a new trial anyway because McAvoy's charge to the jury was faulty.
 McAvoy acknowledged that he did not instruct jurors properly about how New York state laws define employment for a "definite duration," a crucial aspect in the trial over whether Tyson had an obligation to pay Rooney.
 McAvoy's ruling was dated Saturday and filed in Binghamton, where the judge also maintains a courtroom.
 Tyson's lawyer Robert Hirth said the boxer was thrilled by the decision.
 "If you step back, given that Mike never had a contract with Rooney, let alone a lifetime contract, he always expected to win," Hirth said. "I think now we have the just decision."
 Michael Coyle, Rooney's lawyer, said he would appeal McAvoy's ruling.
 Rooney said Thursday night that Tyson "stabbed me in the back" and he insisted that he had an agreement to train the boxer that was binding in the boxing world.
 "What a bad decision," Rooney said. "I had a decision by a jury of my peers. They heard the evidence. They decided I was his trainer for as long as he fought professionally."

Rooney said he would pursue the case "all the way to the Supreme Court."
 Rooney sued Tyson for \$49 million, claiming that his firing in 1988 breached a lifetime contract the boxer supposedly had with the trainer dating from Tyson's days as a teen-age prodigy under his mentor Cus D'Amato in nearby Catskill.
 During the trial, Rooney could not produce a written contract with Tyson to train the boxer. But he argued that the understanding was established by D'Amato, who died in 1985.
 Tyson's former manager, Bill Cayton, testified that he and partner Jim Jacobs, who took over Tyson's affairs after D'Amato died, continued the arrangement.
 In its verdict, the jury did not determine the duration of the contract between Rooney and Tyson and ruled that the trainer should not get any money from future fight purses. But it did rule that Tyson broke a legal contract and fired Rooney without just cause.
 The jury award totaled \$4,415,651.
 When the verdict was announced on Sept. 30, about two dozen angry Tyson supporters, including the Rev. Al Sharpton and boxing promoter Don King, chanted "No justice, no peace." They claimed the verdict was racially motivated.
 Tyson is black. Rooney is white, as were all of the jurors.
 Hirth said he never raised race as an issue in either the trial or his appeal.
 Rooney, who declared bankruptcy in 1992, said he needed about \$1 million to clear gambling and tax debts.
 Tyson vowed to fight the verdict because he said he believes he had the right to hire and fire whomever he pleases. After the jury made its award, however, he said he probably would have given Rooney the money if he'd just asked him for it instead of suing.

NBA trading deadline passes without any major exchanges

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer
 The NBA trading deadline passed Thursday without the flurry of movement that many had expected, but six deals went through involving 15 players and four draft picks.
 The Denver Nuggets were the busiest team, making two deals with Indiana and one with Charlotte.
 The Hornets made two trades and the New Jersey Nets, who spoke to 21 of the other 28 NBA teams, made just one deal.
 The biggest trade, in terms of volume, sent Mark Jackson and LaSalle Thompson from Denver back to their former team, the Indiana Pacers. In return, the Pacers sent Vincent Askew and Eddie Johnson to the Nuggets along with two second-round draft choices.
 The Los Angeles Lakers acquired a sharpshooting small forward to fill in for injured Robert Horry, getting George McCloud from New Jersey for center Joe Kleine, a 1997 first-round draft pick and a conditional second-round pick.
 McCloud was one of nine players involved in Monday's stunning trade between the Nets and Dallas Mavericks.
 The Nuggets were involved in two

other trades. In a side deal with Indiana, Denver sent rookie forward Darvin Ham to the Pacers in exchange for second-year point guard Jerome Allen.
 Denver also traded veteran guard Ricky Pierce to the Charlotte Hornets for guard Anthony Goldwire and center George Zidek.
 The Hornets made one other deal, sending swingman Scott Burrell to the Golden State Warriors for forward Donald Royal.
 Toronto and Milwaukee also made a minor deal shortly before the 6 p.m. EST deadline. The Raptors sent center Acie Earl to the Bucks for guard Shawn Respert.
 The biggest surprise was the absence of trades for Jim Jackson, Chris Mullin, Derek Harper, Clarence Weatherspoon and Dominique Wilkins.
 Jackson, Mullin and Weatherspoon had been mentioned in trade rumors for weeks, and Harper and Wilkins had been prominent in more recent scuttlebutt.
 The Nets had a plethora of offers for the players they received from Dallas.
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