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☆ Mr. Evans goes to Washington ☆





ABOVE: Don Evans speaks with reporters during the third presidential debate in St. Louis, Oct. 17. RIGHT: Old Midland buddies, left to right, John Woodside, Joe O'Neill, Don Evans and George W. Bush clown around while attending an SMU-Notre Dame football game in South Bend, Ind., in the late 1970s. Later today, President-elect Bush is expected to officially nominate Evans to be his Commerce Secretary.

Evans in line for Commerce Secretary job

By Margaret Rendall
MRT Correspondent

When George W. Bush unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1978, Midlander Don Evans, was his close friend who stepped up and raised money for the campaign.

He took on the same role when Bush ran for governor in 1994 and again when he was re-elected in 1998.

In 1995, Evans chaired the Texas Inaugural Committee, which organized inauguration activities for Gov. Bush. Most recently, Evans served as Bush's campaign chairman for the presidential race. He was instrumental in helping Bush raise a record $100 million and guided the campaign to a narrow victory.

This political partnership is unlikely to end any time soon. Bush is expected to nominate Evans, chief executive of Midland oil and gas company, Tom Brown Inc., as Secretary of Commerce as early as today.

When asked about Evans' qualifications for the job, Midlander Joe O'Neill responded, "Where do I start?"

O'Neill, who grew up across the alley from Evans' wife, Susan Marinis Evans, said Evans "has incredi-

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Evans could play key role in SDO lawsuit with Cabinet appointment

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

If Midlander Don Evans is confirmed as Secretary of Commerce he is likely to find himself solidly trapped between two major segments of the oil industry.

Most likely it will fall upon Evans' shoulders to bring to finality a historic and controversial lawsuit filed by domestic oil producers against foreign oil producers. The lawsuit, filed with the Department of Commerce by Save

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Oil bust, revenge tied into shooting

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer



Chris Macha as seen in his 1978 Midland High School yearbook.

Christopher "Chris" Macha, a 40-year-old geologist who police say was the shooter in Midland's predawn Monday murder-suicide, reportedly held a fatal grudge, involving his father, against his victim — 57-year-old Midland oilman-geologist John G. Seay.

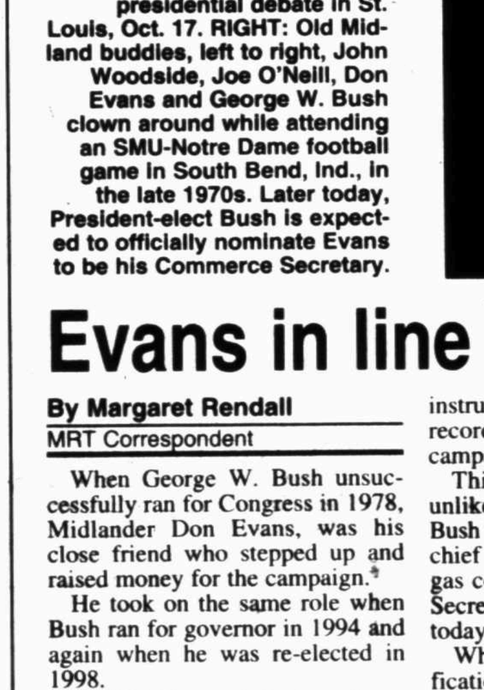
Macha's late father, August "Auggie" Macha, was a Midland landman who had worked for Seay Exploration as a landman in the early 1980s and before that was a landman for Superior Oil Company.

Seay was a pallbearer at the 1991 funeral for the senior Macha who died at age 54, according to the 1991 obituary. August Macha had died following a "lengthy illness" — cancer — on March 2, 1991. His survivors then included his wife and three sons.

"Detectives determined the shooting is the result of an ongoing grudge that Macha held against Seay," according to Tina Jauz, Midland Police Department spokeswomen.

Investigators, who had interviewed both the Seay and the Macha families, said through Ms. Jauz that Macha "blamed Seay for his father being laid off during the (1980s oil) bust and for himself not being able to find a job in the oil business."

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U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
State Sen. Teel Bivins holds up a district map of Texas Tuesday at a town hall-style meeting at the CAF museum. Redistricting is one of the issues facing the state in the upcoming legislative session, following the 2000 census.

Bivins makes stop here, comments on lieutenant governor post

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

Citizen concerns ranged from water supply, teachers' health insurance and the identity of the next lieutenant governor at a town hall forum conducted Tuesday afternoon by State Sen. Teel Bivins.

Bivins began the meeting with a short introduction about the status of national and state politics. He referred to voters as "much relieved" that what he referred to as "40 days of 'Groundhog Day'" is over. In the Bill Murray movie, every day was the same until the weatherman played by Murray could break the cycle, and the presidential stalemate caused the movie to be a sort of running national joke.

But amid the relief is concern, Bivins said. "We've never been this closely divided," he said. "But I think we have the right guy at the helm to bring us together. It's my hope that Congress begins to act like grownups."

Since President-elect George W. Bush will be succeeded as governor by Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry, Bivins frankly declared himself as interested in the lieutenant governor's job, saying probably every one of the 31 state senators thinks he or she could do an excellent job. "I am not immune to that belief," he said.

The process begins with a written ballot that contains a slate of candidates. Subsequent ballots will narrow the field until one person gets 16 votes.

Bivins acknowledges he is interested in serving as the next lieutenant governor.

Bivins said he would not campaign for the job, adding, "Everybody knows in their heart who would be their choice."

Using a technique of former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, Bivins might end up being a compromise second choice who is voted into the job, he said.

One of the major issues in the 2001 legislative session will be redistricting, Bivins said. With the Texas population topping 20 million, congressional districts will have to be redrawn. His own oddly shaped district, which he jokingly referred to as "gerrymandered," will be changed, with a variety of possibilities available. "We'll try to do what makes sense for the Permian Basin," he said.

The Legislature will also grapple with a $3.8 billion surplus. Needs like a prison guard pay raise, Medicare funding and funding for Child Protective Services will eat up about $800 million.

For the remaining $3 billion, "People have 30 billion worth of ideas," Bivins said. "The Republicans want to give it back to taxpayers, the Democrats want to spend it all and tax for more."

His own priority in Texas is education. "Education is quite simply the most important thing we do," Bivins said.

One of his questioners, Bobbie Duncan, asked about teacher salaries. "I would like for them to be paid enough that they didn't have to moonlight," Ms. Duncan said. A teacher of homebound students in Odessa, she said to Bivins, "We can't keep teachers in the classrooms — we're not rewarding them."

A recent $3,000 raise has been largely eaten up by health costs, she added.

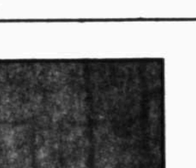
Bivins said of the teacher pay issue, "I do not believe in chasing averages — it's illusory." But he added, "I would like for it to be $30,000 instead of $3,000."

Ms. Duncan said after the meeting that she knows of a man in the Odessa school system whose entire raise was eaten up by increased drug costs under the school district's insurance. "They've cut the budget up as close as they can cut it," she said.

Midland City Councilwoman LuAnn Morgan asked Bivins about the state's water policy. "Water will probably be the dominant issue in Texas this century," Bivins replied. He said a major report on the state's water supply is due in 2003.

Ms. Morgan said after the meeting that the issue is one her children and grandchildren will be grappling with. "You have to start working on it now," she said. "If it's not a big issue this session, maybe next session."

A look inside

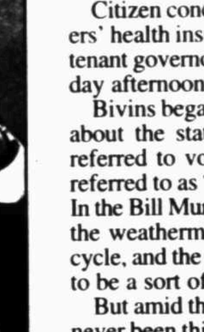


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Good times turn bad after girl's Jeep stolen from school

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Leigha Vogel was on her way home from one of the best days of her life. The Lee High School senior had just marched at halftime of her third state championship game and was again enjoying the buzz that comes with winning.

After arriving back in Midland, the 17-year-old hopped off the bus and headed to her car.

It was late and the senior was a little road weary, but she was still looking forward to sitting down with her family and telling them about her trip and how much fun she had.

But instead of her 1984 royal blue Jeep — which she received as a gift on her 16th birthday — all she found was an empty space No. 719 in the Lee parking lot.

"My first thought was that I must of parked it some place else," Miss Vogel said. "I started to look around and then I realized it was really gone."

She went back inside and asked her friend to help her look for the car. They drove around and around but, in the end, Miss Vogel came to terms with the fact that her car had been stolen.

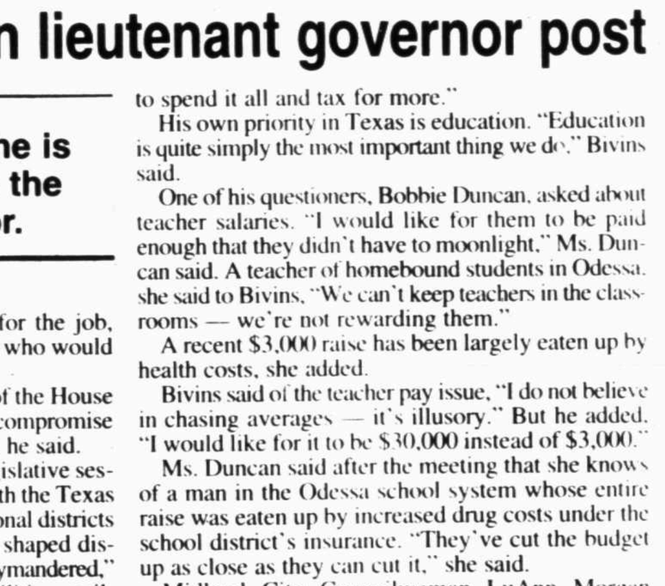
"I think she has cried all the tears she had to cry," said her mom, Sherrie Vogel. "We were out of town at the time. I wish we could have been there to help her."

The theft came at horrible time for the family.

In addition to the normal extra costs that come with the holiday season, the family is trying to get a new business off the ground.

Miss Vogel's Jeep meant much more to her than a means of getting from Point A to Point B. It belonged

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Anitra Rose/Reporter-Telegram
Leigha Vogel sits at her parking spot, 719, Tuesday. Leigha's Jeep was stolen from the Lee High School's parking lot while she was at the state championship football game with the band.

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Bush, Clinton meet at White House

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an Oval Office rite of passage masking their sharp differences, President-elect Bush listened to the litany of world problems he'll face from the man who has wrestled with them for the last eight years. President Clinton advised that Bush "get a good team and do what he thinks is right."

Sitting where his father led the nation until his defeat by Clinton, Bush said Tuesday, "It's such a huge honor to come as the president-elect. I don't think I'll really, fully realize the impact until I swear in" on Jan. 20.

Bush seemed tense, sitting straight in a wing-backed armchair, his hands clasped in his lap as he rubbed his thumbs and tapped his foot. Twice he thanked the president for his hospitality and said, "He didn't need to do this." Bush told reporters, "I'm here to listen" and said it was "a high-energy moment." White House officials described the talks as very serious and frank.

After two days of meetings in Washington and interviews with prospective Cabinet members, Bush flew back to Texas. Today he is expected to name longtime friend and former campaign chairman Don Evans as commerce secretary; Mel Martinez, a former Cuban refugee who is chairman of Orange County, Fla., as housing secretary; And, as agriculture secretary, Ann Veneman, former director of the California Food and Agriculture Department who worked in the previous Bush administration.

Bush, in a gesture of conciliation, also invited black ministers and others to a meeting in Austin to discuss domestic policies. In the Nov. 7 election, Bush received only one of out of 10 black votes.

The president-elect also invited a bipartisan group of education policymakers, including eight to 10 lawmakers, to Austin on Thursday. Bush has promised to make education one of the first items on his legislative agenda.

Clinton and Bush talked by themselves for more than two hours, first in the Oval Office and then over lunch in the family dining room in the residence. They dined on curried squash soup, filet mignon and Greek salad. Their discussions covered trouble spots such as the Middle East, the Balkans and North Korea, officials said.

Bush paid a 15-minute call on defeated rival Al Gore at the vice president's mansion. Stepping outside in a light snow without an coat, Gore greeted Bush at his sine with a long handshake a pat on the back. "We're going to have a private discussion," Gore said.



AP Photo
President Clinton shakes hands in the Oval office with President-elect Bush, Tuesday. Bush met with Vice-President Al Gore later in the day.

Gore, who waged a futile five-week battle to count disputed ballots in Florida, emphasized "the importance of setting differences aside and coming together," spokesman Jim Kennedy said.

Bush also met with Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, his leading candidate for secretary of health and human services. Other candidates include social conservative Kay James and Gail R. Wilensky, former administrator of the federal Health Care Financing Administration.

Thirty-two days before his inauguration, Bush's White House meeting with the outgoing president was part of tradition. "It's kind of welcome to the club," said historian Henry Graff. For Bush it was a return to a White House where he already knows many of the ushers, doctors and Secret Service agents from his father's presidency.

White House officials said there was no sign of any bad feelings from the campaign, when Bush had talked about restoring "dignity and honor" to the Oval Office and Clinton had warned that Bush would let polluters regulate the environment, bring back budget deficits and pursue dangerous nuclear-arms policies.

During their photo opportunity, Bush declined to repeat his warning of recent days of a possible recession. "I really don't have any comments," he said. "I look forward to talking with the president."

Clinton did not dodge the subject, citing the traditional definition of a recession — two quarters, or six months in a row, of negative growth.

"I don't think we're going to have that," Clinton said. Yet he said the robust growth in the economy could not be sustained forever. "We couldn't keep up 5 percent growth a year, you know, forever."

At the transition headquarters, Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said economic problems are sneaking up on the country, much as energy shortages caught politicians by surprise.

"It wasn't until September of 2000 that anyone in power started talking about an energy problem," Fleischer said. "In Washington we need to do a little better job of looking down the road. That is what President-elect Bush is doing."

White House press secretary Jake Siewert said foreign policy was the primary focus of the Bush-Clinton talks. He said Clinton "talked about some of the hot spots around the world and some of the challenges the new administration will face and the state of play in some of those places that make headlines in the news here in America."

He said Clinton, who got a rocky start to his presidency, also talked about "how to run an effective operation here, some of the lessons we had learned over the last eight years."

Clinton also said he had not decided whether to make a ground-breaking visit to North Korea. Bush, asked if Clinton should go, said he hadn't talked with the president about it yet.

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UPS mega-facility copes with year's busiest day

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

HODGKINS, Ill. — Not counting Santa's workshop, or maybe Macy's on Christmas Eve, it would be tough to find a busier place during the holidays than UPS's mammoth package-processing plant outside Chicago.

If the slowing economy has put a chill on holiday shopping, no such evidence was visible at the frenzied facility Tuesday on "Peak Day," the busiest shipping day of the year.

Nearly 11,000 workers scrambled against next Monday's unmissable deadline, processing more than 1.7 million packages and documents. Worldwide, United Parcel Service estimated it would ship 19 million packages Tuesday as momentum from the online shopping boom carries it and its competitors to another record-breaking holiday season.

"It's really intense. Everything is on the go, on the go," said Brandon Ashana, 20, a "jam-breaker" assigned to help prevent parcels from getting mashed as they speed through the dizzying 65-mile network of conveyor belts.

A fleet of 3,800 trucks ferried parcels in and out of the plant, while next to snowy railway tracks 200 yards away, workers loaded one of a dozen trains full of UPS goods that were due to depart by day's end.

One in every 10 of the 325 million packages that UPS anticipates delivering worldwide between Thanksgiving and Christmas will come through this little suburb, which Atlanta-based UPS chose as its main shipping point because of Chicago's transportation hub and large labor pool.

The facility — the world's biggest and busiest package distribution facility, according to UPS — is as long as three aircraft carriers and twice as wide.

The explosive growth in Internet shopping may be slowing. Commercial shipping leaders UPS and FedEx warned last week that revenues for the holiday period will not be as great as predicted because of public uneasiness with a slipping economy.

But nearly 45 million Americans are expected to do holiday shopping online this year. As a result, shippers will still finish with a banner year.

FedEx spokeswoman said the overnight delivery company shipped 6.5 million packages on Monday, its busiest day, up 5 percent from last year's holiday peak. The Postal Service estimates it will handle 191 million packages during the holidays, also a 5 percent increase from 1999.

UPS handles more than half of all online purchases, and the fate of some e-retailers may ride on whether the company delivers their Christmas orders on time.

After some Christmas Day disappointments in 1999 that resulted from bad planning by dotcoms, the shipping giant spent considerable time coaching them to improve coordination this year.

UPS also continues to upgrade the heavily computerized plant, where conveyor belts speed at up to 500 feet per second, 80,000 sensors keep track of them, and dozens of employees man computer banks in a room that looks like Mission Control.

With six days to go and overtime pay opportunities flowing, employees were in a holiday mood Tuesday despite the din of conveyor belt rollers, clanging warning bells and motorized carts.

"It can get hectic because we have so much volume," Ashana said. "But being part of an important process and helping to make sure everybody gets their presents on time and in one piece, that makes me feel good."



AP Photo

Employees at the United Parcel Service mega-facility in Hodgkins, Ill., wait for packages as they speed along the conveyor belts on Tuesday. One in every 10 of the 325 million packages that UPS anticipates delivering worldwide between Thanksgiving and Christmas will come through this facility.

Woman ends sit-in at city hall

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Fire Department paramedic who says she was infected with hepatitis C during an emergency call ended a two-week sit-in at City Hall on Tuesday, saying she was too exhausted to continue.

Lt. Mary Kohler had demanded that Mayor John Street approve a contract that would set aside millions of dollars for health costs and begin testing firefighters and paramedics for the potentially deadly virus.

Kohler, 37, began her protest on Dec. 5 and left City Hall having failed to achieve her goal.

The mayor had offered to meet with Kohler, but only if she agreed to leave.

The city had already committed $3 million annually to treat hepatitis C sufferers.

Kohler is one of as many as 200 Philadelphia firefighters and paramedics diagnosed with hepatitis C who say they were infected on the job. The virus can be transmitted via blood from an infected person.

Kohler left the building flanked by hundreds of firefighters, who cheered, "Mary! Mary! Mary!"

Street, a first-term mayor and one-time community activist, said Kohler had made her point, and he invited her for lunch when she feels better.

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Low 30	Low 25	Low 18

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid-60s and westerly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for sunny skies with a low in the lower 20s.

Thursday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high between 35 and 40.

Thursday night's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low at 20 to 25.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.27 in.
Total for year	9.59 in.
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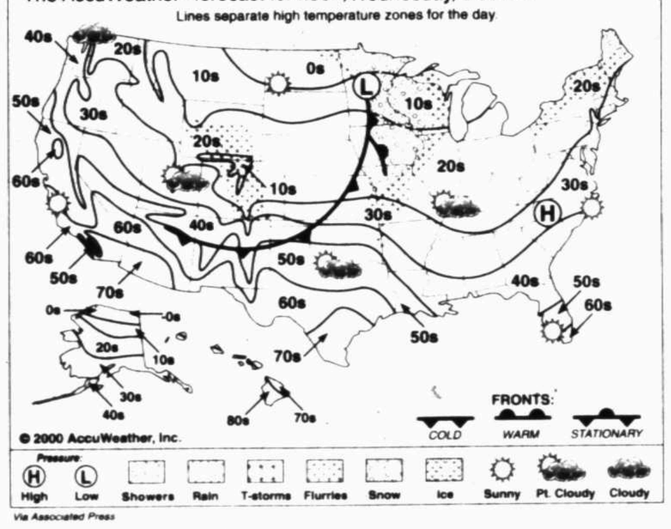
Yesterday's temperatures

High	52
Low	23
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Normal low	30

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National forecast

National weather
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EVANS: Midlanders praise leadership skills

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ble organizational skills and is a gifted and proven leader. Evans has Bush's ear.

"George has the fire and ability to go into politics, he is the guy to shoot the arrow," O'Neill said. "Don affords him a wise ear and wise advice and incredible organizational skills."

Evans has been active in a number of civic groups and non-profit organizations. He is a member of the board of governors of the Bynum School, has served as a trustee of Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center from 1990-1994 and is a past chairman of the Beefeater Ball of the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center.

Evans also serves on the board of Scleroderma Research Foundation of Santa Barbara, Calif., and has been active in the United Way of Midland, the YMCA, and Young Life of Midland. He has been a member of the College of Business Administration Advisory Council at the University of Texas at Austin since 1989.

"(Evans) is extremely successful and a legitimate business man," O'Neill said. "He is exactly the man we need for the job."

Evans was appointed to a six-year term on the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System by Bush. In 1997 he was elected Chairman of the Board by the other board members. He was re-elected in 1999. According to Charles Miller, a member of the Board of Regents from Houston, the board will handle a near $6 billion budget this year. The board oversees 15 institutions across the state, a very large percentage of the total higher education system in Texas.

"The board members have very significant responsibilities," Miller said. "We deal with very complicated issues and diverse interests, which are often contradictory."

Miller thinks the leadership Evans has shown and the experience he has received as Chairman of the Board of Regents qualifies him to serve as Secretary of Commerce.

"He is one of the most astute and capable managers I have ever come across, an outstanding leader," Miller said of Evans. "He has great leadership capacity and could serve in almost any government job, he has great personal skills, very sound judgment and good fundamental principles."

As Chairman of the Board of Regents, Evans is responsible for chairing meetings, setting agendas and setting long-term policy for The University of Texas System.

PROFILE
Donald L. Evans

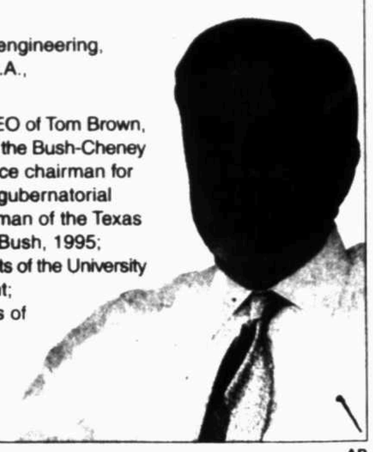
President-elect Bush plans to announce the appointment of Don Evans as commerce secretary today, according to Republican officials involved in the deliberations.

Age: 54; born July 1946

Education: B.S., mechanical engineering, University of Texas, 1969; M.B.A., University of Texas, 1973.

Experience: Chairman and CEO of Tom Brown, Inc., 1975-present; chairman of the Bush-Cheney 2000 campaign; national finance chairman for Gov. George W. Bush's Texas gubernatorial campaigns, 1998, 1994; chairman of the Texas Inaugural Committee for Gov. Bush, 1995; chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, 1997-present; appointed to Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, 1995.

Family: Wife, Susan Marinis; two daughters, one son.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports AP

"I have really enjoyed working with Evans," Miller said. "He is a person with high integrity and strong character."

Tom Craddick, who represents Midland in the Texas House of Representatives, also believes Evans is a good choice for Secretary of Commerce.

"He would do a great job. He has business experience and political experience," Craddick said, reiterating O'Neill's comment. "He is exactly the kind of person we need in a position like that."

Craddick has worked with Evans on different projects with the Bush campaign and with the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

"He has a great mixture of goodness and integrity and he is prepared to handle the job politically," Craddick said.

Bush names Martinez to housing, Veneman to agriculture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital, President-elect Bush approved the nominations of longtime friend Don Evans as commerce secretary, former Cuban refugee Mel Martinez as housing secretary and Californian Ann Veneman as agriculture secretary, Republican officials said Tuesday, predicting a blitz of pre-Christmas appointments.

Bush, soon to be the nation's 43rd president, planned to announce the selections Wednesday in Texas, said several GOP officials involved in the deliberations. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 36-day election standoff forcing a late start to his transition, Bush squeezed several job interviews between sessions with congressional leaders, President Clinton, former rival Al Gore and Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan during a two-day Washington stay that ended Tuesday night.

Martinez, chairman of Orange County, Fla. — which encompasses Orlando — co-chaired Bush's campaign in Florida and is a close ally of his brother Jeb, the state's Republican governor. Martinez, 54, fled Cuba to the United States in 1962 when he was 15 years old. He played a starring role in the Elian Gonzalez saga earlier this year.

Veneman, 51, served as director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1995 to 1999, appointed by former Republican Gov. Pete Wilson as the first woman to head the agency. She was the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1989 to 1991, when she was deputy secretary for international affairs and commodities programs when Bush's father was president.

The sources said Bush, who traveled home to Austin with Martinez and Veneman on his plane, tentatively planned to limit his Wednesday announcement to those three nominations, though they did not rule out last-minute additions. Aides said Bush was likely to make several other personnel announcements before taking a break for Christmas.

In other developments:

■ Bush met Tuesday with his leading candidate for secretary of Health and Human Services, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson. A four-term governor, Thompson, 59, championed welfare reform and briefly considered running for the presidency. Republican sources said his nomination could be made later this week if all goes as planned.

■ Former Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., is the leading defense secretary candidate, though officials said Bush did not intend to fill the position Wednesday.

■ Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, a longtime Bush ally, was flying to Texas Tuesday night for a meeting with Bush. He is the top candidate for attorney general, as well as a prospect for interior secretary. Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a favorite of conservatives, some of whom oppose Racicot for attorney general, left Tuesday for a four-day trip to Bosnia. Bush was not expected to name his Justice Department chief Wednesday, officials said.

■ New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman emerged as the front-running candidate to head the Environmental Protection Agency, and Bush was expected to fill the post this week.

In his first Cabinet announcement, Bush said Saturday he would nominate retired Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state.

Promising a diverse administration, Bush has already tapped two blacks — Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice — an Hispanic in Martinez and two women: Rice and Veneman. He has pledged to name a Democrat or two to his Cabinet, though Veneman beat out Rep. Charles Stenholm, a Texas Democrat.

Bush met Monday with at least three Cabinet prospects: Coats, Veneman and Pennsylvania businessman Paul O'Neill, a treasury candidate.

O'Neill's prospects may have been damaged by a Wall Street Journal article that outlined the support he once gave to Gore's proposal for gasoline and carbon taxes. "It certainly has been clear to me, and has been for a long time, that we need a gasoline tax," O'Neill said at a Clinton-Gore economic summit during Clinton's transition to power in 1992.

DEATH: Macha described as 'quiet, calm — a regular guy'

(From 1A)

The senior Macha was an independent landman at the time of his death.

Fred Michna, a semi-retired Midland commercial and aerobatic pilot who was a honorary pallbearer at the 1991 funeral, said August Macha was "one of my best friends. He was a high-class individual and an excellent pilot."

Ms. Jauz noted Macha, who was driving a pickup bearing a New Mexico license plate, had a Colorado driver's license and had lived in Dallas, New Mexico, and Colorado before he returned to his hometown — Midland.

Chris Macha was a 1978 Midland High School graduate and was a member of the Boys Scouts of America in the early 1970s. His father had assisted Scoutmaster Forrest Muire, who remembered the younger Macha as "quiet, enthusiastic and cooperative."

Macha's father, who assisted "on a lot of the camp-outs," was "an excellent landman, a very nice fellow," Muire recalled.

Ms. Jauz said investigators theorized that "Macha purposefully hit Seay's vehicle but are unsure if Macha was at that (doughnut) location because he knew Seay would be there" or if their meeting was "by chance."

Seay, who frequented the near-downtown T&T Donuts shop, was shot several times by Macha after their trucks were involved in a collision in the alley behind the doughnut shop, police said. Moments afterward, both men had gotten out of their damaged trucks about 7:15 a.m. on Louisiana Avenue next to the shop off Big Spring Street.

Police said Macha then repeatedly shot Seay with a 9-millimeter Glock semi-automatic pistol before shooting himself.

Midland County Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock has ordered the Lubbock County Medical Examiner to perform autopsies on Macha and Seay.

Seay, who on Nov. 11 was married to Mary Hudson in Midland, in 1999 had joined the Houston-based Continental Land & Fur Company, Inc., as a consultant and later became manager of the company's Permian Basin activities. For years, he had been president of Seay Exploration.

Paul Laverty, a 40-year-old Midland computer network technician who is also a 1978 MHS graduate, served with Chris Macha in the Boy Scouts Troop 85.

Laverty termed Macha as "kind of quiet, calm.

"It would be out of character for him to have done something like this (murder-suicide)," Laverty said. "Of course, it's been 22 years since I've seen him. Who knows what other pressures change people? Who knows how people change over the years?"

In high school, Chris Macha was a member of the National Honor Society, the Industrial Arts Club and the golf team, according to the MHS 1978 yearbook, CATOICO.

"I knew him better as a Scout back when we were 12 or 13 (years old)," Laverty said. "I ran cross-country, and he wasn't on the cross-country team."

Laverty, who said he "did not know Mr. Seay personally," said "I know a number of people who do, and they all thought highly of him."

Midland businessman Homer Bernard, MHS Class of 1978, said Macha "didn't ever show any hostility."

They were in the Industrial Arts Club.

"He (Chris Macha) was just like one of the regular guys," Bernard said.

Ralph Schultz, who taught industrial arts at MHS, recalled Macha as "an excellent student, very polite, very quiet. He was a very good craftsman.

"He was a sharp kid, very cooperative — just the type of student you wanted," said Schultz, who is a continuing-education instructor at Midland College.

"He just wasn't one that would go after girls," Schultz said. "He seemed more concerned about doing his thing at school. He was just a super, super student, a super individual."

SDO: Group feels 'relief' with Evans' appointment

(From 1A)

Domestic Oil (SDO) in 1998, charges Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Venezuela and Iraq of dumping crude oil in the U.S. at prices below production costs during 1998 and 1999.

The unresolved lawsuit, which sought anti-dumping protection by the Department of Commerce against the foreign producers, has long been a source of conflict between domestic oil producers and multi-national oil companies, which produce and import foreign oil.

The matter is now under legal review, but when appeals run their course, Evans, as Secretary of Commerce, may have to bring resolution to the matter with a full and formal investigation of the dumping charges. He could also be put in the political hot seat by having to rule that four major U.S. oil suppliers, in fact, did cause great harm to the U.S. oil industry and are liable for damages.

Evans' position on the SDO lawsuit is not known, but a statement released this week by Harold Hamm, chairman of the SDO executive committee, was upbeat.

The Enid, Okla. producer noted: "We await the arrival of the Bush administration with a great amount of optimism and a strong feeling of relief."

It seems apparent from SDO comments that the organization looks upon the Bush administration with more optimism than the Clinton administration.

At the urging of Clinton, the Department of Commerce, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, and nearly all multi-national oil companies, strongly resisted the SDO lawsuit, which had been endorsed by independent oil producers.

The Department of Commerce refused to hear the SDO petition, claiming the producers group lacked standing in the matter, and because it did not represent sufficient U.S. domestic oil production.

After being denied standing, SDO appealed to the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York City, which ruled against the commerce department and remanded the suit back to Commerce for a full investigation. The API Ad-Hoc Committee, comprised of 16 of the world's greatest oil producers, has now appealed to the Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit Court to reverse the decision by the International Trade Court to remand the petition to Commerce.

The producers' committee — including Saudi Arabian Oil Co., Petroleos de Venezuela, Pemex, Chevron, Exxon, Texaco, Mobil, Shell and BP — states in the appeal that further action in the anti-dumping petition would only harm the interests of U.S. producers and refiners now that prices have rebounded.

"Imposing duties on these four countries would do nothing to alleviate the problem. It would be like building a dam 11 percent of the way across a river." The appeal says the duties sought would cause great turbulence and would ultimately be futile and dangerous."

Hamm, however, said today's volatile oil and gas prices swings are the direct result of abnormally low oil prices caused by the dumping of crude oil in the U.S., during in 1998 and 1999.

He also said the SDO investigation should be carried to finality to send the message that the dumping of commodities — including crude oil — is illegal in the America. Hamm, who feels the appeal will be denied, said a full investigation and ruling for SDO can prevent the future collapse of oil price, as in 1998 when oil prices dropped to $8 a barrel.

JEEP: Friends come to rescue of girl

(From 1A)

to her brother, but he gave it to her to help make her "Sweet 16th" all the more memorable.

"When he gave it to me it needed some work," she said. "The transmission was shot, so my dad and I fixed it ... together. It took about six months, but we got it working and painted. Now it's gone."

Although important to her, nothing in the Jeep was of any great monetary value. She had things like a backpack, books and her jacket in the car when it was taken. But she did lose some checks from the fund raising project the band is working on and her "Princess" sticker from her back window.

But there is a silver lining.

Her friends have stepped to the plate.

"My best friend, Lindsey Driver, has taken me everywhere and even bought me a new backpack (after hers had been stolen with the Jeep)," Miss Vogel said. "And all my friends say they look up and down all the streets in Midland looking for a blue Jeep."

It still hasn't really sunk in with Miss Vogel that her Jeep is gone. Sometimes she finds herself thinking ... "What if?"

"The other day we were having a function at church," she recalled. "I wanted to go home and change so I told my friend I would be right back ... walked outside ... then turned around and walked back in.

"I care about my stuff ... but I just want my Jeep back."

The Jeep is a 1984 model, royal blue with a white hard top. It was taken from the Lee High School parking lot sometime between 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning and 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

Anyone with information about the theft can call the Midland Police Department at 685-7178.

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Showcase anti-smoking project fails; kids still smoke

By Paul Recer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was to be a showcase, world-class demonstration of how to persuade school children not to smoke.

The $15 million program used the latest smoking prevention theories from the best social scientists. From the third grade on, children attended special classes and were meticulously instructed by trained teachers how to resist tobacco use.

But after 14 years, experts declared Tuesday that the project failed.

More than a fourth of the former Washington state school children in the study are now regular smokers, about the same rate as those who didn't receive the special classes, according to a report in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"It simply didn't work," said Arthur V. Peterson Jr., the project's lead researcher. "It was a surprise. It was a disappointment."

Peterson, who heads a cancer prevention program at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, said researchers are now scrambling to find new approaches for controlling tobacco use among the young.

"It is time for researchers to go back to the drawing board," said Peterson.

He said techniques that have worked in some areas include denying youthful access to tobacco by raising taxes and controlling sales, and by countering tobacco company advertising with a heavy, youth-oriented media blitz.

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center study, involving 8,388 school children and 640 teachers in 40 school districts, was based on what is called a "social influences" approach.

The experiment included classes designed to arm children with the skills to ignore social pressures to smoke, to teach them about the dangers of smoking and to provide a motivation to remain smoke-free throughout life. The students were taught to resist advertising, peer persuasion and influences at home.

Children were targeted during the critical tobacco decision years — the time in life when smoking habits that may last a lifetime are adopted.

Peterson said this "social-influences" approach has been the accepted standard among smoking prevention researchers for 25 years.

A curriculum for grades 3 through 10 was drawn up by smoking-prevention experts at the National Cancer Institute, which paid for the research. The educational program met guidelines for school-based anti-tobacco education recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Teachers in the test schools attended training classes to learn the anti-tobacco education techniques.

The study started in September 1984, and continued until September 1999, with researchers following the progress of the test children as they grew older.

"This study was carefully conceived and meticulously performed, and it achieved a new standard of scientific rigor for prevention research," said Richard Clayton, a University of Kentucky researcher.

Yet it failed.

Surveys of the students in the study found that 24.4 percent of the girls and 26.3 percent of the boys were daily smokers by the 12th grade. That rate of smoking is almost identical to that among students who did not participate in the study, researchers found.

A survey of the students two years after high school found an even higher rate of smoking: 28.42 percent for those in the experimental group vs. 29.07 percent for those not in the program.

A federal survey released last week found 31.4 percent of high school seniors reported smoking at least once in the past month, a decline from the 34.6 percent found in a 1999 survey.

Clayton said the Washington state study shows the school-based "social influences" philosophy of smoking prevention may be basically flawed, or is at least clearly inadequate.

"It is based on the idea that the smoking decision is a rational one," he said. "It may be that we've ignored emotion and put too much emphasis on the rational" when trying to control smoking among the young.

Smoking is responsible for about 400,000 premature deaths in the United States, the CDC says. It is estimated that tobacco costs the nation about $50 billion annually in health care costs. Cigarette smoking has been linked to eight different types of cancer and to heart and lung diseases.

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Government, steel maker reach $98 million settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its biggest environmental settlement ever with a steel producer, the government has reached an accord with the Nucor Corp. requiring the company to spend $98 million for pollution control and civil penalties, federal officials said Tuesday.

The agreement will require Nucor, a Fortune 500 company and one of the country s largest steel makers, to reduce air, water and ground pollution from its plants in seven states. The company, which has annual sales exceeding $4 billion, will have to make the improvements at 14 plants in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

Federal officials expressed hope that the pact will set an example for other steel manufacturers whose emissions the Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department also are studying.

"This settlement means a cleaner environment and better public health protection for communities that are Nucor's neighbors," Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, told reporters.

Nucor executives said in a written statement that after cooperating with federal officials for 18 months to strike the deal, they were surprised by the "tone, timing and lack of information" in the government's announcement of the agreement.

They said that the Clinton administration "had turned this into a parting political shot" by not mentioning the extent of the company's cooperation, its belief that it has violated no environmental laws, and steps it has already taken to reduce pollution.

"In one word, the EPA statement was misleading," Daniel DiMicco, president and chief executive officer, said in an interview from corporate headquarters in Charlotte, N.C.

Nucor produces steel in so-called minimills from more than 10 million tons of scrap steel annually, making it the nation's biggest steel recycler.

'In a complaint filed with the agreement, the government accused Nucor of illegally releasing thousands of tons of nitrogen oxide into the air each year, along with other pollutants that cause smog.

Nitrogen oxide is a component of acid rain and can damage lakes and crops while reducing visibility. It and the other pollutants can aggravate respiratory problems and even cause premature death.

The government also alleged the company polluted groundwater and soil by improperly disposing of K061 dust, including discharging it illegally through wastewater and storm water. The dust, a hazardous waste produced by steel furnaces, contains cadmium and lead, which the EPA considers likely causes of cancer.

Under the agreement, Nucor will spend $85 million for new air pollution control equipment and to reduce dust emissions. It will also spend $4 million to take other steps to monitor and reduce pollution in communities near its plants, plus pay a $9 million civil fine.

Overall, the settlement could cut emissions of 6,400 tons of nitrogen oxide and 3,000 tons of other smog-causing pollutants over the next eight years, officials said.

Morgue workers, others charged with stealing from the dead

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sixteen people, including 10 city morgue workers, were charged Tuesday with stealing credit cards, driver's licenses, cash and guns from the dead.

The defendants used the credit cards to buy at least $90,000 in televisions, computers and other merchandise, U.S. Attorney Michael Stiles said.

In one of the most "goulish and macabre" thefts, as described by District Attorney Lynne Abraham, a former employee in the medical examiner's office stole about $800 in change that was kept in glass jars in the basement of one of the deceased.

The man allegedly loaded the coins into body bags to carry out of the house, spilling change in a trail leading out of the house. The victim's brother alerted police.

Among those charged were two former supervisors, two coroner's investigators and six forensic technicians, who were hired to take bodies from crime scenes to the morgue.

Three of the workers remain with the agency — including two who were arrested while at work Tuesday — but will be suspended and probably fired.

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Cheney, Powell share history of not always getting along

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Colin Powell and Dick Cheney have had a relationship usually marked by cooperation — but sometimes mistrust — going back for decades.

The next secretary of state once described the next vice president as a man who "preferred losing on principle to winning through further compromise."

Some of the tension is still evident, particularly as President-elect Bush prepares to select a defense secretary.

In the behind-the-scenes skirmish, Cheney appears to have the advantage. Former Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., strongly backed by Cheney, seems likely to be Bush's choice to run the Pentagon.

The Texas governor has no national security experience himself, while Cheney was defense secretary for Bush's father during the Gulf War and Gen. Powell was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Together, Cheney and Powell helped orchestrate the U.S. victory over Iraq. They worked together — but not always smoothly.

Both have denied reports of a clash over the defense post, Cheney dismissing it as "just so much Washington hype."

However, others close to the process said that Powell sent out signals he favored Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, a political moderate and Vietnam veteran, while Cheney favored the more conservative Coats — or even more conservative Paul Wolfowitz, who had served with him at the Pentagon.

Ridge took himself out of contention two weeks ago, according to Cheney. Those following the maneuvering saw that as a significant development — suggesting that Cheney's views had prevailed.

Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he wasn't personally aware of a dispute between Powell and Cheney over the post. "But I can tell you, Colin Powell will be his own man."

Warner, R-Va., a former Navy secretary, said tensions between a secretary of state and a secretary of defense are normal, even healthy, since the two sometimes have competing goals and constituencies. "The secretary of defense has to be just as strong as the secretary of state so they can go toe-to-toe," Warner said.

Warner declined to say whether he thought Coats, once a senior member of his panel, fit this category, saying he didn't want to be drawn into such speculation.

Cheney and Powell first worked together in 1987 and 1988 during congressional debates on support for the Nicaraguan contras. At the time, Cheney represented Wyoming in Congress and was House Republican whip, the second-in-command party post. Powell was President Reagan's national security adviser.

In his 1998 book, "My American Journey," Powell wrote that he was trying to work out a compromise with the Democrats on a contra-aid package.

"If only the Republicans would agree to a few minor concessions, we could win the Democratic swing votes we need. I had not reckoned, however, on the character of House Minority Whip Dick Cheney. ..."

Cheney, with a solid conservative voting record, "would not agree to any more concessions," Powell wrote. "He preferred losing on principle to winning through further compromise. Consequently on Feb. 3 (1988) the administration proposal went down to defeat."

The two later were reunited in the Bush administration

Powell wrote that Cheney was "incisive, smart, no smart talk, never showing any more surface than necessary. And tough."

Of Cheney's becoming defense secretary, the four-star general wrote: "This man, who had never spent a day in uniform, who during the Vietnam War had gotten a student deferment and later a parent deferment, had taken instant control of the Pentagon."

In his 1991 book "The Commanders," reporter Bob Woodward suggested that Powell and Cheney were often at odds over the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf — with Cheney expressing exasperation at times over Powell's reluctance to provide a wider range of military options for confronting Saddam Hussein.

At one point, Cheney was said to have gone behind Powell's back and had the Navy and the Air Force come up with plans for specific strike targets within Iraq, infuriating Powell.

In his own book, Powell suggested that Woodward's account caused him some grief by "implying that I privately opposed the president on the Gulf War."

He said President Bush made light of the controversy and told him not to worry about it.

"I heard nothing from my boss, Dick Cheney," Powell wrote. "Part of me was saying, 'Cheney is probably happy to see me cut down to size.'"

But, he added, "The better angels of my nature said, 'That's just Dick; you get into trouble in this league, and you get yourself out.'"

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, an arms-control group that follows defense issues, suggested that Ridge's moderate political views were more in line with Powell's, while Coats was more of "a solid conservative thinker who in many ways agrees with Bush's stated campaign positions."

By contrast, Powell has not always agreed with Bush's positions, Kimball noted.

For instance, Powell in 1999 publicly called for Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty — a treaty both Bush and Cheney oppose.

"I'm not sure what Powell's view of the test ban treaty is this afternoon," Kimball said.

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Rumors ran rampant in search for next Harvard president

BOSTON (AP) — It's enough to turn Harvard people crimson. The search to fill the nation's most prestigious university presidency is so wide-open that Rush Limbaugh and "Doonesbury" have been making fun of it.

About 500 people have been nominated for the post, including Vice President Al Gore and two dead people.

Although the list has not been made public, search committee chairman Robert G. Stone Jr. has acknowledged that Gore (Class of 1969) is among the nominees.

President Clinton and New York Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton are also rumored to be on the list, though university officials have not confirmed that.

The search committee hopes to decide by spring on the successor to Neil L. Rudenstine, who has announced he will step down next summer after a decade on the job. Rudenstine was paid more than $342,000 for the 1998-99 school year.

The search has been done in relative secrecy but has been rife with rumors.

Academics, politicians and business leaders are on the list, though Harvard spokesman Joe Wrinn said he wouldn't be surprised if there were a few joke nominations. At least two of the nominees are dead, he said.

The search has been the butt of jokes from both ends of the political spectrum.

Wrinn said he spent a week this summer shooting down rumors that Hillary Clinton would be Harvard president after Limbaugh mentioned it on his show.

On Tuesday, the conservative radio talk show host sarcastically touted Gore's qualifications as an effective vice president, published author and accomplished inventor.

"Doonesbury" cartoonist Garry Trudeau spent a week in November mocking the nomination process. In his strip, a dean at fictional Walden University recommended his own school president for the job so he could step into the president's shoes.

The strip also featured an undergraduate student nominating his roommate, and mentioned "Colonel Crunch" as a nominee. When informed that it's "Captain Crunch" not "Colonel Crunch," and that he is a cartoon character, an uninterested reporter at a Boston newspaper says in the strip, "Whatever ... do we want to go there?"

Harvard's newspaper advertisement for the job lists simple requirements: "high intellectual distinction" and "demonstrated leadership qualities."

Gore is a "deeply admired Harvard alumnus," Stone said Tuesday, but added: "The committee continues to focus its attention on academic leaders who have spent much of their careers working in the educational and research domain."

And Stone told The Boston Globe that Gore "doesn't have the academic and intellectual standing."

The president's job is to keep the university among the world's elite, maintain the institution's huge fund-raising machine and get often diverse faculty members thinking as one unit.

Universities often bandy about the names of non-academics in their president searches but almost always select an intellectual from the ranks of academia.

"Harvard is still the most visible higher education institution in the United States," said Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education. "They will be first and foremost looking for an academic leader."

Japan refuses demands for extension of agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 1995 agreement between the United States and Japan that sought to boost sales of U.S.-made cars and auto parts in Japan will expire at the end of the year because Japan has refused to extend the pact, the Clinton administration said Tuesday.

The administration said Japanese negotiators rejected an administration proposal to lengthen the current deal for one year to give the incoming Bush administration time to develop its own bargaining position.

The U.S. side of the talks have been led by Commerce Undersecretary Robert LaRussa and Robert Novick, general counsel for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

The Clinton administration argued that the pact needed to be extended because Japan had dragged its feet in honoring its 1995 market-opening commitments.

But Japanese officials argued that a new pact was not necessary because the Japanese auto market has become much more open in the past five years, especially to foreign investment.

American automakers General Motors and Ford and the German-American DaimlerChrysler now own significant stakes in Japanese car companies.

Japan reluctantly agreed to annual reviews of its market-opening efforts but successfully kept the deal from including numerical targets to measure success, a goal of the U.S. team, which was led at that time by then-U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

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Japan's work force woefully inefficient

By Chikako Mogi
Associated Press

TOKYO — It's a typical Saturday at the Mitsukoshi department store, and a customer is paying for her Christmas cards.

There's one clerk to box and wrap the cards, a second to take the money, and a third to ring up the sale.

A half-dozen people are waiting in line, but nobody is complaining — except the economists.

Japan's work force is diligent, dedicated, well-educated. But it is also woefully inefficient. And as the nation struggles through a decade-old economic slowdown, Japan's superfluous workers are becoming a luxury many experts say it can no longer afford.

"If Japan doesn't change, further economic development will be very difficult," said Mamoru Yamazaki, senior economist at Barclays Capital Japan Ltd.

Japan's productivity is the lowest among the seven most industrialized nations and only 20th among the world's 29 richest countries, according to the Japan Productivity Center for Socio-Economic Development, a think-tank affiliated with Japan's trade ministry.

"Japan uses more employees compared to other countries to produce the same amount of goods and services," the study concluded.

The evidence is everywhere. Building sites often hire a couple of people solely to make sure pedestrians don't trip over the equipment. Railway employees sit idly by automated ticket turnstiles. Banks employ clerks whose job is to guide customers to counters, explain how to use automated machines, or help to fill in documents.

Many Japanese don't think it's a bad thing.

Japan's unemployment rate has long been considerably lower than the West's, and even now, at its record, it's still under 5 percent. So the ideal of a job for life, although never a universal reality, makes it harder for companies to lay off surplus workers.

The result —a class of underemployed workers known as the "madogiwa zoku," people by the window — serves the important social function of instilling a strong sense of job security.

Japanese also are used to the pampering and attention to detail that is made possible by having so many people on the job. Trains are spotlessly clean and nearly always on time because there are legions of workers to service them.

And despite gasoline costing $3.55 a gallon, self-service and discounts haven't caught on. Drivers prefer to have a squad of attendants fill their tank, wipe their windows, empty their ashtrays.

But tougher times have forced many companies to cut costs and get more competitive, and economists believe the trend is crucial for pulling Japan out of the doldrums.

"Companies have come to realize that the old system will no longer work," said Mitsuru Yaguchi, senior economist at Tokyo Mitsubishi Securities, Co. "In order to survive and boost profitability, they have to cut fixed costs, particularly personnel."

Among the changes already being seen is an increase in part-timers or employees on loan who can easily be dropped from the payroll.

Deregulation and job-cutting haven't proceeded as quickly as in the United States, whose productivity has risen twice as fast as Japan's.

But where loyalty was once the overriding value, workers are now more open to job-hopping. That has become possible because companies that once hired almost only college graduates are now more interested in expertise and ability.

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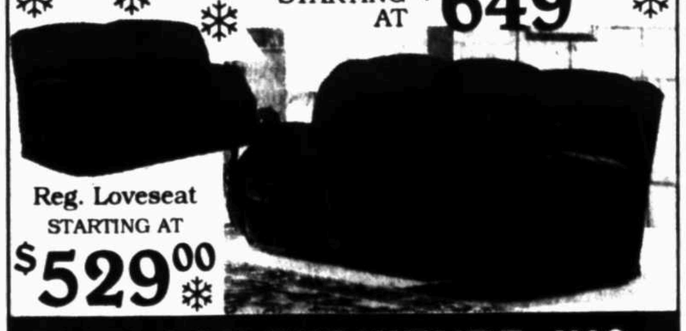
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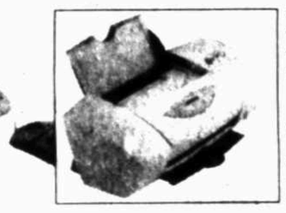
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Bush apparently ready to stand by tax cut promise

President-elect George W. Bush appears determined to make good on the promise of a $1.3 trillion tax cut made during his long campaign for the White House.

As he nears the beginning of his term in office, Bush's massive tax cut plan has inspired plenty of public doubters, from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to Republican Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert.

Although he is a wealthy man, Bush has always been able to understand the frustration of millions of America's working men and women who feel they are spending too many hours of their work week laboring on the behalf of Uncle Sam. And there is a feeling that some taxes are simply unfair, such as the marriage penalty and inheritance taxes that eat up estates parents had hoped to pass down to their children.

We are proud to see that Bush is sticking to his guns.

We also know Bush is a shrewd politician who will work hard to reach across the aisle and find common ground on such tough issues with his rivals.

Yet in the coming months we ought to brace ourselves for the rhetoric we will almost certainly be forced to endure.

Detractors of Bush and the conservatives will claim Bush wants tax relief for his wealthy friends.

How soon they forget that Bush made the story of a single mother with a modest income and a heavy tax burden a daily part of his campaign speech for most of 2000.

And many will express alarm that a massive tax cut could throw our economy, already teetering a bit, into a tailspin.

If we have learned anything over the past grueling month and a half, we have learned that the American people want to know all the facts and want to hear a full discussion of the issues.

Americans want to see our economy remain robust. We have thrilled in the bull market of the past few years.

But by the same token, many of us are weary of seeing the government take a huge slice of our paycheck.

We hope both sides will lay out a clear, concise argument on behalf of or against tax cuts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 20, the 355th day of 2000. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74.

In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76.

In 1987, more than 3,000 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Ten years ago: Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze shocked Soviet lawmakers by announcing his resignation, warning that "dictatorship is coming."

Five years ago: An American Airlines Boeing 757 en route to Cali, Colombia, slammed into a mountain, killing all but four of the 163 people aboard. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, NATO began its peacekeeping mission, taking ove. from the United Nations.

One year ago: The Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples of the opposite sex. Country music legend Hank Snow died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 85.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director George Roy Hill is 78. Rock musician Peter Criss (Kiss) is 55. Actor John Spencer is 54. Actress Jenny Agutter is 48. Actor Michael Badalucco is 46. Actress Blanche Baker is 44. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 43. Country singer Kris Tyler is 36.

CAL THOMAS

Bush must not abandon his campaign goals

It's not that we haven't seen this before when Republicans have won the White House. Candidates for the losing Democrat side — in this case Gore-Lieberman, but in previous elections, Mondale-Ferraro and Dukakis-Bentsen, — say that the winning Republicans should abandon the issues on which they ran and adopt the positions of the people they defeated.



Thomas

This "strategy" is particularly urgent now, we are told, because of the closeness of the race which is made even less legitimate due to the Supreme Court, not the voters, casting the decisive vote for Bush.

On marginal tax rate reductions, The New York Times, which appeared at times to be reprinting the position papers of the Gore-Lieberman campaign, editorialized last week, "it is always hard for any candidate to abandon a centerpiece of his campaign, but in truth there's not that much support even among Republicans for the sweeping $1.3 trillion tax cut Mr. Bush proposed." Not true. During the presidential campaign, CBS News, along with other media organs, claimed that most Americans didn't want their taxes reduced. Now, a CBS News poll has discovered that 61 percent of us favor not only a tax cut, but a large tax cut.

An early sign that Bush is not "going wobbly" on taxes is his pledge to Time Magazine he will follow through on his tax cut promise. Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and White House chief of staff-designate Andrew Card dittoed that on weekend television. Bush believes, rightly, that if there is an economic slowdown, tax cuts will help reinvigorate the economy. Besides, it's the people's money, not the government's money, Bush frequently told us during the campaign.

Bush's Democratic foes will try to undermine not only his tax cut proposal, but also his social policies. The Democrat line — underscored by editorial writers and commentators who supported Gore-Lieberman — is that Bush should invite liberal foxes into the conservative hen house. Did Democrats ever follow their own advice when they controlled the White House and Congress? One would be hard-pressed to name a single person in a decision-making position in recent Democrat administrations who favored a reduction in marginal tax rates, was pro-life at some stage of the baby's development, opposed at least some of the gay rights agenda, or rejected the race-baiting and "victimization" positions of the civil rights establishment.

The liberal strategy is so transparent. When Democrats win the White House and/or control of Congress there is no talk of bipartisanship, inclusion, or power-sharing. Democrats understand that power is something to be used, not negotiated away.

In each election since 1994, when Republicans gained control of Congress for the first time in four decades, there has been a slippage in the GOP majority. That's because Republican "leaders" have put a higher priority on being liked than they have in advancing traditional Republican principles. Now the Senate is tied 50-50. Assuming Democrats stick together and every Republican votes in favor of the Bush agenda (a major assumption because there are quite a few moderate and liberal Republican Senators), Vice President Dick Cheney will be able to break ties in the administration's favor. But this could be the Republicans' last opportunity for some time to advance their ideas. If Democrats win back one or both houses of Congress in 2002 — a distinct possibility — and the White House in 2004, Republicans can look forward to the back-handed treatment they used to receive from Democrats when Democrats ran the show.

Bush has the gift of friendliness. He is likable and he likes a lot of people who do not believe as he does. He should take advantage of this unique Republican moment and follow through on his convictions, explaining and demonstrating why his policies will work. He should regularly feature human examples who can show what lower taxes, cuts in regulation, self-control and making pro-life decisions in the midst of unplanned pregnancies have done for them and can do for others.

Moving the country away from the gimme and grievance philosophy of the Democratic left will take great skill. Bush can do this. He has a happy demeanor and a positive attitude. He can "reach out" to the other side but he should remember that his arm is attached to him, not to them.

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DAVE MCNEELY

Scrambling begins for lieutenant governor post

No hanging chads, or even dimpled ones, in this election. Just the 31 members of the Texas Senate, who know each other very, very well, deciding among themselves whom to make their presiding officer for the next two years. The Senate president will take over the duties of Lt. Gov. Rick Perry but not his title.

The candidate most out-front has been Republican David Sibley of Waco. But some think that if Sibley already had the 16 votes necessary to be elected, there would have been a press conference by now, in the fashion of a House speaker's race.



McNeely

The Senate has a 16-15 Republican majority. But even though three Democratic senators reportedly pledged early to Sibley — Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, David Bernsen of Beaumont and Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio — the reason Sibley presumably is short of the 16 votes is that several other Republican senators want the job.

They include Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio, and J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson — and possibly others. They can be presumed ready to vote for themselves at least on the first ballot and then see how things go from there.

The Senate has devised an election system where who voted for whom won't be known, only who gets knocked off from the bottom on each succeeding ballot. Even the vote totals won't be known until the contenders get down to four senators or less.

Thus the stage is set for a consensus choice — someone who might have been the second or third choice of a majority of the members — to become the next presiding officer of the Senate.

Perhaps ironically, one of the leading candidates in that dark horse situation is Brown, who gets along well with people on both sides of the isle.

The irony is because of what one Senate aide said has come to be called "UGLI," for the "Unfortunate Golf Lesson Incident." Brown groped a female aide in his Lake Jackson office in 1999 and, after she filed suit, apologized.

Many observers think Brown — who is up for Senate re-election in 2002 just as all senators will be after redistricting next year — probably won't run, either for re-election to the Senate or for lieutenant governor.

That odd situation, some think, makes him attractive to Democrats. A Democrat — such as former Comptroller John Sharp, who once served in the Senate — would have a better chance to win the lieutenant governor's job in 2002 if there is no Republican senator seeking the lieutenant governorship who has spent the past two years exercising the powers of the office. Sibley has said he would run for the job if he wins the vote of his Senate colleagues.

But because of the secret ballot system, it's conceivable Brown could win a majority vote even while a majority of senators won't say whether they voted for him.

The only Senate Democrat consistently mentioned as a possibility to replace Perry is Ken Armbrister of Victoria. But with factions in both parties, and with some friendships and trust relationships that reach across the aisle, no one is confidently predicting the outcome of the election.

One consideration the members of the Senate club will have to balance, regardless of party: Would they rather give one of their own, such as Sibley, a head start in the 2002 election or take a chance on having an outsider, like Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander or Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, take over the job?

When will this happen? ... With the Electoral College having validated Gov. Bush's election Monday, he could resign as early as today.

Then Senate President Pro Tem Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, could call the Senate into session as early as Thursday to pick Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's replacement.

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CHARLEY REESE

It's far too late for Gore to be statesmanlike

Whatever Al Gore has to say now, it's too late to be either gracious or statesmanlike. He blew that opportunity when he unleashed his army of lawyers and demagogues on Florida and dragged out the campaign for an additional 35 days.

About the only thing you need to know is that despite the demagoguery, every ballot in Florida was counted. The first count gave the election to George W. Bush. The automatic recount gave the election to Bush. When the last of absentees had been counted, Bush was still the winner.

Sam Francis, a columnist, likes to call the Republican Party the Stupid Party. Well, the Democrats have certainly earned the title of the Unethical Party. They are clearly showing a rule-or-ruin attitude. No shyster-lawyer trick, no unconscionable demagoguery was beneath them. They were clearly determined either to defeat Bush or poison his presidency.



Reese

The liberal news-media pundits fare no better. In addition to providing a megaphone for every irresponsible and groundless allegation that assorted Democrat radicals wish to make, they immediately began to demand that Bush appoint a Democratic administration to "heal" the country. What a load of horse apples that is.

The burden is not on Bush, it is on the Democrats, who must decide whether they will help govern the country or continue the campaign, sabotaging everything Bush tries to do while pouring out an endless amount of poisonous rhetoric. If that's the course they choose, I hope the American people will have the good sense to punish such unpatriotic behavior at the next election.

As for the U.S. Supreme Court decision, it had no choice but to stop a recount that was being done on the basis of God knows how many different standards for determining a voter's intent. Nor was it the U.S. Supreme Court's fault that the time ran out. The Florida Supreme Court bears that responsibility.

If the Florida court had responded to the first case that the Supreme Court sent back, and if, in ordering a recount, the Florida court had clarified a single standard by which to judge a voter's intent, then the U.S. Supreme Court would have stayed out. It was clearly reluctant to get involved in the first place, but it was Al Gore who forced the high court to do so.

I don't blame Gore for withdrawing his concession on election night. The TV networks had screwed up royally, but, after the first recount and the absentees had been counted, Gore should have conceded.

Forgotten in all this mess was the clear, unmistakable responsibility of the voter to mark his or her ballot correctly. In every precinct where punch cards are used, there is a sign that states in plain language that if the ballot is not punched clean th rough, the vote will not count. That should be the only standard for determining a voter's intent.

Don't pay any attention to any of these groups that come in and count ballots and declare that Gore was really the winner. These ballots have been handled far too much by now. Don't be fooled by the phrase "undercounted ballots." All that means is that when the nonpartisan machines read the ballots, these particular voters had elected not to vote for any presidential candidate.

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In Israel election twist, Netanyahu says he won't run

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced Tuesday that he would not run for his old post despite a commanding lead in opinion polls, greatly boosting re-election prospects for Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Barak, who has seen his political fortunes sag due to the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian violence, now appears set to face Ariel Sharon, a veteran right-wing politician calling for stronger security measures and limited concessions to the Palestinians.

Barak could also face a challenge from the left, with former prime minister Shimon Peres considering arun in the Feb. 6 election.

Netanyahu — who could still change his mind, as supporters are pressing him to — holds a double-digit lead over Barak in the polls, while Barak and Sharon have been running roughly even in a one-on-one matchup.

In a late-night session that stretched into the early hours of Tuesday, parliament passed a special law that made Netanyahu eligible to enter the race for prime minister. He was ineligible because he wasn't a sitting member of parliament, as required by law.

But Netanyahu said that wasn't good enough — he also insisted that the gridlocked parliament disband, saying no Israeli leader could govern effectively at present. Moments later, parliament voted not to dissolve itself, and Netanyahu then ruled out a run.

"I could run, and I'm sure I would be elected," Netanyahu told a news conference Tuesday afternoon. But he described the current parliament, an unruly coalition of 16 parties, as "paralyzed."

Netanyahu could still theoretically change his mind and declare himself a candidate, but the possibility was increasingly slim and time was running out fast.

"It's over for Netanyahu," said Hanan Kristal, one of the country's most respected political analysts. Kristal also said it would be all but impossible for parliament to vote again on dissolving itself before going into recess next week in advance of the election.

With Netanyahu out of the picture, Sharon became the candidate for the right-wing Likud party by default. Posters saying, "We need Sharon now," began appearing Tuesday on the streets of Jerusalem.

Peres, meanwhile, met Barak on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of his entering the prime minister race.

Peres, 77, is the most liberal of the potential candidates and if he ran, he would siphon off voters likely to vote for Barak. Recent polls suggest he could beat Barak in a first round of voting and go on to face Sharon in a second round. The surveys show Sharon leads Peres slightly.

Barak is hoping to conclude a peace deal with the Palestinians in the next month, which he could then present it to the country as a referendum on his peace policies.

Negotiators from the two sides were expected in Washington Tuesday for meetings with U.S. mediators. Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said any summit of the leaders could be held only to sign an agreement, not to negotiate. He doubted there was enough time to finish a pact.

Sharon said that since Barak announced his resignation Dec. 10, he has no right to negotiate an accord. Sharon said if he is chosen prime minister he would not honor any agreement Barak signs now.

Sharon is reviled by Palestinians and is a polarizing figure among Israelis. The current round of violence erupted after his Sept. 28 visit to Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

Barak has lost more support because of the violence, which has taken more than 330 lives, most of them Palestinians.

Scattered clashes erupted Tuesday in the West Bank, injuring at least six Palestinians from one stone-throwing melee near Hebron. There also were heavy exchanges of fire overnight near the West Bank settlement of Psagot, but no injuries were reported.

Palestinians called a half-day general strike, shuttering businesses and staging a flag-waving protest march in Ramallah. The march also commemorated an 18-year-old Palestinian whose body was found Sunday on city's outskirts. Israeli police said two Israeli settlers had been arrested on suspicion of involvement in the killing of Mohammed Shalash.

Late Monday, the Palestinians lost a five-week battle to get a U.N. observer force in the West Bank and Gaza because of U.S. and Israeli opposition and fear of jeopardizing Tuesday's resumption of the talks.

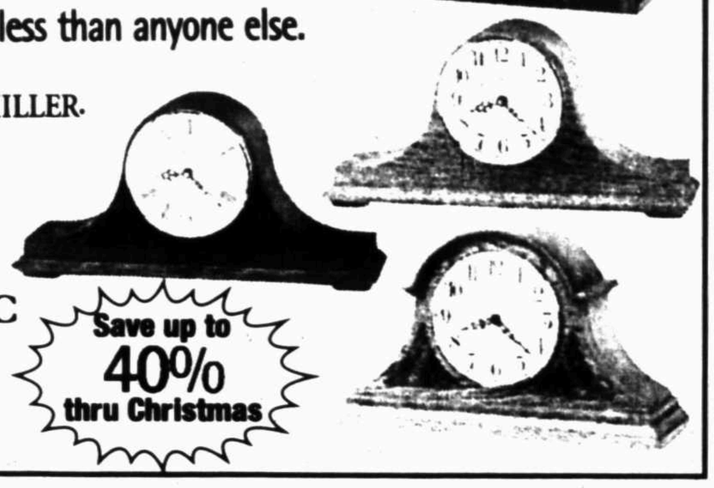
Palestinian envoy Nasser Al-Kidwa blamed U.S. pressure on the 15-member U.N. Security Council. He said the Palestinians will not stop fighting for a U.N. force and may take their demand to the 189-member General Assembly.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Lancry said the vote sent a strong message against the trend of using the United Nations "as a means of diplomatic harassment" against Israel.

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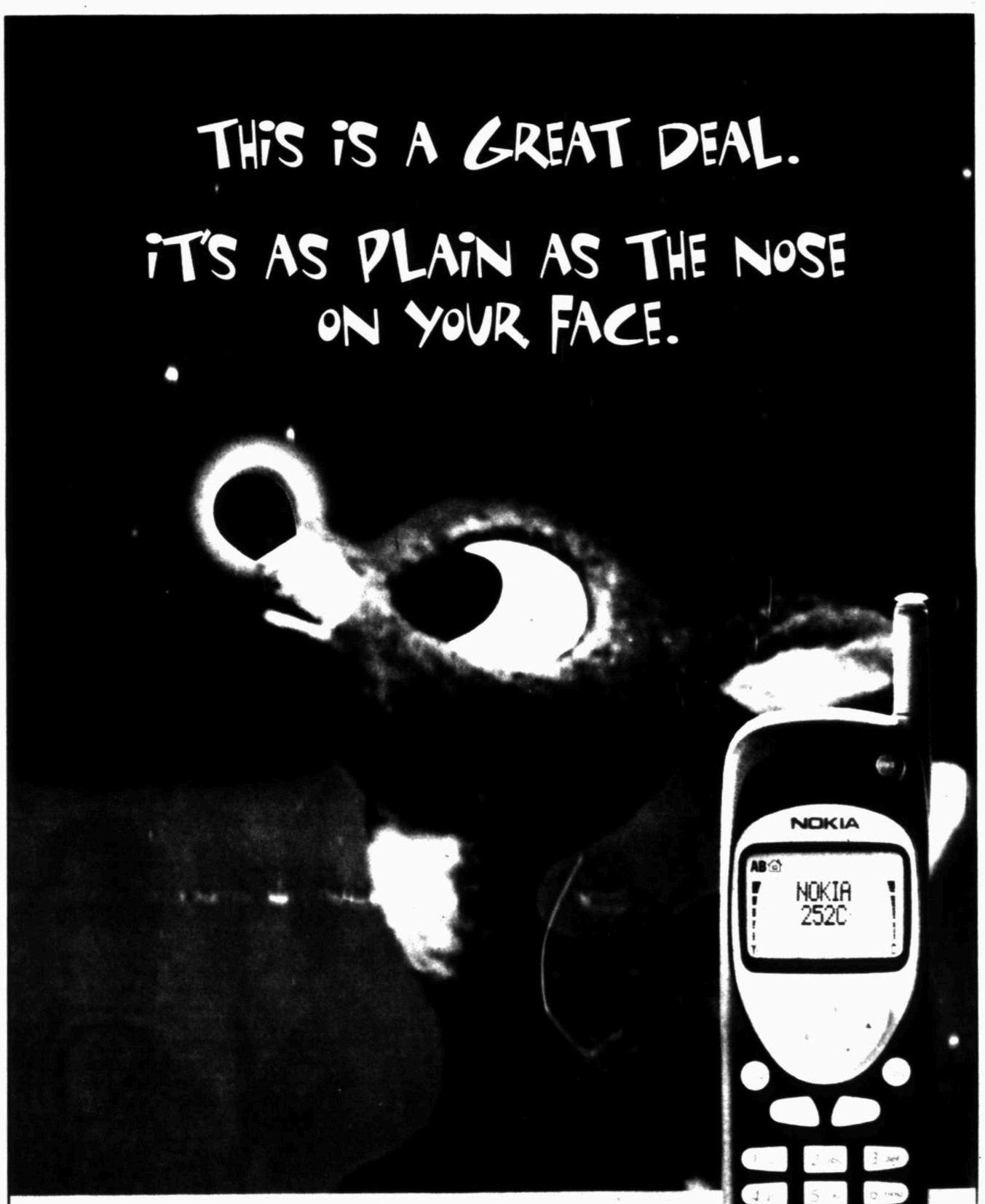
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Mexico's Popo volcano has biggest eruption in more than a millennium

By Niko Price
Associated Press

CHOLULA, Mexico — A volcano outside Mexico City spewed a fiery fountain of ash and rock Tuesday in its most spectacular eruption in more than a millennium, and Mexico's president traveled to the area to reassure evacuees they would not be forgotten.

For days, many of the 41,000 residents at the base of Popocatepetl (pronounced poh-poh-kah-TEH-peh-til) had ignored warnings to leave the area — until the volcano showered incandescent rocks and ash late Monday and early Tuesday from its glowing crater.

By Tuesday afternoon, most towns within six miles (10 kms) of the volcano were deserted, other than an occasional journalist or soldier.

The eruption of the 17,886-foot (5,451-meter) mountain was its biggest show in 1,200 years, when the volcano locally known as "Popo" filled nearby valleys with lava.

Scientists and government officials warned that the current activity could increase, possibly in a full-blown eruption with rivers of lava pouring down the slopes.

The volcano has emitted sporadic plumes of ash and vapor since it awoke from a nearly 70-year slumber in 1994. But the current eruption shocked even lifelong residents of the area.

"At first it was pretty. It lit up like a Christmas tree," said Tomas Jimenez, a 68-year-old corn farmer in the village of Santiago Xalitzintla on the volcano's slope. "Then the fear hit."

On Tuesday, people crowded shelters, sleeping on tile floors with few blankets in the bitter cold and worrying about the few relatives left behind.

At the Miguel Aleman School in Cholula, 65 miles (105 kms) southeast of Mexico City, groups of evacuees gathered to watch the eruption.

Men in cowboy hats and bundled in blankets gaped at the giant plume of smoke billowing from the crater. Families kneeled on the cement eating bread, beans and coffee served by soldiers.

President Vicente Fox flew in on a helicopter and waded into the crowds at the shelter, inspecting the army grub and posing for pictures with children.

"This is not over. It's likely it will continue for some days with the eruptions," he said. He pledged to care for the evacuees "for as long as it takes."

"We have to wait to see what Mr. Popocatepetl says," Fox said. "Because he's the one setting the agenda here. Nobody else can."

The volcano flung rocks as far as six miles (10 kms) down its slopes, but nearby villages were unaffected. There were no reports of injuries.

The gritty volcanic dust had Volkswagen worried for its plant 28 miles (45 kms) east of the crater. The carmaker ordered all finished cars sent to dealers or shipping ports.

The volcano is visible from Mexico City, a metropolis of 18 million people 40 miles (65 kms) to the northwest. But the activity — for now, at least, had little impact on the city itself.

Winds carried the ash and smoke south, sparing the city a rain of soot that some had feared would clog the already polluted air and shut down its busy airport.

Scientists say the eruption was caused by a dome of lava that is causing pressure to build inside the mountain.

Michael Sheridan, an expert on Popocatepetl at the University at Buffalo, said magma is building inside one of the volcano's chambers, creating pressure on the mountain's south side.

If the pressure continues to build, it could create cracks in the mountain, allowing lava to seep out, or it could prompt an eruption like "a champagne bottle that keeps overflowing," he said.

"My opinion has been since the beginning that this should be considered the world's most dangerous volcano," he said.

Even so, some people refused to leave, fearing that their homes would be looted or their livestock stolen. Many residents say police sent in to guard their belongings during a 1994 evacuation instead stole them.

The volcano, whose name means "smoking mountain" in the Nahuatl Indian language, is a powerful symbol in Mexican culture. Artists have personified Popocatepetl and the nearby dormant Iztaccihuatl volcano as sleeping Aztec lovers because from a distance, their shapes look like a reclining woman and a man kneeling over her.

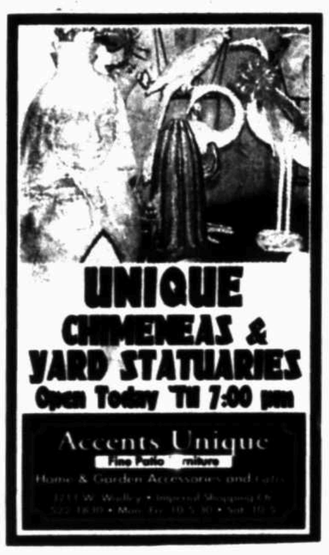
Indian residents have long worshipped the volcano, hiking up its slopes every year to a dark outcrop known as "the bellybutton" to leave offerings to "Don Goyo," an affectionate and respectful nickname for the volcano.

But that respect has turned to fear over the past few days.

Judith Analco Inclan, 28, evacuated from San Nicolas de los Ranchos on the volcano's slope with most local women and children. But many men stayed behind to guard their homes and livestock.

She was outside the shelter talking with a group of women Monday night when they saw the first burst of fire erupt from the mountain.

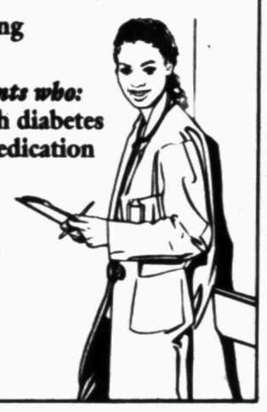




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Relief bill should aid Midland Memorial

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

More than $11 billion worth of relief could be at hand for hospitals across the country thanks to a bill overwhelmingly passed by the United States Congress recently.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 292 to 60, will restore $35 billion total for Medicare cuts over the next five years. Midland Memorial Hospital president Harold Rubin said hospitals and health systems will get $11.5 billion of the amount.

"We're very excited about that — it's very needed," said Rubin. He described the bill as a relief act for the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. "There's no doubt that hospitals have been severely hurt by the cutbacks."

Rubin said there is no way of knowing yet how much the bill could mean specifically to Midland Memorial, which has lost about $790,000 in the first two months of its fiscal year, October and November.

"Virtually all of our financial problems have come out of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997," said Midland Hospital District president Bob Dimit. That act reduced the payments for Medicare patients, with reductions getting more severe each year. Dimit added, "What they did (in a bill passed) last year was arrest that increase, but it still left us with cuts."

Dimit said the money will be divided up among certain services. Using a hypothetical example, he said perhaps the hospital will be repaid $400 instead of $300 for an MRI.

About 55 percent of Midland Memorial Hospital's patients are on Medicare, said Rubin, a rather high level compared to other hospitals. And with an aging population as the Baby Boomers begin to reach 65, Medicare age, it will be a growing problem for hospitals throughout the country.

Another source of good news in the bill is funding for teaching hospitals, Rubin said. Throughout the year, the hospital has 10 internal medicine residents. "We're very excited about that (funding) — it's very needed," Rubin added.

He credited members of the hospital's board, who have been "knowledgeable about this situation" and kept after their congressmen, Rubin said. He also praised Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who he described as a leader in getting the bill passed. "I think she deserves a lot of credit," Rubin said.

Dimit said President Clinton had earlier vetoed a similar bill, but Rubin said, "The president has indicated he would sign this into law."

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, a Texas Democrat, has said he didn't want to go on a holiday break before passing the bill through Congress. "Although this bill isn't the full solution to our rural health challenges, I do believe that it will allow rural providers the chance to continue providing basic health care services to rural Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and their families," Stenholm said.

Santa, with a little help, brings Christmas cheer

By Andy Hancock
MRT Correspondent

On Tuesday afternoon at the Taylor Park Boys and Girls Club, some 100 youngsters sitting in the gymnasium were suddenly surprised when Santa Claus came walking down the hall bearing his sack full of gifts.

In a spontaneous reaction, the crowd of children roared its delight.

It was as though they could not believe Santa himself had come to visit ... and, better yet, brought gifts.

It was a scene repeated several times on Tuesday.

This stop, in fact, was the fourth of five surprise visits Santa, also known as Sid Smith, vice president of Chase Bank in Midland, made that afternoon.

As the spirit of Christmas consumed the children, anyone present — especially adults — could not help but be overcome

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Surprise Santa





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Above: Shay O'Neal, 9, appears pleased with her gift. Shay was among more than 100 children visited by Santa Tuesday afternoon at the Taylor Park Boys and Girls Club. Left: Vanessa Chavez, 9, talks with Santa.

Sheriff, security specialist offer tips to prevent holiday burglary

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

This Christmas season will be a joyous time for many Permian Basin residents. But others may return home from holiday vacations to find their houses have been burglarized. Statistically, burglaries of habitations increase from mid-November through mid-January, according to information provided by the Journal of the American Statistical Association.



Painter

This Christmas, local law enforcement officials are urging extra caution in taking steps to help reduce the chances of home burglary.

"If possible, it's important for vacationing residents to create the impression

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Civilians lend support to law enforcement

By Andy Hancock
MRT Correspondent

Once again this year, Christmas shoppers in Midland will have a little more security on their side. And it is not just the police force that has beefed up its efforts, but rather citizens who have traded in warm nights in front of the fireplace to brave the cold nights in order to help others.

Two organizations are at the root of this operation: C.O.P.S. and C.P.A.A.A.

Citizens on Patrol, and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are groups of private citizens who have had training to assist police and security officers at Midland Park Mall and other locations around town. The C.P.A.A.A. volunteers have all completed a 14-week course at the police department while the C.O.P.S. volunteers have received even more additional training before serving as extra eyes and ears to the police force.

While the two groups have been around a number of years, it has not been until recently that the organizations and their efforts have really taken off.

Midland Park Mall manager David Ross believes those efforts are "A very

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Midland, Odessa continue efforts to cooperate

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

In a spirit of cooperation, not competition, the cities of Midland and Odessa are working together to attract business to the airport area.

"Our strength lies between both cities," said Midland Mayor Bobby Burns. "Both cities have to cooperate." The cities have formed the Joint Economic Development Task Force with the goal of developing the area around FM 1788 and between Highway 191 and Interstate 20, in the vicinity of Midland International Airport.

The formation of the task force followed a joint City Council meeting on Oct. 10. Although several of the members were asked whose idea it was, no one seemed to know for sure, just that it sounded like a good idea.

The Midlanders are Burns, City Council member LuAnn Morgan, City Manager Rick Menchaca, City Attorney Keith Stretcher and Dennis Clayton of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Odessans are Mayor Bill Hext, City Council member Jim Morris, City Manager Jerry McGuire, City Attorney Joel Roberts and Neil McDonald of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

The task force will receive funds from a quarter-cent sales tax passed in Odessa in 1997. The sales tax was meant to attract new businesses and help existing businesses. Around the same time, Midland voters rejected such a tax. Burns said he hopes the voters will pass a tax in the future "so we'll be on an equal footing."

Why would Odessans be willing to cooperate with a task force that will use their money to attract business to an area that is geographically in Midland County? "It's about jobs for Odessa, it's about jobs for Midland," said Menchaca.

If a two-city arrangement sounds complicated, five Fort Worth-area towns have cooperated to create Alliance Airport, Menchaca said, and four cities share some revenues from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Alliance has become "the industrial hub for the Fort Worth area," Menchaca said.

In such setups, sales tax rebates and property tax rebates will accrue to the cities.

The upcoming Bush presidency is shining a welcome spotlight on Midland, said Clayton, the economic development director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "We expect a fairly significant increased interest in the community because of Bush's election," Clayton said. "Being in West Texas, we are constantly informing the state and the world that we are a business center — there's still a perception that we are in rural West

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Matt Josefy

Christmas remains the same, but somehow different 19th time around

Christmas has come for my 19th time
Perhaps no different than the first.
The meaning today has not changed
Than when into flesh Jehovah burst.



Josefy

Intimacy with His finest creation
The Father desires above any other.
Milestones were achieved on earth:
He personally came to be our brother.

Sovereignty He retains in his being
But all else He willingly laid down:
His rights He slid beneath the hay.
Inside Bethlehem's stable, He buried His crown.

That gruesome night for Mary still resounds.
God had made His plans throughout the ages
Human error attempts to destroy,
But through His Son He unwrinkles the pages.

That tumultuous night found mankind too busy
Schedules packed and overflowing
While all the rest of creation
Witnessed as eternal love God was sowing.

Yes little has changed in 2000 years
Much less my feeble nineteen
But I learn a lesson from Mary
Pondering what all this may mean.

Yes, this college boy is probably a little more reflective this Christmas, considering things are drastically different than last.

Last year, I was excited about the opportunities that were opening up for me, but I was still a mere high school student, plagued by minute worries and concerns. School was about to resume once again for that final semester that seemed to be relatively unimportant compared to the bright four years that loomed nearby.

Though I thought my senior year was enjoyable, this year was everything I could have imagined and more. The opportunities increased exponentially when I reached the college campus.

But my perspective has changed rather dramatically. Now the real world seems frighteningly close, and I have the responsibility to plan accordingly.

While I am home for Christmas, in many ways I am a stranger in Midland, it seems. When I drive by the parking lot at my alma mater, no longer are the same cars in the same spaces. In fact, the cars I recognize are nowhere to be seen.

No longer do my classmates man the fast-food chains en masse, so I stare blankly at the girl taking my order and wonder which school she goes to.

Even the people who are the same have changed, though that sounds contradictory, I noted as I sat in a friend's living room recently.

Whereas before we could have talked and laughed for days, now even basic conversation seems forced, as we both attempt to search for a starting place to catch up. It was a somber realization, which further contributed to a lingering moment of silence. That scene has repeated itself daily since I've returned, with acquaintances all around town.

In many cases, it's reduced to a script.

"How've you been? Did you have fun? What's your major again? How long are you here for? Well, you'll have to drop by again before you leave."

They've changed, I think to myself, before an even scarier thought sprints to the forefront of my mind: I've changed.

Paths diverge, and there's nothing we can do to stop them, but this Christmas season I am more reflective and more appreciative of true friendships.

As tragic as it may sound to not be able to carry on a conversation with friends of the past, it generates an immense thankfulness for the friendships that have remained intact and stood the test of time. Once I realize that, then the stories begin to flow, and laughter once again fills the air.

No longer are friendships a mere matter of convenience based on who you see often or who you are forced to interact with. Now friendship requires effort, and that is a test under which many of the relationships we thought were important begin to melt. Oh, but the ones that survive are stronger for it and definitely worth celebrating. What's my former English teachers' favorite line? "What does not kill me makes me stronger." And the same holds true for our relationships.

Christmas time is a better time than any other, I suppose, for thinking about such things, for the very reason friends and family gather round is to celebrate the greatest measure of friendship ever undertaken.

So keep asking the same old questions and fear not the silence when speaking with distanced friends. Simply dig deeper and renew that bond. In doing so, you'll be practicing the true spirit of Christmas — one of fellowship, love and harmony.

Overlook past wounds and minor disputes with former enemies and adopt them into your circle. Make the extra effort to do something pleasant for the people you love the most, no matter how much it costs you. Spend your time on them and with them, not just your money.

And when I go about that and encounter others doing the same for me, that's when I know why I call this place home!

Christmas greetings. Hope yours is a great one, filled with surprises as you remember the greatest surprise in history.

Matt Josefy is a freshman at Texas A&M University.

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Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 682-0291.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Hilton Midland and Towers. For more information, call Bob Rice at 563-1000.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Helping Hands, board meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

Tall City VFW 7208 Post & Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 1306 E. Taylor

Various choirs to perform carols in downtown Midland Thursday

By Julie Jacobs
MRT Correspondent

Although cold and snowy weather is expected on Thursday, carolers in the inaugural "Caroling in the City" will still take place. The event, which is being put on by ArtWalk Midland, will be hosted in downtown Midland from 5:30 p.m until 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

At 6 p.m., various choirs, such as the First Baptist Quartet, First United Methodist Church and Midland and Lee High's choirs will begin caroling at different street corners at local downtown businesses. These choirs will switch every 15 minutes to different businesses.

All the choirs will then be joined by the Crestview Baptist Church Orchestra on the courthouse lawn at 7 p.m. to begin singing Christmas carols.

Downtown businesses will also be opening their doors for the public to see art exhibits or to get food and drink specials. George Kovach will be on hand at Community National Bank to sign prints and Danny's Deli will serve homemade tamales and offer cookie decorating for the children. Santa Fe Bar and Grill will also have a complementary appetizer with the purchase of an entree.

Other features include the MOBSQUAD Barbershop Quartet, which will be performing in the Lone Star Barbershop. Also in the crowd will be Santa and Mrs. Clause, who will be passing out candy to the children from their horse-drawn carriage.

Businesses participating will have a big orange footprint in their front window.

"We encourage people to come out and see the art work before and after the show," said Carol Hall. "A little bit of snow will just be perfect. It will make it more like Christmas."

The public is also encouraged to bring a flashlight and join the choirs in singing the carols. Words to the songs will be inside the businesses so people can sing along.

Next months event is "Technology & the Arts" and the theme for February is "A Walk Through the Renaissance."

PREVENT: Law enforcement will patrol residence during absence

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that there is someone home," said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter. "Have someone pick up your mail and your newspapers, and have someone go into the house every day and change the look of the house by turning on different sets of lights or moving the window shades to a different position."

Another safety measure homeowners can take is to request local law enforcement agencies make dedicated patrols of their property during the time of their absence. "City residents can request that the police department patrol by their homes while they are out of town, and county residents can request the same from the sheriff's office," Painter said. "This type of patrol also creates an added presence in the neighborhood, which can reduce crime." Painter said the sheriff's department patrols requested areas two to three times per day, time permitting.

Painter said leaving an extra car in the driveway can also create the illusion that someone is home.

Other steps that can be taken to prevent the likelihood of burglaries include trimming bushes and shrubs, especially around windows, as they can provide cover for burglars.

Installing a home security system can also provide an extra measure of protection against burglary. Brad Holcomb, owner of 1st Alarm Security Systems, said most people can outfit their homes with a complete security system for less than the cost of their monthly cable bill.

"Eighty percent of all break-ins happen through a doorway," Holcomb said. "Putting a sensor on every doorway, along with installing one or two motion detectors inside can vastly reduce the chances of being burglarized."

Creating a visual deterrent through the use of warning signs is also effective, according to Holcomb. "If a potential burglar sees a sign that says your house is protected by a security system, chances are he'll opt to break into the next house instead of having to deal with the added hassle a security system provides" he said.

By the same token, residents who put signs on their front lawn telling the world that their child plays high school athletics is a blazing advertisement that they won't be home on game night. "If a burglar knows that you're out of town watching your kid play in a school sponsored athletic event, he's likely to not only break in and steal your belongings, but he'll probably make himself a sandwich and watch a little television before he leaves," Holcomb said. "There is a potential for the same thing to happen during the holidays. People should be sure to use extra caution."

PATROL: Units carry dispatch radios

(From 1B)

valuable asset to the mall and to the community." In addition to providing extra lookout support for the police, the organizations also serve as a helping hand to shoppers.

The organizations provide assistance to shoppers by acting as escorts to their vehicles and even in some instances, helping people find their cars.

Starting on Dec. 14, the groups began their services and at all times after dark, there are four units patrolling in pairs, in cars around the mall parking lots, while six to eight units, also in pairs, patrol the various entrances. In addition to the mall efforts, there are a number of C.O.P.S. patrolling various parts of the city in their own cars, reporting any suspicious activity.

All units carry dispatch radios and are in direct contact with the Midland Police Department.

A husband-wife duo that are trained as C.P.A.A.A's and C.O.P.S don't mind braving the cold weather and dark nights because they believe it is all about doing it for the good of the community.

When asked why he is out helping others, Bun Price said, "It's because it's community related."

Added his wife, Sue Price, "It's all about helping people, giving back to the community."

The Prices have been volunteering as C.O.P.S for three years, and they still enjoy serving despite far from ideal weather situations. "We feel it's very worthwhile, everybody is really appreciative," Mrs. Price said.

In addition to C.P.A.A.A. and C.O.P.S., the mall has requested service of the Mounted Patrol through the Midland County Sheriff's Department, but it is not being utilized this year. However, the Midland Police Department's substation will be present at various times in the parking lot from now until Christmas.

OBITUARIES



Tiffanie McKelvain

Tiffanie Anne McKelvain, infant daughter of Cheryl McKelvain, died at a local hospital on Saturday, December 16, 2000.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mike Benson officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Tiffanie was born on August 4, 1999, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Cheryl McKelvain.

Tiffanie is survived by her mother, Cheryl McKelvain, of Midland; her grandmother, Vickie Fanning, of Midland; her grandfather, Weldon McKelvain, of Levelland; her great-grandmother, Ann Cook, of Midland; her great-great-grandmother, Lennie Preast, of Jal, New Mexico; and several family members and friends.

Sue Scott

Sue Scott Myers, formerly of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, died Sunday, December 17, 2000, at her residence in Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 21, at the Wee Kirk of the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Restland Funeral Home of Dallas.

Mrs. Scott was born June 11, 1903 in Marianna, Arkansas to David Rodgers Myers and Mary Agnes Allen Myers.

She graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1918 and attended Sophie Newcomb College at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She married Walter Herbert Scott in 1931 in Glendale. Upon his death in 1939, she moved to Pine Bluff, where she was a member of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Scott was employed by E.B. & F.R. Bloom for many years and later worked at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, until her retirement. In 1990, she moved to Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Flora Myers Lee of Pine Bluff.

Survivors include a son, Robert Douglas Scott, of Dallas; a daughter, Marianne Scott Yeager, of Midland, Texas; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Virginia Lee Shepherd of Pine Bluff and Patsy Lee Menz of Little Rock, Ark.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

John Seay Jr.

John Gray Seay Jr. died Monday, Dec. 18, in Midland.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jerry Kelly officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was an independent geologist for more than 20 years in Midland, and began working with Continental Land & Fur Co., Inc. this year. He attended First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of AAPG, SEPM, Sigma XI and WTGS. He was a supporter of COM Aquatics.

He was preceded in death by his father, John G. Seay Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Seay of Midland; two sons, Thomas M. Seay of Swickley, Pa. and Matthew R. Seay of Carlsbad, Calif.; his mother, Anna J. Seay of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two stepsons, John C. Hudson of Midland and Seth D. Hudson of Midland; a stepdaughter, Chancey L. Davis of San Marcos; two sisters, Mindy Hamlett of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Mary J. Freymuth of Troy, Mo.; a grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the City of Midland Aquatics Center.

Sharon Green

Sharon J. Green, 58, of Montclair, Calif., died Tuesday, Dec. 12, at a Fontana hospital.

Funeral services were held in California. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Gary Dyer officiating, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at Draper Mortuary.

She was born Jan. 19, 1942 in Childress.

She was a Montclair resident the past 13 years. She retired from GTE Supply.

Survivors include her husband, Don Green of Montclair; two sons, Jim Hoisager of Midland and Jeff Green of Yucaipa; a daughter, Cecelia Wagner of St. Louis, Mo.; her parents, W.E. and Mildred Holeman of Midland; a brother, Gary Holeman of Andrews; two sisters, Beverly Bell of Wolforth and Sandra Kirkpatrick of Midland; two half-brothers, L.D. Mayo of Arlington and Mike Mayo of Bridgeport; a half-sister, Wanda West of Wichita Falls; and seven grandchildren.

Gene Gunn

BROWNFIELD — Gene Gunn, 85, father of Midlander Charles Gunn, died Friday, Dec. 15, in Brownfield.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Bob Reynolds officiating. Burial will be at Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 1, 1915 in Sparta, Tenn.

He lived in Nashville, Tenn. before moving to Brownfield in 1941. He owned various businesses including bicycles, tire recapping, appliances, and accessories; and retired from Gene Gunn Oil Co. in 1980. He served on the Brownfield school board. He was a member of the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce and Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael D. Gunn in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Clifton Gunn of Brownfield; three sons, Charles Gunn of Midland, Max Gunn of Childress, and Gary Gunn of Houston; a daughter, Ginger Vertz of Boston, Miss.; 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Michael D. Gunn Scholarship Fund c/o the Opportunity Plan, Inc.

June Tucker

BIG SPRING — June Tucker, 70, died Sunday, Dec. 17, at a hospital in The Woodlands.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, Dec. 20, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 2, 1930 in Bonham.

She moved to Big Spring in 1951. She was a hairdresser, and owned and operated her own beauty shop for years. She was a member of First Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Tucker on Aug. 30, 1948 on June 3, 1982

Survivors include a daughter, Kim Baker of The Woodlands; a son, Bill Tucker of Leander; three sisters, Helen Eggleston and Wanda Johnson, both of Big Spring, and Dorris McPeek of Marble Falls; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Inc., Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, 79424.

Genelle Lenert

HOUSTON — Former Midlander Genelle Lenert died Saturday, Dec. 16, in Dallas.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp, in Houston with the Rev. Carlson officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Heights Funeral Home, 1317 Heights Blvd. in Houston.

She was born April 21, 1924.

She maintained ties with Zion Lutheran Church and Midland Lutheran Church, where she was a choir member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Charles Lenert in 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Lois L. McGinnis of Dallas and Ruth L. Haest of Albuquerque, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2910 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, 75204.

Jody Harris

LAMESA — Jody William Harris, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at a Lamesa hospital.

Services will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Second Baptist Church with the Revs. Larry Reinecke and Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will be at Lamesa Memorial Park.

He was born July 30, 1926 in Dawson County.

He was a member of Second Baptist Church and the Builder's Sunday School Class. He was a truck driver for Permian for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Steve Darden of San Angelo in 1981; and a sister, Lanell Schwartz in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Darnell Harris of Lamesa; a daughter, Denise Davis of Elk City, Okla.; a son, Terry L. Darden of Big Spring; three sisters, Helen Hobson and Florence Beatty, both of Lamesa, and LaGrace Wilkerson of Odessa; three brothers, W.L. Harris of Lamesa, Edward Harris of Rankin, and Jimmy P. Harris of Adkins; and three grandchildren.

Louise Day

DALLAS — Louise M. Day, 77, formerly of Odessa, died Sunday, Dec. 17, in Dallas.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Sunset Memorial Park in Odessa. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Northpark Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

She was born July 29, 1923 in Miami, Fla.

She lived in Odessa and worked for Southwestern Bell in Midland, before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Anne A. Brothers of Garland; a sister, Flora Beekman; a brother, Charles Monk; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Northpark Presbyterian Church, 9555 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, 75231.

FORCE: Members say cities must put aside differences

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Texas."

To improve Midland-Odessa's economic picture, Clayton said, "We've got to diversify from the oil and gas industry. We've got to create higher-paying jobs for all our region — creating those jobs and new businesses expands the tax base."

Burns concurred. "The more ways we find to come together, the better," the mayor said. "Right now we're operating very much separately." Companies looking for a place to relocate can look at both cities, Burns said.

In the early '90s, Midland and Odessa were designated as a Metropolitan Statistical Area or MSA, Clayton said. "When a company contacts us on Odessa, we give them MSA data," he added. "We compete in the two cities, but we can create more jobs and industries combined."

The area has many assets to attract companies, Burns said. "We've got a great work force, highly educated and motivated, low rents, the airport, great water supply, great weather. The cost of living is very low and the quality of life is high," Burns added.

McGuire of Odessa said the local MSA makes it the largest population center in West Texas, bigger than Amarillo and Lubbock. As the former assistant city manager of Plano, McGuire has lived in an area where municipalities weren't too cooperative. "There are a lot of communities that you could never get into the same meeting room," he said.

The task force members agreed Midland and Odessa need to put aside their differences, although disagreements from the past still rankle. Burns named the contentious issue of the location of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin as an example. "It was a tragic decision, the fact that it didn't go between the two cities," he said. "It's hard to let things go."

In the last five or six years, Midland and Odessa have improved their cooperation, Burns said, naming highway projects and gas contracts as two examples

"It's to our benefit to pool our resources," said Menchaca.

McGuire agreed. "As you evolve and mature, you come to realize that you can do a lot more together than separately," he said.

Oklahoma Civil Air Patrol searching for missing plane

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's Civil Air Patrol Wing is helping in a three-state search for a plane that went missing while traveling from St. Louis to Midland-Odessa Sunday afternoon.

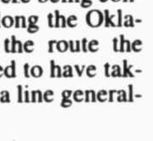
The plane, a single-engine Beech Sundowner, is believed to have only a pilot on board. It was reported missing by the pilot's family after the plane didn't arrive at its destination.

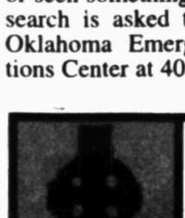
Civil Air Patrol wings in Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas were alerted to the situation Monday night by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, the Civil Air Patrol said.

Search flights were being conducted Tuesday along the Oklahoma portion of the route the plane was supposed to have taken, which runs on a line generally from Tulsa to Wichita Falls.

Anyone who may have heard or seen something related to the search is asked to contact the Oklahoma Emergency Operations Center at 405-521-2481

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Grazing through



AP Photo

An Emu waits patiently as Brian Boston tees-off at Sammons Municipal Golf Course in Temple Tuesday. Course officials have no idea how the large bird made its way to the golf course, but it must find the game entertaining, as it has been of the course since Monday.

Texas drought losses prompt state disaster declaration

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press



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Wise County cattle rancher Preston Cocanoughers repairs a metal feeder at his ranch near Decatur on Oct. 4, 2000. Because of a lack of grass due to the drought he is feeding both grain and hay to his cattle. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared Texas a disaster area Tuesday making emergency farm loans available to growers who suffered losses from drought and other problems this year.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared Texas a disaster area Tuesday, making emergency farm loans available to growers who suffered losses from drought and other problems this year.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs called the announcement a nice Christmas present for hard-hit producers.

"Texas has been really hammered, year after year," Combs said. "And this year sort of topped it off... It's a rare thing to have this state be that beaten up."

But some growers questioned whether the declaration can do much for the state's devastated farmers.

Rick Clem, a New Home cotton farmer, said Glickman's action was good, but it's far from enough to keep struggling cotton farmers afloat without better conditions and a higher price for cotton.

"If there's nobody here to farm it, what good is it," Clem said. "We've got all the loans we need and we can't pay back the ones we already have. You don't understand how bad this thing is."

Lorenzo cotton farmer Tommy Fondren echoed Clem.

"We need a way to make some money," he said. "It's not working. The scary part of it is that there is no way the lenders are going to be able to loan this money for the 2001 crop."

"The excessive heat and drought made a devastating year for farmers in Texas and all over the South," Glickman said in a statement. "USDA is working to help farmers in Texas and other states during these difficult times."

Several contiguous counties in nearby states also are eligible for the assistance.

This year's drought was the third in four years and is believed to have wrought $1.1 billion damage on the state's economy, with West Texas cotton being hit especially hard. Only 54 percent of the Texas summer cotton crop and 48 percent of the summer peanut crop survived, the Texas Agriculture Department reported.

Zane Reese, a cotton and peanut farmer in Lubbock County, said West Texas farmers need the help.

"Sounds good to me," he said Tuesday. "I'm glad he acknowledged what we already knew. It will help everybody we owe. We've had two pretty bad years in a row. Everything has just stacked up against us."

Some areas of the state received as much as 15 inches of precipitation at the beginning of November, but by that time the state's reservoirs had dipped to 66 percent of full capacity — the lowest recorded reading in 23 years and the fifth-lowest of all time.

The disaster declaration makes family-sized farm operators in Texas and the contiguous counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans. Such operators have eight months to apply for the loans.

Also eligible for assistance are growers from Curry, Eddy, Otero, Roosevelt, Dona Ana, Lea and Quay counties in New Mexico and Beauregard, Calcasieu, Sabine and Vernon parishes in Louisiana.

While the loans will help, they won't be a cureall though, said Shawn Wade, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers.

"What this does is it just authorizes the producers in this area that qualify to get low-interest service loans," he said. "That allows you to pay some bills that you made a crop on and it gives you some time to pay some of that money back."

He added that the slight relief will allow some farmers to carry on with business.

"It brings about some recognition of the situation we are in," he said, "and it might give the producers that little bit of help they need to get through this difficult time."

On The Net:
Farm Service Agency site:
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm

SANTA: Australian 'Anniballs' given out to children

(From 1B)

with happiness, as well. Santa Claus and the United Way of Midland were giving out Australian "Anniballs," to the children, which double as stuffed animals and furry play balls.

The gifts were given to the United Way by Bill Kent of the Kent Kwik Convenience Store chain. The Kent Corporation — with business partner, Texaco — donated the toys to the United Way.

Grinning with gift in hand, 9-year-old Kirklan Jackson admired the newly obtained presents of others around him. "I think it is great that he came, we get to see and receive a present from Santa before Christmas," Kirklan said.

Others agreed.

Vincent Pino was excited by the arrival of Santa. "He doesn't let people see him because you have to be sleeping to get gifts, and we got to see him in person!"

Jimmy Patterson of the United Way said the agency was grateful for all the donations and support it has received, especially during the holiday season.

"It's fun to watch children light up when they see Santa, it is the spirit of Christmas," he added.

"I think that it (the special gifts) surprised a lot of them, it puts an emphasis on Christmas," said Boys and Girls Club worker David Jones, "Their eyes got big when Santa walked in, and it lets the children know that people do care for them."

"We wanted to do something for the children in West Texas, it was a joint gift from Kent Kwik and Texaco that we gave to the United Way of Midland," Bill Kent said. "We knew that through the United Way, the gifts would go to the right place."

He concluded by saying, "It's the kids that make it worthwhile."



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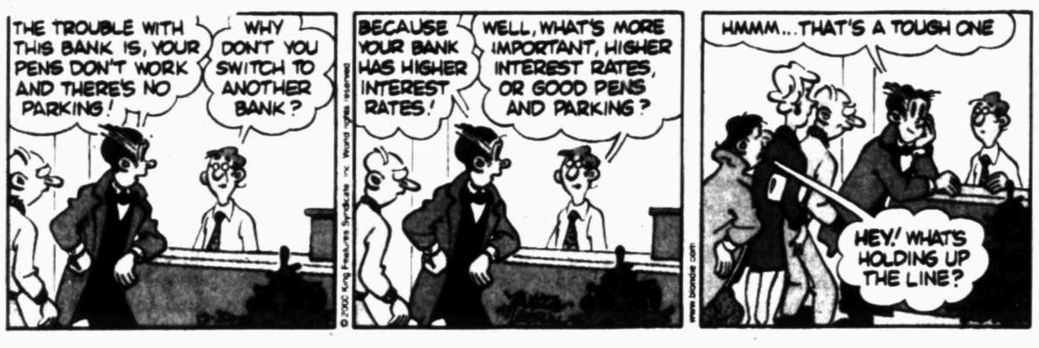
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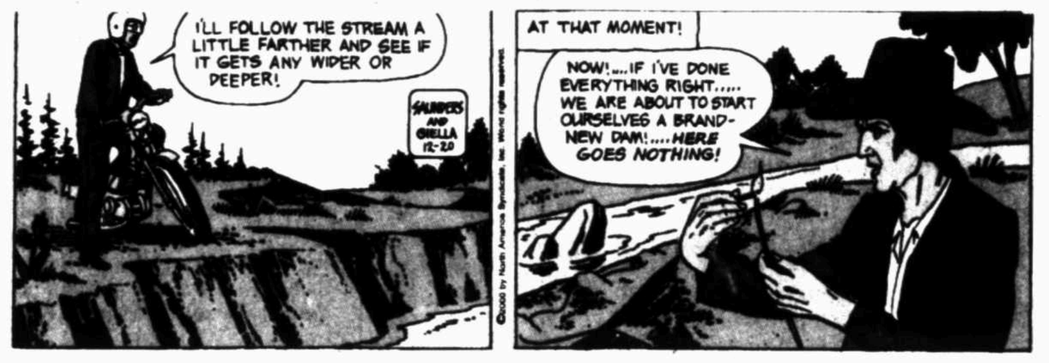
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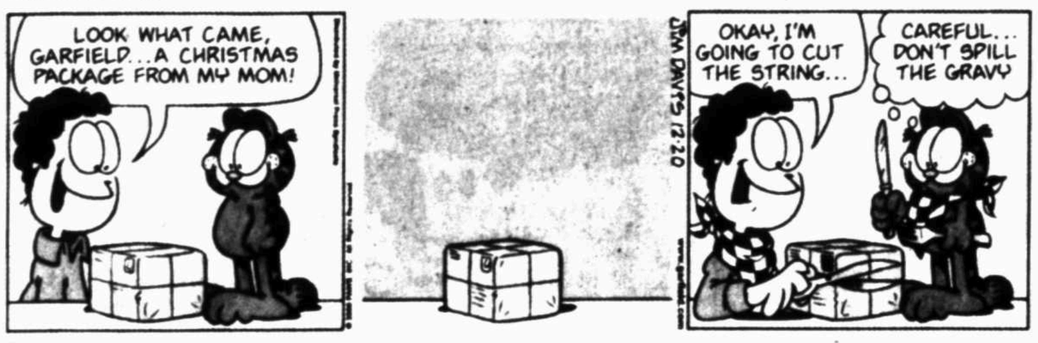
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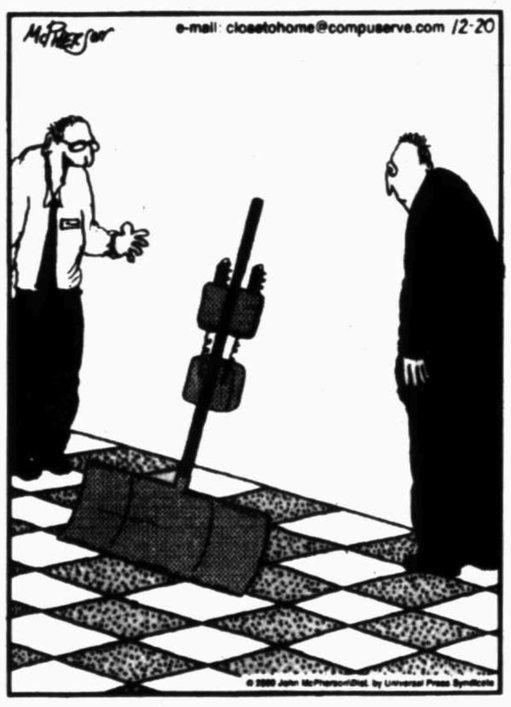
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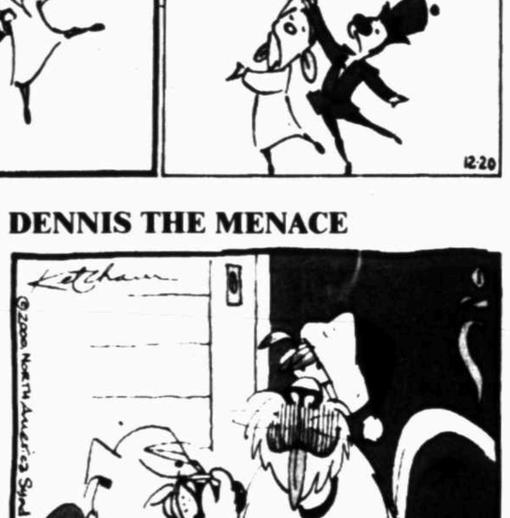


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Judge tells Robert Downey Jr. he has served enough time


Downey Jr.

MALIBU, Calif. — The judge who imprisoned **Robert Downey Jr.** for violating probation has decided the actor served enough time behind bars for an earlier drug conviction.

In August, Downey, 35, was released from state prison after an appeals court ruled there was an error in calculating his sentence.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence J. Mira reaffirmed the appeals court ruling on Tuesday and wished Downey good luck, but said the hearing to "re-evaluate credits on time served" would not affect his pending drug case in Riverside County.

Downey, the Oscar-nominated star of "Chaplin," will be arraigned Dec. 27 on two felony drug counts and a misdemeanor stemming from his Thanksgiving weekend arrest at a Palm Springs resort. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of seven years.

Downing had no comment for reporters as he left the courthouse.

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Spears

LOS ANGELES — A collaboration between **Britney Spears** and **LL Cool J** is in the works.

Spears, who was tapped last month to be the host of the American Music Awards, will share those duties with the Grammy-winning hip-hop star, it was announced Monday.

The three-hour show will air Jan. 8 from Los Angeles on ABC.

Country singer **Faith Hill** has a leading four nominations, while **Marc Anthony** and rock band **Creed** have three each.

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MONTREAL — Canadian pop singer **Celine Dion** says she's stored a second fertilized egg at a New York fertility clinic and hopes to have a sibling for her unborn son.

Dion, who became pregnant though in vitro fertilization, is expecting her first child on Valentine's Day.

Dion told Quebec's TVA network Sunday that she wants to someday carry the egg and suggested it might be like a twin for her son.

The interview, reprinted in the network's magazine, was originally scheduled to hit newsstands last Friday with the headline "Celine: My Son Already Has a Twin" but 200,000 copies of the magazine were destroyed after a complaint from Dion's husband-manager Rene Angelil.

The original headline was "sensationalist, done in poor taste, out of context," Angelil said. "To me, it was strictly yellow journalism."

Dion never actually called the embryo a twin but suggested it could be like one.

The issue was released Saturday under the new headline, "Celine Opens Her Heart."

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NEW YORK — "Today" show morning man **Matt Lauer** can expect to get up even earlier next year with the arrival a new baby.

Lauer's wife, Dutch model Annette Roque Lauer, is expecting in July, NBC said Tuesday.

Lauer, 42, proposed to his 34-year-old wife in Venice two years ago when he was filming his rating-grabbing tour "Where in the World is Matt Lauer?" They couple met on a blind date.

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NEWARK, N.J. — **"The Sopranos"** could have a new home in New Jersey.

Essex County officials barred the award-winning HBO series from filming a three-day gunfight on county-owned property because they disagreed with the show's portrayal of Italian-Americans.

But officials from Union, Middlesex and Passaic counties said they would welcome the wiseguys, including James Gandolfini who plays mob family patriarch Tony Soprano.

"I'm sure we'd be interested in having them if they want to talk to us," said Dan Sullivan, a Union County official. The show filmed in Union County in 1999, "and there was never any problem."

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NEW YORK — After spending time in a recording studio with **George Clooney**, director Joel Coen has a suggestion for the actor: Don't quit your day job.

Coen and his brother, Ethan, had wanted Clooney to sing in their latest movie, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" But they decided to have him lip-sync instead after they heard him sing.

"We were both staring at our shoes," Joel Coen said in Monday's Daily News.

Clooney, the nephew of singer Rosemary Clooney, acknowledged, "I'm not my aunt."

"I decided it would be easier to just do a passionate lip-sync in the film," he said.

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Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

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(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 117	Wheel of Fortune 469	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 'PG' 7399		Drew Carey (N) 4575	Spin City (N) 6310	Gideon's Crossing "Clinical Enigma" (N) 'PG' 2681		News 9852198	Nightline (N) 51559407	Politically 7467876	(:36) Cheers 4344198
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby 25933	Spin City 16285	How to Marry a Billionaire: A Christmas Tale ('00) John Stamos. Premiere. (TV14) 15827				Arrest & Trial 97056	Nanny 32407	Jerry Springer '14' 38594		Blind Date 47551	Suddenly 76440
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 1759	Ent. Tonight 5339	Bette 5469	The Bodyguard (R, '92) ★★½ Kevin Costner. A bodyguard falls for the singer-actress he must protect. 80640285					(:15) News 60411643		(10:50) Late Show (N) 'PG' 32387662	
(9) KWES	9	9	9	News 2407	Seinfeld 3759	Ed "Losing Streak" (N) 'PG' 59407	West Wing "In Excelsis Deo" '14' 35827		Law & Order "Narcosis" '14' 48391			News 2015223	(:35) Tonight Show (N) '14' 39037952		Late Night '14' 8592556
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 48933	John Hagee 39285	Light of the Southwest (Live) 49907				Hour of Healing 19407		News 76391	Life in the Word 92339	Promise 86681	Church 67730
(13) KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer 661662		Mark Russell 320643	First Measured Century The vast array of facts compiled by 20th-century sociologists (N) 943285						Telecourse 942049	Telecourse 485339	
(6) CNBC	8	27		Business Center 1075812		Hardball 9821914		Rivera Live 9830662		Brian Williams 9827198		Hardball 9820285		Rivera Live 1861730	
(10) WGN		10		Fresh Pr. 204839	Suddenly 849371	Reach the Rock (R, '98) ★½ William Sadler, Alessandro Nivola, Bruce Norris. 441353				News 852933		In the Heat of the Night 855020		Matlock "The Picture" (Part 1 of 2) 898107	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 689933	Fresh Pr. 670285	Ripley's Believe It or Not! 571533		WCW Thunder 476989				Ripley's Believe It or Not! 921074		WCW Thunder 192240	
(14) FAM		14	6	Robbie	Christmas	Santa Claus 822579		Cmas Miracles 822399		Early Edition 927943		700 Club 777420		Boss?	Boss?
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Discovery: Meerkats 281440		On the Inside "Demolition Derby" (N) 'G' 423339		Search for the Japanese Fleet (N) 'G' 409759		Supercarrier Is Burning: U.S.S. Enterprise 412223		Justice Files "The Defense Rests" 415310		On the Inside "Demolition Derby" 'G' 478907	
(21) AMC		21	31	Three Stooges 663020		Bullitt ('68) ★★★½ Steve McQueen. 458285				The King of Comedy (PG, '83) ★★★ 866488				Backstory	Mickey One
(22) TNN		22	35	Martial Law 684594		Holiday on Ice 877117		Kenny Loggins 886865		Wheels-Justice 866001		Martial Law 876488		Fishing	Secrets
(23) TNT		23	28	Pretender 677204		NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Philadelphia 76ers. 508556					NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Clippers 249391				
(24) BRAV		24		St. Elsewhere 228952		Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City 'MA' 546907				Actors Studio 865407		Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City 'MA' 128488			
(26) BET		26	33	106 & Park	Oh Drama! 930846		Amen	Comicview 490117		BET Live 403681		BET News	BET Tonight	Midnight Love 657575	
(27) DISN		27	41	Up, Up and Away ('00) Michael J. Pagan, Robert Townsend. 825049			Quints ('00) Kimberly J. Brown, Don Knotts, Dan Roebuck. 1606310			Cool Runnings (:05) (PG, '93) ★★★ Leon, Doug E. Doug, Malik Yoba. 78607117				Zorro 141339	Mickey 383488
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	World Today 971399		Larry King Live 676907		Newsstand 771551		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 649575	
(29) ESPN		29	30	College Bowl Kickoff and Season Review 676594		NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at New Jersey Devils. From Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) 957488						Sportscenter 851198		Hoops 125285	Baseball 722372
(30) USA		30	38	JAG "Shadow" 850594		Nash Bridges "El Diablo" '14' 371515		Scent of a Woman (R, '92) ★★★ Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell, James Rebhorn. A blind man introduces a student to life's pleasures. 860486						Martin 325223	Femme Nikita 542961
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 7056594		Animals Attack 7032914		Married...	Married...	X Show (N) '14' 7055865		X-Files 8851335	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order "Confession" 216136		Biography "Nicolas Cage Wild at Heart" 'G' 418407		American Justice: A Family Secret 494827		Investigative Reports 407391		Law & Order "Indifference" 'PG' 417778		Biography "Nicolas Cage Wild at Heart" 'G' 173335	
(33) TLC		33	21	Trauma: Life 420223	Trauma: Life 411575	Greatest Space Vehicle (N) 'G' 862285		Junkyard Wars "Steam Powered Car" 'G' 871933		Junkyard Wars "Giant Mower" (N) 'G' 868469		Greatest Space Vehicle 'G' 861556		Junkyard Wars "Steam Powered Car" 'G' 493339	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 'Y' 617681	Rugrats 608933	Told by Ginger 971391	Rugrats 604117	Gilligan's Island 997339	Bev. Hillbillies 976846	Facts of Life 782594	Facts of Life 291827	3's Co. 584049	3's Co. 560469	All in Family 794339	Jeffersons 375488
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait "Janis Joplin" 'PG' 494952		Unsolved Mysteries 422533		For the Love of Nancy ('94) ★★½ Tracey Gold, Jill Clayburgh, William Devane. 327969				Golden Girls 759391	Golden Girls 775339	Murphy 308681	Murphy 557020
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(67) TMC		67	16	The Daily NR. 15577391	For Hire (:20) (R, '97) ★★ Rob Lowe, Joe Mantegna. 96957117			Mean Streak (R, '99) ★★★ Scott Bakula, Leon. (TVMA) 1558933			Payback (:40) (R, '99) ★★½ Mel Gibson, Gregg Bello. 76813759			Henry, Maria	My Brother 21840933
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000:

Don't allow anyone to rush you or push you into making decisions. You will make many changes because of an ability to transform and change. Your high drive marks anything you do and care about. Seek out admirers. Your instincts often lead you incorrectly. Think carefully first. If you are single, a friendship could result in a special relationship. You also might find that special someone through a friend. If you are attached, a relationship intensifies because of a mutual commitment. SCORPIO reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your ability to visualize helps not only you, but a partner and friends as well. Others seek you out for advice. Make calls to get feedback and to get another's expertise. Close relating draws others out. Brainstorm. Be open to all ideas. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others. Carefully review a decision that involves a friend. You have the energy to efficiently clear out work and errands. Don't accept a new project. Be clear with a partner or associate about limits. Do your best to help others get into the holiday spirit. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Plunge into work and focus on getting out early if possible. Your ingenuity helps you find ways to lighten your workload and help you get past an immediate problem. A little flirtation goes a long way with a loved one. Add more spark and energy to your relationship. Tonight: Finish shopping.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity and high energy help you clear out work and leave plenty of time for other things. Your imagination knows no limits. You make excellent choices at work, and also as you finish up your work. A family member feels overwhelmed. Help this person. Tonight: How about a midweek break?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The emphasis remains on home and family. You could find that another's unpredictable behavior causes a problem. Don't hesitate to discuss what is going on here. Your efforts to find solutions and to help make another happy do mean a lot. Reach out for others. Tonight: Indulge another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Realize what is going on with others. Someone might be unusually pressured. Spending peaks. Try to stick to your budget. Discuss a problem gift, and you'll receive wonderful solutions. You're getting down to basics. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Dig in and know what it is that you want. Consider what you want from someone before going to battle. Having a strong sense of direction could make all the difference. Finances take a wild swing when you least expect it. Use your discretion. Tonight: Finish off your Christmas shopping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your smile eases another's concerns. By acting rather than brooding, you feel much better. Carefully review a decision involving a friend or loved one. You might not be pleased with a loved one or a close associate. Part of the problem might be that you put this person on a pedestal. Tonight: Do whatever you want to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Slow down, especially if you feel confused or find that you are too far into your head. A friend keeps pushing you in a certain direction. You understand that this person means well. Take time to reflect on what you want. Act with clarity and direction. Tonight: Vanishing is perfectly acceptable at this time of year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Stay goal-directed with projects and work. You might feel like another is pressuring you. It's true! Network and touch base with others. Accept a last-minute party invitation. Be extremely cautious about how you handle your funds. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stay on top of a problem rather than getting into each issue. Stay directed and detached. Seek out experts about a professional matter. You might not be seeing a situation clearly. Feedback is critical. Do not minimize the importance of your public image. Tonight: Accept a leadership role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with another closely. You need to defuse a difficult or angry situation. You will be successful because of how you handle a problem. Seek out facts. Don't trust your intuition right now. Solutions come through brainstorming. Tonight: Put on some holiday music.

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BORN TODAY
Singer Anita Baker (1957), psychic Uri Geller (1946), rubber baron Harvey Firestone (1868)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Alpine heroine
6 Part of AARP: Abbr.
10 Sorts
14 Spherical
15 Ran like the dickens
16 Condo cousin
17 Bank video subject, perhaps
19 Humpbacked helper of fiction
20 6-stanza verse form
21 Like a sloppy paint job
23 Dublin's land
25 "M*A*S*H" actor
26 Certify
30 Place to trade
32 Former carrier-regulating gp.
35 Deli hanger
36 Loses steam
37 Road covering
38 Border on
39 Three-card — 40 "Comin' — the Rye"
41 Singer Janis
42 Plymouth pal
43 Stallone tough guy
44 Tongue-clucking sound
45 Shortly
46 "Soap" servant
47 Conrad's "— Jim"
49 Canadians or Canucks
51 Precocious techie, e.g.
54 One of the Bobbseys
59 Mandlikova of tennis
60 Bigwigs' meeting sites
62 State as fact
63 Really enjoy
64 Big dos
65 To-do list item
66 Cheese in a ball
67 Dictator's helper

DOWN
1 One of TV's Cartwrights
2 Art Deco notable
3 Sacred bird of ancient Egypt
4 Big ref.
5 Most distasteful
6 Financial-page phrase
7 Apple pie partner?
8 Baseball stats
9 Cheap way to live
10 More aloof
11 Numbers on slide rules
12 Nut
13 Peppy
18 Discrete part
22 "Peanuts" expletive
24 Distinguished
26 Watch for
27 Big brass
28 Long-distance arteries
29 Educated guess: Abbr.
31 Pretentious
33 Pre-marathon food, briefly
34 Sing like Bing
36 Dorothy's dog
39 Lower jaw
40 Neutral color
42 Letter from the teacher
43 Sharks' "hitchhikers"
46 With no hair apparent
48 Missouri's — Mountains
50 Actor Zimbalist Jr.
51 "Huh?"
52 "— Nagila"
53 "I — It!": Skelton catchphrase
55 Out of shape
56 Angry
57 "— my way"
58 Old pump name
61 Clark's "Mogambo" costar

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◇ 9 8 4
♣ J 7 5 4

WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♡ A Q 6
◇ 6 3 2
♣ Q 8 3

EAST
♠ 8
♡ 10 8 4 3
◇ K Q 10 7 5
♣ 10 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7 6 4
♡ J 5
◇ A J
♣ A K 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
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4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ◇

As a preliminary to the Forbo tournament, held annually in August in the Netherlands, Brazil, China and France were invited to compete with the home team in a four-way international match. When former world champion Marcelo Branco had to withdraw, Zia Mahmood was co-opted onto the Brazilian team. He proved his mettle on this deal from the match against the Netherlands.

The auction was routine, and four spades was the contract at all the tables, usually going down a trick. Zia won the opening lead in hand and immediately led the jack of hearts. (As the cards lie, a low heart would have been better, but Zia's play was the best effort to set up a heart trick to take care of the club loser.) West shot up with the ace and reverted to diamonds. East took the king and shifted to a club, taken in the closed hand. A spade to the ace was followed by a diamond ruff, and the king of spades revealed there was an apparent trump loser.

Declarer crossed to the king of hearts and ruffed a heart, reducing his trump length to that of West. The remaining high club was cashed and, when the queen did not drop, declarer exited with his remaining club. As luck would have it, West had to win the trick with the queen, and then was forced to lead away from the J-9 of spades into declarer's Q-10 tenace.

Had West covered the jack of hearts with the queen, the contract could have been defeated. East wins the next heart lead and switches to a club after cashing a diamond winner, and declarer is an entry short for his trump reduction play.

STATE IN BRIEF

■ Killeen names new chief

KILLEEN — Former Dallas police administrator Robert L. Jackson Jr. was confirmed Tuesday at the new police chief in Killeen.

Jackson, who was chosen from five finalists, retired in October 1999 as executive assistant police chief in the Dallas Police Department. He was with that agency for 27 years.

Former Killeen Chief F.L. Giacomozzi retired in April after 20 years. Jim McCarroll has been serving as interim chief.

City Manager David Blackburn appointed Jackson to fill the post. The City Council endorsed the decision in a Tuesday meeting.

■ Bush family plans vacation

SARASOTA, Fla. — George W. Bush plans to vacation in Florida, the state that gave him the presidency, for several days after Christmas.

Bush and other family members are making arrangements to stay at the exclusive Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande, an exclusive resort town on Gasparilla Island between Sarasota and Fort Myers, a Bush campaign spokesman said Tuesday.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the president-elect's brother, also planned to visit, said his press secretary, Elizabeth Hirst.

Their father, former President Bush, has vacationed there since 1992, before he lost his re-election bid to President Clinton. It wasn't clear if the president-elect's father would be there this time. A spokesman at his office declined to comment.

Usually, the Bushes make no speeches or major public appearances on the island and local authorities let the Secret Service handle logistics, said Lee County sheriff's Capt. Morgan Bowden.

"They're just another guest and visitor on the island," Bowden said. "We try to treat them no differently."

■ Grocery chain pays $41,000

HOUSTON — The U.S. Department of Labor has fined a Houston-based grocery store chain $41,400 for allegedly violating child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Gerland's Food Fair Inc., which operates 16 stores in the Houston area, allowed 92 14- and 15-year-olds to work more than 18 hours during a school week, officials said. Some were also allowed to work before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Under federal child labor laws, 14- and 15-year-olds may not work more than three hours on any school day and not more than 18 hours in a school week. Minors this age can work outside of school hours but not before 7 a.m. and no later than 7 p.m. except during the summertime, when youths can work until 9 p.m.

Also, the chain was found to have made illegal deductions that resulted in their employees receiving less than the minimum wage for all the hours they worked. A total of $37,738 in back wages was found due to 320 employees.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Jury orders Exxon Mobil to pay $3.5 billion in offshore gas case

By Phillip Rawls
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A jury returned a $3.5 billion verdict against Exxon Mobil Corp. on Tuesday, finding the oil company defrauded Alabama on royalties from natural gas wells in state waters.

The verdict by the circuit court jury was six times Alabama's previous record of $581 million in a civil damages case.

The jury's verdict awarded Alabama $87.7 million in compensatory damages and $3.42 billion in punitive damages.

The jury arrived at the punitive damages by tripling Exxon Mobil's annual production from 13 natural gas wells along the Alabama coast. The jury deliberated two hours before returning the verdict.

Exxon Mobil spokesman Tom Cirigliano said the Irving, Texas-based company would appeal the verdict, adding, "We have always endeavored to comply with the requirements of our leases."

State attorney Bob Cunningham told jurors internal company documents showed the oil company labeled Alabama officials "inexperienced" in the natural gas business and deliberately decided to underpay the state.

After the verdict, jury foreman Shae Fillingim of Montgomery said those documents were the deciding factor, adding that the company "pretty much knew they were doing something wrong."

But Exxon Mobil's lawyers argued that the company has tried to follow the state's contradictory leases for natural gas wells in coastal waters and the simple contract dispute with the state didn't warrant a huge punitive damage verdict.

"The numbers of Exxon are right. They make it something it's not," defense attorney Joe Espy said in closing arguments Monday.

Exxon and state officials have been arguing since 1995 over how much the company owes Alabama in royalties from natural gas well drilled in state waters along the coast. Alabama consultants put the disputed royalties and unpaid interest at $87.7 million. The company — now Exxon Mobil as the result of a merger deal reached two years ago — contends it is much less, if anything at all. Wells that Mobil developed along the coast before the merger were not involved in the dispute.

The state's attorneys contended Alabama's leases with Exxon Mobil require it to pay the state royalties on the gross proceeds from its natural gas wells along the coast.

Exxon Mobil contended the leases allow it to deduct its processing costs before paying royalties. It also contended the leases don't require royalty payments on natural gas used as part of its Alabama production process.

Cunningham told the jury that with natural gas prices climbing, the company's decision to underpay Alabama could have earned Exxon Mobil $1 billion over the next 30 years, and he asked the jury to return three times that amount in punitive damages, or $3 billion.

"You've got to look at not only what they stole, but what they wanted to steal," Cunningham said.

The state also has suits pending against four other oil companies with natural gas wells in Alabama's coastal waters.

The record punitive damage verdict in Alabama is $581 million, returned by a Hale County jury in 1999 in a lawsuit against Whirlpool Financial National Bank over the purchase of a satellite dish. That verdict renewed cries of "jackpot justice" in Alabama and prompted the Legislature to pass a law capping punitive damage verdicts against large companies at $500,000 or three times the compensatory damages, whichever is greater.

The cap took effect after the state and Exxon sued each other.

The national record punitive damage verdict against corporations was the $145 billion awarded in July in a lawsuit brought by ailing Florida smokers. That verdict, which is being appealed, was divided among five tobacco companies.

Recent large verdicts

Associated Press

Other large verdicts:

■ Dec. 19, 2000: A jury returns $3.5 billion verdict against Exxon Mobil Corp., finding the oil company defrauded Alabama on royalties from natural gas wells in state waters.

■ July 14, 2000: A Miami jury awards $145 billion in punitive damages to some 500,000 smokers and relatives of people who died of smoking-related illnesses against Brown & Williamson and four other tobacco companies. The award is separate from the $246 billion settlement between cigarette companies and state attorneys general.

■ July 9, 1999: Jurors award $4.9 billion in punitive damages against General Motors Corp. in lawsuit over the explosion of a Chevrolet Malibu gas tank. A judge later cuts more than $3 billion from the judgment to six people severely burned in the crash.

■ Sept. 8, 1997: A jury awards nearly $3.5 billion to thousands injured in a 1987 Louisiana railway fire, finding against the CSX Corp. and other transportation companies.

■ Sept. 16, 1994: A federal jury awards $5 billion in punitive damages to 34,000 fishermen and other Alaskans who said they had been harmed by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989. Exxon continues to appeal.

■ Nov. 19, 1985: A jury awards $10.5 billion to Pennzoil in a contract dispute against Texaco Corp. The case is later settled for $3 billion.

Neighbor found innocent of slaying

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Robstown man was found innocent Tuesday of killing his neighbor 11 years ago and burying the body in a backyard grave.

A Nueces County jury deliberated seven hours over two days before clearing Ediberto Villanueva of the crime.

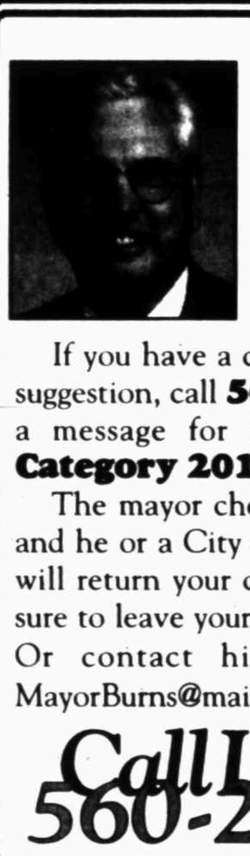
The verdict sheds little light on the mystery clinging to Tomas Leal's death. Leal was shot in the head in June 1989 and buried behind his mother's dilapidated Robstown house.

Maria Uballe died last year, just months before police unearthed her son's remains from below a grassy hump in her backyard. Medical examiners determined Leal was killed by two gunshots to the head.

He was the father of six and the brother of six siblings — but nobody reported Leal missing. Family members told police he was a drifter, and said they thought he'd moved to Mexico.

Villanueva, 29, often dropped by his neighbors' backyard to drink beer with Leal and his brothers. Villanueva was charged with murder after one of the missing man's brothers, Jose Hernandez, told police Villanueva had confessed to killing Leal and burying him in the backyard.





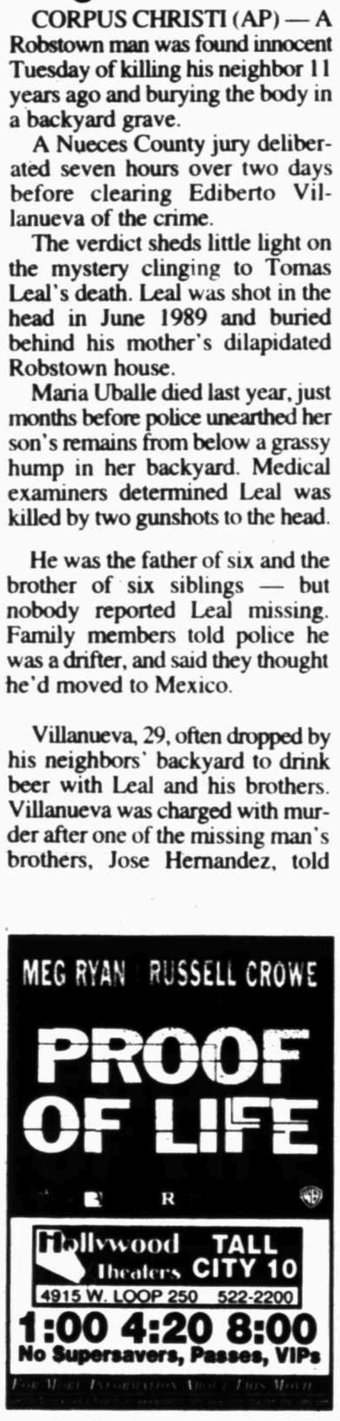
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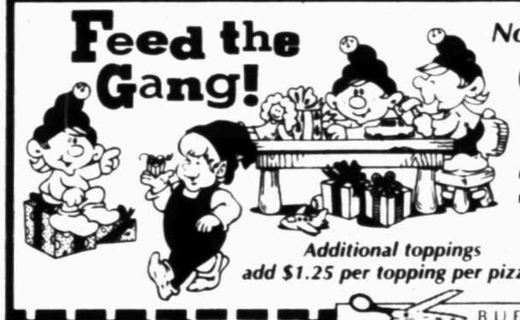
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Airbus officially launches world's largest passenger plane

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

TOULOUSE, France — Billed by its creators as more of a cruise ship than an airplane, the Airbus Industrie superjumbo jet was officially launched Tuesday — a 555-passenger mammoth that will surpass Boeing Co.'s 747 as the world's largest passenger plane.

The launch of the A380 — a double-decker aircraft that will have staircases, wider aisles and can be equipped with gyms, casinos and lounges — is the latest episode in the battle between Airbus and Seattle-based Boeing for dominance of the skies.

"The competition between Boeing and Airbus — between the United States and integrated Europe — will be the top challenge," Jean-Luc Lagardere, co-chairman of EADS, Airbus' main shareholder, said at a ceremony in Toulouse in south-central France. "I'm sure we'll have the top position for years and years to come."

Airbus has been gradually closing the gap with Boeing since its creation in 1972 and last year reported significantly more aircraft orders for the first time.

So far, Airbus has received 50 firm orders and 42 options for the superjumbo, which will have larger cabins and more floor space and can be equipped with relaxation and recreation facilities.

"We cannot be more proud of the product we developed," said Manfred Bischoff, chairman of the Airbus supervisory board. "We intend to once more set a standard for quality and efficiency."

The board gave the green light Tuesday for the $10.7 billion project at its Toulouse headquarters. The board is made up of top executives from the two companies that are the sole shareholders in the consortium — European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company, or EADS, with an 80 percent holding, and Britain's BAE Systems, with 20 percent.

The superjumbo will be a direct challenge to Boeing's dominance of the long-haul, high-capacity market with its fleet of 747s, and it intensifies the rivalry between the two manufacturers, who are banking on conflicting forecasts for air travel in the 21st century.

The United States believes government subsidized loans to Airbus for the A380 risk violating World Trade Organization rules, President Clinton told French President Jacques Chirac on Monday at a summit in Washington.

But Noel Forgeard, Airbus chief executive, denied receiving subsidies other than repayable government loans, which he said were "in accordance with an agreement signed in 1992 between the United States and Europe."

During a visit to Paris in June, U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said the United States had asked for details about the financial backing European governments plan to give Airbus for the project. She said the Clinton administration hadn't yet made a decision on whether to raise the government funding issue with the WTO.

Airbus officials had said they would need around 50 firm orders to make the project economically viable. The consortium met that target Friday when Virgin Atlantic Airways announced an order for six jets and options on six others in a deal worth more than $3.8 billion.

The biggest order — 12 planes — came from Australia's Qantas Airlines Ltd., a Boeing client for more than 40 years. Other firm orders have come from Singapore Airlines, Air France, Emirates Airlines and the International Lease Finance Corp. Germany's Lufthansa AG and British Airways are in talks about buying the plane.

Airbus predicts demand for larger planes will grow, with the number of airliners in service with 400 seats or more rising to 1,235 over the 20 years.

Boeing foresees more interest in smaller planes with the range to bypass major hubs on their way to secondary cities.

"Airbus is taking one strategic approach and Boeing is taking another, and time will tell" who is right, said Boeing Commercial Airplane Group spokesman John Dern in Seattle.

"All we can do is what we hear the airlines are telling us and what the data is telling us about how new routes are developing," Dern said. "Passenger preference is for direct nonstop service."

In 2000, Boeing committed to produce longer-range versions of its 767 and 777 jets, designed to make nonstop flights to smaller cities, as well as to a longer-range 747-400. This year it received 117 orders for the 777. Boeing also has plans for a stretch version of its 747 jet to seat some 520 people. It has not yet received any orders for the new jet, which it estimates will cost $4 billion to $6 billion to develop.

At the moment, Boeing's biggest jet is the 747-400, which can carry 416 passengers.

Thailand bans import of rottweilers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand banned the import of rottweilers on Tuesday after one of the dogs killed a 3-year-old girl.

A 6-year-old rottweiler belonging to Ornjira Suksawat's uncle escaped from its cage Sunday and attacked the girl, police said. Charges of negligence will be filed against the uncle, police said. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

Rottweilers are the second dog breed barred from Thailand. Pit bulls also are banned.

First bred in Germany, rottweilers — big, powerful animals often used as guard dogs — have surpassed pit bulls as the deadliest breed of canines in the United States.

Rottweilers were involved in 33 fatal attacks on people in the United States between 1991 and 1998 — more than any other breed of dog, according to a study by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Pit bulls were involved in 21 mauling deaths over the same period, the study said.

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Soldiers, prisoners battle in Turkish prisons; at least 17 dead

By Harmonie Toros
Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey's attempt to regain control of its prisons ended in bloodshed Tuesday, with two soldiers killed while storming the prisons and at least 15 inmates dead — many from choosing to burn themselves alive rather than surrender.

The government, pressing to break up wards controlled by inmates, raided the prisons to prevent more than 200 hunger strikers from starving themselves.

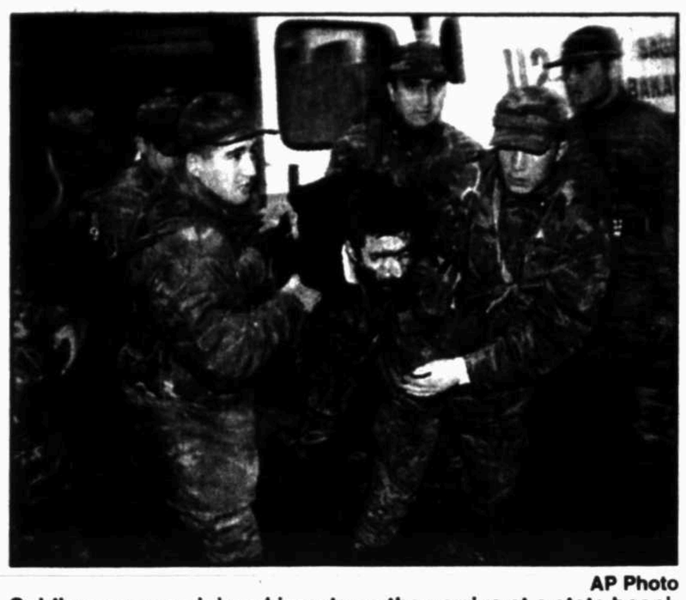
Inmates linked to outlawed leftist groups launched the hunger strike more than two months ago to protest government plans to transfer them from their wards to new prisons equipped with small cells, where they fear they will be more vulnerable to abuse by authorities.

The government says the only way it can regain control of its prisons — often rocked by riots and hostage takings — is by breaking up the large wards, which it says political groups run like indoctrination centers.

"From now on the state's sovereignty ... will be realized ... in prisons," Justice Minister Hikmet Sami Turk said.

After intense fighting, soldiers forced inmates out of the wards in 18 of the 20 prisons they stormed, and brought 143 hunger strikers to hospitals. Clashes persisted in Istanbul's Umraniye prison and in a prison in the western city of Canakkale.

Transfers to the new prisons began after soldiers secured the wards. Across Turkey, hundreds of people were detained for demonstrating against the prison raids. Scores of people were injured in the protests in Istanbul.



AP Photo

Soldiers carry an injured inmate as they arrive at a state hospital in Bartin Tuesday, after a raid by soldiers. Soldiers stormed 20 prisons throughout Turkey to force some 200 leftist prisoners to end their two-month-long hunger strike protesting plans to transfer them from dormitories to small cells.

Turk said the inmates in Istanbul's Bayrampasa prison were armed with AK-47 assault rifles, a claim disputed by Ozgur Tayad, a prisoners' support group. In two prisons, authorities broke holes through the walls of the wards and in at least one case soldiers were dropped onto a prison roof by helicopters.

Turk said 15 inmates died Tuesday, most after setting themselves on fire. Ozgur Tayad said at least eight had been killed by soldiers.

One soldier was killed in clashes in Umraniye and another in a prison in Canakkale, Turk said. The government gave no details on how the soldiers died. Ozgur Tayad said the soldiers were killed in cross fire.

Turkey's independent Human Rights Association disputed Turk's figures, saying that up to 17 inmates had been killed or committed suicide by setting themselves ablaze, with 12 apparently committing suicide in Bayrampasa alone. Ozgur Tayad said 20 were killed. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancies.

The government and radical, armed political groups have long been fighting over control of the wards. Last year, 10 leftist inmates were killed when soldiers stormed an Ankara prison to put an end to a riot. Also in 1999, Islamic militants injured 54 soldiers and took more than 100 prison guards hostage to protest plans to move them from their ward.

To political prisoners, remaining in the wards is not only a question of protecting themselves from abuse, some analysts say. Human rights groups say that torture is common in Turkish prisons and that leftists and Kurds are often singled out for abuse.

Most senior members of leftist organizations such as the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front — the group that most of the hunger strikers are linked to — also are in jail and the wards are one of their main sources of power.

Prisoners follow party discipline in the wards, and there are even cases of ward leaders killing followers who are not obedient, according to Human Rights Watch.

The People's Liberation Party has more than 1,000 followers in prison, a number that some experts say exceeds their membership outside of prison.

Dogu Ergil, political sociology professor at Ankara University and an expert on leftist groups, said the inmates' refusal to surrender could also be seen as an attempt by the group to prove that they are still strong.

The battle with the soldiers "is a message to the group that they are very much alive and can continue," said Ergil. "But this is also a sign of desperation because they can do nothing else but annihilate themselves."

Turkey has pledged to reform its judicial system, including abolishing numerous freedom-curbing laws, in its effort to join the European Union, which accepted Ankara as a candidate last year.

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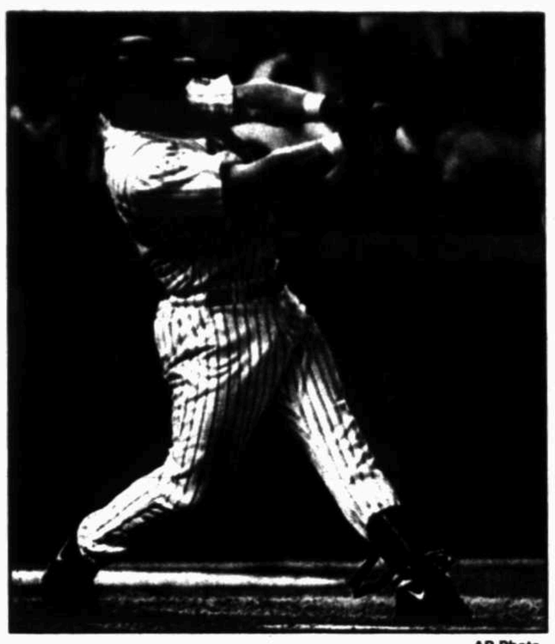
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AP Photo
First baseman Jeff Bagwell agreed to a contract extension of five years and $85 million Tuesday to stay with the Houston Astros through 2006.

Astros sign Bagwell to 5-year, $85 million contract extension

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros didn't want to take a chance on losing Jeff Bagwell.

"I couldn't imagine putting on another uniform," Bagwell said Tuesday after agreeing to an $85 million, five-year contract extension through 2006. "When I finish, I'll have worn the uniform for 16 years and that's something I'm proud of. There's a ton of money out there but I'm happy with the money I got. They made it an easy decision."

Bagwell grew up in New England as a Red Sox fan when Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski were names synonymous with his favorite team.

"Nowadays when you say Houston Astros, you think of (Craig) Biggio and Bagwell, and I'm proud of that," Bagwell said. "I want people to continue to say that. I want to be a Houston Astro the rest of my career and retire, and with the help of the organization they made it an easy decision."

The deal includes a $7 million buyout of a club option for 2007 and averages $17 million, matching Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado for the third highest in baseball behind Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez ($25.2 million) and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez ($20 million).

With another good season, Bagwell could have gotten even more next year as a free agent, possibly from the New York Yankees, whose contract with Tino Martinez ends after next season. But Manny Ramirez's $160 million, eight-year contract with Boston probably ended the chance of a deal with the Red Sox.

"He's the heartbeat of this team," Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. said. "Fans relate to him. In the business world, one of the most significant things are brand names. I keep telling Jeff, 'You're our brand name.' Fans identify with the players and we have one of the unique things of having a player of Jeff's caliber to finish his career with one organization."

Bagwell, 32, gets $6.5 million next year in the final season of his current contract. The new deal calls for a $15 million signing bonus — payable $3 million a year from 2002 through 2006 — and salaries of $8 million in 2002, $10 million in 2003, $13 million in 2004, $15 million in 2005 and $17 million in 2006. Houston holds

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Rebels' Benson says 'no' to National High School All-Star Game

Staff Report

DALLAS — Midland Lee running back Cedric Benson, just three days removed from leading the Midland Rebels to their third straight 5A state championship, has declined an invitation to participate on the West squad in the inaugural National High School All-Star Game in Dallas on December 30.



Benson

Lee coach John Parchman told Texas Football that Benson is exhausted and is looking forward to enjoying the off-season. Benson and the Rebels knocked off Austin Westlake 33-21 for the Class 5A, Big School Texas Bowl last Saturday, with Benson recording his third consecutive five-TD state championship game.

"He's pretty banged up right now. It's been a long season and he just doesn't want to get back practicing again in a week for another game," Parchman said. "Some of the players in that game have been finished for a month or so. That's not the case with us."

Organizers of the National High School All-Star Game told Texas Football that one spot was kept open on the 35-member West squad, in hopes of adding Benson, who would certainly be an added statewide draw. Benson is arguably the nation's top prospective student-athlete, though he is committed to attend Texas in September.

West head coach Bob McQueen, who retired at Temple after the 1999 season, has even phoned Parchman on several occasions to inquire about Benson's availability. It remains unclear, according to Parchman, if Benson will participate in any all-star games in the summer after his graduation from Lee.

The West and East squads in the National High School All-Star Game will practice at Allen High School, located north of Dallas,

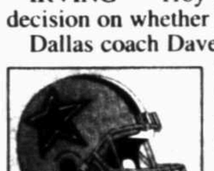
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Aikman's season comes to an end

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Troy Aikman's season is officially over. Next is a decision on whether his career is, too.

Dallas coach Dave Campo said Tuesday that Aikman will miss the finale Monday night against Tennessee. The quarterback is recovering from his second concussion of the season, and 10th of his career, sustained Dec. 10.



"We as an organization and our trainers, in conjunction with doctors, felt the risks of playing the last game outweighed the rewards," Campo said. "Troy agreed with that."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he and Aikman will meet soon after the season ends to discuss the future. A looming deadline is March 8; if Aikman is on the roster then, he gets a $7 million bonus.

"I don't want to speculate on when a final decision will be made," said Jones, adding that Aikman has always been willing to renegotiate his contract to help the salary cap. "We've got real flexibility as far as the agreement is concerned."

The 34-year-old Aikman suffered his first concussion of the season in the opener and missed two games. He played four more then missed a game with a back problem.

With Dallas (5-10) realistically out of the playoffs at the time, Aikman could've been shut down for the season to play it safe. However, the quarterback wanted to play and the team needed to see how

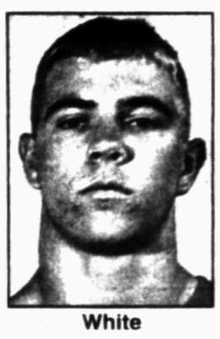
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Class 2A All-State Team

White earns 2A MVP



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Stanton's Clay White (38) and Matthew Tollison (61) were named to the Associated Press' Class 2A all-state teams. White earned top honors as the Class 2A Defensive Player of the Year.



White



Keele



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Stanton LB heads list of all-state Buffs

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

STANTON – Clay White is the Class 2A Defensive Player of the Year.

White, a senior middle linebacker, earned the state's top award Tuesday as he was one of three Buffaloes named as first-team selections to the Class 2A Texas all-state team chosen by Associated Press Sports Editors.

Joining White on the first team were senior offensive lineman Ace Keele and senior defensive lineman Jon Cotton.

Jeremy Hull, another senior, was honored on both sides of the ball as a second-team running back and defensive back.

Buffaloes earning honorable-mention honors were Keele (on the defensive line), and offensive lineman Matthew Tollison.

White, though, walked away with the top award. As a middle linebacker this season, White recorded 197 tackles (assisted and unassisted). He

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Star Hull kept off AP's first-team squads

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

STANTON — The news of hearing about three first-team all-staters to the Class 2A Texas all-state football team chosen by The Associated Press Sports Editors was received with mixed emotions Tuesday at the Stanton fieldhouse.

Jeremy Hull, the leading rusher in the history of the school, was not one of the first-team selections, and had some coaches wanting answers and asking for recounts.

"I can't see how Jeremy is left off the team," Stanton head coach Mark Cotton said. "That dumbfounds me. If he is not [illegible] top player, he's in the top three, and he doesn't make all-state."

This season, Hull rushed for 2,540 yards and 28 touchdowns. He had already captured the District 3-2A offensive MVP award. Defensively, Hull was in on 86 tackles to go with three forced fumbles. He

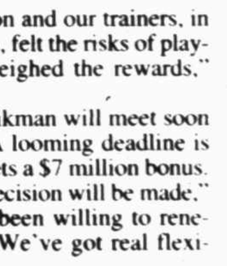
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Terry Williamson

Any 4-5A hoops contenders must defeat Central

The paint isn't even dry on Midland Lee's new 3-Peat championship football trophy before we leap into high gear for the basketball season.

Midland High and Midland Lee open the boys cage race at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Chaparral Center. The girls play their third district game of the season with another MHS-Lee pairing in the 6 p.m. game.



Williamson

But for the race among boys, the mystery is back. No longer can you just paint in the name of the Midland High Bulldogs as district champions. MHS has won four consecutive district titles, a loop record, but that chore might be tougher this time around.

Still, the Bulldogs should be considered as having a legitimate chance of adding a fifth crown. It's just that this year, the Bulldogs seem to be closer to earth than in the past four seasons.

In fact, what makes Thursday's opening night affair attractive is the fact that Lee already owns a 79-73 win over the Bulldogs this season after losing 14 games in a row to MHS.

So, while wishing this job would go to somebody else, here's how the District 4-5A boys basketball race should go down this year.

1. San Angelo Central: This is the mix of experience and talent the Bobcats have been waiting for in the 4-5A hoops race. Brian Young is only a junior. Jovan Wilcox, a senior, should be in for a big year. But the unpredictable Donte Randle may hold the overall key. If he is consistent, the Bobcats could roll. Central is 15-2 this season, but don't even try comparing its schedule to that of Midland High and Lee in the early going.

2. Midland High: If this prediction holds true, this is the end of 4-5A's longest district title streak. The Bulldogs have won the last four championships and have been 127-16 over that span. Still, the tank isn't empty and should have enough to make another playoff run. Guard Lucquente White is the only returning starter, but Blake Huggins and Jarvis Brown should turn in a big district season. So far, the puzzle isn't complete as the Bulldogs own an 8-7 record, but tradition seems to play a big role in these kind of races.

3. Odessa High: Surprise! Surprise! The Bronchos appear to have the talent to make a playoff run. OHS is 8-4 on the season through Monday. The Bronchos also return forward Chris Evans and Gary Williams. Matt Sutherland is a player and happens to be the younger brother of Midland College's Chanie Sutherland. Post Aaron Lewis, a junior, looks to be a nice addition.

4. Midland Lee: Isn't a new coach (Mark Coffman) supposed to have one honeymoon around the league? Well, maybe not. The Rebels are 7-6, own a win over Midland High and have some scoring punch. If any of the above three sink, the Rebels might be there. Wendell Smith is a scorer as is Kyle Shatzer. Drew Coffman is a nice addition. Also, football is over and that means 6-7, 280-pound bruiser Matt Winston is ready for use.

5. Odessa Permian: The Panthers come into the race at 9-3 through Monday, but there is a lot of raw talent here. Marquis Pierce is back at forward and guards Greg Houpe and Bruce McCowan give Mojo a lot of experience. Permian, however, may not to be able to score enough points to break that steady top four.

6. Abilene High: When was the last time you saw two Abilene schools picked at the bottom of the barrel in 4-5A basketball? Well, the Eagles seem to have their wings clipped this year.

7. Abilene Cooper: The Cougars are generally a safe bet to make a playoff run, but the well is dry. "We lost everything last year," says Cooper coach Dan Harris. "We're struggling." The record of 3-10 agrees.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

New TCU head coach makes debut today at Mobile Alabama Bowl

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Gary Patterson's first game as a head coach is his team's 12th, and biggest, of the season.

But No. 13 TCU's erstwhile defensive coordinator feels well prepared for his debut against Southern Mississippi (7-4) Wednesday night in the Mobile Alabama Bowl.

"The equipment guys are all the same, the football operations guys are the all the same," said Patterson, who replaced Dennis Franchione on Dec. 8. "The only guy that's different is me, and I've got more control over me than most do — except my wife."

Still, it wasn't until five days ago that Patterson knew he would lead the Horned Frogs (10-1). Initially, the players had voted for Franchione to coach the final game even while recruiting and assembling a staff at Alabama.

Athletic director Eric Hyman reversed that decision Friday. Patterson said he had "very little" to do with the switch, and wouldn't have had a problem playing second fiddle one more time.

"I wish Fran would have coached in the ball game," he said. "For me, the best thing is this is not about TCU, it's not about Alabama, it's not about Coach Fran. It's about the TCU football players. They're the ones who put their time and their effort and everything else into this, and they're the reason we're successful."

TCU tailback LaDainian Tomlinson said most of the players think Hyman made the right call. He and some of his teammates took umbrage when Franchione wore an Alabama red tie to the Heisman Trophy banquet instead of the Horned Frogs' purple and gold.

"I think a lot of guys had changed their mind about Coach Fran coaching, especially after Coach Fran had on that Crimson Tide tie," said Tomlinson, the nation's leading rusher each of the past two seasons. "A lot of guys were like, 'Man, that's wrong.' They really didn't want him to coach.

"It was a little bit disrespectful to me, him doing the way he did."

Linebacker Shannon Brazzell said he expects the transition to go smoothly.

"Everything's the same," said Brazzell, one of the players on a unit that leads the nation in total and scoring defense. "We're doing everything the same. When we're practicing, (the defensive players) never see Coach Fran anyway. We're doing the same things we've been doing since Day 1, and that's preparing to win."

Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower doesn't expect much to change.

"They are not going to do anything different," said Bower, whose team has lost three of its last four games after a 6-1 start. "It won't affect them. You have your coordinators on both sides of the ball. They won't miss a beat."

Patterson will be joined by new offensive coordinator Mike Schulz, promoted from running backs coach, and the rest of Franchione's staff. That includes the seven assistants who went to Alabama with Franchione, who plans to attend the game.

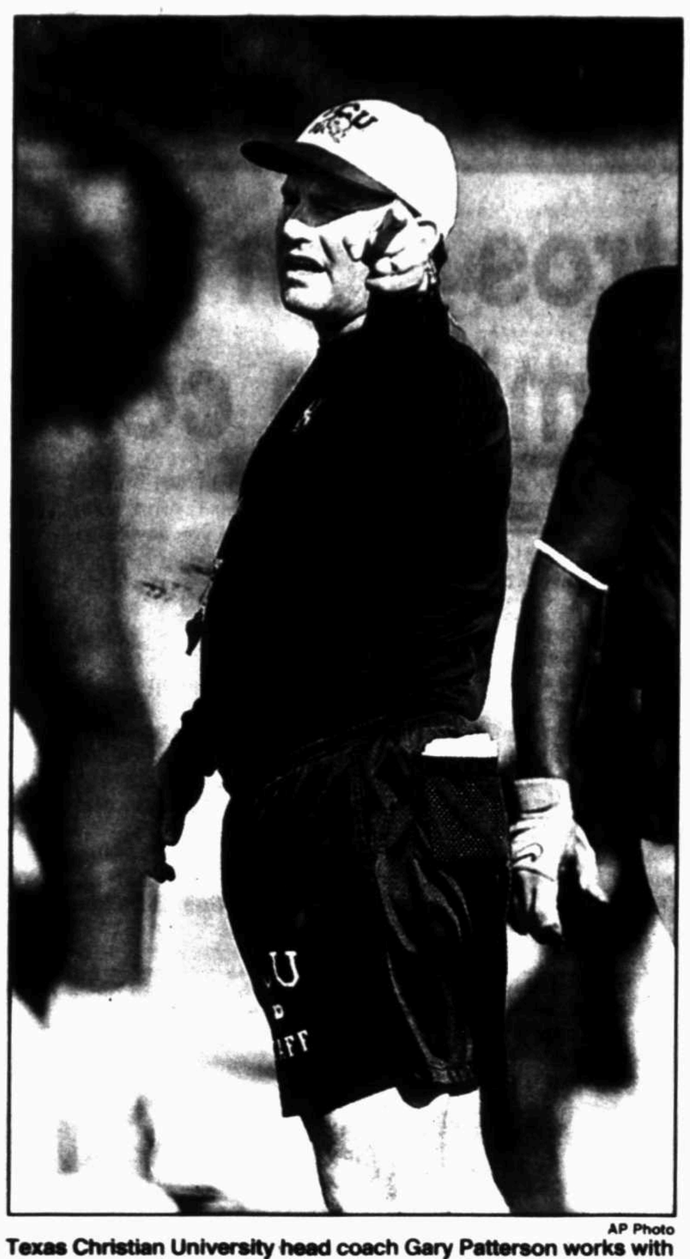
Patterson doesn't think the double duty will be that tough.

"I'll still kind of take a back seat watching except when there's questions that need to be answered, like going for it on fourth down or attempting an onside kick and doing the things a head coach has to do," Patterson said.

"It's a lot easier now than being the head coach next year, because I know what to expect from every coach on this staff and every player."

Quarterback Casey Printers doesn't think the switch will be a distraction.

"Gary Patterson is our head coach, and he's getting our minds focused," Printers said. "We'll be ready to play this football game."



AP Photo

Texas Christian University head coach Gary Patterson works with his players during practice Saturday for the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl where they will play Southern Mississippi today.

Bowl madness arrives tonight

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

The bowl season has arrived. It'll start slowly, pick up steam just before New Year's Eve and hit full speed on New Year's Day with six games.

Then, college football finally stages a few games that count — the Sugar Bowl between No. 2 Miami and No. 7 Florida on Jan. 2 and the Orange Bowl between No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 3 Florida State on Jan. 3.

After those games, poll voters will determine whether there will be one national champion or split champions for the fourth time since 1990.

As the Hurricanes (10-1) prepare to renew their rivalry with the Gators (10-2) and the Sooners (12-0) get ready to go for their first national crown since 1985, there are a few intriguing sidelights.

One is in the Orange Bowl, with Florida State's Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Chris Weinke going against Heisman runner-up Josh Heupel of Oklahoma.

Others include:

— Coaching carousel. The Oahu Bowl on Sunday has Virginia against Georgia. the Cavs' longtime coach, George Welsh, retires after this one, while Bulldogs coach Jim Donnan has already been fired, effective after the game.

— End of a streak? West Virginia coach Don Nehlen gets a final chance to stop his bowl losing streak at eight games when his team plays Mississippi in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 28. Nehlen retires after the game, to be replaced by Rich Rodriguez.

— QBs II. A healthy Michael Vick is set to lead Virginia Tech (10-1) against a healthy Woody Dantzler and Clemson (9-2) in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1. Both were injured late in the season, but the former Heisman contenders should be healthy for their meeting in Jacksonville.

— Running men. The Citrus Bowl features two of the nation's top runners not named LaDainian Tomlinson or Damien Anderson. That would be Michigan's Anthony Thomas vs. Auburn's Rudi Johnson on Jan. 1. Thomas ran for 1,551 yards; Johnson 1,567 yards.

The picks

Mobile Alabama Bowl (Wednesday)
TCU (minus 7) vs. Southern Mississippi
Horned Frogs RB LaDainian Tomlinson is the difference in matchup of top two defenses. ... TCU, 21-17.

Las Vegas Bowl (Thursday)
UNLV (pick 'em) vs. Arkansas
Rebs have homefield edge, plus improving QB Jason Thomas. ... UNLV, 28-24.

Oahu Bowl (Sunday)
Virginia (plus 9 1/2) vs. Georgia
Cavs' retiring coach George Welsh vs. 'Dawgs fired coach Jim Donnan. ... Virginia, 27-24.

Aloha Bowl (Monday)
Boston College (plus 4) vs. Arizona State
Sun Devils give fired coach Bruce Snyder a winning sendoff; Eagles without RB William Green. ... ARIZONA STATE, 28-20.

Motor City Bowl (Dec. 27)
Marshall (plus 3 1/2) vs. Cincinnati
Herd, led by QB Byron Leftwich (3,389 yards, 21 TDs) recovering nicely after 2-4 start. ... MARSHALL, 28-24.

Galleryfurniture.com Bowl (Dec. 27)
Texas Tech (pick 'em) vs. East Carolina
Pirates pass D needs to contain Tech QB Kliff Kingsbury (3,123 yards). ... EAST CAROLINA, 34-30.

Humanitarian Bowl (Dec. 28)
Boise State (minus 6 1/2) vs. Texas-El Paso
Miners' coach Gary Nord is staying, Broncs' coach Dirk Koetter is going. ... TEXAS-EL PASO, 33-30.

Music City Bowl (Dec. 28)
West Virginia (plus 4) vs. Mississippi
WVU coach Don Nehlen's last chance to win first bowl since '84 and end eight-game postseason losing streak. ... MISSISSIPPI, 31-24.

Micronpc.com Bowl (Dec. 28)
Minnesota (minus 4) vs. North Carolina State
Wolfpack freshman QB Philip Rivers confounds Gophers defense. ... NORTH CAROLINA STATE, 28-27.

Insight.com Bowl (Dec. 28)
Iowa State (pick 'em) vs. Pittsburgh
Cyclones just happy for first bowl since 1978; Panthers put up points. ... PITTSBURGH, 37-27.

Liberty Bowl (Dec. 29)
Colorado State (minus 1 1/2) vs. Louisville
Coach Sonny Lubick's Rams capable of containing Cards' scoring attack of 35.7 ppg. ... COLORADO STATE, 35-31.

Sun Bowl (Dec. 29)
UCLA (plus 4 1/2) vs. Wisconsin
Disappointment bowl for Badgers and Bruins. ... WISCONSIN, 28-21.

Peach Bowl (Dec. 29)
Georgia Tech (minus 8 1/2) vs. LSU
Tech's Great Godsey leads offense averaging 40.7 ppg. ... GEORGIA TECH, 37-20.

Holiday Bowl (Dec. 29)
Texas (minus 7) vs. Oregon
QB Chris Simms tries to give Horns a seventh straight win. ... OREGON, 34-27.

Alamo Bowl (Dec. 30)
Nebraska (minus 14 1/2) vs. Northwestern
Huskers put clamps on Wildcats' RB Damien Anderson. ... NEBRASKA, 41-17.

Silicon Valley Classic (Dec. 31)
Fresno State (minus 1) vs. Air Force
Falcons scoring 43-plus ppg in winning their last three games. ... AIR FORCE, 37-31.

Independence Bowl (Dec. 31)
Texas A&M (minus 1) vs. Mississippi State
Aggies have formidable duo in QB Mark Farris to WR Robert Ferguson. ... TEXAS A&M, 27-24.

Outback Bowl (Jan. 1)
Ohio State (minus 5 1/2) vs. South Carolina
Gamecocks try to avoid ending great season with four straight losses. ... OHIO STATE, 24-17.

Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1)
Kansas State (minus 3 1/2) vs. Tennessee
Vols looking for seventh straight win. ... TENNESSEE, 33-21.

Gator Bowl (Jan. 1)
Virginia Tech (minus 6 1/2) vs. Clemson
One of better QB matchups — Tech's Michael Vick vs. Tigers' Woody Dantzler. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 41-38.

Citrus Bowl (Jan. 1)
Michigan (minus 8) vs. Auburn
Wolverines QB Drew Henson-to-WR David Terrell make the difference. ... MICHIGAN, 28-21.

Rose Bowl (Jan. 1)
Purdue (minus 1 1/2) vs. Washington
Boilermakers QB Drew Brees looking for big finish to record-setting career. ... PURDUE, 35-28.

Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1)
Oregon State (minus 3) vs. Notre Dame
Beavers' offense too quick for Irish. ... OREGON STATE, 31-24.

Sugar Bowl (Jan. 2)
Florida (plus 5 1/2) vs. Miami
'Canes have share of title at stake in first matchup of these rivals since '87. ... MIAMI, 31-21.

Orange Bowl (Jan. 3)
Oklahoma (plus 13) vs. Florida State
So much for perfection. ... FLORIDA STATE, 41-21.

Dec. 2 Results: 1-4 (straight); 2-3 (vs. points).

Final Regular Season: 186-57 (straight); 125-105-3 (vs. points).

■ **Bowl Picks**

Valdosta State QB Bonner caps whirlwind year with selection to AP's Little All-America team

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Dusty Bonner had himself quite a year. He started out as the Southeastern Conference's top passer, then lost his starting job at Kentucky and returned to his hometown to play for Valdosta State.

On Tuesday, he was selected to The Associated Press' Little All-America team.

Bonner, who set a Division II record with 54 touchdown passes, completed a remarkable 72.8 percent of his throws, hitting 317 of 435 attempts for 3,907 yards just six interceptions. The 6-foot-2, 217-pound junior won the Harlon Hill Trophy as D-II's top player in leading his team to a 10-2 record.

Joining Bonner in the backfield of the 26-player team was college football's career rushing leader, R.J. Bowers of Grove City, and Lamar Gordon of North Dakota State.

The 6-foot-1, 238-pound Bowers ran for 1,733 yards and 16 touchdowns and closed out his career at the Division III school with 7,353 yards and 562 points — two of his eight all-division records.

Gordon ran for 1,727 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. In three playoff games, the 6-1, 213-pound junior added another 401 yards and five TDs, giving him 2,128 yards rushing and 27 TDs.

The receivers were Clarence Coleman of Ferris State, Matt Holmlund of Augustana (S.D.) and Adam Marino of Division III national champion Mount Union.

Coleman caught 97 passes for 1,519 yards and 15 touchdowns; Holmlund had 104 grabs for 1,365 yards and 16 TDs; and Marino caught 77 passes for 1,167 yards and 13 scores. Marino added 33 catches for 476 yards and five TDs in four playoff games.

The offensive line was anchored by center Robert Garza of Texas A&M-Kingsville. Also on the line were Ryan Burkholder of Northern Colorado, Clay Clevenger of Carson-Newman, Mack Hay of Augustana (Ill.), and Abed Taha of West Georgia.

Tony Miles of Northwest Missouri State was the all-purpose player for the second straight season after totaling 1,858 yards and 14 TDs. The 5-9, 180-pound senior caught 60 passes for 1,074 yards and 10 TDs, ran for 208 yards and three scores and also returned a punt for a touchdown.

Cameron Peterka of North Dakota was the kicker, making 17 of 24 field-goal attempts, including a 59-yarder, and all 43 extra point attempts.

The team, chosen from players in Divisions II and III and the NAIA, consists of 18 seniors and eight juniors. Bowers, Garza and Miles were repeaters from the '99 team.

The defense was led by end Todd DeVree of Hillsdale College. The 6-4, 252-pound junior had 16 sacks, five forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries. He's joined along the line by Aaron Becker of Northwest Missouri State, Sky Blake of Division III Whitworth and DeVonte Peterson of Catawba.

Wes Baker of Pittsburg State heads the linebacking corps, along with Mike Borisenko of Indiana (Pa.), Steve Cedor of New Haven and Kevin Nagle of East Stroudsburg. Baker had 105 tackles for a defense that allowed 15.3 points per game.

Hillsdale's Tim Mustapha, who led Division II with 11 interceptions, heads the secondary. He was joined by James Rooths of Shepherd, Rory Bell of Division II national champion Delta State and Ben Matthews of Bethel (Minn.). Bell had 138 tackles, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Adam Ryan of Fort Hays State was the punter. The native of Melbourne, Australia, led Division II with a net average of 43.2 yards per punt.

Northwest Missouri State and Hillsdale led the way with two players apiece on the first team.

AP Little All-America Team

First Team

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Dusty Bonner, Valdosta State, 6-2, 217, junior, Valdosta, Ga.

Running backs — R.J. Bowers, Grove City (Pa.), 6-1, 238, senior, West Middlesex, Pa.; Lamar Gordon, North Dakota State, 6-1, 213, junior, Milwaukee.

Receivers — Clarence Coleman, Ferris State, 5-11, 184, junior, Miami; Matt Holmlund, Augustana (S.D.), 6-2, 205, junior, Benson, Minn.; Adam Marino, Mount Union, 6-1, 188, senior, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Linemen — Ryan Burkholder, Northern Colorado, 6-5, 305, senior, Grand Junction, Colo.; Clay Clevenger, Carson-Newman, 6-2, 275, senior, Danville, Ky.; Robert Garza, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 6-2, 300, senior, Rio Hondo, Texas; Mack Hay, Augustana (Ill.), 6-3, 260, senior, Polo, Ill.; Abed Taha, West Georgia, 6-2, 265, senior, Orlando, Fla.

Placekicker — Cameron Peterka, North Dakota, 6-2, 190, junior, Bloomington, Minn.

All-purpose — Tony Miles, Northwest Missouri State, 5-9, 180, senior, Mart, Texas.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Aaron Becker, Northwest Missouri State, 6-3, 289, senior, Omaha, Neb.; Sky Blake, Whitworth, 6-5, 221, senior, Lynnwood, Wash.; Todd DeVree, Hillsdale, 6-4, 252, junior, Hudsonville, Mich.; DeVonte Peterson, Catawba, 6-4, 250, senior, Clinton, N.C.

Linebackers — Wes Baker, Pittsburg State, 6-2, 232, senior, LaCygne, Kan.; Mike Borisenko, Indiana (Pa.), 6-0, 240, junior, Waterdown, Ontario; Steve Cedor, New Haven, 5-10, 240, senior, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Kevin Nagle, East Stroudsburg, 6-2, 240, senior, Effort, Pa.

Backs — Rory Bell, Delta State, 5-8, 187, senior, New Orleans; Ben Matthews, Bethel (Minn.), 6-1, 195, senior, Milaca, Minn.; Tim Mustapha, Hillsdale, 5-10, 158, junior, Fort Wayne, Ind.; James Rooths, Shepherd, 6-1, 200, senior, Baltimore.

Punter — Adam Ryan, Fort Hays State, 6-0, 181, senior, Melbourne, Australia.

Second Team

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Chad Johnson, Pacific Lutheran.

Running backs — Dalevon Smith, Shepherd; Terrance Stokes, Mars Hill.

Receivers — Brian Dolph, Saginaw Valley State; Nate Jackson, Menlo; C.J. Lofton, Valdosta State.

Linemen — Andy Erpelding, Northwest State; Matt Howard, Pittsburg State; Brian Minehart, Slippery Rock; Dan Riely, Catholic; Chris Salvato, St. John's (Minn.).

Placekicker — Keith Debbaudt, Albion.

All-purpose — Erik Totten, Western Washington.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Chris Cooper, Nebraska-Omaha; Claude Davis, Central Oklahoma; Jeremiah Janssen, St. Norbert; Radell Lockhart, Catawba.

Linebackers — Rod Kelly, Northeastern State; Jared Maher, North Dakota State; Brian Williams, Northwest Missouri State; Nick Zitelli, Carnegie-Mellon.

Backs — Russell Burwell, South Dakota; Nate Coggins, West Georgia; Ron Gibson, Rowan; Shane Pearson, Georgetown (Ky.).

Punter — Wilson Hillman, Mississippi College.

Third Team

OFFENSE

Quarterback — J.T. O'Sullivan, Cal-Davis.

Running backs — Will Castleberry, Thomas More; Wesley Cates, California (Pa.).

Receivers — Pierre Brown, Wayne State; Mike Lelko, Bloomsburg; Chad Luttrull, Henderson State.

Linemen — Chris Booker, Delta State; Brian Crawford, Western Oregon; John Fitzgerald, Central Oklahoma; Jason Gerber, Mount Union; Jeff Smith, Bloomsburg.

Placekicker — J.W. Boren, Tarleton.

All-purpose — D.J. Flick, Slippery Rock.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Jeff Hazuga, Wisconsin-Stout; Jeff Heinzel, Illinois Wesleyan; Scott Schultz, North Dakota; William Yarocki, C.W. Post.

Linebackers — Jeff Sanger, Central (Iowa); Kris Spraker, Cal-Davis; Andy Steele, Middlebury; John Paul Visosky, Trinity (Texas).

Backs — Ron Amato, Ithaca; Chad Geiger, Nebraska-Omaha; Damon Richardson, Southern Connecticut; Lynn Scott, Northwestern Oklahoma State.

Stallings to consult for UNT

DENTON — Gene Stallings, a longtime football coach at Alabama and Texas A&M, has been hired by North Texas to help the school find an athletic director.

Stallings will review North Texas' entire athletic program and help develop a plan to raise the department's visibility. Athletic director Craig Helwig resigned Nov. 22.

"I think it is great that we are going to have somebody working with us that has had success on every level," football coach Darrell Dickey said. "Coach Stallings will be able to give us some valuable insight."

North Texas has struggled since its football team returned to Division I-A in 1996.

Stallings was athletic director and coach at A&M from 1965-71. He coached the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL before going to Alabama in '90. He won a national championship in '92 and retired in '96.

LEE: Benson says no

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beginning on December 26. Kickoff at Highland Park's Highlander Stadium will be at 1 p.m. on December 30.

Tickets for the National High School All-Star Game will be sold at Highlander Stadium, just north of downtown Dallas, on game day for $12.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	6	.750	—
New York	15	11	.577	4
Miami	13	13	.500	6
Orlando	10	14	.417	8
Boston	9	15	.375	9
New Jersey	9	15	.375	9
Washington	5	19	.208	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	7	.682	—
Charlotte	16	9	.640	1/2
Toronto	13	12	.520	3 1/2
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	4
Indiana	12	13	.480	4 1/2
Detroit	11	14	.440	5 1/2
Atlanta	7	18	.280	9 1/2
Chicago	3	22	.120	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	17	8	.680	—
Dallas	17	10	.630	1
Minnesota	15	9	.625	1 1/2
San Antonio	15	9	.625	1 1/2
Houston	13	11	.542	3 1/2
Denver	12	13	.480	5
Vancouver	7	17	.292	9 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	16	6	.727	—
Portland	17	8	.680	1/2
L.A. Lakers	18	9	.667	1/2
Phoenix	15	9	.625	2
Seattle	13	12	.520	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	18	.308	10
Golden State	6	18	.250	11

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 103, Utah 95
Atlanta 87, New York 77
L.A. Lakers 81, Miami 79
Indiana 90, Chicago 85
San Antonio 86, Houston 79
Detroit 89, Phoenix 83
Washington at Sacramento, (n)
Minnesota at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Spurs 86, Rockets 79

SAN ANTONIO (86): Duncan 11-18 3-8 25, Elliott 6-8 0-1 13, Robinson 2-3 1-2 5, D.Anderson 6-16 2-4 15, Daniels 2-12 0-0 5, Rose 2-11 2-4 6, Porter 3-4 2-3 10, Ferry 2-2 0-0 5, Kerr 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 1-2 0-2 2, Newble 0-0 0-0 0, Dial 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-77 10-24 86.

HOUSTON (79): Taylor 7-14 0-0 14, Williams 0-4 1-1 1, Olajuwon 6-13 5-6 17, S.Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Norris 6-13 3-5 17, Mobley 7-19 2-5 16, Thomas 2-5 0-0 5, Bullard 1-3 1-1 3, Cato 2-3 0-1 4, Langhi 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-77 12-19 79.

San Antonio	**14**	**20**	**22**	**30— 86**
Houston	**20**	**16**	**17**	**26— 79**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-12 (Porter 2-3, Ferry 1-1, Elliott 1-2, Daniels 1-3; D.Anderson 1-3), Houston 3-9 (Norris 2-3, Thomas 1-2, Bullard 0-1, S.Anderson 0-1, Williams 0-2). Fouled out—Robinson. Rebounds—San Antonio 56 (Duncan 15), Houston 52 (Olajuwon 13). Assists—San Antonio 15 (D.Anderson 4), Houston 17 (Norris 8). Total fouls—San Antonio 19, Houston 18. Technicals—San Antonio Illegal Defense 2, Taylor Flagrant fouls—Robinson. A—12,937 (16,285).

Hawks 87, Knicks 77

NEW YORK (77): Rice 10-16 1-1 23, Camby 1-5 2-2 4, Longley 1-3 0-0 2, Sprewell 4-14 2-7 10, Houston 6-19 4-4 18, Thomas 5-10 0-0 10, Childs 1-4 0-2 2, Strickland 3-7 0-0 8, Brunson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-80 9-16 77.

ATLANTA (87): McLeod 5-13 2-3 12, Wright 9-19 2-2 20, Mutombo 3-9 3-4 9, Maloney 6-9 0-0 15, Terry 6-15 5-5 17, D.Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Mottola 1-2 0-0 2, Robinson 2-4 2-3 8, Bowdler 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 14-17 87.

New York	**13**	**27**	**13**	**24— 77**
Atlanta	**24**	**22**	**18**	**23— 87**

3-Point Goals—New York 6-17 (Strickland 2-4, Rice 2-5, Houston 2-6, Sprewell 0-1, Brunson 0-1), Atlanta 5-13 (Maloney 3-5, Robinson 2-4, McLeod 0-2, Terry 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 49 (Camby 17), Atlanta 51 (Mutombo 15). Assists—New York 20 (Sprewell 7), Atlanta 17 (Terry 9). Total fouls—New York 24, Atlanta 19. Technicals—Childs, Atlanta illegal defense 2. A—13,621 (19,445).

Raptors 103, Jazz 95

UTAH (95): Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Malone 6-12 0-1 12, Polynice 2-5 0-0 4, Starks 3-11 0-0 7, Stockton 5-12 1-1 12, Vaughn 4-6 3-4 11, Ostertag 2-5 0-0 4, Stevenson 0-4 0-0 0, Marshall 11-18 1-1 24, Manning 1-4 0-0 2, Lewis 2-4 1-1 5, Benolt 1-3 10-12 12. Totals 38-88 16-20 95.

TORONTO (103): Williamson 2-5 4-6 8, Oakley 4-9 0-0 8, A.Davis 6-12 2-2 14, Carter 13-30 4-5 33, Jackson 5-8 0-0 12, Williams 3-6 3-4 10, Curry 4-11 0-0 10, Willis 2-5 0-0 4, Corbin 2-3 0-2 4, David 0-0 0-0 0, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-89 13-19 103.

Utah	**21**	**28**	**15**	**31— 95**
Toronto	**29**	**25**	**26**	**23—103**

3-Point Goals—Utah 3-9 (Starks 1-2, Stockton 1-3, Marshall 1-3, Lewis 0-1), Toronto 8-22 (Carter 3-9, Jackson 2-4, Curry 2-7, Williams 1-1, Oakley 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 49 (Vaughn, Manning, Marshall 6), Toronto 59 (Oakley 15). Assists—Utah 25 (Vaughn 8), Toronto 29 (Williams 8). Total fouls—Utah 22, Toronto 19. Technicals—Toronto Illegal Defense. A—18,896 (19,800).

Lakers 81, Heat 79

L.A. LAKERS (81): Fox 5-8 0-0 14, H.Grant 6-9 0-0 12, O'Neal 10-21 2-11 22, Bryant 9-24 5-8 23, Harper 0-4 0-0 0, Horry 2-4 0-0 6, Penberthy 0-1 0-0 0, Foster 0-0 0-0 0, Rider 2-5 0-0 4, Shaw 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-76 7-19 81.

MIAMI (79): Mason 8-14 4-4 20, Bowen 3-4 0-0 8, B.Grant 7-21 0-0 14, Jones 5-13 4-6 14, Hardaway 3-16 2-4 9, Green 2-3 2-2 6, Carter 4-8 0-0 8, Causwell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-79 12-16 79.

L.A. Lakers	**29**	**15**	**21**	**16— 81**
Miami	**21**	**23**	**23**	**12— 79**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 6-13 (Fox 4-4, Horry 2-4, Penberthy 0-1, Bryant 0-2, Harper 0-2), Miami 3-16 (Bowen 2-3, Hardaway 1-9, Jones 0-2, Carter 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (O'Neal 14), Miami 50 (B.Grant 16). Assists—L.A. Lakers 18 (Bryant 6), Miami 14 (Hardaway 7). Total fouls—L.A. Lakers 19, Miami 20. Technicals—L.A. Lakers Illegal Defense, Foster. A—19,600 (19,600).

Pistons 89, Suns 84

DETROIT (89): Curry 1-6 0-0 2, J.Smith 5-14 4-4 14, B.Wallace 4-7 2-2 10, Atkins 6-12 1-2 14, Stackhouse 11-28 11-12 35, Montross 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 2-3 4-4 8, Cleaves 1-3 2-2 4, Owens 0-3 0-0 0, Barros 0-2 0-0 0, Cardinal 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-81 24-26 89.

PHOENIX (84): Marion 1-10 2-2 5, Robinson 9-15 1-2 21, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Perry 8-15 2-4 18, Delk 4-13 1-3 9, Rogers 6-16 6-7 19, Santiago 0-2 4-4 4, McPherson 0-2 0-0 0, Gugliotta 2-7 1-2 5, Blount 1-4 0-0 2, Garces 0-0 1-1 1. Totals 31-84 18-25 84.

Detroit	**26**	**21**	**29**	**13— 89**
Phoenix	**25**	**22**	**15**	**22— 84**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 3-8 (Stackhouse 2-6, Atkins 1-2), Phoenix 4-8 (Robinson 2-3, Marion 1-1, Rogers 1-3, Delk 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 62 (B.Wallace 14), Phoenix 50 (Marion 8). Assists—Detroit 16 (Stackhouse, Atkins 4), Phoenix 20 (Rogers 7). Total fouls—Detroit 23, Phoenix 28. A—16,951 (19,023).

Pacers 90, Bulls 85

INDIANA (90): Harrington 0-2 1-2 1, O'Neal 4-12 3-4 11, Foster 5-6 1-4 11, Rose 4-13 5-5 13, R.Miller 6-11 7-8 22, Croshere 1-4 0-0 2, Tabak 3-4 2-4 8, Best 5-12 8-8 19, Bender 0-0 0-0 0, Perkins 1-1 0-0 3, McKey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-65 27-35 90.

CHICAGO (85): Artest 3-8 7-9 14, Brand 7-14 3-6 17, Ruffin 2-3 0-2 4, Hoiberg 2-4 4-4 10, Mercer 6-21 3-4 15, Tarlac 0-0 0-0 0, Drew 1-3 0-0 3, B.Miller 1-3 2-2 4, Benjamin 0-3 0-0 0, Fizer 3-8 4-4 10, El-Amin 3-3 2-3 8. Totals 28-70 25-34 85.

Indiana	**17**	**21**	**27**	**25— 90**
Chicago	**18**	**21**	**17**	**29— 85**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-9 (R.Miller 3-4, Best 1-1, Perkins 1-1, O'Neal 0-1, Rose 0-2), Chicago 4-10 (Hoiberg 2-3, Artest 1-2, Drew 1-3, Benjamin 0-2). Fouled out—Best. Rebounds—Indiana 53 (O'Neal 13), Chicago 42 (Brand 7). Assists—Indiana 23 (Best 10), Chicago 22 (Artest, Brand 6). Total fouls—Indiana 32, Chicago 30. A—21,454 (21,711).

NHL Results

Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	15	11	5	0	35	102	79
Philadelphia	14	12	7	0	35	91	93
N.Y. Rangers	16	17	1	0	33	119	123
Pittsburgh	14	13	4	1	33	93	96
N.Y. Islanders	10	16	4	2	26	72	94

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	19	8	4	0	42	101	69
Toronto	17	8	4	3	41	110	77
Buffalo	17	10	2	1	37	86	77
Boston	11	15	4	3	29	84	112
Montreal	9	21	4	0	22	79	101

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	13	12	6	1	33	79	82
Carolina	12	14	4	1	29	73	89
Atlanta	11	13	6	1	29	86	101
Tampa Bay	10	16	3	2	25	86	109
Florida	6	15	6	5	23	71	95

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	4	4	0	46	103	56
Detroit	19	11	3	2	43	108	94
Nashville	11	15	6	1	29	71	88
Chicago	11	18	2	2	26	81	101
Columbus	10	20	2	2	24	69	104

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	21	6	5	0	47	100	72
Vancouver	17	9	4	2	40	111	85
Edmonton	16	14	4	1	37	100	97
Calgary	10	14	6	4	30	79	99
Minnesota	9	17	5	2	25	67	79

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	20	6	4	0	44	91	64
Dallas	17	9	4	1	39	84	68
Los Angeles	15	10	7	0	37	110	95
Phoenix	14	8	8	1	37	78	69
Anaheim	13	15	4	3	33	89	105

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Boston 4, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 1
Calgary at Colorado, (n)
Atlanta at Los Angeles, (n)

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Islanders 2, Hurricanes 1

Carolina	**1**	**0**	**0**	**— 1**
N.Y. Islanders	**0**	**1**	**1**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Carolina, Kapanen 10 (Francis, Tanabe), 8:13.

Second Period—2, New York, Lawrence 1 (Laponte, Scatchard), 6:53 (pp).

Third Period—3, New York, Pyatt 3 (Muckalt, Galley), 2:21.

Shots on goal—Carolina 6-9-6—21. New York 14-9-6—29. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 6, New York 1 of 7. Goalies—Carolina, Irbe 11-11-4 (29 shots, 27 saves). New York, Vanbiesbrouck 6-11-4 (21-20). A—8,707 (16,297).

Flyers 4, Bruins 4

Philadelphia	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0 — 4**
Boston	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0 — 4**

First Period—1, Boston, Gill 1 (Knuble, Belanger), 1:43. 2, Boston, Guerin 21 (Samsonov, Allison), 2:42. 3, Philadelphia, Gagne 14 (Desjardins, Langkow), 6:37. 4, Philadelphia, Fedotenko 5 (Recchi, Primeau), 14:33. 5, Boston, Allison 17 (Samsonov), 19:47.

Second Period—6, Philadelphia, Williams 8 (White), 13:17.

Third Period—7, Philadelphia, Tocchet 5 (Gagne, Desjardins), 9:03. 8, Boston, Knuble 4 (Belanger, Ward), 9:24.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 8-10-3-3—24. Boston 13-8-8-2—31. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 4, Boston 0 of 2. Goalies—Philadelphia, Boucher 6-6-5 (31 shots, 27 saves). Boston, DaFoe 2-4-3 (24 20). A—13,976 (17,565).

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Hentgen on a two-year contract and with RHP Jason Johnson on a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Danny Mota, RHP Juan Rincon and LHP Johan Santana on one-year contracts and with C Tom Prince and INF Edwin Diaz on minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Norm Charlton on a minor league contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP John Burkett on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with 1B Matt Stairs on a one-year contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with 1B Jeff Bagwell on a five-year contract extension through 2006.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with INF Enrique Wilson on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed F Alan Henderson on the injured list.

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Kenny Anderson on the injured list.

CHICAGO BULLS—Placed C Dalibor Bagaric on the injured list. Activated G Brad Miller from the injured list.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed F Devean George on the injured list. Activated F Stanislav Medvedenko from the injured list.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Placed F Tom Hammonds on the injured list. Activated F Reggie Slater from the injured list.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived F Ademola Okulaja.

PHOENIX SUNS—Placed G Mario Elie on the injured list. Activated F Ruben Garces from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Fired John Butler, general manager.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released RB Raymont Harris.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Sean Haggerty from Milwaukee of the IHL.

Western Professional Hockey League

WPHL—Suspended Amarillo Rattlers F Jodi Murphy.

BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS—Placed F Kelly Riou on 14-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 15. Waived G Terry Craven.

MONROE MOCCASINS—Placed F Carlin Nordstrom on 14-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 15.

ODESSA JACKALOPES—Placed D Mike Rusk on 21-day injured reserve.

WPHL

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	19	8	2	40	109	77
Monroe	18	11	1	37	106	95
Tupelo	18	13	1	37	128	95
Bos.-Shrevprt	16	11	1	33	92	81
Corpus Christi	15	15	1	31	90	111
Lake Charles	14	15	1	29	91	114
Central Texas	11	13	4	26	84	93
Fort Worth	9	20	2	20	88	111

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Lubbock	16	11	4	36	114	100
New Mexico	17	7	2	36	107	102
Odessa	**15**	**7**	**5**	**35**	**101**	**81**
Amarillo	14	10	4	32	103	99
San Angelo	12	14	4	28	79	120
El Paso	10	12	5	25	73	86

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Tuesday's Game

Austin 4, Monroe 2

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Lubbock at Amarillo
San Angelo at Odessa
Monroe at Central Texas
Bossier-Shreveport at Corpus Christi
Tupelo at Lake Charles
El Paso at New Mexico

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Odds for college football bowl games and the NFL games this week as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

Bowl Games

Dec. 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
TCU	7	Southern Miss.

Dec. 21

Las Vegas Bowl

at UNLV	Pk	Arkansas

Dec. 24

Oahu Bowl

Georgia	9 1/2	Virginia

Dec. 25

Aloha Bowl

Arizona St.	4	Boston College

Dec. 27

Motor City Bowl

Cincinnati	3 1/2	Marshall

Galleryfurniture.com Bowl

Texas Tech	Pk	East Carolina

Dec. 28

Humanitarian Bowl

at Boise St.	6 1/2	UTEP

Music City Bowl

Mississippi	4	West Virginia

MicronPC.com Bowl

Minnesota	OFF	N.C. State

Insight.com Bowl

Pittsburgh	Pk	Iowa St

Dec. 29

Liberty Bowl

Colorado St	1 1/2	Louisville

Sun Bowl

Wisconsin	4 1/2	UCLA

Peach Bowl

Georgia Tech	9	LSU

Holiday Bowl

Texas	7	Oregon

Dec. 30

Alamo Bowl

Nebraska	14 1/2	Northwestern

Dec. 31

Silicon Valley Classic

Fresno St	1	Fresno St

Independence Bowl

Texas A&M	1	Mississippi St

Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Ohio St	5 1/2	South Carolina

Cotton Bowl

Kansas St	3 1/2	Tennessee

Gator Bowl

Virginia Tech	6 1/2	Clemson

Citrus Bowl

Michigan	8	Auburn

Rose Bowl

Purdue	1 1/2	Washington

Fiesta Bowl

Oregon St	3	Notre Dame

Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl

Miami	5 1/2	Florida

Jan. 3

Orange Bowl

Florida St	13	Oklahoma

NFL

Saturday

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at N.Y. Giants	4	Jacksonville
at Denver	7	San Francisco
at Seattle	3	Buffalo

Sunday

at Green Bay	1 1/2	Tampa Bay
at Washington	7	Arizona
St. Louis	3	at New Orleans
Miami	4	at New England
Kansas City	4	at Atlanta
at Detroit	9 1/2	Chicago
at Baltimore	6	N.Y. Jets
at Philadelphia	10 1/2	Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	3	at San Diego
at Indianapolis	OFF	Minnesota
at Oakland	9	Carolina

Monday

at Tennessee	13	Dallas

NFL Standings

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	5	0	.667	296	202
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	398	316
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	.600	301	287
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	273	327
New England	5	10	0	.333	252	311

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	315	191
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	299	145
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	287	234
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	342	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	178	343
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	161	419

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	4	0	.733	427	290
x-Denver	10	5	0	.667	447	360
Kansas City	7	8	0	.467	342	325
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	297	363
San Diego	1	14	0	.067	248	406

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	300	221
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	8	0	.467	261	266
Dallas	5	10	0	.333	294	330
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	207	423

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	387	240
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	374	252
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	287	284
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	336	309
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	193	335

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	333	279
St. Louis	9	6	0	.600	314	230
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	301	258
San Francisco	9	7	0	.400	379	384
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	223	400

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday, Dec. 23

Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Kansas City at Atlanta, noon
Arizona at Washington, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, noon
Miami at New England, noon
St. Louis at New Orleans, noon
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, noon
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 3:15 p.m.
Carolina at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Open: Cleveland

Monday, Dec. 25

Dallas at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

College Football

By The Associated Press

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Mobile Alabama Bowl

Payout: $750,000

TCU (10-1) vs. Southern Mississippi (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 21

Las Vegas Bowl

At Las Vegas

Payout: $800,000

UNLV (7-5) vs. Arkansas (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Oahu Bowl

At Honolulu

Payout: $750,000

Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

College Basketball

Top 25 Men

No. 7 FLORIDA 106, BETHUNE-COOKMAN 64

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (4-5): King 2-3 0-0 4, Lockwood 9-18 2-8 22, Jes. Daniels 0-0 0-0 0, Cage 4-7 2-2 10, Harris 1-7 3-5 5, Sanders 1-1 0-1 2, Cox 8-12 0-1 17, Lauder 0-1 0-0 0, Larmond 0-0 0-0 0, Jer. Daniels 0-3 0-0 0, Nicholson 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 27-57 7-17 64.

FLORIDA (7-1): Wright 10-15 4-7 26, Parker 0-2 0-0 0, Haslem 6-8 8-11 20, Dupay 4-9 0-1 10, Nelson 1-4 0-0 3, Greene 1-4 2-2 5, Hamilton 2-6 2-2 6, Bonner 8-10 0-2 21, Kliewer 0-0 0-0 0, Halton 2-3 3-4 8, Colas 3-5 1-3 7. Totals 37-66 20-32 106.

Halftime—Florida 55, Bethune-Cookman 27. 21. 3-Point goals—Bethune-Cookman 3-10 (Lockwood 2-5, Cox 1-2, King 0-1, Harris 0-2), Florida 12-23 (Bonner 5-5, Wright 2-3, Dupay 2-7, Halton 1-1, Nelson 1-2, Greene 1-3, Parker 0-1, Hamilton 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Bethune-Cookman 31 (King 8), Florida 40 (Wright 8). Assists—Bethune-Cookman 11 (Cage 7), Florida 31 (Greene 9). Total fouls—Bethune-Cookman 25, Florida 19. A—7,770.

No. 14 VIRGINIA 107, No. 4 TENNESSEE 89

TENNESSEE (9-1): Yarbrough 5-11 1-2 12, Victor 7-10 6-7 20, Hathaway 4-5 0-0 8, Harris 4-11 9-13 18, Higgins 1-2 1-2 4, Grindstaff 0-0 1-2 1, Walker 1-7 1-2 3, Haislip 0-1 2-4 2, Turner 0-0 0-0 0, Woods 4-7 0-0 10, Slay 4-7 3-3 11. Totals 30-61 24-35 89.

VIRGINIA (7-0): Hall 3-8 0-0 8, Williams 3-11 5-6 11, Watson 5-12 1-5 11, Hand 5-8 8-8 21, Mason 4-8 9-9 18, Dondon 4-7 8-9 16, Friel 5-7 2-2 16, Lyons 0-0 0-0 0, Young 0-2 0-0 0, Mathis 2-4 2-5 6, Hare 0-0 0-0 0, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-67 35-44 107.

Halftime—Virginia 57, Tennessee 40. 3-Point goals—Tennessee 5-17 (Woods 2-5, Higgins 1-2, Yarbrough 1-4, Harris 1-4, Victor 0-1, Walker 0-1), Virginia 10-18 (Friel 4-6, Hand 3-5, Hall 2-2, Mason 1-2, Williams 0-1, Dondon 0-2). Fouled out—Harris, Haislip, Slay, Hall. Rebounds—Tennessee 36 (Victor 8), Virginia 43 (Dondon 11). Assists—Tennessee 20 (Yarbrough 5), Virginia 14 (Hand 9). Total fouls—Tennessee 33, Virginia 28. A—NA.

No. 19 IOWA 72, CENTENARY 52

CENTENARY (2-8): Chism 0-1 0-1 0, Odukoya 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 3-7 0-0 7, Atamah 4-10 2-2 12, McCollum 8-26 3-3 22, Gale 2-5 3-4 7, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Ilic 0-4 0-0 0, Rabenhorst 0-1 0-0 0, Tomorad 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 19-58 8-10 52.

IOWA (9-0): Henderson 5-5 3-4 13, Evans 2-7 7-15 11, Reiner 0-3 1-2 1, Hogan 5-8 4-6 15, Oliver 6-8 0-1 16, Beutjer 0-0 0-0 0, Worley 1-6 3-4 5, Boyd 0-1 2-2 2, Fermino 1-1 1-2 3, Thompson 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 0-3 4-6 4. Totals 21-47 25-42 72.

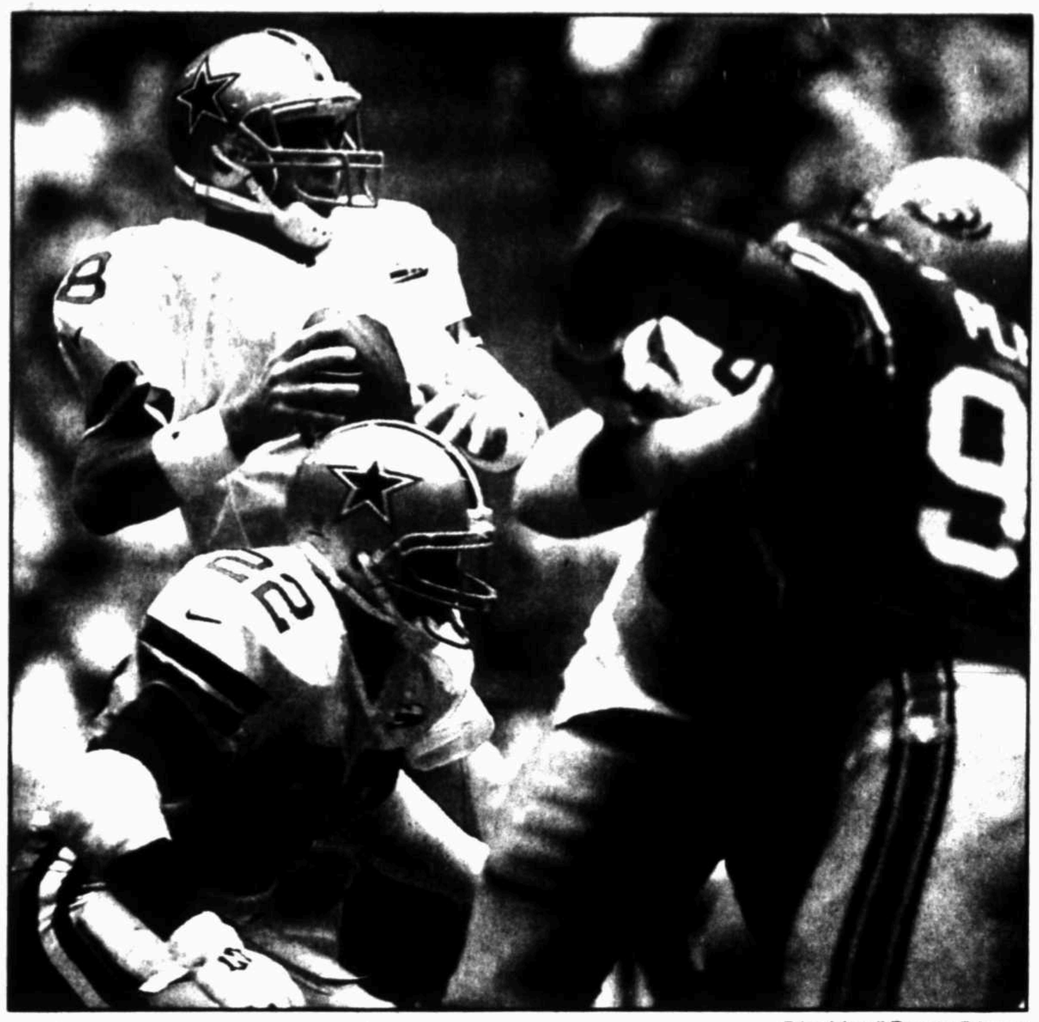
Halftime—Iowa 27, Centenary 24. 3-Point goals—Centenary 6-21 (McCollum 3-12, Atamah 2-5, Williams 1-2, Ilic 0-2), Iowa 5-11 (Oliver 4-4, Hogan 1-4, Worley 0-1, Boyd 0-1, Thompson 0-1). Fouled out—Odukoya, Gale. Rebounds—Centenary 28 (Williams 6), Iowa 48 (Evans 10). Assists—Centenary 8 (Harris 2), Iowa 14 (Oliver, Boyd 4). Total fouls—Centenary 31, Iowa 18. Technical—Evans. A—15,500.

No. 21 NOTRE DAME 99, CANISIUS 71

CANISIUS (5-3): Jefferson 2-12 0-1 4, Foster 4-11 0-0 12, Fenn 6-12 0-1 12, Bentick 2-6 3-4 8, Dux 6-8 0-0 13, Bush 3-6 1-2 7, Doss 1-2 0-0 3, Hampton 0-1 1-2 1, Campbell 0-2 0-0 0, Mallory 3-12 1-3 9, Ferris 1-3 0-2 2. Totals 28-75 6-15 71.

NOTRE DAME (6-2): Murphy 11-18 4-5 29, Humphrey 9-16 2-4 20, Graves 10-15 0-1 23, Carroll 5-9 0-0 11, Ingelsby 2-4 0-0 5, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Kartelo 1-1 0-0 2, Macura 2-3 0-0 4, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Swanagan 1-3 0-0 2, Timmermans 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 42-72 7-16 99.

Halftime—Notre Dame 50, Canisius 30. 3-Point Goals—Canisius 9-26 (Foster 4-8, Mallory 2-5, Doss 1-1, Bentick 1-2, Dux 1-2, Campbell 0-1, Jefferson 0-1), Notre Dame 8-22 (Murphy 3-7, Graves 3-7, Ingelsby 1-2, Carroll 1-4, Humphrey 0-1, Timmermans 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Can



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys quarterbackTroy Aikman, seen here in the game with the San Francisco 49ers, is done for the season, according to head coach Dave Campo.

BOYS: Aikman to sit out finale

(From 1C)

his body held up because of the pending $7 million decision.

Aikman was hurt again in his fifth game back. A flying jolt from Washington's LaVar Arrington left Aikman with his fourth concussion in 20 games.

"The last concussion concerned me because one of the things I wanted to see in the later part of the season was whether our offense could protect him," Jones said. "The fact he got another concussion gives rise to concern."

Aikman has barely spoken with reporters since his latest injury. Jones and Campo said that Aikman agreed Monday with the decision to keep him out of the Tennessee game.

"In no way would I intimate he feels this is it," Campo said.

Considering the battering Aikman has taken, the three Super Bowls he's won and the checks he's cashed, many have suggested the quarterback call it a career and avoid any further damage to his health and reputation.

Aikman, however, has always maintained he'd like to play as long as he enjoys the game and isn't risking horrible injury. His desire remains high, leaving his health as the main concern.

Last offseason, his fears were eased by tests that showed no permanent damage from his previous eight concussions. A potential concern is that the hit that caused his latest concussion wasn't directly to his head.

An added wrinkle this time is concern over a herniated disc in his back. Aikman has had the problem since '93, but this season he needed two rounds of shots to relieve the pain. Another big hit by Jacksonville's Tony Brackens triggered trouble in a back joint as well.

Anthony Wright will make his second straight start in Aikman's place. Wright will be playing in just his fourth NFL game. He led Dallas to a victory over Washington in his first extensive action following Aikman's concussion, then lost 17-13 to the New York Giants on Sunday.

When Aikman played, he wasn't at his best.

He threw for the fewest touchdowns (seven) and fewest yards (1,632) of his career, plus had the worst QB rating in the NFC. Despite throwing his fewest passes in a season, he had 14 interceptions, including a career-worst five in one game. Dallas was 3-5 in his eight full games.

Adding to the disappointment, the Cowboys reconstructed their offense and coaching staff last offseason to better suit.

NFL lands 10-year uniform deal with Reebok International Ltd.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — All NFL teams will wear uniforms supplied by Reebok starting in 2002 as part of a 10-year agreement in which the league hopes to sell more fashionable merchandise.

Three companies supplied uniforms to the 31 teams this season. The contract with Reebok International Ltd. that was announced Tuesday gives the NFL the option of changing the deal to a joint venture.

In such an arrangement, the NFL and Reebok would own stock in a newly formed company, with the league getting a split of any profits.

"We were lacking a real vision," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "We were not creating exciting product. We were too tied to replicas of what was out on the field."

The goal of the NFL and Reebok is to create more appealing merchandise and more workout gear, aiming toward women shoppers.

"There's no question retailers have shrunk their departments down for the licensing business," Reebok chief executive officer Paul Fireman said.

The NFL already has cut its licensees from about 450 in 1994 to 300, and Tagliabue wants to slash the total to 100-150. That would enable the league to do more volume with companies and press for higher margins.

Tagliabue said the vote on the deal was 30-1-1, with Oakland opposed and Miami abstaining. The money received will be divided among the teams.

Of the 31 NFL teams, 13 are outfitted this season by Puma (Arizona, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Minnesota, Philadelphia, New Orleans, St. Louis, Seattle and Tennessee), 13 by Nike (Atlanta, Baltimore, Carolina, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Green Bay, Jacksonville, Miami, the New York Giants and Jets, Oakland and Pittsburgh) and five by Adidas (New England, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Washington).

Reebok will take over 20 teams in 2001, with Adidas retaining New England, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Washington; Champion outfitting Arizona, Buffalo, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Tennessee; and Nike remaining with Dallas.

In 2002, Reebok will supply all 32 teams, including the expansion Houston Texans.

Carruth's lawyers hope for admission of co-defendant's earlier confession

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rae Carruth's lawyers tried to persuade a judge to admit a co-defendant's jailhouse confession as evidence in the former NFL player's murder trial.

In the statement made to a Mecklenburg County sheriff's deputy, Van Brett Watkins said he shot Carruth's pregnant girlfriend early Nov. 16, 1999, after she made an obscene gesture at him during a failed drug deal.

Prosecutors contend Carruth paid Watkins to kill 24-year-old Cherica Adams, who was eight months' pregnant, because he did not want to pay child support.

Watkins pleaded guilty in July to murdering Adams and agreed to testify against Carruth, but prosecutors never called him as a witness. Watkins previously told investigators Carruth offered him $5,000 to assault Adams and hurt her baby.

After hearing arguments from both sides, Judge Charles Lamm said he would not allow Watkins' statement to be admitted as evidence without first hearing from him without the jury present.

"It is our contention that Mr. Watkins is not available to us," defense attorney David Rudolf said, saying he did not know what Watkins planned to do if he were called as a defense witness.

"We have no indication if he intends to take the Fifth or not," Rudolf said, referring to his constitutional right against self-incrimination. "I should not be forced to put an adverse witness on the stand to get in this statement as evidence."

Prosecutors argued the statement should not be admitted as evidence. Assistant District Attorney David Graham told Lamm that Watkins' attorneys have informed him that their client has never acknowledged making the statement.

"This statement is not trustworthy and it would be inappropriate for the defense to put it before the jury," Graham said.

On the eve of jury selection two months ago, defense lawyers disclosed the sheriff deputy's notes about Watkins' statement.

"It was Rae's fault," the deputy recalled Watkins saying. "If he had just given us the money none of this would have happened."

Carruth, a former player for the NFL's Carolina Panthers, could be executed if convicted of planning the shooting of Adams, who died a month later. Her son, Chancellor Adams, was delivered by emergency Caesarean section immediately after the shooting and is in the custody of Adams' mother.

MNF lands second-highest ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — A thrilling game between two top teams helped "Monday Night Football" draw its highest TV rating since Week 1.

Tampa Bay's 38-35 victory over defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis generated a 15.2 rating and 26 share, making it the night's top-rated show.

It was also the best rating for ABC's weekly NFL broadcast since a 15.3/26 for the season opener between St. Louis and Denver. It's a marked improvement over the last two weeks, when "Monday Night Football" drew a 9.9 (the second-lowest rating in the program's 31 seasons) and an 11.3.

NFL Statistics

NFL Team Stats

By The Associated Press
Week 16
TOTAL YARDAGE
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Denver	6205	2165	4040
Indianapolis	5730	1731	3999
Oakland	5367	2291	3076
Jacksonville	5363	1962	3401
Kansas City	5355	1416	3939
Tennessee	4976	1926	3050
Buffalo	4919	1709	3210
Baltimore	4872	2135	2737
New York Jets	4871	1420	3451
Pittsburgh	4450	2117	2333
Seattle	4368	1594	2774
New England	4223	1353	2870
Miami	4151	1847	2304
San Diego	4129	1031	3098
Cincinnati	3989	2212	1777
Cleveland	3530	1085	2445

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Baltimore	3443	919	2524
Tennessee	3718	1304	2414
Buffalo	4114	1433	2681
Miami	4288	1699	2589
Jacksonville	4472	1605	2867
Pittsburgh	4542	1662	2880
San Diego	4643	1291	3352
New York Jets	4678	1824	2854
Oakland	4952	1472	3480
Kansas City	5005	1691	3314
New England	5043	1784	3259
Indianapolis	5121	1868	3253
Cincinnati	5166	1787	3379
Cleveland	5643	2505	3138
Denver	5352	1552	3800
Seattle	5812	2241	3571

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
St. Louis	6601	1597	5004
San Francisco	5848	1756	4092
Minnesota	5725	2062	3663
New Orleans	5128	1995	3133
Washington	5081	1608	3473
New York Giants	5003	1929	3074
Green Bay	5002	1513	3489
Philadelphia	4685	1744	2941
Dallas	4380	1867	2513
Tampa Bay	4377	1999	2378
Carolina	4357	1107	3250
Arizona	4283	1174	3109
Chicago	4255	1631	2624
Detroit	4182	1647	2535
Atlanta	3706	1083	2623

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New York Giants	4219	1086	3133
Washington	4229	1749	2480
New Orleans	4269	1426	2843
Tampa Bay	4481	1513	2968
Philadelphia	4549	1728	2821
Detroit	4747	1718	3029
Green Bay	4797	1551	3246
Dallas	4955	2478	2477
Chicago	4994	1728	3266
St. Louis	5225	1624	3601
Carolina	5247	1765	3482
Minnesota	5290	1665	3625
San Francisco	5347	1635	3712
Atlanta	5348	1934	3414
Arizona	5422	2469	2953

AVERAGE PER GAME
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Denver	413.7	144.3	269.3
Indianapolis	382.0	115.4	266.6
Oakland	357.8	152.7	205.1
Jacksonville	357.5	130.8	226.7
Kansas City	357.0	94.4	262.6
Tennessee	331.7	128.4	203.3
Buffalo	327.9	113.9	214.0
Baltimore	324.8	142.3	182.5
New York Jets	324.7	94.7	230.1
Pittsburgh	296.7	141.1	155.5
Seattle	291.2	108.3	184.9
New England	281.5	90.2	191.3
Miami	276.7	123.1	153.6
San Diego	275.3	68.7	206.5
Cincinnati	265.9	147.5	118.5
Cleveland	220.6	67.8	152.8

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Baltimore	229.5	61.3	168.3
Tennessee	247.9	86.9	160.9
Buffalo	274.3	95.5	178.7
Miami	285.9	113.3	172.6
Jacksonville	298.1	107.0	191.1
Pittsburgh	302.8	110.8	192.0
San Diego	309.5	86.1	223.5
New York Jets	311.9	121.6	190.3
Oakland	330.1	98.1	232.0
Kansas City	333.7	112.7	220.9
New England	336.2	116.9	217.3
Indianapolis	341.4	124.5	216.9
Cincinnati	344.4	119.1	225.3
Cleveland	352.7	156.6	196.1
Denver	356.8	103.5	253.3
Seattle	387.5	149.4	238.1

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
St. Louis	440.1	106.5	333.6
San Francisco	389.9	117.1	272.8
Minnesota	381.7	137.5	244.2
New Orleans	341.9	133.0	208.9
Washington	338.7	107.2	231.5
New York Giants	333.5	126.6	204.9
Green Bay	333.5	100.9	232.6
Philadelphia	312.3	116.3	196.1
Dallas	292.0	124.5	167.5
Tampa Bay	291.8	133.3	158.5
Carolina	290.5	73.8	216.7
Arizona	285.5	78.3	207.3
Chicago	283.7	108.7	174.9
Detroit	278.8	109.8	169.0
Atlanta	247.1	72.2	174.9

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New York Giants	281.3	72.4	208.9
Washington	281.9	116.6	165.3
New Orleans	284.6	95.1	189.5
Tampa Bay	298.7	100.9	197.9
Philadelphia	303.3	115.2	188.1
Detroit	316.5	114.5	201.9
Green Bay	319.8	103.4	216.4
Dallas	330.3	165.2	165.1
Chicago	332.9	115.2	217.7
St. Louis	348.3	108.3	240.1
Carolina	349.8	117.7	232.1
Minnesota	352.7	111.0	241.7
San Francisco	356.5	109.0	247.5
Atlanta	356.5	128.9	227.6
Arizona	361.5	164.6	196.9

NFC Leaders

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Week 16
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Green, St.L	230	139	1948	16	5
Garcia, S.F.	521	337	4090	30	9
Warner, St.L	330	223	3296	20	17
Culpppr, Min.	464	290	3840	32	16
Blake, N.O.	302	184	2025	13	9
Cllins, NY-G	490	289	3289	20	12
Favre, G.B.	538	318	3616	20	14
Beurlein, Car.	512	312	3574	19	17
McNabb, Phi.	529	307	3167	20	12
Johnsn, Was.	333	209	2313	10	13

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Smith, Min.	280	1484	5.3	72t	7
Davis, Was.	305	1198	3.9	50t	11
Smith, Dal.	282	1183	4.2	52	9
Faulk, St.L	221	1139	5.2	30	16
Garner, S.F.	250	1139	4.6	42	7
Stewart, Det.	319	1127	3.5	34	10
Green, G.B.	236	1101	4.7	39t	8
Dunn, T.B.	233	1093	4.7	70t	8
Allen, Chi.	268	1048	3.9	29	2
Willims, N.O.	248	1000	4.0	26t	8

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Owens, S.F.	94	1416	15.1	69t	13
C. Carter, Min.	92	1207	13.1	53	9
Mhmmd, Car.	92	1069	11.6	36	6
Horn, N.O.	89	1280	14.4	52	7
Bruce, St.L	85	1428	16.8	78t	9
Holt, St.L	77	1514	19.7	85t	6
Moss, Min.	76	1395	18.4	78t	14
Faulk, St.L	74	789	10.7	72t	7
Centers, Was.	73	566	7.8	26	3
Boston, Ariz	70	1144	16.3	70t	7
Toomer, NY-G	70	901	12.9	45	6
Pittman, Ariz	70	566	8.1	36t	2

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Berger, Min.	55	2451	60	44.6
Player, Ariz	61	2706	55	44.4
Jett, Det.	87	3792	59	43.6
Knorr, Dal.	48	2087	60	43.5
Landeta, Phi.	83	3505	60	42.2
Royals, T.B.	74	3117	63	42.1
Maynard, NY-G	74	3061	64	41.4
Gowin, N.O.	67	2767	58	41.3
Stryzinski, Atl.	82	3360	60	41.0
Baker, St.L	39	1567	59	40.2

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Hakim, St.L	29	485	16.7	86t	1
Howard, Det.	29	447	15.4	95t	1
McGarity, Dal.	28	337	12.0	64t	2
Mitchell, Phi.	31	321	10.4	72t	1
Williams, T.B.	29	283	9.8	73t	1
Dwight, Atl.	30	286	9.5	70t	1
Morton, N.O.	30	278	9.3	51	0
Rossum, G.B.	26	234	9.0	43	0
Barber, NY-G	37	327	8.8	31	0
Milburn, Chi.	34	290	8.5	25	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Vaughn, Atl.	39	1082	27.7	100t	3
Jenkins, Ariz	77	2052	26.6	98t	1
Rossum, G.B.	47	1227	26.1	92t	1
Howard, Det.	52	1275	24.5	70	0
Horne, St.L	57	1379	24.2	103t	1
Mitchell, Phi.	46	1104	24.0	89t	1
Milburn, Chi.	59	1381	23.4	38	0
Morton, N.O.	44	1029	23.4	68	0
Bates, Car.	37	862	23.3	92t	1
Stecker, T.B.	29	663	22.9	48	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Faulk, St.L	23	16	7	0	142
Seder, Dal.	1	1	0	0	108
Moss, Min.	14	0	14	0	86
Owens, S.F.	13	0	13	0	80
J. Stewart, Det.	11	10	1	0	72
Davis, Was.	11	11	0	0	66
Green, G.B.	11	8	3	0	66
Garner, S.F.	10	7	3	0	60
Smith, Min.	10	7	3	0	60
Bruce, St.L	9	0	9	0	54
C. Carter, Min.	9	0	9	0	54
Dunn, T.B.	9	8	1	0	54
Freeman, G.B.	9	0	9	0	54
Smith, Dal.	9	9	0	0	54
RWilliams, N.O.	9	8	1	0	54

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Longwell, G.B.	30-30	32-37	52	126
Gramatica, T.B.	42-42	26-31	55	120
Nedney, Car.	24-24	31-35	52	117
Akers, Phi.	33-35	26-29	51	111
Seder, Dal.	27-27	25-33	48	108
Anderson, Min.	44-44	21-22	49	107
Brien, N.O.	34-34	23-29	48	103
Hanson, Det.	27-27	22-28	54	93
Richey, S.F.	43-44	14-20	47	85
Andersen, Atl.	21-21	20-26	51	81
Daluiso, NY-G	30-30	17-22	46	81
Wilkins, St.L	36-36	15-15	51	81

AFC Leaders

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Week 16
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Griese, Den.	334	214	2674	19	4
Manning, Ind.	535	332	4130	29	14
Grbac, K.C.	515	308	3939	27	14
Gannon, Oak.	441	258	3200	23	11
Brunell, Jac.	471	288	3378	18	13
McNair, Ten.	373	231	2659	14	11
Johnson, Buf.	306	175	2125	12	7
Bledsoe, N.E.	497	294	2979	15	11
Kitna, Sea.	389	241	2463	18	18
Stewart, Pit.	257	135	1670	10	6

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
James, Ind.	361	1581	4.4	30	13
George, Ten.	384	1426	3.7	35t	13
Andrsn, Den.	271	1415	5.2	80t	13
Dillon, Cin.	299	1396	4.7	80t	7
Taylor, Jac.	279	1347	4.8	71	11
J. Lewis, Bal.	287	1312	4.6	45	6
Bettis, Pit.	329	1290	3.9	30	8
Watters, Sea.	261	1175	4.5	55	6
Martin, NY-J	298	1157	3.9	55	9
L. Smith, Mia.	289	1113	3.9	68t	12

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McCaffry, Den.	96	1246	13.0	61	8
R. Smith, Den.	92	1522	16.5	49	8
Ji. Smith, Jac.	91	1213	13.3	65t	8
Harrison, Ind.	90	1304	14.5	78t	11
Moulds, Buf.	90	1225	13.6	52	5
Gonzalz, K.C.	88	1117	12.7	39	8
McCardll, Jac.	83	1076	13.0	67t	5
Glenn, N.E.	77	922	12.0	39t	5
Andersn, NYJ	77	714	9.3	41	1
Brown, N.E.	75	842	11.2	44t	4

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Lechler, Oak.	64	2946	69	46.0
Bennett, S.D.	84	3838	66	45.7
Gardocki, Cle.	108	4919	67	45.5
Sauerbrun, K.C.	77	3425	68	44.5
Smith, Ind.	61	2713	65	44.5
Tupa, NY-J	77	3416	70	44.4
Miller, Pit.	84	3666	67	43.6
L. Johnson, N.E.	85	3629	62	42.7
Turk, Mia.	87	3679	70	42.3
Barker, Jac.	69	2897	65	42.0

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Rogers, Sea.	25	359	14.4	43	0
Brown, N.E.	37	494	13.4	66t	1
Mason, Ten.	49	635	13.0	69t	1
Je. Lewis, Bal.	32	405	12.7	40	0
Poteat, Pit.	31	383	12.4	54	1
Northcutt, Cle.	27	289	10.7	30	0
O'Neal, Den.	32	339	10.6	64	0
Wilkins, Ind.	26	227	8.7	36	0
Gordon, Oak.	28	222	7.9	27	0
Ward, NY-J	27	214	7.9	19	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Mason, Ten.	42	1132	27.0	66	0
Williams, Mia.	22	575	26.1	97t	1
Dunn, Oak.	41	1024	25.0	88t	1
O'Neal, Den.	45	1089	24.2	87t	1
Stith, Jac.	33	785	23.8	47	0
Harris, Bal.	34	800	23.5	41	0
Rogers, Sea.	62	1458	23.5	81	0
Marion, Mia.	22	513	23.3	47	0
Jenkins, S.D.	62	1429	23.0	93t	1
Cloud, K.C.	31	694	22.4	38	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
James, Ind.	17	13	4	0	104
George, Ten.	15	13	2	0	90
L. Smith, Mia.	14	12	2	0	84
Anderson, Den.	13	13	0	0	80
Taylor, Jac.	13	11	2	0	78
Harrison, Ind.	11	0	11	0	66
Martin, NY-J	11	9	2	0	66
Alexandr, K.C.	10	0	10	0	60
Brown, Oak.	10	0	10	0	60
Wheatley, Oak.	10	9	1	0	60

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Stover, Bal.	27-27	34-37	51	129
Vandrjagt, Ind.	42-42	24-26	48	114
D.Greco, Ten.	33-34	26-32	50	111
Mare, Mia.	30-31	26-27	48	108
Christie, Buf.	25-25	26-34	48	103
Jnikwski, Oak.	39-39	21-31	54	102
Hollis, Jac.	31-31	23-25	51	100
Vinatieri, N.E.	22-22	26-32	53	100
Brown, Pit.	28-29	23-28	52	97
Elam, Den.	44-44	17-22	51	95

Conservative Buccaneers gain presence on offense

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The final seconds ticked off the clock and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers streamed onto the field to celebrate. Amid the jubilation, Tony Dungy and Keyshawn Johnson found one another and embraced.

Tampa Bay's much-maligned offense matched St. Louis' explosive attack touchdown-for-touchdown Monday night, clinching a playoff berth with a 38-35 victory that left the defending Super Bowl champion Rams in danger of missing the postseason.

"It was really a nice moment," Dungy said Tuesday. "We're obviously both very fired up and emotional and we just talked about what it meant to be there at that point, going into the playoffs. It was really a nice, nice moment."

With seven receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns, Johnson played a major role in the rematch of last season's NFC championship, a low-scoring affair won 11-6 by the Rams. That loss forced several major changes by the Bucs, including a trade for Johnson, who has been been frustrated by the limited role he's played in a conservative passing game.

The TD passes were the first thrown by Shaun King in 20 quarters, a drought Tampa Bay (10-5) was able to endure because of an improved running attack centered around Warrick Dunn and the strong play of a defense that has helped the team score a franchise-record 374 points after averaging just 17 per game a year ago.

The Bucs have urged Johnson, who's on pace to have his least productive season since he was a rookie in 1996, to be patient while King is learning a new system installed by offensive coordinator Les Steckel.

He appreciated Monday night's heart-to-heart exchange with Dungy, who rarely shows his emotion in public.

"He was just pretty much telling me the reason I'm here is to help the team like I did yesterday to win football games and make big plays ... and not to be sitting around counting numbers or worrying about the numbers like everybody does," Johnson said.

"And I pretty much told him I came here because I knew this team was probably going to have an opportunity to win a Super Bowl ... I felt this was the best situation for me, and look where I'm sitting now."

The Bucs can win their second straight NFC Central title if they beat Green Bay on Sunday and Minnesota loses at Indianapolis. A victory over the Packers would guarantee at least one home game in the playoffs, and Tampa Bay would earn a first-round bye if they win the division and New Orleans also loses or ties St. Louis in their regular-season finale.

Monday night's victory was the seventh in eight games for the Bucs, who drove 80 yards without any timeouts to score the winning touchdown with 48 seconds remaining. Warrick Dunn rushed for 145 yards and three TDs, King threw for 256 yards and the Bucs outgained the NFL's top-ranked offense 446 yards to 388.

"You're starting to see what everybody envisioned when we first started putting this thing together," said Johnson, who has 65 catches for 805 yards and seven TDs.

King answered critics who've questioned whether he's a championship-caliber quarterback by making several clutch throws and scrambling for a pair of crucial first downs — one of them on a wild play in which he took a lateral from Dunn and turned a 14-yard loss into a 15-yard gain — on the winning drive.

"It was absolutely gut wrenching to watch that last drive, but I saw Shaun's face on the sideline," defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "He had that look. I knew he was going to get it done."

The big night for the offense, which ranks 20th overall, raised the question of why Tampa Bay plays so conservative against opponents who aren't as explosive as teams like the Rams and Vikings, who surrendered 41 points to the Bucs in a four-touchdown loss on Oct. 29.

"Every game is different, and the philosophy that I've always had is you have to do what you have to do to win," Steckel said. "Every opponent is different. It's not basketball where you're playing against a zone defense or man-to-man, you're playing a different concept team."

Dungy agreed.

"I think what you saw was everybody raising their level of play, and that's what you have to have in big games and big moments," the coach said or the re-emergence of the passing attack.

"It's easy to focus in on one guy and say he should do this, this guy's getting paid a lot of money. But you have to perform as a team and we have confidence in our receivers and all those guys have jobs to do, and last night we got them done."

Rams become Bears' fans

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Six weeks into the season, the St. Louis Rams were perfect and coach Mike Martz was talking about savoring a special place in time.

Now, the defending Super Bowl champions are playoff longshots heading into the final weekend, their aim at a repeat title sabotaged mostly by a leaky defense that is allowing 30 points per game.

After their last-minute loss to the Buccaneers on Monday night, the Rams (9-6) are no longer in control of their fate. In order to keep their faint postseason dreams alive, they must beat the Saints in the regular-season finale and root for the Chicago Bears to upset the Detroit Lions.

"The Bears have a new fan base now," tight end Ernie Conwell said.

Without both, they're finished, putting them on the verge of becoming the 10th team in the Super Bowl era — and the second in a row — to win it all one year and miss the postseason the next.

After recent failures, Martz usually went for positive spin, saying what had gone wrong would be corrected. This time, he lashed out at the defense that couldn't stop what had been an ordinary Bucs offense.

The Rams' No. 1-rated offense has lost none of its potency. In the 38-35 loss to the Bucs, they became the first team in NFL history to top 500 points twice. They're fourth on the points list, and need to score 43 at New Orleans to break the Vikings' 1998 record of 556.

After his second straight four-touchdown game, Marshall Faulk is only two shy of the NFL record of 25 set by the Cowboys' Emmitt Smith in 1995. He's second in yards rushing and receiving despite missing two games with a knee injury. The wide-out duo of Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce is only the second combo with 1,400 yards apiece in league history, and Kurt Warner made his second Pro Bowl despite missing 5 1/2 games with a broken little finger.

But the Rams have had to win shootouts all season due to a 23rd-ranked defense that returned to poor form after a few weeks of inspired play, largely due to consultant Bud Carson.

As many as four starters on a unit ranked sixth in the Super Bowl season could be on their way out.

BUFFS: Three make all-state honor squad

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was also in on 16 tackles for a loss, although his tackle totals just begin to describe the year he had for the Buffaloes, who reached the state semifinals before bowing out to Celina for the second time in three seasons.

White caused three fumbles, recovered another two, intercepted five passes, recorded six sacks and blocked seven passes. He even returned three turnovers for touchdowns, leaving little doubt that he was one of the best in the state. Being selected as the top defensive player in Class 2A blew his mind.

"I'm shocked," said White, a two year varsity player. "I don't know what to think about it."

White had already bagged the District 3-2A Defensive Player of the Year award, so it is not like he is not used to earning awards, but this is different. Last year, he was a second team all-district linebacker. What a difference a year makes.

Stanton head football coach Mark Cotton says this is the first time a Buffalo has earned one of the top two honors on AP's team. Kyle Herm was selected as the Class 2A Player of the Year, according to Texas Football in 1997.

White finished one point ahead of Mart defensive back Quan Cosby in the race for the top defender. Cosby, who also plays quarterback at Mart, was selected as 2A's top offensive player.

"It shocked me that he got defensive player of the year in 2A," Cotton said. "He was as valuable to us as Jeremy was. I think Jeremy would say that."

White also rushed for 1,401 yards this season as a fullback.

Keele and Cotton joined White as first-team performers.

Keele graded out at 94 percent and had 42 knock downs during the regular season.

"I love that kid as a football player. I love that kid period," coach Cotton said. "He is one of the physically toughest kids I have ever coached. He didn't play a varsity game without a cast. He played against Celina with an ankle that most wouldn't walk on."

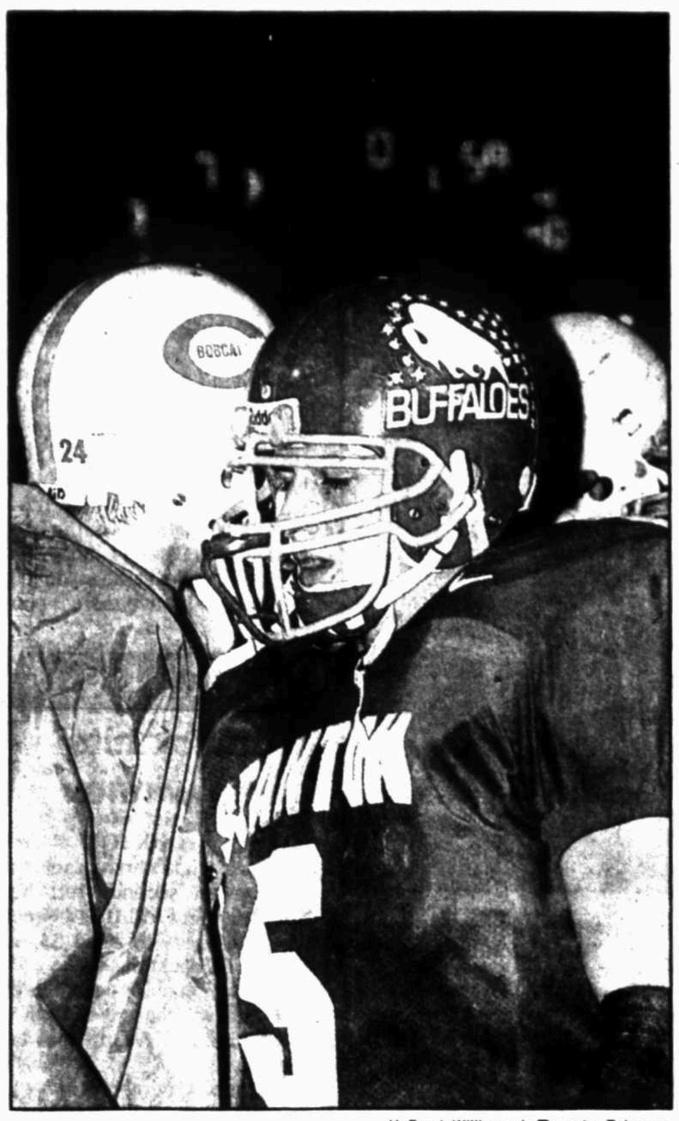
Jon Cotton finished his season with 161 tackles (solo and assisted) and 10 tackles for a loss. His eight sacks were second behind Keele. Cotton also forced six fumbles and recovered two.

"I am just thrilled to death. It probably means more to his daddy than him," said coach Cotton. "It is very unexpected. As a coach, I was hoping he would get mention. He is an overachiever."

"It is surprising to me," said Jon Cotton of hearing his all-state spot. "I was disappointed in the district picks, so I never thought about all-state. I never considered it."

Cotton and Keele were both selected as honorable mention selections in their district, showing that there are coaches in District 3-2A with serious egg on their faces.

Stanton finished its season last weekend with a 12-3 record.



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Stanton senior Jeremy Hull walks through the traditional post-game line, congratulating Celina on its victory over the Bufaloes in the Class 2A Small School state semifinals last Friday.

Mart's QB Cosby takes home 2A offensive MVP

Associated Press

DALLAS — When Quan Cosby isn't avoiding defenders and scoring touchdowns as Mart's quarterback, he is punishing ball carriers and receivers as a defensive back.

On Tuesday, Cosby was the only player named first-team offense and first-team defense on the Class 2A Texas all-state team chosen by Associated Press Sports Editors.

Cosby, the 2A first-team quarterback for the second year in a row, also was selected as the 2A offensive player of the year. A first-team defensive back, the senior finished just one point behind Stanton senior linebacker Clay White for the 2A defensive player of the year award.

Cosby has passed for 1,325 yards and 13 touchdowns, rushed for 1,350 yards and 27 touchdowns. He has also returned five punts and one kickoff for touchdowns. On defense, Cosby has 151 tackles, five interceptions and five sacks.

HULL: Star gets snub

(From 1C)

fumble recovery and six interceptions.

"My guess was that he was going to make first team both ways or make first team on one side of the ball and second team on the other side," Cotton said. "He had more than 2,500 yards and 186 total tackles. It is a big surprise and big disappointment to me."

Hull was honored with second-team selections as a running back and defensive back, and that is something he says he can take pride in.

"I think it is great anytime you get elected all-state," Hull said. "You know you had a great year.

"Last year, I was a third team running back. This defense thing is a new thing for me."

Still, Hull is one of five candidates for the 2A Player of the Year, which is awarded by Dave Campbell's Texas Football and Fox Sports Net. Cotton says that should be a reminder of how good Hull really is. His players agree.

"He ended with more than 2,400 yards and was second team. Where did that come from?" said senior offensive lineman Matthew Tollison.

"He got ripped off," said Clay White, who was selected as a first-team linebacker and 2A's Defensive Player of the Year. "He's an all-state running back. Anyone is West Texas will tell you that."

2A's All-State Team

DALLAS (AP) — The Class 2A All-State high school football team, released Tuesday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position:

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE LINE

(6 due to tie for 5th spot)

— ADRIAN BLASINGAME, Mart, Sr, 6-4, 230. Top blocker on team that averaged 458 total yards a game.

— RUSSELL BOHACEK, Brazos, Jr, 6-1, 315. 64 knockdowns, 14 pancakes. Graded 84 percent.

— TRACE CLAYBROOK, Refugio, Sr, 6-4, 225. 17 pancakes. Average grade 85 percent.

— ACE KEELE, Stanton, Sr, 6-4, 210. 42 knockdowns. Average grade 94 percent.

— FRANCISCO MESA, Hennetta, Jr, 6-1, 258. 37 pancakes, 43 linebacker blocks, allowed 0 sacks. Graded 91 percent.

— BEN WILKERSON, Hemphill, Sr, 6-5, 280. 103 pancakes.

ENDS/RECEIVERS

— JAMES ELLIOTT, Sonora, Jr, 6-3, 185. 36 catches for 836 yards and 9 touchdowns.

— CHASE PRATT, Olney, Sr, 5-10, 165. 24 catches for 714 yards and 11 touchdowns. Nine rushes for 161 yards (17.9 yards per carry) with three TDs. Returned 12 kicks for 27.4 average and 2 TDs.

QUARTERBACK

— QUAN COSBY, Mart, Sr, 190. 2,558 all-purpose yards. Completed 60 percent of passes for 970 yards, ran for 1,061 yards. Also had 470 yards in return yardage.

RUNNING BACKS

— MO COLLINS, Lockney, Jr, 5-11, 190. 224 rushes for 1,608 yards (7.2 yards per carry) and 20 touchdowns before breaking pelvis in eighth game.

— QUINCY COSBY, Mart, Jr, 5-10, 185. Rushed for 1,217 yards and 20 touchdowns. Had 10 receptions for 150 yards. Scored 151 total points.

— GERALD LACY, Corrigan-Camden, Sr, 5-11, 200. 212 rushes for 1,899 yards (9.0 yards per carry) and 25 touchdowns.

KICKER:

— WES JONES, Coleman, Sr, 5-7, 175. Made 19-of-20 extra points and all five field goal attempts, with a long of 42 yards.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Quan Cosby, Mart.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN

— ARTIE COOK, Lone Oak, Sr, 5-11, 190. 107 tackles (28 solo), 4 sacks, 2 interceptions returned for touchdowns.

— JON COTTON, Stanton, Sr, 5-10, 165. 116 tackles (13 solo), 7 for loss, 4 sacks, 4 caused fumbles.

— BRIAN TIEMANN, Goldthwaite, Sr, 5-10, 165. 101 tackles, 22 for loss, 15 sacks, 1 caused fumble, 1 recovered fumble.

— ALEX WILLIAMS, Arp, Sr, 6-1, 215. 72 tackles, 28 for loss, 8 caused fumbles, 6 fumble recoveries, 7 sacks.

LINEBACKERS

(4 due to tie for 3rd spot)

— CAPP CULVER, Canadian, Sr, 6-2, 220. 130 tackles (46 solo), 7 sacks, 7 blocked kicks, 4 caused fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 for touchdown.

— CLAY EVANS, Celina, Sr, 5-11, 200. 124 tackles. Led defense that gave up just five touchdowns in regular season.

— MATT McKINNEY, Refugio, Sr, 6-4, 235. 119 tackles (53 solo), 4 fumble recoveries, 2 caused fumbles, 7 quarterback pressures, 4 sacks, 1 pass breakups.

— CLAY WHITE, Stanton, Sr, 6-1, 195. 135 tackles (33 solo), 12 for loss, 5 sacks, 5 interceptions (1 returned for touchdown), 5 fumble recoveries, 6 pass breakups, 3 caused fumbles.

BACKS

— ALEX BOYD, Refugio, Sr, 5-11, 175. 45 tackles (30 solo), 2 caused fumbles, 5 pass breakups, 8 interceptions (3 returned for touchdowns), 5 punt returns for touchdowns.

— QUAN COSBY, Mart, Sr, 5-11, 190. 101 tackles, 2 interceptions.

— DARRELL GANDER, East Bernard, So, 6-0, 185. 8 interceptions, 3 returned for touchdowns.

— JARED MAY, Hamlin, Sr, 5-6, 130. 102 tackles (34 solo), 4 caused fumbles, 6 fumble recoveries, 7 interceptions (2 returned for touchdowns).

PUNTER

— JARED SCRUGGS, Hutto, Jr, 6-1, 165. 35 punts for a 40.8-yard average.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Clay White, Stanton.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

LINEMEN

— YANCEY BOATNER, Hamilton, Jr, 6-5, 310.

— BO EATON, Corrigan-Camden, So, 6-2, 270.

— RODNEY LOMUS, Rogers, So, 6-4, 280.

— MASON REEVES, Italy, Sr, 6-2, 240.

— THOMAS SCHENKEL, Sonora, Sr, 5-10, 235.

ENDS/RECEIVERS

— MICHAEL JOHNSON, Abernathy, Sr, 5-8, 155.

— STUART TUDOR, Celina, Sr, 6-0, 170.

QUARTERBACK

— STEVEN HINSON, Olney, Sr, 5-8, 160.

RUNNING BACKS

— JEREMY HULL, Stanton, Sr, 6-0, 175.

— JARROD MANOY, Frankston, Sr, 5-11, 231.

— T.J. WALKER, Hull-Daisetta, Sr, 5-7, 170.

KICKER:

— GRANT MAY, Celina, Sr, 6-0, 170.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

LINEMEN

— ADRIAN BLASINGAME, Mart, Sr, 6-4, 230.

— ARTEMIO HERNANDEZ, Refugio, Sr, 5-10, 230.

— BRANDON HONS, Seymour, Sr, 5-11, 230.

— JAMES McGILVRAY, Paradise, Sr, 5-11, 210.

LINEBACKERS

— CHAD BRUGGMAN, Rogers, Sr, 5-11, 195.

— HEATH CUMMINGS, Moody, Sr, 6-0, 195.

— AARON FRENCH, Hemphill, Sr, 6-0, 205.

— KELSEY HITE, Goldthwaite, Jr, 6-4, 225.

BACKS

— SCORPIO BABERS, Italy, Jr, 5-11, 170.

— KELDRICK HOLMAN, Hemphill, Jr, 6-0, 175.

— JEREMY HULL, Stanton, Sr, 6-0, 175.

— CODY THIBODEAUX, East Chambers, Sr, 6-1, 219.

PUNTER

— KYLE PUTTY, Hico, Sr, 6-0, 180.

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Lance Cook, East Bernard; Howard Cox, Hico; Jason Elder, Hull-Daisetta; Anthony Finley, Quanah; Matt Hausenfluke, Jarrell; Ryan Hoffman, Rogers; Derek Horelica, Brazos; Matthew Inge, Olney; Jake Johnson, Hamlin; Matt MacNamara, Whitewright; Shawn McNeeley, San Saba; Chris Moses, West Texas; Ryan Nichols, Godley; Joey Nunan, Hardin; Vinson Pierce, Goldthwaite; Justin Poteet, Rio Vista; Matthew Rangel, Fnona; Tony Rojas, Mason; Dave Scott, Refugio; Will Schneemann, Reagan County; Larron Singleton, Hemphill; Kevin Swank, Farmersville; Brian Thomas, Celina; **Matthew Tollison, Stanton.**

ENDS/RECEIVERS: Thomas Ancisco, Idalou; Miles Cobb, Rio Vista; Daniel Franklin, East Chambers; Brian Goodman, Union Grove; Russell Mann, Lone Oak; Dustin Parker, Shelbyville; Tony Raines, Farmersville; Mike Schneider, Rogers; Edgar Tabullo, Johnson City; Josh Whittington, Anahuac.

QUARTERBACKS: Craig Anderson, Lone Oak; Alex Boyd, Refugio; Paul Donelson, New Waverly; Bart Harris, Rogers; Adam Herrin, Celina; Josh EHoward, Farmersville; Dean Morgan, Rio Vista; Bryce Williams, Sonora.

RUNNING BACKS: Jack Bodenhamer, Comanche; Justin Bryson, Jarrell; Matthew Bures, Ganado; Toby Conner, Bangs; Nathan Davis, Holiday; Jarvse Dickerson, Brazos; David Dockins, Olney; Sam Doty, Rio Vista; Keith Edwards, Louise; Jontue Fears, Hayes; Jarrell; Brian Goodman, Gladewater; Union Grove; Cory Hill, Coahoma; Desmon Jones, Paul Pewitt; Leon Maxie, Hemphill; Clifford McCowan, New Waverly; Kris McKittrick, Godley; Justin Miller, Lone Oak; Larrin Porter, Como-Pickton; William Renfro, Sonora; Colby Shelton, Henrietta; Henry White, Hamlin.

KICKERS: Kyle Fowler, Rio Vista; Javier Gaytan, Sonora; Zac Langehennig, Mason; Erin Moore, Arp; Josh Pershey, Rogers.

HONORABLE MENTION

DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Matthew Anthony, Sundown; Raul Barrera, Quanah; Randall Cherry, Celina; Humberto Cruz, Corrigan-Camden; Nick Davis, Hemphill; Joe Don Draper, Mason; Marcus Draper, Bangs; Matt Easter, Abernathy; Colby Elliott, West Rusk; Jontue Fears, Jarrell; Willis Hogan, Sundown; Devon Iiams, Millsap; **Ace Keele, Stanton**; Rick Lane, Mart; Tony LaVigne, Millsap; Nathan Mesler, Noconoa; Scott Morgan, Hemphill; Reggie Murphy, Coleman; Todd Overstreet, Rogers; Jesus Rivera, Abernathy; Anthony Sanchez, Sonora; D.J. Shifflett, Olney; Jerrad Soles, Sonora; Derrick Thompson, West Rusk; Arturo Trevino, Abernathy; Clayton Vanderburg, Spearman; Jeremy Wilson, Cayuga.

LINEBACKERS: Keylan Basham, Celina; Thomas Bloodworth, Sonora; Josh Burleson, Fnona; Toby Conner, Bangs; Billy Davis, West Rusk; David Dockins, Olney; Jason Forbis, Olney; Jacob Gipson, Lone Oak; Adam Heard, Olney; Gavin Hurt, Mart; Wes Jones, Coleman; Zac Langhenning, Mason; Ben Major, Italy; Travis McMillan, Coahoma; Tim Neumann, Ganado; Daniel Pantalio, Axtell; Clay Payne, Lone Oak; Thad Prugh, Florence; Anthony Rodriguez, Clifton; Orlando Sanchez, Quanah; Luke Shoemaker, Hamlin; Dean Smith, Castleberry; Joe Tidwell, Albany; Jon West, Flatonia; Aaron Wiese, Millsap; Jordan Wilson, Rio Vista.

BACKS: Matthew Burns, Ganado; Quincy Cosby, Mart; Jarret DeBusk, Comanche; Eric Foreman, Corrigan-Camden; Justin Gripp, Hico; Kamee Hall, Axtell; Bart Harris, Rogers; Brandon Hayes, Jarrell; Steven Hinson, Olney; Cole Hoff, Henrietta; Michael Huff, Post; Ben Kinnison, Rio Vista; Vicente Martinez, Quanah; Dustin Prater, Rogers; Chase Pratt, Olney; Ryan Quick, Jacksboro; Nathan Reyes, Canadian; Sean Smith, San Saba; Cason White, Fnona.

PUNTERS: Bart Harris, Rogers; Chris Thomas, Anahuac.

Newsmaker 2000



Cedric Benson, Lee running back



Don Evans, Bush campaign chairman

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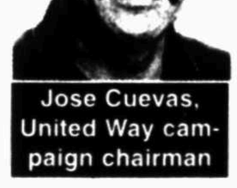
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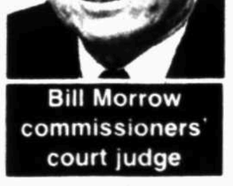
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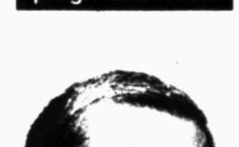
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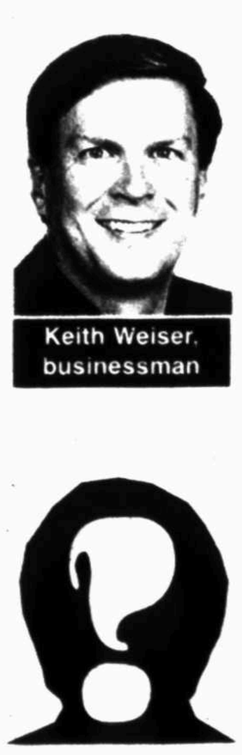
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- ❑ David Daniel
- ❑ David Dutchover
- ❑ Don Evans
- ❑ Bill Morrow
- ❑ Keith Weiser

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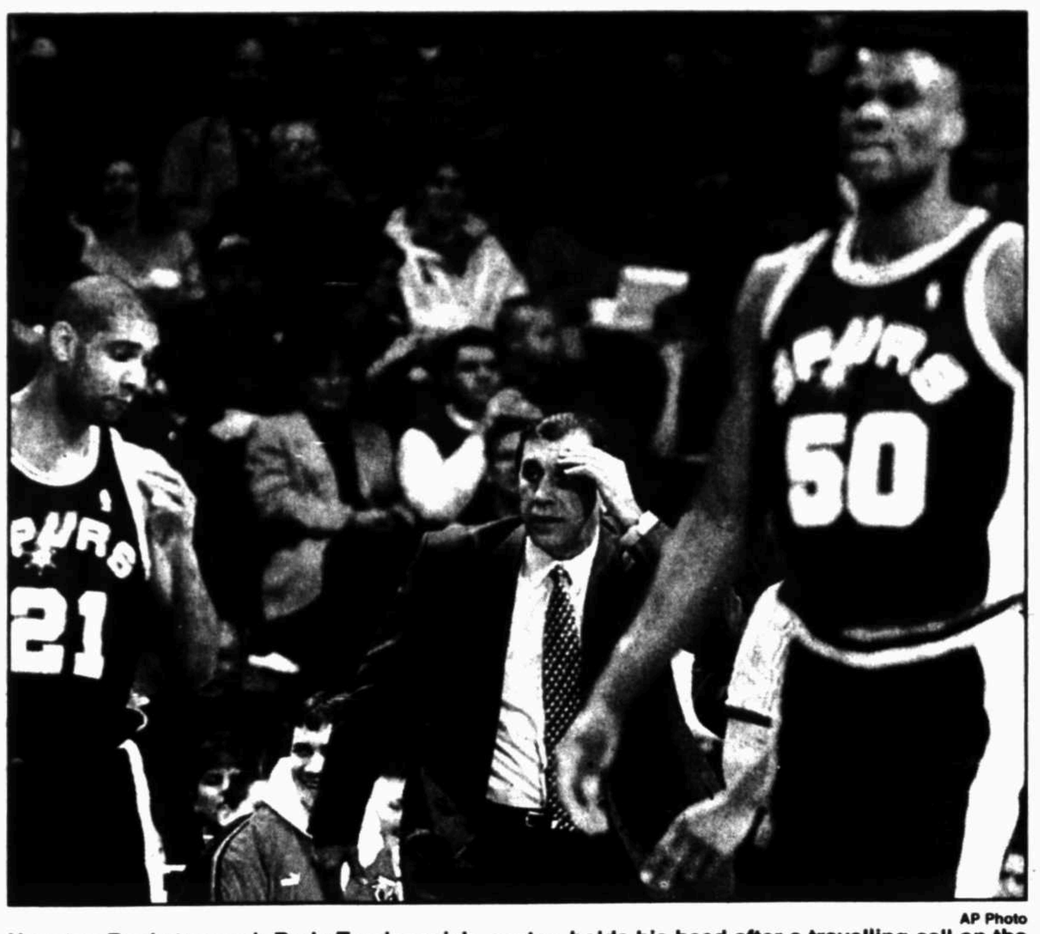


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Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, center, holds his head after a travelling call on the Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon in the first quarter, Tuesday, in Houston. San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan is at left and David Robinson at right.

Duncan's double-double leads Spurs to victory over Rockets

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gregg Popovich took the humble approach when told he had become the San Antonio Spurs' winningest coach Tuesday night after an 86-79 victory over the Houston Rockets.

"I've been fortunate to be in one place a while with some really good players," said Popovich, who is 178-124 since taking over Dec. 10, 1996. "When that happens, you can win some games. But hundreds of coaches could have done the same thing."

Tim Duncan, who scored 25 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, didn't agree.

"That (the milestone) is great," said Duncan, who also had a game-high 15 rebounds. "I didn't even know that. He's been at one place a while and he's done a great job, especially this year.

"It's the basics that he stresses. That's the key to his success."

The Spurs trailed much of the first half before pulling ahead to stay late in the third quarter, and Popovich believed it was because of those basics.

"Our players got more aggressive and when that happens, positive things can happen on both ends of the floor," Popovich said. "I thought Terry Porter played real aggressive. He found people in the right spots.

"We finally got Tim going, but the key was our good defense and rebounding."

Houston's Rudy Tomjanovich said his team was just missing some intangibles.

"If they had come out and just kicked our butts, it would have been different. But there was an opportunity there for us and we just wilted.

"I don't know what it was. I don't have an answer. The guys have to find a way to get themselves going sometimes and they just didn't do it in the fourth quarter," Tomjanovich said.

The Rockets were playing without leading scorer Steve Francis (sprained ankle) and No. 2 scorer Cuttino Mobley was nursing a sore elbow.

"It felt terrible," said Mobley, who had 16 points on 7-of-19 shooting. "It affected my game. I was forcing shots and it hurt every time I extended my elbow."

Derek Anderson added 15 points, Sean Elliott 13 and Terry Porter 10 as the Spurs beat the Rockets for the ninth consecutive time, five of them at Compaq Center. David Robinson fouled out with 2:06 to play and had only five points and seven rebounds.

Moochie Norris, making his first NBA start in place of Francis, scored a season-high 17 points, as did Hakeem Olajuwon. Maurice Taylor added 14.

Bronchos defeat Panthers

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Odessa High and Odessa Permian boys got a two-day jump on the District 4-5A basketball race by playing Tuesday night.

Odessa High defeated Permian by a 63-47 margin and owns sole possession of first place since those are the teams that have played a district game. Midland High will meet Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper will face Abilene High in 7:30 p.m. games on Thursday.

Against Permian, the OHS boys got 16 points from Chris Evans, 14 from Aaron Lewis and 11 each from Gary Williams and Matt Sutherland. Marquis Pierce was the only Panther in double figures with 14 points.

The Odessa High girls got their first district win of the season with a 50-34 win over 0-3 Odessa Permian. Tyki Shorts had 18 points while Kayla Sutherland and Jessica Hair had 12 points each.

4-5A Boys

	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Odessa High	9	4	1	0
San Angelo	15	2	0	0
Midland High	8	7	0	0
Midland Lee	7	6	0	0
Abilene High	4	9	0	0
Cooper	3	10	0	0
Permian	7	10	0	1
San Angelo	5	7	1	0
Midland Lee	5	10	1	1
Odessa High	7	10	1	1
Abilene High	8	5	0	1
Permian	2	13	0	3

Tuesday's Results

Odessa High 63, Odessa Permian 47. All others were open.

Thursday's Games

Midland High vs. Midland Lee, Chaparral Center; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, Abilene Christian. San Angelo Central is open. All games begin at 6 p.m.

Friday's Games

Midland High 68, Abilene High 57; Abilene Cooper 71, Midland Lee 56; San Angelo 63, Odessa Permian 57. Odessa High was open.

Tuesday's Games

Odessa High 60, Odessa Permian 34. All others were open.

Thursday's Games

Midland High vs. Midland Lee, Chaparral Center; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, Abilene Christian. San Angelo Central is open. All games begin at 6 p.m.

4-5A Girls

	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Midland High	12	3	2	0
Cooper	7	8	1	0

TCU defeats UTA

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ryan Carroll scored 19 points to lead eight Texas Christian players in double figures as TCU defeated Texas-Arlington 115-84 Tuesday night.

Carroll, who was cold from the field in a 76-45 win over Princeton on Monday, turned things around by hitting 7-of-15 from the field, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

Bingo Merriex, Myron Anthony and Thomas McTyer each scored 17 points for the Horned Frogs.

TCU (8-2) held a slim 50-42 lead at the half as both teams shot poorly. The Frogs improved in the second half, hitting 52.8 percent in the second half.

Spartans handle Seton Hall

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Point guard Charlie Bell had 17 points and 11 rebounds and No. 2 Michigan State dominated the boards in a 72-57 victory over No. 8 Seton Hall in the Jimmy V Classic on Tuesday night.

The defending national champions improved to 9-0, and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games.

Michigan State was coming off a poor offensive performance in a 46-45 victory over Kentucky, but the Spartans turned almost every missed shot against Seton Hall into a basket.

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No. 11 Tech earns blow out

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Amber Tarr hit five 3-pointers, including three in a row, in a 4 1/2-minute span as No. 11 Texas Tech beat Southeastern Louisiana 94-37 on Tuesday night.

When Tech (7-1) found itself being pushed outside by the Lady Lions' zone defense late in the second half, coach Marsha Sharp brought in Tarr and Natalie Ritchie. Tech had held the Lions (1-7) scoreless for about three minutes when Tarr hit her first 3.

A basket by Southeastern Louisiana's Pendra Lindsey with 11:54 left in the game made it 63-27, but Tarr hit two more 3-pointers before Jia Perkins hit a free throw.

Tarr's 3-pointers quickly extended the lead to 78-27.

With a little over five minutes left to play, the Lady Lions tried to make a little 3-point magic of their own. They attempted three 3-pointers, but didn't hit one.

Overall, Tech hit 8-of-21 3-pointers. Southeastern Louisiana hit 1-of-8.

Southeastern Louisiana committed 30 turnovers and Tech was able to score 40 points off them.

But the Lady Lions were able to shut down Tech leading scorer Plenette Pierson. Pierson, who averages 14.9 points a game, made only one basket. She spent much of the time on the bench because of Southeastern Louisiana's swarming defense.

Tarr's 25 points was a career high. Katrisa O'Neal added another 11, and Candi White and Jia Perkins 10 each.

Keelee Traylor led the Lady Lions with 10 points.

At halftime, Tech led 40-21. The Lady Raiders held the Lady Lions scoreless for six minutes of the first half, allowing Traylor to break the streak with 7:50 to go.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Womack hits game winner

FORT STOCKTON — Will Womack hit a three-point shot with seven seconds left here Tuesday night to lift the Greenwood Rangers to a 64-63 win over Fort Stockton.

Womack had 22 points in the game and was the man of the hour at the end. Jeff Adams also had 16 points.

Greenwood climbed to 12-4 for the season and will next play in the Midland Christian tournament on Dec. 28.

Greenwood 64, Fort Stockton 63

Greenwood (12-4): Justin Hollums, 1 0-0 3; Chance O'Donnell, 3 1-2 7; Will Womack, 6 6-6 22; Casey Rowaldt, 0 2-2 2; Justin Graham, 3 1-3 7; Jeff Adams, 5 4-4 16; Daniel Fuller, 2 3-6 7. **Totals: 20 17-25 64.**

Fort Stockton: Gonzales, 1 0-0 2; E.Gonzales, 4 0-0 11; Acosta, 3 4-6 10; Rayna, 1 0-1 2; O'Brien, 4 0-2 9; Brians, 1 2-5 4; Espino, 0 1-2 1; Yanez, 4 0-0 8; Lopez, 4 8-9 16. **Totals: 22 15-25 63.**

Greenwood	**19**	**19**	**7**	**19 —64**
Fort Stockton	**15**	**16**	**12**	**20 —63**

3-Point Goals: GW 7 (Womack 4, Adams 2, Hollums). FS 4 (E.Gonzales 4, O'Brien). **Total Fouls:** GW 20, FS 23. **Fouled Out:** Yanez.

Wooten scores 28 points

TAHOKA — Valarie Wooten scored 28 points here Tuesday night as Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs bombed Tahoka, 67-43.

In addition, Hayley Whiteside had 13 points.

MCHS, now 14-4 on the year, will next host Fort Stockton's girls at 6 p.m. Thursday in a non-conference game.

Midland Christian 67, Tahoka 43

Midland Christian (14-4): Shasha Hollar, 2 0-0 4; Marcie Deffenbaugh, 2 0-1 5; Kristin Stallings, 2 0-0 4; Breanne Fietz, 2 0-0 4; Kelly Philbeck, 1 0-0 3; Lauren Lary, 0 0-0 0; Paige West, 0 0-2 0; Amy Lowery, 3 0-0 6; Hayley Whiteside, 5 2-2 13; Crystal Cooper, 0 0-0 0; Valarie Wooten, 10 8-11 28. **Totals: 27 10-16 67.**

Tahoka: Harris, 6 4-9 16; Sanders, 1 0-0 2; Miller, 2 2-2 6; Chapa, 3 2-4 8; Boone, 1 0-0 3; Gandy, 3 0-0 6; Hammonds, 1 0-1 2. Totals: 17 8-16 43.

Midland Christian	**16**	**14**	**18**	**19 —67**
Tahoka	**8**	**11**	**11**	**13 —43**

3-Point Goals: MC 3 (Deffenbaugh, Philbeck, Whiteside); Tahoka 1 (Boone). **Total Fouls:** MC 17, Tahoka 17.

Snyder trips Lady Steers

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Lady Steers fell for the first time in District 4-4A basketball play here Tuesday night in a 49-37 loss to the Lady Tigers of Snyder.

Snyder climbed to 3-0 in the loop race while Big Spring fell to 2-1.

Big Spring returns to play on Dec. 28 in the Austin Westlake tournament against Corpus Christi Ray.

Snyder 49, Big Spring 37

Snyder (12-2, 3-0): Rina Gieger, 0 4-8 4; T'Leah Eicke, 1 10-10 12; Kristin Murray, 0 2-4 2; Ashley Dacle, 7 4-8 18; Kameron Kallemy, 4 5-9 13. **Totals: 12 25-40 49.**

Big Spring (11-3, 2-1): Brittany Bryant, 1 0-0 3; Kin Brightsil, 0 1-2 1; Melissa Forth, 1 7-8 9; Christina Qwyn, 3 0-0 7; LaTrisha Rollins, 2 1-4 6; Leina Braxton, 2 0-0 5; Meghan Pudliner, 0 2-2 2; Melissa Flenniken, 1 2-2 4. **Totals: 10 13-18 37.**

Snyder	**6**	**13**	**13**	**17 —49**
Big Spring	**9**	**13**	**6**	**9 —37**

3-Point Goals: Sny. None. BS 4 (Bryant, Qwyn, Rollins, Braxton. **Total Fouls:** Sny. 14, BS 30. **Fouled Out:** Forth, Brightsil.

Snyder downs Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Steers literally got off on the wrong foot in District 4-4A basketball play Tuesday night, falling to the Snyder Tigers, 78-63.

The Steers were outscored by the Tigers, 27-8, in the first quarter, and despite outscoring Snyder the re of the way, could never recover.

Heath Pinkerton led Snyder with 24 points while Jerad Thornhill had 19 and Jamaal Wofford 18 in a three-pronged attack. Mic Fleming had 16 for Big Spring while Clarence Wilkins had 13 and Gary Harris 12.

The Steers next play on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Lamesa tournament against Fabens.

Snyder 78, Big Spring 63

Snyder (8-6, 1-0): Shante Taylor, 4; Brandon McGwire, 2; Chris McCloud, 8; Jamaal Wofford, 18; Heath Pinkerton, 24; Jerad Thornhill, 19; Jamall Pruitt, 1; Nick Landes, 2. **Totals: 33 10-24 78.**

Big Spring (5-9, 0-1): Brandon Greathouse, 2; Allan Jackson, 1; Michael Martinez, 2; Clarence Wilkins, 13; Arthur Belvin, 7; Mic Fleming, 16; Gary Harris, 12; Mike Smith, 8; Austin Nutting, 2. **Totals: 22 17-34 63.**

Snyder	**27**	**17**	**21**	**13 —78**
Big Spring	**8**	**17**	**23**	**15 —63**

3-Point Goals: Sny. 2 (Woffard); BS 2 (Fleming). 27-22. **Fouled Out:** Taylor, Pinkerton.

Mustang boys rip Tahoka

TAHOKA — Zac Schwarz scored 21 points here Tuesday night to lead the Midland Christian Mustangs to an 86-76 win over the Tahoka Bulldogs.

MCHS, now 8-5 on the season, also got 15 points from Allan Vaught, 16 from Shane Wright and 12 each from Brian Nevans and Ryan Cosner.

Midland Christian will host a tournament, beginning on Dec. 28.

Midland Christian 86, Tahoka 76

Midland Christian (8-5): Allan Vaught, 7 0-4 15; Brian Nevans, 5 2-3 12; B.J. Williams, 2 2-2 6; Ryan Cosner, 4 4-4 12; Zac Schwarz, 10 1-4 21; Shane Wright, 8 0-1 16; Steven Koss, 2 0-0 4. Totals: 38 9-18 86.

Tahoka: A. Moore, 22; C. Gardner, 11; B. McCord, 10.

Midland Christian	**23**	**20**	**17**	**25 —86**
Tahoka	**19**	**29**	**15**	**13 —76**

3-Point Goals: MC 1 (Vaught). Tahoka 8 (Moore 6, Ortiz, Thompson). **Total Fouls:** MC 18, Tahoka 15. **Fouled Out:** McCord.

Diamonds make quarterfinals

DALLAS — The Midland Diamonds, a U-10 girls soccer team, recently advanced to the quarterfinals of the NTSA Tournament of Champions.

The Diamonds earned the right to represent Midland in the Tournament of Champions by going undefeated through the Fall 2000 season.

The Diamonds advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Plano, 1-0; North Dallas Chamber, 2-0; and Mansfield, 6-1. The quarterfinal loss was to Arlington, 2-1, which went on to win the tournament.

Diamond Team Members: Reagan Clark, Mills Davis, Alexi Glanton, Kaprise Leary, Annie McLaughlin, Saide Moya, Shannon Murphree, Laura Renaud, Jessica Rush, Alexandra Savage, Meagan Sims, Audrey Stevens and Matti Swierc. Coaches: Donny Glanton and Randy Stevens.

Basketball

Junior Varsity Girls

Midland Christian 47, Tahoka 28. For MCHS (12-2): Cortney Hill, 9

Greenwood JV lost 45-48 to Fort Stockton

Freshmen boys

Greenwood 60, Fort Stockton 57. For Greenwood (5-3): Shawn Gasser, 11; Trey Robinson, 13; Jimmy Brooks, 17.

Eighth Grade Boys

Kermit 45, Midland Christian B 34. For MCHS (1-6): Tim Doty, 11; Adam Reed, 10.

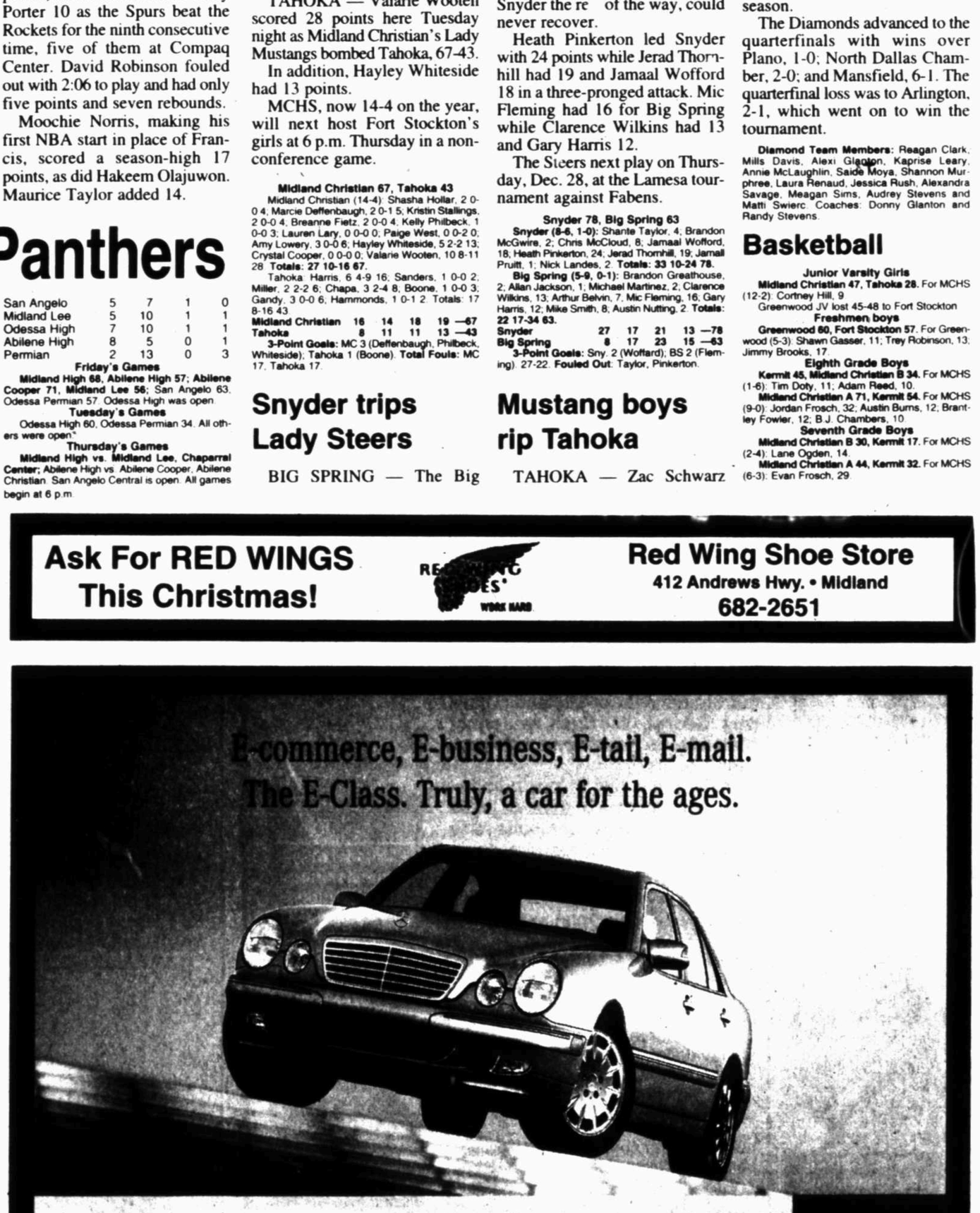
Midland Christian A 71, Kermit 54. For MCHS (9-0): Jordan Frosch, 32; Austin Burns, 12; Brantley Fowler, 12; B.J. Chambers, 10.

Seventh Grade Boys

Midland Christian B 30, Kermit 17. For MCHS (2-4): Lane Ogden, 14.

Midland Christian A 44, Kermit 32. For MCHS (6-3): Evan Frosch, 29.

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OIL PRICES

Tuesday	$29.33
Previous	$29.76

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Tuesday	$26.25
Previous	$26.75

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	$9.102
Previous	$8.527

Energy lower

NEW YORK — Energy futures fell sharply in late selling Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange after spending much of the day consolidating lower in quiet action amid thin volumes, traders said.

Crude traders were busy squaring their January books ahead of the contract's expiration Tuesday. Caution ahead of inventory data may have also been a factor, traders said.

Traders said the magnitude of changes in crude stocks and distillate stocks reported by the American Petroleum Institute after the close of trading will set the market's direction Wednesday.

U.S. crude oil stocks rose by 2.4 million barrels to 289.077 millions in the week ended Dec. 15. Motor gasoline stocks rose 797,000 barrels to 199.141 millions of barrels during the same period.

January crude fell 43 cents to $29.33 a barrel on the Nymex; January heating oil fell .61 cent to 91.60 cents a gallon; unleaded gasoline futures fell .56 cent to 77.04 cents a gallon.

January natural gas futures settled at $9.102 per thousand cubic feet, an increase of 57.5 cents.

In London, Brent crude from the North Sea for delivery in February fell 12.4 cents to $25 a barrel.

Dollar up

NEW YORK — The dollar moved slightly higher against the yen Tuesday but was little changed against the euro after the Federal Reserve decided to leave interest rates unchanged.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 112.40 Japanese yen, up from 112.07 yen, and the euro was quoted at 89.34 cents, unchanged from its level late Monday.

While the prospects of a rate cut materializing at Tuesday meeting of the Federal Reserve's policy-making board were slim, the fact that one did not come through helped support the dollar.

The Fed did signal that it stood ready to cut interest rates if necessary in the future as a pre-emptive step to keep the economy from slowing down too much and landing in a recession.

In other trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.6867 Swiss francs, up from 1.6835, and 1.5220 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5263. The British pound fell to $1.4674 from $1.4734.

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 Tuesday's euro rate, the dollar was worth: 2.1881 German marks, slightly off its level of 2.1893 late Monday; 7.3386 French francs, down from 7.3427; and 2,166.21 Italian lire, down from 2,167.43.

Gold falls

Gold closed in London at $269.10 per troy ounce, down from $270.10 on Monday.

In Zurich the bid was $269.35, down from $269.95.

In Hong Kong, gold rose 30 cents to $270.95.

Silver closed in London at $4.55 per troy ounce, down from $4.58.

Fed leaves interest rates unchanged

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, concerned about spreading economic weakness, sent a strong signal Tuesday that it was ready to start cutting interest rates to make sure America's record-long expansion doesn't topple into recession.

Many private economists said a rate cut in January was a virtual certainty.

Financial markets, which are usually cheered by the prospect of lower interest rates, instead fell on Tuesday's announcement. Over-optimistic investors had been looking for the rate cuts to start immediately.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index dropped to its lowest level in more than a year while the Dow Jones industrial average lost 61.05 points to close at 10,584.37.

Although the Fed did not reduce rates at Tuesday's meeting, Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues did announce an important shift of focus, away from worrying about inflation to worrying about the threat of a recession.

For the first time in two years, the Fed said it perceived the balance of risks as "weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future."

Recent economic statistics have indicated that the economy, which had already slowed dramatically during the summer, has been running into even more troubles, including falling consumer confidence, rising job layoffs, weak retail sales and disappointing corporate profits.

In its statement, the Fed cited a long list of economic threats including "the drag on demand and profits from rising energy costs, as well as eroding consumer confidence, reports of substantial shortfalls in sales and earnings and stress in some segments of the financial markets."

Analysts said this recitation of problems underscored the Fed's concerns about its ability to engineer a "soft landing" in which it would use interest rate increases to slow the economy just enough to keep inflation under control. The Fed raised rates six times from June 1999 to May of this year.

"The Fed is alarmed by the rapid slowing of the economy," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

He and other analysts predicted the first rate cut would occur at the Fed's next meeting on Jan. 30-31. Jones said he was looking for three and perhaps as many as four rate reductions next year as the central bank moves aggressively to ensure that the nearly 10-year-long economic expansion does not end.

"Clearly, there is an increasing concern about the economy's health," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com in West Chester, Pa.

Greenspan had given notice of a switch in Fed thinking with a speech to a banking conference two weeks ago. At that time, he said economic growth had slowed "appreciably," and he warned that policy-makers had to be especially alert to the risks posed by unexpected shocks such as a sudden surge in energy prices or a big drop in the stock market.

The Fed's policy statement marked a 180-degree switch in emphasis in just a month's time. On Nov. 15, its directive, which is intended to signal future moves in interest rates, said the balance of risk was weighted more toward a threat of higher inflation.

Given the decision to leave rates unchanged, a key short-term interest rate controlled by the Fed, called the federal funds rate, will stay at 6.5 percent which means that borrowing costs of commercial banks will also remain unchanged. Banks' prime lending rates, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, have been at a nine-year high of 9.5 percent since May.

The Fed's action came a day after Greenspan held a breakfast meeting with President-elect Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney. Bush and Cheney have expressed concern in recent weeks about the growing threat of a recession, saying this was a key reason Congress should pass Bush's $1.. illion tax-cut package.

Neither Bush nor Greenspan revealed the specifics of their Monday discussions. However, Greenspan in the past has expressed opposition to using projected federal surpluses to provide large tax cuts, saying he preferred that the surpluses be devoted to paying down the national debt.

Some economists speculated that the Fed's strong signal of future rate cuts could have been prompted in part by concerns that the statements by Bush and Cheney threatened to spook business and investor confidence.

"I think the Fed wanted to act quickly to assuage some of these fears so that a black mood doesn't build up and become a self-fulfilling prophecy," said Martin Regalia, chief economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

SUVs force gas mileage to 20-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's love affair with gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles and pickups is keeping national fuel economy at a 20-year low, the government says.

With automakers focusing on the bigger, more powerful vehicles, the Environmental Protection Agency found that average gasoline mileage for 2000 model year passenger vehicles was 24 miles per gallon, the same as last year and the lowest since 1980. The figure had climbed to 25.9 mpg in 1987 and 1988.

The drop in fuel economy corresponds to a surge in sales of "light trucks," which include vans, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles. Those now account for 46 percent of all U.S. passenger vehicle sales.

Light trucks tend to weigh more than cars and get fewer miles to the gallon. The average 2000 car gets 28.1 mpg, while light trucks get 20.5 mpg.

"Consumers want cars that have certain performance features," said Gloria Bergquist, spokeswoman of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers that lobbies on behalf of 13 automakers. "We sell cars that get 40 miles per gallon, but fewer than 2 percent of consumers buy them."

But Dan Becker, director of the Sierra Club's global warming program, said Tuesday that automakers spend much of their huge advertising budgets pushing lower-mileage SUVs because they are so profitable.

"They have found that the American public will buy a large pile of steel with plush seats and cup holders, despite the fact that they will guzzle gas, pollute the air and roll over and kill people," he said.

Better gas mileage would reduce oil consumption, lower fuel costs and lower carbon dioxide emissions, he said. Passenger vehicles discharge about 20 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions in the United States.

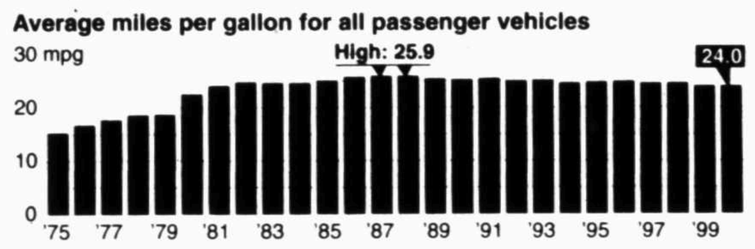
The federal government's Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, adopted in 1975 to boost fuel economy, require each automaker to reach a 27.5 mpg average fuel economy on new passenger cars and 20.7 mpg for light trucks. The automakers do not have reach the standard for each vehicle, but their entire fleet must meet the average.

Critics say the standards are too low, but since 1996 the auto industry has successfully lobbied Congress to block the Clinton administration from even studying a possible increase.

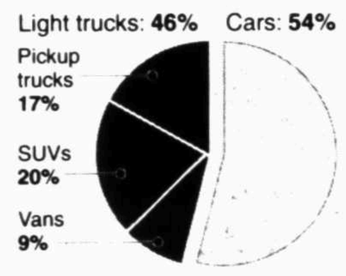
Fewer miles per gallon

The average miles per gallon for all 2000 model year passenger vehicles is at a 20-year low. The reason is that light trucks, which get about eight miles per gallon less than cars, now make up almost half of all sales.

Average miles per gallon for all passenger vehicles

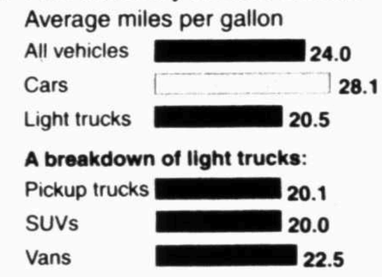


Sales breakdown of 2000 models



Fuel economy of 2000 models

Average miles per gallon



Source: Environmental Protection Agency AP

The EPA report, published last week, said new technologies are on the market that could increase fuel economy, but automakers instead have focused on building heavier vehicles and increasing acceleration. Vehicles that are heavier or have higher horsepower need more gas to operate, making it difficult to lower fuel economy even when new technologies emerge.

The average fuel economy for 1981 vehicles was 24.1 mpg — slightly higher than model year 2000. But if the 2000 fleet had the same average weight and performance as in 1981 with today's technologies, it could have achieved 25 percent higher fuel economy, according to the report. That would have saved more than 10 billion gallons of gasoline per year, according to EPA officials.

The weight of cars and light trucks increased 10 percent and 16 percent, respectively, since 1981. Today's cars can go from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 10.3 seconds, on average, down from 14.4 seconds in 1981. Average 0-to-60 acceleration for light trucks has moved from 14.6 seconds to 11.0 seconds.

Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler AG have been working with the federal government since 1993 to develop higher-mileage vehicles in a program called the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles.

Under that program, the Clinton-Gore administration challenged automakers to develop by 2004 production prototypes of a family size sedan that would get at least 80 miles per gallon. All three automakers have produced concept cars that at least come close to reaching the goal and are using the technology to develop production vehicles with better gas mileage.

Ford announced last summer that it would increase the fuel economy of its SUV fleet by 25 percent by the 2005 model year. GM responded by pledging to keep the fuel economy of its light truck fleet better than Ford's.

The report said if all the automakers increased their passenger vehicle fleets' gas mileage by 25 percent in five years, average fuel economy would increase to 30 mpg.

Shares fall after company lowers earnings outlook

DALLAS (AP) — SBC Communications Inc. shares tumbled Tuesday after the phone company said a slowing economy and other factors would slightly reduce its earnings per share next year.

In trading Tuesday, SBC shares fell $6.75, or nearly 13 percent, to $46.56.

The decline came after San Antonio-based SBC said it expected next year's earnings per share to be 11 percent to 14 percent instead of its previous mid-teens estimate.

SBC also trimmed revenue-growth expectations to 8 percent to 9 percent, down from 10 percent.

The company blamed the more cautious outlook on the apparently slowing economy, regulatory delays in selling long-distance service in more states, and problems with service and high-speed Internet at its Ameritech unit, which it acquired in October 1999 for $80.6 billion.

Chairman and chief executive Edward E. Whitacre Jr. said SBC expects approval for long-distance service in California by September — he blamed regulators for "not keeping pace with our expectations."

Whitacre predicted that the company would return to mid-teens earnings-per-share growth by 2002.

SBC said it was still expecting operating earnings of 56 cents to 58 cents per share in the fourth quarter, in line with analysts' expectation of 58 cents.

SBC is the second-largest U.S. local phone company after Verizon. It operates 61 million phone lines through its subsidiaries Pacific Bell, Southwestern Bell, Ameritech, Pacific Bell, SBC Telecom, Nevada Bell, SNET and Sterling Commerce. It also owns 60 percent of Cingular Wireless, a joint venture with BellSouth.

The Federal Communications Commission is weighing SBC's bid to sell long-distance in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The company had 1999 revenue of $49.5 billion.

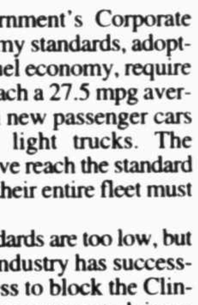
BUSINESS SCENE

Monahans bank constructing branch in Midland

By Mella McEwen

Ground has been broken on **TEXSTAR BANK** at 5312 W. Wadley. The new full-service bank is expected to open in June 2001.

First National Bank of Monahans is the parent company of TexStar Bank and the company has appointed Kirk Edens president of the Midland bank.


McEwen

The new facility will be 3,281 square feet and include four drive-in lanes, with one a commercial lane and an ATM machine. Services will include deposit and loan services, investment brokerage and insurance services, Saturday hours and Internet and bank-by-phone access.

Mark Gatzki, president and chief executive officer, said the bank held a low-key groundbreaking for the new location, instead making a donation to the West Texas Food Bank.

First National Bank of Monahans was chartered in 1948. The company opened a loan production office in August and its success prompted the company to plan the new branch. The new building was designed by Walter Pate of Pate & Associates of Midland and construction is being supervised by Campbell Construction of Midland.

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Just opened at Loop 250 and Wadley next to the Kent Kwik convenience store is the newest **AVIS LUBE**, believed to be the largest lube center in the world.

The state-of-the-art lube center features three bays that each can service two cars at a time.

The new center includes a business center where busy professionals can send or receive faxes or hook up their laptop computers and work or send e-mails. There is also a children's play area with a television playing Nickelodeon, Disney and other children's television channels, toys and game tables. Outside there is a patio garden area with built-in benches and tables. Free soft drinks and coffee are offered customers while they wait.

"We thought about the needs of the customer," said spokeswoman Julie Bixler of The Kent Companies, owner of the new facility. "They're busy professionals, they're moms trying to get their kids to soccer or other activities. We focused on, first, speed of service, and second, while they're there, having their needs met."

She noted that surveys of the company's customers indicate 60 percent are female and 40 percent male.

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Midland's newest restaurant, **SEDONIA GRILL,** has opened in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, Wadley and Garfield.

Owner Trent Walton describes his new establishment as "casual fine dining."

The menu, he said, is "American grill with a Southwest flare, steaks and seafood."

Among the dishes are filet mignon with ancho molasses sauce, chipolte shrimp tacos and fresh catches of the day like swordfish. Soups of the day will include cream black bean and the daily soup will be tortilla soup. Dinner appetizers will also be available.

Beginning with the new year, the restaurant will be open for lunch and brunch, offering soups, salads, sandwiches and entrees.

The restaurant also has a full-service cocktail bar and in the spring and summer the patio will be open for outdoor dining.

Through the remainder of the month, the restaurant is open from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Beginning with the new year, the restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Settled into its new, and larger home, is **TATER WORLD**, now open at 802 S. Garfield.

Along with the larger location, the menu has been expanded to include homemade chicken strips and the popular Philly cheese steak sandwich that comes with an order of the restaurant's popular tater twisters. The menu also includes sausage or bacon sandwiches, hot dogs, burritos and stuffed baked potatoes.

The owners are focusing on their breakfast menu, which includes large breakfast burritos, omelettes, biscuits or biscuits and gravy.

The new location includes a drive-through window customers can use to pick up call-in orders. An outdoor menu and speaker system so customers can place their orders at the window is expected to be added after the first of the year.

Plans are, once a beer and wine license has been received, to open the restaurant for dinner.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

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11	8	AberFitc	15.94	–2.06
...	...	Abitibi g	8.19	– .06
4	1	Actuant s	2.81	– .06
...	...	**AdamsE**	**a21.88**	**+.19**
70	34	Administ s	u25.60	–5.38
12	11	AdMkSv s	16.00	– 75
9	7	AMD s	15.38	+ .13
...	...	AdvSem spl	4.38	– 19
19	...	Aegon s	40.25	– 31
...	8	Aetna n	35.00	–1.81
28	**22**	**AffCmpSv**	**60.19**	**–.19**
13	11	AffMgrs	47.94	–3.25
34	25	Agilent	57.06	+ .06
...	...	Agnico g	6.06	
...	...	Agnium g	12.50	+ .31
...	14	AirProd	37.88	+1.31
10	13	AirbFrt	9.19	
15	11	Airgas	7.00	– 19
...	...	**AlaPC pf**	**Q23.88**	**+.13**
20	10	AlaskAir	25.88	+ .13
12	7	Albnyint	10.88	– 25
10	11	Albemar	23.13	+ .88
22	20	Alberto	u38.38	+ .63
17	...	AlbCulA	u31.50	+ .44
13	12	Albertsn	25.13	+ .06
11	10	Alcan	32.81	+ .81
65	...	Alcatel	58.13	–2.56
19	14	Alcoa s	33.50	+1.19
26	13	AlgEngy	42.19	+ .94
9	7	AlegTch	15.56	– 31
...	...	AllenTel	17.63	+ .19
58	48	Allergan	91.50	+1.19
12	13	Allete	23.06	+ .63
14	13	AllCap	48.06	
...	...	AllWrld	8.56	
6	12	AlliantEgy	u29.38	– .13
13	12	AlliantT s	60.38	+ .69
...	...	Allirish	22.44	
...	13	AldWaste	13.00	– .56
18	10	AlmrFn	65.25	–2.50
15	14	Allstate	42.31	+ .81
21	20	Alltel	60.63	–2.31
26	19	Alpharma	38.38	+ .81
88	...	AlpineGr	1.75	– .06
59	38	Alza s	37.69	+ .81
...	...	AmBev	u24.44	+1.19
17	14	AmbacF s	55.06	
10	11	AMCOL	4.25	– .38
...	46	Amdocs	60.88	+2.13
7	8	AmHes	62.38	+1.63
14	13	Ameren	43.88	+ .75
77	57	AmOnline	40.75	–1.48
5	9	AmWest	10.81	
20	13	AEP	44.69	+ .75
27	23	AmExp s	54.94	–1.81
27	13	AFnclGp	24.00	+ .38
21	13	AGenCp	78.63	–2.00
6	6	AGreet	8.94	+ .31
...	27	**AHomeP**	**59.70**	**+.80**
36	33	AmIntGp	s94.00	–4.38
17	15	AIPC	26.19	+1.19
...	...	ASking	d1.50	– .06
16	8	AmStd	41.69	–1.25
...	...	AmTower	33.69	–1.25
17	14	AmWtr	26.06	+ .19
15	10	Americdt	24.44	+ .44
43	16	Amerigas	15.63	– .06
26	21	Amerisrc	49.56	+1.44
12	11	Ametek	24.94	– .13
19	13	Amphenl s	39.75	–3.13
42	10	AmSouth	14.81	
32	**16**	**Anadrk**	**67.25**	**+3.41**
35	21	Analog s	55.19	+2.13
16	...	Angiogid	14.06	+ .19
30	25	Anheus s	47.00	– .44
9	7	Anixter	18.19	– .13
9	7	AnnTayl	19.06	–1.19
20	13	Aon Corp	31.31	– .31
14	**11**	**Apache**	**64.13**	**– .19**
...	...	Aptmv	u49.13	+ .06
19	15	Apogent	20.13	+ .06
2	4	Applica	d3.13	– .13
94	76	AppBio s	88.50	–2.25
8	22	Apria	27.38	+ .38
10	14	Aptargp	27.88	+ .13
13	...	Aracruz	13.38	+ .88
7	10	ArchCh	17.50	+ .56
...	36	ArchCoal	10.06	+ .06
23	16	ArchDanu	13.63	+ .25
14	...	ArchstnC	26.19	– .19
17	...	ArdenRlt	25.56	– .13
9	10	Argosy	18.00	+1.06
25	16	ArmorH	16.88	– .81
...	...	ArmstHld	2.19	+ .06
9	6	ArrowEl	25.38	+ .75
3	4	ArvMerit	n10.25	+ .19
...	...	Ashanti	2.25	
34	8	Ashland	33.74	– .21
...	...	AsiaPlp	.86	
...	...	AstraZen	s50.56	+ .06
...	...	AtlasAir	30.25	+ .25
21	13	**ATMOS**	**23.63**	**+ .19**
...	6	AutoNatn	d6.69	– .69
44	36	AutoData	s56.56	– .25
14	...	AutoZone	29.19	– .13
22	...	AvalonBay	s50.25	+ .06
...	9	Avaya r	12.56	+ .25
...	...	Aventis	76.56	+ .25
19	14	AveryD	50.19	+ .81
14	...	Avnet	5.00	
...	...	Aviation	3.00	+ .13
...	8	Avn A	u32.44	– .13
...	25	Avnex	20.06	– .06
10	6	Avnet s	18.88	– .19
24	21	Avon	43.94	+ .44
...	10	Aztar	12.31	– .31
...	5	Azuro	6.13	
19	14	BB&T	Cpu36.63	+ .56
...	...	BDC gs	26.44	– .56
50	29	BJS	72.38	+ .63
21	17	BJs Whls	34.94	– .13
...	8	BMC	6.13	.06
...	...	**BP Amoco**	**67.56**	**–.44**
33	...	BRE	31.75	– .25
...	...	BSB H prQ	24.00	
...	34	BakrHu	u41.31	+ .06
20	10	Ball	40.81	– .50
11	...	BallyTotF	3.12	– .31
...	9	BcpSouth	11.13	– .06
14	12	Bancwest	s43.13	+ .31
...	13	BankOne	35.75	– .75
...	9	Bk of Ant	44.25	– .75
18	...	BkTokyo	11.38	– .19
21	24	BkNY	50.31	– .31
8	6	BkAm	48.38	– .38
19	16	Barc	48.38	– .38
20	13	BarrickG	24.69	– .63
67	27	Barr Lab	s74.38	– .63
8	7	BarrettHus	49.06	– .63
2	...	barrickL	16.56	– .63
...	...	BattlM	7.13	+ .13
20	16	Bausch	44.13	– .75
38	28	Baxter	86.19	+ .88
...	...	BayVban	6.44	– .19
1	...	BearS	46.56	– .81
25	19	BearCou	s40.06	– .25
21	19	BectDck	32.25	– .25
9	...	Belzer	23.06	– .31
...	...	BellsFrw	16.06	– .56
11	...	BellSouth	44.25	– .56
14	17	Belo	16.25	– .44
...	...	Bemis	29.75	– .94
33	11	BerkshE	24.38	–2.19
...	...	BerkshC	40.06	
...	19	BergB	15.25	– .06
46	...	**Berkhs A**	**57900.00**	**–**
700.00				
8	8	BerryP	d13.31	– .38
14	12	BestBuy	25.13	– .75
...	...	BethSt	8.13	
...	7	Beverly	6.94	– .06
35	26	BevGlyW	35.06	– .56
72	38	Bevrails	38.38	– .31
...	...	BirSt	1.44	– .06
8	8	BlackL	33.88	+ .25
20	17	**BlkHlCpu**	**38.13**	**–.50**
...	...	Blk2001	9.50	
34	26	Blackrck	43.44	–1.81
...	...	BlkIT	6.63	
...	...	BlkNA	10.00	+ .06
...	...	BlkStrTT	9.19	
17	11	Blanch	15.88	
17	12	BlckHR	39.31	+1.31
...	10	Blockbstr	7.94	– .56
12	11	Blyth	23.50	+ .38
25	18	Boeing	66.38	–2.13
9	13	BoiseC	31.75	+1.06
11	6	Bombay	d2.00	– .06
...	1	BordCh	.69	
11	8	Borders	12.56	+ .31
7	8	BorgWarn	34.44	– .19
23	...	BostPropu	44.63	+ .25
14	11	BostSci	13.31	– .13
24	10	Bowatr	55.25	+ .31
11	9	Bowne	8.81	– .44
10	...	BoykinL	9.13	
...	...	BrasilTel	55.56	+ .50
9	9	BrigStrat	39.56	+ .81
22	18	Brinker	40.75	–1.63
31	**27**	**BrMySq**	**70.06**	**+1.50**
...	...	Broadwing	22.31	– .63
20	...	**BrwnFA**	**67.56**	**+1.13**
20	...	**BrwnFBu**	**68.50**	**+1.06**
...	6	Brunswick	16.69	– .31
8	8	BuckTch	13.94	+ .94
...	2	BudgetGpd	1.38	– .25
...	...	Buenavnt	13.50	+ .75
13	9	BurlCoat	18.13	
11	9	BurlNSF	26.19	+ .81
35	18	BrlRsc	u46.88	+ .56
...	...	BurrnPP	4.56	
29	22	C&D Tch s	51.75	+1.25
97	...	C–Mac gn	45.50	–2.75
11	5	CBL Ass	25.06	+ .13
...	5	CDI	d11.69	–1.69
18	14	CEC Ent	33.94	+1.88
16	16	CIGNA	120.50	–1.28
...	...	CIGNA Hi	4.44	+ .19
...	8	CIT Gp	17.63	+ .13
...	...	CKE Rst	2.00	– .06
18	17	CLECO	50.06	– .19
16	10	CMS Eng	28.69	– .25
12	10	CNF Inc	31.06	+ .94
...	...	CNH Glbl	9.13	+ .13
25	2	CSK Auto	3.31	– .13
12	12	CSX	24.69	+ .19
11	10	CTS	34.63	+ .19
37	27	CVS Cp	57.94	+ .56
...	...	CabiWrlts	41.19	+ .19
13	11	CabiDsg s	16.50	– .31
...	...	Cablvsn	83.75	+2.19
...	9	Cablrn	13.88	– .38
4	3	Cabot s	25.00	+ .44
15	8	CabotITr	19.19	
66	15	CbtOG	27.06	+ .38
...	30	Cadence	25.88	+ .31
...	12	Caigon	5.19	– .19
...	...	CalFPC pf	23.50	
17	12	CalGolf	18.50	– .06
75	35	Calpine s	41.81	+ .94
20	...	CamdnPu	32.44	+ .44
...	...	CmpRs gs	.25	– .06
23	19	CampSp	32.69	+1.00
...	...	CdnRy g	28.94	+ .06
...	...	CdnPc g	27.00	+ .13
28	20	CapOne	58.63	–1.94
36	27	CardnlH	94.13	+2.13
...	20	CaremkRx	11.69	
11	10	Carlisle	39.00	+ .56
...	...	vjCarmike	34.06	
16	15	Carnival	26.50	+ .38
14	10	CarpTech	32.94	– .31
28	...	CarlWal	30.94	+ .69
...	9	CashAm	4.25	+ .44
5	3	CataliL	2.13	+ .31
36	26	CatalMkt	s36.50	– .56
18	11	Catellus	18.56	– .19
15	13	Caterpillr	42.88	+ .56
22	...	CelebrtGn	sd37.50	–1.81
...	...	Celestic g	52.75	– .75
...	...	Cemex	d18.38	– .13
...	10	Cendant	9.63	– .44
...	...	Cendnt pf	13.75	– .31
...	...	CenterTrst	4.94	– .06
8	8	Centex	37.06	+ .69
27	18	CntryTel	34.56	–1.44
26	19	Meridian	21.63	+ .31
22	40	ChmpE	2.81	– .13
...	38	ChrPrvLab	n23.25	+ .25
17	12	ChartOneF	u26.81	– .31
12	12	ChaseM	s44.81	– .56
...	7	Checkpnt	7.19	– .50
21	...	CheiGCA	36.94	– .38
9	7	ChesEng	7.00	– .13
12	**13**	**Chevron**	**81.06**	**+ .31**
...	...	ChileTel	13.56	– .31
...	...	ChinaMbl	s28.69	– .88
...	...	ChinaPet	nd16.00	–1.13
...	59	ChinaUnic	n14.75	–1.44
...	2	Chiquita	1.13	
14	12	Chittenden	29.25	+ .19
66	31	ChoicePt	60.38	– .75
25	17	Chubb	81.75	– .50
...	...	Chyron	1.50	– .25
...	9	CiBER	5.31	– .31
...	13	CiNergy	32.50	+ .19
10	12	CirCtyCC	10.31	– .06
13	10	CirCCar	4.19	+ .38
20	16	Citigrp s	50.25	+ .88
...	...	Citigp pfX	23.25	– .13
38	79	CitzComm	13.44	– .06
13	12	CityNC	35.44	+ .63
11	9	ClairesStr	16.06	– .56
13	11	Clarcor	19.44	– .06
11	11	ClaytnH	10.88	+ .50
...	...	ClearChan	51.25	–1.44
15	10	Clorox	31.50	+ .06
29	24	Coastal	u81.50	–1.38
...	...	Call pfI	u45.06	– .56
75	**33**	**CocaCl**	**56.75**	**+1.88**
39	32	CocaCE	18.44	+ .31
34	...	CCFemsa	s20.63	+ .69
...	...	Coeur	1.13	
36	**31**	**CoigPal**	**59.82**	**– .21**
10	9	ColgPlp	10.06	+ .13
14	6	Comdisco	1.81	– .19
12	11	Comerica	64.63	– .25
9	4	ComInfS	d2.38	– .19
18	22	CmcBNJu	84.56	+2.69
11	10	CmcFd	18.88	+ .19
10	9	ComScop	16.00	– .25
...	72	CmtyHlt	n31.75	– .25
...	...	CBD–Pao	37.00	– .19
19	14	Compaq	17.00	+ .63
...	12	CompAsd	22.00	– .25
28	21	CompSci	69.69	– .63
...	9	CmpTsk	3.19	+ .13
22	8	ComstkRs	11.81	– .06
...	...	ConAgra	24.88	+ .63
84	21	ConAgra	24.88	+ 2.25
18	14	ConEd	39.19	+ .25
...	8	ConsPap	6.00	– .06
9	10	ConStor	9.00	+ .25
21	13	ConstellEn	41.38	– .56
...	...	ContlAir B	47.25	+ .31
48	30	Convrgys	45.31	+ .06
84	21	CoopCamB	36.25	+ 2.25
18	14	CoopCo	35.19	+ .25
...	10	Cooper	40.56	+ .94
...	...	CoopTr	6.56	– .13
27	20	Coors B	76.81	– .69
...	...	Copel	8.25	+ .44
80	25	CoreLab	22.38	+ .19
4	4	CornellCorr	s3.63	+ .13
...	...	CornerRst	11.06	– .31
8	44	Corning	s82.31	– .19
...	...	CorpHY	9.06	– .13
...	...	CorpHYII	8.63	– .13
...	...	CorrecCp	s31.00	– .88
...	...	CorusGp	6.88	
...	...	Cotellign	d.88	+ .19
15	14	CntwCrou	46.63	– .13
25	...	CousPrp	s27.88	– .31
9	25	Covance	19.44	– .19
...	...	CoxCom	42.25	– .19
...	...	CoxCm295	46.50	– .56
24	84	CoxRadio	s27.75	+ .56
14	12	Crane	24.56	– .06
...	...	Credico	5.81	– .13
...	...	CrSuisHold	75.13	– .19
...	...	CresRE	22.75	
...	...	vjCrismbl	7.38	– .06
...	9	Crompton	9.56	+ .31
37	14	CrossTbr	su26.50	+1.19
25	...	CrossTan	15.63	+ .13
...	6	CsmtCom	4.56	– .63
...	5	CsmtFood	14.63	– .13
15	13	Cryolife	46.31	– .69
...	7	CrwnCstle	n31.00	+1.25
...	...	CrwnHld	nd1.25	.25
...	3	Cubic	31.69	– .38
...	...	CullenFr	u38.25	+ .94
...	...	CumbrLnd	6.81	
...	...	CumEng	33.69	–2.13
11	7	CypSem	21.94	+ .31
13	12	Cytec	38.81	– .19
...	...	DLJ HIY	5.25	– .13
38	18	DPL	30.94	+ .06
12	10	DQE	32.19	+ .63
8	7	DR Horton	23.19	– .38
52	42	DST Sys s	89.44	–1.44
13	10	DTE	37.50	
6	11	DaimlrC	41.14	–1.22
14	15	DainRaus	9.38	
16	15	DallSemi	s23.88	– .06
5	7	DanaCp	13.50	+ .06
30	25	Danaher	64.13	– .81
17	14	Darden	24.63	–1.00
...	22	DaVita	u15.44	+1.44
51	41	DeVry	36.56	+2.50
10	8	DeanFd	27.81	+ .38
...	...	DebtStrat	6.31	– .06
21	16	Deere	43.00	+ .13
12	...	DelhaizeA	16.44	– .19
6	8	DelphiA	11.06	– .50
11	18	DeltPne	22.31	– .13
5	6	DeltaAir	47.19	– .38
1	...	DeltaW s	1.19	
8	9	Deluxe	22.99	– .09
11	4	Denbury	u8.63	+ .56
7	7	Dept56	11.50	– .44
...	...	DeutTel	31.69	+ .25
...	...	DevDv	13.13	
...	...	Diageo	u41.94	– .06
41	17	Dial	10.69	+ .13
63	25	DiaOffs	38.50	+ .94
15	14	Diebold	29.88	– .31
12	8	Dillards	10.69	– .38
21	10	DimeBcp	27.19	– .25
8	8	Dimon	u4.50	+ .38
51	**28**	**Disney**	**29.13**	**– .19**
...	...	Disneylnetd	4.00	– .69
16	7	Dole	13.19	+ .25
25	20	DollarG s	16.69	–1.00
5	5	DollarTh	16.63	– .63
41	16	DomRes	n62.06	
...	23	DLJ Dir	4.19	
14	10	DKaran	8.44	– .06
9	10	DonlleyRR	24.06	+ .44
18	13	Dover	39.13	– .88
15	**15**	**DowChm**	**s33.88**	**+2.06**
33	16	DowJns	57.00	+ .06
16	14	DowneyFn	54.44	–2.06
...	...	DryHYSt	8.38	– .19
...	...	DrySfrt	8.50	
...	...	DrySM	8.38	+ .13
48	29	DrilQuip	30.00	+1.00
19	15	DuPont	45.63	+ .13
...	...	DufPfUtil	10.63	– .06
24	19	DukeEngy	85.06	+ .06
17	...	DukeWrks	24.00	
...	15	DunBrad	n24.69	– .25
36	17	Dycom s	37.19	–1.19
80	30	Dynegy s	51.31	– .25
...	...	EEX Cp	4.63	– .31
...	...	EIX pfA	d15.00	–3.13
95	61	EMC s	63.00	–2.81
23	**17**	**EOG Resu**	**50.44**	**+.94**
13	13	Earthgr	19.75	– .38
...	12	Eastgrp	22.69	– .06
31	11	EastChm	47.63	+ .81
7	8	EKodak	37.63	– .81
8	9	Eaton	67.44	– .63
18	16	EatnVan s	u28.13	– .81
...	...	EV Srlnc	8.69	+ .19
28	24	Ecolab	40.50	– .75
8	9	Edsonint	19.00	–1.19
...	17	EdwLSci	n16.81	+1.06
10	10	Edwards	43.56	–2.25
...	...	ElPasE pf	82.38	–2.13
29	21	ElPasElec	66.88	–1.06
87	...	Elan	48.81	+ .06
12	**12**	**Elcor**	**14.75**	**+.38**
39	20	EDS	54.00	–3.88
...	...	EAndinB	9.63	– .13
...	...	EBrAero	n36.88	– .19
...	...	Embratl	14.75	– .13
...	...	EMInco2	10.56	– .06
...	...	EmMktTel	8.13	+ .06
22	19	EmrsnEl	72.75	–1.25
18	...	**EmpDist**	**25.00**	**+1.81**
6	3	Encompss	3.63	– .13
...	...	Endesa	d15.25	– .19
18	15	Energen	30.75	+ .75
...	12	Energizr	n17.31	– .44
...	38	OhRvLab	n23.25	+ .25
17	12	ChartOneF	u26.81	– .31
12	12	ChaseM	s44.81	– .56
...	7	Checkpnt	7.19	– .50
21	...	CheiGCA	36.94	– .38
9	7	ChesEng	7.00	– .13
12	**13**	**Chevron**	**81.06**	**+ .31**
...	...	ChileTel	13.56	– .31
...	...	ChinaMbl	s28.69	– .88
...	...	ChinaPet	nd16.00	–1.13
...	59	ChinaUnic	n14.75	–1.44
...	2	Chiquita	1.13	
14	12	Chittenden	29.25	+ .19
66	31	ChoicePt	60.38	– .75
25	17	Chubb	81.75	– .50
...	...	Chyron	1.50	– .25
...	9	CiBER	5.31	– .31
...	13	CiNergy	32.50	+ .19
10	12	CirCtyCC	10.31	– .06
13	10	CirCCar	4.19	+ .38
20	16	Citigrp s	50.25	+ .88
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Tamales

Unwrap a holiday tradition

For a holiday season filled with tradition, family and friends, make tamales a part of the festivities. According to Zarela Martinez, renowned chef, author of "Food From My Heart" and host of the PBS show "La Cocina Veracruzana," "Tamales have been linked with celebrations and solemn offerings since Aztec times.

"Today, Christmas, Easter and saints' days are honored with tamales."

In December, families often gather for tamale parties, creating a festive assembly line to share the exprience of creating this holiday favorite. Well worth the time and effort, every tamale is a delicious gift waiting to be unwrapped.

The basic tamale recipe calls for minced meat in a masa dough steamed in a corn husk, though there are many varieties. In fact, culinary authorities claim more than 80 types, rolled with everything from fruit to hog's head and ranging in size from 3 inches to 3 feet. Whether sweet (Tamales Dulces), savory (Tamales de Rajas con Elote) or completely modern (Panquecitos de Camaron), tamales embrace the pure spirit of the holidays —unwrap one today.

NOTE: Corn flour can be purchased at any ethnic grocery or food store.

BASIC TAMALE DOUGH

NOTE: There are dozens of dishes called tamales with nothing in common except that they are folded before being cooked in a wrapping, usually corn husks.

4 1/2 cups corn flour
4 to 5 cups warm chicken broth, plus more as needed
1 pound lard or shortening
2 1/2 tablespoons salt

Place the corn flour in a large bowl and add 4 cups of warm broth. Beat with a wooden spoon or mix with your hands until dough is smooth. Use a little more broth if necessary, but the mixture should not be loose.

Beat the lard or shortening in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed about 3 minutes, until fluffy.

Begin adding the corn flour mixture a handful at a time. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula as necessary. Alternatively, beat in the tamale mixture using your bare hand as a whipping and folding tool. If the mixture becomes too stiff to beat, add up to 1 cup tepid chicken or pork broth a little at a time. When done, the mixture should be very light and delicate, the texture of buttercream frosting. Beat in the salt.



TOP: Clockwise from left, tamales dulces, panquecitos de camaron and tamales de rajas con elote. ABOVE: Tamales dulces.

PANQUECITOS DE CAMARON (Shrimp Tamale Muffins)

6 cups corn flour for tamales
6 cups of water
2 cubes shrimp bouillon
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 ounces ground shrimp
1 cup corn oil
60 large shrimp, plus 30 shrimp for garnish (optional), cooked

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease three 12-cup (4-inch) muffin pans and set aside. Dissolve the shrimp bouillon in water. With an electric mixer beat corn flour, salt, baking powder and ground shrimp with dissolved bouillon mixture and oil. Mix until thoroughly combined. Spoon mixture into muffin cups until half full. Place two shrimp into each cup and fill with the remaining mixture. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until set.

Yield: About 30 tamale muffins

TAMALES DULCES

20 to 25 large or 30 to 40 smaller dried corn husks
3 cups water
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon aniseed, divided usage
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 pound lard (1 cup plus 2 tablespoons) or shortening
1/2 cup sugar or to taste
1 1/2 pounds tamale dough
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup pecans, coarsely broken, optional

Place corn husks in a large bowl, cover with boiling water, and soak for at least 1 hour.

Bring 3 cups water and 1 tablespoon aniseed to a boil over high heat. Cook until reduced to 2 cups, about 15 minutes. Strain and use 1 cup of anise tea to soak the raisins until softened, about 15 minutes. Set aside the remaining cup of tea.

Beat the lard or shortening and sugar with an electric mixer at high speed until light and fluffy. Reduce speed and add the tamale dough mixture a little at a time. When all is added, beat for 3 minutes. Drain raisins and add to the tamale dough mixture. Reserve the drained liquid to use for steaming. Beat for 1 minute. If the tamale dough mixture is stiff add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of the reserved anise tea a little at a time while beating. Add the remaining aniseed and the salt and beat until light and fluffy. Fold in pecans.

Drain the corn husks. Place about 2 tablespoons of filling in each husk, wrap and steam the tamales (shown below center). Optional: add the extra anise tea and raisin soaking liquid to the water in the steamer.

Yield: About 20 large or 30 small tamales

TAMALES DE RAJAS CON ELOTE (Tamales With Corn and Poblano Chiles)

Something a little different using the tamale mixture, fresh corn kernels and seasonings.

30 to 35 dried corn husks
2 tablespoons oil or shortening
1 medium onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 poblano chiles, roasted, peeled, tops removed, seeded and diced
2 cups fresh or drained canned corn kernels
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Salt to taste
1/2 recipe tamale dough

Place the corn husks in a large bowl, cover with boiling water, and soak for at least 1 hour.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Cook the onion and garlic until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium. Add the poblano chiles and cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in the corn kernels and cilantro; cook until the moisture has evaporated, about another 3 minutes. Season with salt. Cool thoroughly.

Fold or beat the corn mixture into the prepared tamale dough, until evenly distributed. Fill, fold and steam the tamales as illustrated (shown at left), using about 1/4 cup of the Maseca tamale dough mixture for each husk. Serve with salsa.

Yield: 30 to 35 tamales

Filling and Steaming Corn Husk Tamales

Filling the Tamales

Place the dried corn husks in a large bowl and cover with boiling water. Let soak 30 minutes to one hour. Drain and select as many as you can of the larger pieces, but be careful not to open the crinkled leaves of the core that are full of corn silk.

With a spoon, spread 1/4 to 1/3 cup of dough mixture across the lower (wide) end of the husk, covering it from side to side and extending it about halfway up toward the narrow tip. For chicken, beef or other filling, place about 1 heaping tablespoon of filling in the center of the Maseca mixture. Fold the left third over to the center and then fold the right side over it , then fold up the narrow end even with the wide end so the tamale is folded roughly in half crosswise . Place the tama'es on a baking sheet until ready to steam

Steaming the Tamales

Arrange the tamales in a steamer, open ends facing up. Place some of the unused corn husks (and/or a wrung-out wet tea towel) over the tamales to help absorb steam. Pour boiling water into the bottom of the steamer to a depth of at least 1 inch. Cover tightly and bring quickly to a full boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low to maintain gentle bubbling. Cook for about 1 hour or until husks pull away from filling. Replenish boiling water as needed. Let the tamales stand 10 minutes before serving.

AROUND TOWN

■ **The Lion Tamers** will meet at 11:30 a.m today at Ranchland Hills Country club. Members will exchange Christmas ornaments. For information or reservations call 682-9106.

■ **The University of Texas of the Permian Basin** will be closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 29 and Jan. 1 for the Christmas holidays.

■ **The Midland Porcelain Art Club** will meet at the Midland Woman's Club Jan. 6. Edythe Talley will demonstrate lace on porcelain.

■ **VAN-Visually Impaired women's support group** will meet at 10 a.m. today at Van House, 2908 W. Ohio . Please bring a sack lunch. Coffee and refreshments will be served. The ladies will be taking down Christmas decorations.

■ **Midland County Public Library Children's Department** is having "Christmas and Holiday Fun," come-make-and-go craft projects for children instead of Storytime through Dec. 22. A different craft will be offered each day (Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwaanza crafts will be included). For information call 688-8991.

■ **Seniors Over 50 Club** will present Sunset Express from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at the American Legion, 501 Airport Road. Admission will be $4 per person. In Full Swing will perform Dec. 27.

■ **Midland Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae Chapter** will hold a Mother-Daughter Holiday Tea from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 21 at 903 Bedford. Donations for Midland Community Partners' Rainbow Room, which serves abused and neglected children, will be accepted. For more information call 682-0936.

■ **CLER Ministries** will hold its 15th annual biblically based human sexuality course for high school youth from Jan. 7 to April 1. The non-profit organization will hold 10 sessions with 20 students per class to be held weekly at local churches. On Sunday afternoons two classes will be held 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and one class from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parent orientation will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana. For scholarship information or to register call Stacy Schroeder at 684-8600. The cost is $75 per student.

■ **The Midland Palette Club** will meet in the arts building at 907 Wadley Ave. on Jan. 9. The demonstration will be given by Jo Beth Gilliam, a watercolorist from Lubbock who teaches classes in Cloudcroft and Ruidoso, N.M., and in Lubbock. She has served as president and as secretary of the West Texas Watercolorist Society. She is planning a workshop for Jan. 9 through Jan. 11. The class will be canceled if 12 artists are not signed up before the Dec. 26 deadline. The free demonstrations are supported monthly by the Arts Assembly of Midland and by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Call Jerry Romine at 520-0432 or Audrey Larsen at 694-0516 to sign up.

Slabs of Route 66 to be at museum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flatbed trucks brought a 48-foot stretch of Route 66 to the National Museum of American History last week .

The dozen slabs of steel-reinforced concrete are part of a major exhibit called "America On The Move." It will open in the fall of 2003 — a survey of how Americans have gotten around since the 1870s.

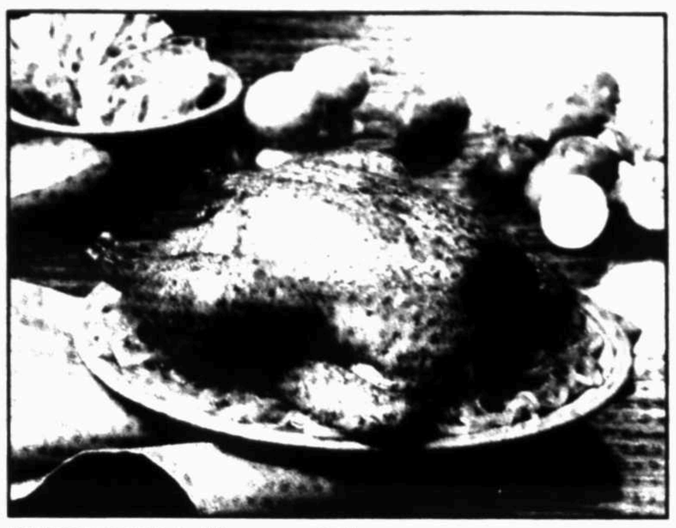
"People will be able to walk on 66," said William I. Withuhn, the museum's curator of transportation.

Until a few weeks ago, the hunk of road was part of a spur between Interstate 40 and U.S. 281 between El Reno and Clinton, Okla., west of Oklahoma City. The double yellow stripe is still visible on the slabs.

What the museum calls "America's Main Street" is already commemorated in two panels of its long-term exhibit of cars and wagons and include the sheet music from Bobby Troup's popular song "Route 66."

Cuban cuisine becomes more popular in U.S.

From Staff Reports



Chicken roasted with rum and ginger.

A wonderful blend of Spanish and African culinary influences, Cuban cuisine is gaining recognition in the United States, thanks to a growing population of new immigrants.

Chicken, pork and seafood are the staples of the classic Cuban menu, along with traditional black beans and long grain white rice, which are served with virtually everything. In recent years, a " Nuevo Cubano" cuisine has emerged, courtesy of Cubans living in the United States. These " new Cuban" dishes emphasize presentation and the infusion of traditional dishes with the spices and herbs of other Caribbean nations.

Fresh vegetables, herbs and spices are characteristic of authentic Cuban food. Plantains are a popular side dish, usually served fried in hot oil. Beer is the most popular beverage at mealtime, always served very cold and sometimes with ice. Because Cubans like sweet flavors, desserts such as flan, caramel or bread pudding or sweet fruits like guava are commonly offered as part of most meals.

Chicken is the perfect ingredient to begin learning more about cooking Cuban dishes. It is popular in many national and traditional recipes throughout the nation, and has a versatile taste to enhance the combination of flavors.

The following recipes are based on traditional Cuban fare and are perfect for cold winter days.

Chicken Roasted with Rum and Ginger, made with a whole chicken, is a beautiful and tasty dish to serve at a dinner party. The chicken is glazed with a mixture of rum, ginger, brown sugar and vinegar, which helps keep the chicken moist while adding the sweet, rich flavors of the Caribbean. Onion slices cook with the chicken and are served as a side vegetable.

For a warm winter lunch, try the Grilled Chicken Sandwich Cubana, an easy recipe that takes advantage of the many precooked chicken products on the market today. The chicken meat is placed on sandwich buns, then grilled on top of the stove to heat the sandwich dressing and melt the Monterey Jack cheese. Gherkin pickles add a tangy flavor that works well with the orange juice and Dijon mustard flavors. This sandwich is served on a baguette, as is traditional in Cuba.

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CHICKEN ROASTED WITH RUM AND GINGER
Serves 4

1 whole chicken, about 4 pounds
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
3 onions, thinly sliced
6 cloves garlic, chopped
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup dark rum
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
1/2 cup chicken broth

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Rinse the chicken with cold water; pat dry.

In small bowl, stir together cloves, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Rub spice mixture all over outside and inside of chicken. Tie legs of chicken together with butcher's twine. Set aside.

In a large, ovenproof skillet, warm oil over medium-low heat. Stir in onions and garlic; cook until onions are very soft, about 8 to 10 minutes. Set chicken on top of onions.

In small bowl, stir together honey, brown sugar, rum and vinegar to make glaze. Drizzle half the glaze over chicken. Pour chicken broth over onions. Bake chicken for 30 minutes in oven. Drizzle remaining glaze over chicken and bake for 30 more minutes. Baste chicken with pan juices and bake 30 minutes more, until done. Let rest for 10 minutes before carving.

Serve with the onions.

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Nutrition Information, Per Serving:
567 calories; 21 g fat; 5 g saturated fat; 41 g carbohydrate; 44 g protein
16% DV Iron; 13% DV Vitamin C

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH CUBANA
Serves 4

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon orange juice concentrate
1 baguette, cut into 4 pieces
12 ounces sliced, pre-cooked chicken
8 slices Monterey Jack cheese (6 ounces)
8 gherkins, thinly sliced lengthwise
1 tablespoon butter

In small bowl, whisk together olive oil, white wine vinegar, Dijon mustard and orange juice concentrate.

Spilt each of the baguette pieces open crosswise. Pull out some of the soft center of the bread. Drizzle dressing onto both sides of baguette pieces. Layer chicken slices, cheese and gherkin slices inside each sandwich, diving ingredients equally.

In a large, non-stick skillet, warm butter over medium-low heat. Arrange sandwiches in skillet and cover with a lid that fits inside the skillet; one that can be pressed down onto the sandwiches Set something heavy on the lid, such as a cast iron skillet (overturned if necessary to keep it stable), to flatten sandwiches. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes, until the bread is brown and crispy. Turn the sandwiches and grill the second side in the same manner, until the cheese has melted and the chicken is warm. Cut each sandwich in half and serve immediately.

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Nutrition Information, Per Serving:
616 calories; 31 g fat; 13 g saturated fat; 40 g carbohydrate; 41 g protein
39% DV Calcium; 15% DV Vitamin A; 18% DV Iron

Holiday drinks made with honey are healthy alternative

From Staff Reports



Holiday drinks like eggnog, hot chocolate and mulled cider are made healthy by using honey.

The holidays are a time for celebrations and no matter what the occasion, special beverages are part of the merrymaking. Parties just wouldn't be the same without favorites like creamy eggnog, mulled wine or sparkling fruit-rum punch.

For those who prefer something lighter or healthier offer alternatives to the high- calorie traditional drinks. Honey Hot Chocolate and Honey Eggnog have all of the richness and flavor of the classic versions — thanks to honey that adds flavor and, contains small amounts of vitamins, minerals and even antioxidants.

Toasting the holidays can be merry with or without alcohol. Honey Mulled Cider and Pineapple Punch are easy-to-make treats for kids and adults alike. Made with fruit juices and sweetened with honey, they have zero fat.

Whether you're ringing in the new year or spending a quiet evening with family and friends, gather 'round and raise a glass to good health with these delightful holiday drinks.

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Honey Hot Chocolate
Makes 4 servings.

1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups hot low-fat milk

In small saucepan, combine honey and cocoa; mix well. Stir in water; cook over low heat 5 minutes or until mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Set aside until ready to serve. To serve, stir chocolate mixture into hot milk.

Tip: Chocolate syrup may be prepared in advance and stored, covered at room temperature for up to 2 weeks. For single serving of hot chocolate, stir 1/4 cup chocolate syrup into 3/4 cup hot milk.

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Nutrition information per serving
Calories 232; total fat 5 g; cholesterol 74 mg; sodium 97 mg; total carbohydrate 50 g; dietary fiber 4 g; protein 8 g

Honey Eggnog
Makes 4 servings

3 cups whole milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/3 cup honey
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon rum flavoring
Whipped topping (optional)

In large saucepan, combine milk, egg, honey, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; mix well. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and rum flavoring. Chill at least 2 hours. Serve with whipped topping, as desired.

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Nutrition information per serving
Calories 217 total fat 7 g; cholesterol 78 g; sodium 183 mg; total carbohydrate 32 g; dietary fiber 0 mg; protein 8 g

Honey Mulled Cider
Makes 6 servings

1 large lemon, cut in half
1 medium orange, cut in half
16 whole cloves
4 cups apple juice
1/2 cup honey
4 cinnamon sticks
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Cut two slices (1/4- inch) from each lemon and orange half. Insert whole cloves into slices; set aside. Squeeze juice from remainder of fruit halves into medium non-reactive saucepan. Stir in apple juice and honey; mix well. Add cinnamon sticks, ginger and reserved fruit slices. Bring just to a boil over medium-high heat. Serve immediately in heatproof serving bowl.

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Nutrition information per serving
Calories 178; total fat 0 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 7 mg; total carbohydrate 47 g; dietary fiber 1 g; protein 1g

Pineapple Punch
Makes 4 servings

2 1/2 cups pineapple juice
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1/4 cup honey
1 lime, thinly sliced
2 cups sparkling water

In 1 1/2 quart pitcher, combine pineapple juice, lime juice, honey and lime slices; mix well. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Add sparkling water, stirring to blend. Serve immediately.

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Nutrition information per serving
Calories 160; total fat 0 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 9 mg; total carbohydrate 42 g; dietary fiber 1 g; protein 1 g

For more honey recipes visit the National Honey Board's Web site, www.honey.com. The site also includes general information on honey and tips on cooking, using and storing it. There's even a "For Kids" section with recipes and activities for children.

DEAR ABBY

Wife who doesn't appreciate what she's got could lose good man

By Abigail Van Buren



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law "Charlotte's" lifestyle is extravagant. She has an annual income of $500,000, plus "perks." She is in her 40s, divorced for 10 years, and lives in a Park Avenue condo with her live-in boyfriend. Everything Charlotte does is "first class" — restaurants, vacations, clothing, entertainment, etc.

I earn $50,000 a year. My wife and I have a nice home with a pool. She drives a top-of-the-line car, has plenty of nice clothes, and we enjoy sailing on our small boat. I have never denied her anything.

Several times last year, my wife visited Charlotte in New York. While visiting, my wife charged things we can't afford. I suspect she's trying to keep up with Charlotte's lifestyle, which is impossible. When I point out to her that we can't afford all the expensive things she purchases, she becomes cool and annoyed with me.

Trying to keep up with her sister's lifestyle is causing a rift in our once happy marriage. We are moving apart, and I don't know what to do. I love my wife, and it hurts. — HURT HUSBAND IN FLORIDA

DEAR HURT: If your wife's visits to her sister make her feel deprived to the point where she routinely busts the budget, you are overdue for a frank talk about it. Tell her how hurt you feel — and give her this message from me: If you don't appreciate what you've got, you'll lose it. Perhaps it will wake her up to reality.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers it is extremely important that whenever a patient has a laboratory test, the physician or his or her office communicate the results directly to the patient — regardless of whether the test is positive or negative. It is possible for the lab test to come back with a significant life-threatening or health-threatening finding for the patient and be accidentally misplaced or filed in a chart without the physician seeing it and the patient never learning anything until it's too late.

As recently as last week, I had a patient tell me that her family doctor told her, "No news is good news." This is absolutely the dumbest advice that can ever be given. Almost all physicians know of individuals who have died from cancer because the findings had not been communicated to the patient years earlier (at a preventative stage), or diabetic findings or dangerously high cholesterol, etc., had never been communicated to patients.

Please, Abby, urge all individuals who have lab tests to expect a call within a week or two. If they hear nothing, they *must* call the doctor's office to inquire about the results. This could save one's life. — HAROLD J. GOLDEARB, M.D., ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR DR. GOLDEARB: This subject has been addressed in my column before, and I'm sorry it is still an ongoing problem.

Readers, "No news isn't good news. No news is simply that — no news. Always make a point of obtaining medical test results if you don't receive them from your physician. That precaution could save your life.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to your "Confidential" to "Wants to Get Rich Quick in Nevada." I agree that the quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. However, may I also suggest that Ireland is a good place to invest? I have it on reliable authority that the capital there is always Dublin. — RAY PLOETZ, MAPLE GROVE, MINN.

DEAR RAY: You may suggest it, but I suspect your "reliable authority" is full of Blarney.

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A-Rod tells radio show: My record will stand for a while

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — Alex Rodriguez thinks Pedro Martinez and Andruw Jones have the best chance to break his record $252 million, 10-year contract salary, not his friend, Derek Jeter.

"It may be Andruw, it may be Pedro," Rodriguez said Tuesday on ESPN's Dan Patrick show. "I don't know who it's going to be. The 252 is going to be hard to break because of my age and my talent at such a young age.

"Even a guy like Derek, it's going to be hard for him to break that because he just doesn't do the power numbers and defensively he doesn't do all those things. So he might not break the 252. He might get 180. I don't know what he's going to get. 150? I'm not sure."

Rodriguez, who completed a $10.6 million, four-year contract with Seattle, became a free agent at age 25 after hitting .316 with 41 homers and 132 RBIs.

Jeter, 26, is eligible for free agency after next season. After Yankees owner George Steinbrenner refused to approve a $118.5 million, seven-year contract last winter, Jeter signed a $10 million, one-year deal and batted .339 with 15 homers and 73 RBIs, winning the MVP awards of both the All-Star game and the World Series.

Rodriguez said it's difficult to put baseball salaries in perspective but that he's heard the criticism.

"It doesn't affect me," he said. "I've been grossly underpaid for the last four years and I've never said I word because in reality, I'm overpaid."

He said the money can't be justified "unless you're curing cancer or saving lives."

He also said owners would have whined about salaries no matter what his contract.

"That's been the history of the game," he said. "You talk about the '80, the '90s, it's always been the thing.

"I remember when Mr. Alderson gave (Jose) Canseco the highest-paid contract in baseball," he said, referring to former Oakland general manager Sandy Alderson, now an executive in the commissioner's office. "I heard the game was going to end then, and the game has never been healthier. The game is growing. Things are obviously doing very well because these guys are paying.

"The only thing I feel bad about is the fans, and I want to make sure they can afford to come to the game. That situation is out of my control."

He doesn't agree with the owners who say salaries must be restrained. Some owners want to lock out players when the current labor contract expires next Oct. 31.

"I don't think I would ever agree to a salary cap," Rodriguez said. "But if we were to agree to a salary cap, if the owners would put a salary cap on the ticket prices and suite boxes, then maybe it's a win-win situation and the beneficiary becomes the fans.

"If they would put a salary cap on the players and increase prices, increase cable revenue and increase suite-box sales, who's winning? The owners are winning and the fans again are the big losers."

Rodriguez said his final choice came down to a $128 million, seven-year offer from the Braves, who wouldn't give him a no-trade clause, and a deal from the Mariners that guaranteed him $48 million for three years.

"Atlanta was my second choice," he said. "I fell in love with Bobby Cox and his system."

He also dispelled the assertion by his agent, Scott Boras, that there was a fourth — unidentified — team.

"It came down to Texas, it came down to Atlanta and it came down to the Mariners," Rodriguez said.

If the Braves had offered a no-trade, "it would have been a real, tough call."

"Scott didn't negotiate with them to get them up to 140, 150, who knows what? The no-trade clause, once they said that, I was not happy with that."

He said Boras shouldn't be demonized.

"He sent Bernie Williams back to New York for less money, he sent Greg Maddux back to Atlanta for less money, he just signed Charles Johnson to the Marlins for less money and we were going to Seattle for less money. The guy is not a bad guy. At the end of the day, we're the boss. We tell him what to do. If you want to call me a bad guy, call me a bad guy, not him."

He said he's recruiting David Cone to sign with the Rangers, whom he said are "two pitchers away from being maybe the best team in baseball."

Hentgen, Segui go to Baltimore

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The Baltimore Orioles finally made some moves on the free-agent market Tuesday, agreeing to a $28 million, four-year contract with first baseman David Segui and a $9.6 million, two-year deal with pitcher Pat Hentgen.

Jeff Bagwell, another first baseman, decided he would rather stay with Houston than become a free agent after next season, agreeing to an $85 million, five-year contract extension through 2006.

Bagwell's $17 million average salary matches Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado for the third-highest in baseball.

On a busy day, right-hander John Burkett decided to stay with the Atlanta Braves, agreeing to a $1.75 million, one-year contract. Catcher Tom Prince agreed to a minor league contract with Minnesota that would pay him $400,000 if he makes the team.

That meant just over half of this year's free agents had signed, 69 of 136.

The 10 free agents who faced a midnight EST deadline to accept or reject salary arbitration offers from their former teams all said no thanks: designated hitter Harold Baines (Chicago White Sox), outfielder Bobby Bonilla (Atlanta), outfielder Juan Gonzalez (Detroit), second baseman Craig Grebeck (Toronto), right-hander Bobby J. Jones (New York Mets), first baseman Wally Joyner (Atlanta), right-hander Scott Kamieniecki (Atlanta), catcher Tom Lampkin (Seattle), infielder Dave Magadan (San Diego) and left-hander Scott Radinsky (St. Louis).

The players can negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8. Of the 28 free agents offered salary arbitration last month, 18 already have signed.

Also, left-hander Norm Charlton came out of retirement, agreeing to a minor league contract with Seattle. Charlton, 37, pitched in just two games last season, compiling a 27.00 ERA for Cincinnati. He would get a $500,000, one-year contract if he makes the Mariners' roster.

With the approach of Wednesday's deadline for teams to offer contracts to the unsigned players on their 40-man rosters, several players eligible for salary arbitration agreed to new contracts.

Outfielder Matt Stairs, traded to Chicago, agreed to a $3.2 million, one-year contract with the Cubs. Left-handed reliever Vic Darensbourg agreed to a $2.7 million, three-year contract with the Florida Marlins.

Outfielder Ruben Rivera agreed to a $1 million, one-year contract with the San Diego Padres; infielder Enrique Wilson agreed to a $635,000, one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates; and right-hander Jason Johnson agreed to a $350,000, one-year contract with the Orioles.

Highest Salaries

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball contracts with average annual values of $13 million or more. Figures were obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources and include all guaranteed income but not income from potential incentive bonuses. There is no distinction for money deferred without interest (a the Yankees value this as a three-year contract averaging $10.3 million):

Player, Club	Years	Avg. Salary
Rodriguez, Tex	01-10	$25,200,000
Ramirez, Bos	01-08	$20,000,000
Delgado, Tor	01-04	$17,000,000
Bagwell, Hou	02-06	$17,000,000
Clemens, NYY	01-02	$15,450,000
Hampton, Col	01-08	$15,125,000
Brown, LA	99-05	$15,000,000
Jones, Atl	01-06	$15,000,000
Mussina, NYY	01-06	$14,750,000
Green, LA	00-05	$14,000,000
Vaughn, Ana	99-04	$13,333,333
Johnson, Ari	99-02	$13,100,000
Piazza, NYM	99-05	$13,000,000
Belle, Bal	99-03	$13,000,000

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DEAL: Bagwell signs

(From 1C)

an $18 million option for 2007.

The 1994 NL Most Valuable Player, Bagwell holds team records for career home runs (310) and RBIs (1,093) while hitting .305.

He was a minor-league third baseman when he arrived in a 1990 trade-deadline deal with the Red Sox, who received veteran reliever Larry Andersen. He quickly was moved to first base, where he has played since.

Bagwell hit a career-high 47 homers, drove in 132 runs and scored a club-record 152 runs, the most in the major leagues since Lou Gehrig's 167 in 1936.

Bagwell said moves the Astros have made in the offseason helped fuel his desire to negotiate a long-term contract.

A trade with Detroit brought back catcher Brad Ausmus and reliever Doug Brocail to the Astros. The team also signed free agent reliever Mike Jackson, a Houston native.

"A lot of people say we didn't make a blockbuster deal, but a lot of times, those blockbuster deals don't make your club a better club," Bagwell said. "You could add another big bat, but is that what we need? No. We added a veteran catcher that's going to be able to handle our pitching staff. We have young pitchers coming up and they'll need leadership."

General manager Gerry Hunsicker was upbeat as the Astros try to reverse the fortunes of 2000, when they inaugurated Enron Field with a 72-90 record.

"It was pretty obvious from the start that one of the drags on the negotiations was how Jeff felt about the state of the franchise and the direction we were heading," Hunsicker said. "We didn't make any national headlines for spending millions with these changes, but I think Jeff recognized how much we improved."

Bagwell Contract Details

HOUSTON (AP) — Details of the $85 million, five-year contract extension agreed to Monday by Jeff Bagwell and the Houston Astros, as obtained by The Associated Press:

Signing bonus—$15 million, paid from 2002-06
2002—$8 million, of which $2 million deferred
2003—$10 million, of which $3 million deferred
2004—$13 million, of which $6 million deferred
2005—$15 million, of which $8 million deferred
2006—$17 million, of which $10 million deferred
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The **Midland High Girls Softball Booster Club** will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at Midland High School. For further information please contact David Askew at 686-7025 or 664-0212.

The **Lee High Softball Booster Club** is meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lee cafeteria. For more information, call Tommy Thompson at 694-5432 or Tommy Kuykendall at 694-6215...

The **Midland High Soccer Booster Club** will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Conference Room A at Midland High School. Anyone interested in supporting the girls or boys programs at Midland High at invited to attend. For more information, call Curt Pervier at 684-0993...

The **Lee High Boys and Girls Basketball Booster Club** will meet the first and third Mondays of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m. All Runnin' Rebel and Lady Rebel basketball supporters are urged to attend...

The **Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club** will meet in the library at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5, March 19, April 2 and May 7. For more information, call Darrell at 915-687-1127 ...

The **Greenwood Basketball Booster Club** will meet on Monday nights at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Call 620-0707 for more information...

Football...

The Reagan County Independent School District has a **head coaching opening**. Reagan County is a Class 2A school located in Big Lake. Anyone interested in the position may call Ron Mayfield at 1-915-884-3705...

Needs games...

Trinity is looking for basketball games for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls (Jan. 22, Jan. 25, Jan. 29); eighth grade boys and girls (Jan. 11); and seventh and eighth grade boys (Jan. 20).

Basketball...

The **YMCA girls junior high basketball registration** is underway for girls in the seventh and eighth grades. The cost is $25 for members and $38 for non-members. Contact the Central YMCA for more information at 682-2551...

Baseball...

The **Midland Winter Camp** will be held Dec. 27-29 at Zachry Field. The cost is $40 per day or $100 for all three days. Sessions for players aged 7-12 will be held fom 9:30 a.m.-noon, and sessions for players 13-18 will be held from 1:30-4 p.m. For more information, call coach Barry Russell at 689-1337, 689-1100 or 570-6681, or Danny Jordan at 520-2821...

Lone Star Baseball/Softball is conducting an evaluation camp for baseball and softball players in Brenham Dec. 16-17. Each athlete will be evaluated and will be tutored on how to approach college coaches and be seen. Camps are open to all high school athletes. For more information, call Frank Dorner at (281) 469-6721...

Red Raider Holiday Camps for baseball players from age six up through high school seniors are scheduled for December at Texas Tech. A session for players 6-13 is scheduled for Dec. 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the athletic training center. Sessions for players 14 and up are scheduled for Dec. 29-30. A pitchers and catchers camp will be the 29th and a hitters camp will be the 30th. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 742-3355...

Texas Elite Baseball is conducting a winter wood bat clinic tournament in Brenham Jan. 20-21. There will be two divisions for 16 and under and 18 and under teams. For more information, contact Farley Styles at (512) 292-0190...

Softball...

Midland JAG, a competitive 12-under girls softball team will conduct tryouts this fall for the spring season. Any girl born in 1988 or 1989 is eligible to play. Call Shannon White at 699-1948 or David Wright at 699-5238 for information...

The **University of Oregon Duck Softball Camp** comes to Midland for players 12-under on Dec. 16 and for players 13-up on Dec. 17. Oregon softball coach Rick Gamez and his staff will run the camp. There is a $50 fee. Call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 for more information...

Fast-pitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Towns include Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos and Snyder. For more information, call Mack and (915) 520-5961 or Freddie at (915) 694-5508...

Tennis...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will start its spring leagues Jan. 30 and Feb. 1. Play will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at Ranchland Hills Country Club and at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Midland College. Leagues will run for 10 weeks, skipping March 12-16, which is spring break. New members should send $15 to Jennifer Wilson, 3609 Springmont Dr. Midland, Texas 79705. For more information, call Birdie Fioretti at 699-5631...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Club** will sponsor Icicle Freeze Play from 9-noon on Jan. 23 at Midland College. For more information, call Rene Hannon at 683-7336...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will hold a mixed doubles tournament Jan. 20-21. For more information, call Darlene Gifford at 563-1333...

Running...

The **Permian Basin Road Runners Club** is a non-profit organization for runners living in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners regardless of experience. For information, call Greg Hubbard at 520-0953 or Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbrrc.com...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Classes on Saturdays begin at 8:15 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. COM provides all necessary equipment. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. For information, call Jeni Wood at 684-7755...

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The **Midland YMCA** offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, will be offering **swimming lessons** for children and adults. The next sesssion will begin Jan. 8. Private lessons are available upon request. For more imformation, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, is offerent **water aerobic classes.** Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these classes. For more information please call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, is offering **arthritis water exercise classes.** Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Cycling...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** meets monthly — at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month — at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are $25 or $30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information...

Soccer...

The **Midland Soccer Association** will hold its **Spring Sign-up** until Feb. 16. Prospective players must be at least four years old by Dec. 31, 2000. For more information, call 684-KICK...

The Midland Soccer Association will hold **referee clinics** over the next few months. Clinics for certified referees will be held Dec. 15-17 and Feb. 2-4, and prospects must be 14 years old by March 15, 2001. A clinic for linesmen will be held Jan. 27, and prospects must be 11 by March 15. A clinic for recreational referees will be held Jan. 20, and prospects must be 12 by March 15.

The **University of Texas of the Permian Basin** is starting an intercollegiate women's soccer team in the fall of 2001. The team will participate in the NAIA as part of the Red River Athletic Conference. A coach is expected to be hired soon. Individuals interested in coaching should contact athletic director Steve Aicinena at (915) 552-2675 or fax a resume to (915) 552-3675...

Tryouts for the **West Texas Olympic Development program** will be Saturday, Dec. 16 in San Angelo's SASA complex. The boys and girls '88 session will be from 10 a.m.-noon (registration begins at 9 a.m.). The boys and girls '87 session is from 2-4 p.m. (registration begins at 1 p.m.). Cost for this tryout is $20. For more information contact Danny Kiser or Tad Ladford at 915-942-7069 or 915-650-1177.

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Hockey...

Spring **Inline Hockey League** registration is now open. Sign up at Power Play. All ages from 5-up and adult leagues are available for beginners, men and women. Sign up prior to Jan. 15 and receive a discount rate. For more information, call Power Play at 570-7693...

DirectTV wins rights for World Cup soccer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — DirectTV Latin America will pay $400 million for exclusive rights to broadcast the 2002 and 2006 World Cup soccer matches in Latin American countries.

The deal between the satellite broadcasting division of Hughes Electronics and FIFA covers television and radio broadcast rights in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela, DirectTV and FIFA said Tuesday.

DirectTV will carry all 64 World Cup matches for its subscribers for the 2002 event, which will be held in South Korea and Japan, and the 2006 event.

The agreement also includes exclusive television and radio rights to the biennial FIFA Under-17 World Championship, the FIFA World Youth Championship for players under 20, the FIFA Confederations Cup through 2005 and the 2003 Women's World Cup, to be played in China.

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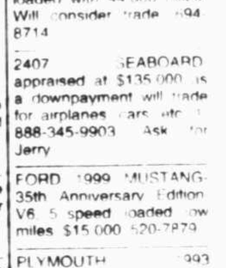
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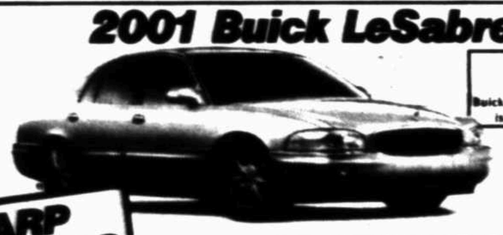
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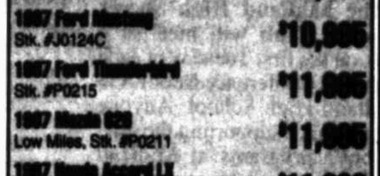
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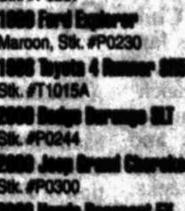
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Please include the following information:

- ★ Full name and address
- ★ Billing phone number
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- ★ Start date ★Classification

Faxed ads are subject to normal deadlines. We reserve the right to edit, properly classify or decline any ad.

Pam, Jennifer, Emily, Tammy & Deborah are available to help you with all of your advertising needs.

BLIND BOX REPLIES

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BOX Z-01
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to: "Classified Supervisor" & the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222. We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

Temporary
Full Time Days for:
Special Sports Ticket Promotion
(Approximately 3 months work.)
Apply in person only to:
10601 W. County Rd 127
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Temporary 2- 3 months.
Need some upbeat voices for some upbeat telemarketing.
Seniors & students ok.
Apply to:
Outsource Resources
10601 W. County Road 127W
(off 1788)

CHECK BEFORE YOU COMMIT!

Ads in this classification may require some fee or cost to the respondents. We recommend that you thoroughly investigate all aspects of the offer before you commit.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

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Great Income Opportunity Delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in Big Spring, Sand Spring area, need someone reliable with good transportation. Call Ronnie Griffith at 687-8805.

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A TRUCKERS DREAM

Do you need a CDL? A better job? We can help. CDL training with $0 down is available for inexperienced. Drivers with CDL choose from over 40 companies. We have 316 jobs available this month. CDL Delivers. 1-800-944-2896.

BEST TIPS IN TOWN- The Bar, downtown Midland, accepting applications for Waitstaff. Apply in person only. 606 W. Missouri between 8- 10 am/ 2- 4pm Monday thru Thursday. No phone calls please.

PRONTO CHECK Cashing now hiring full time tellers, looking for people with very friendly energetic personalities. Must have outstanding customer service and sales ability. Some cashiering and computer skills necessary. Will train. Apply in person at 1800 N. Big Spring in Midland. No phone calls please.

2000 Model 3 SERIES
2 To Choose From! 323I & 328I
Miles In The Teens

'97 & '98 Model Z3 Roadster
'97 Model - 3,000 Miles
'98 Model - 23,000 Miles
Certified Pre-Owned by BMW

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LITTLE CAESAR'S Pizza is accepting applications for Delivery Drivers & Crew Members. 1000 North Midkiff.

LOCAL MOVING Company needs experienced Furniture movers. (915)553-1464.

LUBY'S CAFETERIA accepting applications for full or part time help, mornings/ afternoons/ evenings. Flexible hours, apply in person before 10:00am. No phone calls.

MAID NEEDED. Must be able to work five days a week. References required. Must have dependable transportation. Call 520-3707.

→NEW TODAY←

MIDLAND CHILD Care Center now taking applications for Teachers. Apply in person at 3701 Andrews Highway.

→NEW TODAY←

Package handler needed approximately 5:30am-9:30am. 685-1064. $6.00/ hour.

→NEW TODAY←

PART TIME Help in food service Monday to Friday: 8:30 to 1:30. Apply after 1:30 and befroe 4:00 at 400 W. Illinois, Suite 195, Monday through Friday.

Pro Snips- Hair Stylist openings. Great pay. 1000 N. Midkiff. 520-9555/ 550-4696 ask for Betty.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED Evening & Saturdays. Light typing and reference required. Send resume to Mary Hunter, P.O. Box 60312, Midland TX 79711.

HIRED

NEED MOBILE home driver, 1 set up person. Experience preferred. Good pay. Call Bill at XXX-XXXX.

SONIC DRIVE-IN Midkiff Road

Now hiring all positions day & evening shift. Especially in need of daytime cooks & daytime carhops. Better than minimum wage to start. Please apply in person anytime.

TAKING APPLICATIONS For experienced make ready person, must have own tools. Appy in person Silver Creek Apartments. 2438 Whitmire.

V.I.P Employment Services 686-9722 Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

VILLAGE CAR WASH is Accepting applications for Car wash Attendants. Please at 604 Andrews Hwy.

WANTED AFTER School Child Care Counselor. Must be 19 or older. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply 800 N. Big Spring St. No phone calls please.

311 Medical Help Wanted

$100.00- $300.00 Nurse Bonuses!! * RNs: $25 to $45 * LVNs: $18 to $36 * Medical/ Dental/ 401K/ Life. Fax Resumes to 550-9398 NURSEFINDERS, 550-9399. E-mail us at NFOdessatx@cs.com & register to win a trip to CANCUN!!!

HEAD PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Needed! Hobbs, NM, Private Practice, excellent benefit package. Call Gayla at 505-392-4129 or send resume to 2700 North Grimes, Hobbs, NM 88240.
www.therapyservicespc.com

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Has Immediate Openings
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LVN
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FULL TIME OPENING for RT, CRT or LVN. Experience in pediatrics preferred but not necessary, must pass drug screen and background check, references required. Send resume to, 606-B N. Kent, Midland, TX 79701 or fax 915-684-7003.

Full-time LVN/ RN & Nursing Assistant

for a busy Cardiologic office practice. Attractive salary, paid vacation and other benefits. Send resume to: Box J-5011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

→NEW TODAY←

IMMEDIATE OPENING For Family Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant in busy Rural Health Clinic in Monahans. Excellent facilities and patient mix. Teaching Center for Residents and PA/NP students. Competitive salary and benefit program. Bilingual a definite asset. Send resume to: Dr. William Davison Family Medical Center of Monahans, 405 S. Main, Suite 100, Monahans, TX 79756

MANAGER NEEDED A.S.A.P. for home medical equipment company to open in Midland. Experience preferred but not necessary. Please send resume to Alliance Medical Supply, 715 E 7th St., Odessa, Texas 79761.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

HIRED

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

PXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in Odessa, TX, a non-for-profit provider of skilled nursing and LTC services, is seeking an RN for the position of ADON. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable of LTC and SNF policies, MDS's, Medicare, Medicaid, posse's strong management and inter-personal communication skills, and be willing to work with an exceptional team of LTC professionals. Professional development and growth opportunities are available with our expanding organization. Excellent salary and benefit package. Send resume XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Integrated Behavioral Partners

Medical Receptionist

Need responsible, self-motivated individual for fast paced physician's office. Knowledge of medical coding and strong clerical skills. Bilingual Preferred.

We offer our employees paid vacation time, sick leave, medical and life insurance, and a 401K plan.

Send resumes to:
Human Resource Department
P.O. Box 51537, Midland, Texas 79710

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SIGN ON BONUS
NURSES UNLIMITED
Needed:
PRN RN's and LVN's for Staff Relief

Competitive Pay
80 hr. Bonuses
401K Retirement Plan
Professional Liability Insurance
Workman's Compensation Claims

Application's accepted at:
700 N. Grant, Suite 100
Odessa, Texas 79762
Or Fax Resume to (915)580-2033
Attn: Arlene Pradon

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST needed for busy practice. Experience necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 81045, Midland, TX 79708.

→NEW TODAY←

NURSES UNLIMITED- Needed: LVN for QA Department. Knowledge of Medicare and Medicaid a plus. EOE. Contact Sharon at 580-2015.

SADDLERIDGE LODGE, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors, is seeking an experienced LVN for Director of Resident Services. Ideal candidate should be a self-starter, with strong organizational skills and the ability to schedule, supervise, and motivate their staff. We offer excellent benefits and competitive wages. Qualifies persons should stop by to fill out an employment application, or mail or fax resume to: Candy Wilson Community Director 1808 W. Loop 250 N. Midland, Texas 79705 Fax: 915-687-0355 EOE Lic.#323.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

LAND SURVEYING

WATSON & ASSOCIATES

Is Now Hiring
Experienced
Instrument Men and
Rodmen (will train)
Send resume to
P.O. Drawer11186
Midland, Texas 79702
or Fax: 915/520-9212

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 682-6222

LOAN REVIEW/ CREDIT ANALYST

American State Bank is accepting applications for experienced candidates with financial statement analysis, credit analysis and loan documentation knowledge. Apply 1401 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79401, fax 806-767-7166 or email kathyb@asbonline.com. EOE.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY- Reliable hard working individuals who have a through knowledge of all phases of accounting and account reconciliations. If you have the experience we are looking for. Please fax your resume to 915-332-4220 or mail to PO BOX 2969, Odessa, TX 79761.

PILOT NEEDED: Air Ambulance Company operating CE-414A, Ram converted aircraft looking for qualified pilots. Qualified pilots please inquire by calling 1-800-242-6199 and ask for Waide Noel or John Richardson.

SAULSBURY INDUSTRIES- Has Immediate openings for the following local project: Electricians Conduit experience required Wiring experience required & Instrument Fitters P&ID experience required Tubing experience required Please contact us at 915-366-3686 or Email us at hr@si-tx.com

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide! 686–8360.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Perm Positions
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Available
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313 Professional Help Wanted

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Responsible for maintenance, grounds, housekeeping, laundry, security, and transportation. Prepares budget and financial reports. Ensures compliance with federal and state regulates. Knowledge of fire, electrical, plumbing, heating and A/C. Responsible for safety Program. Effective communicator. Minimum 3 years supervisory experience preferable in healthcare. Excellent benefits. Salary DOE. EEO Employer. Please mail or fax your resume to:
Attention: Jimmy Johnson
Parks Methodist Retirement Village
111 Parks Village Drive
Odessa, TX 79765
Fax# (915)563-0430

314 Clerical Help Wanted

LAND SECRETARY / TECH

5 years experience required. Must be proficient with WordPerfect or Word and Excel. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to:

HILLIARD ENERGY, INC.
550 W. Texas, Suite 410
Midland, TX 79701. 683-9100, ext. 204
Fax 683-9101

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALESPEOPLE NEEDED

Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable individuals to work evenings and weekends offering subscriptions to non-subscribers. Great source for extra income. Unlimited potential. What are you waiting for? Apply today!!!

Matt Brown
Apply in Person at:
201 East Illinois
Midland, TX 79701

SALESPEOPLE NEEDED
Stanton & Big Spring Area

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Matt Brown
687-8886
or 201 E. Illinois, Midland

CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTORS & TRADES PROFESSIONALS

Needed in the Odessa area due to overwhelming demand. All TRADES- GCs, casrpenters, handymen, painters, roofers, lawn care, plumbers, eletricians & more, for home repair & home improvment, commercial work, & national accounts. If you are licensed, insured & can handle more work,
Call
915-363-6770.
EOE

INSURANCE CLERK. Experience in property and casualty insurance business. Must be computer literate, must be a people person. Box P-6101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection. To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

PURCHASING/ Accounting Clerk. The nation's largest independent chemical distributor seeks individual to join their office staff. Chemical purchasing and/ or experience with J.D. Edwards software helpful. Excellent benefits, competitive salary. Qualified candidate should mail/ fax resume with salary history to the attention of Office Manager at 105 Pronto, Odessa, TX 79762 Fax 915/367-6195. EOE. Non/ smoking environment.

316 Sales Help Wanted

The best of both worlds...

Physicians Mutual has changed their agent contract. Now we offer the best of both worlds!

The Career Agent Contract with

- Incentive Programs
- Agent Health Insurance
- Deferred Compensation Program
- Advance Commission Program
- Annual Sales Convention

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All available to those who are eligible and qualify. allows you to expand your current portfolio to include our outstanding line of products.

Contact: **J. Alton Bauerle**
at 800-880-1085
Physicians Mutual Insurance Company®
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PMA-1568 "Physicians! A Great Place To Be An Agent"®

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODAY←

BP Permian Business Unit
Field Technician

BP Permian has an opening in our Denver City, Texas production operations for a Field Technician.

Candidates should have a minimum of 8 years of oil and gas operations related experience. This position performs maintenance, repair, and overhauls of all types of valves, repairs to all types of pumps. Additional responsibilities include troubleshooting and repairing level control devices, pressure regulators, measurement devices, instrument air-drying equipment, and air compressors. This individual will be responsible for critical spares inventory for equipment, completing work orders, and working with the maintenance supervisor to manage schedules for associated equipment. This position must possess proficient computer skills as well as strong and effective communication and teamwork skills.

BP Permian offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package. Please send salary requirements, salary history, and a resume to

Ruth Anderson
BP Permian
P.O. Box 4587
MC WL4-225
Houston, Texas 77210-4587
Or Fax: 281-366-7056

An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer

→NEW TODAY←

EXPERIENCED OIL FIELD/ RIG-UP
FORK LIFT OPERATORS NEEDED
Key Energy Services
Odessa Drilling Division
2201 West 39th
Odessa, TX
Will be taking applications
For Forklift operators
At the 39th
And Rasco street office.
Class A- CDL Required

RECEPTIONIST- Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks a responsible, motivated team player. Must possess excellent phone skills and a professional appearance. Requires filing, Windows 95, MS Word and Excel. Knowledge of accounting is plus. Send resume to P.O. Box 352, Midland, TX 79702.

RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

For oilfield service company position involves telephone, 2-way radio, 10 key, typing- accuracy over speed, no computer skill required. Benefits include insurance and 401K. 7:30 to 4:30 Monday- Friday. Salary DOE. Resumes to Box P-6102, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WEST TEXAS Company seeks intelligent, motivated individual for public records research. Education and experience are secondary to attitude and aptitude. Will train the right person. Position involves travel to surrounding communities. Applicant must have dependable transportation. Resumes to 102 North C St., Midland, TX 79701 fax 915/686-0642, email texsearch@mccarthy-cos.com

→NEW TODA←

WESTERN NATIONAL Bank Odessa has an opening for an entry level PC Tech in the Data Processing Department. Qualifications for this position include excellent computer skills including experience with Windows 95 or 98, MS office, upgrading hardware and troubleshooting PC problems. A+ certification and some network experience are a plus. Applications accepted at any Western National Bank location. Resumes may be faxed to 915-334-5525. EOE. AA

318 Sales Help Wanted

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

10 Salespersons are needed NOW to sell subscriptions to the Midland Reporter Telegram. Sales Season is here. Enhance your income for the holidays! Unlimited earning potential.

MATT BROWN
687-8886

IMMEDIATE OPENING in inside sales clerk for office supply store. Sales experience a must. Apply in person or send resume to Reynolds Bros' Reprod. 315 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODA←

WAREHOUSEMAN SUPERVISOR

Local manufacturer is seeking a self-motivated person capable of performing all daily operations in a warehouse environment. Requires 3-5 years of progressive experience in all aspects of warehousing. Must be experienced in the following areas: Shipping, Receiving, Stocking and Inventory Control. Some computer experience required. Bilingual a plus, but not required. Ability to work well with others.

Health, vacation and retirement benefits. Please send resume to

Box E-4260
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702.

→NEW TODA←

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED
Key Energy Services
Odessa Drilling Division
2201 West 39th
Odessa, TX
Will be taking applications
For Rig Up and Tandem Drivers
At the 39th
And Rasco street office.
Class A- CDL Required

SATURN OF Permian Basin has an immediate opening for a lot attendant and an experience technician. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid drivers license, and pass drug screening. Technician must have 2 years experience. Apply in person 5201 W. Loop 250 North- Ask for Marisol.

336 Adult Care Providers

→NEW TODA←

NURSE'S AID will care for the sick or home bound. Excellent references. 699-0436. Call 699-0436.

A & D SITTING Service. Affordable and dependable care for the elderly. 24 hour sevice! Call Joann 570-8142.

Loving Home Care
Give us a call and we can take care of your families needs. Call 915-268-1704 or 661-0682.

341 Child Care Providers

LITTLE TOTS College now has openings for 2 to 5 year olds. Join today! 561-5198.

CHILD CARE- 7 to 5:30 Monday thru Friday. CPR trained, loving learning environment, references. 687-1923.

CHILD CARE (Newborn-5) Monday through Friday 7am- 5:30pm. CPR and First Aid trained. 697-2680.

IN HOME Child Care has openings for ages 1-4. Monday- Friday, 7:30 am- 6:00 pm. Experience & references. Call Joanna, 520-7259.

CHILD CARE in my home Monday- Saturday newborn through age five. Have references. 563-0796. (c)631-0498.

24 HOUR CHILD care- Week ends, also! After school pickups. Rusk District welcome. Beeper 567-5165.

350 Business Opportunities

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College. 697-7277.

MIDLAND PLUMBING COMPANY for sale. Building, vehicles, equipment and supplies. Liberal transition time allowed. $250K with 2/3 assumable. Call Ken at Ken's Plumbing, 683-3224. Serious inquires only.

EXTREMELY PROFITABLE Mail Based small business opportunity available. Existing money making business needs local owner operator. Possible partial owner financing. Surprisingly small financial commitment. Contact Raymond 817-366-1746- 817-232-1233 evenings.

AN ACTIVE profitable business, rated Top 10 in Mail Business For Sale. Contact Tony (806)799-0978.

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

Mr. Gatti's — The Best Pizza In Town

Now taking applications for management. Applicants must have 2 years of management experience. Starting salary range is $20K-$31zk depending on experience & department. Mr. Gatti's offers 2 weeks paid vacation (after your 1st yr) 401K plan, 5 personal days per yr. & monthly bonus program. Apply at Mr. Gatti's, 614 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

HORIZON OILFIELD Services is currently hiring experienced truck drivers for oilfield work. Must have endorsements. Local and regional work available. New Pay scale. Call 520-1511 for application.

INSPECTOR NEEDED with blacklight and penetrant experience for the Midland/ Odessa area. Call (281)856-2846 or fax resume to 281-855-7518.

320 Skilled Trades

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Janitor & Maintenance Person. Plumbing & electrical knowledge needed. Send resume to Box E-4258, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FULL TIME mechanics needed at Western Auto, apply in person at 10400 I-20, Midland, TX 79711. Next to Warfield Truck stop.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Aggregate Crusher Foreman. Must have at least five years experience. And must be production minded. Willing to travel. Laredo Drilling has good benefits, 401k plans, health insurance and must pass drug screen and have good driving record. Need to contact Sarge Strickland at 1-800-525-9683 or Mike Moore at 1-800-526-4197 in Big Spring, TX. Equal Opportunity Employer. EOE.

INSPECTOR, SECOND Shift. Requires 2 years experience in machining and fabrication quality system. Excellent company benefits and working environment. Apply in person at 905 S. Grandview, Odessa. EOE.

NEED EXPERIENCED Shop Welder. Apply in person at Redge Friday Welding, 2324 FM 715 South.

LICENSED AGENTS Needed $75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

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625 Houses Unfurnished
630 Houses Furnished
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690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc.

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604 Want To Rent

THE US Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's Midland County office in Midland, is interested in leasing 2400 net usable square feet of first class, high quality office location. Must be within the boundaries of Loop 250 on the north, Elkins Rd. on the east, West Ridge Rd. on the south, south Lamesa Rd. on the west, west Golf Course Rd. on the south, and Ward Street on the west to Loop 250. Preference will be given to first floor space. Occupancy is required by March 1, 2001. Call Midland County FSA at 684-6781 ext. 2 for a copy of the solicitation. Please refer to area map for defined boundaries.

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid. Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

1210 COLLEGE. Efficiency $275, 1 bedroom, bills paid $350 monthly, $50 deposit. Inquire rear apartment C. After 5:00.

610 Apartments Unfurnished













EXCEPTIONALLY NICE Approximately 1,000 square feet, 2 bedroom 2 bath, covered parking, basic cable, large patio. $450 monthly. Located in quiet beautiful Whispering Oaks. 1904 North Midland Drive. 694-4001.

LARGE VERY Beautiful 1 bedroom 1 bath, cathedral ceilings, basic cable, covered parking. $350 monthly. Located in quiet Whispering Oaks. 1904 North Midland Drive. 694-4001.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

SPACIOUS ATTRACTIVE home- 309 Willowood. Three bedrooms, two baths, double garage. $675 monthly. $350 deposit. Central air. Owner Agent Realty Unlimited. Call 550-5609.

LARGE ONE bedroom in secured courtyard, free basic cable, $265 monthly. 1/2 off first month's Rent! American Realty, 520-7577.

TWO BEDROOM Duplex near hospital with garage. $250 monthly. 2604 Mariana. $250 monthly. Also One bedroom. Call 684-7535 or 697-2724.

GOLDEN PARK 2 bedrooms, washer/ dryers available. 2 Weeks Free! 520-0133.

MOVE ON IN and see why we are so special! On our 1 & 2 bedrooms. $99 Deposit and no rent first month. Also have 3 bedrooms. Call or come by Silver Creek Apartments, 2438 Whitmire, 687-0053.

SAGEWOOD CONDOS- 2 Bedroom town homes available. 699-1693.

THORNWOOD Apartments. Great prices, 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms. Free Cable. Senior discounts. 682-5381.

CEDAR ELM Apartments. 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Townhome- 1,100 sq. ft. Stove and refrigerator furnished. All bills paid plus free basic cable. Bowie Elementary and Midland High School District. $475 per month. Efficiency apartments $350. 570-4611, 570-0842 and 664-2694.



GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

RETAIL SALES

ANTIQUES BY Joseph and Accent Designs will remain Open on December 19, 20 & 21 till 8:00pm for your shopping convenience.

PRE- LEASED Computers for sale. Call or stop by Rent- A- Center, 4310 W. Illinois, Space 180. 915/694-4499.

GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items!

Are you having an inside or sidewalk sale at your place of business?

This space will be reserved only for you!!

No more hiding your ad among the other ads, let everyone enjoy your sale right off the bat!

Call your very own Classified Consultant and she'll build an eye catching ad for you.
Either display or word ad.

No special pricing, just a Special Location!
682-6222

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, 1/2 price sale, month of December, regular hours Wednesday and Saturday 9- 12 noon, 2305 W. Michigan. Please park across the street. Ph. 682-2999.

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79705

3103 SEABOARD AVENUE. Estate Inside Sale. House, 2 pit- couches, 30" Sony TV, Castleton China, paintings, new items added, Christmas lights. Wednesday 10:00am- 5:00pm, Thursday 10:00am- 5:00pm, Friday 9:00am- 2:00pm.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

1977 HD Sportster Sharp 13,000 original miles $4,500 firm. 1984 Ford F-250 4 speed runs good. $850. 1997 Craftsman 42" nding lawn mower. $850. Craftsman Tiller like new. $200. Call 620-9115 697-4883. Cell 553-9130.

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SELLING: A Singing & Dancing Bear In The Big Blue House Cha-Cha-Cha Bear. Brand new and still in the box. $250. 570-7305.

→NEW TODAY←
RAINBOW VACUUM $500 obo (New) Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner $125. Antique curio cabinet 3 shelves, glass doors $450. 16' Magnavox color TV $125. 4 head Magnavox VCR $75. Panasonic satellite dish and receiver $400. Marcy 2300 workout bench $125. 687-3786.

BOYS BICYCLE 12 speed very nice $30. 563-0452.

AIRFARE BARGAINS anywhere Southwest flies! Unrestricted! 800-616-0846.

→NEW TODAY←
NORDIC TRACK Pro. $125. One Lifestyler programmable treadmill, $150. One Motorguide 200 (new) trolling motor. $75. One 8X12 Morgan portable building. $700. 694-8671.

SESAME STREET ELMO The Legend Sings, Twists and Talks $25. Please call 683-6705.

→NEW TODAY←
BRAND NEW 5 to 6 person spa, hot tubs only $59.00 a month. 915-563-3108.

BICYCLE 26" MOUNTAIN Bike 12 speed gray $45. Please call 689-2519.

SWING & Slide Sky Fort Project 400 $500. Please call 682-3294.

→NEW TODAY←
SLIGHT DAMAGE: 12'x20' workshop storage building. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

BRUNSWICK BRISTOL 2 Oak 3/4 inch slate Pool Table 42'x80 inch top felt good bumpers good balls, cue sticks, rack and cover. $750 firm. In Andrews. Daytime 525-9055 or 523-7119 evenings.

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SPECIAL 14'x24' barn, heavy duty floor, ready for insulating. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.

→NEW TODAY←
SAVE MUCH Money! 3 only- reconditioned spa/hot-tubs. Delivery/financing. 915-563-3108.

PLAYSTATION II with accessories. Make offer. Please call 694-8891.

PLAY STATION II. Never been opened. Extra controller and extra game. $800. Please call 520-7315.

→NEW TODAY←
WHY PAY rent? 10'x16' workshop, storage buildings $41 a month. Delivery financing available. 915-563-3108.

RESTHAVEN- GARDEN of Resurrection (sold out) lot #89 $800. Call (214)520-1312.

→NEW TODAY←
OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR & port system, brand new wheel chair, electric hospital bed, executive desk (1 year old), Dallas Cowboy leather jacket. 697-9806.

BINGO American Legion, 501 Airpark Road. Friday nights, games start at 8. Food. Refreshments. 682-5511.

432 Household Furniture

BEAUTIFUL MATCHING sofa/ love seat (burgundy/ blue) $400. 2 large navy leather rocker recliners $200 each. Antique rocker $125. Newish Simmons Sofa. Oatmeal hunter green/ mauve touches $275. Bunk Beds (wooden) new bedding $225. Cedar Lined padded bench, really nice $150. 915-362-2746.

→NEW TODAY←
NAVY BLUE leather love seat by Natuzzi, $400. 2 Lane India red leather rocker recliners, $275 each. 684-4962.

COUCH -$150. Excellent condition. Please Call 915-522-5277. Leave message.

LITTLE TIKES Car bed-linens, $75. 6 black hand painted wood dining chairs $475. 697-3998.

ESTATE SALE- Beautiful antique dresser, $600. Marble top coffee table, $50. (And other miscellaneous) 694-9364.

COMPUTER ARMOIRE, lots of storage, brand new, perfect condition. Mahogany finish. The perfect Christmas gift for your new computer $300 or best offer. 683-1011, ask for Tim.

NATURAL ROSE Wood Ming style china hutch 66" wide $2,700. 699-5045.

COCKTAIL & END table ensemble with beveled glass tops. Purchased from Chesapeake Interiors less than a year ago. 699-1903. 498-8284 ext 34.

LOVE SEAT- $150. Excellent Condition. Please call 915/522-5277. Leave message.

LITTLE TIKES red car bed. $100. Please call 697-5733.

Call Classified to add *NEW TODAY* on your Classified Specials for only $3.00 Extra 682-6222

435 Household Appliances

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES- Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves. Warranty and delivery available. Removal of old appliances. 683-7040.

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★FREE REMOVAL Of appliances 550-6540. Sale- washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezer $75-up. Free delivery 90 day warranty.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

CALLAWAY X-12. 3- SW, AW. Steel shafts, with bag. $495. 915/366-8573.

GOLF CLUBS, Ladies full set with bag and cart, like new. 687-1745.

WANT TO BUY Remington Model 1100 Light 20 gauge, 26" barrel with choke tubes. Call 697-8899.

WANT TO give Golf Clubs for Christmas? Call me, such a deal you gotta see! 683-6063.

BRUNSWICK BRISTOL 2 Oak 3/4 inch slate Pool Table 42x80 inch top, felt good, bumpers good, balls, cue sticks, rack and cover. $750 firm. In Andrews. Daytime 523-9055 or 523-7119 evenings.

460 Antiques & Arts

INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

HOLIDAY PARTIES: Antique American crystal large punch bowl with beautiful tray. Excellent condition! 684-4975.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040. 687-2868, 694-5034.

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470 Musical Instruments

BEAUTIFUL CONSOLE piano an bench. Excellent condition! 694-4414.

UP WRIGHT PIANO $300. Or best offer. Good for someone just starting. Please call 520-7121.

THOR DRUM SET, Black. Excellent condition, Christmas ready! Five pieces+ throne. $350. Please call 697-0996.

485 Electronics

BOSE 901 speakers, Proton 1200 power amp, 100 watts, Proton 1100 stereo preamp, Kenwood sound processor, Niles 4 set speaker selection, Archer Video Selector. $2,300 worth sells for $500. 684-5418 after 7 pm.

490 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 520-5917. 686--8835.

LIKE NEW Computer Desk $150. Please call 694-2096 after 5 pm.

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TO LOVING HOME 1/2 English Springer Spaniel 1/2 Brittany Springer Spaniel. 683-8338.

KITTENS Smart and as cute as can be. Litter box trained. Black, tuxedo, calico. 520-2209 after 5 or leave message anytime.

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10 MONTH OLD, pet Guinea Pig, to good home, (family allergic). 570-6981.

500 Pets and Supplies

CHRISTMAS PUPS- AKC ENGLISH BULLDOG PUPPIES. $1,000. LOTS OF WRINKLES. Ready Christmas Day! (505)392-9836.

SIXTEEN WEEK Old Border Collie puppy. First shots and worming. Call 915/786-2170.

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AKC DACHSHUND Puppies- Males and females, solids and dapples, 6 weeks to 3 months old, shots and wormed. Credit cards accepted. (915)368-0345, (915)367-2820.

PLEASE REMEMBER a dog is for life not just for Christmas.

PIT BULL Puppies for sale, males and females. Must see to appreciate! 520-2046.

SEE PETS for adoption at www.barxbrothers.com

"I'LL BE home for Christmas"! Adorable Dachshund puppies! 1 month old, 5 females, 2 males. Want you for Christmas. $100 each. 686-0052. All black and tan.

AKC. YELLOW Labs just in time for Christmas. $250 each. Please call 620-0250.

AKC SHIH TZU puppies, 7 weeks old. Call 915/985-3311.

LHASA APSO puppies, AKC registered. $250. 2 males, 4 females. 697-4139 or 661-9220 ready after Chrstmas.

→NEW TODAY←
CHRISTMAS PIT Bull puppies. $50. Male and female brindles, six weeks old. Call 520-2046.

AKC Dachshund Puppies, smooth and wires. $150 to $300. 561-8949 if no answer leave message.

→NEW TODAY←
TRICOLORED FULL blooded male Beagle puppy. Great with kids! $200. 520-7182.

500 Pets and Supplies

PRICE REDUCED AKC Miniature Schnauzer male pups. 8 weeks old. $300. Cash no checks. 570-8965.

BORDER COLLIE
Puppies- Registered, out of working parents, six weeks old, weaned. Males- $150, females $200. (915)693-2789.

AKC GREAT Pyrenees Puppies. Gentle White Giants. Fantastic family pets. 684-8411 (leave message.)

GERMAN Rottweiler puppies, docked, current shots, parents on premises. $200 each. 694-2784, if no answer please leave message.

PRECIOUS GOLDEN Retriever puppies, 3 males, 7 weeks old, AKC registered. $250. 694-1727.

HOME FOR THE Holidays? We want to be home. We have AKC Registered Chihuahua puppies. Ready to go home December 23rd. Male and Female. Call 694-6149.

ADORABLE BOSTON TERRIER Puppies, AKC, $250- $350. Male and Females. Please call to see 682-4446.

→NEW TODAY←
PLEASE MAKE Our wish come true for a home in the New Year. Beautiful purebred small dogs for adoption by Lonestar SPCA at Petsmart Wednesday from noon until 8:00pm.

BEAGLE PUPPIES, registered, 6 weeks old by Christmas. $200. Call 570-1865.

505 Livestock & Poultry

JUST IN Time for Christmas- Kid's horse for sale! Call 697-1884 for more information.

JUST IN Time for Christmas! Gentle 14 year old Sorrel gelding, saddle and miscellaneous tack. Wagon for donkey or miniature horse. 2 wheel hay wagon. (915)683-4129 after 5pm.

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505 Livestock & Poultry

→NEW TODAY←
BARREL RACING Saddle- 15", used 3 times, like new! 687-1875.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

SWINGLINE No. 6357 computer paper burster. Pops apart all sizes of compufer paper. 683-3032, ask for Loretta.

→NEW TODAY←
ELECTRIC DRAFTING Table for sale- Excellent condition. $750. Please cal-l Day 687-6666, night 683-9717.

520 Store & Cafe Equipment

FOUR ICE-O-MATIC high capacity ice machines and bagging equipment. $3,800 firm. Can be seen at www.b2gp.com. Call Mark at 888-638-9625.

525 Business/Shop Equipment

BEAUTY SHOP equipment for sale. 682-3221.

USED MERLIN Legend Telephone system withvoice mail and 8 telephones (Can expand up to 200 telephones) Over $11,000 new, asking $6,000 obo. 520-5626.

550 Portable Buildings

FOR SALE or Trade 14'x26' portable office or playhouse with restroom, heat, a/c. Heavy duty built. $12,000. Call 694-7603.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860.

560 Machinery/ Tools

TIG WELDER for 316SS high pressure pipe. Must pass test and 100% X-ray. Call 333-6304 for appointment.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

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LARGE LUXURY property for lease. 4708-B Dentcrest. Two bedrooms plus computer room, two baths, double garage. $695 monthly. $350 deposit. Owner agent. Contact Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

PATIO TOWNHOUSES 1710 N. "A" Ask about a free months rent! 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. Now open Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm. 682-4783.

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→NEW TODAY←
4715 ERIE: NICE clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 garage near Henderson elementary. Has refrigerator and stove. Central heat, air. Refrigerator stove $625 monthly plus deposit. Call 915-446-3604.

→NEW TODAY←
2004 W Eugene: 3 bedroom brick house, 1 3/4 bathrooms. $350 monthly. $125 deposit. 684-5310.

625 Houses Unfurnished

EXECUTIVE HOME for lease in Old Midland. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Midland High. Hardwood floors, Tile, Gourmet Kitchen, Gas Log Fireplace, Yard Service Included. $1,000 Down Payment & $1,350 month. 686-8100 or 686-0008.

BRICK DUPLEX 2 bedroom, 2 baths, built-ins, fridge, utility, den, fireplace, central heat, air, carport, storage, yard. Lee High. No pets. $550 month. $225 deposit. 3525 West Wadley. (915)-520-6741.

NEW CONSTRUCTION! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home in Crestgate Addition. Neutral decor. Lots of amenities. Low maintenance yard. 559-5479 or 520-5096.

★WYDEWOOD nice 2 be 2 bath double garage $600 monthly deposit. 682-8818. Tierra Realtors.

2 BEDROOM 1 bath garage fireplace water paid. 3801 B Storey. $600. 686-0734/ 687-6406.

2 & 3 BEDROOM Homes & Duplexes $450- $550 month+ deposit. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663.

NICEST DUPLEXES in town. 2400- 2600 West Wadley. 2 and 3 Bedroom. 1,530 square feet and up. Washer/ dryer connections, fireplaces, covered parking or garages. $650 (water paid) to $725 month. Call 686-8126.

BEAUTIFULLY REDECORATED 1 and 2 bedroom duplexes in quiet neighborhood. $325- $475. Call 697-3484 for Christmas Specials.

TWO BEDROOM Duplex near Midland College. All appliances, storage room, fireplace, carport. $495 monthly. 352-7567.

3001 W. LOUISIANA. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, fenced yard, enclosed garage. $350/ $175 deposit. 699-7538.

2 BEDROOM professionally decorated atrium / garden home. Recently remodeled, sprinkler system, RO, alarm system, nice area near Midland Christian School. $750 month. $500 deposit. References required. Call to see. 520-4233.

3 BEDROOMS 1 Bath. Large storage. $450. Deposit. $450 monthly. 2806 Cotton Flat Road. 689-2022.

NICE TWO bedroom, one bath, duplex, appliances, water furnished. $385. $200. No pets. 206-B Mitchell. 570-7466.

NICE 1 BEDROOM duplex, appliances furnished, with garage. $375 month. $200 deposit. 2601 Roosevelt. 570-7466.

625 Houses Unfurnished

500 DEVONIAN: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, den, fireplace, cross from Jane Long Elementary. $400 Monthly, $400 deposit. No call after 8 pm. 697-4362.

CUTE BRICK 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Lee district. $700 monthly. Call Rhonda at Prudential Cooper Realty 689-7700.

2 BEDROOM 1 bath one car garage, central heat, air. $375 monthly, $250 deposit. 910 Canyon. 697-0000.

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX 1 bath, very clean. Washer Dryer Connections. $295. $175 deposit. 3216 W. Kansas. 520-4886, leave message.

BEAUTIFUL THREE bedroom, two bath, single garage, new paint, all appliances. No pets! $625 monthly. 620-9222.

QUEEN 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, stove, no refrigerator, central heat. No pets. See at 1209 Century. $400 monthly. $200 deposit, call 697-3827 or 520-6076.

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 fireplace, see to appreciate. $650 rent, $500 deposit. 425-3507/ 570-6900.

WE HAVE the PERFECT home for you- a Regency Townhome at 721 W. Dengar. 2,050 sq. ft. of luxurious space. Call today. 687-0422.

911 COLLEGE 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Refrigerator & stove. Hardwood floors, fenced yard. $225 monthly. $150 deposit. 699-7538.

2912 ROOSEVELT 3 bedroom, 2 bath. $250 deposit or $450 monthly, references required. Call 699-5852 leave message.

LARGE THREE bedroom, two bath, duplex. Dining room, fireplace, large laundry, fenced yard, garage. 5102 A Rainbow. $700 per month. 697-7097.

DUPLEX for Lease. 3009 A Marr Lane. $625 monthly. 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 car garage, fireplace. 697-4306.

1700 SQUARE FOOT duplex, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Near Goddard and Emerson. 2606A Haynes. $700 month. 682-8453.

NICE! WELL maintained, 2 Bedroom Duplex. Fireplace, garage, washer/ dryer connections. $475. Call 685-3743/ 697-4000.

CLEAN DUPLEX North West Midland. 1700 sq. feet. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, utility room, garage, new carpet. $700 month. 682-4688.

CHARMING THREE bedroom, remodeled kitchen, new carpet, two door garage. Old Midland. $800 monthly. 699-1000.

625 Houses Unfurnished

4 BEDROOM, 2 bath or 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus 1 living, fireplace, brick, courtyard, spotless. Greenwood schools. $700 deposit plus $700 monthly rent! Call Sandy J. Hanson, pager 495-1233. Langston Realtors.

→NEW TODAY←
BRICK VENEER, one Bedroom duplex, near Bank United, carpet, stove & refrigerator furnished. No pets please. Call 682-0706.

2 BEDROOMS, 1 3/4 BATHS. Central heat/ air, new carpet, tile, large closets, storage. Carport, small fenced yard. No Pets. References required. $375/ month plus $250/ deposit. 202 N. Powell St. 694-8657.

LUXURY DUPLEX, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, fenced, sprinkler. 4704-A Dentcrest. $695. 682-7815 or 528-0286.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH Apartment. Large parking and patio area, water & gas paid. $329 per month. See at 3200 Sage Apartment number #2 or call 570-1566 after 5 pm.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, condo with garage at 424-B West Pecan. $475/ rent, $400 deposit. 520-8630.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments. $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent. 684-8202.

630 Houses Furnished

TWO ROOMS and bath- Extra nice! Carport, deposit required. 6 month lease. 697-1045.

1 BEDROOM. Free water, cable, phone. $275. 1606 W. Griffin. Please call 570-9090.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

LOVELY 1 bedroom condo. Must see to appreciate. Close to hospital. $325 monthly. 670-6900/ 425-3507.

NEW CONSTRUCTION in Crestgate area, two large bedrooms with computer desk, two baths, living room, dining room, laundry room, two car garage (rear entry), maintenance free yard. $995 monthly. $600 damage deposit. 682-2002.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side. 6 and 12 month leases. 2 and 3 bedrooms. 1800 sq. ft. livable, all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 697-9566.

1 BEDROOM, 1 bath, downstairs, covered parking, microwave, washer/ dryer, fireplace, French doors to patio. $450. 520-0914.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

5018 Rainbow: dulux duplex. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car gazrge, located by bush elementry school. will be avaible january 1st. $725 monthly. $300 deposit. no pets. Call for showing 687-4534 or 697-3028.

REGENCY TOWNHOMES. 721 W. Dengar. Prestigious Address for Luxurious Living: spa, heated pool, fireplaces, extra large 2 bedrooms, closed circuit entry. 2,050 sq.ft. for your comfort. 687-0422.

LUXURY DUPLEX- 4800 A Dentcrest. Two bedrooms, two bath, double garage. $675 monthly. $350 deposit. Owner agent. Realty Unlimited. Call 550-5609.

1 & 2 BEDROOMS. $249 to $385. $69 move in special. Pager 495-7775.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

2 BEDROOMS 2 bath, central heat, air conditioning, appliances. Call 682-9293 or 528-8914.

3415 COTTONFLATT Rd. Space F. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, fenced yard, washer dryer connections. $275 monthly, $100 deposit. 682-1608 leave message.

NOW AVAILABLE. 2/ 3 Bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

GREENWOOD SCHOOLS- Free cable TV, two & three bedrooms, rent or sale, with or without land. (915)352-8026.

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH, fenced yard. $425 monthly. 570-4578 or 683-7952.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

TWIN OAKS Fenced yards, paved streets, security lights, trees, patios. Move in special! Call 687-6324.

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665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE Space for rent. Medical/ Dental or other. 302 E. Secor. Call 685-5029 for information.

2609 B MIDLAND Dr. small store for lease. $275 monthly + bills. Don Roderick - Langston Realtors. 682-9495.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

APEX PLAZA (formerly Garfield Plaza) now under New Ownership and management has 5,000 square feet of prime office space available. Apex Plaza tenants enjoy covered parking, free high speed Internet access, extended security and daily janitorial service, all in a non- downtown location. Interested candidates may apply in person at 4305 N. Garfield Suite 228D or call 570-1676, option #4.

OFFICES single or multiple with executive suites available, approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of office space available with 18 offices. Free parking. 4500 W. Illinois. Call 620-1500.

15 OFFICES in free standing building. 4,000 SF. Don Roderick, Langston Realtors, 682-9495.

667 Commercial Property

FOR LEASE: all sizes and types of properties, office, warehouse, retail. 800 to 40,000 sq. ft. Some with fenced yards. 683-8681.

668 Retail/ Stores

411 N. Midland Drive retail space for lease. Was beauty shop. For details 684-6405, 557-0330.

670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent



DOCK HIGH WAREHOUSE MANUFACTURING BRIDGE CRANE OFFICES
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683-2286.

Midland Industrial Warehouse 1,800 sq. ft. ground level. $300 a month. Call 684-3838.

→NEW TODAY←
SPACE FOR LEASE 500 square feet office 2,000 square feet warehouse 2130 South Loop 250 West. Call Janis Abbott 563-2422.

675 Recreational Rentals

RUIDOSO Rentals nightly Cabins condos some hot tubs Century 21 Aspen Realty 800 657 8980

RUIDOSO 2 bedroom 2 bath cabin very nice completely furnished no pets 697-1437

RUIDOSO Cabin's Houses Condos for rent nightly Some with hot tubs Don Harmon Four Seasons Real Estate 800-822 7654

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IT'S TIME FOR US
SWF, 18, 5'6", 125lbs., with green eyes, outgoing, enjoys movies, dating, shopping and hanging out. Looking for a SWM, 18-21, who's nice. Ad# 1367

LET'S DANCE
SWF, 41, 5'9", 95lbs, humorous, charming, enjoys cultural events, dining out, cooking and swimming. Looking for a SWM, 41-45, who likes dancing and enjoys the theatre. Ad# 1374

GIVE ME A RING
SBF, 27, 5'2", 195lbs, spontaneous and outgoing, enjoys long walks, shopping, dining out and movies. Looking for a fun-loving SBM, 25-40, for friendship. Ad# 1378

NEED TO KNOW
SBF, 27, 5', fun-lcving and outgoing, loves reading, jazz music, movies, fine dining and whatever is fun. Looking for a fun-loving SWM, 30-40, who's not serious and who enjoys sports. Ad# 1376

LET'S HAVE FUN
SHF, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., with light brown hair, enjoys movies, clubbing and having fun, looking for a tall, SWM, 18-21, who likes to have fun. Ad# 1385

FUN & EXCITING
Free, talented SHF, 32, looking to meet a SM, 30-40, race unimportant. Let's have some fun. Ad# 1361

VERY MATURE
Fun-loving, petite SHF, 22, enjoys reading, walking and good conversation. Looking for a good-looking mature SHM, 21-35, who is trustworthy, loyal and enjoys having fun. Ad# 1329

SEASONAL GREETINGS
Recently WWWF, 60, petite, enjoys cooking, cleaning, dancing, travel, sight-seeing and having fun. Looking for a WM, 30-60, just to be with & talk to. Ad# 1331

HEAR ME OUT
Sweet SHF, 22, petite, slender, good listner, loves riding horses, laughter, clubbing and dancing. Looking for a clean SH/WM, 22-30, who likes to have fun and share quiet times together. Ad# 1345

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
Cute SWF, 32, medium-built, loves going out, country dancing, horseback riding and movies. Looking for an honest SM, 32-40, kids okay, for LTR. Ad# 1334

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
SWF, 32, petite, employed, loves horseback riding, dancing and movies. Looking for a SWM, 32-40, no games, kids and monogamous LTR okay. Ad# 1342

WHO CAN I TALK TO
Bubbly, SWF, 18, down-to-earth student, loves music, dancing, singing and good conversation. Looking for a SWM, 18-20, with similar interests. Ad# 1341

ISO MR. DO RIGHT
Emotionally and baggage-free SBF, 22, intelligent, caring student, loves movies and reading. Looking for a good SM, 29-32, race unimportant, who knows how to treat a lady. Ad# 1350

FRIENDS FIRST
Shy at first, SHF, 29, 5', brown hair with blond highlights, likes to laugh, enjoys movies, walks in the park, dining out, seeks SM, 30-40. Ad# 1327

FUN TIMES AHEAD
Lovable, SHF, 24, 5'2", brown hair and eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and having a good time, seeks SHM, with similar interest for friendship. Ad# 1320

HUGS AND CUDDLING
Fun-loving, SWF, 60, blond hair, brown eyes, 5'6", 150lbs, who enjoys travel, pool, darts, seeks honest, financially secure, SWM, 58-68. Ad# 1321

LET'S TALK
SWF, 29, 5'1", dark blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys outdoors, movies, music, dancing, dining out and family times. Seeking a fun-loving, SHM, 29-42, with same interests. Ad# 1315

GIVE ME A CALL
SWF, 21, 5'8", 110lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, college student. Looking for SWM, 20-25, who likes the outdoors, trucks, animals and country music. Ad# 1305

IT COULD BE YOU
Humorous, SBF, 33, 155lbs., dark brown hair, enjoys cooking, cleaning, walks in the park, romantic dinners, ISO SWM, 35-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. Ad# 1308

THE GAL FOR YOU
Friendly, outgoing, outspoken, creative, SHF, 22, 5'2", 127lbs., dark eyes, reddish brown hair, enjoys hanging out with friends, movies, music, drives in the country, reading, swimming, skiing, football and basketball. ISO, honest, organized, SWM, 22-29. Ad# 1309

FUN & OUTGOING
Creative, romantic, SWF, 44, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, enjoys photography, movies, seeks SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. Ad# 1301

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Caring, fun, single, white Christian, female, 48, 5'8", 121lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys her profession, reading, movies, museums and the arts. Seeking a similar, single, white Christian, male, 46-55, with strong values and integrity. Ad# 1303

WHENEVER I'M WITH U
I'll consider myself the luckiest person in the world. Slender, petite, SHF, 19, likes walks, dancing, cruising, ISO, family oriented, loving, SHM, 21. Ad# 1279

THREE LITTLE WORDS
That make this active, medium-built, WF, 58, happy, let's have fun, ISO clean, decent, witty, humorous, outgoing, life-loving, WM, 57-68. Ad# 1294

FAMILY VALUES
Caring, loving, SWF, 34, 5', 115lbs., reddish brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, shopping, walks, seeks educated, family oriented, SM, 28-50, for LTR. Ad# 1288

BE MY FRIEND
Fun, humorous, SBF, 28, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys horseback riding, movies, walks, talks, seeks SM, 24-44, for friendship. Ad# 1290

FOR YOUR COOKIE
Is this sweet, fun-loving, SHF, 18, 5'1", who likes clubbing, cruising, dancing, movies, dinners out. You, SM, 18-22, humorous and happening. Ad# 1280

NO COUCH POTATOES!
Active, family-oriented, retired, SWCF, 62, 5'5", 160lbs, seeks respectful, upbeat, SWM, who likes travel, walks, country/western dancing, sports, fun. Ad# 1272

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 19, 5'8", strawberry blond hair, likes writing, drawing, hanging out with friends, seeking a kind, SM, 19-27, who can make me laugh. Ad# 1260

CAN WE TALK?
Funny, spontaneous, SBF, 32, 5'6", 115lbs., with long brown hair, likes singing, reading, writing and enjoying life. Seeking a romantic, honest, caring, SWM, 26-36. Ad# 1299

DON'T PASS ME BY
Funny, SBF, 18, 5'3", 125lbs., blond hair, student, likes movies, long walks, parks, seeking a similar, SBM, 18-23. Ad# 1263

SOMETHINGS MISSING
SWF, 41, 5'6", with brown hair/eyes, interests include outdoors, church times, park walks, quiet family times, movies and the theatre. ISO honest, caring, sincere SWM, 35-55, for LTR. Ad# 1249

NEVER A DULL MOMENT
Laid-back, fun, humorous, DWF, 26, likes music, partying, dancing, quiet evenings, movies in/out, television. ISO a SWM, 26-45. Ad# 1253

DON'T BREAK MY HEART
SWF, 20, 5'4", with green eyes, who's outgoing, and easy to get along with. She is seeking a mature, stable, goal-oriented SWM, 18-26. Ad# 1252

SIMPLE LIFESTYLE
Full-figured, bubbly, SWF, 54, 5'2", brown hair, enjoys quiet times, movies, dining out and animals. Seeking an old-fashioned gentleman, 54-64, for possible LTR. Ad# 1243

COWBOY WANTED!
Shy, warm, caring, loving, SWF, 48, 5'7", blond-haired, green-eyed, likes horseback riding, shooting pool, mountains, fishing, camping and traveling. Seeks SWM, 38-55, with same values. Ad# 1236

ZEST FOR LIFE
SWF, 21, 5'4", 110lbs, brown hair, good personality, likes having fun, reading and movies. I'm seeking a fun-loving, SWM, 19-31. Ad# 1232

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
Outgoing, SWF, 20, 5'9", 124lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, likes outdoors. Looking for a friendly, outgoing SWM, 20-25, who loves dancing. Ad# 1231

SPORTS-ORIENTED LADY
SWF, 5'9", 20, 165lbs., blondish-brown hair, likes winter/summer skiing, basketball, the outdoors, seeks an outspoken, fun SWM, 19-30, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1217

FITS LIKE A GLOVE
If you're an honest, sincere SWPM, 36-55, then call this easygoing, upbeat, SWPF, 36, 5'5", 103lbs, who likes swimming, horseback riding and romantic walks. Ad# 1225

EASY ON THE EYES
Petite, slender, SHF, 36, seeks SHM, 29-38, who also likes bowling, miniature golf and family times. Ad# 1222

ISO MR. RIGHT
Sociable, SW mom, 32, 5'5", 115lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks outgoing, kind, romantic, SM, 35-45, who likes horseback riding, ISO a decent, SWM, 35-41, who likes kids. Ad# 5151

LIKE TO HAVE FUN
Sweet, shy, joking, SHF, 19, 4'9", 180lbs., enjoys going to church, biking, skating, movies and dining out. ISO a sweet, honest, SM, 18-25. Ad# 5148

ROMANCE IS IN THE AIR
Meet this fun-loving, very pretty, SW mom, 22, 5'6", 123lbs., with long blonde hair, blue eyes, wants to share a meaningful friendship with a tall, handsome, SHM, 19-35, who loves music and dancing. Ad# 5146

MAKE A MOVE MY WAY
Happy-go-lucky, SWF, 62, 5'6", 185lbs., blond hair, enjoys dancing, traveling and sports. ISO N/S, SWM, 61-69, who likes the great outdoors. Ad# 5102

GREEN-EYED LADY
SBPF, 32, likes reading, writing, dining out, seeks sincere, SBM, 35-38, for genuine relationship. Ad# 5098

RX FOR ROMANCE
SWCPF, 39, 5'5", blue-eyed blond, likes traveling, laughter, antiques and jazz. Seeks SWC gentleman, for serious relationship with some fun. Ad# 5103

SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW
Cheerful, easygoing, single white female, 28, 5'7", 150lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes fishing, camping and sporting events. She dreams of meeting a single white male, 28-38. Ad# 5124

COMMON BOND
Friendly, single, Hispanic female, 21, 5'8", 115lbs., brown hair, hazel-green eyes. Searching to meet a humorous, single Hispanic male, 18-26, who also enjoys fishing, movies and dancing. Ad# 1182

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Serious-minded, quiet, single Hispanic female, 20, brown hair/eyes. Seeking an honest, sincere, single Hispanic male, 18-26, who enjoys dancing, movies and parks. Ad# 5126

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Be sure to contact this sociable, single Hispanic female, 18, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, if you're a single male, 18-29, whose interests include movies, cards and reading. Ad# 5122

FOR A LONG TIME
Fun single white female, 58, enjoys dining out, movies and crafts; hoping to meet a clean-cut, single, white male, 58-68. Ad# 5123

GREAT GAL
Kind-hearted, single, white female, 61, likes theater and traveling; hoping to meet a friendly, single, white male, 50-70, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 5117

AN ANGEL
Voluptuous, single, Hispanic female, 31, 5', in search of a carefree, single male, 28-39, who likes reading, long walks and traveling. Ad# 5105

HEART & SOUL
Personable, single, white female, 19, 5'2", 130lbs., brown hair, likes singing, dancing and pleasant conversation. Looking for a single, white male, 18-24, for companionship. Ad# 5112

RARE GEM
Sociable single black female, 40, 5'3", 170lbs., hoping to meet a humorous, single, white male, 34-46, with shared interests in antiques, arts/crafts shows and great conversation. Ad# 5101

FRIENDSHIP ANYONE?
Single, white mother, 22, 5'10", full-figured, outgoing, enjoys sports, going out, movies, quiet evenings at home, looking for tall, talkative, single male, 22-30, for friendship. Ad# 5099

LISTEN
Spontaneous, full-figured, single Hispanic female, 25, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, likes singing, movies and traveling, hoping to meet a caring, single male, 22-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 5091

QUEEN OF HEARTS
Delightful, single, Hispanic female, 19, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, likes video games, baseball and playing cards, seeking a fun-loving, single Hispanic male, 19-26, for friendship first. Ad# 5083

SEIZE THE MOMENT
And call this fun, outgoing, fun-loving, spontaneous, attractive, single Hispanic female, 18, enjoys movies, fishing and sports. She's looking for an open-minded, height/weight proportionate, single, white male, 18-26, who's honest, respectful and humorous. Ad# 1200

HIT THE JACKPOT
This pleasant, single, white professional female, 45, 5'8", 120lbs, blond hair, loves the outdoors, theater, traveling, concerts, art and more, seeking an honest, single, white professional male, 45-55. Ad# 1193

HAVE NO DOUBTS
Funny, extroverted, single Hispanic female, 21, 5', brown hair, enjoys movies, shopping and music, in search of a adventuresome, single male, 18-25, for good times. Ad# 1184

ANIMAL LOVER
Shy, yet delightful, single, white female, 23, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes cooking, the outdoors and traveling, hoping to meet a well rounded, single, white male, 25-30, with similar interests. Ad# 1187

ONE & ONLY
Refreshing, single, white, mom, 28, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, likes movies and pleasant conversation, in search of that special, single, white male, 30-40, for companionship. Ad# 1180

CANDLELIT DINNERS
Personable, single, white female, 27, 5'4", 180lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, likes movies and romantic walks, looking to meet that special, single, white male, 21-35, to spend time with. Ad# 1170

HONESTLY
This, humorous, single, Hispanic female, 25, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, searching to meet a passionate, single male, 22-45, who likes spending time with friends, swimming and bowling. Ad# 1164

IS IT YOU?
Here's a friendly, single, black female, 34, 5'1", brown hair/eyes, hobbies include movies, good conversations and sports, hoping to meet a single, white male, 32-39. Ad# 1163

NOTHING SERIOUS
Conjugal, full-figured, single female, 29, 5'5", with a nice smile, likes dancing, theater and traveling, looking for an honorable, single, white male, 28-34, for fun times. Ad# 5080

BACK TO NATURE
Funny, single, Hispanic female, 18, 5'6", 130lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, in search of an outgoing, single, white male, 19-28, who likes horseback riding, reading and star gazing. Ad# 5099

GO FOR THE GOLD
Single, Hispanic female, 18, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes movies, shopping and fishing. She's in search of a fun/out, single male, 19-24, with similar interests. Ad# 5082

COUNTRY LIVING
Reserved, single, white female, 47, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a caring, single male, 38-53, who shares the interests in rodeos, dancing and skiing. Ad# 5063

HANDLE WITH CARE
Brown eyed blond single white female, 66, whose interests include outdoor activities and animals, seeking a single white male, 66+. Ad# 5084

MAD ABOUT YOU
Brown-haired, single, white female, 32, enjoys dancing, dining out and quiet times, is looking for an energetic, single, white male, 34-40. Ad# 5085

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF
Single Hispanic female, 47, 5'6", 115lbs, blonde hair and hazel eyes, interested in meeting a compassionate, single Hispanic male, 40-55, who shares her interests in the outdoors and dancing. Ad# 5086

LIVE IT UP
Single Hispanic female, 28, 5'7", 154lbs, brown hair/eyes, searching to meet a single female, 20-35, who shares her interests in movies, jogging and dining out. Ad# 5087

INTERESTED? CALL
Are you a single white male, 34-50, who enjoys theater, reading and art? Get in touch with this independent, single white female, 43, 5'5", dark hair/eyes, whose looking for you. Ad# 5071

JUST WANTS TO BE HAPPY
Humorous, single, Hispanic female, 18, 5'8", 135lbs, with brown hair, seeking relationship with an honest, single male, 24-35, whose hobbies include horseback riding and swimming. Ad# 5068

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Spontaneous, single, white female, 37, 6", interested in meeting a single, white male, 30-50, who enjoys outdoor activities and music. Ad# 5076

SEEKING ROMANCE
5'11", 120lbs, single, black female, 32. Her hope is to meet an honest, single, black male, 34-40, who shares her interests in walks and dining out. Ad# 5079

BE TRUE TO ME
This single, white female, 48, 5'7", 116lbs, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys spending time with children, outdoor activities and going to plays. She is seeking an honest, single, white, professional male, 45-55. Ad# 5040

ENHANCE MY LIFE
Outgoing, single, white female, 22, 5'10", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out and good conversation, is looking for a tall and intelligent, single male, 18-30, with a great smile. Ad# 5037

LET'S PARTY
Happy-go-lucky, single, white female, 18, 5'3", 140lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, loves to laugh. Some of her interests are: music, dancing, parties, quiet times and more. She's seeking a strong, stable and secure, single, white male, 18-25. Ad# 5026

BRIGHT IDEAS
Spontaneous, single, white female, 38, 5'7", with auburn hair and brown eyes, enjoys dancing, long walks, family times, movies, and more. She's seeking honest, family-oriented, single, white male, over 36. Ad# 5036

SWEETHEART
Happy-go-lucky, single female, 67, 5'7", 145lbs., with salt and pepper hair, who enjoys concerts, movies, long walks and more, is seeking a fun-loving, single, Hispanic male, 65-75, for companionship. Ad# 5005

NEW HEIGHTS
Pleasant, single, black female, 20, 5'10", 175lbs, with dark hair and eyes, a student, who enjoys sports, parties, clubs, shopping and more, is looking for a tall, athletic, and fun-loving, single male, 19-23, to share fun times with. Ad# 5001

LONELY HEART
Honest and outgoing, widowed, white female, 58, who enjoys movies, dining out, traveling and the outdoors. Would love to meet a fun-loving, single, white male, 58-68, to do fun things and see new places with. Ad# 5034

TIME WITH MY GIRL
Could it be you? SWM, 18, medium-build, likes laughter and sports. ISO an outgoing, pretty, understanding woman, 18-21, just keeping it simple. Leave your number. Midland. Ad# 1330

SIESTA TIME
Fun, SHM, 18, humorous, loves playing sports, fishing and having fun. Looking for a SHF, 18-26, with similar interests and a great sense of humor. Ad# 1340

WHAT CAN I SAY!
It's your call. Witty, romantic, SHM, 41, who's athletic, medium-built, likes the outdoors and socializing with friends, ISO a SWF, 29-37, who's well-kept, funny, with similar interests and LTR. Ad# 1348

TALK FOR A WHILE
Semi-retired, SM, 56, likes bowling, shooting pool and outdoor activities. Looking for a SBF/F, 30-66, who's willing to share a committed LTR. Ad# 1351

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SHM, 30, 5'9", 165lbs, brown hair, enjoys movies, walks, working on cars, seeks friendly, outgoing, SWF, 18-35, for LTR. Ad# 1325

IT'S YOU AND ME
Easygoing, handworking, SWM, 21, 6'2", 172lbs, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, hunting, the outdoors, nightclubs and hanging out with friends. ISO, SF, 18-26, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 1304

SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP
SWM, 30, 5'9", 150lbs, blond hair, brown eyes, enjoys sports, reading, walks and spending time with someone special. ISO honest, caring, SBF, 20-36, with similar interests for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 1306

A TIME & NUMBER?
SWM, 40, chef and cook, easygoing, romantic, affectionate, loves cooking, going out to dinner, movies and music. Looking for people oriented, LTR. SWF, 25-50. Ad# 1312

TRAVEL WITH ME
Honest, polite, clean, faithful, DWM, 53, 6', 175lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, non-smoker/drinker, likes nature, flea markets and garage sales. ISO slender, youthful, SWF, 21-45. Ad# 1250

CHASING THE DREAM
This fun-loving, happy-go-lucky, WM, 42, 6', 220lbs, with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys bowling, fishing, movies and dining out, is in search of a, WF, 28-44, to share time with. Ad# 7534

FANTASTIC MAN
Handsome, healthy, SWM, 50, blonde, blue eyed, 5'9", 150lbs, likes dancing, traveling, music, water skiing, ice skating. ISO exciting, sexy, bubbly, SHF, 25-45. Ad# 1251

ISO COMPANIONSHIP
Easygoing, personable, SWM, 33, 6', 145lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys golf, sports, dancing and quiet evenings at home. Looking for SWF, 27-38, with similar interests. Ad# 1242

COMMON BOND?
Caring, responsible, SWPM, 58, 6'4", 265lbs, brown hair, green eyes, likes music, dancing, bowling, dining out, sports and quiet times. Looking for caring, affectionate, responsible, SF, 45-60, for friendship. Ad# 1236

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Humorous, serious, sincere, nice, SHM, 29, 5'11", 220lbs, black hair, brown eyes, likes sports, movies, dining out and good conversation. Looking for attractive, slim, SHF, 20-29, no kids. Ad# 1246

TAKE A CHANCE!
Average looking, active, SWPM, 45, 6', 200lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys outdoors, traveling, motorcycles, water sports, dining out, movies, looking to meet active, fun, attractive, SWF, 35-55, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1235

FALLING IN LOVE
SWM, 43, 6', 180lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys traveling. I'm looking for a SF, 31-49, for dating and possibly more. Ad# 1294

R U GOAL-ORIENTED?
Outgoing, attractive, physically fit, SWM, 29, 6'1", 190lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys traveling, good conversation, quiet times, looking for serious-minded, SWF, 19-39, for LTR. Ad# 1227

LOVES THE LORD
SWM, 27, 6', red hair, green eyes, good personality, self employed, likes camping, beach walks, ISO spirit filled, SF, 18-24. Ad# 1226

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
Kind-hearted, self-employed, easygoing, white male, 46, 6'1", 175lbs, with brown hair and a warm, smile seeking, slim/medium built, white female, 30-47, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 5018

WORK HARD PLAY HARD
Active, SWPM, 28, likes bowling, camping, living country, water sports, dancing, enjoying life. Seeking a sincere, outgoing, SWF, 22-32, for fun, adventure, friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1224

I IS THE LONELIEST 1
SWM, 40, seeks to begin a relationship with a fun loving, SWF, 29-34. Call for details. Ad# 1223

OUTDOORS TYPE
Fun-loving, SWM, 24, seeks fun-loving, SWF, 21-27, to share good times with. Call for details. Ad# 1216

ENTERPRISING GUY
Fun-loving, SWM, 19, enjoys music, movies and fun. Seeks an outgoing, SWF, 18-23, to share happy days. Ad# 1215

LOOK HERE
SCM, 41, seeks an easygoing, medium-built, SF, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1201

LET'S KICK IT
SHM, 21, brown hair/eyes, psychology student, seeks SWF, 18-24, who's laid-back. Ad# 1200

FUN TO BE WITH
Single, Hispanic, male, 5'9", 160lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys sports, camping, dancing, movies, cooking and good conversation, seeks single female, 18-30, who's ready to have fun. Ad# [illegible]

A LITTLE COFFEE
[illegible]

DREAMIN' TOWN
[illegible]

8 WHEELER MAN
[illegible]

ROLL ON YOUR HEART
[illegible]

PLAY MY MUSIC
[illegible]

DON'T MISS OUT
[illegible]

ZEST 4 LIFE
[illegible]

CALLING ALL LOVE
[illegible]

TIME TO THE FOLLIES!
[illegible]

ONE OF ONE KIND
[illegible]

WHAT IS REAL?
[illegible]

HAPPY 30-YEAR
[illegible]

SHOW ME DON'T TELL ME
[illegible]

RESPECT ME
[illegible]

PLAN ON
[illegible]

GIVE IT A TRY
Laid back, SWM, 37, 5'7", 170lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, sporting events and camping. ISO honest, responsible, creative, SF, 28-39. Ad# 5176

BACK TO THE BASICS
SBM, 31, looking forward to meeting a family oriented, SHF, 20-38, who shares his interests in sports, working out and hunting. Ad# 5158

DON'T KEEP ME WAITING
Fun loving, SBM, 31, 5'11", 180lbs., likes sports, swimming, jogging, movies and dining out, searching for an energetic, SF, 21-45, with similar interests. Ad# 5159

LET'S TALK SOON
SHM, 23, 6'2", positives include: movies and quiet times, desires an attractive, SHF, 19-30, to share good times. Ad# 5165

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Cheerful, SHM, 31, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, jet skiing and quiet times, hoping to meet a SHF, 23-35, for a possible relationship. Ad# 5164

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SHM, 23, 6'2", interested in meeting a tall, SHF, 19-30, who enjoys working out. Ad# 5174

ONE OF THE BEST
Athletic, upfront, SBM, 20, 5'9", 156lbs, enjoys long trips, mails, seeking sincere, SF, 19-23, who will hold him when he is down. Ad# 1145

QUIET TIMES TOO
Energetic, humorous, SHM, 36, 5'9", 170lbs, likes drag racing, cruising, dancing, shopping. ISO, energetic, outgoing, SF, 18-45. Ad# 5154

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
This, attractive, educated, physically fit, SWM, 45, 6', 190lbs, with light brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an affectionate, slim/medium built, SWF, 25-50, to share his life with. Ad# 1031

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Meet this soft spoken, gentle, SWM, 43, 5'7", 150lbs, with black hair, who hopes to get together with a delightful, charming, SWF, 35-50, who enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. Ad# 5144

JUST CANDY
Here's a good hunnyed, SWM, 29, 6'1", 235lbs., brown hair, green eyes, who hopes to share friendship and good times with an out going, friendly, SHF, 20-36. Ad# 5145

DON'T BE SHY
Here's a cheerful, always happy, SHM, 24, 5'8", 178lbs., with black hair, loves movies, fishing and camping. He'd love to get together with a bubbly, outgoing, very pretty, SF, 21-35. Ad# 5139

LET'S TALK
Single, SWM, 30, 5'8", 180lbs., brown hair, blue/green eyes, hoping to get acquainted with an attractive, SHF, 21-30, who shares his interests in movies, fishing and sports. Ad# 5133

THE ONE FOR ME?
This outgoing, SHM, 19, brown hair, walks 5', has a fun loving, SWF, 19-28, who shares his interests in sports and just being [illegible]. Ad# 1139

STEAL MY HEART
[illegible]

TABLE FOR 2
[illegible]

SEEKING HONEST, ATT
Active, outgoing, yet conservative, SWM, 6', 41, brown hair, green eyes, likes recreational sports, hiking, hanging, etc. ISO, sincere, moral, SF, 29-45, for a genuine relationship. Ad# 5081

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Humorous, single, white male, 28, 6', 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes music, walks and outdoor activities, eager to meet a single, white female, 18-33. Ad# 5131

IT COULD BE YOU
This single, white male, 27, 5'10", 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, camping and travel, looking for a, happy, single female, 18-35, who's ready to have fun. Ad# [illegible]

A LITTLE COFFEE
[illegible]

DREAMIN' TOWN
[illegible]

8 WHEELER MAN
[illegible]

ROLL ON YOUR HEART
[illegible]

PLAY MY MUSIC
[illegible]

DON'T MISS OUT
[illegible]

ZEST 4 LIFE
[illegible]

NOTHING MATTERS
Without happiness, White male, 32, 6', 200lbs, honest, truthful, compassionate, easygoing, enjoys art, writing, shooting, martial arts, cooking, outdoors. Seeks an, intelligent, attractive, sweet, white female, 20-35, loves life and laughter. Ad# 5087

HE EVEN COOKS
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